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The Pastor's Corner

A Final Word From Your Senior Pastor

Friends, it has been the greatest honor of my life to be your pastor these last eight and half years. It is difficult to leave behind so many people that we love who shared their lives with us as we have shared Christ's love and ministry together; yet we are now destined to part.

If it would serve Christ best, I would spend the rest of this article telling you how much you mean to me, but I think you already know that. What I think would serve Christ best is telling you what will happen next for me, for you, for us, and for your relationship with your next pastor and when you can expect that to happen.

Presbyterian pastors are called to serve only one church at a time, and this means that October 15 will be the last day I will be your pastor. Our break needs to be a clean one. This means that I will not come back to Trinity to perform any ministerial functions in a week, or a month, or a year, or in five years. This includes weddings, baptisms, funerals, any type of pastoral care, and pastoral calls. I will be praying for you every day, but this will be the limit of my involvement with the congregation. (I will still be leading the trip to Israel in January, provided that we get 6 more people to sign up). I do hope to come back one day, and that is for the 50th anniversary of Trinity. Please invite me! I know this break may seem abrupt, but it is important for your next pastor to be your pastor.

When will you have a new pastor? Only the Lord knows, but the process in the PCUSA usually takes somewhere between 12 and 24 months, with 18 months being about average. The good news is this: God already knows who your next pastor will be!

On that same note, it would make my heart glad if you would refrain from saying to your next pastor, "Well, Ron did it this way." I have my own style, and so will your next pastor. Let her or him be themselves, not me. What I ever did will soon be irrelevant as the church changes and the times change. This will serve the body of Christ well.

So you might ask, what happens next? The session elected an Interim Pastor Search Committee. They will make sure that the pulpit is supplied in the short term and that a duly trained interim pastor comes to serve you as soon as practical. That person may be with you for a year or longer. They will guide you through the next step in the process of finding a new installed pastor. Your session will work with the presbytery moving forward. Be patient. Trust the process.

I will preach on the 1st and the 15th of October. I will preside at communion one last time this Sunday, October 1st. I will be away on October the 8th. I will preside at one last baptism on October 15th! We will have one service on the 15th at 10:00 am so we can have one goodbye. Thank you for sharing your lives and ministry with me and with Jules. We will miss you. We will never forget you.

Grace and Peace,

Ron

The Chaplain's Corner

“CHANGE”

The Rev. Sheryl Sumlin-Walker

As I have traveled around our Presbytery supporting various churches in their processes and I have come to realize that “CHANGE” has been the most challenging issue for them and now for Trinity.

Change brings the fear of uncertainty, and a loss of continuity for any congregation. The thought often comes to light; “What is going to happen to us???” Further comments included; “Now this... we want someone in here as quick as possible!” “This came as such a surprise!” When the shock and fear settle down it has been my observation that our Presbytery, churches, sessions, and committees are made up of Christian folks who are engaged in prayerful conscientious work and I know that Trinity Presbyterian church is full of these wonderful people. My message this day to all the great souls at Trinity is to keep prayerful and please remember God is still in control!

Many blessings to Ron as he embarks on his new journey and calling to First Presbyterian Church in Ocala, Florida.

Ron thank you for your support and mentorship!

“Be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid or dismayed.”

1 Chronicles 13b

Notes from the Youth Desk

I hope this issue finds everyone recovered from the hurricane and back to normal. September seems to have flown by and I am finding it hard to believe it is already October! We have resumed our weekly youth group meetings and have seen record numbers in all of our groups! It feels so good to be back in the swing of things and hear the hum of children's voices filling Trinity.

This month I am most excited about our 3rd Annual Pumpkin Patch. The patch will be open Sunday, October 15th-Tuesday, October 31st from 11am-7pm daily. On October 14th at 8am a truck will be arriving with over 900 pumpkins and gourds. Our suppliers have told us that they have a beautiful crop this year. We will be receiving a good amount of gourds, mini pumpkins, and a large variety of bulk pumpkins. As in years past, we will be using all of our proceeds from pumpkin sales to fund our summer Middle School Mission trip to Lithia, FL. This is a great way to raise money for our mission trip and it is also a great outreach program for Trinity.

Those of you that have volunteered in the patch can agree with me that it is such a rewarding experience to witness families enjoying the outdoors and having fun together.

We need YOU to make this year's pumpkin patch a success! We need you to volunteer in the patch, buy pumpkins and gourds from the patch, and spread the word! Beginning the first Sunday in October, there will be a volunteer signup sheet in the narthex for time slots. Time slots will be broken down into 2 hour segments, so grab your friends, check your calendars and sign up! Our patch is required to be open 7 hours a day for

17 days. That equals 119 hours! No physical work is required to volunteer in the patch. We will have a tent set up for shade, just bring a chair and a cold drink. As a volunteer, your job is to welcome people to the patch, explain how our pricing works and collect money. We will have flyers in the narthex advertising our patch, so please feel free to grab a few and distribute around town!

Another exciting event happening in October is our 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat! We will be hosting a community Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 31st in our front parking lot (by Florida Park Drive) from 5pm-7pm. This is another great outreach opportunity for Trinity! We will have a signup sheet in the narthex for parking spaces for Trunk-Or-Treat. We provide the parking space; you provide candy and or prizes, decorations, and a smiling face for our trick-or-treaters. Last year we had over 500 people attend our Trunk-Or-Treat and are anticipating a larger crowd this year. Do not be overwhelmed at the thought of dressing up or decorating your space, we can help with decorations and really a welcoming smile is all that is required. If you are interested in helping, but cannot commit to the event, you are encouraged to drop off candy/prize donations in our bin in the narthex or in my office at the church. Just a reminder, adults and youth over 12 years of age must have their faces visible in their costumes.

I am so excited about this month and hope you are as well!

Please continue to keep our youth in your prayers and thank you as always for your support of this ministry.

Blessings,

Brooke Tucker

Youth Coordinator

Start Your Christmas Shopping NOW!

Please join us in Mehaffey Hall Sunday, October 8, anytime between 8:30 and 1:00 to have refreshments and shop for a cause! Trinity has been very supportive of these sales in past years and overwhelmingly supported the water filter project for Guatemala through Trinity Presbyterian Women last year. The support Trinity has given Nuestros Niños Charity through donations and purchase of items made in Guatemala has helped innumerable families in the rural highlands region of Guatemala. Please come to see the beautiful, unique items, start your Christmas shopping, and see the many photographs taken in Guatemala so you can see some of the ways your support has made a difference.

Hope to see you October 8!

Nuestros Niños, Angela Grussing, Sandy Glasner, Shirley Wilson and Sharon Grussing

Bakers Needed for Trinity Holiday Fair

It's time to start thinking about what you can make for the Holiday Fair Bakery Booth. Baked products are needed for the bakery table at the Trinity Holiday Fair on **Saturday, November 4th** . We need **homemade (no store bought please)** candy, cakes, cookies, pies, bars, quick breads, yeast breads, rolls, low sugar items for diabetics. Pies are especially needed, with Thanksgiving coming after the fair. **They need to be dropped off at the church by 8am Saturday, Nov. 4th . Please label what the item is and if it contains nuts because some people don't like nuts or are allergic.** Thank you in advance for your support.

Evening Circle of Presbyterian Women

There is an interest in developing an evening circle of Presbyterian Women. Currently 3 circles meet, but they are all in the daytime. This excludes the ladies of Trinity who are working during the day. We would love to hear from you if you would be interested in attending a circle meeting in the evening. A suggestion was to have it monthly on a Wednesday evening. Mothers who would normally be dropping off youth for their meeting could stay and join other ladies and have Bible Study and fellowship. If you are interested please call Jane Lippian @ 447-0870 or Mary Loraine Brinton @ 585-4562.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS

2017 OCTOBER MEETINGS

2017-2018 ~ Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews

Lesson TWO: In Community with the Living God

Faith Circle will meet Wednesday, October 18 at 1 p.m. at the church (Kepler Hall). Marlene Williams will be the study leader.

Miriam Circle will meet Wednesday, October 18 at 10:00 a. m. at the home of Lois Settles, 36 Egret Trail, Palm Coast, 437-4494. Lois will also be the study leader. Circle members are asked to bring items for the Family Life Center (toiletries, cleaning products, socks, flip flops, children's footwear, diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6), underwear, baby formula, baby wipes, jeans of all sizes, lice shampoo and treatment, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, new pillows and cases, gas and gift cards in \$15 increments)

Rebecca Circle will meet Thursday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Sharon Grussing, 100 North Lakewalk Drive, Palm Coast, 447-9189. Shirley Wilson will be the study leader.

The next Team Meeting will be Wednesday, October 4 at 10 a.m.

The Presbyterian Women Study Leaders will meet with Dr. Watson at 2 o'clock in the Geneva Room on Monday, October 2.

Joyce Peters will be holding card making classes on Thursday, October 12 from 1-3p.m. and Thursday, October 26 from 1-3 p.m. The fee for each class is \$15.00, and the proceeds go to the Flagler Free Clinic. It is a wonderful way to spend time with friends and have very special cards to share with other friends. Give Joyce a call at 445-9650 or text her at 503-1720.

SESSION BRIEFS

At its Stated Meeting on September 18, 2017 your session:

- Listened with sadness and thankful hearts that Dr. Watson will be leaving Trinity to take a Call at First Presbyterian Church in Ocala.
- Approved holding a Congregational Meeting on October 15, 2017, for the purpose of dissolving the relationship between Trinity Presbyterian Church and Dr. Watson.
- Approved an Interim Pastor Search Committee, made up of elders Shirley Wilson, Jennifer Kaczmarek, Ken Mettler, Bob Settles, and Bob Tabit.
- Approved Active Membership for Jeffrey and Kathleen Cook.
- Noted that our Active Membership is now 489.
- Noted that, financially, year to date our receipts are \$288,381 and disbursements are \$333,939.
- Approved changing the date of the Trinity Programming Expo to January 28, 2018.
- Noted that the painting of Mehaffey Hall has been completed.
- Approved Resolutions of Thanks for John Waugaman and Ken Mettler for all the work they have done to improve the appearance of the building.

Jane Pellmann

Clerk of Session

Birthdays

October

Trevor Davey	10/1	Rick Manson	10/17
Jeffrey Cooke	10/2	Robert Elliot	10/17
John Pope	10/3	Roger Kong	10/17
Ginny Nicewonger	10/3	Wilma Mc Rae	10/17
Joyce Peters	10/4	Trudy Manen	10/17
Sookie Rhee	10/4	Tracy Martin	10/19
Paul Wilhelmsen	10/4	Sarah Towne	10/19
Chloe Kaczmarek	10/5	Patricia Head	10/19
Bob Aitken	10/8	Ken Mettler	10/20
Julie Watson	10/9	Michael Pison	10/20
Eric Lindfors	10/9	Bob Van Winter	10/20
Andrew Butler	10/10	Andrew Read	10/20
Andrew Earle	10/10	Jane Sabo	10/21
Tom Saurwein	10/11	Derris Ledin	10/21
Patrick Kleinfelder	10/12	Bobby Mc Carthy	10/22
Kenneth Peters	10/12	Michelle Elliot	10/23
Steve Eastman	10/13	Katie Hoover	10/23
Tammy Gynizio	10/13	Shirley Richards	10/24
Saida Evensen	10/13	Sims Charles	10/24
Walt Lippian	10/14	Stacia Collier	10/24
Steven Settles	10/14	Ryan Tugas	10/24
Betty Lou Singalewitch	10/15	Gail Spence	10/25
Lori Davenport	10/15	Avarie Chen	10/25
Marlee Matta	10/16	Michael Sweetland	10/25

Birthdays

October

Hughie Highet	10/26	Bonnie Milich	10/29
Maggie Kong	10/27	Priscilla Cahill	10/30
Jordan Garrison	10/27	Patty Edwards	10/30
Melba Dorne	10/29	Arlene S. Cree	10/31

40+ Anniversaries

Walter & Reatha Sarden	10/2
Dave & Carol Corson	10/5
Arnie & Ann Lema	10/8
John & BJ Waugaman	10/10
David & Kathy Burns	10/26
Edward & Millicent Peart	10/30