

DECEMBER TRINITY TIMES

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The Pastor's Corner

On the recommendation of the Interim Pastor Selection Committee, Trinity's session approved a one-year employment contract for Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Beebe of Ormond Beach. Rev. Beebe's full-time, temporary pastoral service may be renewed annually until a Pastoral Nominating Committee selects our next called pastor. This is all in partnership with the St. Augustine Presbytery.

Rev. Beebe has a bachelor's degree in social work from Florida State University (1987), a Master of Divinity at Columbia Theological Seminary (1994), and a Doctor of Ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena California (2012). He has served in interim positions at Celebration Christian Church (CBF), Celebration Florida, St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Titusville, and at the Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church. Prior to these interim pastorates, he served full time pastoral positions in both Kentucky and Florida.

Rev. Beebe is married, his wife, Cyndy, is a high school math teacher. They have four children. During this transition period, Rev. Beebe deserves the prayerful cooperation and support of Trinity's members in preparing the way for our next called pastor.

THE CHAPLAINS CORNER**Rev. Sheryl Sumlin-Walker****IN HONOR of MY FRIEND & COLLEAGUE**

“Some friends play at friendship but a true friend sticks closer than one’s nearest kin.” Proverbs 18:24

I met Don Scott ten years ago when his then spouse, Ms. Karen, was very ill. When I arrived at his home Don led me to the bedroom to speak with Karen. Karen wanted to discuss lots of things that were on her mind, but Don didn’t care much for conversation at that time. As I was leaving their home I noticed some cute little “nick-nacks” arranged throughout their living room and so, on my way to the door, I happened to inquire about them. To my surprise Don had an answer for each one; and thus began our friendship. I soon came to understand that The Reverend Don Scott was a true “Jokester”. During my sermons and shared services with Don, he noticed that I sipped water during my sermon, and so the next time I preached Don provided me a one gallon jug of water that he placed on the pulpit, “just in case I needed it” he stated with a gleeful smile. The following time I preached he stated that he was sorry, but he noticed my sermon manuscript on the pulpit was wet and that he accidentally spilled water on itand thus he threw it away. “I hope you don’t mind....did you need it for the next service he inquired?” That incident alone led me to memorize my manuscript to the best of my ability!!! Thanks Don!

I will miss his “fist-pumping” gesture he exemplified during every contemporary service when the music got to his soul!!! I will miss his many jokes and his

enthusiasm for life and most of all I will miss his smile and dancing eyes. Don, I know you are fine now at home with God. You may be rocking out with your favorite music, or making sure some other angel has what she or he needs. Blessings to the Scott family, and to the Trinity family as we continue the mission of all the good work that Don accomplished here at Trinity Presbyterian.

For all of the families who have lost a Trinity family member, blessings as we take a moment to remember:

Mr. Lawrence Cahill

Mrs. Marilyn Dilliot

Mr. Fred Kleinfelder

Mr. Timothy Lemper

Mr. Jack Lewis

Mr. David McBride

Mr. Hal Sautter

Mr. Gerald Scheetz

Rev. Don Scott

Mr. Sinclair Stickle

Mrs. Patricia VanDine

Mr. Michael Weidner

Mrs. Debra Yeh

Also, those we may have forgotten to list here but who are in our hearts, minds and prayers, always.



Youth Activities

Mondays-Trinity Troopers
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Grades Kindergarten-Fifth
Choir, Dinner, Games, and
Bible Lesson

Wednesdays-Middle School
Youth Group
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Dinner, Games, and Bible
Lesson

Sundays- High School Youth
Group
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Lunch, Games, and Bible
Lesson

Notes from the Youth Desk:

Merry Christmas to you all! I am eagerly awaiting Advent season and all the fun and excitement it brings! We have a lot of great events planned and I hope you are able to join us!

Regular youth meetings will continue through the 10th of December and then will break for the Christmas Holiday. Meetings will resume Monday, January 8th.

Trinity youth will be sponsoring our 2nd annual Christmas Tea on Sunday, December 10th in the Fellowship Hall. Join us between 9am-11am for tea, coffee, Christmas goodies, and fellowship with your Trinity family.

Our Keepsake Christmas Family Event will be held on Wednesday, December 13th in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Join us as we make memories at the manger. The night will include a dramatic re-telling of the Christmas story, Christmas carols, and a homemade keepsake nativity scene for your family to take home. Please bring a dish to share for dinner! Don't forget to RSVP your family by filling out a registration form (available in the narthex), emailing (brookeerintucker@gmail.com), or calling the church office.

Sunday, December 17th is our Family Christmas Caroling. Meet in the church parking lot at 3pm. You will need your own transportation for this event. We will travel around Palm Coast, spreading Christmas cheer and love. The night will end at the Butler's home for dinner and fellowship. We will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs, please bring a dish to share. Please email brookeerintucker@gmail.com with the number of people in your family who will be attending!

Thank you all for your support and continued prayers for the youth of Trinity.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Blessings,

Brooke

Presbyterian Women

There are no Circle meetings in December. They will resume in January.

The PW Gathering will be held on Wednesday, December 6 at 10 a.m. in Kepler Hall.

The Trinity Presbyterian Women's December Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 13th at 12:30 p.m. Faith Circle is in charge. Trinity's Hand Bell Choir and Elizabeth Roth will perform. The Honorary Life Member will be presented, and the new officers will be installed. Please join us!

The Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the St. Augustine Presbytery will meet at Hodges Presbyterian Church, 4140 Hodges Boulevard, Jacksonville, on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Registration forms will be available from Circle Moderators.

Ladies! Please come and join us at a **Brand New Presbyterian Women's Circle!!**

This group will meet Wednesday night at the church from 6:00pm - 7:30pm, beginning January 17th. The meetings will be once a month on the third Wednesday. We will use the Horizons Bible Study "A Cloud of Witnesses- Hebrews". Study guides are available in the church office or from Tracy Martin, and cost \$9 each.

This evening group will open TPW up to working women and hopefully make bible study more convenient in your busy lives.

New Sunday School Offering

On Sunday, January 7, 2018, Dr. Paul Eckstein will offer a new 7 week study of the first 39 chapters of Isaiah, called “Holy, Holy, Holy” written by Dr. Boyd Lien. The class will meet in the Calvin Room promptly at 9:30AM. Bring your coffee with you!

If you would like to participate in the class, please let Paul know by the end of December so that a book can be ordered for you. Call Paul at 386-451-0386 or Ross Royce at 586-7660.

The author challenges participants to enter in to this ancient book in a way that allows them to pause and appreciate the image-rich language and how these images are on display in some aspect of our culture today.

The slide presentation is an especially important resource for this study. Rev. Lien has assembled an array of slides to help participants focus on the image-rich nature of Isaiah. By including many of his own photographs as well as those that are in the public domain, he supports each session with images from nature and the work of artists through the centuries.

This study speaks to our very image-oriented culture and shows how masterful this prophet was in selecting images to express the character of God and aspects of our relationship with God.

Come join with us for an hour of study and fellowship. Class is open to one and all!

SESSION BRIEFS

At its Stated Meeting on November 20, 2017 your session,

- Welcomed Rev. Earle Sickels, Trinity's Area Coordinator for the Presbytery as our Session Moderator for this meeting.
- Heard a report from the Interim Pastor Search committee, and approved Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Beebe as the Interim Pastor at Trinity.
- Approved a request from Carol Graff to hold the Presbytery's **2019** annual gathering of Presbyterian Women at Trinity on the last Saturday of January **2019**.
- Approved removing Eric and Barbara Lindfors from the Active Membership Roll at their request.
- Noted the deaths of Active Members Fred Kleinfelder, Jack Lewis, Gerald Scheetz, Sinclair Stickle, and Hal Sautter.
- Membership is now 478.
- Noted that Income (pledge payments, unpledged, and plate) continues to be well below budget.
- Heard that members of the Facility Care committee will meet with representatives of the Sheriff's Office to go over building security in light of the recent attack in a Texas church.

Jane Pellmann
Clerk of Session

In Memoriam

Gerald Scheetz – October 29, 2017

Sinclair Stickle – November 9, 2017

Helmuth Sautter – November 13, 2017

Don Scott-November 27, 2017

Happy Birthday

Daisylin Davey	12/1	Dianne Bradley	12/13
Kathy Shull	12/1	Ali Towne	12/13
Bill Campbell	12/3	Ellen Soave	12/13
Ellie Hodson	12/4	Charlotte Davis	12/14
Colin Earle	12/5	Sabrina Rampersad	12/15
Gloria Scandariato	12/5	Doris Valenti	12/17
Roy Zicht	12/5	Becca Bower	12/18
Daina Cannon	12/6	Robbie Donaldson	12/18
Brian Guerin	12/6	Randy Watts	12/18
Fred Pellmann	12/6	Lorrie Blue-Angle	12/20
John Soave	12/6	Brenda Digby	12/21
Sue Thomas	12/6	Becky Reynolds	12/21
Peggy Evleth	12/7	Alyson Hickson	12/22
Karen Stickle	12/7	Ray Tipton	12/22
Patty Yarotsky	12/7	Bella Kaczmarek	12/24
Jim Burns	12/8	Arnie Lema	12/24
Sue Pope	12/8	Bill Gould	12/25
Joe Shull	12/8	Liz Monaco	12/28
Lillian Warner	12/8	Mary Ann Clark	12/29
Lisa Hammond	12/10	Shelly Peters	12/29
Dave Martin	12/10	Karen Walker	12/29
Louisa Childs	12/11	Glen Elliott	12/30
Ken Robinson	12/11	George Mehaffey	12/31
Margaret Best	12/12		

Anniversaries: 40+ Years

Bill & Gwen Levene	12/31
Bill & Edie May	12/16
Walter & Wilma McRae	12/21
David & Harriet Richardson	12/25
Peter & Laurie Harrison	12/28