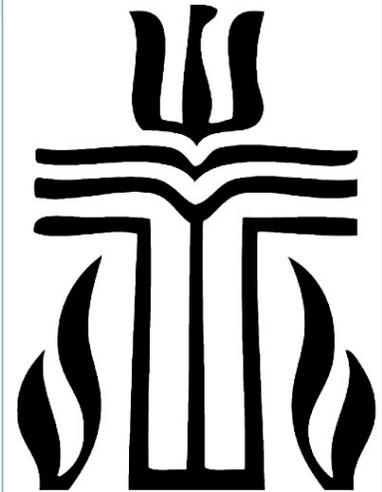




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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Ecumenical Program will be held on Monday, January 15, 11:00am at Trinity Presbyterian Church. See page 6 for full details.

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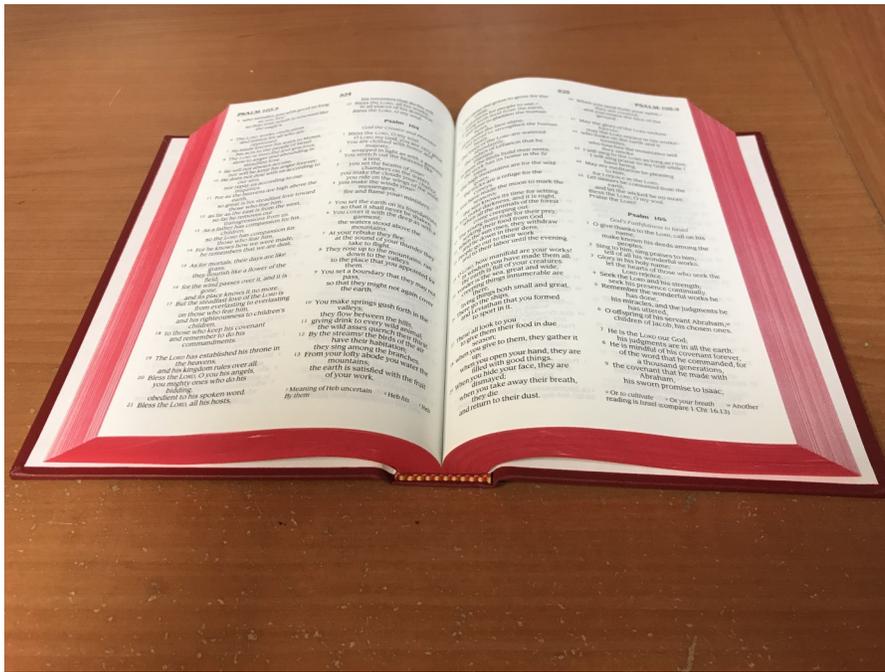
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Pastor's Page

Opportunistic Challenges



In recent years I have often referred to “opportunistic challenges.” My understanding of that phrase is to boldly confront life’s challenges as they arise. As we begin this journey together through the year ahead might we not simply ask that the way be clear, but rather ask for the eyes to see, and ears to hear, and the hearts and minds to understand each and every challenge that we might encounter, so that, we would find opportunity for growth, both individually and as a community of faith. I look forward to journeying with the members and friends of Trinity Presbyterian Church in the year ahead. As a community of faith we have much to truly be thankful for as God has been faithful nevertheless. We can be thankful for what God has done in and through each of our lives and our life together as we’ve been part of a faithful past. We can equally be thankful that God has called us together to press on toward the goal and that trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit we will be able, with God’s Help, to face each and every challenge making it an opportunity for growth. I’m eager to set out on the journey ahead as I hope you are as well! It is with open eyes, ears, hearts and minds that that we are invited by our Lord Jesus Christ, the *Wonderful Counselor*, *Mighty God*, *Everlasting Father*, *Prince of Peace* to journey from here to there, wherever that there may be. So as we welcome the New Year, might we also welcome the many opportunities that will present themselves to us individually and as a community of faith, so that we might grow in our faith and invite others to join us on the journey!



THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

REV. SHERYL SUMLIN-WALKER

“NEW BEGINNINGS”

God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts...

Galatians 4:6a

The New Year of 2018, brings new beginnings to the Trinity church family as God sends the Spirit of his Son into our lives! We begin the New Year with a spirit of renewal and the promise that we will walk with our Lord and Savior through the adventures and the challenges that a people of God will surely experience. In 2018, let us reach out to our community and give support to those in need, let us show our love for those who are different, let us challenge ourselves to think, learn, and venture outside of our comfort zones in Christ's name. Blessings and Grace to Trinity Presbyterian Church in 2018!

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PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care is available on Thursday afternoons from

4:00pm to 6:00pm.

Please call the church office at 386-445-4757

for an appointment or you may call me

directly at

386-585-0137.



The Trinity Presbyterian Youth
Group Caroling

Weekly Youth Group Meetings

Trinity Troopers

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
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Lunch, Games, and Bible Lesson

(Please see calendar for special
events)

NOTES FROM THE YOUTH DESK

Happy New Year to you all! I hope your Christmas was filled with hope, peace, joy and love. I had a wonderful time celebrating the Christmas season with you all here at Trinity. We had a great turnout at our Keepsake Christmas Event last month. Thank you all who helped make that event a success. Our annual Christmas Caroling was a joy as always. We were able to visit 11 of our homebound church members and spread joy and love to them!

Sunday, January 7th we will kick off the New Year with a meeting for all Senior High youth and parents. We will meet in Mehaffey Hall from 5:30pm-7pm. Please bring a dish to share for dinner and bring your calendars!

Regular weekly youth meetings will begin the week of January 7th. Troopers and children's choir will meet on Mondays (no meeting Monday, January 15th) 5:30pm-7pm. Middle School youth will meet on Wednesdays 6pm-7:30pm (no meeting Wednesday, January 31).

Sunday, January 14 everyone is invited to our Beach Bonfire at Varn Park 3665 N Ocean Shore Blvd, Flagler Beach 5:30pm-7pm. We will have food, fellowship, and faith. Bring your family and your friends!

Broomball is back!!! Saturday, January 20th all Middle School and High School youth are invited to join us for Broomball at the Jacksonville Iceplex. RSPV to Brooke by Monday, January 1st! Cost is \$15. Bring a broom, a helmet (mandatory), and warm clothes! We will meet at church at 8:30pm and will return to church by 12:30am.

Early reminder: Souper Bowl of Caring is Sunday, February 4th. Our youth will be at all 3 services that day collecting your canned goods and monetary donations to help support our local food bank, Flagler County Resource Center. Which service will bring in the most food and/or donations? Start collecting and let's make this year our biggest donation year yet!

I am excited to let you know that I will be attending the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators Annual Conference January 30th-February 4th. I am excited to bring back new ideas and more information on how to keep us moving forward as a church and as a denomination!

Thank you all for your prayers, support and love!

Blessings,

Brooke Tucker

Youth Coordinator

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS

2018 JANUARY MEETINGS

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

Lesson FOUR: In Community with God's Messengers

Faith Circle will meet Wednesday, January 17 at 1 p.m. at the church (Kepler Hall). Shirley Richards will be the study leader.

Miriam Circle will meet Wednesday, January 17 at 10:00 a. m. at the home of Laurie Harrison, 107 Southlake Drive, Palm Coast, 518-593-5396. Laurie will also be the study leader.

Rebecca Circle will meet Thursday, January 11 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Karen Thomas, 9 North Village Drive, Palm Coast, 446-3509. Karen will be the study leader. **Please note the change of date.** 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}.

The **Brand New Presbyterian Women's Circle** will meet on Wednesday, January 17 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The group will use the Horizons Bible Study, "A Cloud of Witnesses-Hebrews". Study guides are available in the church office or from Tracy Martin. The cost is \$9.00. The evening circle is open to all who desire a place for Bible study and fellowship.

The Presbyterian Women Study Leaders will meet with the pastor Monday, January 8. Please check with the church office to confirm the time and your attendance.

The next PW Team Gathering will be Wednesday, January 3 at 10 a.m. in Kepler Hall.

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. Registrations forms will be available from Circle Moderators.



Please join us as we celebrate
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
50th Anniversary

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Chapter 2

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386-446-4657

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ecumenical Program
Monday, January 15, 2018 at 11:00 AM

Held At:
Trinity Presbyterian Church
156 Florida Park Drive, North - Palm Coast, FL

Keynote Speaker:
Mr. John Miller, Jr., Orange Park, FL
Retired Master Chief Petty Officer, United States Navy

Ecumenical choir rehearsal dates at Trinity Presbyterian Church
Linda Hodges, Choir Director

Monday, January 8, 2018 from 6:30PM – 7:30PM
Friday, January 12, 2018 from 6:30PM – 7:30PM

The program will start promptly at 11:00AM;
the choir should arrive and be in place at 10:00AM
Music will be distributed at rehearsal

SESSION BRIEFS

At its Stated Meeting on December 19, 2017 your session,

Noted the deaths of Active Members Donald Scott and Anna Martin.

Active Membership is now 476.

Heard the report from the Treasurer and Finance Committee.

Noted that Logan Sedlesky has been hired by Facility Care to assist Tom Buonocore and fill in for him when necessary.

Approved sending a letter to the congregation making everyone aware of the necessity to take measures to make the church more secure during worship and at other times when it is occupied.

Approved Ken Mettler as Commissioner to the February 3, 2018 Presbytery Meeting.

Approved the purchase of a memorial brick in Don Scott's name.

Names Ken Mettler temporary Columbarium manager.

Approved Resolutions of Thanks letters for Maudie Parker, who is retiring as church librarian; for Lillian Warner and the Bell Choir for the Christmas music during worship on December 17th; for Sandra Hedrick, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of St. Augustine, for her help with the Interim Pastor Search Committee; and for Kirk Scott for everything his father did for Trinity during his years here.

Jane Pellmann

New elders and deacons were elected at a congregational meeting held on Sunday, December 10, 2017.

Elders in the Class of 2020 are: Muriel Fallon, Jane Pellmann, Karen Walker, and Jason Wheeler; Youth Elder in the Class of 2018 in David Wheeler. Deacons in the Class of 2020 are: Mimi Baruch, George Cook, Carol Corson, Nancy Cumming, Pat Head, Beth Hermans, Tricia Rampersad; Deacon in the Class of 2019, completing an unexpired term: Gwen Levene.

Financial Dilemma 2018

As this is being written, Trinity revenue is lagging expenses by about \$50,000 with two weeks to go in 2017. Income in December is usually well above average so there is hope that much of the deficit will be made up.

However, the Finance Committee finds another trend equally concerning. Pledged giving for 2018 is only about 80% of what it was for 2017. As a result, the 2018 financial budget could not be presented to the Session for approval in December. It's not really surprising that pledging is down when a church is in transition between pastors, but the amount of the shortfall is worrying. Our hope is that people who aren't pledging will continue to support the church financially to the same degree they previously did.

The leadership of Trinity does not want to start cutting back programming, but at the same time, they can't allow financial reserves to be significantly drawn down. This then is the dilemma! Do we count on the congregation to come through with added financial support as they did when we decided to burn the mortgage? Or do we begin the unhappy process of deciding which programs to cut back? We hope that each of you will give this situation your prayerful consideration.



I want to thank my Church Family for all of the prayers, cards, food, gas cards and kind words during Fred's illness and his recent passing. Sometimes it takes a village, and Trinity certainly is a village. It was a crazy time for all of us, but we have survived and although we miss him every day, life goes on...just not the life I expected. Fred's Memorial Service was certainly memorable, so thank you to Pastor Sheryl, Heasuk, Ken, Linda, the choir and the Congregational Live team. God's Speed Papa...we love you.

Shelley Kleinfelder

"You shall go out with Joy, and be led back in Peace..." Isaiah 55:12

Thanks so much to all who supported our SAM Ministry this years. The next SAM Lunch and Program will be Friday, Jan. 22, 2018 @Noon. The Theme for the program will be Happy ReNew Year! Hope to See you! Queenester 386-445-0454 or QJones8@cfl.rr.com.

A SPECIAL NOTE

I am very grateful to the Presbyterian Women of Trinity Presbyterian Church for their thoughtfulness in acknowledging me as an honorary life member of Presbyterian women in the Presbyterian church (USA).

Everything that I have done in my Christian life was modeled for me by my late mother, Agatha Fraser. I was inspired early in my childhood to serve unselfishly and with gratitude.

I am very honored to be a part of this select group of women, and I will continue to serve faithfully with God's help. Thank you so much for this recognition.

Yours in Christ,

Gwendolyn Levine



Anna Martin – December 14, 2017

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alice Dralle	1/1	Kari Dutton	1/17
Julio Martin	1/1	Mary Batailo	1/17
David Richardson	1/1	Gary Peters	1/17
Dennis Eidson	1/3	Bob Swann	1/17
Mick Walker	1/5	Ally Yeh Smith	1/18
John Bertolacci	1/5	Jody Dutton	1/19
June Leicher	1/6	George Cook	1/20
Jennifer Kaczmarek	1/6	Terri Smith	1/22
Janet Schaaf	1/8	Brittany Gynizio	1/23
Donna Marie Guerin	1/8	Marty Eastman	1/24
Bob Wright	1/9	Madison Matta	1/25
Peggie Barrett	1/9	Malcolm Melester	1/26
Leo Richards	1/9	Nancy Cumming	1/26
Walter Sarden	1/9	Ron Simmons	1/27
Sean Hair	1/9	Alyson Bonner Schwartz	1/27
Diane Simmons	1/10	Judy Mascenic	1/29
Trevor Tucker	1/12	Wanda Moening	1/29
Bobbie Wrassmann	1/12	Jay Jones	1/30
James Cannon	1/12	Darby Darbyshire	1/30
Ellie Mikkelsen	1/13		
Arvid Olson	1/13		
Helene Read	1/13		
Rich Gaulding	1/13		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 40+ YEARS

Art & Ellie Mikkelsen	January 12
Arvid & Pat Olson	January 18
Del & Jeannette Smith	January 26

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