

Trinity Times

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Mark Your Calendars

Church Office Closed	April 2	
Unity Service	April 8	10:00AM
The Great Trinity Gameshow	April 8	11:00AM
Trinity Times Deadline	April 25	12:00PM

Committee Meetings

Missions	April 3	3:15 PM
PW Team Gathering	April 4	10:00 AM
E & M Committee	April 4	3:00 PM
Facility Care	April 9	9:30 AM
CE Committee	April 9	11:00 AM
W&M Committee	April 9	1:00 PM
Finance Committee	April 9	2:00 PM
PW Bible Study Leaders	April 16	1:00 PM

Habits of the Heart

The National Bestseller book *Habits of the Heart* sets out to identify "what resources Americans have for making sense of their lives, how they think about themselves and their society, and how their ideas relate to their actions." An online summary states that, from 1979 to 1984, the authors interviewed 200 middle-class Americans, trying to ascertain how these individuals found meaning in the private and public dimensions of their lives. This book has sat on the shelf of my study for many years. On occasion I have dusted it off and gave it some attention only to reshelv the book because of its complexity. The title is striking in that theologically, we so often are reminded of the need for a clean heart as we have been reminded of during this Lenten season. Psalm 51 points to this as David, realizing his own brokenness, his falling short of what God expects and what God accepts, cries out to God. As you receive this month's Trinity Times we will be on the verge of yet another glorious Easter morning where we can celebrate that the one who desires so very much that our hearts be mended, died for us, rose again for us, reigns in power for us, and prays for us and anyone who is in Him is a new creation, the old life is gone and new life is begun. We have journeyed through the 40 days of Lent, continually being reminded that *we are people of ashes and dust* in need of a Savior. Friends, might this Eastertide be an opportunity for yet another new beginning focusing on that which really matters. Christ died, not just that we might have life, but so that we might have life ABUNDANTLY! I hope and pray that you might find meaning and purpose for your life and our life together as we continue our transitional journey together trusting in the gracious mercies of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Christ is Risen – He is Risen Indeed

Jeff

The Chaplain's Corner

"You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart."
Psalm 51:6

I had the awesome opportunity to lead the youth during our Psalms event on one of our wonderful Wednesdays and I met four fantastic young ladies who participated in our discussion. The topic was Psalm 51, and the devotional guide requested the participants to *think of ways God is like your mother?* The young ladies came up with these answers; *"relatable, iconic, sister, auntie, our secret girl, conversational, and the ability to understand girl things."* Then our devotional for the evening requested the participants to contemplate and respond to this question; *Have you ever done something you were ashamed of doing? How did it make you feel?* All of the girls had something to share with regard to their feelings which included the following; *"sad, regretful, embarrassment, impolite....and IMPROVED."* These young women felt that once all of the negative feelings were allowed to be voiced or articulated ...possibly to the one person that was injured by their words....the perpetrator can feel IMPROVED!

Lastly, in these modern days and times of our Christianity the question was raised in the "going deeper" segment of our devotional unit; *"Is it a stretch for you to conceive of God in feminine terms? Why or Why not? How does it change the way you approach God when you think of God as mother?"* Our young women suggested the following in addressing the above question. *"Yes, we can imagine God as feminine because God; Protects, nurtures, forgives, heals, helps, directs, provides, teaches, disciplines, mentors through Gods people...and most of all loves."*

Young ladies, thank you for your insight, intellect, energy, and your ability to give voice to how God's Word and work has been revealed in your lives.

"Create in me a clean heart, O' God, and put a new and right spirit within me."

Psalm 51:10

Rev. Sheryl Sumlin-Walker

Notes from the Youth Desk

March was full of many opportunities for fun, fellowship, and learning at Trinity. Hopefully you had a chance to come to at least one of our Psalms Experiences. We had a great time experiencing the Psalms through art, music, dancing, writing, and praying. I want to give a special thank you to Rebecca Circle, Miriam Circle, and the Mary and Martha Circle for providing food for the Psalms Experience.

Trinity is in charge of running the Flagler County Resource Center the first Saturday in April, May, and June from 9:30am-12pm. We would love to get youth involved in this community service project. Please contact me if your family would be able to help on any one of these days.

I want to thank you all for all the donations that we have received so far with our Montreat Giving Trees. You all are so generous and we so appreciate you continually supporting our youth participating in the Montreat Summer Youth Conference. If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, we still have leaves available and the "Giving Forest" will be up through Sunday, April 8th.

We also still have tickets available for "The Greatest Trinity Gameshow" which takes place on Sunday, April 8th at 11am. Food, entertainment and a chance to win fabulous prizes! Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for youth 12 and under, and children under 5 are free. All ticket proceeds go towards our Montreat expenses!

Sunday, April 8th we will have one Unity Service at 10am. The Children's Choir will be singing, youth will be our lay readers, and we will be distributing Bibles to our entire youth 3rd grade-5th grades who have not received a Bible from Trinity. Please make sure to put this date on your calendar so we can celebrate the amazing youth who are a part of our church family.

Our Middle School and High School Youth had an amazing time at our Spring Retreat at Montgomery Camp and Conference Center where we discussed what it meant to truly reflect God. Thank you to Bill Butler and Jennifer Kaczmarek for chaperoning and enjoying spending time with our youth!

Summer is quickly approaching and you know the kids will be saying, "I am bored." Did you know Montgomery Camp and Conference Center has open registration for Summer Camp for all ages? Head over to montgomerycenter.org for camp information, dates, and registration. Scholarships are available through Trinity.

Sunday, April 22nd is Earth Day and we are in the process of planning a Church Family Bike Ride the following Sunday, April 29th. European Village is 2.1 miles from church (4.2 miles round trip). Our plan is to leave from church around 12:15pm and ride to the European Village for lunch and then ride back. Please let me know if you are interested in participating, but are unable to transport a bike to church.

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

Blessings,

Brooke





God's Grace, Our Gratitude

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” *(1 Peter 4:10, New International Version)*

Financial Stewardship

Stewardship – 2018

Trinity Presbyterian Church’s annual Member Pledges are our most important annual advance planning tool. Financial support from every member is critical in supporting our programs and ministries, enabling us to fulfill Trinity’s mission, such as maintaining and enhancing:

- Community & Global Outreach
- Pastor & Staff Salaries
- Building & Grounds
- Church Programs
- Operating Expenses

Thank you to all who responded with their 2018 financial pledge. As of March 2018, we’ve received 149 pledges totaling \$276,546, or 90.0% of our \$307,000 pledge goal. If you have not turned in your pledge form, there is still time, and a real need, for your support. Please consider your response to God’s invitation to serve others, and return your pledge forms to the church office as soon as possible. With your help and engagement, Trinity Presbyterian Church will continue to share God’s grace in our congregation, our community, and around the world.

Financial Update

The Session, Trinity Presbyterian Church’s governing body, along with the Finance/Stewardship Committee are committed to providing regular financial updates to you, our members and friends. The following financial information is for the month of February and the 2018 fiscal year, which ends December 31, 2018. We will provide an end-of-year financial report and our Church’s 2019 budget at the annual meeting of our congregation in January 2019.

For the month of February		Year-to-Date through February	
Total revenue received	\$31,877	\$64,656	(14.3% of budget)
Total expenses	\$59,980	\$92,153	(20.4% of budget)
Shortage	-\$28,103	-\$27,497	

Total General Operating Revenue was \$31,877 for February versus a budget of \$37,583. Operating Expenses for February were \$59,980 versus a budget of \$40,454. Facility care expenses in February were \$12,745 over budget primarily due to the replacement of the smaller air conditioning units. Personnel expenses were over budget by \$6,288.

If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the Finance/Stewardship Committee or contact Karen Walker at ketwalker@gmail.com.

SESSION BRIEFS

At its Stated Meeting on March 19, 2018 your session,

- Noted the death of Member Joan VanWinter, on March 18, 2018.
- Approved the transfer of Richard and Barbara Cooledge to Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Hanover, PA
- Approved Baptism for Jessica May Weidner, daughter of Michael and Linda Weidner for April 8, 2018
- Heard the report from the Treasurer and Finance Committee.
- Discussed Trinity's 40th Anniversary coming up in 2019, and approved professionally printing a history brochure at a cost of \$153.50.
- Noted that Communion will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, and not on Easter Sunday.
- Noted that Trinity's month of service at the Resource Center is May, and that our Youth will staff it the first Saturday of April, May, & June
- Approved the purchase of pipe and drape fixtures to cover the excess table and chairs in Mehaffey Hall.
- Approved having a longer Session meeting in April, probably in the afternoon of Sunday, the 29th, giving more time to strategically plan for the future of Trinity.

Jane Pellmann
Clerk of Session



JOAN VAN WINTER – MARCH 18, 2018

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS

2018 APRIL MEETINGS

2017-18 - Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews

Lesson SEVEN: In Community with the Hope of the Future

FAITH CIRCLE will meet Wednesday, April 18th at 1:00 p.m. at the church (Kepler Hall)
Queenester Jones will be the study leader.

MIRIAM CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, April 18th at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Jane Lippian,
83 Wentworth Lane, Palm Coast, 447-0870. Kathy Burns will be the study leader.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet Thursday, April 19th at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Jenny Scott, 9
Augusta Trail, Palm Coast. Circle members are asked to bring items for the Family Life Center
(toiletries, cleaning products, personal care items, undergarments, baby products, etc.).

MARY/MARTHA CIRCLE will meet at the church Kepler Hall on Wednesday, April 18
from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Jennifer Kaczmarek will be the study leader.

May Friendship Day sponsored by Church Women United, will be held on May 4th, at Trinity
Presbyterian Church, all are invited.

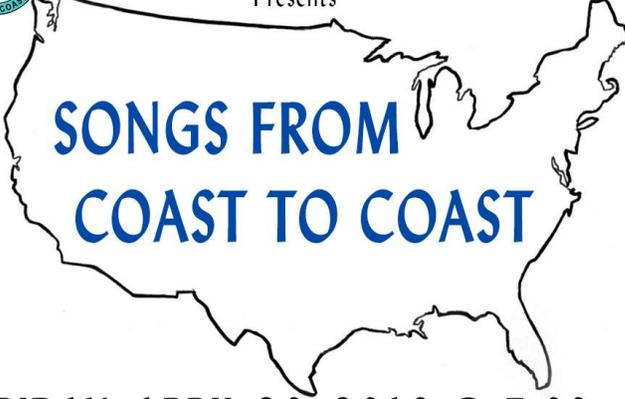
The Presbyterian Study Leaders will meet with Dr. Beebe on Monday, April 16th, 1:00 p.m.

The next PW Team Gathering will be Wednesday, April 4th in Kepler Hall, at 10:00 a.m.

THE MAY LUNCHEON FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN WILL BE HELD ON
MAY 9th at 12:30 p.m. ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED.



**The Community Chorus
of Palm Coast**
Presents



**SONGS FROM
COAST TO COAST**

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

Performed at
Trinity Presbyterian Church
156 Florida Park Dr., Palm Coast, Florida, 32137

(Contributions accepted by CCPC)
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www.communitychorusofpalmcoast.com




I wanted to thank the congregation and the Christian Education committee for their kind thoughts, pin, and recognition in January. Working in the library has been a blessing for me and it has been a privilege to be able to be of help. Best wishes to you all in 2018!
Maudie Parker



Yerdis Trexler	4/1	Ted Leshner	4/13	Joyce Chmel	4/21
Nollan Dutton	4/6	Shirley Wilson	4/13	Nancy Southmayd	4/22
Beth Hermans	4/6	Jeanie Watts	4/15	Bart Cope	4/23
David Hair	4/8	Gloria Martin	4/15	Martha Funk	4/23
Ross Royce	4/10	Madeline Snyder	4/16	Ruth Gordon	4/25
Payton Monroe	4/11	Kit Leslie	4/17	Laura Hamilton	4/26
Eric Munzberg	4/11	Julie Pearson	4/17	Edith May	4/28
Connie Welz	4/11	Doris Childress	4/17	Ginny Elgin	4/28
Shelley Kleinfelder	4/12	Joyce Boughton	4/17	Libby Butler	4/30
Robert Welz	4/13	Harriet Richardson	4/20	Penny Weidner	4/30

Happy Anniversary
40+ Years

John & Sharon Hildebrandt – 4/3

Tony & Doris Valenti - 47

Fred & Jane Pellmann – 4/18

Reginald & Elizabeth Hermans – 4/25

Thomas & Norma Rogero – 4/26

Pictures from the Pot Luck

Fun, Food & Fellowship

