



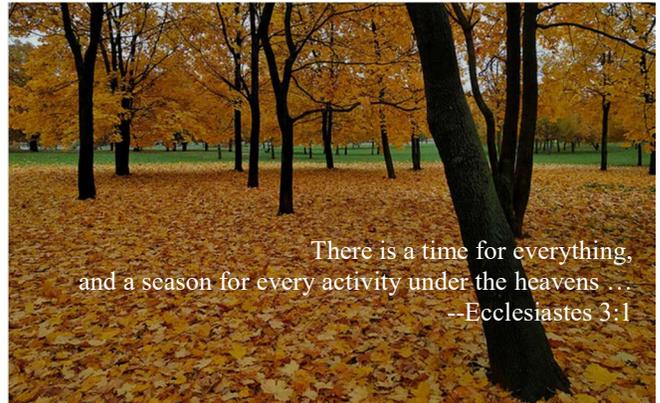
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Trinity Times

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There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens ...
--Ecclesiastes 3:1

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Trinity's Fall Schedule

Sunday School 9:00

Worship 10:00

Trinity Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Beebe, Interim Pastor
Linda Hodges, Director of Music
Heasuk Che, Organist
Brooke Tucker, Director of Faith Formation

Change Is Inevitable

Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe, Transitional Pastor

Change is in the air (well, perhaps not just yet as Summer's heat still seems to have a grip on us here in the Sunshine State)! Change is one of those words, that at times we welcome and yet at other times we dread. By definition, among other things, change means: to make different in some particular way; to give a different position, course, or direction; to replace with another; to make a shift from one to another; or to undergo a modification. So often we look forward to change, like in the looking forward to Summer's heatwave yielding to cooler Fall temperatures (by the way, it is now officially Fall). On the other hand, there are many changes that we simply could do without, like hearing from our doctor that not so good report.

Think about it, how many times have we felt we just needed a change? Beyond the weather, we, at times, change our hairstyle or our fashion style, or rearrange the furniture in our home or put on a fresh coat of paint. These changes, along with those like them are usually by our own accord. And at other times we find ourselves saying, "we just don't like change." Through our life experience we discover what we like and what we don't like and we would prefer things just stay the same.

Author C.S. Lewis once wrote, "***you can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.***" As your transitional pastor, I was introduced to your community of faith at the end of your 38th faithful year of ministry and now, just months away from entering what plans to be a significant 40th year of being inwardly strong, outwardly minded, and upwardly focused. During our journey I have attempted to learn from your past, so that we can better understand the present, which should help set a course for a faithful future, which should better enable us to move forward with the search for Trinity's next installed pastor.

I hope and pray for us often that together, we would be agents of change helping the Church reformed to always be reforming, with God's help. Here's the catch, as so well written by author Donald Southerland in his book entitled, "Transitioning," as he writes,

"anyone who is trying to do something for God will face some opposition. There is always opposition when you lead the church through transition. There will be opposition from those who do not understand the change. There will be opposition from those who understand the change but just don't like it. There will be opposition from those people whose kingdom you are messing with. There will be opposition from those people who the enemy controls. There will be opposition from those people who just love to be contrary. You have each of these groups in your church."

I believe, among a number of other life experiences, that serving the Church for the past 30 plus years has provided a framework which has enabled me to see things as they could be as I come to understand the past based on the present. With that said, I believe this day (which has introduced changes) we are working our way through a number of changes as a congregation, which I believe are being led by the Spirit. Here's the opportunistic challenge: Pray often for the eyes to see, the ears to hear, and the hearts and minds to understand to what and where God is calling us and pray also for those who have been called here to navigate and negotiate the changes that we face as a community of faith.

Financial Update

August 2018 Notes:

- Total General Operating Revenue was \$23,491 for August versus a budgeted amount of \$37,583.
- Operating Expenses for August were \$34,606 versus a budgeted amount of \$40,454.
- Session approved a transfer of \$6,000 from the William Bellamy Scholarship Fund to another restricted account to improve sanctuary lighting.
- Facility Care paid \$1,350.00 for trimming of the trees.
- The approved budget includes a \$34,450 shortfall, i.e., the budgeted revenue (\$451,000) is \$34,450 less than the anticipated expenses of \$485,450.
- To date, we have received 151 2018 pledges totaling \$278,346, which is \$28,654 short of the budgeted pledge amount of \$307,000.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the Finance Committee (Jef Amsbaugh [Treasurer], Bob Settles, Del Smith, Mick Walker, Nick Jebbia, Deborah Minnich [Financial Secretary], and Dr. Jeff Beebe) or contact Karen Walker at ketwalker@gmail.com.

The summary of receipts and disbursements for Trinity Presbyterian Church through the month ending August 31, 2018 are displayed in the table below.

	Actuals through August	2018 Budget
General Operating Revenue		
Operating Revenue		
Pledges	\$172,151	\$307,000
Unpledged	82,499	107,000
Plate Offering	6,464	6,000
Total Operating Revenue	\$261,114	\$420,000
Other Revenue		
Other Bank Interest	\$137	\$400
Facility Usage	500	125
Misc Operating Revenue	694	22,475
Columbarium Sales	1,990	2,000
Christmas Offering	70	6,000
Realized Gains/Losses	-197	0
Total Other Revenue	\$3,194	\$31,000
Total General Operating Revenue	\$264,308	\$451,000
General Operating Expenses		
Missions	\$500	\$2,000
Christian Education	6,278	11,000
Worship	1,790	3,500
Music	1,908	3,000
Comm & Promotion	540	500
Stewardship	677	1,000
Congregational Life	-219	1,000
Facility Care	23,896	36,000
Insurance	13,247	30,000
Utilities	17,969	33,000
Office	12,198	18,000
Personnel	214,413	325,450
Presbyterian Commitments	5,411	20,000
Membership/Evangelism	-236	1,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$298,371	\$485,450
Restricted Fund Revenue	\$124,746	
Restricted Fund Expenses	\$221,425	
Summary Year-to-Date		
Operating Revenue less Operating Expenses	(\$34,064)	
Restricted Revenue less Restricted Expenses	(\$96,678)	
Overall Revenue less Expenses	(\$130,742)	

Stewardship

*But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this?
Everything comes from you and we have given you only what comes from your hand?
– 1 Chronicles 23:14*



We often think of “Stewardship” in strictly financial terms, but true stewardship in a Christian community is a more human concept with broader implications. What is entrusted in our care is the Word of God, helping care for members, building the faith among members of our congregation and caring for others in the outside world. In a word it is Stewardship of the mission that Christ has given us as Christians. We do it because of the joy we feel about the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our stewardship is given in our time, our talents, and, yes, our financial gifts. Our young people have demonstrated this so well in the “Oh, Jonah” musical and we’ll see this expressed on Montreat Sunday later in August. Thanks to our church families’ commitment and generosity, we are blessed with many opportunities and possibilities that bring our congregation together.



Christian Education Opportunities (all classes meet 9-9:45am)

Intergenerational Faith Experience: Acts 2:42

Acts 2:42 will meet on Sundays in The Fellowship Hall for teaching, community, music, food and prayers. This “class” is for all ages and is based on Acts 2:42 which says: “The believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers.” Come be a part of this high energy Sunday morning “class”. Led by Brooke Tucker.

Paul’s Letter to the Church

The Sunday School Class based on Paul’s letters to the church in Corinth continues through October in the Calvin Room. Bring a Bible and something to write with. Please call Dr. Paul Eckstein at 386-451-0386 to reserve your spot (drop-ins are welcome).

Discipleship Class

The Discipleship class meets each Sunday at 9:00-9:45 AM in the Kepler Conference Room across from the Church office. This is a Bible based study using the Presbyterian Church USA study booklet called The Present Word. This booklet is updated quarterly and provided to class members free of charge. The published materials are supplemented weekly by the leader, Jef Amsbaugh, through email attachments sent to the members and other interested parties weekly. If you are interested in receiving emails, or have other questions concerning the class please contact Jef.Amsbaugh@gmail.com.

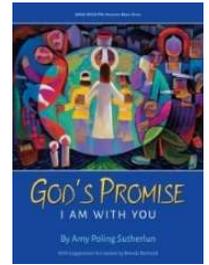
Forgiveness Study

Book Study “Forgiveness” continues during October in the church library from 9am-9:45am. All materials are provided. All are welcome and invited to join. June Carlson is the study leader.

Presbyterian Women Circle October Meetings

2018-19 Study Guide: GOD'S PROMISE "I AM WITH YOU"

Lesson Two: In Our Uncertainty



Faith Circle will meet Wednesday, October 17th at 1:00 pm at the church in Kepler Hall.

Mary and Martha Circle will meet at the church on Wednesday, October 17, from 6-8:00 pm. Jennifer Kaczmarek will be the study leader. Ellen Bertolucci is the hostess.

Miriam Circle will meet on October 17th at 10 a.m. at the home of Wendy Rogers 46 St

Andrews Court 386-447-4246 and Gwen Levene will lead us in study lesson 2.

Rebecca Circle will meet on Thursday, October 18th at 10:00 am at the home of Karen Thomas, 9 North Village Dr, 446-3509.

Study Guides are still available in the church office for \$12

SAVE THE DAY! Trinity Presbyterian will be hosting the annual "Gathering of the Presbyterian Women" on Saturday, January 26th, 2019. Please mark your calendar. All are invited.



Thank you, Trinity!

For my lovely Robe, travel bag, and gift card for books!

I miss you all!

Peace and love,
Pastor Sheryl



Ruth Hart – August 16, 2018
Arlene Cree – August 20, 2018
Marion Stratemeyer -- September 6, 2018

Men's Breakfast

Please come to the Men's Fellowship Breakfast on **October 10th** from **8-9:00am**



-- Photo by Jeffrey Cooke, public domain; note: The Men's Breakfast will be delicious, but Café Du Monde beignets are unlikely to be available.

Breakfast provided by the Congregational Life Committee. Feel free to bring a friend.

Please make your reservation by calling the church office **OR** by sending an email to TrinityVision@cfl.rr.com.



It's time to think about... **The 2018 Holiday Fair!**
Friday, November 2, 2018 from 8:30am - 4:00pm

What can you do now for the Fair this year?

Start setting things aside for the Fair as you do your summer cleaning, such as: books, clothes, small household items, jewelry, toys, and games.

Please do not bring items until the week of the fair.

*Donations space is limited but some garage space is available. Please contact Pat Head, (386-246-3047) for storing. Please be sure all items are **CLEAN, USABLE, AND FREE FROM MOLD & MILDEW**, so that the sorting crew doesn't have to put them in the dumpster. (That would be an expense for the church rather than a contribution). **No TVs, outdated appliances or technology, no furniture or other items you know will not SELL.***

These are the shops & the chair people to contact:

Closet Clutter - miscellaneous household items, collectibles, kitchenware, holiday decor
Carol Graff (246-3948) & Jan Schaaf (446-7790)

Books - paperback, hardback, DVD's, CDs, games, puzzles.
Ron & Penny Weidner (445-3108)

Crafts - handmade crafts, knitted, sewn, and crocheted items. Sandy Boland (445-5724)

Clothing - clean, current clothing in great shape.
Joyce Peters (445-9650)

Jewelry - the yellow donation box is in the narthex now. Please donate any unwanted jewelry, or accessories. Tracy Martin (447-9189)

Kitchen - prepare and sell lunch. Dale Baker (445-8393)

Bake Shop - homemade candy, cakes, cookies, pies, breads. Sally Smeaton (447-4137)

If you would like to volunteer to help or have any questions, please call.

Sandy Boland
386-445-5724
Holiday Fair Chairwoman

It's time to think about what you can make for the **Bakery Booth at the Trinity Holiday Fair!**



We need **homemade (no store bought please):**

- Candy, Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Bars, Quick breads,
- Yeast breads, Rolls, and low sugar items for diabetics.

Pies are especially needed with Thanksgiving coming after the fair.

Please Note:

- **Items should be dropped off at the church by 8AM Friday, Nov. 2nd.**
- **Please label what the item is and if it contains any nuts.**

Thank you in advance for your support.



Coming December 16th, 2018 at 4:00 PM ...

Heasuk Che's Christmas Organ Recital

plus

The Trinity Handbell Choir

Plan now to attend this exciting concert and tell your friends!

TIME TO WRITE YOUR ADVENT DEVOTION FOR THE 2018 BOOKLET



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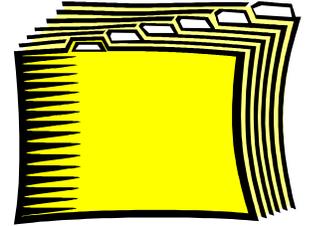
Each year since 2007, Trinity members have created original Advent devotions to help our congregation prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth.

The theme for the booklet this year is HOPE. A display will be in the narthex, Sunday, September 23 with samples of past books, directions for writing an entry, a list of appropriate Bible verses, and a sign-up sheet where you can choose the date for your entry.

All entries will be due by October 22, 2018.

The distribution date for the 2018 Advent booklet will be the first Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018. If you have questions, you may contact either of the editors: Carol Corson (386.237.2522) or Shelley Wheeler (954.214.4189).

SESSION BRIEFS



At its Stated Meeting on September 17, 2018, your session:

- Noted the deaths of Active Members Arlene Cree, on August 20, 2018, and Marion Stratemeyer, on September 6, 2018.
- Heard the report from the Treasurer and Finance Committee concerning income and expenses. Expenses are exceeding income.
- Heard a summary of the Annual Financial Review,
- Noted that the Personnel Committee has hired Dana Mack and Caitlyn Campana to work in the church office.
- Approved a motion to add Elder Delmont Smith as one who can sign checks.
- Noted that the key pad for the lock on the outside door near the office has been fixed, but should be replaced; other locks on outside doors should also be replaced.
- Held a lengthy discussion on an Action Item from the Membership Committee, that a Congregational Meeting be called to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee. It seemed to be the opinion of Session members that we are not ready to do so. This was tabled until a future date.
- Held a lengthy discussion on the subject of the Contemporary Worship Service. It is the opinion of the Worship and Music Committee that Trinity should offer an alternative worship service for those who choose to worship in a style and manner that is not traditional Presbyterian. But the time still has to be determined.
- Approved the use of the Sanctuary, Mehaffey Hall, and the kitchen for December 1, 2018, for an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for David Wheeler.

Jane Pellmann
Clerk of Session



Trinity Presbyterian

Children & Youth Section

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. Brooke Tucker

Notes from the Youth Desk

Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays. --Soren Kierkegaard

The word “change” has been heard around here a lot lately. We like our routines, we like what we know, and we like to know what is going on. The world is constantly changing, but we take peace in the fact that God doesn’t change. God doesn’t change, but we do. Change can bring about growth, renewed passion and renewed mission. My focus this past month has been growing community here at Trinity.

Our youth groups have started back up and it does feel like our community is stronger than ever. Making sure that youth feel safe, respected and loved in our community is a high priority.

Sunday school has resumed and there are a number of classes available for all ages from 9am-9:45am every Sunday Morning. Grab a cup of coffee, a donut and take some time to grow in faith and in community with one another.

October means the return of our Annual Pumpkin Patch and our Annual Trunk or Treat, wonderful opportunities for us to serve the community. These are opportunities to spread the gospel, not with words, but with actions. Look for signup sheets in the narthex to volunteer for both the Pumpkin Patch and the Trunk or Treat.

In our class “Acts 2:42” we have been singing the song “Build your Kingdom Here.” These words from the song have been my prayer for Trinity this past month:

Lord,

Build your kingdom here

Let the darkness fear

Show Your mighty hand

Heal our streets and land

Set your church on fire

Win this nation back

Change the atmosphere

Build Your kingdom here we pray

We are Your church

We are the hope on Earth.

God is working here at Trinity.

Blessings,

Brooke Tucker

Director of Faith Formation

Trinity Presbyterian Church's 4th Annual PUMPKIN PATCH!



**Pumpkins in all shapes and sizes for all your needs!
Bring your family, neighbors, and friends!
Great photo opportunities, games, mini mazes, and pumpkins galore!**

When?

**Patch is open daily
11am-7pm Monday, October 15th
Through Wednesday, October, 31st**

Where?

In the grass parking lot at the front of the church property

Why?

Profits from pumpkin sales will help fund 2019 Middle School Mission Trip to Lithia, FL

We Need You!

We need you to buy our pumpkins!

We will have miniatures, spookies, gourds, and bulk pumpkins

We need you to spread the word about our patch!

We need volunteers to work in the patch!

**If you are interested in donating 2 hours of your time to greet customers and collect money,
we would be extremely grateful!**

Signup sheets will be in the narthex every Sunday in October.

Trunk or Treat

Trinity Presbyterian Church
156 Florida Park Drive Palm Coast



Wednesday, October 31st 5pm-7pm

**Trick or Treating, games, prizes, and food
Safe and fun family atmosphere**

A Signup Sheet will be in the narthex every Sunday in October for you to sign up for a spot for your car to participate in the Trunk or Treat.

Cars **MUST** be parked by 4:45pm in order to participate.

Decorate your trunk/car, bring props or a table to decorate, wear festive attire!

Cars participating in the trunk or treat will be parked in a roped off area. You will not be allowed to move your car until after 7pm.

Kids will come to your car & "trick or treat." You may bring chairs to sit as you hand out candy.

Last year we had over 500 people come through.

A trunk or treat provides families with a safe place to trick or treat without worry about traffic.

Please sign up below if you will be bringing a car to participate in our 3rd annual Trunk or Treat and we will save a spot for you.

We will also have a donation bin in the narthex for candy and or prizes

****Due to safety, please no face masks for youth/adults ages 12 and over****

Hurricane Florence: Helping with the Long-Term Recovery

Presbyterian News Service



*Members of the Coast Guard helping people evacuate from flooded homes following Hurricane Florence in South Carolina.
— Coast Guard photo by Chief Petty Officer Stephen Kelly*

[Presbyterian Disaster Assistance \(PDA\)](#) urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Florence. PDA is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by Hurricane Florence on the eastern seaboard of the United States. Initial assessments suggest catastrophic destruction, but the full scope of the damage will not be known for many months.

The storm's path is cutting across areas still recovering from Hurricane Matthew (2016). While these winds and waters have meant loss and destruction, the work of PDA might become, as the Psalmist says, "a river whose streams make glad the city of God."

PDA is deploying teams to affected presbyteries to meet with Presbyterian and community

leadership to assist in coordinating relief efforts and mucking out homes and churches. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain—providing spiritual emotional care and Long Term Recovery to address unmet needs of those impacted. Through your prayerful gifts we draw hope out of the chaos.

The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP"—Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE: Donations can be made through your local congregation (by marking "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line). Or, if you prefer to mail a check (please designate Disaster Relief—U.S. Hurricane Response, [DR000194](#)), you may send it to:

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700**

You may also call Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EDT), at 1-800-872-3283 and donate by phone.

ACT: Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and share updates with your congregation.

PRAY: We are thankful for the grace of days of preparation that in the face of the storm kept many out of harm's way and lessened the effects of wind and water on others. At the same time, we open ourselves to those for whom this storm was not a near miss: communities deeply affected, some still struggling to recover from Hurricane Matthew, whose livelihood, homes and stability have been destroyed. Amen.

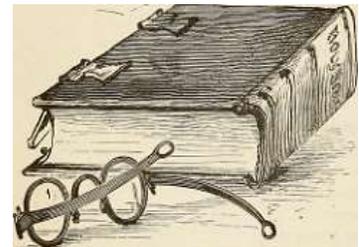
(Excerpt from a prayer by Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Kraus, PDA Director)



Trevor Davey 10/01	Walter Lippian..... 10/14	Derris Ledin 10/21
Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe 10/02	Steve Settles..... 10/14	Bobbi McCarthy 10/22
Jeff Cooke..... 10/02	Lori Davenport 10/15	Kathleen Hoover 10/23
Virginia Nicewonger 10/03	Betty Lou Singalewitch. 10/15	Kristian Barclay..... 10/24
John Pope..... 10/03	Robert Elliott..... 10/17	Shirley Richards..... 10/24
David Tiernan 10/07	Edward Manen..... 10/17	Roger Ailshie 10/25
Bob Aitken..... 10/08	Rick Manson..... 10/17	Gail Spence..... 10/25
Andrew Butler 10/10	Wilma McRae 10/17	Hughie Hight 10/26
Andrew Earle..... 10/10	Patricia Head 10/19	Melba Dorne 10/29
Kenneth Peters..... 10/12	Tracy Martin..... 10/19	Peter Grady 10/29
Patrick Kleinfelder 10/12	Ken Mettler 10/20	Bonny Milich 10/29
Steve Eastman..... 10/13	Michael Pison 10/20	Priscilla Cahill 10/30
Saida Evensen 10/13	Robert Van Winter 10/20	Patty Edwards 10/30
Tammy Gynizio..... 10/13	Andrew Read..... 10/20	Jason Lemper 10/31

Why is Jeff C. (the Editor of this month's newsletter and the Trinity Web Administrator) reading his smartphone in church??!?!?!?

Yes, I do have Galaga and Donkey Kong on my phone, but I resist the urge to play them during Worship. I hope you resist other distracting urges as well. I prefer to prepare myself for Worship by pre-reading the Scriptures for the service as well as the study notes from my online Bible.



I thought you might be interested to know the online Bible website I use: *BibleGateway.com*.

It is a free site and I am not affiliated with them in any way; however, I did like the site enough to purchase their NIV Study Bible notes. I have the NIV Study Bible at home, but I find it convenient to carry around my 4-ounce phone instead.

If you are interested, look them up at: <https://www.biblegateway.com>.