



November 2018

TRINITY TIMES

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TRINITY'S FALL SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am



*Let us come before
Him with thanksgiving
and extol Him with
music and song.*

Psalm 95:2



CHURCH STAFF

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

“HEARING, SEEING, KNOWING”

REV. DR. JEFF BEEBE

Do you see what I see? Do you hear what I hear? Do you know what I know?

These words, these questions, simply direct our eyes and ears, hearts and minds to the Advent of something new. I have come to understand that, in and through the Church, as we together faithfully follow, our lives, as resistant as we may be, are always being redirected. In this broken and fearful world we often dwell on that which is negative. However, there is so much good that deserves our thanks and praise, especially in and through God's. In an early edition of the Trinity Times I wrote, “Good things are happening at Trinity, day after day, week after week, and at the 40 year mark of providing faithful witness to our community, and to our world, we can be thankful for what God has done, what God is doing, and for what God promises to do in the future.” As I write this day, we, the members and friends, are considering our financial commitments for the year, and might I add the years ahead as this coming year Trinity will celebrate her 40th! Look around. Listen. Seek to understand. The Spirit of the Living God I believe is falling afresh on Trinity Presbyterian Church and if we simply ask for the eyes to see, the ears to hear, and the hearts and minds to understand we might live lives of gratitude for what was, what is, and what will be.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) wrote the hymn “Now Thank We All Our God,” originally meant to be a prayer said before meals. Rinkart could recognize that our God is faithful, and even when the world looks bleak, He is “bounteous” and full of blessings, if only we look for them.

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills of this world in the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

So, my friends, “Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever!”

Thanks be to God, Amen!

SESSION BRIEFS

At its Stated Meeting on October 15, 2018, your Session:

- Noted the deaths of Active Members John Byrd on 9/29/18, Larry Green on 10/1/18, and Tom Rogero on 10/15/18.
- Received New Member Leslie Russo, by Letter of Transfer from Long Valley Presbyterian Church in Long Valley, New Jersey.
- Affirmed the e-mail approval to purchase additional flood insurance.
- Heard the report from the Finance Committee concerning income and expenses. Stewardship Campaign is underway.
- Approved Eagle Scout Project for Dylan Grady – playground renovation.
- Approved funds to replace the lock mechanism on the courtyard entrance near the office.
- Approved a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 28, 2018 after worship for the purpose of electing elders and deacons.
- Agreed to change the November Session Meeting from the 19th (Thanksgiving week) to the 26th.
- Approved Resolutions of Thanks to Ed Murgitroyde for his many years of service as a head usher; also to the Boy Scouts for the assistance in unloading the pumpkins.

Jane Pellmann
Clerk of Session



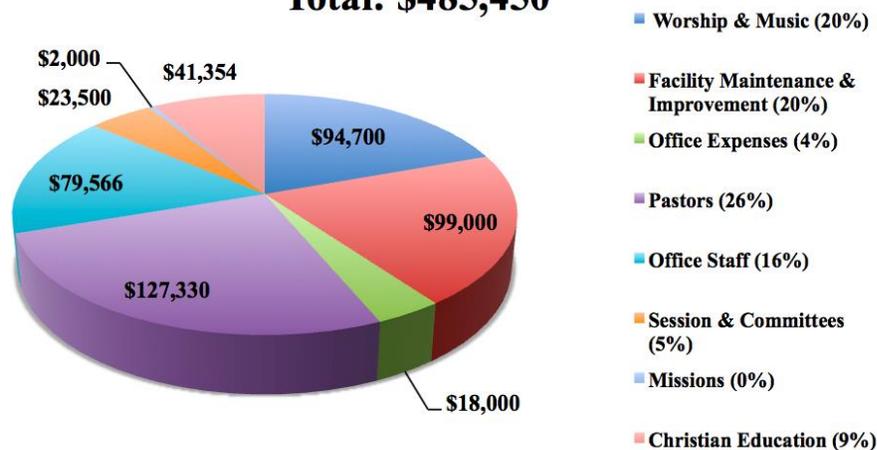
STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We are in the final three months of 2018. This is the time of year when our church committees and Session look at our finances and ask how contributions stack up against expenses, and how we should balance next year's spending with a realistic projection of the support all of us provide.

The expense budget for this year is shown in the pie chart below. As you can see, if we include missions, the worship and music program, Christian Education, and the salary, education, and benefits of the pastors, Trinity allocates over half of the total to ministry programs. This does not include the missions funded directly or the Deacons' fund.

Expense Budget for 2018

Total: \$485,450



The rest of the budget covers the relatively fixed costs of a small administrative staff, committee expenses, office expenses, maintenance and insurance of our church property, advertising, and communications. Control of expenses has been very good this year. We have had some surprises, such as replacement of the A/C units as well as the refrigerator, but, overall, we expect to be under budget for most expenses. At this point, we can make reasonably accurate projections of the expenses that will be incurred for the rest of the year. We cannot say the same for contributions. People do not give evenly from month to month, and many make a much greater contribution during December. For example, the next graph shows the 2017 giving pattern:



To put this together, here is a summary of the contributions and expenses through September:

Total anticipated operating revenue for the year *:	\$451,000	
Operating revenue expected at this time (75% of \$451,000):	\$338,250	
Actual operating revenue received through Sep:	<u>\$299,654</u>	
Difference between actual and expectations:	(\$38,596)	
Total budgeted expenses for the year *:	\$485,450	
Expenses budgeted to this point in the year (75% of \$485,450):	\$364,088	
Actual expenses incurred through Sep:	<u>\$332,550</u>	
Difference between budgeted and actual expenses:	\$31,537	
Net result is a current deficit [-\$38,596 +\$31,537] of	(\$7,059)	
Plus 75% of \$34,450 budgeted shortfall (\$451,000 - \$485,450)	<u>(\$25,838)</u>	
Net result including shortfall is a current deficit of	(\$32,897)	
* Session approved \$34,450 of expenses above the anticipated operating revenue.		

As you can see, we are currently behind on receiving operating revenue, particularly pledged contributions, and ahead on controlling expenses. This results in the current operating deficit of \$32,897. However, if you compare this with the giving pattern shown in the chart, we hope to minimize the overall deficit by the end of the year. We do, however, have a longer-range problem. Membership and overall participation in churches has been declining for some time. Trinity has not been shielded from this trend. Our membership dropped by about 7% over the past three years (2015-2017).

What does this mean for us and for Trinity?

- First, to sustain the ministry of our church, we all need to contribute what we can to keep this church vibrant and meaningful. We all receive spiritual nourishment from the fellowship, programs, and ministry found here. The church needs our contributions, no matter the amount.
- Second, we should not accept the doom of church life that the overall trend suggests. We participate in our church because it gives us more than is measured in budget dollars. The message and friendship that emanates from our pastor means something profound to all of us. The fellowship provided through small groups, Bible studies, youth activities, music programs, hospitality events, and committee meetings (yes, even those!) is significant for each of us. We need to share this with others who have not found a church home, and invite them to ours. What better time to do this than during the seasons of Thanksgiving and Advent?

The Finance/Stewardship Committee is developing a realistic 2019 budget for Session consideration that will allow us to move forward with a strong Christian ministry. We may be compelled to reduce some funding for church activities, since we have limited flexibility on cutting fixed expenses such as insurance and utilities. We also want to carefully consider rebuilding our capital reserves. We should not cut back on mission and outreach efforts. The bottom line is that we need to sustain a healthy flow of contributions from everybody, no matter the amount, so that we can sustain all aspects of our church with the long-term goal of leaving a strong legacy for future generations. Regardless of the size of your gift, please make it happen this year and prayerfully consider your pledge for 2019. Thank you.

Your Finance/Stewardship Committee

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATES

NOVEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

2018-2019 Study Guide: *God's Promise: I Am With You*

Lesson Three: God with Us in Our Discouragement

Rebecca Circle

will meet on Thursday, November 15th at 10:00am at the home of Carol Graff (115 Riverview Bend #2133 in the Tideland off Palm Harbor Parkway). Phone: (386) 246-3948. Carol will lead the study.

Mary and Martha Circle

will meet at the church on Wednesday, November 14th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The study will be led by Kelli Jebbia.

Faith Circle

will meet on Wednesday, November 14th at 1:00pm in the Kepler Conference Room at the church.

Miriam Circle

will meet on Wednesday, November 14th at 10:00am at the home of Sally Smeaton (14 Woodgate Place). Phone: (386) 447-4137. Sally will lead the study.

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



SAVE THE DATE!

Trinity Presbyterian will be hosting the annual Gathering of the Presbyterian Women on Saturday, January 26th, 2019. Please mark your calendars. The registration flyer is now available on the Trinity website and is chock-full of information about the exciting workshops available that day, the program schedule, luncheon information, and deadlines. Please go to trinitypresbyterianchurchpalmcoast.us and get your registration form now. Please contact Judy Murgitroyde at (386) 283-5779 if you can supply a tasty treat for dessert at the luncheon!



TRINITY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Trinity Presbyterian is celebrating an anniversary! November 2019 will mark our 40th year of worship and service to Jesus Christ here in Palm Coast. It is an event to celebrate and during the year 2019 we will highlight and honor our past through photos and stories. Please share yours! Simply email photos or written memories to trinityvision@cfl.rr.com or place written accounts and hard copy photos in the Visioning mailbox.

Questions?

Contact Tracy Martin at tracymartin299@gmail.com.



Happy Anniversary



HOLIDAY FAIR & BAKERY BOOTH

GET READY! IT'S TIME FOR THE FAMOUS TRINITY HOLIDAY FAIR!

Everyone is invited to shop the bargains at the Fair on Friday, November 2nd from 8:30am until 4:00pm. Get there early for the best stuff! Come browse closet clutter, homemade crafts, books, games, and almost-new clothing! Donations (except jewelry) are accepted Monday, October 29th until Thursday, November 1st. Drop off baked goods the day of. Please do not miss this fun, one-of-a-kind day! Come and shop & bring your friends! Stay and enjoy a delicious homemade lunch from Trinity's best cooks! All proceeds go to our church funds.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

ALL CLASSES MEET FROM 9:00AM TO 9:45AM

Intergenerational Faith Experience: Acts 2:42

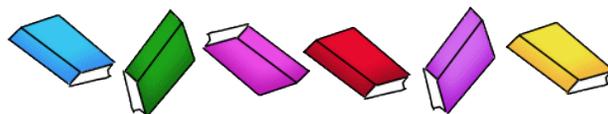
This class will meet on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall for teaching, community, music, food, and prayers. This “class” is for all ages and is based on Acts 2:42 which says “The believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers.” Come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

Discipleship Class

The Discipleship class meets each Sunday 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. If you are interested in receiving emails or have other questions concerning the class, please contact jef.amsbaugh@gmail.com.

Old Testament Stories

This class meets in the church library. The current book study material is *Old Testament Stories from the Back Side* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. This book opens up new insights into selected Old Testament stories while clarifying basic teachings and introducing new possibilities of meaning, even for those most familiar with the content. All are welcome and invited to join. June Carlson is the study leader.





*Sounds
of the
Season*

**TRINITY'S
HANDBELL & ORGAN
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
DECEMBER 16TH, 2018 AT 4:00PM**



**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THIS FESTIVE
EVENT AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL UPDATE

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, we have the submissions for the 2018 Advent Devotional. We are in the editing stage now. The Advent Devotionals are a gift to the congregation, and we ask that you take one per family. They will be waiting for you on the first Sunday of Advent, December 2nd!



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS

Poinsettias will be available for purchase again this Christmas Season! The price remains at \$12 each. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor and remember loved ones. Order forms will be available in the Sunday service bulletin from November 11th to December 2nd, 2018. Please submit your orders on or before December 2nd. Thank you!





The Community Chorus of Palm Coast

Presents

Snow... Winter Memories

Friday, November 30, 2018 • 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 2, 2018 • 4:00 p.m.

Performed At

Trinity Presbyterian Church

156 Florida Park Drive • Palm Coast, FL 32137

www.communitychorusofpalmcoast.com

(Contributions Accepted By CCPC)



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KEN MEDEMA IN CONCERT



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 3:30PM

**First Presbyterian Church, Daytona--
620 S. Grandview Ave at the corner of Revilo**

Blind from birth, Medema is uniquely gifted in improvisation. He employs original music and humor as vehicles for communicating God's grace through the telling of personal stories. Once you've seen him in action, musically engaging both heart and brain, you will definitely want to see him again!

The afternoon will also include recognizing and honoring Dr. Fred Robbins, one of 3 original founders of the Presbyterian Counseling Center. PCC has expanded over 32 years, beyond its continuing base at the First Presbyterian Church to satellite locations in Port Orange, Ormond Beach, DeLand and Palm Coast with 8 therapists, 4 interns and 2 administrative support staff. Accepting a variety of insurance and Employee Assistance Plan (EAP) benefits and utilizing a sliding scale and donation based internships, PCC's licensed counselors conduct up to 400 therapy sessions per month.

Specially trained therapists teach Circle of Security Parenting classes, anger management and group anxiety and depression support groups as well. From infants to children, individuals to couples and through all life's transitions, PCC is there to provide support.

*Acclaimed Christian
songwriter & pianist*

*Honoring PCC
co-founder
Dr. Fred Robbins*

*32 Years of Serving our
Community
in Love*

*Tickets Only \$25
in advance*

Mail your check to:

Presbyterian Counseling Center

430 Braddock Ave.,

Daytona Beach, 32118

Or call for more info: 386-258-1618

PCC Daytona on Facebook

or buy tickets or donate to PCC online

at PresbyterianCounseling.com

Also note Special Choral Workshop

Sat, November 10th 1:00pm- 5:30pm \$10

TRINITY CHILDREN & YOUTH SECTION

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION: MRS. BROOKE TUCKER



“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.”

Mother Teresa



MONTGOMERY FALL YOUTH RETREAT



NOTES FROM THE YOUTH DESK



During the month of October, our youth groups focused on lessons about Jesus' family and we talked about our "chosen families" (our church family being one of our chosen families). What a great time to focus on family and togetherness with our Annual Pumpkin Patch and Trunk or Treat included in that month.

Thank you all for your help with unloading pumpkins, selling pumpkins, buying pumpkins, donating candy, and decorating yourselves and your trunks. The Pumpkin Patch and Trunk or Treat take so many volunteers to make them successful and I am so thankful that together we were able to do great things! Thanks to the hard work of our church family, we were able to raise funds for our 2019 Middle School Mission Trip. Even more importantly, we were able to open up the church parking lot to families and individuals and show them some of our Trinity family love. Judging by the laughter and the smiles on people's faces, I know that we were a positive thing in the world that day!

Our Middle School and High School youth groups will be traveling to Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center November 9th through the 11th for their Fall Fusion Retreat. We have a group of 24 going and we cannot be more excited to get to fellowship, learn, play, and grow together. Please keep us in your prayers for safe travels and heartfelt connections to be made.

Be on the lookout for our annual Advent Devotional to be available to pick up in the Narthex. This is a wonderful devotional written by members of Trinity and lovingly put together by Carol Corson and Shelley Wheeler. Pick up your copy in the Narthex on Sunday, December 2nd.

Thank you for your continued support and love for our Trinity Youth and Families.

Blessings,

Brooke Tucker

Director of Faith Formation

IN MEMORIAM

John Byrd; September 29, 2018
Larry Green; October 1, 2018
Thomas Rogero; October 15, 2018
Liliane Kennedy; October 24, 2018



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

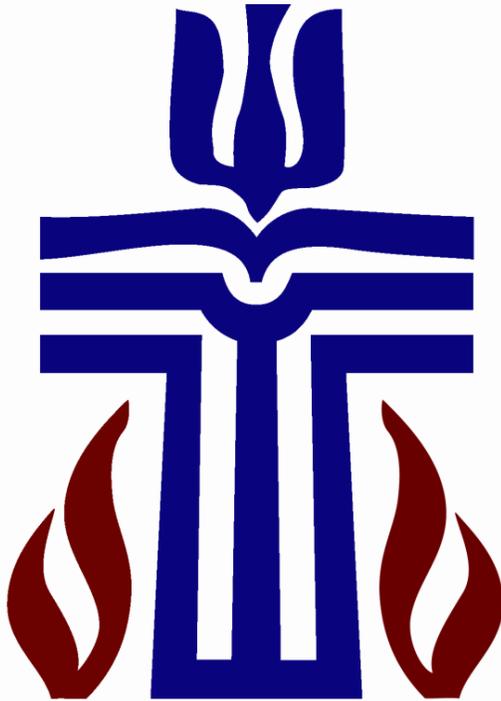


Marilyn Kopach..... 11/01
Lynn Snyder..... 11/01
Juliana Choi..... 11/01
Bob Roberts..... 11/04
John Kleinfelder..... 11/07
Shirley Robinson..... 11/07
Elayne Byrd..... 11/07
Dotty Schamis..... 11/07
Jan Markiewicz..... 11/09
Jason Peters..... 11/11
Ginny Ferriol..... 11/12
PJ Olivier..... 11/14
Jill Garrison..... 11/15
Robert Tabit..... 11/16
Kathy Link..... 11/16
John G. Reynolds..... 11/17

Nick Bereda..... 11/18
Evelyn Hutchinson..... 11/19
Jason Towne..... 11/20
Art Mikkelsen..... 11/21
James Smeaton..... 11/22
Travis Patterson..... 11/23
Rick Meyer..... 11/24
Frank Ferguson..... 11/24
Paula Howard 11/24
Ross Pierce..... 11/26
Kevin Digby..... 11/27
Clifford Hickson..... 11/27
Pat Dixon..... 11/27
Isabel Jones..... 11/28
Fadi Faraj..... 11/30
Sally Smeaton..... 11/30

NEW ELDERS & DEACONS

New elders and deacons were elected at a Congregational Meeting on October 28th, 2018. Newly elected elders are Lance Alred, Marc Hitchins, Jane Lippian, and Helene Read in the Class of 2021 and Jennifer Kaczmarek in the Class of 2020 to complete an unexpired term. Newly elected deacons are Barbara Donahue, Wendy Earle, Ginny Elgin, Kelli Jebbia, Carol Desiderio, and Tracy Martin in the class of 2021. There is still an opening on the slate of deacons.



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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hi, everyone! My name is Caity Campana and I am the new Administrative Assistant at Trinity. I have met many of you in the month that I've been here and just wanted to thank everyone for so warmly welcoming me. I am thrilled to be working here! I hope you enjoyed flipping through this issue of the Trinity Times and I wish you all a happy fall season.

Please note: the deadline for content submission for the December Trinity Times is November 21st, 2018. Please send submissions to trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com. Thank you for all you do to make Trinity's newsletter informative and engaging!