



JANUARY 2019

TRINITY TIMES

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TRINITY'S WINTER SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Worship 10:00 AM



*“Your beginnings will
seem humble, so
prosperous will your
future be.”*

Job 8:7



CHURCH STAFF

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

“BASIC GUIDE TRAINING”

The late Helen Keller reminds us this day that “life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all.” This year, Trinity Presbyterian Church of Palm Coast begins what looks to be an adventurous 40th year. As I write this day from the Rocky Mountains, I share an excerpt from *Canoeing the Mountains* by Tod Bolsinger (a book which I read recently in relation to transitional ministry). Moving from east to west, here’s what those charged with a developmental task soon discovered:

“Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery were about to go off the map and into uncharted territory. They would have to change plans, give up expectations, and even reframe their entire mission. What lay before them was nothing like what was behind them. There were no experts, no maps, no ‘best practices,’ and no sure guides who could lead them safely and successfully. The true adventure—the real discovery—was just beginning.”

And this day I also share a metaphor with you in that of whitewater rafting (also recently explored in relation to transitional ministry). What makes rafting such a rewarding activity for many is that it is at once an individual and a team sport. As we continue this transitional journey into the New Year, hear these instructions from a Basic Guide Training Manual:

“The crew of your boat is an integral part of your ability to get the boat down the river. How you train, communicate with, and motivate your crew will have a lot to do with your level of success. Most paddlers want to do a good job and want to participate. It is up to you as the guide to make sure they have the tools to do that. It is tempting for a strong guide to do all the work herself. While it is important to be able to get a boat down the river without much (or any) help from the crew, the experience will be better for all if the crew is actively engaged.”

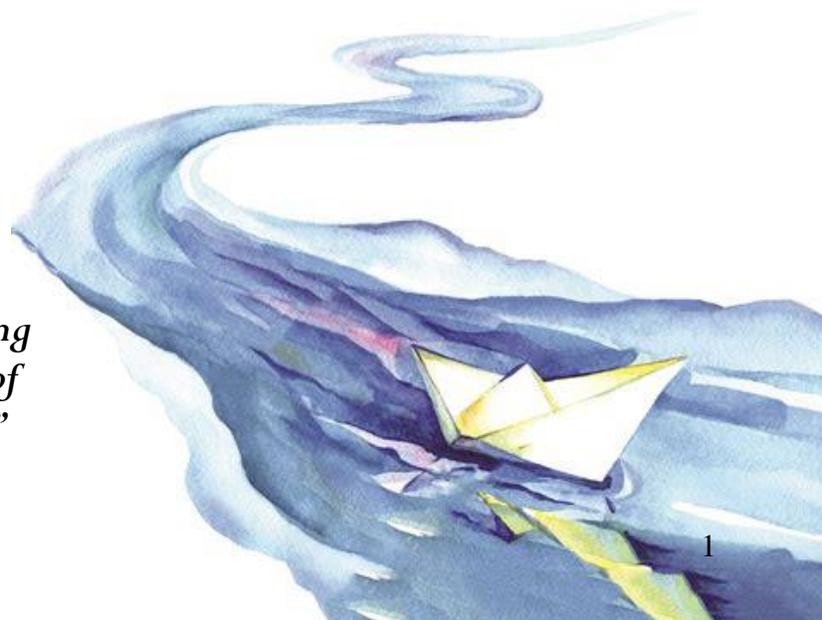
If the Church is the Body of Christ and we compare this Church to a river, then we together, as members of it, are called both individually and together to actively engage with it—nothing more, nothing less. With that said, as your transitional pastor, my goal for this New Year, along with your help, is to work myself out of a job as we allow God to work in each of our lives and our life together.

Here’s to a blessed New Year!

Dr. Jeff Beebe
Transitional Pastor

“Wild Rivers are Earth’s renegades, dancing to their own tune, resisting the authority of humans, and eventually always winning.”

Richard Bangs, River Gods



SESSION BRIEFS

At its Stated Meeting on December 17th, 2018, your Session:

- ❖ Met with the incoming elders and deacons, heard their Statements of Faith, and approved them for Ordination and Installation.
- ❖ Noted that there have been no membership changes over the last month.
- ❖ Heard the report from the Finance Committee concerning income and expenses. Month of November and Year-to-Date expenses remain higher than income.
- ❖ Noted that Linda Hodges is retiring as Music Director, and that Heasuk Che will serve as Interim Music Director.
- ❖ Noted that Deborah Minnich has resigned as Financial Secretary, and that Judy Grady will replace her in that position.
- ❖ Approved holding a Healing and Wholeness Service on Tuesday, December 18th, 2018, in the Chapel.
- ❖ Noted that Home Communion is being set up with deacons and elders, and Dr. Beebe is taking Communion to the shut-in members of our church.
- ❖ Approved the 2019 Church Budget.
- ❖ Approved Resolutions of Thanks to Shelley Wheeler and Carol Corson for publishing the Advent Devotional; also to Jef Amsbaugh, who is retiring from his position as Church Treasurer; to Lillian Warner and Heasuk Che for the Organ and Handbell Choir Concert; to Deborah Minnich, and to Linda Hodges, as they retire from their work at Trinity.

Jane Pellmann
Clerk of Session

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

“When the Magi saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:10-11

Financial Update

The Session, Trinity’s governing body, along with the Finance/Stewardship Committee, is committed to providing regular financial updates to you, our members and friends. The following financial information is for the 2018 fiscal year through November, which ends December 31st, 2018. The Finance Committee will prepare a formal year-end Financial Report for distribution prior to the Congregation Meeting on January 27th, 2019.

Total anticipated operating revenue for the year *:	\$451,000
Operating revenue expected at this time (91.7% of \$451,000):	\$413,567
Actual operating revenue received through Nov:	<u>\$353,771</u>
Difference between actual and expectations:	(\$59,796)
Total budgeted expenses for the year *:	\$485,450
Expenses budgeted to this point in the year (91.7% of \$485,450):	\$445,158
Actual expenses incurred through Nov:	<u>\$411,651</u>
Difference between budgeted and actual expenses:	\$33,506
Net result is a current deficit [-\$59,796+\$33,506] of	(\$26,289)
Plus 91.7% of \$34,450 budgeted shortfall (\$451,000 - \$485,450)	<u>(\$31,591)</u>
Net result including shortfall is a current deficit of	(\$57,880)
* Session approved \$34,450 of expenses above the anticipated operating revenue.	

November 2018 Notes

- Total General Operating Revenue was \$30,173 for November versus a budgeted amount of \$37,583.
- Operating Expenses for November were \$35,303 versus a budgeted amount of \$40,454.
- To date, we have received 151 2018 pledges totaling \$278,346, which is \$28,654 short of the budgeted pledge amount of \$307,000.

2019 Stewardship Notes

The Finance/Stewardship Committee worked closely with the committees to develop a 2019 budget, which Session approved on December 17th as shown in the table below. This budget considered pledges received (124) for 2019 as of December 10th, 2018 totaling \$256,158. The Committee and Session are committed to working within a balanced budget, acknowledging that changes will be made when circumstances warrant. Pledges can still be submitted by placing them in the offering plate or sending them to the church financial office. As always, the Finance/Stewardship Committee is grateful to our members and friends who continue to support Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Trinity Presbyterian Church 2019 Budget		
Account Number	Description	2019 Approved 12/17/2018
100	GENERAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$375,434
200	Missions Expense	\$0
210	Christian Education Expense	9,675
220	Worship Expense	2,150
225	Music Expense	1,150
230	Communication & Promotion Expense	350
240	Stewardship Expense	802
250	Congregational Life Expense	250
260	Facility Care Expense	35,000
270	Insurance Expense	29,644
280	Utilities Expense	30,584
290	Office Expense	18,346
300	Personnel Expense	236,683
320	Presbyterian Commitment Expense	9,700
325	Membership/Evangelism Expense	100
330	Miscellaneous Expense	1,000
	OPERATING EXPENSES	\$375,434
	Operating Revenue minus Expenses	\$0

Key 2019 Changes

- Approved budget does not include funds for a music director. This will be changed once Personnel and Worship develop a path forward and a sufficient source of funds is identified to support the position, and an adjusted budget is approved by Session.
- Permanently eliminates funding for contemporary worship leader and instrumentalists until such time as Session determines. See note above with respect to budget parameters.
- Eliminates funds for a Parish Associate and a Visitation Pastor.
- Proportional reduction to unified Presbyterian Commitment based on expected revenue.
- Includes \$1,000 for Pastor Search Committee under Miscellaneous.

2019 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are now available for pick up. The envelopes have been re-designed in order to keep costs down. The first envelope is typically used to cover the per capita cost of \$8.95 per active member plus the cost of printing envelopes. Please include \$10 per member in this first envelope.

2019 Transitions

Trinity is experiencing a time of transition, and the Finance/Stewardship Committee is no exception. We are truly grateful for the support and dedication Deborah Minnich has provided as Financial Secretary to the Committee and Session members for the last few years. In particular, she has been instrumental in upgrading the church's financial system, which will allow Trinity to provide improved financial and membership data. We will miss her warm smile and generous spirit, and wish her and her family the best in the year ahead. Likewise, Trinity has been truly blessed with the generous gifts of time and talent provided by Jef Amsbaugh as Treasurer. His years of service in this capacity are greatly appreciated by all of us on the Committee, and we wish him well in his future endeavors. If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the Finance/Stewardship Committee (Bob Settles, Del Smith, Mick Walker, Nick Jebbia, Bob Reid, Alison Reid, Judy Grady [Financial Secretary], and Dr. Jeff Beebe) or contact Karen Walker at ketwalker@gmail.com.





JANUARY 2019 CIRCLE MEETINGS

God's Promise: I Am With You

Lesson Four: God with Us When We Seek Him

Faith Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 16th at 1:00 pm in the Kepler Conference Room at the church. Marcia Livingston will be the study leader. Millicent Peart will be the hostess.

Miriam Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 16th at 10:00 am at the home of Ginny Ferriol: 20 Blakeport Lane (phone: 386-302-5166). Laurie Harrison will be the study leader.

Rebecca Circle will meet on Thursday, January 10th at 10:00 am at the home of Shirley Wilson: 94 N Lakewalk Drive (phone: 386-597-7786). Jenny Scott will be the study leader.

Please note the change of date!

Circle members are encouraged to bring items for the Family Life Center, such as diapers size 4-6, children's footwear, baby formula, women's underwear, jeans, socks, toiletries, etc.

Mary & Martha Circle will meet at the church on Wednesday, January 16th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Tracy Martin will be the study leader and hostess.

The annual Gathering of the Presbyterian Women will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church on January 26th, 2019. All women are invited!

Please submit your registration form by January 7th.

Reminder: as you bake your holiday cookies and brownies, we ask that you put some in the freezer for us to serve at the Gathering!

The next Presbyterian Women team gathering will be held on January 7th.

Study leaders will meet with the pastor: time TBA!

WE ARE TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN PALM COAST, FLORIDA

40 YEARS STRONG!

*“Remember the past;
Live in the present;
And look to the future.”*

This is how Rev. George Mehaffey opened his Trinity Times article for November 1993 (yes, Trinity Times has been around a long time). It was on the occasion of the groundbreaking for the third and final addition to our church. Our Sanctuary, offices, and Chapel/Columbarium were to be built. Trinity was moving into its fifteenth year.

Trinity is now embarking on its fortieth year. Change is apparent but Trinity still has much in common with the fledgling Trinity congregation. Original covenant signers of 1980 still worship with us. They serve on ministries and remain serving and acting as mentors and leaders among us. What loyal saints! We honor them this anniversary.

Throughout 2019, the Visioning Committee and the 40th Anniversary subcommittee will publish articles of historic significance. A March concert and a History Display for the Narthex are planned. We invite everyone to get involved and ask how you can help bring the celebration to life.

*“We remember the past with gratitude,
We live in the present with enthusiasm,
We look to the future with faith,
Praise the Lord, all you people!”*



Please email us at
trinityvision@cfl.rr.com or write a
note and leave it in the office!



Don't forget to sign up for chancel flowers in 2019!

This is a wonderful way to honor and remember loved ones or celebrate special occasions. Sign-up cards are located on the flower board in the Narthex.

Thank you!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Join one of our ongoing classes on Sunday mornings from 9:00 am to 9:45 am! Old Testament Stories, Acts, and Discipleship will continue to meet in January.

“In The Beginning God” is a new Sunday school class which will study the first 11 chapters of Genesis. The class will begin on Sunday, February 3rd in the Calvin Room, led by Dr. Paul Eckstein. This class is based on a book by William Logan and also includes the first 4 chapters of the Bethel Bible Study Curriculum. All materials will be provided: just bring your Bible and a writing utensil. If interested in attending, please contact Dr. Paul Eckstein at (386) 451-0386.

All are welcome!

Many thanks to our Trinity family for the prayers, cards, and condolences on the passing of our father (grandfather), William Mathern. Your support during this difficult time has meant a great deal to us.

The Manen Family



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Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Ecumenical Memorial Service
Monday, January 21st, 2019
11:00 AM

Trinity Presbyterian Church
156 Florida Park Drive
Palm Coast, Florida 32137

*You are invited to join us as we commemorate the life and vision
of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Keynote Speaker: Marc Emerson Dwyer of Palm Coast

Sponsored by the New York City Transit Retirees of Palm Coast

NOTES FROM THE YOUTH DESK

With Christmas in our rearview mirror, are you feeling let down or are you ready to tackle this New Year with enthusiasm? The season of Epiphany reminds us that the Christmas story is only the beginning.

2019 brings us to 40 years as a church congregation. 40 years of growth, love, mistakes, and forgiveness. I have been blessed with being on the church staff and I have the pleasure of seeing Trinity from many different angles. It warms my heart to see all of the ways that Trinity ministers to our members, our friends, and our community. In this New Year, this 40th year, I encourage you to try something new here at Trinity. Join a Sunday school class, try bowling, or maybe just invite someone new the next time you meet with your Trinity group. We have many ways to get involved here at Trinity: search for something that calls to you and jump right in!

*“Arise, shine; for you light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.”
Isaiah 60:1*

*Shine on,
Brooke Tucker
Director of Faith Formation*



Trinity Carolers spreading joy and love!

IMPORTANT YOUTH & FAMILY DATES

Sunday, January 6th

6:00 PM

Middle School & High School Parent/Youth Summer Planning Meeting
Potluck Dinner—Bring a dish to share and your calendar!

Sunday, January 20th

4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Youth & Family New Year Bonfire Party at the Tucker Residence
(115 County Road 125, Bunnell)

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, February 3rd

Souper Bowl Sunday:

Bring your canned food donation and \$1 to church so we can help tackle hunger right here in
Flagler County!

Middle School & High School Super Bowl Party
Location/Time TBA

MISSING CHRISTMAS BOOKS

Christmas books were taken mistakenly from the library cart in the Narthex in December. If the book you chose has a library sign-out card in the back, please return it to the office or library.

Below are the books that were mistakenly taken:

24 Days Before Christmas (JF LEN)
A Wish to be a Christmas Tree (JEF MON)
The Christmas Star (JF WEN)
The First Christmas Pop-Up Book (J NEL)
Good Night Christmas (JE LIN)
The Birth of a Savior (J232.9 FRI)
The Birth of Jesus (J232 IFE)
The Three Gifts of Christmas (JF BIS)
A Cup of Christmas Tea (F HEG)
The Animals' First Christmas (J242.8 GOL)
Hugs for the Holidays (242.335 SMI)
Seven Stories of Christmas Love (394.2 BUS)

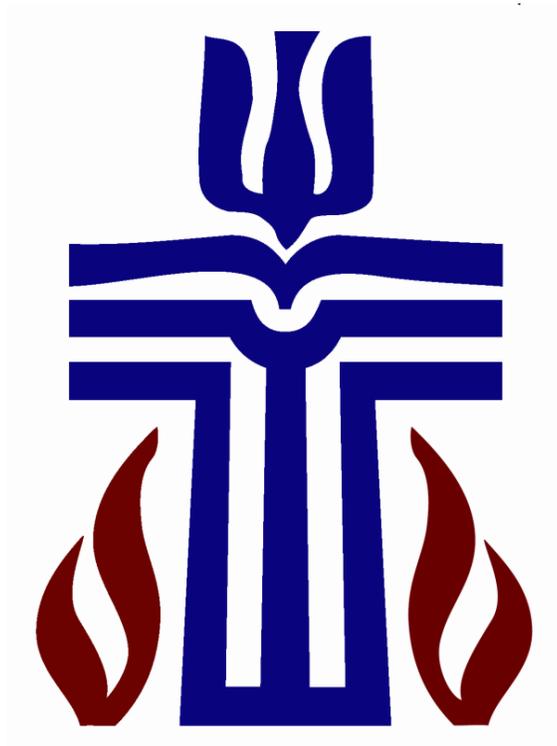


IN MEMORIAM

Bill Levene; December 25th, 2018

Happy Birthday!

Marguerite Barret – 1/9	Judy Mascenic – 1/29
Mary Batailo – 1/17	Madison Matta – 1/25
Alyson Bonner-Schwartz – 1/27	Malcolm Melester – 1/26
James Cannon – 1/12	Ellie Mikkelsen – 1/13
Nancy Cumming – 1/26	Arvid Olson – 1/13
Homer F. Darbyshire – 1/30	Gary Peters – 1/17
Alice Dralle – 1/1	Helene Read – 1/13
Jody Dutton – 1/19	Leo Richards – 1/9
Kari Dutton – 1/17	David Richardson – 1/1
Martha Eastman – 1/24	Walter Sarden – 1/9
Dennis Eidson – 1/3	Janet Schaaf – 1/8
Rich Gaulding – 1/13	George Schwab – 1/15
Donna Marie Guerin – 1/8	Diane Simmons – 1/10
Brittany Gynizio – 1/23	Ron Simmons – 1/27
Sean Hair – 1/9	Allison Smith – 1/18
Polly Hamel – 1/18	Bob Swann – 1/17
Jay Jones – 1/30	Trevor Tucker – 1/12
Jennifer Kaczmarek – 1/6	Charles Walker – 1/5
June Leicher – 1/6	Bobbie Wrassmann – 1/12
Julio Martin – 1/1	Bob Wright – 1/9



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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hi, everyone! I hope you enjoyed this issue of the Trinity Times and I wish you all a beautiful New Year!

Please note: the deadline for content submission for the February Trinity Times is January 16th, 2019. Please send submissions to trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com. Thank you for all you do to make Trinity's newsletter informative and engaging!

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Administrative Assistant