



TRINITY TIMES

JUNE 2019

Inside this Issue

- Pastor's Message
Page 1
- Session Briefs
Page 3
- Finance & Stewardship Update
Page 4
- Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings
Page 6
- Trinity & the Family Life Center
The First 40 Years at Trinity: Part II
Page 7
- Save the Date!
Vacation Bible School at Trinity
Thank You
Page 9
- Get Connected!
Trinity Facebook Posts
Page 10
- Facilities Projects Update
Page 11
- Notes from the Youth Desk
Page 12
- Birthdays
Page 13

Trinity's Summer Schedule

Worship | 10:00 AM



*“The LORD reigns, let the
earth be glad; let the
distant shores rejoice.”*

PSALM 97:1



Church Staff

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

“Please Pay Attention”

Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

In his book *The Attentive Life*, Presbyterian pastor Leighton Ford writes of “paying attention to the other.” He writes, “Attentiveness means respecting, attending to, waiting on, looking at and listening to the other – the persons and things that we encounter – for what they are in themselves, not what we can make of them. We are called to pay attention to the Other – our Creator God – to know and worship him.”

As Leighton Ford reminds us, Jesus pays attention:
to the bronzed faces of the fishermen he calls to be with him
to the hardened faces of the tax collectors and offbeat characters he recruits as his disciples
to the longing face of an outcast woman by a well
to the seeking face of a philosopher who comes to talk by night
to the pleading face of one blind beggar by the road
to the taunting faces of the soldiers who nail him to the cross
to the pain-wracked face of a third thief dying beside him on the cross
to his mother, whom at his last moments he commends to the care of his beloved disciple John

Often times in our daily lives our attentiveness reverts to our own wants, needs, and desires and we simply fail to respond to the other in our midst. We are reminded regularly to ask for the eyes to see, and ears to hear, and the hearts and minds to understand. So might we simply turn this prayer to the others in our midst who need our attention. Perhaps in these lazy days of summer the flurried pace of our daily lives might slow enough for our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our hearts and minds to understand those whom our Lord and Savior places in our lives, if only for but a brief moment.

“After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, ‘Do you want to be made well?’ The sick man answered him, ‘Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Stand up, take your mat and walk.’ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.”

JOHN 5:1-9

“Access Your Heart” by Sarah R. Nettleton

Please include us.
It hurts to be excluded.
A quick hi and a hug are not enough.
We need real inclusion.
When will you understand?
We are all members of the body of Christ.
Some of us communicate in different ways.
Some of us see differently.
Some of us behave in ways we can't control.
Some of us need wheelchairs.
Some of us walk differently.
Some of us hear less.
Some of us never get to come to church.
Some of us are just left out.
We are all members of Christ's family.
Why can't you be more welcoming?
We are all in need of a church which welcomes and accepts us for who we are.
We are made in God's image.
When you forget to include us you are forgetting to include God.
Access is more than ramps and accessible bathrooms.
The hearts of everyone need to be open and welcoming.
When hearts are open we can really be a family in Christ.
Open your heart.
And let us in.

The Story of Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody

Here's the story titled "Whose Job Is It, Anyway?"

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

Session Briefs

At its Stated Meeting on May 20, 2019, your Session:

- ❖ Received new Active Members Toni Leslie and Eddie & Carol Ayers, all by Re-affirmation of Faith.
- ❖ Approved removing Cliff, Cheryl, Alyson, and Blair Hickson from the Active Membership Roll, at their request; they have moved out of the area; also Andrew & Brandon Earle, who no longer live in the area.
- ❖ Approved a request from Brooks Rehabilitation for the use of Kepler Conference Center on seven Wednesdays, starting May 22, from 1:00 PM to 3:00PM, for a fall prevention workshop.
- ❖ Heard a report from Bill Butler, a member of the Facility Care Committee, concerning the re-paving and striping of the parking lots. *Approved this project.*
- ❖ Heard the report from the Finance Committee concerning income and expenses. For the month of April expenses slightly exceeded revenue, and year-to-date revenue slightly exceeded expenses.
- ❖ Approved Martha Gioielli as Trinity's new Treasurer.
- ❖ Approved Trinity's Mission Statement:
Trinity Presbyterian Church is called by God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to be a worshiping, nurturing, and servng Community.
- ❖ Approved a 4:00 PM worship service on November 10, 2019 for Trinity's 40th Anniversary Celebration.
- ❖ Approved Resolutions of Thanks letters for the many people who helped with the landscaping project: Bill Butler, who spearheaded the project; Strickland Brothers Sod Farm for the donation of sod; Paul Cassaro, Logan Sedlesky, and Alberto Solis for their intense labor; also to Queenester Jones, for the many years she has headed S.A.M. and worked so hard planning their programs.

*Jane Pellmann
Clerk of Session*

Finance & Stewardship Update

• 2019 STEWARDSHIP NOTES •

Many thanks to Trinity's members and friends who continue to share their time, talents, and resources in so many different ways. We extend a special bouquet of thanks to the ushers and counters who support the Finance/Stewardship Committee every week during the service and throughout the week. In last month's Trinity Times, we shared information on various ways to share our financial gifts. This month's specific focus is on capital campaigns. Periodic capital campaigns are held for specific needs, such as facility improvements. The first significant project Session has approved is the repair and updating of the church parking areas. The Finance/Stewardship Committee needs approximately \$30,000 to support Facility Care's parking lot project. Many thanks to those who have already made a donation to support this effort. Won't you prayerfully consider being a partner with others in making our campus beautiful and safe?

Please contact a member of the Finance/Stewardship Committee to address any questions regarding ways to give financially to Trinity:

Martha Gioielli, Treasurer
Bob Settles
Del Smith
Mick Walker
Nick Jebbia
Bob Reid
Alison Reid
Dr. Jeff Beebe
Judy Grady, Financial Secretary
Karen Walker, Moderator

• 2019 FINANCE UPDATES •

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Order requires an annual review of all financial activities be conducted and a summary provided to the Session. The Finance/Stewardship Committee is still in need of at least two people to assist with this task. Training will be provided as needed for this very important short-term task. Contact Karen Walker at ketwalker@gmail.com if you are interested.

Session has approved Martha Gioielli as the new Treasurer for Trinity Presbyterian Church. The Finance/Stewardship Committee members look forward to working with her in supporting the financial needs of the church. Welcome, Martha!

● APRIL 2019 FINANCIAL UPDATE ●

The Session and the Finance/Stewardship Committee are committed to providing regular financial updates to our members and friends. The following financial information is for the fiscal year through April 2019.

| Trinity Presbyterian Church | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Summary of Revenue and Expenses through April 30, 2019 | | |
| | 2019 Budget | 2019 Actuals |
| General Operating Revenue | | |
| Operating Revenue | | |
| Pledges | \$247,434 | \$92,512 |
| Unpledged | 107,000 | 33,052 |
| Plate Offering | 6,000 | 3,143 |
| Total Operating Revenue | \$360,434 | \$128,706 |
| Other Revenue | | |
| Other Bank Interest | \$200 | \$21 |
| Facility Usage | 1,600 | 800 |
| Misc Operating Revenue | 5,000 | 200 |
| Columbarium Sales | 2,000 | -182 |
| Christmas Offering | 6,200 | 35 |
| Total Other Revenue | \$15,000 | \$873 |
| Total General Operating Revenue | \$375,434 | \$129,580 |
| General Operating Expenses | | |
| Missions | \$0 | \$0 |
| Christian Education | 9,675 | 1,631 |
| Worship | 2,150 | 483 |
| Music | 1,150 | 951 |
| Comm & Promotion | 350 | 0 |
| Stewardship | 802 | 422 |
| Congregational Life | 250 | -938 |
| Facility Care | 35,000 | 8,420 |
| Insurance | 29,644 | 10,217 |
| Utilities | 30,584 | 11,674 |
| Office | 18,346 | 6,959 |
| Personnel | 236,683 | 82,130 |
| Presbyterian Commitments | 9,700 | 5,405 |
| Membership/Evangelism | 100 | -115 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,000 | -342 |
| TLC | 0 | -63 |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$375,434 | \$126,834 |
| Restricted Fund Revenue | | \$37,630 |
| Restricted Fund Expenses | | \$33,670 |
| <i>Summary Year-to-Date (Actuals only)</i> | | |
| Operating Revenue received less Operating Expenses paid | | \$2,745 |
| Restricted Revenue received less Restricted Expenses paid | | \$3,960 |
| Total all Revenue received less Expenses expenses paid | | \$6,705 |



● KEY POINTS ●

- Pledges received to date are better than budgeted.
- Several anonymous donations were received.
- Total budgeted operating amount needed per month is \$31,286. Total Operating Revenue was \$29,774 for April and total Operating Expenses for April were \$32,174.
- Columbarium total of -\$182.11 reflects payments for name plates.
- Unclaimed property (outstanding checks) from 2009-2016 has been resolved with the value of one outstanding check (\$125) transferred to the State of Florida per Statute §717.117.





June 2019 Circle Meetings

God's Promise: I Am With You by Amy Poling Sutherlun

Lesson Nine: "God's With Us"

Faith Circle will meet on Wednesday, June 19 at 1:00 PM in the Kepler Conference Room at the church. Marcia Livingston will be the study leader. Circle members are asked to bring in items for the Family Life Center, including toiletries, household items, and clothing. Items in particularly high demand are diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6) baby wipes, baby formula, underwear for women/children/boys, toilet paper, and cleaning products.

Miriam Circle will meet on Wednesday, June 19 at 10:00 AM at the home of Jane Pellmann: 45 Freeport Lane. Phone: (386) 445-8075. Lois Settles will be the study leader.

Rebecca Circle will meet on Thursday, June 20 at 10:00 AM at the home of Carol Corson: 10 Laughing Gull Lane. Carol will be the study leader.

Mary & Martha Circle will meet on Wednesday, June 19 at 6:00 PM in the Kepler Conference Room at the church. Kelli Jebbia will be the study leader.

The next **PW Board Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, June 5 at 10:00 AM.

**THERE WILL BE NO CIRCLE MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST.
THEY WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER!**

Trinity & the Family Life Center

Rev. Dr. George Mehaffey became Trinity's pastor in 1985. He was the right fit for a fledgling congregation and community, as he brought with him a vision for Trinity and Palm Coast that involved an ecumenical approach to the social services our county needed. Thus, he was instrumental in leading the Ecumenical Social Service Corp., comprised of seven area clergymen, which helped build several local charities. One of the strongest and most enduring is the Family Life Center, a safe house for victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence, begun in 1987. Trinity clergymen and members have served on the FLC Board for most of its 30 years.

FLC has expanded its services to include more than shelter, food, and clothing; today, they also help with medical services, employment coaching, educational resources, legal services, counseling, and outreach programs.

Even today, Rev. Mehaffey credits our own Joan Morris, saying that there wouldn't be a Family Life Center without her. Charter member Joan Morris gives the following account:

The First 40 Years at Trinity

Part II

"One day, Rev. Dr. George Mehaffey came to me and asked if I would be willing to help form a Family Life Center. The ministers in Flagler County were aware of the plight of many abused women who had no place to get help.

We started out in a room in the Flagler County hospital, then moved to a run-down home in front of the hospital, then moved across Route 100 as even more women needed a safe place to live. I became Trinity's 'Safe House Lady' as I made an effort to solve both the problems with staffing and with clients. The needs grew and it became a full-time volunteer job. We had both an office on the south side of Route 100 and the Safe House for the families. We were always in need of finances. It was the churches of Flagler County that kept us going. Our doors were always open to the desperate women needing a safe place to stay.

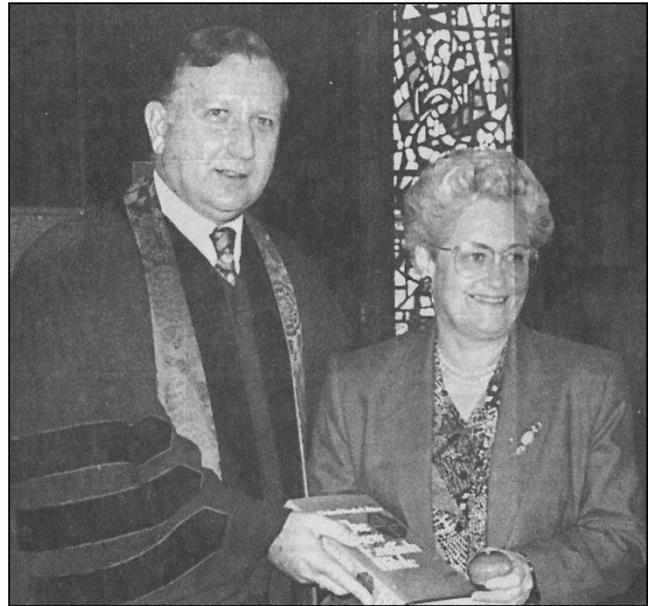
As I look back at the first 40 years Trinity has been part of my life and the Flagler community, I see God influencing and God's direction in the past years and hope that will continue in years to come."

Contributed by Tracy Martin & Joan Morris

Vital mission work is a hallmark of a faithful church, and Trinity has shown dedication over the years to helping those living on the margins of society. Our congregation can see the vision now and needs to continue to support these missions begun so long ago.

As Rev. Mehaffey put it:

*IN WORSHIP we pledge our faith IN GOD
IN EDUCATION we grow in our understanding OF GOD
IN MISSION we demonstrate our loyalty TO GOD*



Left: Joan Morris gives a presentation about the Family Life Center in Starke, Florida.

Above: Rev. Mehaffey presents Joan Morris with a New English Bible upon her retirement from the Education Coordinator position at Trinity.



We welcome your memories and descriptions of Trinity's beginnings. Please email us at trinityvision@cfl.rr.com or write a note and leave it in the office!

Save the Date!



Trinity's 40th Anniversary Worship Service will be held on November 10, 2019 at 4:00 PM. Reception and dinner to follow. Come celebrate with us!

Vacation Bible School at Trinity

June 17-June 21 • 9:00 AM-12:00 PM



All who are entering into Kindergarten-5th Grade are welcome!
Register online at: cokeburyvbs.com/tpc

Thank You

Thank you to our Trinity family for all the cards, calls, visits, food deliveries, and flowers while I was recovering from my recent surgery! We had a visit from our wonderful deacon, Marlene Williams, and even though Pastor Beebe was out of the state, he kept in touch with Jane the morning of my surgery and sent a layperson to visit me in the hospital! He kept in touch with us during my recuperation and we are thankful for him. You all mean so much to us and your kindness is most appreciated. We thank God for our church family and His many blessings!
God bless you.

Walt & Jane Lippian



*Missing out on News?
Get Connected!
It's Easy!*

Here's how you can receive the Trinity Times electronically:

- 1) Go to our website, trinitypresbyterianchurchpalmcoast.us.
- 2) Scroll to the bottom of the page where it says "Subscriptions."
- 3) Type in your email address.
- 4) Push the white "SUBSCRIBE TO POSTS" button.

You will then receive an email when Caity and Jeff Cooke post the Trinity Times or any other news event.

The church works hard to keep us all up-to-date with all the goings-on here at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Please connect today. If you have any difficulty, the church office can help. Call Dana or Caity at (386) 445-4757. They can even arrange for the Times to be mailed to your home!



@trinitypalmcoast

*Trinity Presbyterian (USA)
Facebook Posts*

If you have interesting happenings, events, stories and/or photos that you would like posted to our Facebook Page, please submit them to Arvid Olson at arvid@travelleaderspc.com. We are particularly interested in things and photos pertaining to our 40th Year Celebration. The older the better!

Like and follow our page for updated events, worship service information, and daily inspirational posts. We would like to thank Arvid Olson for dedicating his time and talent to be our social media administrator!



Trinity's Facilities Projects Update

• LANDSCAPING •

If you have attended Trinity's worship services or any events held on campus in the month of May, you have noticed the new array of flowers, plants, and trees lining our buildings and parking lots. These should mature into beautiful living borders throughout our church campus.

The funding for this project was made possible by a significant contribution from Trinity's Presbyterian Women's Association and a generous contribution from an 'anonymous donor' within Trinity's congregation. We are all very thankful and appreciative to these donors for their gifts. Trinity is also very blessed in having Bill Butler, an experienced, talented, and professional landscape architect, as a congregant. Bill designed and oversaw this project. Bill is a 40-year Charter Member of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Bill's dedication, diligence, and expression of his faith are very evident in all he has achieved for Trinity throughout the decades.

In completing this landscaping project, other church members and associates assisted Bill with material, equipment, or labor. They include Paul Cassaro, Logan Sedlesky, Alberto Solis (the owner of Green Garden Guys), Strickland Brothers Sod, Ed Ayers, Marc Hitchins, and Bob Mack. We appreciate their involvement and thank them all.

• PARKING LOTS •

Most of us are of an age whereby we have experienced both "being pushed by our problems and pulled by our dreams." At present, we, the Trinity congregation, face the former. The surfaces of our 40-year-old parking lots are crumbling and neither the lots nor the building accesses comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Some of our parking lots are in dire need of re-paving, re-sealing, and re-stripping. We are currently taking steps to correct this and to keep our church facilities intact, functional, and in compliance—for the benefit of all. This project is also under the guidance and direction of our professional, Bill Butler. Having received proposals from several contractors to do this work, your Facilities Care Committee has made its selection. Your Session of Elders, upon hearing our presentation, has approved this project. Starting on Sunday, June 2, we suggest you look at the design/blueprint of these improvements. You should find this posted in the Sanctuary of our church.

The project will include: 1) New Asphalt Pavement Overlay, 2) Seal Coating the Pavement, 3) Concrete Work, per Specification, 4) Re-stripe the Parking Lots, per Specification. Once the city permits are obtained, we anticipate the work will be completed by July 7. The work will be done during weekdays so as not to interfere with Sunday services. The total cost of this project is just under \$30,000.00.

As you well know, each of us can make a difference in eliminating this expense. If 100 of our members and associates could find it in their hearts and budgets to contribute \$300.00, as one check or in increments over the remainder of this year, our struggle would be lifted. A recent 'anonymous donor' has graciously and generously provided some of these funds, for which we are extremely thankful and appreciative. Yet, there is a need for more.

All struggles are blessings in disguise. Let us not shy away from the struggle today, but instead seek its blessing. Please pray on this. May we participate to the best of our ability, not for our glory, but for Trinity and for God. To ensure your contributions are used as you direct, mark your offering envelope "for Parking Lots."

Thank you for your assistance. May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

Respectfully,

Trinity's Facilities Care Committee

Notes from the Youth Desk

“Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ever ask or imagine by his power at work within us!”

EPHESIANS 3:20

Glory to God and thank you all for your prayers and donations! All of our summer youth trips are fully funded! Now we are ready to go where God will lead us this summer!

Ephesians 3:20 is our Vacation Bible School verse for 2019. I love Vacation Bible School and I love that we are able to share God’s love and God’s gospel and good news with our youth and youth in the community. Two years ago our verse was “Do good, seek peace, and go after it” (Psalm 34:14) and last year our verse was “when you pass through the waters I will be with you” (Isaiah 43:2). Through song, dance, and visual and auditory learning, our youth see, hear, and live these important verses. I recently read an article that stated, “The brain never loses music memory,” so how awesome is it that our youth can hear God’s good news through music and know that memory is something that nothing can ever take away? Glory to God!

We will begin our set-up for Vacation Bible School on Wednesday, June 12 and will finish up with an ending program on Friday, June 21 at 6:30 PM (all are invited to attend). Please keep our volunteers (we have over 40 youth and adult volunteers) and all of our youth in your prayers. Please pray for safety and that God’s love, presence, and guidance is felt by all. It’s not too late to register! Registration is still available online at cokeburyvbs.com/tpc.

This summer we will be offering a couple of short studies in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM. Our first class will begin on Sunday, June 2. All are welcome and invited to attend. Our first study will be “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” and will be based on the movie by the same title featuring the simple faith of Fred Rogers. We will watch a clip from the movie followed by a short discussion. The study will be drop-in friendly, so please join us when your schedule allows!

Lastly, our youth will be traveling to Tampa the afternoon of Sunday, June 2 and will return Friday, June 7 for our annual Mission Trip to work at Beth El Farmworker Ministry. Please keep our 11 youth and 3 chaperones (Jeff, Judy Grady, and myself) in your prayers.

Glory to God,

*Brooke Tucker
Director of Faith Formation*



happy birthday

| | | | |
|------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Carol Amsbaugh | 6/2 | Olivia Braxton | 6/15 |
| David Davenport | 6/2 | Ray Bonner, Jr. | 6/16 |
| Moira Hair | 6/2 | Joe Monaco | 6/16 |
| Judy Murgitroyde | 6/2 | Joseph Koenig | 6/17 |
| Peter Colgan | 6/3 | Kelli Jebbia | 6/19 |
| Wesley Davenport | 6/3 | Carol Corson | 6/20 |
| Wendy Rogers | 6/4 | Maggie Ferguson | 6/20 |
| Madison Bower | 6/5 | Don Shelton | 6/20 |
| Charles Bozman | 6/6 | Jane Gaulding | 6/22 |
| Diane Mettler | 6/6 | Daniel Faraj | 6/23 |
| Jeff Southmayd | 6/7 | Dina Hernandez | 6/24 |
| June Colgan | 6/8 | Lori Pfeiffer | 6/25 |
| Del Smith | 6/10 | Lindy Adams | 6/27 |
| Cathy Clark | 6/11 | Diane Matta | 6/27 |
| Steven Gioielli | 6/12 | Diana Mariano | 6/29 |
| Debbie Bonner | 6/14 | Frank Mento | 6/29 |
| June Carlson | 6/14 | Nikki Turner | 6/30 |
| Joan Zicht | 6/14 | | |

A Note from the Editor

Hi, everyone! I hope you enjoyed this issue of the Trinity Times! The deadline for content submission for the July Trinity Times is June 19, 2019. Please send submissions to trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com. Thank you for all you do!

Caity Campana



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

156 Florida Park Drive | Palm Coast, Florida 32137

(386) 445-4757 | www.trinitypresbyterianchurchpalmcoast.us