



Trinity Times

December 2019

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Trinity's Schedule

Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am
Christmas Eve Worship 5:00 pm



***"May the God of hope fill
you with all joy and peace
in believing, so that you
may abound in hope by
the power of the Holy
Spirit."***



Romans 15:13



Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Beebe, Transitional Pastor
Heasuk Che, Director of Music/Organist
Brooke Tucker, Director of Faith Formation
Lillian Warner, Director of Handbell Choir
Dana Mack, Church Secretary
Judy Grady, Administrative & Financial Assistant
Tommy Buonocore, Sexton

“Deck the Halls”

Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

Through the years this light-hearted carol never crossed my mind as having much theological significance, yet on this day as I am gathering my December thoughts, “Deck the Halls” presents itself for serious reflection.

Deck the Halls is a traditional Christmas, yuletide, and New Years’ carol. The phrase, *deck the halls* is derived from a well-loved Christmas song, entitled *Deck the Halls*. The song/carol takes its melody from the Welsh air *Nos Galan* which means New Year’s Eve, and dates at least to the 1500’s. The lyrics were written in 1862 by Thomas Oliphant, a Scottish musician. What we now often sing are a 1877 variation which made the song more appropriate (which is why I will now share the lyrics – source Wikipedia).

Deck the hall with boughs of holly,
'Tis the season to be jolly,
Don we now our gay apparel,
Troll the ancient Christmas carol,

See the **blazing yule** before us,
Strike the harp and join the chorus.
Follow me in merry measure,
While I **tell of Christmas treasure,**

Fast away the old year passes,
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses!
Sing we joyous all together,
Heedless of the wind and weather,



Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!

To deck the halls means to decorate for Christmas and to decorate is often to prepare for something which is to come. So as we prepare to celebrate what is to come, let us also give thanks to what has been and might we all *Sing we joyous all together!*

The late Ann Weems helps us now in our decorating, in our preparations as she has penned so eloquently in, “To Listen, To Look”.

Is it all sewn up – my life?

Is it at this point so predictable, so orderly, so neat, so arranged, so right,

that I don’t have time or space for listening for the rustle of angel’s wings or running to stables to see a baby?

Could this be what he meant when he said

Listen, those who have ears to hear ... Look, those who have eyes to see?

O God, give me the humbleness of those shepherds who say in the cold December darkness the Coming of Light the Advent of Love!

Session Briefs

At its Stated Meeting on November 18, 2019, your session,

- Noted the death of Mary Ann Clark on November 12, 2019.
- Approved removing Homer and Fawn Darbyshire from the membership rolls at their request.
- Heard the report from the Finance Committee concerning income and expenses. Expenses continue to be higher than income. Pledges are lower than they were at this time last year.
- Approved a dinner for new members (2019), on Monday, January 13, 2020. The congregation is invited.
- Noted that a church member has donated a Nativity Scene to be placed outside on the church property.
- Approved placing an ad in the Palm Coast Observer, listing church events during Advent and Christmas.
- Approved Resolutions of Thanks for Sharon Grussing for making the table decorations for the 40th Anniversary dinner; and to Tracy Martin for chairing the 40th Anniversary celebration; and to Ken Mettler and the Facility Care Committee for all their work sprucing up the building for the celebration.

Jane Pellmann

Clerk of Session



Congregational Meeting

At a Congregational Meeting on November 17, 2019, four elders and 8 deacons were elected. They are:

Elders – Class of 2022

Bob Mack

Ken Mettler

Bob Tabit

David Tiernan

Deacon – Class of 2021

Carol Graff

Deacons – Class of 2022

Paul Burkhart

Brenda Digby

Leisa Gardner

Eleanor Moore

Maudie Parker

Joyce Peters

Alison Reid

Deacon – Class of 2020

June Carlson

Current Elders

SESSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – 2019

Christian Education: Jennifer Kaczmarek

Congregational Care: Shirley Wilson

Congregational Life: Muriel Fallon

Facility Care: Lance Alred, Marc Hitchins

Finance: Karen Walker

Membership and Evangelism: Jane Lippian

Missions: Bob Swann, Bob Tabit

Nominations: Bob Tabit, Lance Alred

Personnel: Jason Wheeler

Worship and Music: Ken Mettler

Finance & Stewardship Update

Trinity Presbyterian Church		
Summary of Revenue and Expenses through October 31, 2019		
	2019 Budget	2019 Actuals
General Operating Revenue		
Operating Revenue		
Pledges	\$247,434	\$208,208
Unpledged	107,000	63,032
Plate Offering	6,000	5,962
Total Operating Revenue	\$360,434	\$277,202
Other Revenue		
Other Bank Interest	\$200	\$63
Facility Usage	1,600	1,747
Misc Operating Revenue	5,000	215
Columbarium Sales	2,000	1,763
Christmas Offering	6,200	35
Realized Gains/Losses	0	0
Total Other Revenue	\$15,000	\$3,823
Total General Operating Revenue	\$375,434	\$281,025
General Operating Expenses		
Missions	\$0	\$0
Christian Education	9,675	8,293
Worship	2,150	2,278
Music	1,150	4,169
Comm & Promotion	350	421
Stewardship	802	770
Congregational Life	250	-1,552
Facility Care	35,000	27,213
Insurance	29,644	22,712
Utilities	30,584	27,054
Office	18,346	15,342
Personnel	236,683	202,083
Presbyterian Commitments	9,700	8,067
Membership/Evangelism	100	-33
Miscellaneous	1,000	-5,291
TLC	0	-63
Total Operating Expenses	\$375,434	\$311,462
Restricted Fund Revenue		\$115,501
Restricted Fund Expenses		\$105,218
Summary Year-to-Date (Actuals only)		
Operating Revenue received less Operating Expenses paid		-\$30,437
Restricted Revenue received less Restricted Expenses paid		\$10,283
Total all Revenue received less Expenses expenses paid		-\$20,154

Key points:

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 October 2019.

- Total budgeted operating amount needed per month is \$31,286. Total operating revenue was \$22,321 for October and total operating expenses for October were \$31,466. Finance Committee reviewed 2019 revenue projections and have significant concerns that operating revenue continues to fall behind expenses. This has led to an \$11,629.65 uncommitted balance as of 10/31/19 in the Intracoastal Bank checking account to cover operating needs. To cover fixed costs only (defined as Personnel, Insurance, Utilities, and Office), **Trinity needs a minimum of \$26,271 in revenue per month**. Unfortunately, revenue received has been below that amount for the last four months. The Treasurer is ensuring funds are available to cover checks before signing.
- The committee noted that 2019 pledges are a little above 84% (favorable); however, the "Unpledged" line is significantly below (58.9%) the expected 2019 amount by about \$26,135. Comparing this same line to 2018 through October, the 2019 "Unpledged" amount received is about \$30,600 less than 2018.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the Finance Committee (Martha Gioielli [Treasurer], Bob Settles, Del Smith, Nick Jebbia, Bob Reid, Alison Reid, Bill Tate, Mick Walker, Judy Grady [Financial Secretary], Dr. Jeff Beebe) or Karen Walker, Moderator.

Finance & Stewardship Update

Stewardship Update

As we enter the Advent season, Trinity is developing plans and budgets for 2020. Trinity has been blessed for the last 40 years with many people who provided the vision and resources to build a church community that not only nurtures our parishioners, but also supports our local and global communities. During the months of October and November, the Finance/Stewardship Committee has been gathering information from the committees to develop a proposed 2020 budget for Session's consideration. An integral part of the budget process is the receipt of 2020 pledges from our members and friends. Historically, pledges have represented approximately 60% of the total operating income received. Pledge cards for 2020 were mailed in October and completed pledges were received on Sunday, November 10th during the 40th Anniversary Sunday service. Pledges can be 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.

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 29:14

Presbyterian Women Update

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

A warm welcome is extended to all women of the church to join us at the PW Christmas luncheon on December 4th in Mehaffey Hall. We will be having a wonderful presentation of Christmas at Thornwell by Amanda Rabe who is a graduate of Thornwell. Also on the agenda are the installation of officers and the signing of Christmas cards for our Trinity shut-ins.

Please come and join the fun and express your Christmas wishes to members who are no longer able to attend Trinity services.



- There are no Circle meetings in December. Meetings will resume in January.
- The PW Team gathering will be on December 4th at 10:00am in the Kepler Conference Room.

Christian Education & Youth Update

The Advent season is upon us. Advent is a time for waiting, a time for watching, and a time for opening our eyes to see God's presence all around us. Trinity has many opportunities this month to help open your senses to prepare for Christ's coming once again.

Our Advent Spiral will be located in the chapel during the month of December. You will find instructions on how to use the space to commune with God and will find a new prayer prompt each week to guide your experience. We encourage you to take time before worship, after worship or during the week to come in and spend time listening to God's voice and preparing your heart to celebrate the birth of Christ.

On December 1st, Trinity's Annual Advent Devotional will be available in the narthex for you to pick up and take home. For each day in December, leading up to Christmas Day, you will find a scripture verse, a personal devotion written by friends and family of Trinity, and a prayer. We pray that God will open your eyes and your heart to what He wants to show you through these verses and words. Thank you all who helped to make this year's devotional possible.

All are invited to join Trinity in our annual Christmas Caroling Event on Sunday, December 22nd. We will meet in the Trinity parking lot at 3pm (everyone needs their own transportation) and then spend the next couple of hours traveling to our homebound church member's houses and rehabilitation centers to spread God's love through song (no singing experience necessary ☺, you just need a warm smile). We will end the night by sharing a meal and fellowship at the Butler's home. Please email me (brookeerintucker@gmail.com) or call the church office to let me know if you will be joining us!

May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.

Blessings,

Brooke Tucker

Director of Faith Formation



40th Anniversary

DVD Slideshow

Enjoy seeing a brief history of Trinity in pictures and see photos taken at our 40th Anniversary. Order a copy of the 40th Anniversary slideshow today. Available in DVD or download versions. Only costs \$10. Forms are in the narthex and outside the office. You may drop off your form and money in the church office during hours, or mail it.

Deadline for orders is [December 12th](#).

Thank You!

The 40th Anniversary worship service and celebration was a milestone for Trinity Presbyterian Church. Many former clergy and church members traveled to Palm Coast to commemorate the day and honor original charter members. The work to organize and carry out the events was done by a dedicated group of volunteers and we want to thank them for their efforts. From Caity Campana who designed the invitation in March, to the 27 workers who showed up November 1st to clean the church interior, to the wonderful group of men who painted the church exterior including the gold cross on the roof!

History & articles - Del Smith, Carol Graff, Joan Morris, Shelley Kleinfelder, Libbie & Bill Butler

Photographer - Jennifer Kaczmarek

Reception - Congregational Life Committee

Dinner tickets - Wendy Rogers, Judy Murgitroyde, Joyce Peters

Decorations - Sharon Grussing

Raffle Item Artists - Kay James, Wendy Rogers, Mick Walker, Muriel Fallon

Parking - Peter Grady, Jason Wheeler, Lance Alred, Jeff Beebe

Correspondence - Jane Gaulding

Worship Order of Service - Julie Pearson, Martha Gioielli

Worship service music - Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir, Community Chorus, Heasuk Che

Handmade Anniversary Banner - Sandy Boland

Anniversary Booklet - Kelli Jebbia

Booklet Cover Artist - Teddy Winterheimer

Slideshow - Jeffrey Cooke

Event photographers - Paul Clement, Paul Burkhart

A special thank you to Paul Clement, event photographer (& Martha Gioielli's son!), who graciously donated his time and took wonderful photos of the day!

Green Room Ambassador - Shirley Wilson

Banner Display - Elayne Byrd

Trinity is indeed blessed by your service.

In Christ, Tracy Martin & Carol Corson



40 Years at Trinity

The Chrismon Tree

Chrismons are symbols, a combination of two words, Christ and Monogram, meaning a monogram of Christ. These were ancient symbols early Christians used to identify themselves and mark meeting places. They served the greater purpose of sharing faith and beliefs among the population.

A Chrismon tree is an evergreen placed in the chancel of the church during Advent. The evergreen tree symbolizes the eternal life Jesus Christ provides. The Chrismon tree is only decorated with clear lights and Chrismons made from white and gold materials. These are the liturgical colors of the Christmas season and refer to the Lord's purity and perfection and his majesty and glory.



Each Chrismon depicts ancient symbols for Christ and his ministry. Some of these include:

Alpha & Omega	Anchor Cross
Bell	Bible
Budded Cross	Burning Torch
Butterfly	Cup
Celtic cross	Chalice
Chi Rho	Christmas rose
Circle and triangle	Cross and crown
Cross pattee	Daisy
Dove	Epiphany star
Fish	Flour de lis
Harp	Jerusalem cross
Lamb	Lamp
Manger	Shamrock
Shell with drops of water	
Shepherd's crook	
Trumpet	

The original Chrismon tree in the Fellowship Hall with crafters, including Louisa Childs. (1981)

In 2009 a committee got busy stitching over one hundred of these Chrismons for our Trinity tree. Thanks to them, our tree graces the chancel and contributes to the spirit of worship. That committee included: Leisa Gardner, Cherie Gereau, Polly Hamel, Kathy Hatch, Queenester Jones, Gwen Levene, Anna Martin, Carol McGovern, Diane Mettler, Grace Nejaime, Jean Parish, Nancy Pearson, Harriet Richardson, Norma Rogero, Wendy Rogers, Edwina Tabit, and Karen Thomas. Come and look closely to these beautiful Chrismons.

Notes from the Music Desk



Join us for the sounds of the season

***“Glorious Sounds of Christmas” featuring the Chancel Choir
Sunday, December 8th at 10:00am Worship***

O, Come All Ye Faithful
Noël
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Carols for Advent
Away in a Manger
Noel, Noel
Tidings of Comfort and Joy
Joy to the World



***“Joyful Bells in Worship” featuring the Handbell Choir
Sunday, December 15th at 10:00am Worship***



Ring the Bells on Christmas Day
Go Tell It On the Mountain
Angels, From the Realms of Glory
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
Patapan
Angels We Have Heard on High
Hallelujah

***“A Celebration of Christmas Carols” with the Congregation
Sunday, December 22nd at 10:00am Worship***

Missions



" Thank you for supporting Boy's & Girl's Club.

*We are grateful to those in our community for investing
in our future leaders."*

This is just one of the missions your birthday donation supports in our community. Thank you for making this possible.



Light up a child's face this year by supporting
TRINITY'S ANGEL TREE

With the Christmas season, comes a great need in our community. A need that you can personally help diminish so easily as many children's lives will be touched by donations from our very own church. Please consider brightening someone's Christmas this year by purchasing a gift for a child in need from our Angel Tree. The Angel Tree is in the Narthex. Please select your Angel from the tree and write your Angel number, your name and your phone number on the sign-out sheet provided on the table.

Select your Angel between December 1st-12th. Return your gift to Trinity by December 15th for distribution.

Thank you for supporting this great need at this crucial time of year!

-- Your Missions Committee

Holiday Fair Thank You

This has been a very busy time in our church this year with Halloween, our wonderful 40th Anniversary, Holiday Fair and now Christmas.

I want to thank all of our chair people who always step up and do all of the hard work of setting things up. Carol Graf, Janet Schaaf, Judy Murgitroyde, Sally Smeaton, Tracy Martin, Joyce Peters and Bonnie Palatine. Tom Buonocore, our Sexton, is always there for us. Bill Boland, who is my second hand. All of the volunteers, including Sharon Grussing, Edwina Tabit, Marty Benz, Laurie Harrison, Elayne Byrd, Carol Corson, John and Shari Hildebrandt, Penny and Ron Weidner, Jane and Walter Lippian, Wendy Rogers, Judy Hennenlotter, Ann Lema, Kathy Link, Libby and Bill Butler, Pat Head, Ken Mettler and Kathy Burns.

A special thank you to all of our new volunteers: Tom Clark, Trudy Manen, Diane Mettler and Cindy and Don McCormick, Judy Grady, Karen Walker, Nancy Tiernan and Paul Burkhart. Dr. Jeff Beebe who was around to give us moral support, and he did.

Most of all I want to thank all of our generous donors and buyers who we could not have done it without them.

THANK YOU ALL!

Sandy
Chair



Thank you from the Bakery Booth

I want to thank my workers, Shari Hildebrandt, Wendy Rogers, Judy Hennenlotter and Penny Weidner for their help in my bakery booth. Also a huge thank you to Kathy Burns for taking over when I had to leave early and for taking down my booth. Many thanks to all the bakers that contributed food and those that contributed money. I couldn't have done it without all your help.

-Sally Smeaton, Chairperson of Bakery Booth



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 are available in the narthex. Please submit your orders on or before December 8th. Thank you!



Membership Potluck Dinner

Save the Date!

Church wide Pot Luck Dinner

Monday, January 13th at 5 pm in Mehaffey Hall to acknowledge the new members of 2019.

Chancel flowers for Sunday morning Worship

Don't forget to sign up for chancel flowers in 2020!
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!



Eagle Scout Project request

My name is Bryson Leopold and I am working on my Eagle Scout project with Troop 281 here at Trinity Presbyterian Church. For my project, I am building 2 glass trophy cabinets which will be located in the Fellowship Hall entrance. They will have lights and be hand-crafted to match the oak doors in the Fellowship Hall. After they are completed, I hope to display all Eagle Scouts in Troop 281, as well as various awards and items from the church. Most importantly though, I hope to showcase the partnership between the church and scouting through these cabinets. I am currently fundraising for materials, and the cost estimate for both cabinets is \$1,300. Please consider helping me reach my Eagle award and I thank you for your consideration. GoFundMe Link (Ctrl + click to follow link):



The Community Chorus of Palm Coast

Presents

Holiday Concert

Friday, December 6, 2019 • 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 8, 2019 • 4:30 p.m.

Performed At

Trinity Presbyterian Church

156 Florida Park Drive • Palm Coast, FL 32137

www.communitychorusofpalmcoast.com

SEATING IS LIMITED. Please Visit
www.communitychorusofpalmcoast.com
For Details On Getting Complimentary Tickets!

(Contributions Accepted By CCPC)

Funded in part by a grant from the City of Palm Coast





In Memoriam

Elder Mary Ann Clark – November 12, 2019



Daisy Davey	12/1	Louisa Childs	12/11
Hailey Tucker	12/1	Ken Robinson	12/11
Bill Campbell	12/3	Margaret Best	12/12
Ellie Hodson	12/4	Dianne Bradley	12/13
Colin Earle	12/5	Sabrina Rampersad	12/15
Daina Cannon	12/6	Leslie Russo	12/15
Susan Thomas	12/6	Doris Valenti	12/17
Karen Stickle	12/7	Rebecca Bower	12/18
Jim Burns	12/8	Lorrie Blue-Angle	12/20
Peggy Evleth	12/8	Brenda Digby	12/21
Sue Pope	12/8	Becky Reynolds	12/21
Gloria Scandariato	12/8	Ray Tipton	12/22
Joe Shull	12/8	Bella Kaczmarek	12/24
Lillian Warner	12/8	Arnold Lema	12/24
Lisa Hammond	12/10	Liz Monaco	12/28
Dave Martin	12/10	Michele Peters	12/29
		Karen Walker	12/29



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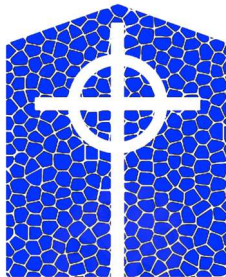
The church works hard to keep us all up-to-date with all the goings-on here at Trinity Presbyterian Church. If you have any difficulty, the church office can help. Call Dana or Judy at (386) 445-4757. They can even arrange for the Times to be mailed to your home!

A Note from the Editor

Hi, everyone! I hope you enjoyed this issue of the Trinity Times! I wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope that the holiday season brings you peace and joy.

Please note: the deadline for content submission for the January Trinity Times is December 18, 2019. Please send submissions to trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com. Thank you!

Judy Grady



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