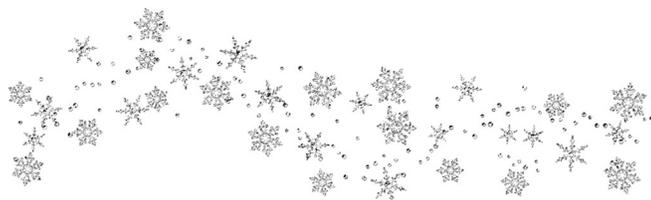




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### Trinity’s Schedule

Sunday School 9:00 am  
Worship 10:00 am



*“For surely I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”*

*Jeremiah 29:11*



### 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

# *“Out and In”*

Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

Often when one makes a change these words are said, “Out with the old, and, in with the new.” As we begin this new decade, now seven (and counting) for the one who writes this day, much is behind us, and much to be thankful for. Looking back, I believe, is always helpful as we begin anew. Much of what we have held on to and yes, much of what we have let go of helps us move forward to what is to come. The 70’s musical Godspell, introduced “Day by Day” (perhaps it could’ve been titled, “Year by Year) which gives us the thoughtful lyrics:

**“To see Thee more clearly.**

**To love Thee more dearly.**

**To follow Thee more nearly.**

**These three things I pray.”**

As a community of faith, we ask for the eyes to see, the ears to hear, and the hearts and minds to understand. These three things we pray would help us as we journey “Day by Day” alongside one another and alongside the God who was and the one who will be.

As we begin this new year 2020 might our prayer be:

***To see Thee more clearly. To love Thee more dearly. To follow Thee more nearly.***

This begins with a renewed vision. As a community of faith, Trinity Presbyterian Church of Palm Coast, perhaps this is where we should start:

***Trinity is called by God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to be a worshiping, nurturing and serving community.***

As a community of faith, made up of believers, our vision rest in what we believe to be true because, *in life and in death we belong to God.* Our vision is a result of what we have seen, what we have heard, and what we have come to understand. And from our seeing we are better able to love and to follow.

As we begin with the new once again might we be encouraged to **be inwardly strong**, and **outwardly minded**, and **upwardly focused**. We can be assured that as we *see Thee more clearly*, and *love Thee more dearly*, and *follow Thee more nearly*, that inwardly, outwardly, and upwardly we might well be a *worshiping, nurturing and serving community*.

**“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”**

2 Corinthians 5:17

# Session Briefs

At its Stated Meeting on December 16, 2019, your session,

- Received into active membership Andrew Gosztyla, by Re-affirmation of Faith.
- Approved removing Frank and Margaret Ferguson from the membership rolls at their request; also Doug and Jill Garrison, also at their request. Both couples have moved from the area.
- Approved removing 60 church members who have not been in worship for a number of years; they did not respond to a letter asking if they wish to remain on the membership rolls.
- Heard a report from the Finance Committee concerning income and expenses. Session was reminded that current expenses exceed income. This will be communicated to the congregation with hopes to increase 2019 revenue.
- The Finance Committee presented, and Session approved, a budget for 2020. Members will be encouraged to reconsider their giving for 2020 so that financial obligations can be met.
- Noted that giving to the Birthday Offering for Trinity's mission projects is behind.
- Approved the formation of an Administrative Committee, which will serve as the focal point for the administrative activities of Trinity.
- Approved Resolutions of Thanks for Lillian Warner and the Bell Choir for their music; to Edwina Tabit for her many years on the Christian Education Committee; and to Peter Grady for donating his time installing the new audio-visual system in Mehaffey Hall.

Jane Pellmann

Clerk of Session



# *Current Elders & Deacons*

## 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

## BOARD OF DEACONS (effective January 1, 2020)

### Class of 2020:

Mimi Baruch

June Carlson

Carol Corson

Nancy Cumming

Pat Head

Beth Hermans

Tricia Rampersad

### Class of 2021:

Barb Donahue

Carol Desiderio

Wendy Earle

Ginny Elgin

Kelli Jebbia

Tracy Martin

Julie Pearson

### Class of 2022:

Paul Burkhart

Brenda Digby

Leisa Gardner

Eleanor Moore

Maudie Parker

Joyce Peters

Alison Reid

# *Finance & Stewardship Update*

**Stewardship Update:** We want to thank all of you who have so generously provided time, talent, and treasure in support of Trinity Presbyterian Church and its ministries. As the end of the year draws near, our hope is to close or narrow the gap that remains between what has been pledged so far and what is still needed to allow us to realize Trinity's goals. Any extra boost you can give to these efforts is greatly appreciated.

**Year-End Finance Information:** The IRS requires that books for 2019 be closed on December 31. Make sure your donation is postmarked by December 31 in order for it to be applied to your 2019 annual contribution statement. You may also transfer ownership of stocks, bonds, or mutual fund shares to Trinity. Marketable securities are a great way to maximize your giving, because you receive an immediate income tax deduction for the full fair market value of your securities. In addition, you pay no capital gains tax on the difference between your cost and the fair market value. Please contact Martha Gioielli or Judy Grady for further instructions.

**2020 Budget:** The Finance Committee recommended and the Session approved an operating budget of \$324,658, based on the 2020 pledges received through December 9<sup>th</sup>. This represents a \$50,776 decrease from 2019 provided below with hopes that increases can be made.

Trinity Presbyterian Church 2020 Approved Operating Budget Summary December 16, 2019		
Operating Account Title	2019 Approved Budget	2020 Approved Budget
GENERAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$375,434	\$324,658
Missions Expense	\$0	\$0
Christian Education Expense	\$9,675	\$9,071
Worship Expense	\$2,150	\$1,070
Music Expense	\$1,150	\$0
Communication & Promotion Expense	\$350	\$0
Stewardship Expense	\$802	\$560
Congregational Life Expense	\$250	\$0
Facility Care Expense	\$35,000	\$0
Insurance Expense	\$29,644	\$25,454
Utilities Expense	\$30,584	\$31,684
Office Expense	\$18,346	\$3,491
Personnel Expense	\$236,683	\$242,954
Presbyterian Commitment Expense	\$9,700	\$8,224
Membership/Evangelism Expense	\$100	\$150
Miscellaneous Expense	\$1,000	\$0
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$375,434	\$322,658
Operating Revenue minus Expenses	\$0	\$2,000
Restricted account budget for Parking Lot Maintenance per Session Parking Lot Maintenance (31050)		\$2,000

# Finance & Stewardship Update

Based on the 2019 operating revenue received through November (Chart 1) and the historical pattern of the last six years (Chart 2), the Finance Committee felt it was necessary to drastically reduce the operating expenses. The last time Trinity's operating revenue received exceeded its expenses was 2012.

Chart 1

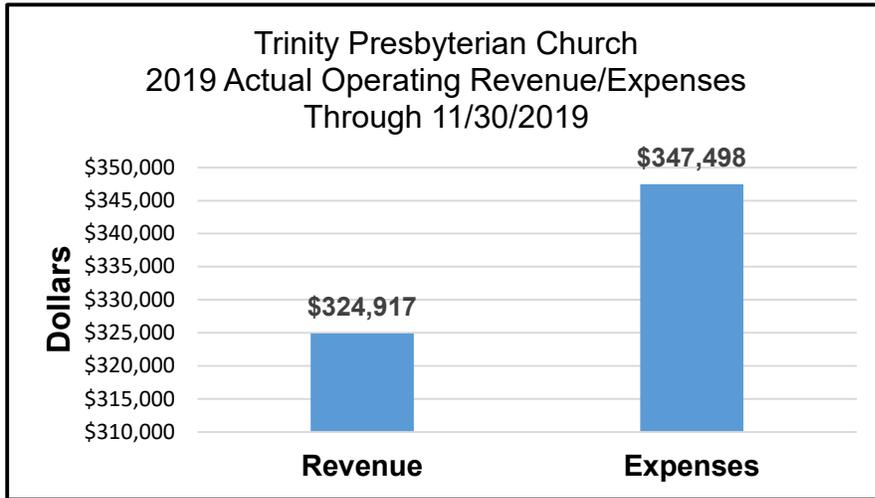
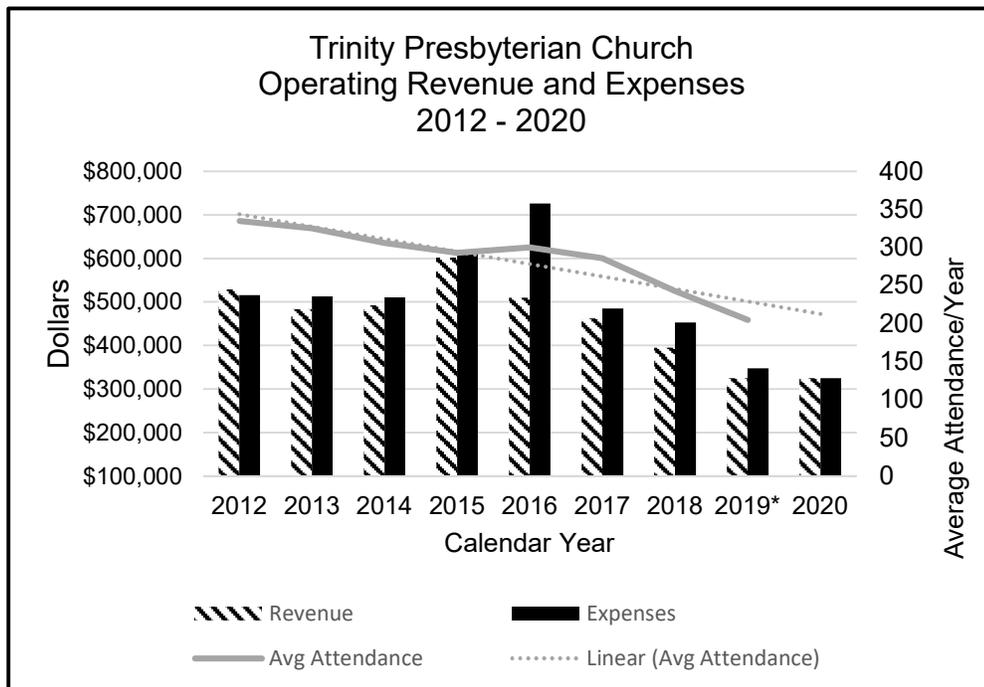


Chart 2



\* Through November 2019

# *Finance & Stewardship Update*

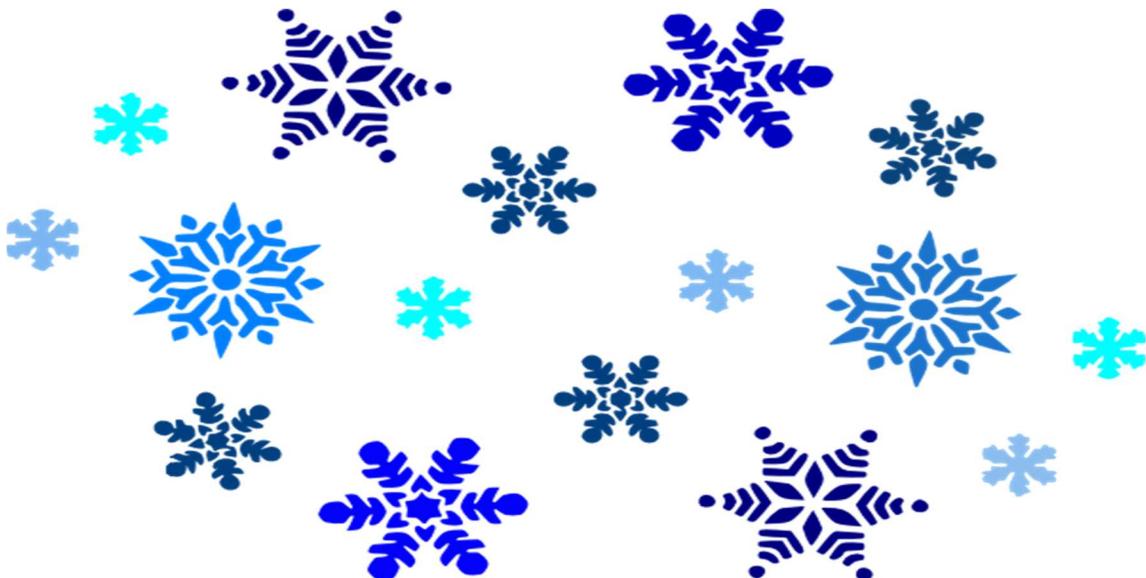
Trinity Presbyterian Church's mission, as approved by Session, states the church is called by the Holy Spirit, to be a worshipping, nurturing and serving community. While Session remains hopeful that December giving will result in a positive outcome for 2019, Session members will meet with the Finance/Stewardship Committee in early January to discuss ways to address the significant 2020 budget issues. Your prayers during this time of discernment and decision-making are greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact anyone on the Finance/Stewardship Committee or the Session with your questions/concerns.

## **2020 Per Capita and Envelopes**

You may remit your per capita contribution by paying \$10 for the year for each adult or confirmed youth in your household/family, using the special envelope designated "per capita" that came with your offering envelopes, or simply by writing "per capita" on the memo line of your check. The \$10 will cover the per capita per person as well as the printing of the offering envelopes, which costs about \$500 per year.

As you know, the presbyteries, synods, and General Assembly of our Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) annually make assessments that, in our presbytery, total \$8.95 per active member. Our session is committed to paying the full assessment (\$4,224.40) for all the members on our roll because we treasure our relationship with the wider church, and the congregation benefits when members contribute their share to the whole.

Why do we pay this assessment known as per capita? Because we value our Presbyterian heritage and identity. As a congregation, we derive many material benefits from our Presbyterian association. At the General Assembly level, these include the oversight of preparation for ministers and the mechanisms for calling new ministers, the maintenance of the wonderful Presbyterian historical collection in Philadelphia, the biennial meeting of the General Assembly, resources ranging from training for ruling elders to building connections with ecumenical partners around the world, and so much more. But it is not these benefits alone that make us so deeply committed to the per capita offering. It is our shared sense of our Reformed heritage and our Presbyterian identity that compels us to take our covenantal relationship with the whole Presbyterian family so seriously.



# *Presbyterian Women Update*

## JANUARY 2020 CIRCLE MEETINGS

2020 Love Carved In Stone, A Look at The Ten Commands

By Eugenia Anne Gamble

Lesson Four : Honor the Life-givers.

**FAITH CIRCLE** will meet on Wednesday, January 15th at 1:00pm, at the church, in the Kepler Conference Room; Joan Morris will be the study leader.

**MIRIAM CIRCLE** will meet Wednesday, January 15th at 10:00am at the home of Lois Settles (36 Egret Trail; 437-4494); The Study Leader will be Laurie Harrison.

**REBECCA CIRCLE** will meet on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the home of Shirley Wilson (94 N Lakewalk Drive; 597-77860); Martha Gioielli will be the study Leader.

**MARY & MARTHA CIRCLE** will meet on Wednesday, January 8th at 6:00pm, at the church, in the Kepler Conference Room; Jennifer Kaczmarek, will be the study leader and Anne Byrne will be hosting.

Please note that these bible study meetings are open to all women, so please feel free to visit any one, or all, at the scheduled meeting time and place.



The next PW board meeting will be held on Tuesday January 7th at 10:00 am.

The Bible Study Leaders will meet with the Pastor on Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

# *Christian Education & Youth Update*

Isaiah 55:12 “You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace.”

Happy New Year! I am reminded of this verse from Isaiah when looking towards 2020. No matter where this year takes us, we will go out in joy and be led forth in peace because Jesus is king.

Youth and Families, we will kick off the New Year with a Bonfire at the Tucker’s home Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm. Bring a dish to share and bring your thoughts about what we want to accomplish in 2020! Regular weekly youth meetings will resume Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Souper Bowl Sunday is coming up soon! Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> is Souper Bowl Sunday. Start collecting those BOGO Publix deals so that we can score a touchdown for hunger by collecting 100 yards of food! Put down on your new calendar to bring in dry goods/canned goods/and your \$1 on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>!

I don’t know how you feel about New Year’s Resolutions, but I came across this quote and it spoke to my heart:

“We do not draw people to Christ by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.” Madeleine L’Engle

Let His light shine in this New Year.

Blessings,

Brooke Tucker

Director of Faith Formation



# Missions



"Your generosity continues to amaze and bless us. It is because of people like you, that Whispering Meadows Ranch can continue our programming for the special needs community".



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

## Potluck Dinner

Join us on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm for a church wide Potluck Dinner in Mehaffey Hall hosted by the Congregational Life and Membership/Evangelism Committees. The event is to recognize the new members of 2019 and enjoy fellowship with all members.

Congregational Life and Membership/Evangelism will provide the meat, beverages and desserts. Please bring a covered dish to share. Sign up in the narthex before and after services on 1-5-2020.



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## Notes of Thanks

Words cannot express our appreciation for the support from Trinity members during my recent recuperation from surgery and rehab.

We miss the church family and look forward to visiting in the near future.

With many thanks!

-Jan & Bob Roberts



Thanks for your concerns, prayers and written expressions of support during my recent surgical procedure.

As a result of your support, you gave me the will and the strength to recuperate satisfactorily.

God's richest blessings,

*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!



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Alice Dralle	1/1	Helene Read	1/13
Julio Martin	1/1	Mary Batailo	1/17
David Richardson	1/1	Kari Dutton	1/17
Dennie Eidson	1/3	Gary Peters	1/17
Charles Walker	1/5	Bob Swann	1/17
Jennifer Kaczmarek	1/6	Polly Hamel	1/18
Donna Guerin	1/8	Jody Dutton	1/19
Janet Schaaf	1/8	Bob Wright	1/19
Marguerite Barrett	1/9	Brittany Gynizio	1/23
Sean Hair	1/9	Martha Eastman	1/24
Leo Richards	1/9	Madison Matta	1/25
Walter Sarden	1/9	Charles Ako-Addo	1/26
Diane Simmons	1/10	Nancy Cumming	1/26
James Cannon	1/12	Malcolm Melester	1/26
Trevor Tucker	1/12	Ron Simmons	1/27
Rich Gaulding	1/13	Wanda Moening	1/29
Ellie Mikkelsen	1/13	Jay Jones	1/30
Arvid Olson	1/13		



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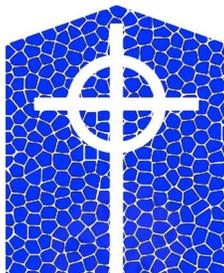
*A Note from the Editor*

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

Please note: the deadline for content submission for the February Trinity Times is January 22, 2020. Please send submissions to [trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com](mailto:trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com). Thank you!

*-Judy Grady*

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