

# Trinity Times Fall 2021

## Stewardship is "Running the Race"

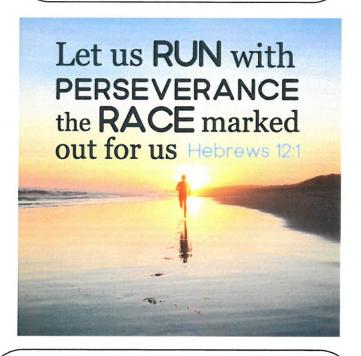
The "race" theme for Trinity's annual campaign comes from Hebrews 12:1-2 which states: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely [or: sin that easily distracts], and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The oldest form of human athletic expression is running—I suppose running kept us alive in the wild, fleeing danger or chasing down a meal. Running is the most ancient form of athletic competition. Here are some obvious aspects: the equipment needed is minimal (the ancient Greeks actually ran in the nude). The playing field is simple—a start and finish line. And the rules are readily understood—get from start to finish as fast as you can! And, unless we have an accident or a genetic disorder, most everyone has had the experience of running (William C. Pender).

Our Annual Stewardship Campaign, "Running the Race", will start on Sunday, October 3, 2021 and will end on Sunday, November 16, 2021. During the "race" we can anticipate a course, complete with twists and turns, that will lead to the campaign finish line where we, the members and friends of Trinity Palm Coast, will cross together as we celebrate where we've been and anticipate where we are being called to use the many gifts and abilities we have been given.

Join us for Worship!
Sundays at 10:00 am
In-person and Live Stream at
trinitypalmcoast.org

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00am - 12:00



### Church Staff

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

## "Seasons of Change"

Wait! What? I'm once again receiving the Trinity Times? Absolutely! We at Trinity Palm Coast are excited to bring the Fall Edition of the Trinity Times to our members and friends. Our hope is that the Trinity Times will help you, and others, connect with the members and friends of Trinity Palm Coast in and through the ministries of God's Church here at the corner of Florida Park Drive and Palm Harbor Parkway. Trinity Palm Coast seeks to be a worshiping, nurturing and serving community of faith here in this place and truly, across the ends of the Earth. Within this edition of the Trinity Times not only will you be reminded where Trinity Palm Coast has been, but also, many opportunities to be a part of where Trinity Palm Coast is headed in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead. Trinity Palm Coast celebrates 42 years of ministry this Fall. The past two years have given us many moments to consider where we've been, where we are, and where we're headed, individually, and as a community of faith. We have had to quickly adapt to the challenges we've faced, not only as a congregation, but also a community, a nation, and in the world in which we live. With this said, we can be grateful that we are part of faith tradition that believes, not only that God is faithful, but also that God's mercies are new every morning, every day, of every week, month after month, and year after year. The change of seasons reminds us of this as we are reminded of the old, the things of the earth grow strangely dim, fading away and the new brought forth in the light of His glory and grace.

As you, the members and friends of Trinity Palm Coast welcome the new season and what it might bring take a moment to give God thanks for Trinity's Staff and the many volunteers who have adapted to the opportunistic challenges to help you stay connected during these trying times.

We look forward to continuing to journeying with you as we strive to be **inwardly strong**, **outwardly minded**, **and upwardly focused** in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead.

Journeying Together in Faith,

Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

#### Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? There's light for a look at the Savior, And life more abundant and free!

#### Refrain:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace.

- 2. Thro' death into life everlasting, He passed, and we follow Him there; O'er us sin no more hath dominion--For more than conqu'rors we are!
- 3. His Word shall not fail you--He promised; Believe Him, and all will be well: Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell!



## Faith Formation

Hi all! I am excited that after a long hot summer, fall is finally here and we have so many great things going on here at Trinity!

We kick off October by celebrating World Communion Sunday.

"When we participate in communion, we come to our own places of worship, drink from the cup, and eat the bread provided by our own churches. But Jesus tells us that every time we take communion, we also connect with him and everyone else gathering for communion. Within this ordinary act of our regular lives, we glimpse the Heavenly banquet where all will sit at one table together. On World Communion Sunday, we recognize and celebrate that while we may show up to different churches on Sunday mornings, and while we may come from different traditions and even live worlds apart, we are still one family bound up together in the love of Christ. World Communion Sunday is about acknowledging our identity as one family. As a family, we are called to share what we have with each other, care for one another, and be in relationship amid our differences." (2019 Illustrated Ministry, LLC)

Following this page, you will find a World Communion Coloring Page. I invite you to print it out and take some time coloring the page. Spend some time thinking about the diversity and unity within the body of Christ. Think about how you individually bring diversity to Trinity and think about how us as a congregation can work towards creating a lasting culture of welcome and hospitality to all here at Trinity. We would love to have you bring in your finished creations to worship on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> as we celebrate World Communion Sunday.

October also means that our Annual Pumpkin Patch is back! The patch will be open Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, October 31<sup>st.</sup> How can you help? Sign up for a shift of volunteering at the pumpkin patch!

And that's not all!

We are also having our Annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5pm-7pm in the church parking lot! Trinity's Trunk or Treat provides families in the community with a safe place to trick or treat without any worry about traffic and safety. We hope you can join us for a fun, festive night! Cars must be parked by 4:45pm in order to participate. Sign up to participate in the Trunk or Treat by going to

www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548A9A628A2FC1-trunk or call the church office at 386-445-4757.

I haven't made an "official" announcement yet, but as I expect most of you know by now, the Tucker family is excited to welcome a new member into our family in October. We will be growing from a family of 4 to a family of 5 with the blessed addition of a new baby boy. We have been surrounded by so much support, love, prayers, and many many gifts during this time. Thank you all for making us feel so loved. We are excited to bring a new Presbyterian into this world and into this loving church family. That being said, I will be taking a couple of weeks off when our newest family member arrives, but am looking forward to jumping right back when we get settled on our feet and I have no doubt that you all will continue the great work here at Trinity in my short absence!

Finally, we know Christmas is just around the corner and the Christian Education Committee is once again excited to put together an Advent Devotional full of your stories about faith, hope, joy and love. We would love to have your contribution. Look for more information on how you can participate by finding Kelli Jebbia's article in this edition of the Trinity Times and get started writing today!

Blessings,

Brooke Tucker, Director of Faith Formation

## Trinity's Annual Pumpkin Patch



October 10th-October 31st

Monday-Friday/Sunday: 1pm-7pm

Saturdays: 9am-7pm

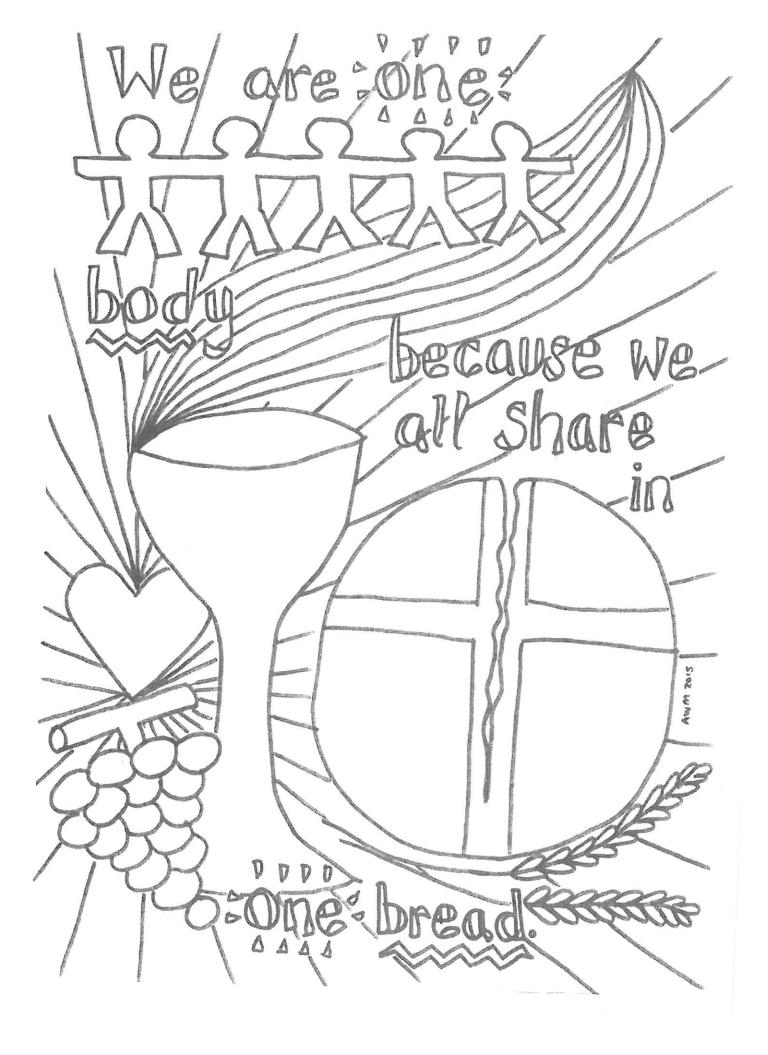
Pumpkins for purchase, mini maze, games, and tons of photo opportunities!

All proceeds go towards our Summer Youth Mission Trip!

To volunteer go to:

www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548A9A628A2 FC1-trinitys

Or call the church office at 445-4757



## Trinity By the Numbers

As of the end of August, 2021, eight months of the year has gone and the Finance Committee is happy to report that through your generous pledges and gifts, and the incredible management of the budget by the elders and their committees, we are doing okay! We have received \$215, 466.99 in pledges and gifts, a PPP2 loan of \$27,500, and a \$5,000 estate gift for a total of \$242,966.99 in revenues. Please remember another way to support Trinity is through gifts of investments. Our BB&T account is set up to accommodate your donations of stock or mutual funds, or contribute to an endowment fund. Just call Judy in the office for the numbers you will need to direct your gift. Over and above the budget, a generous \$10,000 gift specifically given to support our technology in the sanctuary will enhance the new ways we are learning to connect with our members, friends at home, and others on-line.

The Spirit is moving in multiple ways at Trinity leading us to find new opportunities to connect with each other and share God's love. The pandemic has given us pause to reexamine our ministry and look for where God is leading us. While not included in the operating budget, our Outreach and Service Committee (whose money is generated through the Birthday Fund and earnings on investments) has been reviewing our current outreach ministry and exploring additional projects to support. They have supported our ministries outside our walls year to date with \$4,600 over and above the budget. During their September meeting they decided to send a \$2,500 donation to Grand Canyon Presbytery where our sister congregation in Chinle, AZ is located. They have been hit by COVID hard and have specific needs.

We have also been good stewards of our resources as we maintain our buildings and grounds. The Facility Care Committee is always working to maintain our

facility often unseen. Please notice the two windows in the reception area. They have been replaced with double paned, tinted windows to reflect the heat and reduce visibility of the office area. The broken window in Kepler has been replaced. The lighting in the Narthex and restroom area has been updated with new fixtures and LED lights. Even as we continue to sanitize daily in the used rooms, weekly in the sanctuary, maintain our roof, plumbing, electrical, etc., we have held our expenses to \$249,205.78 year to date. Our expenses are \$6.238.79 over our revenues for the year. Considering we adopted a deficit budget of about \$65,000, we are in a good place. So together with your generous giving and our leadership's responsible oversight of the budget entrusted to them, we can Praise God here in this place! We invite you as we enter Stewardship Season to prayerfully consider how you can participate in the work of the Spirit as we support God's work here at Trinity.

Thank you! The Finance Committee

## Obsering of our Gifts

Please continue to give your offering. God calls us to give all of who we are, and all of what we have used in and thru the Church. So let us present our lives. Let us present our gifts unto God. Contribution baskets are available before and after the service or offerings can be received in the Church by mail or you may utilize online banking options at <a href="https://www.trinitypalmcoast.org">www.trinitypalmcoast.org</a> or by scanning the QR code here:



## A Service of Witness to the Resurrection For All The Saints

Thursday Evening, November 4, 2021

Trinity Palm Coast Sanctuary 6:00 PM

In early Christian tradition, saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death — his or her "birthday" as a saint. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs (particularly due to the persecution of Diocletian) that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown. All Saints' Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the whole people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm (PCUSA).

Together we will remember those who members of the community of faith who have died, especially those who have died during the past two years, as many were not able to gather to remember lives lost and to give thanks. The service will be live-streamed for those not able to attend.

## TRINITY'S TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>
5pm-7pm
Join us in Trinity's Parking lot
for a fun, safe Trick or
Treating Experience!



Games, candy, music, and lots of fun!

Interesting in bringing your trunk and handing out candy?

Sign up by going to:

www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548A9A628A2FC1-trunk

Or call the church office at 386-445-4757.

If you would like to donate candy or prizes, there is a bin in the narthex to collect your donations!



OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

So much is going on in our country and in our world... hurricanes, fires, flooding, earthquakes.
Out of Chaos, Hope.
Please give where you can. https://pda.pcusa.org/



## Handbell Choir Review

Since Covid-19 started in our community, the Handbell Choir had to reduce the number of ringers that could ring at one time from 11 or 12 to just 6 ringers. Two groups of 6 were formed and each group played once a month for quite some time. We were happy to contribute to our Worships Services in this way. We are now able to add two more ringers making 8 playing at one time. Ringers will all have an opportunity to play and the choir will ring just once a month. We have no music available for just 8 ringers, so I am busy arranging new music with a more rounded sound and looking forward to the day when the full choir will once again be able to ring.

There is something we need help with and maybe YOU are the one who can do it! Every Sunday morning right after worship, the handbell tables have to be moved into "playing position" in the sanctuary. It only takes a few minutes and your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me or Ken Mettler, the church office or any member of the Handbell Choir and volunteer your services.

The Choir dedicates our music to God's Glory and prays that everyone who hears and sees the bells and chimes will receive a blessing and inspiration whether in the Sanctuary or on the Internet. We thank you for your help.

Lillian Warner Trinity Handbell Choir Director



Sanctuary Flowers are a lovely opportunity to honor, celebrate or memorialize loved ones as well as celebrate a special occasion.

The cost is \$35 per arrangement.

To place an order notify the Church office. Orders need to be placed 2 weeks in advance of preferred Sunday and payment is required prior to the order being sent to the florist.

## Worship and Music Committee

The Worship and Music Committee of the Session meets monthly to review various support functions pertaining to worship and to assist the Pastor with worship for the benefit of those in the pews and those livestreaming.

Some of the things the committee has been working on.

- Developing plans for the Vesper Service series with dates and times to be announced.
- Developing plans for the Session approval regarding the Advent Season and Christmas Eve. Details will be announced.
- Continuing with the installation of the Sanctuary Projector and Screen project. A specific, generous gift was received and Session approved the project.
- Memorial gifts money will enable the purchase of two additional Hearing Assist units so that there is a total of 5 available.
   There is a current demand for this number and more will be obtained if the demand increases.
- The Sanctuary, Chancel and Narthex are fully sanitized each Saturday for the well being of the congregation worshipping on Sunday morning.
- Heasuk is developing and implementing the music program for each Sunday and working on the music plans for the Advent Season and Christmas.
- The announcement for the Poinsettia's for Advent/Christmas will be made soon.

On behalf of the Committee: Ken Mettler, Chair.
Committee members are: Dr. Beebe, Heasuk Che,
Jane Pellmann, Kay James, Leslie Russo, Judy Spurrell
and Penny Weidner.

## Letter from Music Director

According to CDC guidelines and Presbytery regulation of the Pandemic; social distancing, and congregation singing limit, the full choir has not been allowed and even wind instruments were not allowed. All we could is 7 -9 members and recorded hymns and anthem with Mr. Jeffrey Cooke and Mr. Ken Mettler who have been volunteering as we scheduled for recording. Thank you so much to you two.

In this time I give special thanks to our handbell director, Mrs. Lillian Warner and all the ringers who were pleasingly volunteered all through the pandemic years which has made our service richer.

As the church has decided to open for In Person service, music has been gradually open to, ladies small summer choir in August and solos, duet, and small choir who has felt comfortable to sing in September for Sunday service.

Despite of all the factors above, we have been so good to be patient.

Now upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas, I am planning once a month: small choir, solos, instrumental solo, organ and piano duet, and handbell choir playing. Among us I am recruiting a young girl, Madelyn to sing this season.

Thanks to those who participated as a small choir: Lillian Warner, Barbara Davis, Carol Corson, Kathy Link, Norma Rogero, Judith Spurrell, Julie Pearson, Jody Dutton, Robert Wright, Bob Sanders, Leslie Russo, Martha Gioielli and Priscilla Cahill.

Thanks to those who sing a solo and duet: Julie Pearson, Jody Dutton, Judy Spurrell, Jason Wheeler and Madelyn May.

Thanks to Instrumentalist Jillian Koenig and Jack Jeffe. I am looking forward to working with you all furthermore.

Thank you, Heasuk Che, Music Director/Organist

## Session Briefs

At its Stated Meeting on September 20, 2021

- Noted the deaths of active members Elder Hawley Rogers on August 20, 2021, Peggy Evleth on August 21, 2021, and Elder and Deacon June Carlson on September 9, 2021
- Approved a request from AL-ANON for the use of a room for a small group on Friday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00pm.
- Approved a request from AA District Council to hold a meeting in Mehaffey Hall on Saturday, December 11, 2021 from 11:30 to 3:00.
- Approved an updated Personnel Policies and Procedures Document.
- Approved updated Agreements of Employment for paid staff.
- Year-to-date Operating Revenue is approximately \$4700 above budget and Operating Expenses approximately \$20,500 below budget.
- Approved an All Saints Celebration of Life Memorial Service for those who joined the Church Triumphant during the pandemic.
- Approved Christmas Eve Services for 4:00pm in the sanctuary, and 6:30pm at the Barn at the Agricultural Museum.

Jane Pellmann Clerk of Session

#### **Adult Bible Study**

The Christian Education Committee wants to know if you would be interested in an Adult Bible Study?

If this sounds like something you would be interested in joining, please email Brooke brookeerintucker@gmail.com or call the church office to let the committee know that this is something you would like to participate in!

## Service & Outreach Committee

The Service & Outreach Committee would like to thank our congregation and friends of the church for the support given to our mission partners through our church in Palm Coast, Florida.

The Service & Outreach Committee's purpose is to develop an effective mission that identifies pressing human needs, locally, nationally, and worldwide, and finds ways for church members to respond to Christian concerns through financial and volunteer commitments.

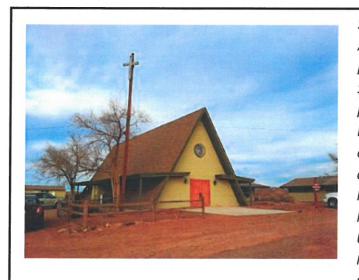
Your birthday money contributions to the *Birthday Mission Fund* helps 5 mission partners in Flagler County. They are: *Mandeville Life Skills Center* for mentally and physically disabled adults, *Old Glory Dogs 4 Vets* provides rescue dogs, training, support and certification to military veterans, law enforcement and fire/EMS persons who needs a certified service dog to reclaim their independence, *Boy's & Girl's Club of Flagler Co.* who provide after school programs for over 200 children, *Whispering Meadows Ranch* who provide rehabilitation for physically and mentally disabled via equine therapy, and the *Family Life Center* who operate a temporary safe house for persons and families that are victims of domestic violence or abuse.

For over 17 years the *Family Food Program* has provided monthly food vouchers to an estimate of 170 families in Flagler County. Harris IGA in Bunnell, FL is a valued partner in making this mission succeed. The food vouchers offer temporary assistance to families over a 6-or-12-month period. The \$125 voucher is restricted to food items only.

The Service & Outreach committee has a revived focus and outreach to TPC's sister church in Chinle, AZ. Trinity Presbyterian Chinle, AZ serves the Navajo Nation in the Grand Canyon Presbytery. They have immediate needs, and your donations will make a great difference.

The new Service & Outreach Bulletin Board and On-Line Contribution links make it easy for you to engage in helping all our mission partners through Trinity Presbyterian Church. Utilization of the Time, Talent, and Treasures bulletin board in our Narthex gives you creative ways to help locally, nationally, and worldwide. Please check it out and USE IT!!

With Gratitude, Kelli Jebbia S&O Committee Co-Chair



Since 2003 Trinity Palm Coast has called Trinity Chinle,
Arizona our "Sister Congregation". We continue
partnering in ministry and have recently contributed
\$2,500 to assist with facility care. These funds were
provided in and through Trinity Palm Coast's Birthday
Fund. Trinity Presbyterian Church in Chinle, Arizona, is
one of 10 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) churches or
chapels in the sprawling Navajo Reservation. The Navajo
Nation includes 27,425 square miles of land, which makes
Navajo the largest American Indian Reservation in the
United States. Approximately 173,677 people live in the
Navajo Nation. TPC Chinle is part of the Presbytery of the
Grand Canyon.

## Deacons work with their flocks

Upon becoming a Deacon, they are given a list of members of the church. This is the Deacon's flock to watch over and care for. This flock could be from 8-20 people. The Deacon will send out their introduction letter introducing themselves to their flock. A magnet is enclosed with this letter to put on their fridge for easy access to contact the Deacon.

The Deacon will send birthday cards, anniversary cards, Easter cards, Christmas cards, get well cards, thinking of you cards, sympathy cards and any other type of card that fits the situation to their flock.

The Deacon will contact the flock members by calling them periodically (once a month, if not more). The Deacon will email the flock members or text them. The Deacon may even stop by for a visit. These are all ways for the Deacon to stay in contact with their flock members. It is noted that many times the Deacon does not get a return call when leaving a message. This is not unusual. We will always find a way to stay in contact with our flocks.

The Deacon has a Response Sheet and they keep track each month on this sheet of how they kept in touch with their flock members. This Response Sheet is turned in at the monthly Board of Deacons meeting.

The Board of Deacons meets monthly, the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 5:30. It is strongly encouraged that the Deacons attend the monthly meeting to stay apprised of what's going on.

Brenda Digby Deacon Moderator



#### Being a Deacon

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry. (The PC(USA) Book of Order)

## Transformed and sent forth

In the final portion of the Directory for Worship, in the section titled "Ministry of the Church in the World," we find these words, including Philippians 2:9-11: "In worship the church is transformed and renewed, equipped and sent to serve God's reign in the world. The church looks for the day 'when every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.'" As we plan, lead, and participate in the worship of Reformed Christians, may this always be so.



#### Being an Elder

Being Presbyterian elder is a high calling, a unique opportunity to offer servant leadership to the congregation, and an experience of spiritual growth. The Presbyterian Church Book of Order defines the role of a ruling elder and the qualifications of those called to serve in this capacity.

The Book of Order states that ruling elders, together with teaching elders (pastors), exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. (The PC(USA) Book of Order)

Individuals who undertake particular ministries including ruling elder, should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world. (The PC(USA) Book of Order)

The congregation through a nomination and election process identifies candidates for the office of ruling elder. During a two-year term, Elders usually have the opportunity to work in more than one area of the church's life so that they may learn and grow in understanding through their service.

## Elders & Deacons

#### **SESSION**

Class of 2021:Class of 2022:Lance AlredCarol CorsonKathleen CookeMartha GioielliCarol GraffKelli JebbiaMarc HitchinsKen MettlerJenn KaczmarekLeslie RussoJudy MurgitroydeShelley Wheeler

#### **BOARD OF DEACONS**

Class of 2021: Class of 2022: Colleen Connors Paul Burkhart Barb Donahue Bill Butler Wendy Earle Donna Decina Patty Edwards Brenda Digby Ginny Elgin Leisa Gardner Ruth Gordon Cyndy McCormick Tracy Martin Maudie Parker Julie Pearson Joyce Peters Michael Peters Alison Reid Shirley Wilson Jan Roberts Joye Woods Marlene Williams

## Officer Nominations

Congregation Nominating Committee (CNC) is looking for Trinity members interested in serving as Elder or Deacon for the class of 2024. You may nominate yourself or another member you think would be a good candidate. Nomination forms are available in the Narthex, Church Office or on our website.

### Come see the new books in the Church Library!



The Church Library can be used any time the church is open. Simply use the self check-out system... Just fill out the card in the back of the book and put it in the box on the desk.

#### Advent Devotional Writers Wanted!!!



The 2021 Advent Devotional theme is "CLOSE TO HOME". The devotional needs 27 stories from YOU, our congregation, and friends of TPC. This gift to you helps make the Advent Season more meaningful through scripture, testimony, and prayer. Please be part of our annual gift from our, and to our, congregation.

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, signup will begin outside the church office. All you need to do is select one of the bible verses printed for you OR choose your own, meditate on your message/testimony and write it down, choose/write a closing prayer, then pick which date in this year's Advent season for your story to be read. How easy is that?!

Since our last Advent season we, the people of Christ, have had many experiences that are testimonies to God's great love. You sharing your story can only deepen the love and comfort that is felt from being God's people. Thank you for being part of another meaningful Advent Season.

In Christ,

Hailey Tucker

Kelli Jebbia, 2021 Advent Devotional Coordinator

## Scouting Update



Hello, Trinity Presbyterian Church. This is Jason Wheeler, Scoutmaster for Troop 281. I wanted to give you all a brief update on what is happening with Pack 281, Troop 281, and Troop 4281.

Our Cub Scout Pack continues to be the largest in Flagler County with 95 Scouts. Cubmaster Drew Hardesty and his volunteer leaders have done a tremendous job providing local youth from the ages of 5-10 a quality experience. Of course, with growth comes challenges, especially over the past 18 months. The Pack has been evenly split so not everyone attends in person each week. Our adult leaders have been very flexible in finding off-site trips and meeting sites when they are not meeting at Trinity.

Troop 4281 is our Girls Scouts BSA Troop. They have doubled in size since forming a little more than a year ago, and they are expecting additional members in January. It has been a joy to see that group grow from three to six and start planning events just for them.

Troop 281 has produced two additional Eagle Scouts over the past couple of months. Both Bryson Leopold and Jacob Schichtel earned the rank of Eagle, Scouting's highest honor. We have a busy year ahead of us, which will culminate in attending summer camp at Camp Raven Knob in North Carolina.

There have been many units across Flagler and Volusia Counties fold over the past two years. We would not be in the strong position we are without the continued support of Trinity Presbyterian. Your Pack and Troops will continue to look for additional ways to support Trinity, our charter organization.

Yours in Scouting, Jason Wheeler Scoutmaster, Troop 281

## Presbyterian Women

#### CIRCLE MEETINGS - OCTOBER 2021

"WHAT MY GRANDMOTHERS TAUGHT ME"

by Merryl Blair

Lesson 2: Tamar

BOARD MEETING: October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in

Mehaffey Hall

MARY & MARTHA: October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Kepler Conference Room - Nancy Cumming, study leader

MIRIAM CIRCLE: October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in Mehaffey Hall – Evelyn Clickard, study leader

FAITH CIRCLE: October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in Kepler Conference Room - Millicent Peart, study leader

REBECCA CIRCLE: October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am in Mehaffey Hall – Shirley Wilson, study leader

STUDY LEADERS: Meet with Dr. Beebe – Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – 1pm-2pm in the Calvin Room

The Bible Studies are open to all women so feel free to visit any one or all at the scheduled meeting time and place.

#### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING

Thursday, October 14, 2021, 5:00 – 6:30 pm in Mehaffey Hall

**Guest Speakers:** 

Daryl Mullee – PW Moderator from the St. Augustine Presbytery Greetings from St. Augustine Presbytery and

Sue Bickings, CP of the Board of Directors for the Sheltering Tree

Sue will share information with regards to the Sheltering Tree programs in assisting the homeless population in Flagler County.

#### Pressing needs for the Sheltering Tree:

- ♦ Individual soft chewy snack packets
- ◆ Canned pasta, e.g. ravioli with pop top
- Small sizes of hygiene products
- ♦ New or gently used backpacks
- Sport bras
- ♦ Large size men's tennis shoes/sneakers 13-15

## The Importance of Marys and Marthas

BY HILLARY MOSES MOHAUPT

Ijoined my little Presbyterian church on the same day as another younger woman. Matthia and I both are medium sized and blonde; we both wear glasses and keep our hair short. In an aging congregation we stand out as young women who attend church without our spouses and without children in tow.

After we had gotten to know each other and the church, we joked we were each miniature versions of two older women who are pillars of our little church—one woman is the church's creative force, the other the church's default operations manager.

In Luke 10:38–42, sisters Mary and Martha entertain Jesus in two very different ways. While Mary sits at Jesus' feet, listening to his words, Martha stays busy, presumably with tasks that will make Jesus' visit comfortable. Preachers and theologians often point to Mary's example—she's the one who's dropped everything to listen to her Lord—but John Buchanan once said in a sermon, "Martha remaining in the kitchen while Jesus is in the living room suggests that doing everyday, mundane work, not just sitting in church, may very well be the very place where you meet God."\* I prefer this notion that getting things done is one way to serve God.

Matthia and I embody the classic Mary versus Martha ways of serving the church. Matthia loves to tell the children's story during worship and concocts memorable announcements for major church events. She sings in the choir, makes elaborate and delicious treats for coffee hour, and creates delightful raffle baskets for an annual Sunday School event. I took part in a strategic outreach committee, organized the church's extensive historical records, spearheaded a fundraising initiative that involved running in Delaware's running festival, and chaired the stewardship committee.

So you could say Matthia's a Mary in our congregation, just like the older woman in our church who thinks creatively. And like the default operations manager, I'm definitely a Martha—if Martha ever thought to organize a running team.

Despite our differences—perhaps because of them—Matthia and I have become good friends. Soon after we joined the church, the Nominating



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Hillary and Matthia, who embody 1
Corinthians 12:4's "variety of gifts, but the same Spirit," encourage and support each other in their distinct ways of supporting the church.

Committee asked Matthia to serve as a deacon and me to serve on Session. We were ordained and installed on the same day.

In addition to being fulfilling for both of us, our friendship has come in handy over the last several years—especially as our fellow congregation members frequently forget which one of us is which. Matthia and I have honed a number of ways to deal with this kind of confusion. We laugh at it, because we both know I have no business telling a children's story during worship and she'd hate serving on another committee. We both know it takes all kinds to keep our little church in working order, and we could do worse than to be confused with another young mover and shaker in the church.

Hillary Moses Mohaupt is an elder at Hanover Church in Wilmington, Delaware.

#### Note

\* John Buchanan, "Distracted," www.fourthchurch.org/sermons/2010/062010. html



## Membership Spotlight

Trinity celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Bill and Sandy Boland in July. Thank you to Sandy for creating and donating a harvest themed welcome banner for the church.





## **HOLIDAY FAIR 2021**

The Trinity Holiday Fair is back this year!

Saturday, November 6th, 8am-4pm

It is time now to find the treasures you want to bring to the sale. Watch for details on when you can bring your items to the church. It will be a little closer to the sale date.

Now is a good time to sort through the jewelry box for items to sell at the jewelry booth. You can bring jewelry now and place these items in the boxes in the narthex.

All Proceeds will benefit Presbyterian Disaster Relief.









## Baked Goods Needed

Baked products are needed for the bakery table at the Trinity Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 6th. We need <a href="Homemade">Homemade</a> (no store bought please</a>) candy, small cakes, cookies, pies, bars, quick breads, yeast bread or rolls, low sugar items for diabetics and anything that can be sold at the bakery table. <a href="Items">Items</a> can be dropped off to the church on Friday,

November 5th or by 8am Saturday, the 6th. Label the food item as to exactly what it is and if contain nuts. Everything needs to be <a href="wrapped well or bagged">wrapped well or bagged</a>. Thank you for your support. Any questions call Sally Smeaton@ 386-447-4137

## Ways to Serve



#### **Sanctuary Guild**

#### Routine weekly duties

- Fill candles (Please handle candles with gloves provided or soft towel)
- Clean Communion Table
- Change paraments as needed-color chart is posted (White for Communion)
- Post Hymn numbers
- Dust furniture in worship area and Wilson Chapel as needed
- Polish candlesticks, vases, cross as needed (Wilson Chapel as well)

#### **Special Duties**

- · Assist with seasonal flowers as needed
- Assist with Christmas/Easter decorating as needed

#### **Questions/Concerns**

Contact Judy Spurrell-Ph#386-264-0070 or Email- judyspurrell@hotmail.com

NOTE: Please arrange for a substitute for any assigned time you may be unavailable

Thank you for serving

We would love to have you join our team



#### **Communion Preparation**

As we look into the future and the possibility of resuming normal communion services, we are looking for a couple of teams of volunteers to prepare the elements before the service and other teams of volunteers for clean-up after the service. This would involve being available on alternate months.

Please look into your heart and help with this important part of our Church community and getting back to our 'new normal'. You can call Dana in the Church office (386-445-4757) or Kay James (386-439-4995) with your name and phone number and which volunteer position you would like and we will get back to you as our plans move forward. Many thanks in advance for your help.

-Kay James and Leslie Russo for the Worship & Music Committee



#### Sunday morning opportunities for volunteering

- Open Church and prepare for Worship
- Soundboard
- Camera for Live-Stream

Contact anyone on the Worship Committee or Church Office.

Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. Such involvement includes:

- proclaiming the good news in word and deed,
- taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,
- lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,
- studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
- supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
- demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
- responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,
- living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
- working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,
- caring for God's creation,
- participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and
- reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

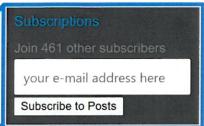


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## A Note from the Editor

Hi, everyone! I hope you enjoyed this issue of the Trinity Times.

Please note: the deadline for content submission for the Winter Edition is **November 9, 2021**. The Winter edition will cover the Advent Season and the New Year, including the months of December, January and February. Please send submissions to <a href="mailto:trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com">trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com</a>. Thank you!

-Judy Grady



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