

Trinity Times Lent-Easter 2024



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Sundays at 10:00 am In-person and Live Stream at trinitypalmcoast.org

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00am - 12:00 noon

Holy Week at Trinity

PALM SUNDAY

March 24th 10am Worship

JOIN US IN PERSON OR ONLINE!

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28th 6pm Worship

GOOD

Guided
"Journey to the
Cross" Prayer
Walk
Friday March
29th 12pm

FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION

Games, crafts, story time and egg hunt Saturday March 30th 4pm-5:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday March 31st

8:45am-9:45am Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

10am Worship in the sanctuary with choir and handbells

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The Annual Report for 2023, including the 2024 Budget is available online at https://trinitypalmcoast.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2023AnnualReport.pdf or use the QR Code:



Making Our Way – Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

Family of Faith, Life and Ministry is a journey of transitions, whether expected or unexpected, planned or not. This is life, and this is ministry as we move from here to there, side by side, with those whom God has connected us with as our journey proceeds. Our "Church Year" moves rather quickly as it seems as soon as we experience Advent/Christmas that the Epiphany is upon us and then, with perhaps a deep breath, or for some, a gasp of air, we are invited to make the Lenten journey once again. As with any season, Lent/Easter provides us with many opportunistic challenges. For many years I have kept the phrase, "expect the unexpected," in the back of my mind, which has proved useful on more than one occasion, as many of the opportunistic challenges were far more than I could have ever hoped for or imagined. We are reminded of this as we read Ephesians 3:20.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

Life is a journey. Ministry is a journey. As we ask for the eyes to see and as we ask for the ears to hear often what we come to understand through our hearts and minds, as well as, from the understandings of those who journey alongside us, is not what we expected or planned to happen.

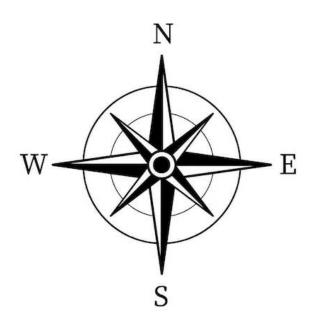
From time to time, I mention the late Henri Nouwen, who in the remaining years of his ministry, chose to journey with those with special needs. At a point in his ministry, Nouwen received this blessing by his spiritual mentor.

"May all your expectations be frustrated, may all your plans be thwarted, may all your desires be withered into nothingness, that you may experience the powerlessness and poverty of a child and sing and dance in the love of God who is the Father, Son, and Spirit."

As we make our way through the season ahead might truly "expect the unexpected" and allow God to work in and through each of our lives and our life together so that, we might be reminded of the route planned for our journey, as the prophet reminds us in Jeremiah 29:11.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Might we have an unplanned, unexpected Lent/Easter season!



The give-and-take of Lent

<u>Theological Education</u> February 14, 2017 - **Preparing our hearts for resurrection**

Editors | Presbyterians Today This article originally appeared in the January/February 2017 issue of <u>Presbyterians Today.</u>

A Q & A with Michelle Bartel – Coordinator of Theological Education and Seminary Relations for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We use the season of Lent to prepare our hearts and minds for the mystery of the resurrection. But we all do that differently. Some churches place ashes on the foreheads of worshipers on Ash Wednesday; others don't. Some "lock up" their "Alleluias" until Easter morning, others host a weekly fish fry, and still others hold special midweek justice or outreach programs. We decided to ask one of our theologians about the meaning and practices of Lent.

PT: What is Lent?

MB: Lent is a Christian season of practice, celebrated by some Christians



though not all. It's not a prescription for holiness, but an invitation to relationship. Lent has its roots in the very early church, with some of those roots in preparation for baptism. During Lent the Scriptures remind us of God's expectations for Israel, Jesus' temptation in the wilderness and his journey to the cross.

Lent is still a mystery to me. I wasn't raised Presbyterian, and didn't become one until I was 16. Plus, I grew up as a nondenominational evangelical Christian and lived in a rural area with a large Catholic population. This meant the most popular Lenten practice was the local fish fry.

Since many Catholics traditionally give up meat on Fridays during Lent, they eat fish—and invite the community to join them. The practice has spread to Protestant churches as well. For some areas, Google even has a fish fry map that features local gatherings.

But the fish fry isn't just about giving up meat. It's also about taking on the practice of being in community as people gather over a meal.

PT: Why do we celebrate/observe Lent?

MB: Lent is a time for us to focus on Jesus and our Christian discipleship. What does it mean to follow the One who lived, died and rose from the dead for our salvation?

Lent is a chance for us to practice, every year, focusing on God in Christ. We remember God as immersed in earthly life with our earthly practices.

One of the most common Lenten practices is fasting. This can mean giving up certain foods or habits like expensive coffee or cigarettes and donating the money to helping others. One of the questions we must ask is: Are we practicing the fast God calls for? Is it a fast that reminds us to love God and love neighbors as ourselves? Are we focused on God's work and Jesus' ministry to the poor, vulnerable, oppressed, sick and lonely? Are we practicing love, kindness, justice and mercy?

By fasting, we practice denying the self not just for the heck of it or to drop 10 pounds, but for the purpose of shifting our attention to Jesus. It's a question of vision, of focus. Are our hearts curved in upon themselves, or are our hearts open to God?

But Lent is not just about fasting, or giving up something. It can be about taking or adding something. For some, Lent can be a time of adopting a new practice. This can mean engaging in walking prayer, Bible study or some other active habit that trains us in a certain direction and focuses us on Christ.

PT: How many days is it, anyway?

MB: Lent is 40 days long, from Ash Wednesday to Easter Saturday. But if you count the days on the calendar, that's more than 40. That's because Sundays are excluded. They're considered "mini-Easters," since they're the day of resurrection. So, no fasting on Sundays!

PT: Is Lent biblical?

MB: As with many Christian practices, the fruitful question to ask is: Is it biblically based? Is "Lent" in Scripture as a word or as a church practice? No. But it is biblically based. Our call to justice and mercy runs throughout the Old and New Testaments, as does the practice of fasting. Jesus teaches what he learned, that to love God is to love neighbor.

The give-and-take of Lent:

Lenten practices can be about giving things up or taking things on. In either case, the point is to draw closer to God as Jesus draws nearer to the cross.

Giving up

-Certain foods

-Habits

-Gossip

-Television

-Social media -Swearing Taking on

- -Community building
- -Daily Bible reading
- -Prayer
- -Serving others
- -Delighting in God's gifts
- -Appreciating creation

PT: Should everyone observe Lent in the same way?

MB: Actually, I don't think "should" is the right word. We are called to do what we do together as a people, a community, a congregation, so we practice Lent together. But even though we practice it together, we do so as individuals. Each person in the group may not be called to do the exact same thing.

For example, someone like a busy mom, who is always giving of themselves for others, might be called to revel in the gifts God has given them, rather than give up even more. Another person who depends on the service of others may be called to reverse that role through the Lenten season.

PT: Some people give up chocolate or other things. Why?

MB: To be a disciple requires discipline. Discipline is intended to help us practice how to follow a teacher or a teaching. How do we change our habits? By practice. The practice is not learning how to give up chocolate. Instead, giving up chocolate can help us practice channeling our energy and actions toward and for God.

I am known for my chocolate habit. So, for me, it might be a good practice to give up chocolate for myself, but to keep it with me for others. That way, I would practice loving my neighbors, as Jesus taught me to do. That may seem trivial. But if one is really committed to it—thinks about it daily, prays about it daily—is it trivial? Or does it help us to open our hearts to God by opening them to others? Some of the most spiritually significant moments in our lives are mundane.

What if, for Lent, you took up the practice of five minutes of looking at the sunrise in the morning, and sunset in the evening? Considered the way in which God takes you from morning to evening and morning again? It can be easier to remember God's presence with us in the golden-pink colors of sunrise and sunset. That's a gift. It's also a gift from God that the sun is rising and setting even when we can't see it because it is blocked by clouds, snow or fog. We give things up or take on practices because we need to learn again and again that we live and move and breathe and have our being in God.

PT: One account told about people who drink nothing but beer during Lent. Why?

MB: There are records of monks fasting during Lent, giving up all food. To sustain them—in the times of unhealthy water—they would drink beer, or liquid bread. Beer had nutrients, including carbohydrates, needed for survival. Honestly, this is not a fast I would attempt these days without supervision from a health professional.

Of course, if you are going to seriously fast from food or water for 40 days of Lent, I strongly encourage you to share that plan with a health professional you trust.

PT: Should we eat less chocolate or drink more beer? What's a good Presbyterian to do?

MB: The fruitful question to ask is: What am I called to do during Lent, as a faithful Christian? Being a "good Presbyterian" will tend to focus our energies on fitting a measure that doesn't keep us focused on God. That's a temptation for us: Who decides what a good Presbyterian is?

But as Presbyterians we are called to dwell in Scripture, to be immersed in it. To let the words, poetry, images, commands, stories and hymns seep into our hearts and imaginations. During Lent, Presbyterians can deepen their Presbyterian spirituality and Christian discipleship by sitting with Scripture so that we intensify our efforts to focus on the living God in Christ, to whom Christians bear witness.

My suggestion for a Lenten practice is to sit with Scripture every day. Open your minds and hearts to God, so that Jesus himself can teach you what it means to be his disciple. It may be that giving something up or taking up a new practice would help that focus.

And, in any case, keep one another in prayer. The season of Lent draws us to focus on Jesus Christ. Who was born, lived and was crucified—and then raised from the dead—for us and for our salvation.



Ash Wednesday Worship Service, February 14th at 12:00 noon.

Ash Wednesday is a day of solemn assembly that is built right into the church year. It is a fast day, a day of mourning for our sin and the sin of all humanity before God, a recognition of our mortality save for the grace of God and a request that the Lord remember our creation and breathe new life into our burned-out, dusty lives once more.









Finding Our Way

An Adult Bible Study – Sunday Mornings Before and After Worship February 18 – March 17, 2024

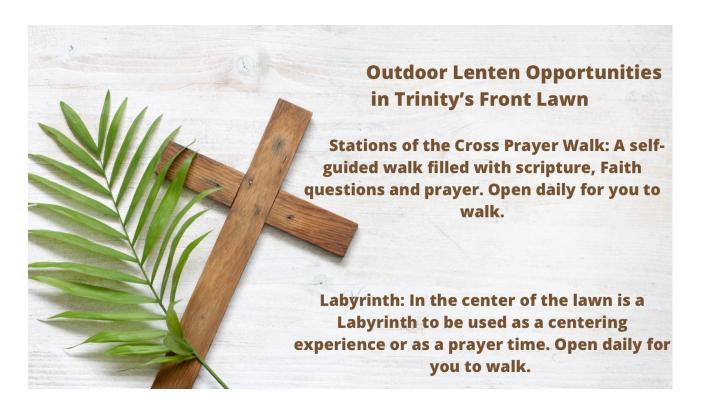
This Lent, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

As we were studying Peter's faith journey, the lyrics of "Come Thou Fount" came to mind. It's as if Peter himself wrote this song. Like many of us, Peter has a wandering

heart. His journey is not polished, or linear, or perfect, but he is always tethered to the love of God.

In this series, we want to affirm that faith is a constant journey of steadfast pursuit, one that ebbs and flows. We want to affirm the ways Peter keeps going: he drops his nets, he walks on water, he runs to the empty tomb, he swims to the shore to meet the risen Christ. He keeps searching and yearning and loving, even after missteps or mistakes. Ultimately, in Peter's story, we are reminded that God loves imperfect people—in fact, time and again, that's precisely who God claims and calls.

This Lent, we will look for ourselves in the stepping stones of Peter's story. We will reflect on the stages of our own faith journeys as well as who and what has shaped us along the way. As we wander, let us tune our hearts to sing God's grace. May we rest in streams of mercy, never ceasing.



The Labyrinth at Trinity Presbyterian Church

The labyrinth is an ancient spiritual tool that allows participants to walk with God on a simulated journey of faith. While a maze has tricks and dead ends, a labyrinth has only a single path leading to its center.

As you follow the winding pathway to the center and back out again, allow yourself to clear your mind and open yourself to God's spirit with an open heart and an open mind.

During Lent, we will once again have our Labyrinth located in the front grass lot. We invite you to come whenever you wish to have a quiet moment to walk with God.

Tips for walking The Labyrinth

PREPARE - Pause at the entrance to the labyrinth and sit quietly for a bit to reflect. Take time to slow down, to provide yourself with the space and peace necessary for the journey.

BE YOURSELF - Allow yourself to be yourself. Walk naturally, neither hurrying nor plodding along. Travel at a comfortable pace so you can concentrate solely on your thoughts.

BE OPEN - As you walk towards the center, pray for release of your fears, distractions, and resistance. Let go of worldly concerns and be open to the leading of the Spirit.

BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS - You may not be alone in the labyrinth. Be aware and considerate of others walking there. You may nod to others or you may find yourself in deep meditation. The labyrinth can be a powerful tool, both individually and communally.

HONOR THE SITE - While the labyrinth itself is complete, the stories of those who journey it are not. You are welcome to leave a memento of your walk, but please do not remove anything from the labyrinth or surrounding area. Yours is just one story among many unfolding in Trinity's labyrinth.

EVERY EXPERIENCE IS DIFFERENT - You may have a powerful experience or feel nothing at all. This will vary with each walk of the labyrinth. Whatever your experience is: listen to your heart, take stock of the journey, and do not get discouraged.

Enjoy the journey.



One Great Hour of Sharing

In Isaiah 58, the prophet exclaims, "Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in" (Isaiah 58:12). As the people of Israel returned from the cloud of exile and struggled to rebuild their lives, Isaiah questioned their efforts: [Are you not called] "to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them?" (Isaiah 58:7).

Then in Matthew 25, we hear Jesus calling to us, "For I was hungry and you gave me food ... I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing. ... As you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:35–40).

Isaiah and Jesus are making an important theological point: faithfulness to God causes us to find solutions that will mend broken things— broken lives, broken

spirits, broken hearts, broken relationships—things that happen to all of us throughout our lives.

When we give to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering on Easter Day, we are combining our efforts with those across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to repair peoples' lives — people who are hurting, broken, oppressed, lost or on the margins of society. The exact people about whom Isaiah and Jesus are speaking. The people we are called to connect with every day, but especially in the light of the Good News of the resurrection.

We invite you to visit the OGHS website (<u>pcusa.org/oghs</u>) to find all sorts of information on how your gift helps people all over the world and offer prayers for those who will receive monetary support through this offering. Small changes which, when added together here and around the globe, make huge differences in the lives of our siblings in need.

Easter Flower Sale

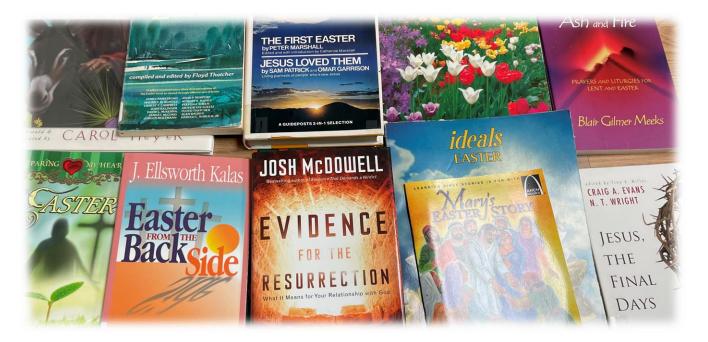
Easter Flowers, lilies and mums, are available for purchase again this Easter season!
This is a wonderful opportunity to honor and remember loved ones.





Order forms will be available in the Narthex or outside the Church office from March 3rd-17th. The price is to be determined, but order early as supplies are limited. Thank you!

Library News



Visit the Library for these Lent and Easter Books:

Preparing My Heart for Easter by Ann Marie Stewart (242.35 STE)

Easter from the Back Side by J. Ellsworth Kalas (242.36 KAL)

Evidence for the Resurrection by Sean McDowell (232.97 MCD)

The Miracle of Easter by Floyd Thatcher (263.1 THA)

The Easter Story by Carol Heyer (232.9 HEY)

The First Easter by Peter Marshall (263.93 MAR)

Ideals Easter (263.1 IDE)

Season of Ash and Fire by Blair Gilmer Meeks (264 MEE)

Mary's Easter Story by Eric Bohnet (JF ARC)

Jesus, the Final Days by Craig A. Evans (232.96 EVA)

Invitation letter from the Trinity's Music Director

You are invited to join the Trinity's Chancel Choir. Men, (we are desperately in need of men) women, teens, kids, and handbell choir. No tryouts needed. Just bring the joy of singing and making beautiful music to praise our Lord. Any instrumentalists are also always welcome to work with me.

- Chancel Choir practice is held on Thursdays, 6:00 -7:00 pm in the choir room.
- Youth Choir: Mondays and Thursdays, depending on your availability, 5-5:30 pm in the choir room.
- Kid's Choir: Sundays at 11:00 am in the choir room
- Handbell choir meets Mondays from 9:30 -11:30am in the Sanctuary.

We are responsible to make a joyful noise to serve and glorify God using the talents He has given.

I cannot believe it is the 11th year of my serving as a music leader at Trinity. It is an immense honor and gratitude for having me as your servant. Music ministry at Trinity attributes to all participants' teamwork. It is essential to set realistic goals and work towards achieving them. I could not have existed without you. All I do is to support you to share your gift and time for serving God.

Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir have always been taking a vital role during Sunday worship.

It is impossible to understand how many hours they are dedicating behind the scenes. Their endeavor is greatly and immensely appreciated.

Kids and youth have been striving to enhance our worship service. Thanks to the families for cooperating with my arrangement to make it possible. Seeing the youth and kids grow brings us sufficient rewards.

Jack Jeffe plays viola in a versatile way of dedication and is appreciated.

On Palm Sunday and Easter Resurrection Sunday, we all will feature special music.

The upcoming concert "To Praise God's Creation" will be held on Sunday, April 21st at 4 pm. The concert will feature handbells, piano, vocalists, and instruments.

Thank you for your love and support. Respectfully, Heasuk Che, Music Director/Organist

Worship and Music Team Notes

As we move forward into 2024, we strive to assist with providing a welcoming, nurturing, serving Worship experience for all who come through our doors.

The following members are faithfully serving this committee in various capacities as follows:

- Pastor Jeff Beebe-Pastoral adviser
- Jane Pellmann-Team Leader-Lay Readers and Communion Servers
- Delmont Smith-Team Leader-copyright compliance
- Marti Benz-Team Leader-Ushers, Greeters, Communion Element preparation
- Kay James-Team Leader-Communion Elements, communion setup and clean up
- Penny Weidner-Team Leader-prayers and support person
- Heasuk Che-Team Leader- Music Ministry-Organist, Choir Director
- Judy Spurrell-Worship & Music Elder-Team Leader-Sanctuary Guild

We would welcome new members. If you are interested, please speak to any committee member.

Let us be reminded to be "Inwardly Strong, Outwardly Minded and Upwardly Focused" as we continue to build and nurture community here at Trinity.

To God Be the Glory, Judy Spurrell Worship & Music Elder

Leadership Retreat

We are particularly excited to be holding a Leadership Retreat on Sunday, February 18' 2024 immediately following Church until approximately 5pm at the Hilton Garden Inn Banquet Room. Lunch will be provided. All who have served as Elders or Deacons are invited to attend. More detailed information will follow. Pastor Jeff Beebe, along with Lay Pastor Jean Meredith will be co-leading the Retreat.

Trinity Finance News

Financial Update (As of 12/31/23)

	Annual	Budget	Actual	Variance
	Budget	YTD	YTD	YTD
Total	\$340,750	\$340,750	\$330,948	(\$9,802)
Revenue/				
Income				
Total	\$340,750	\$340,750	\$332,026	(\$8,724)
Expenses				

Due to your generous giving and careful spending by all of our staff and committees, Trinity finished 2023 in good financial condition. As you know, we had a staff vacancy for part of the year. We also had many committees that did not spend their entire budgets. While the numbers above show that our revenue was \$9802 under budget, Session chose not to use \$10,000 of investment returns for revenue. At the end of the year, Session also chose to spend some money for a few long-term needs, such as cleaning and waxing our tile floors. Overall, Trinity ended the year with expenses \$1078 (0.3%) higher than revenue. Thank you for your continued financial support for all of our important Trinity missions.

If you have any questions about Trinity finances, please contact one of the elders on Finance Committee: Martha Gioielli or Laurie Harrison.

2024 Stewardship and Annual Budget

As of 1/4/2024, we have received 98 pledges for a total of \$204,678. In 2023 we received 104 pledges for a total of \$195,516. As you can see, we have fewer pledges for the coming year. However, many of you increased your pledge over the amount pledged in 2023, some with very substantial increases, resulting in an overall increase in pledged dollars. We have not yet received pledges from 18 families who pledged in 2023. If you are one of these, it is not too late. Simply mail your pledge card to the church or put it in the offering plate. Extra pledge cards are available in the office.

Based on the Stewardship response, Session adopted a balanced budget of \$352,100 for 2024. This represents an increase of 3.3% over our

2023 budget. It includes funding to fill our staff vacancy, some cost of living increases for staff, and a substantial increase in insurance costs. Several committees decreased their budget requests based on expenses in 2023. While our pledges were significantly higher than last year, they are not sufficient to pay for our annual needs. Session balanced the budget using \$10,000 of investment returns and \$72,839 from Heritage Fund for revenue in the budget.

Any questions about pledging or our annual budget can be addressed to Kathy Cooke, Martha Gioielli or our Financial Secretary, Judy Grady.

Per Capita

Every year Trinity contributes a Per Capita assessment for every one of our members to our denomination. Per Capita provides funding needed for all of PCUSA to remain connected and help one another. The Per Capita assessment for 2024 is \$9.85 for each individual member of the church. We also pledge to Unified Giving, which provides funding for our St. Augustine Presbytery. The presbytery supports Trinity and our sister churches in many ways. For 2024 we are pledging an amount equal to Per Capita (\$9.85 per individual member of our congregation) for Unified Giving. Your pledge envelopes include an envelope for Per Capita. Please consider assisting Trinity with our contributions on your behalf (a total of \$19.70 per active member). If you do not have a Per Capita envelope, you may simply write "Per Capita" on your check to designate gifts for this purpose.

Offering of our Gifts

Please continue to give your offering. Offerings can be received in the Church, by mail, or you may utilize online banking options at www.trinitypalmcoast.org or by scanning the QR code here:





Board of Deacons



The new Trinity Deacon Board is now up and running. All Trinity members should soon receive a letter of introduction if their deacon has changed. This will be an important relationship and I urge everyone to please get to know your deacon. Their photos are displayed in the narthex for your convenience. They will follow up with phone calls and

cards. By connecting with these dedicated people your church experience will be vastly enhanced. They will deliver any important reminders or notices of church happenings and, in return you can communicate any personal concerns or issues and be confident that prayers and pastoral consultation will happen. Be friendly and let them know you and your needs.

Trinity Deacons are here to support you with compassion and authentic concern.

May the Grace and Joy of Jesus Christ be with you!

Tracy Martin 2024 Deacon Moderator

Deacon Assistance Fund

The purpose of the Deacon's Assistance Fund is to provide emergency financial resources to the members and friends of the Church, and to the surrounding community. Support of this fund is provided by the generous contributions of the members and friends of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Please consider the Deacon's Assistance Fund in your regular offerings. You may make a donation online by simply using the QR code or by marking your check/envelope "Deacon's Assistance Fund."

Elders & Deacons

SESSION

Class of 2024: Class of 2025: Roger Ailshie Colin Earle Martha Gioielli Laurie Harrison Kelli Jebbia **Kay James** Jennifer Kaczmarek Gwen Levene Thad Lang Cyndy McCormick

Judy Spurrell Paul Parker

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2024: Class of 2025: Bill Butler **Nancy Cumming** Barbara Donahue Wendy Earle Leisa Gardner **Carol Graff** Jane Gaulding Jan Markiewicz Judy Hennenlotter Millicent Peart **Tracy Martin** Leslie Russo **Joyce Peters** Donna Tate Marlene Williams **David Wheeler**

Kenny Wittmer

Trinity Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women (PW) has four circles: Rebecca has 18 members plus 2 auxiliary members, Miriam has 21 members, Mary and Martha has 10 members and Faith has 9 members. Each Circle meets once a month, in the third week of the month, for bible study at the church or in a member's home. We are always excited to have women who would like to join one of our Circles and be part of our worship study to join us.

Each of our Circles has a special project to support for the year:

- Rebecca–Family Life Center
- Mary and Martha–Toiletry Totes for Grace Community
- Miriam- Flagler County Free Clinic
- Faith–undecided

PW selected Martha Gioielli as our Honorary Woman of the Year. Martha is always a wonderful study leader as well as involved in many other church activities.

Our study guide for 2024 is *Sacred Encounters*, which shows the love Jesus had for many people of the Bible.

The luncheon gathering of the St Augustine
Presbytery is being held on January 27th at
Montgomery Conference Center. At that time,
Trinity Presbyterian Church will be presenting
Montgomery with a beautiful new banner to
replace the old one representing Palm Coast, made
with love by our own Sandy Boland.

Our February 7th PW Gathering luncheon at noon will be hosted by Mary and Martha and Faith Circles. Denise Brennaman will speak about the Special Olympics along with her son and Allacyn Beebe, showing the awards they have gotten from accomplishments with the Special Olympics Organization. All women of the church are invited to this event.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Murgitroyde

Montreat Youth Conference June 1 – 8, 2024

Montreat Youth Conference affirms youth in their calling to be and to shape the church of Jesus Christ. Our desire is to help youth come to know and believe that they are the beloved of God and to be a place where authenticity, community, connection, and God's truth thrive. We seek to be an inclusive space where each voice can be heard and where each heart can be molded; where change is invited, challenge is expected, and where all are embraced.

This summer, we will build an accepting community of unconditional love where every story matters. Through engaging worship, lively music, and practices of gratitude and fun, we will offer youth different opportunities to cultivate their spiritual faith journeys and practice sabbath. We will provide a secure space that is loving, holy, and authentic so that we may glorify God in all that we do, inspiring and equipping a lifetime of faith.

Youth leave Montreat knowing that:

- Their faith matters.
- They are loved as they are.
- They are part of a community of faith.



Chancel Flowers for Sunday Morning Worship



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. Cost is \$40 per arrangement and flowers will be ordered when payment is received. Thank you!

Service & Outreach

Service & Outreach in 2024 Expanding Services





Create "Gift of the Heart" clean up buckets for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)



Expand our Special Offerings:

One Great Hour of Sharing— January (Hunger, Disaster, Development)

Pentecost—March (Children at Risk, Youth, Young Adults)

Peace & Global Witness—August (Peacemaking and Reconciliation)

Christmas Joy—October (Church Leaders, Past, Present, and Future)

Volunteers needed in 2024 to fulfill our Service & Outreach missions through TOC. Consider volunteering to head up one of the new outreach services for 2024. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10am.

Thank You

Epiphany Celebration

Thank you to those that helped make the Epiphany celebration a wonderful experience for our TPC congregation...from the bakers to the organizer and finally to our three kings.

Your involvement brought a meaningful experience to the 2024 Epiphany feast.









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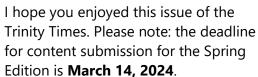
Thanks to my friends and Trinity family for their expression of love and concern for me after my fall.

Prayers are answered.

Thanks be to our Loving God.

-Norma Rogero

A Note from the Editor



The Spring Edition will cover the remainder of Spring Church happenings, including the months of April and May. Please send submissions to trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com. Thank you!

-Judy Grady





Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Beebe, Pastor
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