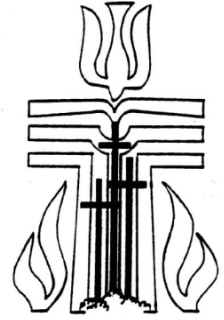


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PASTOR'S CORNER

The Shortest Month (Thankfully!)

Poor February. What did it do to deserve such lowly status? Consider these two observations:

Ode to February by Steven "Prometheus" Hoey

O Mists and damp, O low hung clouds
That cloak the days in gauzy veils
And leech our bloom to colours pale;
Gather round me like soulless shrouds
To stifle my heart's hopeful beat
With endless hours of icy sleet.

(He has a couple more stanzas, but I think you get the point!)

Joan Silverman adds the following:

"I'm sure T.S. Eliot had his reasons for dubbing April the cruellest month. Which makes the second month of the year only second in cruelty: February can't even win first place in the ranks of low self-esteem. How bad a month is this, anyway?

So when February finally comes to a close, bear in mind that it's only the calendar that dictates this ending. February is notorious for being a hanger-on - it arrives early and leaves late.

It's like the party guest you wouldn't invite next time."

Shall we attempt to redeem February? Surely, this month has some good qualities! Winter allows a time of dormancy, so that Spring can burst forth in beauty. A good cold snap helps to decrease the mosquitoes and other pests; at least that's the theory.

In the Hebrew texts, the writer known as Ecclesiastes has this to say: "To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." So, as the people of The Word, I invite you to join with me in finding meaning and purpose in this often dreary little month. As it drives us into the interior of our buildings and our souls, may we find comfort and solace in one another.

Grace and Peace, Mark



Note from the Associate Pastor

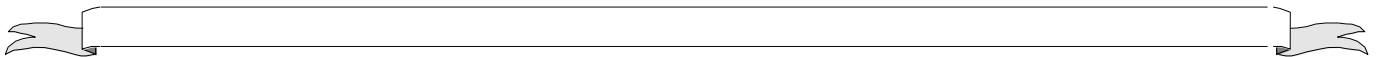
If it's February, it's time for the Super Bowl—and more importantly, it's time for the Souper Bowl of Caring.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is an annual, multid denominational, nationwide effort to fight hunger in local communities; to learn more about the national program, visit www.souperbowl.org. Did you know that Trinity has participated since 2000? Over those nearly twenty years, we've donated \$4,400, 1,200 items, and 1,800 pounds of food to Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM) (these totals, of course, are on top of what you so faithfully give month-in and month-out to support the good work of IAM).

This year's Souper Bowl offering takes place on Sunday, Feb. 3. The whole Trinity family is invited to join in this annual effort to fight hunger; donations of food and money will once again go to IAM. Thank you!

With you on the journey,

Dwight



Trinity's Learning Hour—February 2019

Sunday mornings, 9:45–10:45

Trinity's Sunday Morning Learning Hour offers opportunities for learning and Christian growth for all ages.

FOR ADULTS

Special Note: *The Endowment Committee's presentation on Wills and Estate Planning (postponed from last month) has been rescheduled for February 24.*

Elective: *"Biblical Wisdom: From the Psalms to Jesus"* Jack Presseau and his team will lead this course, with each session including a 30-minute DVD lecture, followed by analysis and discussion—Fellowship Hall

Issues & Concerns: Contemporary topics in church and society—Room 207

Hashing It Out: Bible study and community for young adults—Lounge
Lectionary Class: Will not meet (participants are invited to join the Elective course)

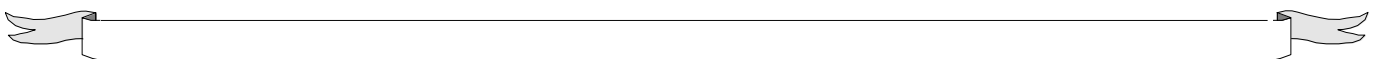
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Preschool—Room 203 (adjacent to the Nursery) (meets 10:15–10:45)

Primary (Grades K–4)—Room 103 (lower level)

Tweens and Youth (Grades 5 and up)—Room 101 (lower level)

Join us for the Learning Hour before or after worship—make it two hours on Sundays at Trinity!





SESSION NOTES

The Session held its regular meeting on January 15, 2019, a week later than usual due to end-of-year business. Ed Spencer opened the meeting with a prayer and a devotional, reminding us how we can make a difference by showing understanding and compassion toward those in our community and around us.

Rev. Dr. Mark Stanley noted that Bettye Young will be retiring as church secretary after being with us for 32.5 years, and that she will be missed. She will continue for the next two months, the second month to include training the incoming church secretary, and will receive an additional love offering.

That evening also saw the appointment of Elders to serve the various ministries of the church. The following are the assignments for 2019:

Administration	Ed Spencer
Building and Grounds	Mark Slaughter
Christian Nurture	Pamela Campbell
Fellowship	Erika McGilley
Finance and Stewardship	Tom Karvonen and Jim Smelker
Global Mission	Dan Donovan
Local Mission	Glenn Walker
New Member	Pamela Campbell, liaison; Tom Bridges
Personnel	Fitz Sthreshley
Trinity Preschool	Ron Howard
Worship	Judi Weeter
Building Use Coordinator	Jeffrey Sheffield
Endowment Fund Committee	Glenn Walker
Hannan Committee	Erika McGilley, liaison; Tom Bridges
Nominating Committee	Ron Howard
Deacon Liaison	Nancy Kisner
Presbyterian Women Liaison	Pamela Campbell
Memorial Garden Liaison	Mark Slaughter

Session approved the sale of tickets the two Sundays preceding April 13 for the Medical Loan Closet benefit concert by the Hendersonville swing band, as presented by Glenn Walker for Local Mission.

Tom Karvonen provided the Finance Ministry and Treasurer's Report in writing, and Session approved a draw on the Bailey Fund to balance our books for 2018.

Jim Spencer, for Stewardship, noted that 2019 pledges are in, totaling \$433,156 so far across 136 pledges, and that the pledge envelopes are available in the Narthex.

I am looking forward to serving as Clerk of Session; in particular I'd like to thank Duane Johnson, for his past service in this role, and his guidance as I have started.

Kathryn Forsythe
Clerk of Session

February Birthdays

- 1 Mike Cook
Kate Vining
Gloria Smith
- 3 Jack Caylor
- 6 Sue Osterberg
Donna Dalton
- 10 David Purnell
- 13 Barbara Bennett
- 15 Cathy O'Neil
Pat Norris
Gene Carlson
- 17 Ben Moore
- 19 Sally Kitts
- 21 Carl Schreck
- 22 Margaret Sharke
- 23 Jim Kisner
- 26 Rebecca Wilson

*Happy
Birthday !*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
LINDA AND BARRY STOKES



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
LESLIE AND ANDY NISSEN

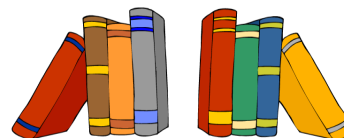


TRINITY PRESCHOOL NEWS



Would you like to contribute money to our preschool every time you shop? It's easy! Just link your VIC card from Harris Teeter using the number 4415. If you shop at Ingles, you can link your Ingles card using the number 11016. Already linked to the preschool? Make sure you have updated your account. They need to be updated every year. Thanks so much for your support!

We are looking forward to Valentine's Day! There are lots of hearts and cupids floating around the preschool! Thank you to our volunteer readers! The children are always thrilled to receive their own special book on their birthday. We are over halfway through the school year now, and it is amazing to see the growth the children have made physically, academically, and spiritually. Thank you to all for supporting this important mission.



Trinity Book Group will meet on February 28 at 1:30 pm in the Trinity Room. We will discuss *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Howard Fry* by Rachel Joyce. This is a novel about newly retired Harold Fry who receives a surprising goodbye letter from a woman living in hospice 600 miles away. His decision to walk to the hospice leads Harold to meet various people who release long-dormant memories and soul searching. This book is a great story on human nature and the "meaning of life". Please join us for enjoyable discussion and light refreshments

REMINDER:



Souper Bowl Sunday—February 3rd. Bring your soup and canned goods to be taken to IAM.

GLOBAL MISSIONS MINISTRY

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

When disaster strikes we all feel compelled to help, but sometimes it is hard to know where to send the help.

In past years, your Global Missions Ministry has usually taken relief funds from a small “to be decided” line in the budget and channeled them through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). This takes away our ability to help out in other areas such as covering the costs associated with visits from mission co-workers, to help with funding those setting out for mission work, or helping to fund trips to and from our partner church in Guatemala. This year we took a hard look and made the decision to include \$2,000 towards disaster aid in our budget. This money will go to PDA as it is needed.

PDA is on the ground not only in the USA but in countries around the world, where they work in cooperation with local churches and other responders. By working with groups that already have a presence in the affected area they can provide aid right where it is needed. They can also understand the needs and the culture of the local people. It is often the churches that offer the most effective and sustained effort in response to human suffering. They are not only there when disaster strikes but continue to be there for the long haul, long after most organizations and most of us have moved on to another disaster. PDA, through its partnerships, understands what is needed and is in a position to “hit the ground running”.

If you would like to learn more about Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and its work around the world, check out their website at <http://pda.pcusa.org/>

Theological Education Fund

For many years Trinity, through the Global Missions Ministry, has contributed to PC(USA’s) Theological Education Fund. Gifts help support eleven PC(USA) seminaries from coast to coast. Everyday life has changed significantly since the first PC(USA) theological seminaries were founded. Over the years, additional theological institutions were established, carrying on the Presbyterian tradition of providing educated leadership for congregations.

Administered through the Presbyterian Foundation, contributions go to:

- Prepare men and women to be pastors, educators and musicians for congregations.
- Provide continuing education and advanced degree programs for ministers of the Word and Sacrament and for lay church leaders.
- Serve as centers for theological discourse, reflection and research for the benefit of the wider church during changing times.

In February of this year, we will be contributing \$1,000 to the Theological Education Fund.

ALUMINUM
CANS ONLY



Recycle Aluminum Cans for Guatemala Children’s Scholarships 1st Sunday of each month

Every can helps! Please bring your cans
in a plastic bag and place them in the Gold Toyota in front of the church between
9:30 and 12:30.

Many thanks to all who participate!

Wednesday Night Live: February

All are invited to join us for the spring 2019 season of Wednesday Night Live! Dinners are served at 5:30, followed by a program at 6:30. We have a great and varied lineup of musicians and guest speakers; here's a look at what's happening this month:

February 13

Hannah Kaminer, a folk/Americana musician based in Asheville, whose songwriting ranges from echoes of Appalachian and bluegrass traditions, to classic country and even rock. Her cloudless voice and silvery melodies are a haunting pairing with gutsy, gut-wrenching lyrics about loss, love, and home. She released her second album, *Heavy Magnolias*, in March 2018.

Menu: beef stroganoff with noodles
salad bar
rolls
assorted ice cream and cookies

February 27

Rich Shader, *The Scottish Influence in the Founding of the United States of America*

Back by popular demand, Rich Shader invites us to step back in time to the beginning of our nation's history and discover how a small group of Scots and Ulster Scots (Scotch-Irish) were able to mightily influence how America came to be.

Menu: Italian meatballs
pasta with marinara sauce
salad bar
garlic bread
carrot cake with cream cheese frosting

For dinner reservations, please sign up at the church (bulletin board in the narthex) or call the church office (828 692-6114) at least two days in advance. If you can't come for dinner but would like to attend the program, no signup is necessary—just come on out, and bring a friend!



OUR GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP

"that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith." Romans 1:12



Keep in Prayer *February 4th-11th Trip to Guatemala*

On February 4th Mary Louise Forsythe will join other Presbyterian Women from WNC on a trip to visit with the women's microloan groups in Guatemala and Adegua, the private leadership group of the microloan program. Workshops have been given by Adegua on such topics as: financial planning, family gardens, use of fertilizer, herbal medicine, cleaning products, food/nutrition, health/sanitation.

Please keep Mary Louise and the other women from WNC and the women of the microloan project in prayer as they work together to help raise the living conditions of the Guatemalan women and their families.

As Mary Louise begins her trip to Guatemala, Carole Ball will be finishing her visit to Guatemala and returning to WNC on February 4th.

Prayers for safe travel and that God's work is accomplished will be appreciated.

Caring for God's Creation

The education wing is getting a brand new roof. Our solar panels will be going up soon thereafter. These solar panels will convert the sun's rays into vibrant electricity that will be used to meet much of our church's energy needs while caring for God's beautiful creation by reducing our carbon footprint and our dependence on fossil fuel.

The Sugar Hollow Solar panel installers know that Trinity is an active church and preschool and they will be watching out for us. As curious sidewalk superintendents, we need to stay out of their way for their safety as well as our own.

Our solar panels are coming soon. Thanks for your support for converting some of God's brilliant sunshine into solar energy for Trinity!



HENDERSONVILLE RESCUE MISSION VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to serve Wednesday nights at the Hendersonville Rescue Mission. The Men of the Church have sponsored this Wednesday night activity for decades. I need people, both male and female, to serve. This is a one hour commitment once a month working with a partner to serve evening meals from 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm. To help with this service, please call Jim Kisner at 606-0674.



New Library Resources to Interest You

Marian Lowry has donated the book, *The Separation of Church and State* (25/SEP) edited by Forrest Church.

Purchased items include the book, *Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence* (24/SAC) by Jonathan Sacks and a DVD series from the Great Courses entitled, *The Meaning of Life* (DVD/6/MEA) with Jay Garfield (36 lessons on DVD) with Course Guidebook. Some of these lectures will be used during the Learning Hour.

Jane Presseau

Lectionary Readings

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 3

Jer. 1:4-10; Ps. 71:1-6; 1 Cor. 13:1-13;
Luke 4:21-30

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 10

Isa. 6:1-8 (9-13); Ps. 138; 1 Cor. 15:1-11;
Luke 5:1-11

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany


February 17

Jer. 17:5-10; Ps. 1; 1 Cor. 15:12-20;
Luke 6:17-26

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 24

Gen. 45:3-11, 15;
Ps. 37:1-11, 39-40; 1
Cor. 15:35-38, 42-
50; Luke 6:27-38

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* Dear Trinity family, *
* Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, support and love. *
* I have just finished eight weeks of radiation and two rounds of *
* chemo. I am doing very well considering everything. I am out of quar- *
* antine until February 4. Starting February 4 I will start a new chemo *
* routine. I will be in quartile most of the time until May. Looking for- *
* ward to seeing everyone in May. *
* Peace, *
* Sally Beghtol *

Weekly Prayer People

Each week we will include the names of four to six church members in the bulletin and in the monthly *Tidings*. We ask that you include these people in your prayers.

February 3 Erika McGilley, Kim Morgan, Al and
Mary Nelson, Dave Morrison, Merritt
Roach

February 17 Jim and Merrio Morton, Alex
Zarnowski, Peter and Leslie Zarnowski,
Tim Simmons, Sharon Slade

February 10 Marty and Tillie Zigovsky, Don and Sue
Robinson, Eleanor Reim

February 24 Bob and Cynthia Moser, Jim and Diane
Smelker, Mark and Denise Slaughter,
Russ Russell and Robin Hodgson

Preaching Schedule for February 2019

February 3—Mark Stanley
February 10—Mark Stanley
February 17—Dwight Christenbury
February 24—Mark Stanley

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Trinity
Preschool Yard Sale will be held on Septem-
ber 27-28. Announcement will be made soon
regarding the days and times the box car will
be open for drop offs.



February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion 8:30 Worship Service 9:45 Learning Hour 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Trinity 30	4 1:00 PW Coordinating Team 4:00 Tai Chi	5 9:00 Staff Mtg. 10:00 New Member Subcommittee 10:00 Coffee/Issues	6 10:30 Friends in Christ 3:00 Stewardship 4:00 Finance/Stewardship 4:00 Global Min. 7:30 Choir	7 9:30 Spanish Class 10:00 Study of Luke 4:00 Tai Chi	8	9
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**February
2019**



*Love the Lord your God with all
your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind.*

TRINITY MISSION STATEMENT

*Trinity is a family of faith called to make the Word known to all ages,
to grow in faith together, to minister to those in need, and to do all these things
with joy, love, and compassion in the name of Christ the Lord.*