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TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN

May Tidings

Things are getting complicated, aren't they? More complicated every day. The month of May is destined to be a turning point (one way or another) for all of us. Some states and some localities are opening back up after our long period of staying at home. I wish them well, though I worry that the people in these areas are involuntary "canaries in the coal mine;" part of a broad and risky social experiment. In one of my recent mid-week e-mail video chats I asked a series of questions, all beginning with the words, "What If?"

- What If... this is the new normal?
- What If... we are going to need to get adjusted to periodic episodes of response to pandemics?
- What If... it doesn't end SOON?
- What If... one of us gets it? Or worse, What If someone we love contracts this virus?
- What If... we don't readily develop enough testing or appropriate vaccines?
- What If... the care we need is not readily available?
- What If... any one of us should find ourselves alone in our battle?

It is against this backdrop that the Session of Trinity Church has made some important decisions:

1. The Church building will remain locked during the month of May. This will allow us the necessary time (we pray) to make good decisions about bringing the most vulnerable of our congregational demographic together again for worship and fellowship and study.
2. To assist us in these efforts, a committee has been formed to make recommendations to the Session about the kinds of changes and adaptations that we will need to make when the time does come for us to all be together again... for real, not only online! Your safety and well-being are paramount. One of the joys and responsibilities of being the Church is that we can, and should, operate apart from the undue influence of "the powers and principalities." You can be assured that your Session and your Ministers are very much looking forward to that glad day of reunion and celebration that surely lies in our future.

In the meantime, let us cling to these words from Paul, as adapted in section 5 of, "A Brief Statement of Faith:"

*"With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord."*



Grace, Peace and Wellness,

MARK



note from the associate pastor...

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road?"

—Luke 24:32

The Walk to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35) is a one-of-a-kind story, unlike any other post-resurrection account that appears in the Gospels. Scholars and preachers down the ages have picked it apart from beginning to end, mining its riches and filling books and sermons with its truths. In this recounting of the exhausting Easter-day adventures of Cleopas and his unnamed companion we find a perfect distillation of all that Luke believes concerning the meaning of Christian faith.

But as I contemplate this passage for a sermon that I'm writing, I have to admit that what I find most appealing about this story right now, at this strange moment in history, is this: two dudes, Cleopas and his companion, are walking down the road and along comes this other dude (Jesus, though they don't recognize him), who falls in beside them and strikes up a conversation.

Just that.

Wouldn't that be nice right about now?

No masks. No six feet of separation. No fear. No COVID-shaming. . . . Wouldn't that be just about perfect?

"While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them" (Luke 24:15). What an amazing thing. I don't know about you, but I have a hazy memory of some murky, long-ago past when I had similar experiences—not with Jesus, of course, but with human beings from outside my immediate household. Perhaps you have similar memories.

Well, here's something I believe: those days will come again, and new memories of good times with friends and family will be made.

For now, as we trudge along the way to our own separate Emmauses, let's not forget what Cleopas and the other disciple learned on that first Easter day: that the rumors they'd heard, that the accounts of the women who'd visited Jesus's tomb that morning, were true: "The Lord has risen indeed!" (Luke 24:34).



Peace,

DWIGHT

Yard Sale Preparation Is Beginning!

Yes, we know nothing is the same right now but we need to plan as if we will have a yard sale this fall! Several folks will be at the box car on Sunday, May 3rd from 10:00 to 12 noon to receive "stuff". Please feel free to drop things off then or, if you need someone to pick things up from your house, please call Tom or Priscilla at 890-5091.

We can make these pickups almost any day of the week.

Thank you!

JAN APLIN, PRISCILLA & TOM KARVONEN

● WHERE YOUR STUFF GOES

● SPECIAL COUPLER



session notes:

The Session held its regular meeting by Zoom on April 20, 2020. Kathryn Forsythe shared a poem by Richard Hendrick, "The Other Side of the Virus, An Opportunity to Awaken..."

Rev. Mark Stanley reported that Zoom meetings are growing in frequency, and that they are learning a great deal about digital worship. Mark and Dwight are both reaching out to all members of the congregation.

Rev. Dwight Christenbury reported that he met with the Vacation Bible School team, and they are considering what Vacation Bible School might look like this summer. He is also putting together a video bible study on First Thessalonians.

Mark noted that a new Committee has been formed to make recommendations regarding how to reopen the church building when the time comes, and to provide recommendations on timing. Included in the committee are Mark Stanley, Dwight Christenbury, Ed Spencer, Molly Garnett, Anne Kirkley, Kathryn Forsythe, and Tom Bridges.

At this committee's recommendation, Session approved continuing to have non-public worship and keeping the building doors locked through the month of May.

Julie Carter, chair of the Fellowship Ministry, reported that they are organizing Zoom gatherings. These meetings have gotten off to a successful and engaging start. They will be ongoing on Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Diane Bowers presented the Finance and Stewardship Ministry's report. She moved that Trinity continue to pay salaries and benefits for all staff (including Trinity Preschool) for the entire month of May, 2020, which Session approved.

Dan Donovan introduced Presbytery's plans to undertake COVID-19 aid via the One Great Hour of Sharing. Given likely reduced donations to One Great Hour of Sharing, the Global Mission Ministry moved that Session authorize the disbursement of \$1000 for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in June. Session approved this motion.

There was additional discussion on several points related to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, and steps that Trinity may take, such as reducing trash collection.

Dwight closed the meeting with prayer.

Peace be with you,

- KATHRYN FORSYTHE

Clerk of Session

revised common lectionary may 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 3, 2020	*Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
Fifth Sunday of Easter May 10, 2020	*Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 2020	*Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
Ascension of the Lord May 21, 2020	*Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47 or <i>Psalm 93</i>	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
Seventh Sunday of Easter May 24, 2020	*Acts 1:6-14	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth May 31, 2020	*1 Samuel 2:1-10	Psalm 113	Romans 12:9-16b	Luke 1:39-57
Day of Pentecost May 31, 2020	*Acts 2:1-21 or <i>Numbers 11:24-30</i>	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or <i>Acts 2:1-21</i>	John 20:19-23 or <i>John 7:37-39</i>

Preschool News

Happy Mothers' Day!

Under ordinary circumstances, our students would be busy making crafts for their mothers and practicing a performance for our Mothers' Day tea. However, these are far from ordinary circumstances!

Even though the preschool doors have been shut for some time now, the church has continued its wonderful support of this important community mission. The staff, and I'm sure the parents and preschoolers, are very grateful for this support.

Our preschool provides spiritual, social, and academic opportunities for children who may not otherwise experience them. Hopefully, we will be back to providing these opportunities soon. In uplifting this ministry, the church is uplifting the community.

Thank you for your generous spirit.

- BETH ERBER

Preschool Director



Zoom Bible Study 1 Thessalonians



*Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. . .*

So begins the oldest book in the New Testament, Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians. Paul wrote the letter from Corinth in about the year 51, not long after he and his coworkers, Silvanus and Timothy, had been forced to flee the city of Thessalonica under the growing pressure of interreligious conflict.

Though Paul was unable to be physically present with the Thessalonian church that he had founded, he never lost his care for the congregation—and so he sought to minister to them from afar, in writing.

First Thessalonians, then, seems like a fitting choice for Trinity's first socially-distanced Bible study. We'll offer two meeting times for a half-hour each, Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. (choose the session that suits you best); we hope you'll join in!

- What:** Study of 1 Thessalonians
- When:** Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.–12:00 noon, beginning May 5,
or Thursdays, 7:00–7:30 p.m., beginning May 7
- How:** Online, via Zoom (open invitations by e-mail
will go out a few days in advance)
- Questions:** Whether about using Zoom or the study itself,
contact Dwight Christenbury
(dc.trinity@mac.com; 828 545-2590)

Image: Detail from The Apostle Paul by Rembrandt van Rijn (ca. 1675).

What about VBS and Music & Drama Camp????

Here it is May already—that means June is coming soon! And June *usually* means, among other things, Community Vacation Bible School and Trinity's annual Music & Drama Camp. Obviously the COVID-19 pandemic has thrown lots of things out of kilter, and these events are no exception. Here's what we know currently:

Vacation Bible School

Planning for VBS continues, with the aim of being able to provide a set of online, video-based programs that kids and families can use at home (if current stay-at-home restrictions are still in place) but which can also be converted to live, on-site programming (if we find ourselves able to gather at church safely). In either case, we'll keep you informed as plans progress. . . .

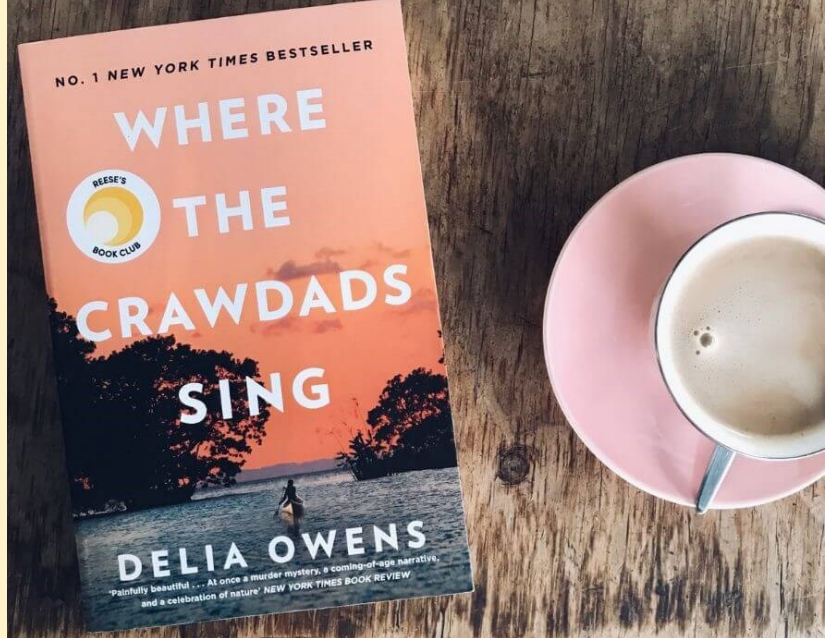
Music & Drama Camp

By its nature, Music & Drama Camp is less amenable to being held virtually, and so it either will happen as planned or will have to be postponed. We don't have a final decision just yet, but we'll keep you informed.

Peace, blessings, and good health to all of our children, youth, and families!

- DWIGHT CHRISTENBURY

Christian Education Ministry



Trinity Book Group

The last book for this year's Trinity Book Group is:

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

We have been looking forward to this book all year! We will discuss the book online on May 28. If you would like to join the email discussion, please email Billie Hicklin hicklinbn@gmail.com

- BILLE HICKLIN



BOOK DESCRIPTION:

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life - until the unthinkable happens.

Where the Crawdads Sing is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.



Finance & Stewardship Ministry

Thank You Trinity!

When we had to close our doors to normal Sunday worship, the Finance and Stewardship Ministry was concerned about what this might mean in terms of paying our staff and our Mission giving, especially our giving to organizations most impacted by Covid19.

We are so blessed by the Trinity family - you really came through for our church. In April we were able to pay staff and to make important gifts to IAM, Blue Ridge Community Health, and 5¢ A Meal without having to tap reserves. Many of you continued to make your pledge payments, some made donations over pledge or advance pledge payments, and many non-pledgers continued their plate donations. Thank you!

We have committed to continue paying staff salaries-at least through May (and we hope for the duration) and to finding ways to help those hardest hit in our community. Although our doors are closed right now, Trinity is open - for you and for our community. And we know you will help us stay that way.

With Gracious Thanks and Prayers,

- DIANE BOWERS & JIM SMELKER

Finance & Stewardship Ministry

MYSTERY DONOR:

We have been receiving monthly contributions via ACH (AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE) through United Community Bank. Unfortunately we have no idea who the donor is.

Please contact Fitz Sthresley
(fitzhughiv@gmail.com / 828-808-0286)

or

Tom Karvonon
(tpkarvo@gmail.com/828-890-5091)
so we can make sure you're giving statement is accurate.

Thank you!

Nickel a Meal During this critical time, please don't forget to take up your Nickel A Meal offering.



The Nickel a Meal Mission program is one way in which PWNC can respond, through over-and-above giving, to the Biblical mandate to show compassion and do justice for those in need. The program provides an avenue for outreach and ministry through which each member of Presbytery can participate equally.

The plan of Nickel a Meal is very simple. Each person puts 5 cents (or more) in a special bank for each meal he/she eats. This amounts to \$54.75 per person per year. The money is sent to Presbytery, and twice a year the Presbytery's Hunger Committee reviews grant requests from regional ministries working with those who are poor which meet Presbytery's guidelines.

Local Missions



May 2020 Food Needs

'The hands that distribute what the heart of the community provides'
Please help struggling families this month by donating

Food Needs
Canned Potatoes
Canned Corn
Canned Carrots
Canned Soup
Instant Potatoes
Baked Beans
Hot Dog Buns
Stuffing Mix



Food insecurity has reached critical levels in our community in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis.

THANK YOU for all your wonderful support of IAM's mission to feed the hungry, even during this time of uncertainty. Food donations can be dropped off outside the front doors at Trinity. Priscilla and Tom Karvonon will be making regular deliveries at IAM.

Please consider making a monetary gift to IAM at <https://www.iamhendersoncounty.org/>

While non-perishable foodstuffs are always appreciated, financial contributions allow staff at IAM to supplement diets with immune-boosting fresh foods as well.

Stay safe!

Help Protect our Frontline Healthcare Workers!

Crochet Medical Mask Mates

Many of you may have heard that the elastic on the medical masks worn by our healthcare workers is irritating and often causing sores behind their ears. Some genius somewhere has come up with a little crocheted band that hooks onto the elastic and pulls it away from their ears. I contacted Molly Garnett, Trinity member and head of the Chaplaincy Department at Pardee to see if the folks there could use them. She already knew about them, and would love the opportunity to be able to offer them to her team—all of whom now have to wear masks all the time!

These little bands are really simple to make, take only minutes, and only a few yards of yarn. So if you crochet—even a little—and would like to make some of these, please give me a call or email. I have patterns, links to YouTube videos, and sources for yarn and buttons if you don't have the wherewithal at home.

DIANE BOWERS

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dbowers01@bellsouth.net



weekly prayer people

MAY 3

- Angela Sides
- Bob & Gloria Smith
- Roger & Donna Thomson
- Jorja Ursin

MAY 10

- Tim Simmons
- Mark & Becky Stanley
- Emily Stanley
- Elizabeth Stanley
- Jim & Ginny Vallar

MAY 17

- Sharon Lynn Slade
- Fitz & Cindi Sthreshley
- Kathy Van Itallie
- John Van Itallie

MAY 24

- Mark & Denise Slaughter
- Jim & Marybeth Van Cleve
- Liston & Karen Smith
- Eric & Anni Vining
- Kate Vining
- Alex Vining

MAY 31

- Glen & Linda Walker
- Charlie & Thommy Snead
- Art Wayboer
- Ken & Jane Sugawara
- Anne Stoneman



Zoom Fellowship Opportunities:

Keep in touch with fellow Trinitarians!

- Monday Morning Mingle at 11am
- Wednesday Night Live at 6:30pm



Getting set up for digital meetings...

We're all adjusting to our new normal.

To keep our community together, we need to reach out to each other in new ways. I have been so gratified to hear about all the ways our members and friends have supported and connected with each other during these difficult times. Cards, letters, groceries, snacks, phone calls, classes, art projects, Facebook, email. It is not what we want. It is not the same. It is not great. But it is amazing that we can all still be a community in new ways.

If you have not yet experimented with connecting with our Trinity family digitally, I really encourage you to try it out.

1. Go to zoom.us/download

Zoom Client for Meetings

The web browser client will download automatically when you start or join your first Zoom meeting, and is also available for manual download [here](#).

Download

Version 5.0.1 (23502.0430)

2. Go to trinitypresnc.org/calendar

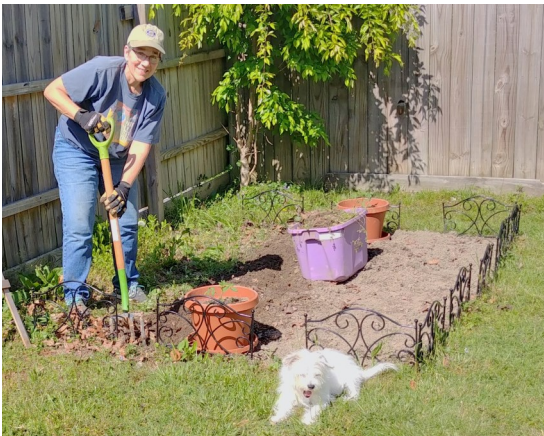
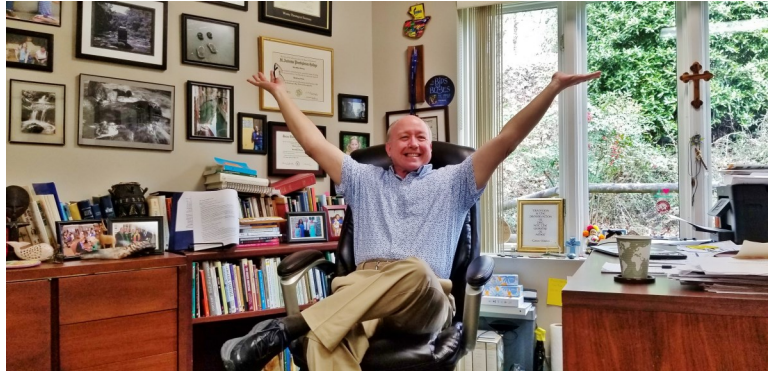
- Scroll down to find the event you'd like to join
- Click on the event to get more info
- Click on the "Join Zoom Meeting" link

3. Enjoy keeping in touch with your Trinity family!



Keeping busy at home.
Send us your photos!

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happy birthday to you!

2 Penny Honker
John Sheiry

4 Ginny Arkens
Robin Hodgson
Charlie Snead

6 Leslie Zarnowski

7 Connie Moore

8 Betty Musser

10 Billie Hicklin

11 Jock Aplin

12 Brandon Haskins

13 Bob Forsythe

14 Norie Sanchez

15 Diane Smelker

16 Vivian Emme
Steve Culp

18 Helen Dearborn
Charles Keefer

19 Tim Simmons
Paul Soltesz

20 Carolyn Erickson

22 Betsy Mixner

24 Harry Papazian
Bud Weeks

25 Bonnie Godsey
Dan Kincaid
Barbara Howard

26 Ron Howard
Cindi Sthreshley

27 Kim Morgan

31 Charlie Hunnicutt
Peggy Hunnicutt

**MY
BIRTHDAYS!**

no, it's "May"

Need help during the COVID-19 crisis? Trinity is here support you. Please reach out!

- Mark Stanley:
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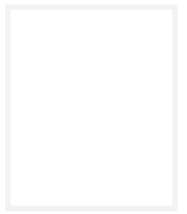
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May 2020



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Sally Beghtol CLP • Minister of Visitation
Beth Erber • Preschool Director
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Katie Cilluffo • Administrative Assistant/Graphic Designer



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Trinity Presbyterian Church welcomes **you** without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's Family.

We are Christ's people and this is Christ's place
with its doors wide open.

Welcome!

“may
tidings

the lord protect and defend you
may the lord preserve you
from pain”

Fiddler on the Roof

