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Pastor's Pen

"The Heart of Home"

"And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

John 14:3



"Home." Often a host of thoughts and feelings are stirred up in us when we think about "home". Perhaps you can see mother in the kitchen making one of your favorite meals. Maybe you recall a special tree you would escape to when overwhelmed with struggles. You may be overcome with emotion as you recall a cherished moment shared with your family. "Home" may remind us of long-forgotten pain or move us with deeply missed nostalgia. "Home" is a powerful, soul-shaking reality to us.

"Home" has been on my heart lately. Having recently moved into our new house, and struggled with family pain, a few lessons have been pushed to the forefront of my mind.

First, "home" is a place where we live our lives, and the place we cherish and keep our things. Memories are made, walls are decorated, closets are stuffed. Very quickly we fill our homes. Yet, this filling can lead to the point of clutter and confusion. "Home" is an opportunity to rejoice in the simple things and the simplicity of life.

Second, "home" is also a place where we can be ourselves, no pretense or falsehood. As a place of safety, we are free to breath deeply and trust immeasurably. "Home" is where we can be held in the arms of those who love us most.

Lastly, "home" is far more than a place; home is a person, the Lord Jesus Christ. In the above passage, Jesus vows to go and prepare a place, yet that place is where we will be WITH Him. To be with Jesus is to be "home."

Friends, in all our talk about Jesus Christ...in all the songs we sing centered on Jesus Christ...in all the work we do in the name of Jesus Christ, what we must long for most in ourselves and what we must aim for most in others is to know Jesus Christ as our true and lasting "home."

Graciously in Christ,
Pastor Steve

WHY AM I GETTING THIS NEWSLETTER?

We are sending you our Newsletter because we are your neighborhood church. We hope you will enjoy getting to know us better, and invite you to join us for worship so we can get to know you! We are a mid-sized, friendly and caring church with much to offer for people seeking deeper spiritual meaning in their lives through Jesus Christ. Please come visit us and see what we are all about!



Worship & FELLOWSHIP Opportunities



LOUISVILLE BATS OUTING AUGUST 20, 2016: Please join Trinity members on Saturday, August 20th for a night at the ballpark. The Louisville Bats will take on the Indianapolis Indians with a game time of 6:05 p.m. Look for more details in the upcoming weeks regarding sign ups and pricing.

WoW WEDNESDAYS will start on September 14th! More information to come from the CE, Fellowship, and Mission committees! We are incredibly excited about some changes we have made to this already amazing program!



SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF: September 11th at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall!

Join us for an awesome Sunday School Kick-off! Come learn about the different ministries and serving opportunities offered at Trinity! There will be a light breakfast served. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church office at 502-245-5515 or by emailing tpclouisville@att.net.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- **Adult II Sunday School** - Meets in the Library, currently studying *The Present Word*. Led by Betty Muse.
- **Children's Sunday School** - For children in preschool & 1st grade. Meets in the preschool room downstairs in classroom #3. Currently exploring how God created the world, the Ten Commandments, Jonah and the Big Fish, and why helping others is important!
- **Children's Church** - A special time of worship for children ages 3-6 during the 11:00 a.m. service. They are greeted by a leader after Children's Time and escorted to the preschool classroom.
- **Elementary Sunday School** - For children in 2nd-6th grade. Meets downstairs in classroom #1. Currently learning Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments and participating in activities that reflect the message from these Bible stories. Led by Jennifer Hacker, Ann Douglas, and Tim Barnum.
- **Koinonia Sunday School** - Meets in the parlor. Drawn from a spectrum of Trinity members, this class meets to discuss a certain book of the Bible and explores Scripture. Currently studying the Book of James. Taught by Reverend Bob Williams-Neal & Judith Bloor.
- **Maranatha Sunday School** - Meets downstairs in the "Sew & Sews" room. Group discussion-led class that studies Christian books about various topics.
- **Men's Sunday School** - Meets downstairs in the youth room. Currently studying the series *Dust to Glory* by R.C. Sproul. Led by Jay Charnes
- **Women's Sunday School** - Meets downstairs in classroom #6. Currently studying *The Story*. Led by Jeannette Priebe.
- **Young Explorers** - After Children's Time our elementary age children leave the 11:00 a.m. service and go to Library. Designed to teach the children about the Bible in a new and exciting way and develop a more personal relationship with God. Led by a variety of awesome teachers!

WE WANT TO BE YOUR CHURCH HOME!
PLEASE JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR WORSHIP!

Kids' Club - A Summer Sunday School Experience

Who: Kids Preschool through 5th grade. Led by Pastor Steve, along with great helpers!

What: We will sing and learn and pray and play together, as we grow in our love for Jesus.

When: Beginning June 5th, during the Sunday School time (9:45-10:30). Our class will continue throughout the Summer, ending on August 28th.

Where: Kids' Connection will meet the Fellowship Hall.

Why: Let's try something new and exciting! This will be a great learning and growing experience for our children! Different from a classroom experience, the kids will seek and study together through energetic and active Bible lessons!



MISSIONS OF TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Faith & art ~Candy Wheat

Creation Art Camp Enjoyed by All

For five July evenings, Trinity was abuzz with activity as about seventy participants sang, painted, silk screened, cut, colored and prayed!

It was wonderful to welcome many folks from Trinity Preschool and nearby neighbors. The activity started with songs, Bible reading and prayers led by Pastor Steve. Then the younger children paraded downstairs for stories, more songs and lots of art activities. That left their parents and older siblings in Fellowship Hall discovering their 'inner artists', inspired by the story of creation found in Genesis.



All were very blessed to be led by the vision and artistic creativity of the director of the Center for Faith and Art, Candy Wheat, and assisted by a number of members of the Trinity church family.

Between dinner the first night and snacks every evening thereafter, there was plenty of fuel for the body to enable artistic creation from the soul.



Sunday, July 24th an art show and reception was held in Fellowship Hall, showcasing the creations – from banners to pottery, from paintings to silk screening, and more!

Not able to join us? Don't be sad -- as a result of the success of Creation Art Camp, the Center for Faith and Art in conjunction with the Mission Committee will be planning future quarterly classes in the Center inspired by the art and methods used. Be sure to watch for announcements of those classes and join us!

Candy would like to extend a sincere thank you for everyone who made this Creation Art Camp a huge success. She couldn't have done it without all the wonderful volunteers.

Presbyterian women

Trinity Presbyterian Women is a multi-faceted segment of our church's congregation. Our primary focuses are Bible study and service, along with fellowship. Throughout the year we will announce events and programs for your consideration. As your schedule and talents allow, please consider participating, knowing that your contributions are welcome.

A new **Bible study** will begin in September at the Tuesday Morning Circle gathering on the 13th. We will be looking at the gospel of Luke. At the time of this writing, the actual study book has not been determined. Please watch upcoming Sunday bulletins and emails for an announcement providing details. In the meantime, 1.) please begin reading the book of Luke to get a head start on the study itself; and 2.) sign-up on the TPW bulletin board so we know how many study books to order.



Tuesday Morning Circle meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor. Bring a sack lunch to share together. Our hostess group for the day will provide a dessert and coffee.

Along with the Evangelism Committee, TPW's **Sew 'n Sews** group will be sharing a booth at the **Middletown Festival** Friday evening and all day Saturday, September 9th and 10th. This will be a great opportunity for Trinity to be among one of our local communities and an opportunity to raise funds for our missions. Sew 'n Sews has been crafting feverishly to make enough items to sell at the festival: autumn placemats and other kitchen linens, colorful pillowcases, crocheted Swiffer-style mop heads, even Christmas ornaments and so much more! Please pray with us for this large undertaking, including opportunities to witness to Christ's mercy.



stewardship



Let's Talk About SHARING

Sharing is both serving and giving. It's part of our "stewardship." We believe that it is the privilege of Christians to dedicate what they have and what they are to God. We commonly speak of time, talents and possessions, and how you use these is a choice you make that indicates the depth of your faith.

You can share your time by serving in the activities of your church, and by faithful attendance at recreational and social activities. Your talents and abilities are shared by answering the call for workers in any task from ushering to gardening to calling on shut-ins.

You can acknowledge the priority of God's work by giving it first place in the apportionment of your income. So then, part of being a faithful disciple is sharing yourself and what you have with God and your fellow human beings – your time, your talent, and your possessions.

Minute for mission

Dear Trinity Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings for Matanzas, Cuba. Wow, I cannot believe that it has been eight months since we left Southern California for our PCUSA appointment as mission co-workers assigned to Cuba. What an adventure it has been!

Our departure from Louisville, KY on a very cold 26th of January to arrive to a hot and humid Havana, Cuba was filled with mixed emotions for both of us. The pain of leaving what we have come to know and love behind was very hard. Yet, we looked forward to stretching ourselves and finding new ways of living out our faith in a different context.



Lots has occurred during our almost 5 months here. The first thing we want you all to know is that Church is alive. By “Church” we mean the “Church of Jesus Christ” not only the Reformed-Presbyterian Church in Cuba. Yes, they have many struggles and much to overcome, as we all do in our particular context. Since our arrival David and I have decided to make the Central Presbyterian Church in Matanzas our home church. The church is about a 10-13 minute walk from the Seminary which is a big plus. Pastors Ary and Beidy are a young dynamic husband and wife pastoral team with much to offer to this 100 year old congregation. We have felt very much welcomed and included in their midst. I have come to be included in a jewelry making with the women of the church on Thursday mornings. It is a time of fellowship and prayer. Lots of laughter, as you can imagine.

Our daily living here has been at times challenging. Yet we have come to hold fast to the “Serenity Prayer”. One of our biggest challenges has been internet connectivity. Internet is a new and exciting adventure for the Island. The expansion of “wifi” in public parks has been increasing steadily. Yes, there is a cost for use, which is very expensive, yet the public “wifi parks” are full with youth and adults connecting to the outside world. The connectivity is not very reliable nor secure, but once you “catch” the signal one needs to use this time wisely. As I mentioned to Harriet, Skype (and other video social media) is not a possibility at all from Cuba, because of broadband at the moment, this might change once mobile companies make their way into the Cuban Telecommunication market, we shall see.

David and I have been getting to know the seminary students, local pastors and congregations in our immediate area. As for David, he has finished giving his first seminary course: Advance Greek. He has enjoyed returning to the classroom. He looks forward to teaching several New Testament courses come September. Several preaching invitations have been extended and fulfilled. Just today as you read this, David is preaching at the Central Presbyterian Church and I am liturgist for this morning’s worship service. Come July and August we will be engaged several church related activities. Josey will be doing some conversational English classes with seminary students, and will be helping with VBS at the Central Presbyterian Church and doing conversational English 2x a week with upper elementary to high school kids. In September, Josey will be teaching a Theological English course for new incoming seminary students.

Please pray for us as we travel to Florida during July 26-August 13 for work. We will be attending a conference in St. Petersburg. It will be good to be back in the States, where we will be able to upgrade all our computer applications, complete our US Taxes (since this cannot be done from Cuba), register to vote, check-in on family and friends and do some necessary shopping for items to take with us once we return. We have been more than blessed to have several PC(USA) groups come through the Seminary and brings us items, like a toilet seat, vitamins, York peppermint patties, mosquito net, over the counter meds, personal items etc. What a blessing to come to know so many people in our beloved PCUSA Church who are out in the world doing God’s work in Cuba and in Latin America.

Our Christian love and blessing to each of you. Josey and David

Middletown fall festival

Visit Trinity's booth
at the Middletown Fall Festival

Friday, September 9th: 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 10th: 10:00 a.m.—8:30 p.m.
Hand crafts, pottery & information



CHURCH PET of the month

Name: Landon and Laynie
Human Mom: Lucie Fulmore
Age: 12 (born 5/29/04)
Breed: Seal Point Siamese (Laynie) and Lilac Point Siamese (Landon); brother and sister from the same litter of kittens
Favorite activity: Eating and sleeping
Favorite time of day: Evening, when we can sit with Mom, get brushed, and groom each other



WOW Recipe OF THE MONTH ~Elizabeth Latham

Easy Strawberry Pie (Perfect for Summer)
Makes: 6-8 servings

Ingredients:
9 inch unbaked pastry shell
¾ cup sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 cup of water
1 package (3 ounces) strawberry gelatin
4 cups sliced fresh strawberries
Fresh mint, optional



Directions:
1) Bake uncooked pastry shell at 450 degrees for 10 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.
2) In a small sauce pan, combine sugar, cornstarch and water until smooth.
3) Bring to a boil and cook for 2 minutes until thickened. Remove from the heat and stir in the gelatin until dissolved.
4) Refrigerate for 15 minutes or until slightly cooled.
5) Arrange strawberries in the crust. Pour gelatin mixture over the berries. Refrigerate until set. Garnish with mint.

august Birthdays. . .

08/01: Kyle Mullin	08/14: Jane Jenkins
08/02: Jacob Koukola	Kylee Mullin
Marc Bushue	08/16: Robin Williams-Neal
08/03: Judy Shanahan	08/20: Mary Charnes
08/06: Chris Schuler	08/23: Mary Ann Genet
08/09: Marty Johnson	08/24: Jan Bloom
Grace McDaniel	08/28: Collin Williams-Neal
08/12: RoseMary Hambleton	08/29: Mary Corum
08/13: Elizabeth Latham	
Anna Marie Redcorn	
Shelley Shumate	



Children's Ministry

Are you looking to serve Jesus in an exiting and meaningful way? If so, God may be calling you to lead and teach the young children of our church family.

We are looking for those whom are being called by God to serve as leaders and helpers for our young children. There are plenty of opportunities to help out on Sunday mornings as well as during WOW on Wednesday evenings!

If you feel that God is putting this on your heart, please let the CE Committee know by August 8th! Feel free to contact the church office by calling 502.245.5515 or by emailing tpclouisville@att.net!

We look forward to having you join the team that is helping to make an eternal impact in the lives of our youth!



Trinity's Vision Statement

"We are a welcoming church family, developing disciples who joyfully minister to others in the name of Christ."

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

*INTERESTED IN COMING TO TRINITY? CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH?
WATCH OUR 11:00 AM SERVICES ON OUR LIVESTREAM CHANNEL:*

[HTTP://LIVESTREAM.COM/TPCLOUISVILLE](http://livestream.com/tpclouisville)



Trinity Presbyterian welcomes all visitors who are seeking to find Christ in their lives! Our regular Sunday morning services are at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Nursery and Children's church provided!