

TRINITY TIMES

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PASTOR'S PEN

This Is Love

"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for and, and we ought to lay down our lives for one another."
1 John 3:16

"The goal of life is to love everything and everyone just enough so that God is still loved first and foremost."

As Americans, we love celebrations. We have celebrations for everything. Big celebrations like birthdays, anniversaries, and retirements. National celebrations like Memorial Day, the 4th of July, and Labor Day. Religious celebrations such as Christmas, Easter, and All-Saints Day. In Louisville, we celebrate the Derby with an elongated festival of celebration. A quick search of "daily celebrations" on Google reveals many intricate and even odd celebrations. For instance, today (February 1) has three celebrations associated with it: National Freedom Day, National Serpent Day, and National Baked Alaska Day. Fascinating, I know!

One celebration in particular that tends to rule all others this month is Valentine's Day. For the expression and enjoyment of love, there is this one day where we are encouraged to pause and prioritize the one that we love. This day is filled with tremendous pressure. Did I get a gift that adequately expresses my love? Is there someone special in my life that I love and that loves me? Will my love even remember Valentine's Day this year? Perhaps you even fight the idea of Valentine's Day with an attitude that says, "I don't need one day to celebrate the love I have for the one I cherish!"

Love, as God designed it, is not supposed to have these kinds of pressures associated with it. In fact, the love celebrated this month pales in comparison to the beauty of what true God-love is. The love that is held up on Valentine's Day, with its candy hearts, chocolates, flowers, jewelry, etc. is a fraudulent love. While it may be a form of love, nonetheless, any love, any expression of love, any encounter with love, without reference to the love of God in Jesus Christ is a faulty and weak love. It doesn't have the reference point nor the power to sustain it in the way God designed.

God in the Scriptures tells us that love which is expressive of His design is not self-gratifying, but self-sacrificing. Such self-sacrifice is possible and prioritized only as we realize in Jesus Christ God's self-sacrificing love for us. God's love for you and me becomes the reference point and the power for us love others in a godly way. After all, 1 John 3:16 tells us Jesus "laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for one another."

Let us love others with the love Christ has for us.

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Steve



Ash Wednesday service. . .

Trinity's Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This service will follow a WoW potluck dinner that will begin at 5:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please come for dinner and the service and join with our church family as we enter into the Lenten season on our journey to the cross.

Lenten meditations. . .

During the season of Lent, there will be a time for prayer and meditation on Thursday evenings beginning February 18th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Easter fellowship. . .

On Easter Sunday, March 27, there will be a time for fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following the Sunrise Service, beginning at approximately 7:45 a.m. and serving until 9:45 a.m. when Sunday School classes begin. Please join us for a variety of breads, juice and coffee as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Savior on Easter morning.

Thank you. . .

Thank you to everyone for your kindness, support, concerns, cards and food during the passing of our dear Gary. Our family cannot thank you enough. We all are very appreciative of everything Trinity and the Trinity family did for us during this difficult time.

Dottie and the Watson family

Jack and I would like to thank everyone for your love and prays for us both. We are so blessed to be a part of such a caring church family.

Jack & Candy Wheat

CE. . .

~Linda Kennedy

Please join us for a special
Women's Luncheon
Saturday, February 13th
11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Topic: Perfect Love

We will be serving sandwiches, salads and dessert
Please sign up on the bulletin board in hallway.

We look forward to sharing this time with you!

PRESCHOOL. . .

~Elizabeth Bodine

2016-2017 REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year has been taking place during January. We still have openings in the 2, 3 and 4 year old classes. If you know of anyone looking for a preschool, please tell them about our program. For more information or to schedule a visit, please call the preschool at 244-0054, email us at trinity_preschool@att.net or visit the website at www.tpclouisville.net.

Preschool Registration



CHUCK E. CHEESE FUN NIGHT

The preschool will host our annual Chuck E. Cheese Fun Night on Tuesday, March 8rd. We are inviting all church and preschool families to join us for a night of pizza and games from 4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The preschool will receive a percentage of all food and game tokens purchased that evening. Mark your calendars and come join the fun!

Need transportation? . . .

The Board of Deacons wants to remind our congregation that we can arrange transportation to and from our Sunday worship service.

Contact any Deacon or call Moderator, Carol Hartmann at 689-3066. We will be happy to help you attend church.

Directory change. . .

Please make note of Jack Wheat's new email address: jwheat@mmlk.com

Faith & art. . .

~Candy Wheat

The Faith & Art Center is up and running again. Thank you to Sonya Penn and all the volunteers that have kept things going in my absence.

Trinity Presbyterian Church's Upcoming Holy Week and Easter Events



*Palm Sunday Worship Service
Sunday, March 20, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

*Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.*

*Good Friday Service
Friday, March 25, 12:00 noon*

*Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 26, 10:00 a.m.*

*Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, March 27, 7:00 a.m.*

*Easter Worship Service
Sunday, March 27, 11:00 a.m.*



Come! See! Worship!



*Bring a Friend Sunday
and Visitor Reception*

Sunday, March 13, 2016
Worship Services at 9am and 11am
Reception at Noon

Invite Everyone
To
**MEET OUR PASTOR
AND CHURCH FAMILY**

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WELCOMES AND DEVELOPS
DISCIPLES OF ALL AGES, AND OUR
CHURCH FAMILY JOYFULLY
MINISTERS TO OTHERS IN THE
NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Faith & art fundraiser...



J. Harrod's Restaurant will be having a "Pay it Forward" event for the Trinity Center for Faith & Art. On **Tuesday, February 9th**, J. Harrod's will be donating 10% of all sales to the Center. J. Harrod's is located at 7507 Upper River Road in Louisville. Please come for some great food and help support the Center.



WoW and WoW Jr.

If you have not tried WoW before, this is a good time to begin. Join us for fellowship, food and activities for all.

5:45 p.m.—WoW and WoW Jr. Dinner
6:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.—Youth Choir
6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.—WoW Adult Program
6:30 p.m.—WoW Jr. Program—activities, plays, crafts and a snack!

7:00 p.m.—7:15 p.m.—Children's Choir
7:15 p.m.—8:15 p.m.—Adult Chancel Choir



Join the fun! If you haven't tried WOW before, this is a great time to begin. Come enjoy the fellowship, food and activities for all. We begin with a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m.. Each week we have a different theme so no meal is the same. Please bring a dish; side, salad, dessert or main dish that will serve 8 to 12 people. You do not have to bring something that fits the theme, bring whatever you like. No time to cook?? Pick up something at the store on your way here. There will be a special children's food table with more of their favorite things. Beverages always provided.

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

February 10: Ash Wednesday. Food Suggestion: Bring a dish to share: main, side, salad or dessert.
February 17: Celebrate Valentines Day a bit late!
Food Suggestion: Bring your sweetheart's favorite dish.
February 24: Winter Wonderland. Food Suggestion: Bring a favorite cold weather dish.

BE SURE TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE AT THE TABLE!!!

Please sign up each week on the WOW sign up sheet located on the Fellowship bulletin board in the hall, or call the church before each Wednesday.

february Birthdays. . .

02/04:	Lois Bringhurst Betty Wilborn Jeremy Mingus	02/26:	Natalie Hayden Barbara Keyser
02/06:	Janet Husband Linda Kennedy		
02/08:	Taylor Mullin Jessica Young Garrett Bushue Olivia Petty		
02/11:	Ryan Mingus		
02/18:	Molly Woods		
02/24:	Glenna Ogle		
02/25:	Anuji Abraham Tyler Bird		



february Collection Counters. . .

02/07:	Roger Harvell and Betty Wilborn
02/14:	Cathy Dawson and Deb Kelly
02/21:	Tom Dawson and Jack Kelly
02/28:	Janet Husband and Carol Hartmann



Worship attendance. . .

	2016	2015
01/03:	139	137
01/10:	108	138
01/17:	130	145
01/24:	117	140
01/31:	132	150

MEN'S STUDY GROUP. . .

Where: Wild Eggs at English Station Road
When: First & Third Tuesdays of the Month
What Time: 8:30 a.m.
What: Bible Study and fellowship
Who: All men of all ages connected in any way with
Trinity Presbyterian Church



All men are invited; come informally, come as you are,
come for one Tuesday, come for them all.

In February, we will meet on the 2nd and 16th.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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