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Pastor's Pen

Strong-armed by a Squirrel

"...the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."
1 John 4:4



Squirrels are curious creatures. While walking my dog recently, we happened upon one of these furry beasts. As we approached, this particular squirrel acted out of character. Rather than bounding away from our apparent threat, this one stood its ground. Soon, we were being chirped at, fluffed tail flitting about, tiny black eyes piercingly fixed on us. We stood there, suddenly stopped and challenged by a tiny squirrel!



Taken aback by this brazen breach of wildlife protocol, we stopped, frozen, shocked by this squirrel's defiant display against us. Following a short staring contest, the beast finally relented, climbing the nearby tree, remaining watchful of our every move as we continued on our way.

I must say, that out-sized, out-numbered, out-witted squirrel taught me something. No matter how small, how seemingly insignificant, how defenseless, how out-matched, when God is the One standing with us, we can boldly stand strong amid any challenge. Though miniscule in size, this squirrel was mighty in stature, willing to stand its ground against the mightiest of foes.

God has made such a promise to us. Not only does God overcome our brokenness, our pain, our weakness, our shame, but God overcomes every insurmountable foe that stand before us. Greater is the One (Jesus Christ) who is in in us than any other that dares stand against God and God's people. Much like that squirrel, we can stand with God against the greatest of adversaries.

GREATER
IS
HE WHO IS
IN ME
THAN
HE WHO IS
IN THE
WORLD.

It is this tremendous lesson God taught me through one of the least of the animal kingdom. Because of this lesson, I hope you realize how great and good God is; and I hope you never look at a squirrel the same again.

In the love of 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!



May Worship Opportunities

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY MAY 8, 2016:

Trinity will have its 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services this Mother's Day, May 8, 2016. Make her Mother's Day special by joining us for worship that morning to let her know how blessed you are to have her in your life!



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE SUNDAY MAY 29, 2016:

Trinity will have its 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services on the Sunday before Memorial Day. We thank God and express a heartfelt debt of gratitude for all of those who have served in our armed forces, those in our congregation and everywhere. May God Bless all of our servicemen and women!

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! Led by Mary Charnes.
- **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. Currently studying *Prayer* by Timothy Keller.
- **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!*

MISSIONS OF TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Faith & art

~Candy Wheat

MEET SEBASTIAN ...

Sebastian has created art at Trinity's Center for Faith and Art since it began. Now 22, and a graduate of Ballard High School, he can be found most Tuesdays in the Center's studio at the church, taking private lessons from Center Director Candy Wheat. From the clay worked by his hands, he produces dog bowls, vases and wind chimes, all of which he sells. When he isn't creating from clay, he participates in art classes at Jefferson Community College.

How did Sebastian discover his God-given artistic talent? It all began when his mother, Sandra, who had taken pottery classes from Candy, asked if she would present a day camp experience for children with autism. About half a dozen young people came to that first camp – Sebastian among them – and most of those students continue as private students today.

This is a unique mission of Trinity Presbyterian Church – and a dream of Candy's. Over the next few months, we will look into the studio as clay is rolled, pounded and pulled; and ceramic creations are glazed and fired.

In addition to a number of classes, the Center holds open studio time on Wednesdays from 10-noon, and private lessons on hand-building and thrown pottery by appointment. To reserve a space or volunteer, call the church office at 245-5515 and ask for Candy.



CREATION ART CAMP

Mark the Date!

Sunday July 17th – Thursday July 21st
Sunday beginning with dinner at 5:00 p.m.
Monday – Thursday 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
All are welcome!



PRESCHOOL

~Elizabeth Bodine

The two year old classroom has been working hard in the month of April. We have been working on how to lace for our fine motor skill. We started making kites for our classroom bulletin board using our shape and color for this month – blue and diamond. They have enjoyed decorating them with their own flair.



The children worked on a new nursery rhyme; "Little Jack Horner." Our letters for April are W, X, Y and Z. Most of our two year olds have turned three and have grown over this year. Miss Sally and I are so proud of our purple room two year olds.

- Miss Tina and Miss Sally

Preschool Registration



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.

Youth group

~Rebecca Douglas

Middle & High School aged youth come together every Sunday afternoon at 3:15 p.m. for Youth Group. We are currently studying God's Will and how to use God's will throughout our lives. Our youth have been involved in various service projects that include Wayside Christian Mission & Operation Christmas Child. Our youth also attend summer conferences where they have opportunities to deepen their relationship with Christ as well as grow closer to each other. The youth group also put on various church fundraisers throughout the year in order to raise money for them to attend these summer conferences. A schedule of meetings and activities is always available and we highly encourage all middle and high school youth to attend! Please contact Becky Douglas or Ainsley Herrick for more information.



Presbyterian women

At Trinity's April 24th worship service, the Sew 'n Sews received a blessing for their hand-made items donated to Wellstone Behavioral Hospital, Jeffersonville, IN. Donations include small soft dolls, pillowcases, and prayer blankets. We petition the Holy Spirit to work through these gifts to bring faith, hope, and love to those hospitalized for acute mental care. For the first time, this donation will also include enough colorful, cheerful pillow cases to make each of their 100 beds beautiful and unique. The dolls are greatly appreciated by Wellstone staff as they provide comfort and encouragement to even the most troubled patients. The blankets provide warmth and a sense of well being to those covered by them.

MISSION TO COLUMBIA

~Ainsley Herrick

Trinity's Seminary Intern, Ainsley Herrick, has been selected to serve as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) during the 2016-17 year through the Presbyterian Church! The YAV program sends over 100 young adults between the ages of 19 and 30 to 23 sites around the United States and the world.



In September, Ainsley will be flying to Colombia to spend 11 months living and working in partnership with the Iglesia Presbiteriana de Colombia (Presbyterian Church of Colombia). She will be living in a Christian community, doing a variety of jobs.

Ainsley was drawn to Colombia after learning about its war and the effect on its people. Despite its natural and cultural wealth, the [YAV website](#) notes: “Colombia has also been plagued by conflict for generations, leaving 10% of the population internally displaced, turned into refugees in their own country. Peace talks are underway between the government and the FARC guerrilla group, and implementation of controversial free trade agreements has just begun.”

Ainsley does not yet know where she will live or what she will be doing. Possibilities include church-based micro-enterprise and agriculture, urban youth programs, advocacy and accompaniment with displaced communities, community-based peace initiatives, and rural children’s programs. Despite her uncertainty, she has strong faith and trust in God that He will lead her where she is needed most.

Please help support Ainsley during her YAV year in Columbia! As part of her commitment, she is required to raise \$4,000 in gifts and pledges for her year of service. One time gifts or pledges are welcome. Or please consider a monthly donation of \$10, \$20, or \$50 a month. Even a small one-time donation makes a difference. She needs to raise \$2,000 by July 1st!



Donations can be mailed to:

Presbyterian Church (USA)
Remittance Processing
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Please include the following
information on ALL checks:
E210351, Ainsley Herrick,
Columbia

Or donate online at: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/support-yavs/>

Ainsley and her fellow YAVs also need your powerful support through prayer!

We look forward to Ainsley’s updates about her mission in future issues! You can also you can follow her on her blog at: thiscrazycall.weebly.com

“If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.” Psalm 139:9-10

Tpc I launching new Softball I team!



Take me out to the Ball Game!

This year Trinity Presbyterian is excited to participate in a co-ed summer softball league! The 2016 season begins with the season opener on May 9th. All games are played weekly Wednesday nights at Watkins United Methodist Church. Coached by our very own Joe Torre in-training, Jay Charnes, the team includes members of all ages, skill level, and athletic ability! We hope joining this league will help us enjoy fellowship and a little friendly competition with other believers in the community. If you are interested, it is not too late! Please contact Elizabeth Latham if you want to join us! You can e-mail Elizabeth at Elizabeth.C.Latham@ehi.com.

CHURCH PET of the month

Name: Shelby
Human Mom: Jeannette Priebe
Age: four - rescued when I was one
Breed: small mixed and really cute and loveable
Favorite word: treat!
Favorite Activity: going to Dog Park
Favorite time of day: night time- when I cuddle up next to my mom and go to sleep



WOW Recipe OF THE MONTH

From the Kitchens of our chefs from Worship on Wednesday (WoW):

Super Easy Parmesan Chicken. Serves 6-8.

Ingredients: 2 to 2.5 lbs. boneless chicken strips

1 jar favorite pasta sauce

1 package sliced provolone cheese

Mozzarella and/or parmesan cheese

Shake n’ Bake original chicken coating

1 box your favorite pasta



Directions:

1. Shake n’ bake the chicken strips for 10-12 minutes

2. Pour 1/2 jar of pasta sauce apiece into 2 casserole bowls

3. Arrange baked chicken on top of sauce

4. Layer provolone cheese on top of chicken to cover (about 4-5 slices); sprinkle with mozzarella and/or parmesan cheese

5. Bake at 350 degrees with lid off for around 30 minutes until cheese starts to brown

6. Serve over pasta and Enjoy!

may Birthdays. . .

5-3	Maricela Sarmiento	5-13	Scheffler Meyer
5-5	Ted Kozak	5-15	Abraham Joseph
5-6	Scott Koukola	5-16	Ed Gayhart
5-7	Brad Harville		Rachel Shumate
	Henry Meyer	5-17	Richard Ross
5-8	Dorothy Amundsen	5-19	Harry Frye
	Beth Bloss	5-22	Jay Charnes
5-11	Dorothy Southard	5-24	Patrick Hayden
5-12	Emily Bird	5-26	Collette Sangster
	Bill Lewis	5-31	Alex Barnum



Apparel featuring tpc logo



The Evangelism Committee is taking orders for TPC apparel! The clothing will include crew neck sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, men's and women's polos, and short-and long-sleeve t-shirts. Items will be available in both adult and youth sizes in either red or blue and will feature Trinity's logo. New this year, we will also be offering baseball caps and tote bags!

LADIES BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

All Trinity women, friends, family members and visitors are invited to our Ladies Birthday Luncheon Saturday, May 14th, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Included is a buffet lunch with cake, an inspirational lesson from Lynne Wood, and special music by Ainsley Herrick and Melissa Weaver. The Luncheon will support the Presbyterian Women's 2016 Birthday Offering grant recipients through our donations. The Sew 'n Sews will display crafts and Guatemala scarves for sale to continue TPW's mission work. Childcare will also be provided. Please leave a message with the church office with the names of children that will be participating downstairs.

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.



*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'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

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!