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Pastor's Pen  
Make a Difference

*"You are the light of the world. Therefore, let your light shine before all people, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."*  
(Matthew 5:14, 16)



What does it take to be a person of influence? Fame? Fortune? A following? Many times we consider these, and other things, as the necessary conditions to be a person of influence. What about being a parent or a teacher, are they people of influence? Certainly! Might we consider ourselves as Christians to be influential people? Absolutely! **A person of influence is far more than what they have; it's about who they are.**

I once heard the idea of influence illustrated by the difference between thermometers and thermostats. Consider the difference between them. A thermometer merely indicates what the temperature is in a particular area. If your thermometer reads seventy degrees and you place it in a room that is currently eighty degrees, the thermometer will change to register whatever the room temperature is. It won't be long before the thermometer reads eighty degrees. **Thermometers are passive, always conforming to its environment.**



The thermostat, however, influences the room temperature. If the thermostat is set at seventy degrees and the room is eighty degrees, the temperature of the room changes to conform to whatever the thermostat is reading. The room will become seventy degrees. **Thermostats are active, always transforms its environment.**

Each of us live either as a thermostat or a thermometer. We can either blend in with the crowd, or we can change the crowd. We either influence others, or they are influencing us. Jesus calls us to become thermostats. Actually, since they didn't have thermostats in Bible times, Jesus used the terms "salt" and "light" to communicate that we are to be agents of change and influence in the world. (See Matthew 5:13-16)

Which do you want to be, a thermometer or a thermostat? Just one of the crowd, or a person of influence? Come join us and find out how you can be a person of influence, an agent of change, as we worship, walk, and work together.

In the love of Jesus Christ!  
Pastor Steve

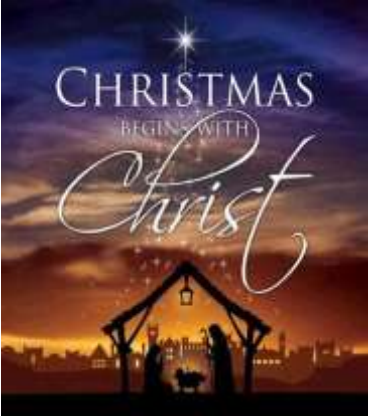


Advent and Christmas events

Hanging of the Green/  
Advent Service  
Sunday, November 27, 9:00 a.m.  
and 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Craft and Bake Sale  
Saturday, December 3, 8:00 a.m. -  
11:00 a.m.

Advent Services  
Sunday, December 4, 11, & 18  
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



Christmas Dinner  
Sunday, December 11, 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service  
Saturday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Service  
Sunday, December 25, 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 2016-2017

CHILDREN...

• **Children's Sunday School** - For children in preschool – 4<sup>th</sup> grade: Meets in the preschool room downstairs in classroom #3. Currently exploring through the *Faith Alive* curriculum. For children in 5<sup>th</sup> and up: Meets downstairs in classroom #1. Currently studying through the *Feasting on the Word* curriculum under the leadership of Tim Barnum.

• **Children's Church** - A special time of worship for children during the 11:00 a.m. service. Parents with children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to have your children join us for a special time of worship during the 11:00 a.m. service. Children begin with Children's time each Sunday in the sanctuary. During the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, Children Grades 1-5 are encouraged to attend the Young Explorer's Class in the Library. Nursery is available for younger children every Sunday. During this time, children will continue with praise & worship, learn about God's Word, and engage in related activities.

ADULT...

• **Adult II Sunday School** - Meets in the Library, under the leadership of Betty Muse. Studying *The Present Word*, Uniform Series published by the PCUSA. The study involves a direct Bible Study, understanding the Bible in relation to our lives and life experiences and developing an awareness of God's love through his son, Jesus Christ.

• **Koinonia Sunday School** - Meets in the parlor, under the leadership of Reverend Bob Williams-Neal. Study in *Galatians* through *Paul for Everyone: Galatians and Thessalonians* by N. T. Wright. Drawn from a spectrum of Trinity members, this class meets to discuss a certain book of the Bible and explores Scripture. This is a Seminary/Discussion formatted class.

• **Men's Sunday School** - Meets downstairs in classroom #4. This men's only class has open discussion about God's Word. This class is designed to reach out to men and to effectively help grow through the grace and knowledge of God's Word. We study the Bible to find strength and courage in supporting one another in our daily walk with God. Seeking in prayer and fellowship, we seek to pursue true Biblical principles regarding our leadership as men in the home, church, and the community. Currently, study is in R.C. Sproul's series on Interpretation Standards of the Bible.

• **Men's Study Group**- On the first and third Tuesday of each month, the men of Trinity gather together for coffee, fellowship, and an appetite for the Bible. We meet at Wild Eggs restaurant off of English Station Rd. at 8:30 a.m. Our study and time together will be a tremendous encouragement to grow as a godly man. Study is in the Life of David through 2 Samuel.

• **Women's Sunday School** - Meets downstairs in classroom #6, under the leadership of Jeanette Priebe. The purpose of this class is to bring women together to support one another in building their faith in Jesus Christ. Through our discussions and our prayer time together, we have developed a real love for each other and would love to have you join in as we journey together. This is a fun-loving group of Women who empowers and encourages each other. They will be studying Acts of the Apostles using a DVD and "Acts: The Spread of the Gospel" by John MacArthur beginning Sept. 18.

## MISSIONS OF TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Faith & art

~Candy Wheat

We have enjoyed working with the children of Trinity Presbyterian Preschool during the past month. Candy is helping Pastor Steve lead preschool chapel—the themes for this year is God's forgiveness.

The preschool children have also started working on Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts. Through the month of November, little hands are creating napkin holders, Christmas trees and gingerbread houses from clay.



### Calendar Reminder...

Mark November 18th as the opening of the Christmas and Angel show at Block Party, 560 South Fourth Street, featuring pottery by Candy Wheat and photos by Sam. Proceeds will help benefit the Center.

Finally, the Center will be closed the month of December while Candy recovers from hip replacement surgery. Prayers are welcomed.

### preschool

~Elizabeth Bodine



My name is Elizabeth Bodine and I am the preschool director at Trinity. Each month in the Trinity Times we would like to introduce you to the staff members, their classes and the many exciting activities the children are involved in. By the end of the year we hope you have a better understanding of the wonderful preschool program offered at Trinity. The door is always open, so please stop by to visit and join in the fun!

October has been filled with some fun learning experiences in the Purple Room. The two year olds have learned about God's artistry through hearing about the season of fall. We had our one and only field trip to Dorsey Fire Station where we heard of some invaluable fire safety lessons. Halloween costumes flooded the preschool hallways to trick or treat ( many for the first time) with our neighboring rooms. Most of all our littlest students are discovering that school is a great place to be!

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

## Presbyterian women

~Virginia Kozak

**Circle** will hold its next gathering on Tuesday, November 8. To prepare, please read and work through Lessons 6 and 7 (pages 73-98) in Navigator's LifeChange study of *Luke*. Dr. Sandra Hollensead facilitates. Join us at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor; bring a brown bag lunch if time permits you to linger in fellowship.

December 13th will be a special **Christmas-themed Circle**, sub-titled Friendship Day!. For those ladies that do not have to work, please make a special effort to join us for a **special holiday program** starting at 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Lunch and dessert will be provided.



*All we want for Christmas is our volunteers, our volunteers, see out volunteers? Sign-up sheets are posted now again this year, and all we want for Christmas is our volunteers!*



The Christmas Sale is Saturday December 3rd, 8 a.m. —11 a.m. Sign-up sheets are posted on the TPW bulletin board in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. We need volunteers to bring in homemade baked goods (not purchased): cookies, brownies, cakes, pies, and breads. **We request all persons or family units who are able contribute at least one batch of cookies (four dozen) or more.** If you contributed last year, please match the contribution again this year! We had ample goodies for our guests, and enough left over for our congregation to purchase Sunday morning, some of whom had not been able to attend the sale, or who had already consumed their purchases and needed more! Plan to bring your treats to the church kitchen Friday, December 2nd between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Please have cookies stacked on trays, or ready to be stacked on a church tray, and wrapped well with cellophane.

We also need volunteers as hostesses. **We were short on hostesses to help guests select baked goods last year**, particularly in early hours when sales are most brisk. This is a fun assignment, putting the volunteer in a festive spirit. A clean-up crew is needed and are especially valued, to wash trays as they are emptied, restock trays for sale, clean the kitchen, help with take home laundry, and storing tables pulled from various rooms of the church. We need cashiers, baggers, and runners. Decorating the Fellowship Hall is planned for Thursday, December 1st, and if you enjoy creating a special atmosphere for gatherings, this is for you!

Please contact Dr. Sandra Hollensead at [goldiewhee@aol.com](mailto:goldiewhee@aol.com), or cell 502-593-4014 for questions, or to sign you up as a volunteer.

The opportunity to help is a gender/age equal one. We ask that our Trinity men get involved with baking, providing hobby crafts, and helping to take down and store items after the sale ends at 11:00 a.m. Our reward is knowing we are serving our Lord Jesus Christ through our mission work. Besides having our *two front teeth*, what could be better?



Answers to the cookie ingredients quiz: 1) "Best Ever Cookies": coconut and pecans 2) "Cowboy Cookies": raisins and oatmeal 3) "Dream Cremes": also coconut and pecans, but are candies rather than cookies!



Minute for mission



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“What’s For  
Dinner?”

*Help your Neighbor fill their plates this  
Thanksgiving by providing a Holiday  
Food Basket for Eastern Area  
Community Ministries.*

**PLEASE SEE THE DISPLAY IN THE NARTHEX  
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO FILL A BASKET  
OR TAKE A BAG (OR 2)**

*If you can't do it all – buy what you can...*

Contents:

- \$25 Kroger card for perishable food items
- 5 lb. potatoes/sweet potatoes
- 4 cans of vegetables
- packaged or canned gravy
- boxed stuffing mix
- 4 cans of fruit **OR** bag of apples
- cranberry sauce
- pie filling & crust **OR** cake mix & frosting
- evaporated milk
- tea/lemonade
- basket [usually recommend a **sturdy** laundry basket  
or Reusable Kroger Bag(s)]

**BRING YOUR ITEMS TO TRINITY  
BY SUNDAY, NOV 13, 2016**

*“Its November” – Hard to believe we are entering the Holiday Season and a very busy time for the Trinity Family. We have a lot to cover in just a few short weeks*

**First:** Even during the Holidays, Burrito Riders are in need of those wonderful breakfast burritos. Please consider making a batch (or 2) or grab a group of friends, if each person takes the responsibility of fixing one of the ingredients then you can get to get together and roll the burritos in no time at all. What a wonderful way to fellowship and help a great cause.

**Second:** Its time for Operation Christmas Child. Fill a shoebox (or more). You can bring with you when you come to the WOW –Mission Packing Party on NOV 2<sup>nd</sup> or during National Collection Week which is NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

We need Volunteers to help during National Collection Week – sign-up is on the table in the Narthex...

**Third:** Thanksgiving is around the corner – Will you help feed a EACM Family. Again this is a wonderful activity to do with family and friends We have a limited number of Reusable shopping bags – so please take a couple to fill. Bring back to Trinity by November 13<sup>th</sup>.

A different way to give

~Finance Committee

Congress has extended the IRA charitable rollover and made it permanent. If you are age 70 ½ or older, an IRA rollover is a simple and easy way to use your Individual Retirement Account to reduce taxes and support Trinity’s ministry without affecting your checking or savings account. The advantages are:

- Your gift will qualify for your 2016 required minimum distribution; and
- You will not have to pay federal income tax on the amount given from your IRA (up to \$100,000 per year).

If this sounds attractive to you, contact your tax advisor for personalized help.

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~Janice Kim



The CE Committee is sponsoring a *Chili Cook-Off*  
**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the 11:00 a.m.  
service in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring your best pot of chili and join us for lunch!

We look forward to seeing you in our fellowship in Christ.  
Donations to benefit our Youth Ministry.

(Youth Parents, we would greatly appreciate if you would supply us with toppings such as cheese, sour cream, crackers, and/or a dessert. Please send it with your youth. Youth will meet in the fellowship hall immediately after Children’s Time. We will pray, listen to God’s word and prepare for our event.)

WOW Recipe OF THE MONTH

~Glenna Ogle

Easy Corn Pudding

- 1 stick butter, melted
- 1 can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 can cream style corn
- 1 (8 oz) carton sour cream
- 1 package corn muffin mix (Jiffy, etc.)

Mix well and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes,  
depending on depth of casserole.





# INVITATION

## OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH



**Where:** The Science Hill Inn Dining Room  
525 Washington Street, Shelbyville, Ky.  
**When:** Saturday, November 19, 2016  
**Time:** 11:15 A.M.

You are invited to lunch at Science Hill on **November 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 A.M.** Enjoy outstanding food and beautiful Christmas decorations. Before or after lunch explore all the small shops in the building for special treasures and decorations. We will order off the menu and enjoy a leisurely meal together. This is a special event!

We have a limited number of reservations so you **MUST** sign up to attend. You may sign up on the Fellowship bulletin board in the hall or you may call the church office before the deadline. We must have the exact number of people attending. If you wish to carpool from church, please be sure to write YES in that column. **The final date to sign up is Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> (FIRM).**



## november birthdays

11-01	Ali Elder
11-03	Mardi Crosser
	Amy Elder
	Nicki Wheat
11-05	Diane Frye
	Betty Muse
11-06	Jeri Blair
	Aston Wheat
	Chris Hall
	Jonathan Sarmiento
11-08	Josh Latham
11-14	Jessica Lankford
11-15	David Douglas
	Meredith Johnson
	Jerry Pender
	Inez Williams
11-17	Jennifer Hacker
11-18	Charles Niemann
11-22	Aleyamma Chetty
	Suzanne Lundstrom
	Sheryl Oyler
	Zachary Watts
	Andy Cannava
	Bob Gray
11-23	Carol Lewis
	Carol Redd
	Kaycee Bushue
11-24	Scott Lundstrom
	George Geoth
11-26	Walter French
	Stephen McCreary
11-27	Bob Williams-Neal



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!