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Pastor's Pen

Craving the Constant

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. (James 1:17 NKJV)*

Ships long for port. Aircraft need runways. Soldiers cherish their homeland. A child needs their mommy. All of us hunger for homely mommy. Evident and abiding and true.



We live in a world of perpetual motion and change. Such change is upon us. Seen with our eyes and felt in our bones as one season passes into another. Evidence of this world's churning motion of perpetual change reminds us of longing in our soul for something, someone that is constant and abiding and true.

Some of us may love the change from the warmth of Summer to the crisp harvest air of Autumn. Some may even long for the day when the bursting color of Fall succumbs to the white-washed tapestry of Winter. No doubt, as Winter's harsh and relentless chill settles into us, even to the bone, do we not yearn for an explosion of new life as Winter's cold grip is broken over us. And then we bask in the slow and peaceful slide of Spring once again into the shimmering glory of Summer's radiant heat.

Change is all around us, most clearly in the seasons. And yet, while we may enjoy each season on its own merit, the unique atmosphere it brings eventually wears thin on us. We gradually tire of this new season and look with longing expectation for the next change. As a result, change is something we loathe and long for at the same time. How fickle are we?

While change appears to be the only constant (besides the cynical cry of "Death and taxes!"), we are only aware of change because of the absence of something else. The change of the day to night and then day again...the change of the seasons from Summer through the others back to Summer again...the change of one generation being born to become adults and see another generation come after it...the reality of change in this universe is evidence that there exists One who does not change. And this One is our Heavenly Father described by James in the verse above.



God, our Father, is not only the One from whom all good and bountiful blessings flow, but He is THE constant we crave in this world of perpetual change. He is the rock upon which our lives are to be unshakably built. He is the calmer of storms, the breaker of nights, and the destroyer of death. He is the constant of our life.

As you behold the techno-color beauty of this season of change, blink your eyes and look again. Through the change of the seasons, see and know that Christ, our Savior, is holding in all in His hands.

Beloved in Christ,  
Pastor Steve



Worship & FELLOWSHIP Opportunities



**WoW WEDNESDAYS:**The fellowship committee is excited to welcome back the WOW (Worship on Wednesday) dinners. We are trying something different this year. Once a month, there will be a catered meal instead of our usual potluck. (Generally this will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month) The cost of the meal will be \$6.50 per person. The children will have a separate kids' meal (at no cost). We need to get an accurate headcount for the number of catered meals to order in advance. This cannot be stressed enough. There

will be a sign-up sheet on the fellowship bulletin board and there will be a table in the narthex with a member of the fellowship committee taking payments after each service on Sundays. Please make sure that you sign-up and pay in advance so that we can reserve your meal. Additional information regarding the menu will be provided soon.

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



Join us on Sunday, October 23rd for our  
**Annual Fall Festival plus a booth with Arts and Crafts**  
from 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Children are encouraged to wear their  
favorite costumes and bring a bucket.

Email Candy Wheat at [cawroses@aol.com](mailto:cawroses@aol.com) to sign-up  
or call the church office at 502-245-5515

Peace and Grace to all...

The church has four people attending the Fall Craft Week in Montreat and Candy will be teaching. Please keep everyone in your prayers.

We are looking forward to the Fall Festival. The Center, as well as the students, will be selling pottery. This is a chance to get some awesome gifts at a great price and help benefit the Art Center at the same time. The Center will also be having a pumpkin painting booth so bring your children and friends for a great day of fun.

**Upcoming art show...**Angels with Artists Candy Wheat and Sam Konph

The show will be opening on November 4th at Block Party. The show will feature photos by Sam and pottery by Candy centered around Christmas and Angels. The show will run through the end of December.

New pottery classes will start on October 27th and there are only 4 spots remaining. If you are interested, please call Candy at the church office.

### Trinity elders



In fulfillment of Acts 20:28, Trinity's Elders are endeavoring to serve and strengthen more fully the "flock" of TPC. In pursuit of this nurturing goal, each Elder now has about 12-14 families (or individuals) under their care. If you hear from one of your church Elders, know that they care for you, love you, and wish to encourage you in your faith. As we roll this out, we hope to share in greater detail how this ministry will take shape.

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

### Presbyterian women

~Virginia Kozak

In a recent Trinity Times, I mentioned how our denomination's women's association got started. At one time women did not have a voice in church matters. Clearly in our cities and many rural communities that has changed since women faithfully serve as deacons, elders, teachers and pastors.

Now I would like share with you why it is important that we continue to gather as Presbyterian Women. Groups like TPW are a tremendous resource for mission and study within our community churches. Maybe more importantly, we offer a beacon of light and hope to women in other countries, primarily those in the third world, where women are typically not seen as equal partners in employment or leadership. Not only do we provide incredible financial and spiritual support for these women, we serve as role models. As we have taken steps forward to improve our plight (the health of our families and communities), our sisters can look at our endeavors as a vision for their families and communities. They receive the blessings of our prayers as they become positive agents of change.

Missionaries Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer relayed to us in April how much involvement like ours has helped those in Guatemala. Every month when we recite our "Least Coin" prayer, we are affirming our sisters in places like Lebanon, India, Nigeria that desire God's justice in their lives.

Our work can feel daunting, but the rewards can be seen in the faces of children, women and families that we are helping.

#### FAIRS & FESTIVALS

A note of congratulations goes to Martha Warrick, our Vice Chair for Sew 'n Sews and stalwart member of TPW. She earned several ribbons for her handiwork at the 2016 Kentucky State Fair, one or two of them being blue!

Many thanks to all that helped Sew 'n Sews and Evangelism Committee at the Middletown Family Fun Festival, both in preparing for and actually working at the special event. Bad weather, unfortunately, shut the festival down early.

Plan to shop for Halloween and Thanksgiving items at our booth at the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Fall Festival!

**Circle** will hold its next gathering on Tuesday, October 11. To prepare, please read and work through "Lesson 5" (pages 59-77) in Navigator's LifeChange study of *Luke* (Luke 6 & 7). Join us at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor; bring a brown bag lunch if time permits you to linger in fellowship.

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~Janice Kim



With a successful Fall Kick-Off, we are excited about what God is and will be doing at TPC. Continue to join us for WOW Wednesday, Sunday School, Children's Church, and the many opportunities to connect at TPC.

Our Sunday School Older Children will be exploring Luke and Timothy. They will be exploring the promises of the gospel and how it is evident in their lives. Our Younger Children will continue their journey with Moses and how God protects and rescues us in life trials.

Also, don't forget about our upcoming **Fall Festival October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00-6:00**. Children are encouraged to wear their costume and bring their bucket. Come join us for a great time!

Games—Food—Treats—Face Painting—Arts and Crafts Booth—and more!

**Acts 14:17** Nevertheless, he hasn't left himself without a witness. He has blessed you by giving you rain from above as well as seasonal harvests, and satisfying you with food and happiness.



Minute for mission



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD  
PACKING PARTY NOVEMEBER 2

The Mission Committee will be hosting the WOW program on November 2. We will be doing our Operation Christmas Child packing party that evening. We are asking that you bring donations for the shoe boxes.

Suggested Items

**Larger (WOW) items:** Soccer ball (deflated) with pump, stuffed animal, toys, puppets, trucks, etc.), doll (baby, Barbie, etc.), musical instrument, outfit, shoes

**Toys:** toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

**School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**Non-liquid Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

**Accessories:** T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

**If you would like to bring with you a Personal Note:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.

Please remember liquid items can NOT be included in the shoeboxes!



YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE WOW PROGRAM...

ONCE A MONTH THERE WILL BE A MISSION FOCUS

WE WILL BE HAVING GUEST SPEAKERS OR A HANDS ON MISSION PROJECT AS THE PROGRAM

THE MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE MISSION COMMITTEE (DONATIONS WELCOMED)

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US TO SEE WHAT SPARKS YOUR INTERESTED TO LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH.

October birthdays

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|-------|---------------------|-------|-----------------|
| 10-2  | Emily Hacker        | 10-18 | Carol Hartmann  |
| 10-7  | Martha Warrick      | 10-20 | Greta Bushue    |
| 10-9  | Melissa Weaver      |       | Jack Kelly      |
|       | Killian Mullin      | 10-22 | Neil Houser     |
| 10-12 | Devon Williams-Neal | 10-25 | Deanna Smith    |
| 10-14 | Mike Stevens        | 10-28 | Dennis Miller   |
| 10-15 | Bhakta Chetty       |       | Larry Watts     |
|       | Deb Kelly           | 10-30 | Emily Latham    |
|       | Marjorie Malzahn    |       | Paul Hollensead |
|       | BarD' Peoples       | 10-31 | Linda Jones     |



CHURCH PET of the month

**Name:** Pumpkin (a friend's grandchildren named him since I got him as a puppy the week of Halloween)

**Human Relatives:** Phyllis Santos Sauer

**Age & Breed:** 10 years old—Yorkiepoo

**Favorite activity:** Treat and outside and chasing him

**Favorite time of day:** Bed time. He likes me to rub his back and tummy and then cover him with his blanket.



WOW Recipe OF THE MONTH ~Glenna Ogle

Baked spaghetti casserole

- 1 C onions, minced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 lb. ground chuck beef
- 1/3 lb. hot breakfast sausage

Cook in skillet and drain well.  
Add small can tomato paste and add small can tomato sauce

- 3 1/2 C tomato juice
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 T oregano

Simmer sauce for 1 hour.  
Cook 8 oz. spaghetti and drain well.

In a 9 x 13 pan layer spaghetti, sauce, 1 lb. shredded mozzarella cheese, 1/2 C fresh grated parmesan cheese making 2 or 3 layers. Top with parmesan cheese. Bake 40 minutes at 300 degrees.



# 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).**



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!