## PRAYING THROUGH LENT WORKSHOP...



## Sunday, February 15th 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

The Faith & Art Center will be having a Praying through Lent workshop.

Come experience how to deepen your love for Christ through art and spiritual practices.

People of all ages are welcome!

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As the story goes, it was one man's job in a small Midwestern town to watch the railroad crossing. When a train would approach at night he was to wave a lantern to warn those driving on the narrow road that a train was approaching and to stop until it passed by.

On one particular night the train was coming down the tracks as usual, and the man took his place to warn the oncoming cars. He could see a car in the distance approaching the railroad tracks so he began to wave his lantern in the moonlit sky. The car continued to come so the man waved the lantern even more briskly. The train was only seconds away from the crossing. The car was not even slowing down. The man could not believe it so he waved the lantern even harder. Still the car came. The car was almost to the track and the train was about to pass. The man could not stand in the middle of the road any longer. Again he frantically waved his lantern and the car continued to come at full speed. Finally the man jumped out of the way as the car sped by and was hit by the train on the tracks.

While investigators questioned the grief-stricken man he explained to the authorities how he tried to warn the oncoming vehicle but it would not stop. The officer in charge said to the man at the crossing, "Sir, you waved your lantern but you forgot to light it."

In the verse above, Jesus reminds us that we are lights who are to shine the love and truth of the Gospel in world. Let us not forget to keep our "lantern" lit. May we continue to be faithful in our living, in our loving, and in our serving of those around us. And as we do I believe the light of Jesus Christ will touch the hearts of many in our community and in this world.

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



# TRINITY TIMES February 2015

### **Pastor's Pen**

### **A Fresh Start**

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. *Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.* Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

### Matthew 5:14-16

In the love of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Steve Jewell

### STEWARDSHIP. . .

### **God's First Responders**

Daily, the news stories capture our attention: public servants, some paid, some volunteer who respond to emergencies of every type. Outwardly, they are known by their bright and well-recognized garb: hats, boots, coats that identify these persons as First Responders in times of great need. We applaud their successes and mourn with their families and communities when some make the ultimate sacrifice to save the lives of others.

In the local church community, we have the opportunity to learn to be First Responders, offering the generosity of God. This generosity was revealed when God gave the world Jesus Christ. God's Son expresses the depth of God's generosity. Like those who are trained for work in perilous circumstances, God calls us to be fearless in our living, our giving and our service.

The church community is the primary place for cultivating an attitude and practice of generosity. Here we are taught what it means to be stewards of all that we have. Here we are taught how to give or offer the time, spiritual gifts, skill sets, and finances with which we have been entrusted.

Giving is our response to the generosity that we have received from God. We are to give of ourselves and the resources that we have. We are to give fearlessly and freely and not with an attitude of scarcity.

In the midst of economic and life uncertainties, it can be tempting to permit fear to control and influence the resources that we have. Such fear can lead some of us to believe that we must hold on to our resources. This attitude and mindset can and will lead to stress, uncertainty, and a distorted view of God. Jesus said, "Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be for the measure you get, and still more will be given you. For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away" (Mark 4:24-25, NRSV).

Paul reminds us that we "cannot begin to think or imagine" how this God in whom we trust will work through us and through the church to accomplish God's will in the world, now and in the future. It is our church community that corporately expresses the generous nature of our God to a world that hungers to see an alternative to the imaginations of fear and scarcity.

Let us live, give, and serve fearlessly as God's First Responders. May we be well known and recognized as carriers of God's grace-filled generosity to a world in need!

Adapted from GIVING magazine by Rev. Michelle Cobb

## MEN'S STUDY GROUP...

Where: Wild Eggs at English Station Road When: First & Third Tuesdays of the Month (NEW DAY) What Time: 8:30 a.m. (NEW TIME) What: Bible Study and fellowship



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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 February 3rd and February 17th.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE—FEBRUARY 19TH...



The deadline for the March Trinity Times is February 19th. Please email articles to trinitypc@earthlink.net or leave them in the secretary's mailbox.

### FEBRUARY COLLECTION

02/01:	Larry & Carol Hartmann
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- 02/08: Lois Bringhurst and Betty Muse
- 02/15: Roger Harvell and Betty Wilborn

Mary Corum and Marilyn Davis 02/22:

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARI

02/11: Mr. & Mrs. Edward Thomas Evans 02/19: T.C. & Sheila Mathew

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS. .

- 02/03: Michael David Kratt Robert Syms, Jr.
- 02/04: Lois Bringhurst
- Betty Wilborn
- Jeremy Mingus
- 02/06: Janet Husband Linda Kennedy
- 02/08: Taylor Mullin Jessica Young Garrett Bushue
- 02/11: Ryan Mingus
- 02/12: Andrew Robert Kratt Kate Kratt

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE... 2015 2014 01/04: 137 178 01/11: 138 144 01/18: 145 158 01/25: 140 158

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## EVANGELISM. . .

Did you know . . .

- --A few years ago members of our church family "walked" to Jerusalem and back?
- --Our pottery studio is nationally acclaimed and ministers to diverse groups of the community? --Our new pastor is a Jewell?
- --Many of us find and give joy by making heavenly music in a variety of ways within our walls?
- --We have Sew 'n Sews stitching love in the form of crib and healing blankets?
- --Our preschool provides a great learning place, including chapel, for little ones?

These are just a few of the things that our church has to offer!

Sunday, February 15th has been designated as *Bring-A-Friend Sunday*, and we will have the pleasure of welcoming friends, neighbors, and others to share with our church family in worship here at Trinity Presbyterian Church. There will also be a *Visitors Reception* immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the Parlor.

Now there are a few things for you, our church family, to do that will make this day even more special. These include:

- Choosing 1 or 2 reasons (from your vast array) why you love being part of the Trinity Presbyterian Church family.
- Writing or illustrating (1 to 2 ½ inch space) your reason(s) on a poster that the Evangelism Committee will make available at an upcoming WoW dinner.
- Inviting friends, neighbors, colleagues, co-workers, and loved ones to come, see and experience for themselves what makes Trinity so special.
- Praying for our pastor, members, music and art ministries, friends--all who will be attending--that they will sense the presence of the One to whom we all belong, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Eternal Friend!

If you would like to find out more about what we're doing to spread the "good news" or if you have ideas to share, why not sit in on an Evangelism Committee meeting the first Wednesday of each month? We meet from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Pastor's office. For more information about our committee or about the Bring-A-Friend Sunday/Visitors Reception, please see Cathy Dawson, Lucie Fulmore, Phyllis Santos Sauer, Mike Stevens, Becky Douglas, or Camille Williams-Neal.

## LENT—WORSHIP COMMITTEE . . .

### ASH WEDNESDAY:

Trinity's Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please 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 meditation with a devotional available on Thursday evenings beginning February 19th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you would like to prepare a devotional for those evenings, please place submissions in Judith Bloor's mailbox by February 11th.

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## PRESCHOOL...

January came and went in a hurry! The cold weather kept us indoors but we stayed warm with lots of dancing, moving and singing! We started working on many Valentine songs. Some new ones and some old ones will be sung in honor of Valentine's Day.

Miss Kerry Music & Movement

## FAITH & ART. . .

The Center is off to a great start in 2015. November and December we raised about \$1,100 from sales at Block party.

The center held an open house for the Disability Council and artists throughout Kentucky for participants in the new Identity Show. The Identity Show will be in June and the Center is very excited to be a part of this new gallery show. We will also be having workshops that will help to highlight the Center.

February 7th, I will be holding a workshop for participants working in clay.

February 9th, Al Nelson (stone sculptor) will hold a workshop for participants working in stone.

The Center will also be starting a new clay class and Bible study for abused women which will be run by Lynne Wood and myself on Monday nights. There will be a new autism group for students not involved in a day program. We will also start working on a Gallery Show to be held at Dreams with Wings new building.

It looks like the Center is off to a great and busy 2015!

The Center is excited to have a new volunteer, a student at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, working with us on Wednesdays and for special projects. She has studied art and clay and wants to go into Art Ministry.

Please keep the Center in your prayers as we start all these new ventures.

In Christ, Candy Wheat

## THANK YOU...

A special thank you to Barbara Cooke, Norma Pennington, and Carol Redd, our outgoing Deacons. We are truly grateful for all your service!

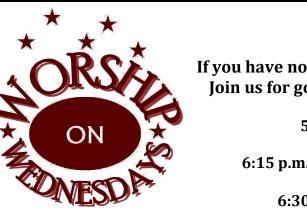
In Christ, Current Deacons and Congregation of TPC

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## EACM—PARTY FOR THE PANTRY...



WOW. . .



6:45 p.m.—7:00 p.m.—Junior Choir—ages 3 through 1st grade

6:45 p.m.—WoW Jr. Program—activities, plays, crafts and a snack

Please note that this month we go back to our old format of potlucks for every meal. Each family unit should bring a dish to share; salad, dessert, side or main dish. Please be sure your dish will serve 6 to 12 people. If you do not wish to cook, just stop by the store on your way and pick up something to share. There is a special children's table with more of their favorite things. Beverages are provided for all. Dinner is served at 5:45pm.

### **FEBRUARY SCHEDULE**

February 4th:	NO WoW—Committee Night.
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February 11th:	Celebrate Valentines! Food suggestion: Bring your
February 18th:	Ash Wednesday. Soup and Sa Please bring a can of soup to Food Suggestion: Bring soup
February 25th:	Winter Wonder Land. "Let it Food suggestion: Bring some
	<b>BE SURE TO RESERVE YO</b>

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.

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### WoW and WoW Jr.

If you have not tried WoW before, this is a good time to start. Join us for good food, fellowship and learning for all ages!

5:45 p.m.—WoW and WoW Jr. Dinner

6:15 p.m.—6:45 p.m.—Children's Choir—grades 2—5

6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.—WoW Adult Program

sweetheart's favorite dish, or your own favorite.

Salad Night. donate to the E.A.C.M. food bank. p. salad or dessert.

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### OUR PLACE AT THE TABLE!!!