



TRINITY TIMES

"Your Neighborhood Church"

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Pastor's Pen

God's Plan for God's People

*Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to town
(telling others about Jesus)...(John 4:28 NIV)*



Every conversation, every interaction, every encounter with Jesus left people challenged and often changed by the love of God. This can be unnerving to hear and consider. To be challenged, especially when the challenge calls for us to change, is often uncomfortable and threatening. But, Jesus always had, and continues to have for us a bigger, grander, more robust plan for our lives than we can conceive of or comprehend.



WORSHIP
CHRIST

In John 4, Jesus encountered an outcast: a woman, alone, broken, hardened, combative, and cold. Even so, Jesus compassionately dared to speak with her. And this conversation forever changed her, both for her good and for the glory of God. The subtle and significant sign of the change in her was the water jar she left behind. She made a break with her old life and embraced the new life given her by Jesus: a life of worship and walking and witness. As Jesus healed the source of her brokenness, she worshipped Him as Savior. As Jesus extended to her the hope healing, she walked with Him as Savior. And as Jesus gave her new and lasting life, she bore witness to others about Him as Savior.

Such transformative encounters with Jesus continue today. That the God's church continues to thrive after 2000 years testifies to Jesus' ongoing work of changing lives. That Trinity Presbyterian Church has been planted and continues to prosper here in Louisville after almost 60 years also testifies to Jesus work of changing lives.



WALK
with CHRIST

This year, we want to be very intentional about embracing "God's Plan for God's People." Like the woman of John 4, we are leaving the "water jar" of our old lives to embrace the new life God has for us in Christ, a life of worship and walking and witness. We worship Jesus in gratitude for the changing work of His grace in our lives. We also walk together with Jesus, growing into the people God is making us to be. And we bear witness to others the message of joy and peace and passion for life they, too, can experience through a relationship with Jesus.



WITNESS
for CHRIST

Jesus has a grand and glorious plan for your life. Will you meet with Him, listen to Him, let Him loving change you, and then join with us in pursuit of God's plan for God's people?

In the amazing love of Christ,
Pastor Steve

Christian education

~ Janice Kim

2018 Christian Education Schedules & Class Subjects

WoW Wednesday

Fellowship Hall each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
(excluding the 3rd Wednesday of the month)

1st Wednesday- WOW Mission

2nd and 4th Wednesday- WOW Worship (Study in Beatitudes)

Sunday Schools & Small Groups—9:45 a.m.

Adult Sunday School Class

Curriculum: *The Present Word*, Uniform Series published by the PCUSA
Location: Library

Women's Sunday School Class

Curriculum: *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* By: Philip Yancey
Location: classroom # 6

Men's Sunday School

Curriculum: *The Essential Beliefs of God*
Location: classroom #4

Koinonia Sunday School Class

Curriculum: *The Apostles' Creed for Today* By: Justo Gonzalez
Location: Parlor

Youth Sunday School Class

Curriculum: *Believe*
Location: Pastor's Study Room

Children Sunday School Class

Curriculum: *Faith Alive*
Location: classroom # 3

The Quest

Sunday, 10:00 AM
Curriculum: Currently, *The Quest* for More by Paul Tripp. Next, on the book of Romans.
Location: Classroom #5

Men's Study Group

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:30 AM
Curriculum: Life of David
Location: Wild Eggs (English Station Rd.)

Youth Group

Friday, 7:00 PM
Location: Church

Children's Church/ Young Explorer's

During the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, Children Grades 1-5 are encouraged to attend the Young Explorer's Class.
Curriculum: TBA
Location: Library

deacons

~ Mardi Crosser

Deacons will coordinate transportation requests for members. If someone needs a ride, they can contact Mardi Crosser, Moderator of the Deacons at 502-425-3315 or crosserms@hotmail.com. Mardi will get the word out and transport will be coordinated directly with the person in need.



Orange Room Four Year Olds

The preschoolers in the Orange Room had lots of chilly fun this month! We started the new year with our theme of Ice and Snow. We did an experiment to see if water would freeze faster in a tall deep container or a flat shallow container. We used ice to paint. We made patterns with snowflakes and measured things in snowballs. Then we went south for the winter—far south! We spent the next two weeks learning about Antarctica and the emperor penguins that live there. We located Antarctica on the globe, measured ourselves against a life sized emperor penguin cut-out to see if we were taller than an emperor, and tried to be a penguin parent carrying our eggs and then our penguin chicks about on our feet. We froze icebergs in many interesting shapes and then filled a wading pool with icebergs and water so our cork penguins could swim about in the Ross Sea. Our last week of January was in preparation for Ground Hog Day. We learned about the legend of the groundhog’s ability to predict the coming of spring and made our predictions, shadow or no shadow, before the big day. There was a lot of learning and a lot of fun in the Orange Room this month!

Miss Linda and Miss Kimberly



Dear Trinity Church Family,

I want you to know how very grateful I am for your incredible Christmas generosity. I also appreciate the support you give to all of the Trinity musicians every week. We have the most dedicated musicians, committed to being of service to the worship of this congregation. I am so honored to serve them and to serve this congregation in our worship of our Lord and Savior.

With deepest gratitude, Melissa

Reflections on Being a Church Choir Member
by Janis Ruping



In these days of self-absorption, self promotion, and self-interest being a member of a choir offers a striking contrast. Choir is about being a part of something larger than yourself. Singing in a church choir is all about “us” not “me.” In a choir, if you stand out you are doing something wrong. While you may fear going it alone, in a choir you join other altos, tenors, sopranos and baritones, and together you make it possible for something powerful to happen.

And something powerful does happen. Choir becomes a place of service in the church, a place to grow, a small group, a glimpse of heaven, a front-row seat, and ultimately, a lesson about life in the church.

In choir, we make a commitment to participate in worship, and to join with the pastoral staff as they lead the congregation in worship. The pieces we sing are carefully chosen to enhance the texts. We sing for baptism, funerals, and during communion. We sing in the midst of our hectic lives, through our own joys and sorrows, because sometimes, when things are the hardest for us, we need to sign. By our very plan, or order of worship. God is with us.

The texts of the anthems we sign teach us about God, and help us grow in our faith. Sometimes, when we’re faced with a week’s challenges or joys, the words of a hymn or anthem we have rehearsed come to mind and speak to our need. The texts become not just our song, but our mediation and our prayer.

Early each new year, Trinity Presbyterian Women reports the results of our mutual efforts from our Christmas fundraising event. Our contribution to this issue of Trinity Times will be in that vein.

The Christmas Sale as we know it has morphed over many years. Not too long ago we sold only holiday cookies (the “Cookie Walk”), and years before that we offered a traditional Christmas “Bizarre”. Some of our women still have ornaments they made for the Bizarre *over thirty years ago* under the leadership of Barbara Marshall. In those days the purpose of the event was solely to raise money for Eastern Area Community Ministries (EACM). Today’s TPW has maintained the Christmas Sale to continue helping EACM financially, but also other worthy ministries.

Every dollar that is raised by TPW goes to groups that improve the welfare of children, women and families. As of yet, not one confection or craft contributor has asked to be reimbursed for ingredients, materials, supplies they use to make their holiday creations. It is understood that such requests would take away from the partners we support. We are so grateful for the help given by our faithful church members.

At the December 2017 meeting of the TPW Board, with much thought and prayer, money earned from the Middletown Fun Festival and Christmas Sale were disbursed to a number of charities. Many are organizations that we have supported for decades, some for only a couple of years. Some have been serving the community for over one-hundred years. Some are in rural areas of Kentucky and don’t have a large population of donors on which to lean. Periodically one can catch a report about them on a local news broadcast. All are doing work that we admire and feel strongly represent our mission. \$325 was given to each of the following:

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| BsideU for Life (formerly Necole’s Place) | Buckhorn Children & Family Services | Center for Women & Families |
| EACM Food Pantry | EACM General Fund | Family Scholar House |
| Galilean Home Ministries | Healing Place, The | Lifeshouse Maternity Home |
| Louisville Presbyterian Seminary Bookends Program | Neighborhood House | Salvation Army Christmas Tree |
| St. Joseph’s Peace Mission Home for Children | Supplies Over Seas | Wayside Christian Mission |

When we ask our congregation to assist us by baking homemade cookies, or volunteer time and energy to set-up tables or tents at events, you become an active contributor to the lives of people receiving important services from organizations like those listed here. This is a tangible way to bring God’s love and grace into another’s life.

If you are unfamiliar with these groups and want to know more, please search for them on the internet or ask a member of TPW by sending an email or leaving a message with the church office, who will forward it along to us. A more complete look at TPW activities will be submitted for your review in the 2017 Annual Report.



Sew ‘n Sews, the crafting subset of TPW, is spending the first three months of 2018 making products for special organizations. We have high goals to meet the requests received. If you can sew, knit or crochet, you are welcome to participate from home – without coming to a meeting!

- Pillowcases, standard size: quantity – 100
- Baby blankets, approximately 40 inches square: quantity – 70
- Chemo caps/hats, all sizes: quantity – as many as can be made

Upcoming TPW Events:

- Tuesday Morning Circle, February 13th, 10:30 a.m., Parlor: Lesson 5 of *Zechariah: On That Day*. Hostess Group
- 3. All ladies welcome. Brown bag lunch; coffee and dessert provided.
- Ladies’ Just for Fun Lunch, Thursday, February 22nd, 11:30 a.m.. All women welcome to join us at Jason’s Deli on N. Hurstbourne. No agenda!
- Sew ‘n Sews is back to its bi-weekly meetings, the second and fourth Wednesday of each month downstairs in Room 16.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

MISSION **On the move!**

- **Burrito Riders** meal donations due February 25th—kits provided on table in Narthex
- **EACM Spring Fundraiser** "Big Top" March 3rd 6:30 p.m.

Mission committee is selling raffle tickets \$10 each

We will be collecting items for our " Family Fun Night Basket." that will be donated for EACM's auction. List of items needed can be found on table in Narthex. Please place donated items in basket by February 18th.



- **February 7th Mission WoW:** Ainsley Herrick will share her mission trip to Colombia. Dinner will be provided. Please remember to sign-up on WoW bulletin board.

FAITH & aRT

~ Candy Wheat

We are looking forward to a new year in the Center. We will be featuring an artist of the month each Trinity Times so you will get to learn a little about the students.



Artist of the Month: Max Davis

Max is a student at Wagner High School. Max has been coming to the Center for two years. He loves art and going out to eat pizza and pasta, swimming and bowling. Max loves coming to pottery and is a joy to be with. Max is one of two students coming from JCPS this year.



The Center has also enjoyed making Valentines this year with our 4 year olds from the preschool.

Thank you so much to TPC for the thoughtful gift.
I am blessed to be a part of the TPC family.



Trinity's Ash Wednesday Service
will be held on Wednesday,
February 14th at 7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary.

This service will follow a catered
dinner that will begin at 6:00 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.



Trinity's Maundy Thursday Service
will be held on Thursday,
March 29th at 7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary.

Please join with our church family
as we reflect on the night before the
crucifixion of our Lord.



EASTER FELLOWSHIP

On Easter Sunday, April 1st,
there will be a time for fellowship
in 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.



Trinity Presbyterian Church Easter Events

Palm Sunday Worship Service
Sunday, March 25th, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, March 29th, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service
Friday, March 30th, 12:00 noon

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 31st, 10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 1st, 7:00 a.m.

Easter Worship Service
Sunday, April 1st, 11:00 a.m.



february birthdays

2/3 Mary Gray
2/4 Lois Bringham
Betty Wilborn
2/6 Janet Husband
2/8 Taylor Mullin
Jessica Young
Garrett Bushue
Olivia Petty
2/9 Susan Smith
2/11 Matt Perry
2/18 Molly Woods
2/24 Glenna Ogle
2/25 Anuji Abraham
2/26 Natalie Hayden
Barbara Keyser



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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!