

# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Loving God | Growing Together | Serving the World

## Trinity Presbyterian Church

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<u>Class of 2021</u>	Jill McCullough Rebecca Perry Carol Redd
<u>Class of 2022</u>	Kay Hardy-Hines Sandy Koukola Marty Johnson
<u>Class of 2023</u>	Lois Bringham Cathy Dawson Brittney Maslowski

## The Staff

Pastor	Rev. Steven Jewell
Christian Education	Janice Kim
Faith & Art Center	Candy Wheat
Music Ministry	Melissa Weaver
Secretary	Sherry Pritts
Financial Secretary	Deanna Smith
Pianist/Organist	Won Joo Ahn
Youth Handbells	Doug Harville

## Strength in Weakness

By Pastor Steve Jewell

*"My grace is sufficient for you,  
for my power is made perfect in weakness."  
(2 Corinthians 12:9)*

## Life Is Hard

Life is hard. It's hard being a parent. It's hard being an employee. It's hard being a friend. It's hard being a citizen. It's hard being a follower of Christ. Life is hard.

That life is hard seems so obvious right now, especially given how disrupted every aspect of life has become over the last year. Nevertheless, how we face, process, and respond to the hardships of life matters immensely.

It is so easy to become overwhelmed by the burdens of life, the demands of life, the instability of life, the fragility of life, the pains of life, the shortness of life. To make matters worse, as the world wanders further from God, it's becoming more and more difficult to live faithfully for and boldly proclaim the Good News of Christ. But, our difficulty and struggle and hardship is not the final word.

## The Promise of God's Sufficient Grace

Read and ponder the relevance of these comforting promises:



*"But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)*

*"Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the Valley of Baca ("barren desert") they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion." (Psalm 84:5-6)*

*"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)*



### April Birthdays

Don Crosser	4/3
Laura Edwards	
Steve Edwards	
Sean Ray	4/4
Geetha Joseph	4/5
Sean Shumate	
Margaret Bloss	4/7
Bonnie Mullin	
Jonathan Smith	
Imad El-Imam	4/8
Doug Harville	4/9
Sydney Hacker	
Maria Hall	4/11
Mark McDaniel	4/17
Ann Douglas	4/19
Robyn Prestiagiacomo	4/20
Kay Nolan	4/23
Heather Wallace	4/25
Addy Elder	4/26
Virginia Kozak	4/29

### April Anniversaries

Don & Mardi Crosser	4/17
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### Set Your Hope on the Lord

While kingdoms rise and fall... While wealth is gained and lost... While virtue waxes and wanes... While everyone does what is right in their own eyes (see Judges by the way)... While life may be hard... Please hear and believe and set on this:

God is powerfully and purposefully in charge.

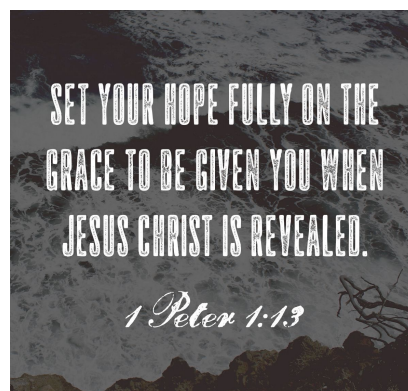
Paul, recounting the tremendous encounter he once had with the risen Christ, applied this defining moment to his present circumstances. You see, Paul had endured tremendous hardships. Life was hard for Paul. He suffered loss, persecution, abandonment, physical pain, broken friendships, poverty, character assassination, and much more. And yet, none of these experiences were the final word in Paul's life. One person and their abundant promises securely held Paul while all else around him gave way. So, while Paul was brutally honest about his struggles, he also framed them within the larger setting of God's power, strength, goodness, and grace. Hear how Paul saw and spent his life in the light of the glory of his savior, Jesus Christ:

*"Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."* (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

If life is hard for you right now, allow Christ to reframe your present struggle within the larger glory of His grace. Amid your present struggles, set your hope on the Lord. My friend, God is and always will be exceedingly and everlastingly faithful. His power will be perfectly displayed as strength in your weakness! The grip of His grace on your life will never weaken, but only grow stronger as life gets harder.

In the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Pastor Steve





## *Restarting the Adult Choir*

After far too many months, the adult choir is ready to restart. Melissa Weaver has developed a safe plan for the choir to practice and prepare for singing once again. Safety precautions will include the wearing of masks, maintaining social spacing, as well as disinfecting the practice areas before and after practices. Similarly, many folks have already received the vaccine, and many more will be getting it soon. Hopefully this will also help as the choir gathers, practices, and offers beautiful songs of worship to our Lord.

If you are interested in joining or rejoining the choir, please contact Melissa and let her know. Practices will be on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall beginning on April 21.

## **The Adult Bell Choir**

In addition to the adult choir, the adult bell choir is also practicing together. They will meet on Wednesday evenings as well beginning at 6 PM. New members are always welcome. Let Melissa Weaver know if your are interested.





As Christ's disciples, we are made for community. This community is where our love for Christ is deepened, our faith in Christ grows, and our lives are offered in service of our neighbors and the nations.

As we adjust to the current circumstances, many of our discipleship groups are still on hold. However, some groups have started meeting again. For more information, consider "doing life together" by joining one or more of the following opportunities.

### Opportunities for Children

#### *Christian Education for Children*

Unfortunately, the youngest of our church family are those who are most disrupted by COVID-19. Much prayer and discussion has taken place on how to best care for and encourage families in growing their children in their love for Jesus.

Here are a few ways to invest in and involve your children in knowing and growing in Jesus:

1. A children's message is included in our worship services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. This message will take place in the first fifteen minutes of our services.
2. In the Bible, the family was established as the first church. Therefore, we encourage families to read and talk about God's Word together. If you need ideas and resources on how to do this, please don't hesitate to contact Janice Kim or Pastor Steve.

If the Lord puts an idea on your heart, please let Janice Kim know. We will gladly see if we can make it happen.

### Opportunities for Youth

#### *Youth Online Worship*

All young people are invited to join the weekly online worship service hosted by Janice Kim via YouTube.

For more information, please contact Janice, and she will gladly get you connected to this dynamic time of worship.

#### Adult Educational Opportunities

##### *Koinonia Sunday School Class*

This group studies, prays, and grows together in *koinonia* (Greek for "community"). The current study is an in-depth survey of church history. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM via Zoom. Contact Pastor Bob Williams-Neal for more information.

##### *Women's Sunday School Class*

This class brings women together to support one another by building their faith in Christ. This is a fun-loving group of women who enjoy studying God's Word together. This class meets in person and via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. If you would like more information, please contact Barb Sheeler.



Small Group Opportunities*The Quest*

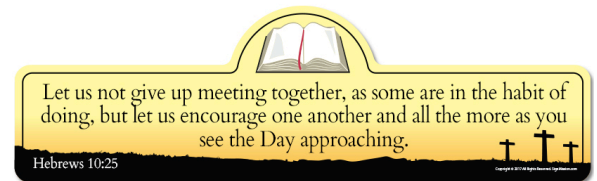
Those who are young, and young in heart, are invited to join in the quest of growing in Christ through the study of God's Word and the fellowship of mutual encouragement. This group meets via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10 AM.

*Sunday Evening Seekers*

This is a casual group of believers who gather on Sunday evenings at 5 PM to engage with God's Word, to encourage one another in Christ, and to enjoy the fellowship of other believers. For more information, please contact Pastor Steve.

*TPW (Trinity Presbyterian Women)*

This group meets the second Tuesday of the month, September to May, at 10:30 in the Parlor. Everyone brings a small bag lunch, while sweets and coffee are provided. Along with Bible study, these ladies share life together. Masks and socially distanced seating is provided. Call Sandra at (502) 593-4014 for questions and more information

**MISSION NEWS & UPDATES*****The Burrito Riders***

Kits for making burritos are now available in the Narthex. Please consider making a batch and leaving them in the church freezer. Any help we can offer the Burrito Riders ministry will go a long way in showing the love of Christ to many of the homeless in Louisville.

***TPW Spring Sale 2021***

The Sew 'n Sews Spring Sale 2021 is now on YouTube! Click on or type in link below for information about ordering on-line and pick up/payment at TPC Saturday August 24 from 10am to 1pm:

<https://youtu.be/9MzUFleNXd4>

Any items not preordered on line will remain in the Narthex for purchase during the pick up time.

Please wear a mask and practice social distancing at the sale, and share the YouTube link with friends and family! Look for our ad in the April 9th Coffee News and in The Record April 15th. Thank you Kay Hardy Hines for helping place these ads!

Special donations for the sale have been received, and these are exclusive to our congregation (not on the Sale video). Glenna Ogle, a member of Sew 'n Sews now living in TN, sent kitchen boas for our sale, Kay Hardy Hines donated paintings, and Doris Dubois, a friend of the Sew 'n Sews, also donated a painting (Monday at Grandmas). The paintings are offered for a donation of your choice.

Thank you,  
Sew 'n Sews and TPW

## **MISSION NEWS & UPDATES**

### ***Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes***

We will all enjoy the collection for the month of April because the shoebox item to collect is stuffed animals!! Let's face it; this is an item that is FUN to shop for. Who doesn't love buying a stuffed animal and could there be a child anywhere in God's world who wouldn't LOVE to find one in his/her shoebox?



A word of caution ... in addition to toys, the shoeboxes are packed with necessary items such as school supplies and personal care products so be mindful of the size of the stuffed animals you purchase. The drop-off bin is located in the Narthex. If you are interested in craft items from the month of March, check out the table in the Narthex for many ideas with detailed completion instructions. If you are unable to shop but would like to make a donation for the purchase of items of-the-month, please contact any member of the Mission Committee. As always, thank you for supporting this ministry.

### ***Eastern Area Community Ministries (EACM)***

Church, your contributions to EACM during the LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR collection totaled \$1,245 and these gifts have been delivered to Carrie Gerrard, Executive Director at EACM. Thank God for generous hearts that give of their resources to help their neighbors during these unprecedented times.


Toilet paper and laundry detergent are some of the supplies that are always needed at the pantry and the donation barrel will be returned to the Narthex if you would like to donate these items. At this time, cash donations are also appreciated. Please drop it in the wooden box in the Narthex. Your check should be made payable to Eastern Area Community Ministries.

**Love. Grow. Serve.**

## An Angel in our Midst

### A Bio of Doris Dubois

*"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it" Hebrews 13:2*



**Doris Dubois**

**Hero in our Midst** -- *In a world full of celebrities, politicians, athletes and entertainers, the unsung heroes are most often overlooked.*

For the past 3 years, Doris has brought a glimmer of hope to the lives of foster children at the Smokey Mountain Children's Home in Sevierville, TN. These children have suffered events beyond our imagination, but through the help of people like Doris, these children see hope for a brighter future.

Each year Doris, along with the help of other BMI co-workers, makes hats, scarves, blankets, candy and other yummy baked goods at Christmas time. Last year with donations received, Doris had enough money to buy 23 pairs of sneakers to distribute to the children. This year she will do the same. Each child only gets \$1 a day from the state for spending money. Private donations are usually the only way they are able to provide for themselves.

Smokey Mountain Children's Home is a private, Christian non-profit agency. The children's true needs are something not always met, but hopefully the attention given by people like Doris will make a difference. This year Doris provided for **51** kids at Christmas time and throughout the year.

When asked what attracted her to the cause? *She said, "Each time I went to Gatlinburg I would see the home, and thought to myself, someday I'm going to help those kids".* Doris Dubois did what most of us think of but never act upon. She made the call. Doris is our unsung (every day) hero and we are proud to have her as a part of our team.

Would you like to help next year? Call Doris at ext. 2969 to get involved.

From Sew n' Sews: A few years ago, we met Doris Dubois of Henryville, IN. Doris loved to knit and crochet, and was looking for an agency to which she could donate her hand made hats, scarves, and blankets. After hearing about the Sew 'n Sews, Doris brought some of her crafts to Trinity for our fund-raising mission sales. If you purchased a knitted hat or scarf from one of our recent YouTube video sales, it was likely donated by Doris. Recently Doris passed away, but insisted that her daughter bring all of her yarn, with completed, and uncompleted projects to the Sew 'n Sews. This donation included bins of useful and beautiful items. Once Doris was reassured that her request for Sew 'n Sews was fulfilled, she left our world to join the angels in heaven.

This article was provided by Doris's daughter.

For the upcoming months, we will be giving out Doris's blankets as our healing prayer blankets for our congregation and any others requesting them.



April 13	TPW Circle Meeting at 10:30 AM
April 14	Deacons Meeting
April 20	Finance Committee at 8:30 AM
	Session Meeting at 7 PM
April 21	Adult Choir Practice Begins
May 3	Worship Committee at 7 PM
May 9	Mother's Day
May 23	Pentecost

*love. grow. serve.*



# Shepherd the flock of God.

1 PETER 5:2

## Mini-Flocks

### *TPC Elder Care Ministry*

These are the mini-flocks to which each of our elders are assigned, as well as the mini-flock elder to whom each of us is assigned. Please get to know your mini-flock elder, for God has called them to build a relationship with you and to offer care to you as we LOVE, GROW, & SERVE the Lord together.

If you notice a name that is absent, this is an unfortunate oversight. Please let [Pastor Steve](#) know, and we will be sure to add them to our mini-flock list. As does the Lord Jesus, we do not want to lose any of the flock God has entrusted to our care (see John 6:39).

<u>Marc Bushue</u> (2021)	<u>Bert Lundstrom</u> (2021)	<u>Bonnie Mullin</u> (2021)
Tim Barnum David & Jude (Bloor) Brandt Andy & Madison Cannava Don & Mardi Crosser Ron & Susan Dawson Patrick & Anna Hayden Karl & Brittney Maslowski Kyle & Bonnie Mullin Greg & Jenny Rousos Ghyll Simoneschi	Won Joo Ahn Steve & Cathy Conn Tom & Cathy Dawson Laura Edwards Amy Elder Brad & Mary Harville (Doug & Clay) Sandy Koukola Aileen Lucas Jean Paulman Melissa Weaver	Anuji Abraham Steve Edwards Imad El-Imam Ruth French Jennifer Hacker Carol Hartmann Barbara Keyser Bert & Suzanne Lundstrom Chris & Emily Mullin Brian & Heather Wallace
<u>Ron Dawson</u> (2022)	<u>Amy Elder</u> (2022)	<u>Carol Hartmann</u> (2022)
Susan Bauer Marc & Sherie Bushue Marie Farris Dennis & Brenda Miller Jerry Pender Matt & Rebecca Perry Andrew & Jennifer Petty C.R. & Ann Marie Redcorn Barbara Sheeler George Stone	Beth Bloss Margaret Bloss Barbara Cooke Robyn Hetman Kenny & Kay Hines Yohan & Janice Kim Josh & Elizabeth Latham Irvin Ottman Collette Sangster	Lois Bringhurst Harper & Marilyn Davis Becky Douglas David & Ann Douglas Thomas Douglas Joe Hoffert (Nick) W. Clarke & Marty Johnson Jim & Elizabeth McDaniel Jackie Morrow Steve & Kay Nolan
<u>Matt Perry</u> (2023)	<u>Kenny Hines</u> (2023)	<u>Cathy Conn</u> (2023)
Chris & Maria Hall Paul & Sandra Hollensead Steven & Diane Jewell Kathy MacDonald Max & Sheryl Oyler James & Elizabeth Ray Dottie Watson Martha Warrick Bob & Camille Williams-Neal	Charles & Greta Bemisderfer Judy Davids (Kathy) Bill & Janet Husband Jane Kurfees Randi & Jeanne Lind Betty Muse Sharon Fay Roy Philip & Linda Strohmeier Sheryl Yoffe	Luci Fulmore Abraham & Geetha Joseph Linda Jones & Charlie Ball Jack & Deb Kelly Ted & Virginia Kozak Mike & Jill McCullough Sherry Pritts Carol Redd (Stacy) Jack & Candy Wheat

## Trinity Presbyterian Church.



Trinity Presbyterian welcomes all visitors, and especially those eager to encounter and enjoy the presence of Christ!

Our Sunday morning service begins at 11:00 a.m. We offer both in-person and Livestream access to this time of worship.

Please note, child care continues to be suspended.

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