



Trinitytidings

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PLEASE NOTE: In an effort to be good stewards of our funds, we are mailing the "Tidings" only to those who do not have an email address. Paper copies are still available at the Welcome Center and the office.

Pastor Nominating Committee Report

The Pastor Nominating Committee, PNC, has been diligently reading the profiles submitted through PC(USA) Church Leadership Connection and sorted as possible candidates for Trinity. Using various criteria to choose possible candidates, calls were made to the persons listed as references by the potential candidates and background checks conducted. Sermons from their church websites or YouTube were also previewed.

From these initial calls, the committee then scheduled times to have a conference call with each candidate, asking the same questions and allowing them to answer or elaborate as they saw fit. This process was interesting as no party could see one another to determine body language or pick up on any visual clues as the questions were answered.

Following the conference call, those candidates selected for further interviews were scheduled for a "SKYPE call." SKYPE is a calling program using a computer/laptop/tablet/or smart-phone allowing individuals to actually speak and see one another in a live conference call. The PNC

developed questions they felt would allow the candidate an opportunity to express their views on various topics relating to the call of a pastor to Trinity Presbyterian. The questions were sent to each candidate ahead of time so that they would have time to reflect and prepare a response. Following the questioning section, the candidates were allowed the opportunity of asking questions of the PNC members.

The next step in the process is to schedule the potential candidates to speak locally so that the committee can see them in action in front of a live congregation. Three local Presbyterian churches are possible venues for this process. The PNC will have the opportunity to begin a relationship with the candidate and the candidate will be able to experience our community during this visit.

With regret, the PNC has accepted Malcolm Porter's resignation.

In Christ,
Bob Booth, Marguerite Blackwood, Tina Hull,
Karen Martin, Robin Powell and Carolyn Underwood

Around Trinity

Outreach/Fellowship Committee

The Outreach/Fellowship Committee has been super busy since January 2015. We have been providing snacks before Sunday School and at as many of the meetings that we can possibly handle. Goodies were provided for Session at the Task Force presentation on Feb.14, and on February 15 we had our first Winter visitor recognition at the 3rd Sunday dinner. Joel and Jeff cooked sausage and eggs at the Slipper Brunch hosted by our Searchers fellowship group, and everyone had a fantastic time! We then turned around and hosted the meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay on February 28, serving over 225 meals to many of our friends throughout the area. In March we held our new member classes and had coffee and pastry for our friends coming to see what Trinity is all about. We had three new members join our church on March 15, Lisa Bellows, Bill and Marcy Shiels, and we welcomed them at our 3rd Sunday meal. We also recognized our friends from Fairway Village who were instrumental in making our Jade Moore Memorial Golf Tournament a success again this year.

We continue to look for fun things to do for you as members of Trinity, so watch for future events coming your way.

April: Spring Fling Community Event sponsored by Pre-School and Family Ministries: **April 10th 5:00-7:30 PM**
Recognition of Pre-school families: **April 19th -3rd Sunday dinner**

May: Rays Day: **May 8th**
Congregational Picnic: **May 16th**

We want to be a welcoming church for guests who are visiting us and a comfort and joy to those we see each day. Thank you for all the hard work and the wonderful fellowship all of you have provided to make this ministry successful so far this year. We look forward to your continued participation in the outreach and fellowship of Trinity Presbyterian Church, and remember: ***UR in the middle of ChURch.***

Bill Trautwein and Nancy Benchoff
Co Chairs,
Outreach/Fellowship Committee

Preschool Director News

During the Third Sunday Luncheon on April 19, the Trinity Presbyterian Preschool will be recognized. Preschool families are invited to attend. In addition, some staff changes will be highlighted.

Sunny Warnock, the Director of the Trinity Presbyterian Preschool for the past year and a half, and an employee of the school for the past 15 years, has resigned effective April 10. Her resignation was accepted by the Session with regret and deep appreciation for what she has accomplished.

The Third Sunday Luncheon is an opportunity to recognize the contributions that Sunny has made. Please come and share in this time of fellowship and appreciation.

An interview team representing the Preschool Ministry and Personnel Committee has conducted interviews. We are pleased to announce that Jaime Kotter will be the next Preschool Director. Jaime is currently the VPK teacher at the Preschool. She will begin her duties as Preschool Director on April 6.

Thank You to Robert Green

Robert Green has served since mid-January as an intern for Children and Family Ministries. His presence was part of an internship through Southeastern University in Orlando. He has worked more than 300 hours with the children and family ministries at Trinity. Robert will graduate this May.

We will recognize Robert after worship in the Fellowship Hall with a cake in his honor on April 12. A basket for cards will be available.



Trinity Scholarship Program

Students seeking financial aid may apply for assistance through Trinity Scholarship Program. Applications are due May 31st.

Presbyterian Women

The PW Gathering will be held on **April 28th** at **9:30 a.m.** and will explore opportunities for **outreach** through providing services to populations in need where they reside. In addition to delivering services, **outreach** has an educational role: raising awareness of existing services. What are you willing to sacrifice in loving God by doing something to serve others? This is an equal opportunity activity, therefore all of the congregation is encouraged to attend. Let's do something together. Bring a canned food item.

Circles meet the second Tuesdays and the third Mondays and Wednesdays. Interested? Join us!

Trinity Trippers: Trinity Trippers will get a bit of history with a tour of the **Gamble Mansion** in Ellenton on Thursday, **April 30th**, followed by lunch and shopping at Prime Outlets. Tour: \$6, plus lunch and shopping. Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m. Sign up on the office bulletin board.

Men's Ministry

Purpose: To grow in our walk with Christ through Bible Study, Fellowship and Service to our church and community.

The Men of Trinity Ministry has been active this month making plans for up-coming events:

We will be hosting our **Good Friday Prayer Vigil** service **April 3, 2015** from 12:00 -3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited and encouraged to attend for a moment, for an hour, or for as long as you feel called to do so.

Our Bible study for the next couple of months will be on the Book of John, and the Book of James. We will also be doing a book study of *The Zealot*, by Reza Aslan.

We continue to look for ways to serve our community and plan to co-host a **Memorial Day Program** on **May 25, 2015** with Peace Memorial Presbyterian Men's Group again this year. This year's program will be held at Peace Memorial.

Come join us as we share our walk together, learning through scripture and following Christ in service to our church and community.

In Christ,
Bill Trautwein

1 st	Missy Russell
2 nd	Karol Freytag
3 rd	Melissa Damaske
4 th	Connie Duskas
	Eileen Cuny
6 th	Doris Eilermann
7 th	Dee Knudsen
	Ted Mangel
8 th	Tom Hartung
	Don Gutermann
9 th	Ethyleen Haun
11 th	Sally Miller
14 th	Brittany Vetter
19 th	Walter Freytag
21 st	Jerry Saltarelli
	Joann Burrows
22 nd	Carolyn Underwood
23 rd	John Burton
	Alyse Siegrist
	Lee Warnock
25 th	Jerome Sanders
	Julie Bowyer
27 th	John Philkill
	Jim Bader
29 th	Ann Dyer
30 th	Paul Martin



DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY



The Living or Dead Theologians Society (no registration or dues required) will meet at 6:00 p.m. on April 26th at Beef O'Bradys, 2471 No. McMullen Booth Road.



Weekly in April

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Sunday

Easter Sunday - April 5

Children's Easter Egg Hunt (Apr. 5) 9:30 am
 Sunday School 9:00 am

Wired Word, Rm. 112

Theology for Presbyterians (Starts Apr. 12)

SongChimers Practice 9:00 am

Confirmation Class 9:30 am

Searchers Fellowship, the Parlor 10:00 am

Worship (Communion Apr. 5) 10:30 am

Youth Sunday (Apr. 19) 10:30 am

3rd Sunday Dinner (Apr. 19) 11:30 am

Dead Theologians (Apr. 26) 6:00 pm

Monday

Lunch Bunch, Rm. 114 12:00 pm

Sparrow Circle (Apr. 20 - St. Marks) 2:15 pm

Preschool Ministry Mtg. (Apr. 13) 4:00 pm

Finance Team (Apr. 13) 5:30 pm

BSF 6:00 pm

Youth Spring Break Trip (Mar. 30-Apr. 1)

Tuesday

PW Bible Study Leaders (Apr. 7) 9:30 am

Trinity Trippers (Apr. 21) 9:30 am

PW Gathering (Apr. 28) 9:30 am & 5:30 pm

PW Coordinating Team (Apr. 7) 10:45 am

Naomi Circle (Apr. 14-Mbrs. Home) 10:00 am

Ruth Circle (Apr. 14) 10:00 am

Preschool Chapel 11:30 am

Sewing Hope 1:00 pm

Esther Circle, Rm 114 (Apr. 14) 1:00 pm

Staff Meeting, Conference Rm. 3:30 pm

Preschool Ministry (Apr. 14) 4:00 pm

Personnel Meeting (Apr. 7) 5:00 pm

Property Meeting (Apr. 7) 6:00 pm

Tampa Bay Symphony Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Ministry Meetings (Apr. 7) 7:00 pm

Diaconate (Apr. 14) 7:00 pm

Session (Apr. 28) 7:00 pm

Wednesday

Lydia Circle (Apr. 15) 5:30 pm

PNC Meeting, Conference Rm. 6:30 pm

Trinity Ringers (Apr. 1) 6:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal (Apr 1) 7:00 pm

Wednesday Night Study (Starts Apr 8) 7:00 pm

Thursday

Men's Bible Study 8:00 am

Sewing Hope 1:00 pm

Trinity Ringers 6:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Worship (Apr. 2) 7:00 pm

Friday

Good Friday Prayer Vigil (Apr. 3) 12:00 pm

Children's Min. Spring Fling (Apr. 10) 5:00 pm

Saturday

BSF Leaders 6:00 am

Trinity Friends of Hope (Apr. 11) 6:00 am



Easter Sunday Special

9:00 a.m.

Family Easter Trivia (and donuts!)
 in Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m.

Children's Egg Hunt and Awarding of Prizes

10:30 a.m. Worship

Adult Education

Sundays

Classes - 9:00 a.m. You are invited to drop in anytime for:

⇒ The **Wired Word** in **Room 212** offers current news with a Christian slant. Leaders: Various class members.

⇒ **Theology for Presbyterians:** This study focuses on what the Reformed and Presbyterian traditions have believed in the past and ways key theological understandings matter in our Christian lives in the church today. Leader: Sue Moore. **Starts April 12th** in the chapel.

Wednesdays

10 Dumb Things Smart Christians

Believe: Starting **April 8th** at 7 p.m. in Room 114. This mid-week study will look at some of the "urban legends" of our faith:

- Forgiving Means Forgetting
- A Valley Means a Wrong Turn
- Christians Shouldn't Judge.

Come enjoy this study and conversation. Books will be available for \$12.00. Leader: Joel Alvis

Children's Education: Sunday

Children 2 years through 5th grade are invited to join us for the children's message during the service. After the children's message we will all go upstairs to room 207 for our Beginnings program. Children can be picked up in room 207 after the service.

education



FAMILY Confirmation Class

Our Confirmation Class started

successfully with our trip to Cedarkirk. Please be in prayer for Trent Warnock and Meghan Hull as they spend the next several weeks in Confirmation Class on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

The **Easter Egg Hunt** is almost upon us! We will be having our Egg Hunt for children ages 2 years to 5th grade on **Easter Sunday, April 5th** at 9:30 a.m.

All of our eggs will be empty representing the empty tomb of Christ on Easter Sunday. However, we will have goodie bags filled with candy for every child that participates.

VBS is scheduled for June 8-12! Our theme this year is **Super Heroes!** So while you are shopping, please watch for Super Hero items such as stickers, small toys, prizes, pencils, etc. Anything that we can give away or use for crafts would be greatly appreciated. A detailed list of items needed will be published in May, but collection has already begun. We have the potential to reach many students with this theme and your donation and hands-on support will make it a huge success. Email Jeff at jeff@trinityclearwater.com if you have questions.

TRINITY

P R E S C H O O L

On March 16th, the preschool visited Horse Power for Kids and spent the day exploring God's creation and enjoying the animals.



Elementary students attended Spring Bash at Cedarkirk and learned about how to listen to God. They had fun trying out the camp activities.



APRIL 10, 2015

5:00-7:00pm



BOUNCE HOUSES
GAMES/PRIZES FOOD
DUNK TANKS

Trinity Preschool/Church-2001 Rainbow Drive, Clearwater 33765 (727)446-6210 and (727)446-0959
Contact Sunny Warnock at tpdirector@trinityclearwater.com or Jeff Davis at jeff@trinityclearwater.com for more information.



Student Ministry is teaming with Trinity Preschool for a **Family Spring Fling** on Friday, **April 10th**, 5:00 -7:00 p.m. There will be games, activities, bounce houses, a dunk tank, hot dog dinner and more! You can support this event by donating prizes and candy and by volunteering. Please see Jeff Davis or Sunny Warnock to sign up. Contact us at the office or email us at jeff@trinityclearwater.com, or tpdirector@trinityclearwater.com.

Kirkin' o' the Tartans



March
8th
2015



JUST FOR FUN!

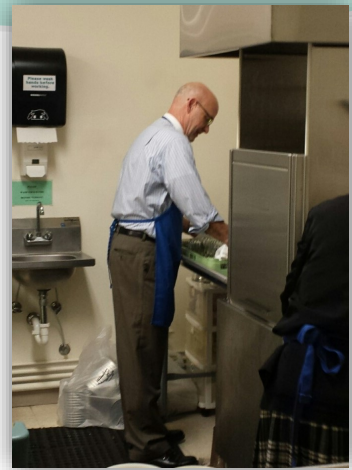
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SongChimers in Worship



Confirmation Retreat



Pastor Joel on KP



7th Annual
Jade Moore Memorial
Scholarship Golf Scramble
(For Trinity Preschool Scholarships)

Saturday,

March 14th 2015

Clearwater Country Club

\$75 PER PLAYER
(DINNER INCLUDED)

\$25 DINNER ONLY

\$10 CHILD DINNER (12 & UNDER)



Just for fun

April Worship

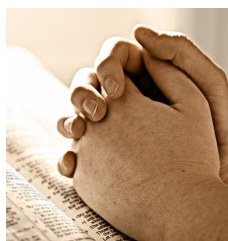
Sermons:

April 5th: *The Rest of the Story*
April 12th: *Community Rules*
April 19th: *Youth Sunday*
April 26nd: *Sheep, Shepherd and Flock*

Acts 10:34-48; Mark 16:1-8
Acts 4:32-35; John 20:19-31
Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36b-48
Psalms 23; John 10:11-18



Maundy Thursday
Worship
April 2nd, 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary



Good Friday
Prayer Vigil
12-3 p.m.
Sanctuary



Easter Schedule

9:00 Family Easter Trivia
9:30 Children's Egg Hunt
10:30 Easter Worship

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