

HAPPY ♥ VALENTINE'S ♥ DAY

Trinitytidings

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February Worship

Sermons:

February 1st: *Following Jesus: Healing*
Psalm 11, Mark 2:1-12

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Patrice Hatley Preaching

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2 Kings 2:1-14, Mark 2:9

February 18th: *Ash Wednesday Service -*
7:00 p.m.

February 22nd *40 Days*
Genesis 9:8-17, Mark 1:12-1

"Joel's Jottings"

The beginning of the year is a time for reporting! The annual congregational meeting will be held on Wednesday February 18. A pot luck supper starts at 5:30 and the meeting begins at 6. Following the meeting there will be an Ash Wednesday service as we begin the season of Lent.

An annual meeting is a time to review where we have come from as well as look ahead to where we are going. One fact was shared with me at a recent staff meeting that I found fascinating. In 2014 there were 416 prayer requests received and offered up through the Trinity Presbyterian Church. Many Sundays we share some or all of these in worship. In addition, part of the church staff meeting each week to hear these requests and offer our prayers for each person and situation. There we included birthdays and celebrations as well as other concerns. Then we send a note card to the individual for whom we prayed.

416 over the course of the year. (Actually we didn't start this until the end of January – still that is a lot of requests – about 10 per week). And this doesn't count the prayers shared

through the church prayer chain or other church groups and members!

We don't always know the results of our prayers. But we offer them in hope. Our hope is for a desired result, no doubt. But hope is also for a change in attitude or heart to prepare us for whatever happens. We pray to share our constancy and hope. God is at work in the world. Our prayers reveal that.

As Paul shared with the church at Philippi:

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

May we continue in our prayers in 2015.

Joel



Rev. Dr. Joel Alvis Jr.

Pastor Nominating Committee Report

The PNC has posted the MIF (Ministry Information Form) on the leadership area of the PC(USA) website. PIFs (Pastor Information Forms) are arriving in our "In" boxes and we are reading and discussing the candidates. Please continue to pray for all involved in this process.

The PNC is facing a time of discernment. We have made decisions about the skills and experiences the next pastor might have. Also during this time, the PNC and the pastor are preparing the congregation for the future in little ways. Together we move forward in ministry together.

Outside of a work day . . .



What would get you to the church on a Saturday morning?

How about a delicious breakfast, fellowship, games and prizes for all ages? The Searchers invite you to be their guests at **10:00 a.m. on February 21st**. We encourage you to invite friends and neighbors as well, so be sure to sign up on the sheet in the narthex and indicate the number of people you will be bringing. AND you are encouraged to wear your bedroom slippers - even robes and jammies if you choose!



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

February 18th - 6:00 p.m.

This will follow the pot luck supper at 5:30 p.m. and precede the Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report about the state of the church and the progress of our church life together.

Tampa Bay Symphony Winter Concert Series



February 15th - Clearwater
February 17th - St. Petersburg
February 22nd - Tampa

Limited tickets are available for
Trinity Members in the office.
The orchestra rehearses weekly in
Fellowship Hall

Members' *page*

Birthdays in February

Trinity Women's Ministries

Presbyterian Women are moving and stretching. Be ready. **February 8th**, we celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday. Women will lead all aspects of worship so be sure to attend.

Not in a circle? All women are encouraged to participate in circles and gatherings. Contact Tina Harvey at [405-693-5088](tel:405-693-5088) to see which works best for you.

Come Gather with PW as we experience moving spiritually on **February 24th at 9:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall as we have a spiritual encounter with New Harvesting Ministries from St. Petersburg, Florida. They will lead us in prayer and song, giving praises to the Lord. Experience a praise team and perhaps dancers through this ministry led by Pastor Al Baldwin. We hope to see you there singing Hallelujah to the Lord! A special cuisine celebrating Black History month will be provided as well by Esther Circle.

Save the Date: March 6 for the Sewing and Quilting Expo in Lakeland, FL.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 7th - Larry Singer
- Marti Folwell
- 10th - Leah Hayslett
- Wesley Caseber
- 13th - Paul MacLaren
- Elijah Gardner
- 14th - Ruby Hoffman
- Michelle Moore
- 20th - Emily Bryan
- Jim Hayslett
- 22nd - Martha Viele
- Trent Warnock
- 24th - Jim Starr
- Lisa Damaske
- 25th - Judy Warnock
- Danielle Griffin
- 28th - Aldrich Jones
- Shelby Griffin



Trinity Trippers Friday,

February 20, 8:00 a.m., \$10 each



ECHO
Community

ECHO's Global Farm Tour in **Ft. Myers, FL**, is a fascinating guided, *walking* tour of the most creative working farm you have ever experienced. You will find demonstrations, plants, and techniques useful to farmers and urban gardeners in developing countries and learn all about ECHO's mission of helping the poor help themselves.

ECHO exists to reduce hunger and improve the lives of small-scale farmers worldwide. We work to identify, validate, document and disseminate best practices in sustainable agriculture and appropriate technology.

Sign up on the office bulletin board.

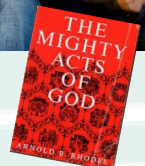
Sewing Hope

Sewing Hope gave 605 blankets to Foster Children this year. For the PW gathering we were blessed to have the Chief Executive Officer, David Dennis, of Eckerd Foundation speak to the PW women and lead prayers over blankets. On Bay News 9 we were nominated to be an Everyday Hero; the video aired on November 3, 2014. December 2, 2014 Chick Fil A invited us to be a part of their family night, and we put our blankets on display. Chick Fil A employees donated \$110.00 and customers \$160.00. Thank you Trinity for your SUPPORT.

Beverly Easterling



Men of Trinity
Thursdays 8:00 am
Coffee, Fellowship, Study



Sunday

Sunday School	9:00 am
Wired Word, Rm. 112	
Great Ends of the Church, Chapel	
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Starts 2/25)	
Outlive Your Life, Conf. Rm. (thru 2/15)	
Searchers Fellowship, the Parlor	10:00 am
Worship (Communion Feb. 1)	10:30 am
3rd Sunday Dinner (Feb. 15)	11:30 am
Snowbird Recognition (Feb. 15)	11:30 am
Visiting Choir Concert (Feb. 15)	2:00 pm
Dead Theologians (Feb. 22)	6:00 pm

Monday

Lunch Bunch, Rm. 114	12:00 pm
Sparrow Circle (Feb. 16 -St. Marks)	2:15 pm
Preschool Ministry Mtg. (Feb. 2)	4:00 pm
Golf Tournament Team Meeting	5:00 pm
Finance Team (Feb. 9)	5:30 pm
BSF	6:00 pm

Tuesday

PW Bible Study Leaders (Feb. 3)	9:30 am
PW Gathering (Feb. 24)	9:30 am
Presbytery Site Visit (Feb. 3)	10:30 am
PW Coordinating Team (Feb. 3)	10:45 am
Circles (Feb. 10)	10:00 am
Preschool Chapel	11:30 am
Sewing Hope	1:00 pm
Esther Circle, Rm 114 (Feb. 10)	1:00 pm
Staff Meeting, Conference Rm.	3:30 pm
Property Meeting (Feb. 3)	6:00 pm
Tampa Bay Symphony Rehearsal	6:00 pm
Ministry Meetings (Feb. 3)	7:00 pm
Diaconate (Feb. 10)	7:00 pm
Session (Feb 24)	7:00 pm

Wednesday

Annual Meeting Reports Due	9:00 am
Lydia Circle (Feb. 11)	5:30 pm
Pot Luck Supper (Feb. 18)	5:30 pm
Congregational Meeting (Feb. 18)	6:00 pm
PNC Meeting, Conference Rm.	6:30 pm
Wednesday Night Study	7:00 pm
Ash Wednesday Worship (Feb. 18)	7:00 pm

Thursday

Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Sewing Hope	1:00 pm
Trinity Ringers Rehearsal	6:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

Saturday

BSF Leaders	6:00 am
Presbytery Meeting	8:30 am
Church Work Day (Feb. 7)	9:00 am
Church Brunch (Feb. 21)	10:00 am

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. Teacher: Steve Abernathy.
- ⇒ **Outlive Your Life** by Max Lucado, a DVD study led by Dick Powell in the Conference Room. (Through February 15th)
- ⇒ **The Great Ends of the Church**: a study of the mission of the Church, in the Chapel. Teacher, Sue Moore. (Through February 8th)
- ⇒ **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving begins February 15th**. This study will strengthen our faith in the God who has acted in history, who continues to lead and guide us, and who will bring us together in the joyful feast of the people of God. Teacher, Sue Moore, in the Chapel.

Wednesday Adult Study

- ⇒ **A Biblical Perspective on Same Gender Marriage**: Kathi Trautwein. (Through February 4th).

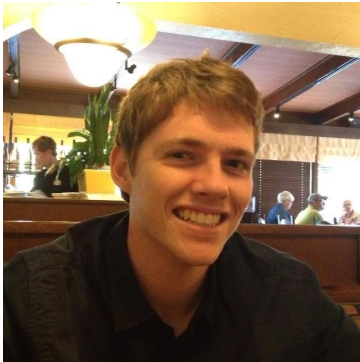
A Lenten Small Group book study coming soon:



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



Welcome, Robert Green Intern for Family Ministry

Hello! My name is Robert Green. I am 22 and I will be graduating from Southeastern University this summer after my internship here at Trinity.

I have been working in the Children's Ministry at my home church since I was in 6th grade and with the Youth Group since I was in 10th grade. My degree is in Church Ministries, and when I graduate I would love to work as the assistant to a Children's Minister! I love kids and the interactions with them, but I also love administrative work.

I am a nerd at heart and I love playing video games, card games, and watching Netflix on my down time. I love hanging out with people, grabbing a cup of coffee, and talking about life. I'm trying to get a part-time job while I intern at Trinity, so if you have work you need done or babysitting, please call me. I'll help in any way I can.

Contact Robert at 727.366.4611 or gatorchomp@verizon.net.

FAMILY M I N I S T R Y

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P R E S C H O O L

We had a wonderful end of the year Christmas program and a visit from Santa. A special Christmas Angel bought books for all the children in the preschool as gifts and we are thankful for the generosity.

We were blessed to have Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets given to some of our families in need. This was received with such thanks from these families and the preschool is happy that we have such giving members.

At the end of the year more wonderful giving was received. A very generous "someone" donated money to pay off some of the children's tuition, offering support to our families during the Christmas season when gift giving can make things tight.

We began the new year in the Preschool with assessments for all the families, letting them know how much their children have grown since the school year began last fall.

More fun was in store in January as we had a magician come and entertain us with his comic performance and his beautiful colorful birds. *The proof is in the pictures on page 7!*

We are having fun learning in the preschool and welcome a visit from anyone. This ministry is meeting the needs of many families in our community and we are happy that this church makes that possible.



**Trinity will recognize our winter friends on
Sunday, February 15th
during the 3rd Sunday Dinner!
(Please write "SB" beside your name on the
Welcome Pad during worship.)**

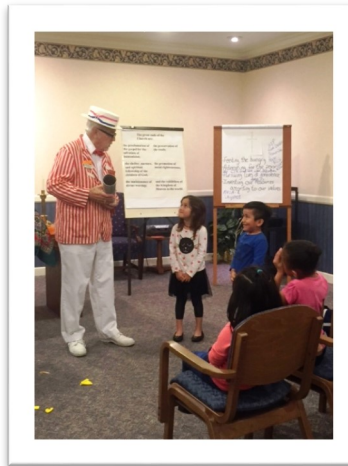
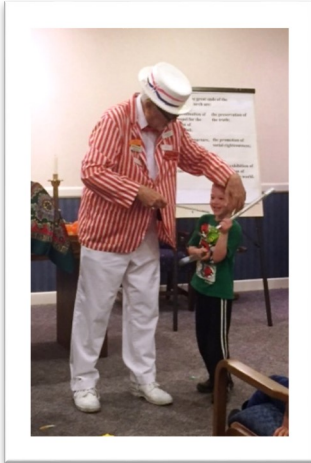
Just for fun

Student Ministry Activities in January



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“Windy” the Magician at Trinity Preschool



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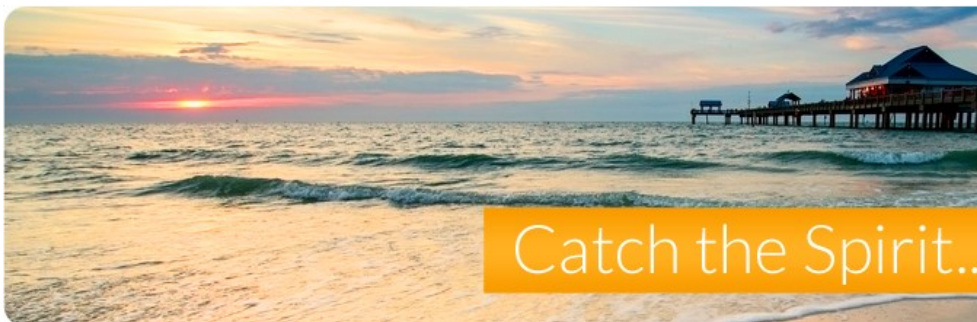
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BEGINS FEBRUARY 18TH

AN ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. It is a time for reflection and preparation at the beginning of the season of Lent. Please come and share in this worship experience.

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