

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Trinitytidings

March | 2015

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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.

"Joel's Jottings"

Dear Trinity Presbyterian Church Community,

It has been a privilege and blessing to walk with you as Interim Pastor during this time of transition in the life of Trinity since January of 2014. My time will conclude in June of this year and I have informed the Session that my last Sunday will be May 31, so that I can take my accrued vacation during the month of June. I will then return to my home in Atlanta and seek an appropriate calling there.

The Session has appointed a three person team – Sue Moore, Cathy Arnold, and Jim Rogers – to be in contact with the Presbytery of Tampa Bay for assistance in securing a temporary pastoral leader to serve with you from my departure to the arrival of the next elected pastor.

You will see in the Pastor Nominating Committee update that they are working diligently. Please continue to pray for them in this work and for those they consider. One of those is the one that God will raise up and have prepared to serve you as your next installed pastor.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in the ministry of Jesus Christ with you. Each one of us has a calling to follow Christ and share from the talents and resources we are given.

I pray God's deep blessing for you.



Rev. Dr. Joel Alvis Jr.



At the February 24 Session meeting the following actions were taken:

- Approved a comprehensive investment policy for the funds which shall be received upon the sale of the Gulf to Bay property. The policy establishes a process to request funds to be used for the purposes of enhancing and developing comprehensive outreach programs and to support specific capital needs to replace or maintain facilities to support the operation of outreach programs at Trinity. The goals of these efforts are to go out into the community to serve people as God directs us and to encourage growth in the membership of Trinity Presbyterian Church.
- Appointed elder representatives Marti Folwell and Bill Trautwein to serve with the members who were elected by the congregation to the Church Nominating Committee.
- Received newly elected officers to be installed in worship today.
- Received notice of the resignation of Jimmy Martin as Church Treasurer. The Session expressed its thanks to Jimmy for this service. A new Treasurer will be appointed as quickly as possible.
- Approved using a portion of the Three-Cents-A-Meal offering for the Trinity Friends of Hope.
- Received notice from Interim Pastor Joel Alvis that his time of service will conclude at the end of June. His last day will be on Sunday, May 31, because of his accumulated vacation time.
- In the wake of this announcement, we established a team including Sue Moore, Cathy Arnold and Jim Rogers to be in contact with the Presbytery to determine the availability of pastoral leadership for the time between when Joel departs and the nominee presented to us by the PNC arrives.

The next stated Session meeting will be on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m.



Interested in Growing in Your Faith? Interested to learn more about how faith grows at Trinity Presbyterian Church?

A 2-session gathering is available on Sunday March 1st and 8th to learn more about Trinity. We will meet in Room 201 of the Education Building from 9-10 a.m. Light refreshments are being served.

During this time we will focus on how faith is nurtured and developed in service to God and our neighbors.

These gatherings will offer information and the opportunity to make connection. Anyone interested may join and become a member of Trinity.

Sewing Hope

Sewing Hope is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. upstairs at Trinity. Let us help you eliminate wardrobe disasters. The emphasis for March is helping you discern the colors and style of clothing for your shape and skin tone. Stop by now before you decide on your Easter outfit. You will love yourself for it! Bring your BFF, too

Pastor Nominating Committee Report

In case you are wondering, the PNC is reading and processing PIFs from many pastors. We are using a 5 step process, so some candidates are at step 1, or step 2, or 3.

We have not yet found "Pastor Perfect" for Trinity. We are in discernment mode. Keep praying.

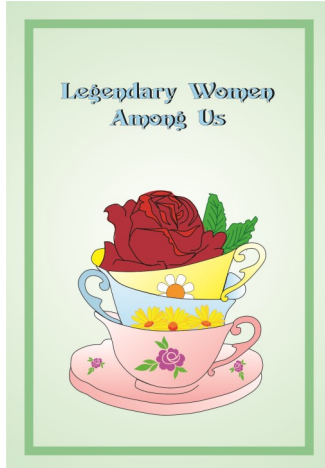
PNC: Pastor Nominating Committee

PIF: Pastor Information Form

Trinity Women's Ministries

CREATIVE AND INTERESTED WOMEN (and men) are going to the **Sewing Expo in Lakeland, Friday, March 6th**. The bus leaves at 8:00 a.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside Room 114. Event Schedule is there, too.

You are invited to the Presbyterian Women March Gathering: **"Legendary Women Among Us" Tea** held on **March 22nd, 2015** at 3PM in Fellowship Hall. Tickets go on sale soon for \$5.00 each. Please come and meet **Esther, Ruth, Naomi** and **Lydia**, strong women of the Bible. Dress in biblical or vintage style. The most unique hats will be recognized. **Bring your teacup!** Contact Carolyn Underwood at 442-7757 for more information. Remember, Circles meet second Tuesdays and third Wednesdays. Sparrow meets the third Monday at St. Mark Village.



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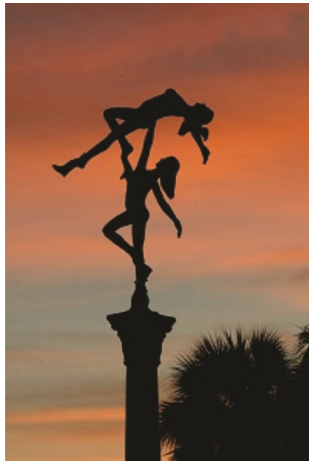
- 1st Cewin Johnson
Phyllis Phillips
Layla Pope
- 4th J D Berkler
- 5th Roger Hull
- 8th Marella Cassels
- 9th Briauna Vick
- 10th Mike Vetter
- 14th Sharon Larson
- 16th Nancy Benchoff
- 19th Betty Lindberg
- 20th Audrey Kryzak
- 23rd Dorothy Curkan
Rodney Ulrich
- 24th Kay Forret
Robert Abood
Nichole Ammons
- 26th Bill Yocum
- 27th Bob Hassall
- 28th Sally Mallory



Trinity Trippers

We're floating up to Weeki Wachee Springs State Park on Tuesday, March 17th to see the Mermaids, ride the river boat, see a reptile show and enjoy one of Florida's oldest tourist attractions.

Cost: \$13.00, plus lunch
Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m.
Sign up on the bulletin board by the office.



DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY



The Living or Dead Theologians Society (no dues or registration required) will meet at 6:00 p.m. on **March 22nd** at Beef O'Bradys, 2471 No. McMullen Booth Rd.



Men's Ministry

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

Sunday

Sunday School 9:00 am
Wired Word, Rm. 112
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Chapel)
The God We Can Know (Conf. Rm.)
 Searchers Fellowship, the Parlor 10:00 am
Worship (Communion Mar. 1) 10:30 am
 Kirkin' O' the Tartans (Mar. 8) 10:30 am
 3rd Sunday Dinner (Mar. 15) 11:30 am
 Young Adult-Family Grp (Beef O'Bradys) 12:30 pm
 Dead Theologians (Mar. 22) 6:00 pm

Monday

Preschool Field Trip 9:30 am
 Lunch Bunch, Rm. 114 12:00 pm
 Sparrow Circle (Mar. 16 -St. Marks) 2:15 pm
 Preschool Ministry Mtg. (Mar. 9) 4:00 pm
 Golf Tournament Team Meeting 5:00 pm
 Finance Team (Mar. 9) 5:30 pm
 BSF 6:00 pm
 Youth Spring Break Trip (Mar. 30-Apr. 1)

Tuesday

NPA Choir Festival (Sanct.) (Mar. 10) 9:00 am
 PW Bible Study Leaders (Mar. 3) 9:30 am
 PW Gathering and Tea (Mar. 22) 9:30 am
 PW Coordinating Team (Mar. 3) 10:45 am
 Circles (Mar. 10) 10:00 am
 Preschool Chapel 11:30 am
 Sewing Hope 1:00 pm
 Esther Circle, Rm 114 (Mar. 10) 1:00 pm
 Staff Meeting, Conference Rm. 3:30 pm
 Property Meeting (Mar. 3) 6:00 pm
 Tampa Bay Symphony Rehearsal 6:00 pm
 Ministry Meetings (Mar. 3) 7:00 pm
 Diaconate (Mar. 10) 7:00 pm
 Session (Mar. 24) 7:00 pm

Wednesday

NPA Choir Festival (Sanct.) (Mar. 11) 9:00 am
 Lydia Circle (Mar. 11) 5:30 pm
 PNC Meeting, Conference Rm. 6:30 pm
 Lenten Small Group Study 7:00 pm

Thursday

NPA Choir Festival (Sanct.) (Mar. 12) 9:00 am
 Men's Bible Study 8:00 am
 Sewing Hope 1:00 pm
Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 pm

Friday

MS Confirmation Retreat-Cedarkirk (Mar. 6-8)
 NPA Choir Festival (Sanct.) (Mar. 13) 9:00 am
 Elem. Sch. Spring Bash-Cedarkirk (Mar. 20-21)

Saturday

BSF Leaders 6:00 am
 Trinity Friends of Hope 6:00 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. Leaders: Various class members.
- ⇒ **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**. Teacher, Sue Moore, in the Chapel.



The God We Can Know: Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Led by Steve Abernathy, Conference Room.

Young Adult & Family Small Group:
The God We Can Know: Sunday at 12:30 p.m. at Beef O'Bradys, No. MacMullen Drive. Children welcome.

Wednesday Evening

A Lenten Small Group - 7:00 p.m.
The God We can Know: Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus. 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.

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FAMILY MINISTRY

Coming in
March

**March 6-7: Middle School
Confirmation Retreat
at Cedarkirk**



**March 20-21: Spring Bash
at Cedarkirk for Grades 2 - 5**



**March 30 - April 1:
Youth Spring Break
at Melbourne Beach**

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PRESCHOOL

February was a fun month!

We made predictions as to whether the groundhog was confirming more winter...he said, "Yes"! Our friends up north might not be happy to hear that, but it gives us a chance to talk to our Floridian Children about snow, something they might not have ever seen.

We enjoyed a wonderful Valentine's Day with our friends and had a valentine exchange and ate some yummy party food. We love teaching the children about God's love and how He teaches us to be loving and caring in His world.

We have added a few new children to our school this month, and we are excited to be part of the Safety Harbor Third Friday events, where we will be advertising our wonderful church and preschool. We welcome anyone to stop by and say hello. We will be painting faces, playing games and having a good time.



In and Around Trinity

The Kirkin' o' The Tartans

Sunday, March 8, 2015

The KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN Service was developed in 1941 by Dr. Peter Marshall, then minister of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. The service draws on the traditions of the church in Scotland to remind us of the past. In addition it is the occasion for all people to offer thanksgiving for their own family and ethnic heritage, and to celebrate God's grace poured out to all generations.

In 1746 the British army defeated forces led by Bonnie Prince Charlie, the last of the Stuart line of English Kings who tried to claim the crown of England, at the battle of Culloden in Scotland. The English Parliament forbade the wearing of tartans and carrying of arms among the Highland clans. This prohibition lasted until 1782.

A legend developed that during this time some Scots wore concealed pieces of their tartan when they went to "the Kirk" (church). At a special point in the service the minister would offer a blessing (Kirkin') while attendees secretly touched their tartan cloth.

The first Kirkin' o' the Tartan service was held in 1941 organized by the Saint Andrew Society of Washington, D.C. Dr. Peter Marshall, born in Scotland, led the service in support of the British War Relief and Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. The service continued to offer prayers for those living in Great Britain.

Kirkin' o' the Tartans have been held in many Protestant churches over the past 70 years to highlight the connections to history. This year we will share bagpipes, tartans and a bit of our Scottish ancestry on Sunday, March 8 in worship.

The Scottish heritage looms large in our Presbyterian story though by no means solely defining it.

Trinity Work Day February 7, 2015

Another first quarter workday was held February 7, 2015, to start the new year. Over 20 volunteers came out to tackle projects that needed work, and were helpful in preparing for the Presbytery meeting coming up on February 28.

Jim Bader coated the brown doors to Fellowship Hall with white satin paint to have them blend in with the light doors in other parts of the building. The garden was completely blitzed by a crew led by Kathi Trautwein, and assisted by Cheryll Wells, Bill Trautwein, and Malcolm Porter. Plants were pruned and new mulch was laid down to revive the whole garden.

Roscoe Dobson and Jim McCormick attacked the East parking lot, to prepare for new fence which will adjoin the partial fence currently in place. Jim Free re-organized the storage facilities in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Jim and Patty Rogers fixed the broken door in the second floor, and prepared the yellow paint on the pavement at the north side of the sanctuary for repainting.

The kitchen and library received some attention from Kay McCormick. Some wreaths still need to be stored in the attic. Beverly Easterling picked up litter around the whole property. The sanctuary crew of Jan Wooldridge, Kathy Arnold, Nancy Benchoff, Marge Arnold and Bob Booth vacuumed and cleaned the entire sanctuary, including behind the risers in the Chancel area. Finally, working the whole morning were Ted Mangel, Walt and Karol Freytag and Bobbie Hoopes sorting and filing anthems in the choir area. A good day by all.



4th Annual

Jade Moore Memorial

Scholarship Golf Scramble

(for Trinity Preschool Scholarships)

Complete Registration
Form Below

Golfers
Wanted!

Saturday, March 14th 2015
Clearwater Country Club
\$75 per Player (with Dinner)
\$25 Dinner Only
\$10 Child Dinner (12 & Under)

Registration Form

Please attach full payment and return to the mailbox of Sue Moore at Trinity or mail to:
Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2001 Rainbow Drive, Clearwater, FL 33765; Attn: Sue Moore
Checks should be made payable to **Trinity Presbyterian Church**.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- ☐ Golf Scramble & Dinner for # _____ @ \$75 per person
- ☐ Dinner Only for # _____ @ \$25 per person
- ☐ Children's Dinner for # _____ @ \$10 per child (12 & Under)

Player 1: _____ Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____ Player 4: _____

FUN FOR FUNDS

March Worship

Sermons:

March 1st: *Getting It Right and Wrong*
March 8th: *The Metrics of Faith*
March 15th: *Look Up!*
March 22nd: *Seeing Jesus*
March 29th: *Steadfast Love Remains Forever*

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Mark 8:31-38
Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22
Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:11-21
Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33
Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 1:1-11



Maundy Thursday Worship
April 2nd, 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary
Please come and worship with us.

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