

# OUR

## T PRESCHOOL

## R I N I T Y

**Enrollment:** 35 Preschool Children

**Fundraiser:** Thank you everyone who participated in the fundraiser! It was a success and the money we earned will be used to make improvements and buy some fun things for the playground.

**Thanksgiving Activities:**

Timeless Tales Theatre will present the play, "Tom the Turkey" for us on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> in the sanctuary at 11:00am.

After the show we will have a short performance by the children, and then our annual Thanksgiving Feast will be served! If you would like to volunteer to help us serve, please call Ms. Jaime at 727-446-0959.

**School Closed:**

Trinity Preschool will be closed for the week of Thanksgiving, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>. We wish you all a wonderful holiday with your families and we will return to school on Monday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.



2's - Ms. Chelsea's Class



2's3's - - Ms. Lulu's Class



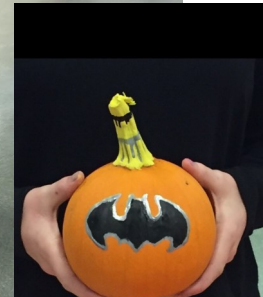
2's - Ms. Christina's Class



# education



## FAMILY MINISTRY



## H FALL LOW EEN





# Just for fun

## Line Dancing

Every Thursday except Thanksgiving in Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m. Drop in any week. (You will never believe the characters moving to the music!) It's an hour of fun and light aerobic exercise, too.



## OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS:

WE'RE FIRING UP THE GRILL!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

CHURCH PICNIC

SATURDAY

11:00 A.M.

Shelter #2

**Last Names beginning A - H: bring desserts; J-R: bring salads, S-W: bring side dishes**

## DEAD THEOLOGIAN'S SOCIETY



Yes! Dead Theologians' Society will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in November! No membership fees or dues; just show up at Beef O'Brady's at 6:00 p.m. Located on Enterprise Rd., just west of McMullen Booth. Everyone is invited.

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> - 6:00 p.m.**



**2471 N. McMullen Booth Road.**

## Trinity's Paint Brush Angel

How many of us can name the primary colors? Better yet, how many of us can name the alternate colors we are seeing on the walls of Trinity's rooms - soft lime green? gentle sky blue? comfortable sand? cinnamon tan? restful sunshine yellow? Sometimes the colors seem to be magic - changing overnight!

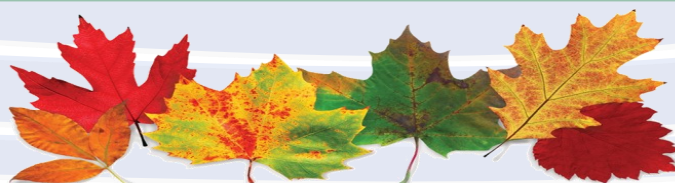
How many Trinity members know our Paint Brush Angel? After working a full day on budget, visiting hospitals and nursing homes, dealing with attorneys and salesmen, planning special events and attending so many meetings every day of the week, Kathi Trautwein picks up her paint brush, opens her paint cans and paints her heart out.

Let's remember to thank her for "relaxing" by making our building look fresh and clean.

## Ministry of the Month (Continued)

- Develop a new, user-friendly Trinity Presbyterian website;
- Support new Wednesday night Youth programs for September – December. The 2016 Operating Budget will pick up this expense starting January 2016;
- Replace and upgrade security keypads on East Administration and Preschool doors and South parking lot door, which also enables remote fire monitoring.

For information about submitting a proposal or the process, contact a Committee member.



### Presbyterian Women

**What are you thankful for this year?** We are so blessed to live here, live now and be able to count our blessings daily. Take time this month to set aside a little extra offering for the PW Thank Offering every time you think of a blessing.

Posters are up, envelopes are out, and this month we share the blessings we have received with the 27 Thank Offering recipients.

The Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> Gathering begins in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 with Ruth Circle greeting us, Naomi feeding us, devotions from Val Kastner and a special Thank Offering service with Jane Finney. Enjoy music, fellowship and friends (bring some of your friends).

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jayden Torres
- Theron Bucy
- 5<sup>th</sup> Tammie Hajdudch
- 6<sup>th</sup> Meghan Hull
- 7<sup>th</sup> Bridgett Torres
- 10<sup>th</sup> Bob Love
- 12<sup>th</sup> Val Kastner
- 14<sup>th</sup> Rob Baker
- Missi Hayslett
- David Pope
- Lauren Johnson
- 18<sup>th</sup> MiKayla Hull
- 19<sup>th</sup> Lee Regulski
- Bev Mangel
- 20<sup>th</sup> Libby Duncan
- Jordan Ammons
- 21<sup>st</sup> Michelle Vick
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Al Priebe
- Carol Little
- 24<sup>th</sup> Jan Wooldridge
- 29<sup>th</sup> Sue Moore



### Join the Communion Team



We prepare the Communion Elements on the Saturday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and clean up following communion. Contact Cathy Arnold at 727-531-3563 or [cathyarnold2004@gmail.com](mailto:cathyarnold2004@gmail.com).

### Designing Your Legacy



Have you thought of remembering Trinity Presbyterian in your charitable giving legacy? There are many ways to donate

a planned gift, including: *establishing an endowment fund with the Presbyterian Foundation, which invests the gift and pays the income in perpetuity to the charitable beneficiary you name in the agreement.*

To learn about gifting options that enable you to design the legacy you wish to have, join us immediately after worship on **Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016** for a light lunch in Fellowship Hall and to hear from Robert Hay, Jr. of the Presbyterian Foundation. Join us for lunch and learning in January. Contact Patti Rogers, Dick Powell or Tina Harvey with any questions.

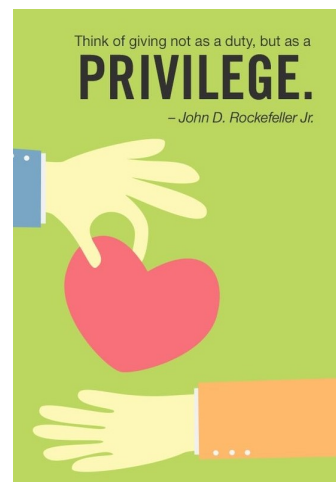
### Stewardship Thoughts for November:

*We may never be aware of our greatest contributions, but our legacy will live on. What will your legacy be?*

*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. Winston Churchill*

*You need to be praying for yourself - your heart, attitudes, habits, relationships, resources, temptations, and your ministry - because no other person can or will impact God's Kingdom processes in your life as much as you will. For that reason alone, you need to pray every day for yourself.*

*Every gift I will ever give is just one small way of saying thank you, God, for caring enough to come to me and never leave. J. Clif Christopher, Pastor and Author.*



# Around Trinity

## Weekly in November

### Sunday

Sunday School	9:00 am
Wired Word, Rm. 212	
The Lectionary, The Chapel	
SongChimers Practice	9:30 am
Searchers Fellowship, the Parlor	10:00 am
<b>Worship (Communion Nov. 1)</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Fellowship in the Garden	11:30 am
Young Adult/Family Group	12:00 pm
SongChimers Play (Nov. 8)	10:30 am
Inquirers Gathering (Nov. 8)	11:45 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Meal (Nov 15)	11:45 am
Congregational Meeting (Nov. 15)	11:30 am
Hanging of the Greens (Nov. 22)	11:30 am
Dead Theologians (Nov. 22)	6:00 pm
<b>TIDINGS DEADLINE (Nov. 15)</b>	

### Monday

Lunch Bunch, Rm. 114	12:00 pm
Bible Study Fellowship	7:00 pm
Finance Team (Nov. 9)	5:30 pm

### Tuesday

Preschool Chapel	11:30 am
Sewing Hope (NOT on Nov. 24)	1:00 pm
Staff Meeting	3:30 pm
Tampa Bay Symphony	6:00 pm
PW Study Leaders (Nov. 3)	9:30 am
PW Coordinating Team (Nov. 3)	10:45 am
Property Team (Nov. 3)	6:00 pm
Education, Outreach/Fellowship,	
Worship Ministry Mtgs. (Nov. 3)	7:00 pm
Ruth Circle (Nov. 10)	10:00 am
Mission Ministry (Nov. 10)	6:00 pm
Diaconate (Nov. 10)	7:00 pm
Naomi Circle (Nov. 10-Mbrs' Homes)	10:00 am
Preschool Picture Day (Nov. 10)	10:00 am
Esther Circle (Nov. 10)	1:00 pm
Personnel Ministry (Nov. 17)	5:00 pm
PW Gathering (Nov. 17)	9:30 am
Session (Nov. 24)	7:00 pm

### Wednesday

Spark Children's Ministry Midweek	5:30 pm
Fuze Student Ministry Midweek	7:00 pm
COM West Reg. Mtg. (Nov. 4)	10:00 am
Preschool Ministry (Nov. 4)	4:00 pm
Lydia Circle (Nov. 16)	5:30 pm

### Thursday

Men's Group	8:00 am
Sewing Hope	1:00 pm
Line Dancing	4:00 pm
Trinity Ringers	6:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

**OFFICE CLOSED - NOVEMBER 26**

### Friday

Spiritual Direction Mtg. (Nov. 4)	10:00 am
Preschool Feast (Nov. 20)	11:00 pm

**OFFICE CLOSED - NOVEMBER 27**

### Saturday

BSF Leaders Meeting	6:00 am
Trinity Friends of Hope (Nov. 14)	6:00 am
Church Picnic (Nov. 14)	11:00 am

## Adult Education

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

⇒ The **Wired (Weird) Word** is a current events-based Adult Sunday School class that links the Bible with timely topics. Everyone is welcome to attend, join the discussion and keep abreast of contemporary Christian concerns. Talk to Dick Powell to be added to the weekly email list that is sent before class each week.

**Leaders: Various class members.**

**Location: Room 212.** (Notice the new sign!)

⇒ **Feasting on the Word**

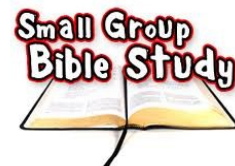
This series of classes in the Chapel will focus on the lectionary readings for each week. If you don't know what the lectionary readings are, the class will help you understand this concept.

Each week the two lectionary texts that are NOT used in worship will receive a more in-depth study in this class. Class members will be encouraged to allow God's spirit to work as we worship and hear the message on the other two lectionary texts.

**Leader: Sue Moore Location: The Chapel**

## Sunday Small Group

The Young Adult and Families Small Group is continuing to meet at Noon on Sundays after church. They gather at the Brown Boxer for lunch and children are always welcome and **eat free.**



## The End of the Year is Coming

It is hard to believe November is here and the end of the year is quickly approaching. I know many of you are beginning the preparations for filing your taxes and compiling financial data. End of Year Contribution Statements will go out the first part of January to everyone who contributed financially for the support of the church in any way during this year. If you need any information before then as you begin your preparations give Kathi a call and she will be glad to help you.



# Holidays Ahead

## A HOLIDAY CONCERT!



THE *MANY MOODS* OF  
**CHRISTMAS**

A FREE HOLIDAY CONCERT PRESENTED BY  
THE COMBINED CHOIRS OF

PASADENA COMMUNITY CHURCH & FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*featuring*  
MEMBERS OF THE  
FLORIDA ORCHESTRA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH @ 3PM  
PASADENA COMMUNITY CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH @ 7PM  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

PASADENA COMMUNITY CHURCH  
227 70TH ST S

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
1900 GANDY BLVD

**The holiday season** for Trinity keeps your choir and bells quite busy. Please make plans to attend our **Christmas Performance** with Pasadena Community and First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg on **December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** or **December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** This is an amazing opportunity to hear the *Many Moods of Christmas* suites performed by a mass choir and over 30 musicians from the Florida Orchestra. The *Many Moods of Christmas* is grouped into four suites of Christmas Carols arranged by the famed Broadway orchestrator Robert Russell Bennett (see poster). The Trinity Choir will include many of these carols in our regular service on **December 13<sup>th</sup>**. The season of Christmas will be upon us quickly so make plans now to attend.

## Reflections from Pastor Andy

***"Give thanks with a grateful heart..."***



This phrase is the beginning of a chorus we have been singing during Sunday worship at Trinity Clearwater. We sing it as a response to our giving of tithes and offerings. An underlying assumption in this phrase could be that one can be thankful without gratitude or vice versa. Can we "give thanks" without a "grateful heart," or be grateful without being thankful?

I think and believe, as the old song says, that they go together "like a horse and carriage". We don't give or receive the full benefit of either without both. To me it's gratitude that gives grounding and particularity to thanksgiving, while thanksgiving rises above the common place of our lives into the mystery of God's abundance. Another way to think of it is that gratitude is an attitude, while thanksgiving is the expression of that attitude.

So, as we enter the month of November let's do so with gratitude, focusing on the particulars of our lives, identifying something each day for which we are grateful. You many even want to use a journal or diary or the notepad on your phone as a record of your gratitude. Then as the month comes to a close we find our attitudes will have shifted and we are prepared for the day(s) of Thanksgiving for all of God's blessings in our lives. An attitude of gratitude is the beginning of true thanksgiving.

*Andy*



## Fellowship in the Garden

Beginning this month Trinity members and guests can enjoy *Fellowship in the Garden* (weather permitting) after worship on Sunday.

Light refreshments will be served.



SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> **Hanging of the Greens**

Immediately after worship, we will decorate the church with beautiful wreaths, candles, trees and lights. A light lunch will be served for all who are working after most of the decorations are hung. With many hands (especially strong hands), we should be finished by about 2:00. Won't you be part of this special kick-off to the Advent season?

## Prayer Concerns

### THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Ruth Baker  
Betty Cline

### THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

John Burton  
Marti Folwell  
Pat Franke  
Kit Harra  
Duncan Harvey  
Al Priebe  
Jim Starr

### THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Julie Bowyer  
Jonathan Cary  
Chuck and Marley Cassels  
Steven Cortes  
Dan DeAngelo  
Scott and Jessica Hinves  
William Krompart  
Joshua Pillar  
Mike Sawall  
Tom Whissel



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# Trinitytidings

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## **MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: TPC G.R.A.N.T. COMMITTEE**

From the earliest days of discussing a possible sale of the Gulf to Bay property, conversations included the questions: "what should the money be used for" and "how will we decide how to use it".

In October 2014, the Gulf-to-Bay Task Force was created by the Session to suggest answers to those questions. In February 2015, Session approved GTB Task Force recommendations. Two goals drive all decisions about how the money is to be spent:

To enhance and develop comprehensive outreach programs for children, youth and families of all ages.

To support property needs, specifically, capital expenditures to replace or maintain existing structural integrity for church operation of such programs on Trinity Presbyterian Church property.

**The purpose of these programs is to go into the community to serve people as God leads us and to encourage growth in the membership of Trinity Presbyterian Church.** Growth means both spiritual and numerical increase. The name of the

G.R.A.N.T. Committee is an acronym for **God's Resources And Not Trinity's**. We want to always be aware that everything we have - our time, our talents and our money - are gifts from God to be used in His service.

Session created the G.R.A.N.T. Committee to review applications and make recommendation to Session about whether or not to fund a proposal. Session then makes the final decision. The six G.R.A.N.T. Committee members are Jim Hayslett, (Chairperson), Edie Banks, Jim McCormick, Robin Powell, Bill Shiels and Patti Rogers. A requestor gets a Program Application or a Project Application form online, completes it and submits it to the Committee.

Since June, six applications were submitted and the five following proposals were recommended for funding. Session approved the first four and will discuss the fifth one at the October meeting.

- Complete the replacement of church windows;
- Support the Preschool & Family Ministry Open House in August. The 2016 Operating Budget will include this expense next year;

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