

Trinity Times

FEBRUARY
2016



FROM YOUR PASTOR:

Dear Trinity Members,

Please allow me to introduce myself. I'm Rev. June Begany, your new interim pastor. I'm excited to begin my time and work with you. In August I completed an interim at Pioneer Memorial Presbyterian Church in Solon. That was a wonderful experience. When the opportunity came to talk with you, I found I was eager to do so and eventually come as your interim, working with you to get ready for your next installed pastor.

Previous to my work at Pioneer, I served for 24 years as Associate Pastor for Education and Outreach at Old Stone Church in downtown Cleveland. Previous to that I served at the Forestdale and Westlake Church. Before entering seminary I served for eight years on the staff of Church of the Covenant. When I first moved to Cleveland I taught American history at East Tech High school in Cleveland. After Paul and I married in 1980 I trained tellers for National State Bank in New Jersey.

In addition to serving as an Associate Pastor from 1990 to 2014, I also served as vice-moderator, moderator and chair of Mission Council for the Presbytery of the Western Reserve. I've served on the former Church Redevelopment Committee of the Synod of the Covenant and on the Mission Development Committee (loans and grants) of the General Assembly. At present I served on the Administrations Ministry (Trustees) of the Presbytery, the Administrative Commission for Boulevard Church and as Treasurer of the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery. I also serve as secretary to the board of the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network for the national church.

Paul, my husband of 35 years, and I live in a condo in Cleveland Height in the Coventry neighborhood. While currently without a cat, two Maine Coon cats have been part of our family in the past. I enjoy watching football, baking, working word roundups and crosswords and reading light mysteries. I've tried my hand at quilting, knitting and no – sew fleece blankets. I enjoy photography and trying to create cards using my photographs. While a fan of *The Big Bang Theory* I'm not much of a techie but enjoy working with my computer. In my spare time I serve as treasurer of our condo association.

During our time together I look forward to meeting many if not all of you, listening to your stories and working with as you get ready for all God has in store for you.

Godspeed,
June W. Begany

FROM YOUR SESSION:

Session is extremely pleased to be working with Rev. June Begany!
Her forward-looking leadership is greatly appreciated.

Chairpersons for Trinity committees were decided at the January meeting.

Community Council – Pam Bloom and Kathy Fassett
Personnel – Jessie Smith
Property and Finance - Hobart Shiflet
Stewardship – Susan Hogle
Worship and Music – Peg LaDu and Ruth Ann Ayers

Officers elected by session include:

Clerk – Mary Belding
Financial Secretary – David Adams
Treasurer – Lois Fassett
Presbytery Commissioner – Ruth Ann Ayers

Two of the projects session will be working on this year are updating both our by-laws and our church handbook.

Another big undertaking for Trinity is working together with Rev. Jim Rimmer. **Please plan on attending the *Saturday February 27* initial congregational gathering.** With Rev. Rimmer, we will be looking at how systems work and how our church can better operate as a family system. This is an important step in assisting our search for a full-time pastor. **Your input is a necessary part of the process!**

Blessings and peace,
Mary Belding, Clerk

Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Dinner

February 9

4:30pm – 7:00pm

Trinity Presbyterian Church

1342 West Prospect Rd.

Ashtabula

Free-Will Offering
Bring the whole family!

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TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year 2015:

Total Income	\$	96,082.49
Total Expenses		<u>124,055.00</u>
Deficit for 2015	\$	(27,972.51)

Even though we did end up in a deficit figure for 2015, we did much better than we expected. Our 2015 budget predicted a deficit of \$52,934.46. Our income was more than predicted and our expenses were less than predicted. Good job Trinity family. We will run a deficit budget each year as long as our pledged income is less than our expenses. Expenses on the 2016 budget are at their bare minimum. Our budget for 2016 shows a predicted deficit of (\$49,532.28). Hopefully we can overcome that.

Don't forget that the per capita this year is \$28.00 per member. When you become a member of any Presbyterian church, you also become a member of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The per capita are the dues paid by each member to PCUSA. Trinity Church is billed for every member each year for those dues. In 2015 less than half of our current members paid their per capita. Let us try to do better this year. It is a privilege to be a member of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Lois Fassett

Treasurer

A DAY OF CREATIVITY

Join Trinity's Card Making group for a day of creativity, fellowship and fun! On Saturday, March 5th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, the group is hosting another card making event at Trinity. Everyone will learn how to make several Easter and spring cards and then take the completed projects home. The event is free and open to all women of Trinity, East Side, and First Presbyterian churches and friends.

No prior card making experience is necessary! We will teach you everything you need to know. You will move from table to table as you complete each project, and all supplies will be provided. When everyone is finished, the day wraps up with a light lunch and time for questions and answers.

It's important to RSVP by the evening of Sunday, February 21st, so we have the proper supplies and food. To RSVP, call Beth Adams at 992-8428 with the number of people attending and a phone number. In case of inclement weather we will call you to postpone, and the event will be held on Sunday, March 6th, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. We can only accommodate 20 people, so get your reservations in early. It's a perfect way to break up the monotony of winter!



Lenten Events (cluster)



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Worship

Ash Wed. Feb 10	7:00	Communion at Orwell
Feb, 14	7:00	First Presbyterian
Feb. 21	7:00	Trinity
Feb. 28	7:00	Eastside
March 6	7:00	Kingsville
March 13	7:00	Orwell North
March 20	7:00	North Kingsville (Palm Sunday)
March 27	7:00 am	Joint Sunrise service—First Presbyterian
	8:00	breakfast

Soup luncheons

Feb 17, 24, March 2,9, 16 12:00 (noon) at Trinity soup lunches and reflection

Wednesday breakfasts,

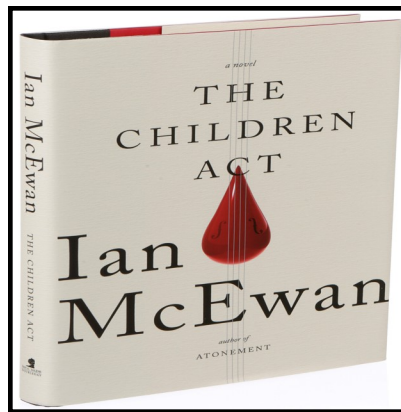
Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 2,9,16,23 Ashtabula cluster at First Presbyterian @ 7:30 am



TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Our Trinity Book Club will meet at church on Saturday, February 20th, at 10:00 am to discuss *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan. Fran Wilson will be hostess and Susan Hogle will lead the book discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend. For questions, contact Meghan Davis at 992-8362.

In January members of the Book Club donated \$120 to the Harbor Topky Library in memory of Wanda Frisbie, who was a longtime member of the Book Club.



A BIG Thank you to the Deacons of Trinity. Their cards are ever uplifting and most often bring a smile and sometimes a good laugh. For that...thank you. For the times you have tried to bring us communion and couldn't because of Doctors appointments or tests or hospital in patient times...thank you. (You KNOW how I feel about communion..it's so important.) For flowers given, foods brought..those things also we are thankful.

The people of Trinity are wonderful people. To know them is to love them all.

Our prayers are with you as you strive to find a new minister. We wish you calmness, logistics, and most of all love during this difficult transition.

We pray your Christmas was a joyous one and look to 2016 as being a big year of growing and gratefulness.

May God hold you in the palm of his hand until we meet again.

Bess & Roger Dibble

**TRI PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCHES**

EAST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN

GAME DAY

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 6

3:00 6:00

**COME JOIN US FOR
FELLOWSHIP, FOOD
AND FUN!**

**Serving Pizza, salad and
beverage.**

**PLEASE SIGN UP BY
SUNDAY JANUARY 31.
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL**

**Jessie Smith 992-1634
NO COST**



**MARCH NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

2/22/2016

**EMAIL INFO TO:
trinitypresbytn@
windstream.net**

Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Trinity's "Fantastic Seven" are beginning to review the PIF's of various individuals working together around the common goal of identifying who God is calling to serve our congregation. Time is necessary to fully review every PIF, making sure decisions are made with the best interest of everyone involved. Below is a short explanation of our work and process.

The Church Leadership Connection (CLC)

The Church Leadership Connection (CLC) is the Internet-based matching and referral system of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The Ministry Information Form (MIF)

Presbyterian congregations, presbyteries, synods, educational institutions, and other Presbyterian entities seeking leaders for ministry positions fill out a Ministry Information Form (MIF). This form describes the size and make-up of the congregation, the type of community where the ministry is located, the position to be filled and the salary for the position. Answers to narrative questions describe the ministry and mission of the church in more detail. Once completed the MIF is submitted to CLC and following approval is posted in the CLC system.

The Personal Information Form (PIF)

Presbyterian pastors, Christian educators, administrators, executives and other church professionals seeking a call to service within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) fill out a Personal Information Form (PIF). This form lists the person's education, work experience, ecclesiastical standing, and any professional memberships and certifications. It also lists the types of positions the person is interested in serving along with minimum compensation they will consider. Leadership Competencies and interests are listed along with narrative answers to several questions. Once completed the PIF is submitted to Church Leadership Connection (CLC) and following approval is posted in the CLC system.

Matching MIFs and PIFs

Once a MIF is posted in the CLC system, matching the MIF with PIFs in CLC can be done. Matching selects PIFs that fit most closely to a particular MIF in position type, years of experience, salary, and leadership competencies. The list of referred PIFs is sent to the chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) or search committee for their discernment. The "list" is forming and we are now entering the review process. Your part in this process is to remember the PNC in your prayers.

The weight of Trinity Presbyterian Church lies on our shoulders. You can be a part of this journey by reflecting on the following:

1. OPEN MY EYES... that I may see the people You bring into my path the way You see them." (2 Kings 6:17; Luke 4:18)
2. OPEN MY HEART... that I may share Your passion and compassion with them." (Matt. 10:35-38)
3. OPEN THE DOOR... that I may have the opportunity to share my testimony and/or the Gospel with them." (Col. 4:3; Acts 1:8)
4. OPEN MY MOUTH... that I may boldly, but wisely, make Your message abundantly clear." (Eph. 6:19; Col. 4:4-6)

God's blessings to all
Beth, Dale, Jane, Karen, Kathy, Lynne, and Lois