

Trinity Times

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Most of us have a morning routine that helps us to shake off the grogginess of sleep and to give us the energy to face a new day. Perhaps that routine involves drinking a cup or two of coffee, eating a delicious breakfast, reading a newspaper (or at least checking our news app), perhaps a workout and a shower. Whatever we do, we each must face a new morning of waking up, shaking off sleep and set about living in a new day. Just as one must wake-up every morning, so too do we as Christians have our wake-up moments. Every morning, we must shake off sleep and start about living in that day. As Christians, we have our wake-up moments in Jesus Christ when we come to a greater understanding of ourselves and the world around us.

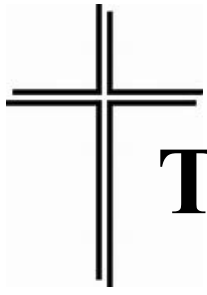
In the gospel of Luke, the prodigal son had spent all his money on wasteful living. While tending pigs, starving and missing home, the text says, *he came to himself*. The spiritual alarm clock is going off and he had a wake-up moment. He began a time of introspection noticing the consequences of his actions. He was the one who led himself into the mess he found himself in. The choice to demand his inheritance and spend it wastefully was his. His choices in life led him away from home and into the far country, tending another's pigs, while his father's hired hands had more than enough food. He was the one who hurt his family. He was the one who ran away. He at long last began to see himself clearly; he at long last began to see and to understand. He had a moment of "waking up"

This is our moment to wake-up. This is our moment to come to ourselves. Lent is a time of introspection when we cooperate with the work of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. One of the workings of the Spirit is to reveal ourselves to ourselves, or to put it more simply, to wake us up. What if the Spirit is leading us to look at the consequences of our actions and inactions and to take responsibility for them and to own them? What if the Spirit is enabling us to see the broken condition of our lives and to work with Christ as the repairer of our brokenness? What if the Spirit is helping us to see that we are the ones who ran away from God, and to walk the path needed to go back? What if the Spirit is working to save us, not just from devils and demons, but what if the Spirit is trying to save us from ourselves?

The Word from our Lord is that now is the time to wake up! Now is the time to come to ourselves. Now is the time to cooperate with the Spirit to accept the consequences of our actions and our words, to hold ourselves accountable for the traumas we have created. Now is the time to cooperate with the Spirit and to repair the breaches in our lives, to make peace with those we conflict with, to forgive and ask for forgiveness, to bless others with our words, to build up instead of tearing down. Now is the time of the Spirit of Jesus Christ to work and now is the time to cooperate in and with that work, with faith and obedience.

My friends, as we begin our preparations for Holy Week, we need to have a sense of urgency. A sense that now is the time to be the prodigal sons and daughters that we are; through the Holy Spirit to see ourselves as the ones who ran away from God. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, now is the time to wake up and run back. Let this be our new routines, drinking from the Spirit, feasting on the Word, and living for our God. Now is the time to wake-up!

In Christ,
Rev. Mark



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Note from Session

Your Elders and Deacons met together on March 20. We enjoyed a potluck dinner. With the guidance from Rev. Mark, we studied scripture together.

Rev. Mark had us read I Corinthians 12: 12-31a. We discussed what stood out for each of us, what questions it raised for each of us, and what God might be saying to each of us and/or to our congregation.

Much of the discussion touched on how we are all different, but are all the same; how we need to be together, to work together, and to respect every view point.

Rev. Mark encouraged us to read I Corinthians 13 as our homework assignment.

Peace and love,

Mary Belding, Clerk



One Great Hour of Sharing

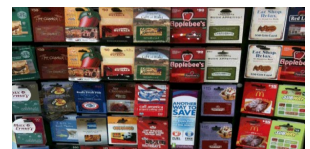
We will be collecting for the One great hour of sharing on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

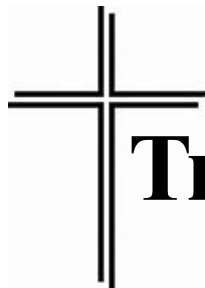
Envelopes will be in the pews and inserts in the Sunday bulletins. Please put your envelope in the collection plate, mail, or drop off to the church office.



Thank you for supporting Scrip!

Dee and Mary





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Property & Finance

Recently, a TV was mounted in the SPY classroom. Another will be mounted soon in the Playroom (Nursery). Capp Steel has leveled the ground where the house sat and will be back in the spring to plant grass seed.

We are looking for Grounds Stewards to help keep our church and the property beautiful. If interested and able to help, please contact Beth Dougherty at 440-661-1416, or complete the form and turn it in to Beth or the church office.

Trinity Presbyterian Church Building and Grounds Stewards

I am able to help with:

- ☐ Plumbing
- ☐ Interior Painting
- ☐ Exterior painting
- ☐ Roof
- ☐ Gutters
- ☐ Electrical
- ☐ Change light bulbs
- ☐ Replace ceiling tiles
- ☐ Mow grass
- ☐ Weed flower beds
- ☐ Pick up yard trash
- ☐ Edge sidewalks
- ☐ Wash windows
- ☐ Cleaning
- ☐ Gravel-east side of sanctuary
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ IT assistance
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Other _____

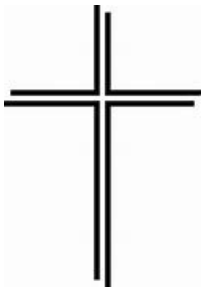


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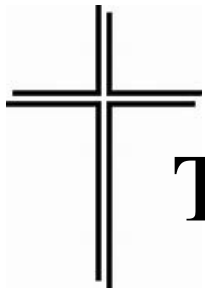
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**Saturday, April 13
9:00 am – 12:00 Noon**



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS



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Worship and Music

Lent/Easter is a holy and busy season in the life of the church. Palms will be given to each person and the pews will be accented with palms to remind us of Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday will help us remember Jesus's sharing the Passover meal the night before He was crucified.

Easter will be celebrated with the church adorned with lilies and ribbons. Alleluia!

The Rev. Dean Myers will be in the pulpit on Sunday, April 28 as Rev. Mark will be on vacation.

Summer music is being planned. There is a need for music for Aug. 25th and Sept. 1st.

The Rev. June Begany will be with us in July during Rev. Mong's vacation.

Respectfully,
Susan Hogle

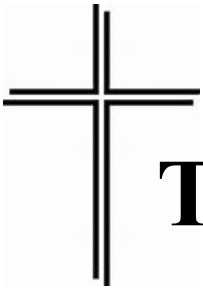


From The Classroom of Christian Education

The Vacation Bible School Planning committee is continuing to have a ROARing good time planning for the kids to visit to the safari to learn that When Life is Wild....GOD IS GOOD! Our next meeting is Sunday, April 14th at 2pm. We always welcome new faces, so make sure to mark your calendar.

It's hard to believe that it's that time again, but Christian Education is also beginning to plan for Graduation Sunday and Pentecost. We're going to do things a little differently this year and separate Graduation Sunday and Pentecost. We will be recognizing our Faithbuilders, as well as our High School and College graduates on Sunday, May 19th with an Ice Cream Social/ Coffee Hour to follow. If you have a High School or College Graduate you'd like recognized, please see Sarah Williams or notify the Church Office.

All of the amazing adults that signed up for the Adopt a SPY program should have been given the information on their SPY. The activity table in the Fellowship Hall is fully stocked, so feel free to grab your SPY Buddy and do an activity, sit together during Service, or include them when you are ushering. It's the smallest interactions, that sometimes make the biggest differences!



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Our family wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to the members and friends of Trinity for all the cards, visits, prayers and meals. Your kindness shown during the illness and death of Alan will always be remembered.

Special thanks to Rev. Mark for his visits and comforting words.

May God Bless all of you.

Sincerely,
Pauline Headman



United States Armed Forces, Meredith Ayers, Family of Lois Belf, Lynda Bennett & niece Terry, Bob Billman, Hilda Cook, Liz Evans, Dale Fassett, Dee Fassett, Jeff Hart, Family of Alan Headman, Katie, Deborah Sanders, Jshon Sanders, Octavious Sanders, Karen Scott, Darlene & David Smith, Norma Strock, Christi Stroud, Trinity Shut-Ins, Genny Wallace, Fran Wilson, Ken Zaebst



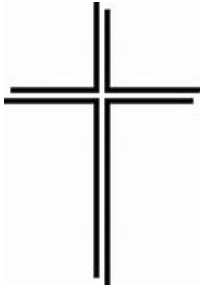
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My faith is all a doubtful thing,
Wove on a doubtful loom,
Until there comes, each showery spring,
A cherry tree in bloom.

And Christ who died upon the tree
That death had stricken bare,
Comes beautifully back to me,
In blossoms, everywhere.

-Author Unknown-





April 2019

DEACON ON CALL: Jennifer Olson 440-812-7746

ELDER ON CALL: Mary Belding 440-964-6073

USHERS: The Halls

LITURGISTS: Mary Ann Jordan

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Al-Anon 8pm	3 Adult Study 10am	4 Card Ministry 6:30pm Handbells 6:30pm	5	6
7 COMMUNION Choir 9am Adult Study 9:15am Worship/Faithbuilders 10:30am Lunch & Conversation hosted by Transformation Group	8	9 Romeos 8am Game Day 11:30am Al-Anon 8pm	10 Adult Study 10am	11 Property & Finance Mtg. 6:30pm Card Ministry 6:30pm Handbells 6:30pm	12 Brown Bag Ladies 10am	13 Church Clean Up 9am –Noon
14 Palm Sunday 2¢ A Meal Collection Choir 9am Adult Study 9:15am Worship/Faithbuilders 10:30am C.E. Mtg. after Worship VBS Mtg. 2pm	15 MRC Mtg. 6:30pm	16 Al-Anon 8pm	17 Adult Study 10am Community Outreach 6pm Session 7pm	18 Maundy Thursday Service 7pm	19 Good Friday	20
21 Easter Sunday OGH Collection Choir 9am Adult Study 9:15am Worship/Faithbuilders 10:30am	22	23 Game Day 11:30am Al-Anon 8pm	24	25 Card Ministry 6:30pm Handbells 6:30pm	26	27
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