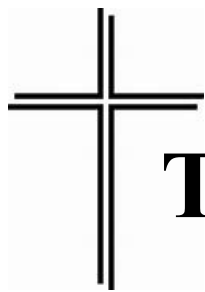




Women of the Bible

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Zipporah	Hannah	Esther	Deborah
Dorcas	Eve	Martha	Sarah
Bathsheba	Mary Magdalene	Mary	Miriam
Rachel	Rebekah	Leah	Gomer
Elizabeth	Dinah	Delilah	Anna
Jezebel	Rahab	Queen of Sheba	Naomi
Ruth			



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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

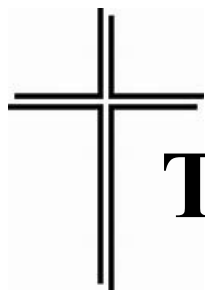
A football player was sitting in the examination room of the best orthopedic surgeon in the country after suffering his third major injury in three years. The doctor asked him how committed he was to do what needed to be done for him to return to the football field, because he was going to need several months of rehabilitation after another major surgery. Facing another long, painful, and grueling time of healing, he instead chose to retire rather than having to undergo the difficult time. He had neither the will, nor the mental strength to bear another lengthy and difficult journey to healing. He admitted to himself that he could not experience and persevere through another traumatic healing process and chose to reject the surgery and consequent therapy and retire from playing football.

Like the doctor, Jesus asked the lame man lying next to the Pool of Bethesda, *do you want to be made well?* We are told the man was lame for 38 years, which is a very long and challenging time to be unable to walk, lacking the strength to do the most basic of movements. But the question cuts to the quick, and cuts deeply into the man's soul, do you really want to be made well? He acknowledges the enormity of his suffering, but would he accept the opportunity to be rid of his weakness?

What answer would you give to the same question? Do you really want to be made well? Perhaps we are not lame, or blind, or deaf, although we could be. But we certainly are dealing with afflictions none the less. Do you really want to be free from the alcohol or drugs? Do you really want to be free from the mental illness you suffer under? Do you really want to be free from your incurable degenerative diseases? Do you really want to be free from the Covid or Cancer? Do you really want forgiveness for your guilt, do you really want courage for your fears and anxieties, do you really want peace for your anger? Do you really want to be made well?

The man doesn't answer the question, he instead complains why he is still lame, because he couldn't get into the pool quick enough. Legend around the pool of Bethesda states that Angels periodically descend to the pool and stir the waters. The first person into the pool after the stirring, is healed. The man says to Jesus, I cannot get into the pool first to be healed and so I am stuck here. Perhaps that is the reason so many of us are content and comfortable to be broken, injured and sick even though Jesus offers life and health. Do you want to be made well? No, we would rather be comfortable in the way we already are. When facing the long and painful road to health, we choose the easy and comfortable status quo of our broken lives. Instead of being motivated to pursue health and wholeness, we quit into the despair of the idea that is just the way things are and I need to accept that.

But Jesus does not leave the lame man, nor us, in that broken routine of false security and false reassurance. Jesus' question and Jesus' command gives freedom not only from the issues which threaten and spoil life and well-being, Jesus also gives freedom from the broken Spirit with no desire to ever become more whole. Jesus gives strength of body and mind and soul to those dealing with broken bodies, broken minds, and broken Spirits. Jesus give power into a powerless situation, to cure, to heal and to restore. Life into situations of death is Jesus' gift.



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But Jesus not only commands freedom from injury and illness, but His command also demands obedience. *Stand up, take your mat, and walk.* This is the one thing the man knew he couldn't do and yet he is commanded to do so. What will happen, do I take the risk and fail, and nothing happens? Jesus gives freedom to the man and to us, but he also demands obedience, he demands responsibility. Jesus gives the power and life to us, but we have a responsibility to obey. If we want freedom from drugs and alcohol, we need to be responsible and change our lifestyle and accept therapy and accountability for our illness. If we want freedom from diabetes or heart disease, we need to be responsible and change our lifestyle with diet and exercise. If we want freedom from guilt, we need to take responsibility and make restitution and be forgiven. If we want freedom from fears, we must take responsibility and face the things that terrify us. If we want freedom from anger, we must take responsibility and manage and heal the traumas that make us angry. Jesus does give us freedom but also the responsibility to do the co-work of healing under the power and nurture of Grace.

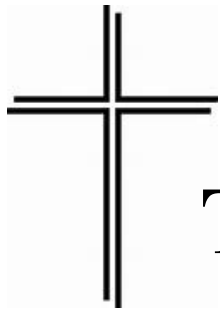
My friends, the good news of the gospel is that Jesus is the Lord and Giver of Life, which can give strength to lame, but also to us. But just as we are given strength and freedom to live the resurrected life, we also bear the responsibility to co-participate in the healing process. Will we retire into the ease and comfort of a broken life we are familiar with, or will we be motivated to enter the complete life which Jesus gives and calls us to share in. God does give healing in Christ, but we must take responsibility for our healing and work with Christ in obedience. Everything depends on your answer to the question, do you want to be made well? In Christ be free, but also be responsible to do what it takes to be well.

In Christ,
Rev. Mark



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Sunday, February 13, 2022
After worship



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A Note From Session

Session will be listening to reports and suggestions/mandates regarding safe Covid procedures. As things change, so will we. For now, we will continue the procedures we have in place.

Our January meeting was busy setting the 2022 calendars:

Session meetings -3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm

Congregational Meetings- February 13th and October 30th following worship

Communion -first Sunday of each month as well as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Eve

The Committee Chairs were approved by Session:

Community Outreach- Pam Bloom

Fellowship- Nancy Sabo

Property and Finance – Beth Dougherty

Personnel – Craig Reiter, Richard Fassett, Kathy Fassett

Memorial- Nancy Sabo

Nominating – Mary Belding

Worship and Music – Session will be in charge of the responsibilities

The Ministerial Relations Committee remains Mary Belding, Pam Bloom, Beth Dougherty, and Dale Fassett

The Yoke Committee remains Craig Reiter, Beth Dougherty, and Mary Belding

If you have any questions or concerns for any of these committees, or want to join them in their work, please contact the chair of the committee.

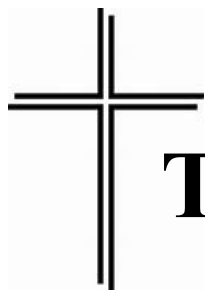
We look forward to continuing to worship and work together to strive to discern where God would have Trinity move. Please keep us in your prayers.

Blessings,

Mary Belding, Clerk



Wednesday, February 2 at 6:30pm



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A Note from Property and Finance

We now have an accountant managing the finances of the church. We appreciate everyone's patience as we adjust to this new process.

Every five years our financial audit is done professionally and not by our church members who graciously volunteer their time to complete. Year 2021 audit will be completed by an outside CPA.

Our Christmas offering was distributed to the busy bees of the Church. Thank you to Dave Adams, Billy Mong, and Cheryl Hall for all you do! Thank you to all who made a donation.

Property and Finance continues to be busy with the upkeep of the church in many ways.

- ♦ The new sanctuary doors have been ordered and as soon as the weather breaks we hope to have them installed.
- ♦ We are in the process of receiving quotes for the replacement of the chancel carpet.
- ♦ The outside of the church, bricks and mortar, is in need of immediate overhaul to maintain a sound structure. We are seeking quotes on ways to extend the life of the building. We have a few options.
 - ♦ Join us Wednesday, February 2 at 6:30 for the Town Hall meeting to discuss
- ♦ We are busy discussing projects for 2022. Stay tuned!

Current balance of Capital Improvement Fund-\$9,237.38

2022 per capita is \$34.91

God's blessings to all,
Beth Dougherty

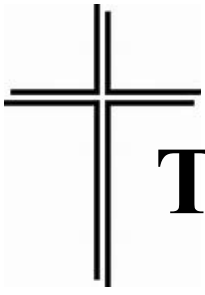
A Note From Scrip

Because of your support of this program, the Scrip fund was able to contribute \$1200.00 to the operating budget of Trinity from proceeds in 2021. Thank you for the support you are giving to the Scrip program.

Dee has cards available in the parlor before and after worship on Sundays. If you are unable to see her there, call or text 440.862.6786, call 964.6073, or e-mail at mbelding237@gmail.com to order gift cards.

Blessings from Co-coordinators of Trinity's Scrip Program,
Dee Fassett and Mary Belding





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A Note from Ministerial Relations Committee (MRC)

Please remember that the MRC is available to discuss any concerns that you might have. This committee was formed to assist in providing a healthy and united congregation. If there is something you need to discuss, we will listen and react accordingly.

Please give us the opportunity to work with you for a resolution and not risk damaging relationships.

Blessings for a wonderful 2022,

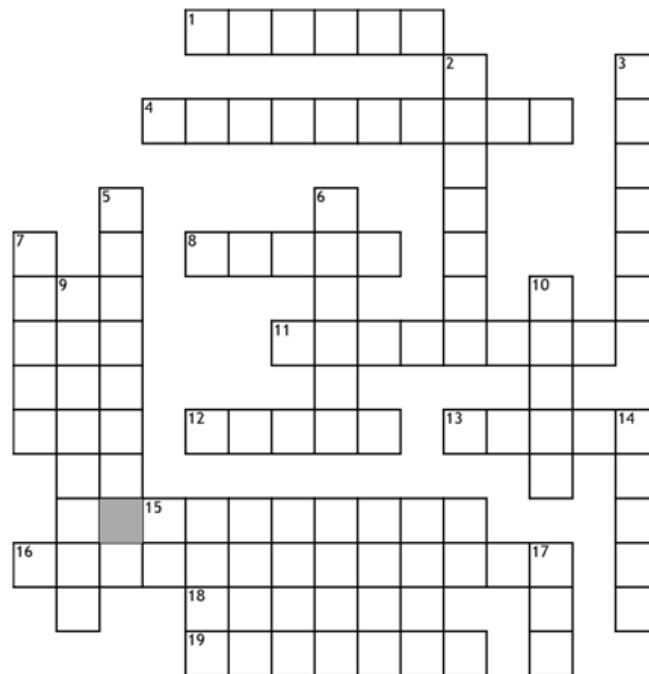
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Women of the Bible Crossword Puzzle

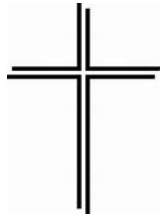


Across

1. The woman who betrayed her husband for silver.
4. The woman whose beauty resulted in adultery and murder.
8. The woman who lost a bottle but found a well.
11. The woman who was a notorious murderess.
12. The woman who was seduced by her own brother.
13. The woman infamous for her harlotry.
15. The woman who was lovely but loose.
16. The woman had seven devils.
18. The woman whose jealousy brought judgment.
19. The woman who fell out with her friend.

Down

2. The woman who possessed a devilish spirit.
3. The woman who wanted more.
5. The woman with beauty and brains but an unwise husband.
6. The woman who was more practical than spiritual.
7. The woman whose sightseeing had fatal results.
9. The woman wrongly opposed her husband.
10. The woman who tasted the cup of bitterness.
14. The woman God took from the dunghill.
17. The woman of unique distinction.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Al-Anon 7pm	2 Bible Study 10am Town Hall meeting 6:30 pm N/A 7pm	3 Bible Study 7pm	4	5 Parish meeting 10am Jefferson Nazarine
6 Communion Face-Face Worship 10:30am Video Worship	7 Yoke meeting 7pm At Trinity	8 Romeos 9am Al-Anon 7pm	9 Bible Study 10am Property and Finance 6:30pm N/A 7pm	10 Bible Study 7pm	11	12
13 2¢ A Meal Collection Face-Face Worship 10:30am Congregational meeting after worship Video Worship	14	15 Al-Anon 7pm	16 Bible Study 10am Community Outreach 6pm Session 7pm N/A 7pm	17 Bible Study 7pm	18	19
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