

THE BRIDGE

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"Diverse in Background, United in Faith"

Friends,

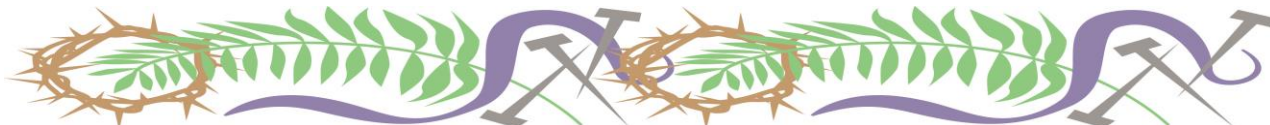
Can you believe how early Easter is this year? March 27! That means we have the great fortune of accompanying each other through the season of Lent together very soon. To mark the beginning of this journey, Trinity will begin Lent with a service on Ash Wednesday. This will be a brief but meaningful time which I hope you are all able to attend.

The Ash Wednesday service is a solemn occasion where we reflect on our own sin and mortality. We will do this through our usual avenues of prayer, Scripture, and music. What is unique to Ash Wednesday is the imposition of ashes, when we will each be marked on the forehead or hand with ashes. This is to remind us of the dusty, messy, finite realities of our lives, and we say to each other "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." But, we mark these ashes in the sign of the cross to remind us that nothing – even our own mortality – is a match for the love of God magnified on the cross.

For the rest of the Lenten season, we will wrestle with what it means to be sinful yet redeemed, culminating in our celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. Ash Wednesday, then, is a proclamation of the good news since we can confess our own shortfalls knowing that we will be lifted up by grace. Thanks be to God for such an opportunity!

If you are unable to attend the Ash Wednesday service on February 10 at 7:00p.m., I will be available at the church office that day from 10:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. to offer you ashes and a moment of prayer.

Blessings,
Elizabeth





Congratulations to Mary Sloan and her family upon the birth of identical twin great-granddaughters.

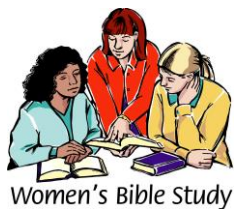


Trinity sends its love and sympathy to Dr. Orville Walker and his family following the death of his dear wife, Christine, on December 31st after a long illness. Her service was held on Monday, January 4th.

Trinity also sends its love and sympathy to Marilyn Burkett and her family upon the death of her son-in-law Ron Schumaker on January 5th.

Trinity sends its love and sympathy to the family of Carol Davies, a former member of Westminster, who died in Louisville, Kentucky on Saturday, January 9th.

Trinity also sends its love and sympathy to the Privett and Martin family upon the death of Barbara Privett, Stacia's grandmother and Jan's mother-in-law, on January 27th.



The Women's Circle meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00am. Please join us as we continue our Horizon's Bible Study, "Come to the Waters."

Thank you, Trinity, for saving the Best Choice Bar Codes. We have already begun collecting for 2016. Please keep saving!



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

This list of members at Trinity has been organized for the purpose of being lifted up in prayer during the week. We look forward to God's blessings as we pray for one another. During the month please pray for these:

- Feb. 7:** Jeff & Joi Gibbins
Betty Goetz
Donna Goetz
- Feb. 14:** Joseph Gordon
Steven Gordon
Rev. Bonnie Grabowski
- Feb. 21:** Tom & Yoly Snell Griffin
Katie Griffith
Tom Haggard
- Feb. 28:** Debra Hall
Jennifer Hall
Jon & Cathy Hall



The choir practices each Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. We are always looking for more singers and would love to see you there! If you have any questions, please call our wonderful choir director Catherine Lynch at (816) 529-0152.



Dear Trinity Family,

The poinsettia is beautiful and will be enjoyed for months! Thank you so much.

Mother and I have had a joyous Christmas season with our family, though we missed the meaningful celebrations of Christ's birth at Trinity.

Love and Thanks to all,
Joann Wyman

To Our Church Family,

We wish to thank you for all the prayers, cards, and words of encouragement. It meant a lot to Christine to have visitors from the church. It is so nice to belong to such a loving, caring congregation.

Thank you,
The Walker family

Dear Trinity,

Thank you for being so generous to Charlie and I around Christmas, both in your gift as a congregation and the many cards and gifts given to us by individuals and families. Your support and love means more than you know. We are truly blessed to be with you!

Thank you,
Elizabeth



Thanks to everyone who brought items for the Mitten Tree. We collected 45 pairs of gloves and mittens, 13 hats, and 24 scarves. These items were taken to Hope House. We appreciate your support.

Jan Privett, Mission Committee

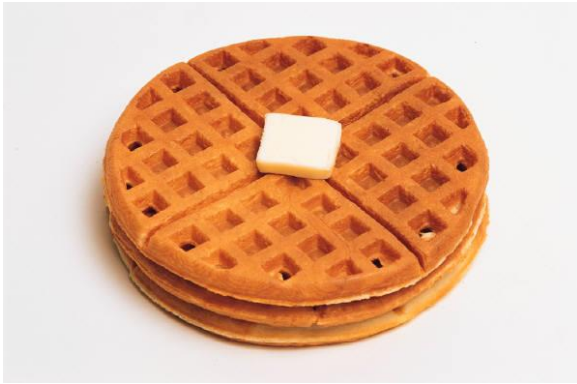


FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| Feb. 1 | Cathy Ruppert |
| 2 | Emily Jorday |
| 3 | Julie Atkins |
| 6 | Don Combs |
| 10 | Sumanth Washburn |
| 12 | Kaithlyn Liggett |
| 14 | Steven Shineman |
| 22 | Jacob Washburn |
| 23 | Bob Cooper |
| 24 | Frances Buck |
| | Emmett Scott Rice |
| 25 | Donna Coffel |
| 26 | Crystal Brock |
| 28 | Michaela Martin |



Wednesday, February 10
7:00 p.m.



BOY SCOUT WAFFLE BREAKFAST

February 6
7:00 a.m. – Noon



SCOUT SUNDAY
February 7
10:30 a.m.



Eighth Annual Chocolate Festival
February 13, 2016, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church

Westminster Hall
100 N. Pleasant Street

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T.I.G.E.R.s' Corner

Feb. 7 : 11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s
Feb. 21 : 11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s

T.I.G.E.R.'s questions call
Becky Layman at 830-4066

The TIGERs would like to thank those whom donated items for our recent bake sale. And also thank you to all those who made purchases. Thanks to everyone's participation the bake sale was a great success. The TIGERs raised \$159.00 to go toward their upcoming trip.

We have a couple of fun fundraisers in the works. More information will be provided once we have presented them and hopefully gotten approval from Session in February. So please stay tuned.

There will be a meeting in February for all participants and parents in regards to the Branson Youth trip. Participants please watch your email for further information regarding the date & time.



Trinity would like to extend an enthusiastic THANK YOU to Tim & Becky Layman for generously donating a new computer to the church office after ours met a sudden and unfortunate end. Special thanks also to Dave Lyons, Jr., and Tim for installing the computer in Barbara's office! Thanks to the rest of the congregation for being patient as we get all of our files back up and running.



Apple Soup (from the Czech Dinner)

- 1 Kohlrabi
- 3 Carrots
- 2 Celery sticks
- 1 Green Pepper, seeded
- 2 Tomatoes
- 3 T oil
- 8 C Chicken Stock
- 6 Large Green Apples
- 3 T Flour
- 2/3 C Double Cream
- 1 T Granulated Sugar
- 2 - 3 T Lemon Juice
- Salt, Freshly Ground Black Pepper

Dice the kohlrabi, carrots, celery, green pepper and tomatoes in a large pan, add the oil and fry for 5 – 6 minutes until just softened.

Pour in the chicken stock, bring to a boil then reduce the heat and simmer for 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, peel, core, and dice the apples, then add to the pan and simmer for a further 15 minutes. In a bowl, mix together the flour and double cream then pour slowly into the soup, stirring well, and bring to the boil. Add the sugar and lemon juice before seasoning to taste.

UPCOMING EVENT . . .

April 15, 2016 Trivia Night

Benefit for Czech Committee

Crumb Cake Pie with Pears and Lemon

Crumb Topping

- 2/3 C Flour
- 3 T Butter (melted)
- 1/3 C Sugar

Pie Dough

- 6 T Butter (softened)
- 2/3 C Sugar (+1 T)
- 2 Eggs
- 3/4 C Milk
- 1 Tsp Vanilla
- 1 T Lemon Juice
- 1 1/3 C Flour
- 3/4 Tsp Baking Power
- 3 Fresh Pears, peeled and sliced

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Butter springform pan and dust with flour.

For crumb topping: Mix flour and sugar and add melted butter. Mix until “crumbly” and set aside.

For pie dough: Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, milk, vanilla, and lemon juice. Mix together. Fold in flour and baking power. Put batter in prepared springform pan.

Put sliced pears on top of batter. Sprinkle crumb topping over top.

Bake 20 minutes.





Mari Shineman's Winning Chili

- 2 lbs. Ground Beef
- 1 medium Onion, diced
- 2 or 3 cloves Garlic, minced
- 48 oz. Tomato Sauce
- 12 oz. Tomato Paste
- 2 cans Tomatoes with Green Chilies (Rotel)
- 1 can Diced Tomatoes
- 2 cans Chili Beans, lightly drained
- 2 cans Dark Red Kidney Beans, drained & rinsed
- 1 can Light Kidney Beans, drained & rinsed
- 1 can Black Beans, drained & rinsed
- 1 tsp. Sugar
- SEASONINGS to taste:
 - Salt
 - Black Pepper
 - Cumin Powder
 - Garlic Powder (if additional is needed)
 - Onion Powder (if additional is needed)

In a stock pot, cook the Ground Beef adding the Onions, Garlic, some Salt and Black Pepper half way through the cooking time. This will flavor the meat. Drain any grease after the meat browns and the onions are translucent. While the meat cooks, start opening the cans, drain and rinse both types of Kidney Beans and the Black Beans. Dump it all into the pot. Stir to combine and add Seasonings to taste. (Remember less is more and flavor will enhance as it simmers.) Simmer for 1 hour stirring occasionally. Note: If you want to serve it sooner, add a little more seasoning but make sure it simmers for at least 30 minutes.

On the first Day of the Week

"The people came together..."

Worship Services:

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| Jan. 3..... | 115 |
| Jan. 10..... | 89 |
| Jan. 17..... | 65 |
| Jan. 24..... | 100 |
| Jan. 31..... | Not Available |

"and the people gave . . . "

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| Dec. 27..... | 5,466.54 |
| Jan 3 | \$10,654.00 |
| Jan. 10..... | 1,226.00 |
| Jan 17..... | 1,197.75 |
| Jan. 24..... | 1,766.00 |
| Jan. 31..... | <u>Not Available</u> |
| Total..... | \$20,310.29 |

A heartfelt thank you to those who have so lovingly and generously contributed to Trinity's memorial funds:

- Jack & Jess Layman*
- Paul & Sondra Tivis*
- Rich & Donna White*

2016 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT

Trinity will again be paying our assigned per capita assessment in 2016 by asking members of the congregation to donate their own **\$39.52** per active member. This will help to ease our budget and increase our church's ministry!

FIND US ONLINE!

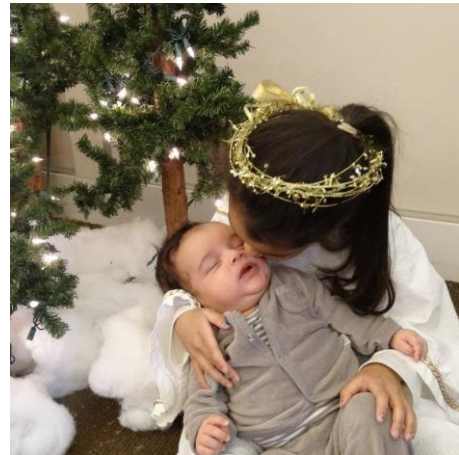
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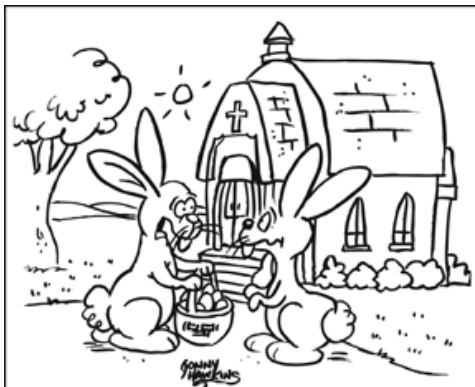
If you miss a Sunday or just want to look back, don't forget that sermons are posted on the pastor's blog at <http://trinitypresby.blogspot.com/>



2016 EPIPHANY PAGEANT



A DOSE of HUMOR



"Here at the church, I only use Resurrection Eggs."

~~oops!~~

From a worship bulletin in Santa Clara, California:
meeting minutes
After the presentation, a lively debate ensured ...
the next topic was fundraising

Before publication, some lively proofing should *ensue*.

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

The deadline for items submitted to the **March Bridge** is **Friday, February 19.**

Information for the weekly News Sheet is due each week on Wednesday by 1:00 p.m.