

# THE BRIDGE

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*“Diverse in Background, United in Faith”*

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Friends,

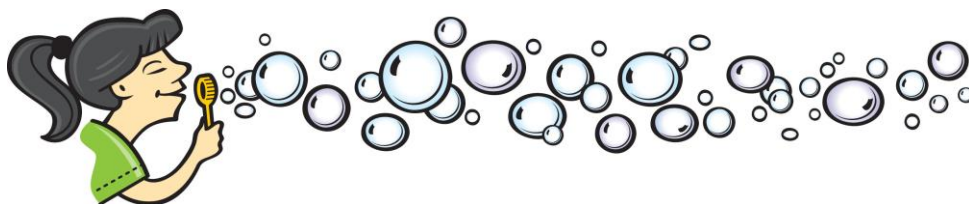
One of my great joys as your pastor is attending committee and session meetings. No, I'm not kidding! The hours get long sometimes, but it is a joy to work alongside of so many of you as we strive to glorify God, and it is a privilege to get to know so many of our church's leaders.

I think it's only fair that I take a moment to brag on how wonderful the leadership of this church truly is! Even those who have been serving for years come to meetings and events with a sense of energy and a deep well of faithfulness. New ideas are always bubbling up, opportunities are seized, laughter is contagious, and hope is rampant. There is a lot of elbow grease and brain power behind the scenes here at Trinity, and I am routinely reminded of God's grace by your dedication.

As we journey through Lent and move toward Easter, realize that this is one of the “busy seasons” of the church and your leaders are hard at work. I encourage you to find an Elder, committee member, staff person, Scout volunteer, or other leader and let them know how much you appreciate their hard work. Send them an email, offer a hug, or simply tell them.

And if you are one of those leaders – keep up the good work! You are appreciated beyond measure!

Blessings,  
Elizabeth



### *From the Sew & So's*

The sewing group needs used bed sheets to use as filling for their quilts. If you have extra to donate, they would be very grateful.

### *From the Women's Morning Circle*

We recently received a check for \$120 for last year's (2014) Best Choice Bar Codes. Thank you, Trinity, for saving the Best Choice Bar Codes for us. We have already collected 662 for 2015. Please keep saving!

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### **WEATHER CLOSINGS**

When the weather is bad do you wonder if Trinity is open? Now you can turn to your local television stations to find out. We will be listed on WDAF Channel 4, KMBC Channel 9 and KSHB Channel 41. We will not be listed on KCTV Channel 5.

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Trinity sends its love and sympathy to the family of Avis Waddell, who died February 7, 2015 at Osage Beach, MO.

Trinity also sends its sympathy to the family of Larry D. Goosman, former member, who died February 13, 2015 after a brief illness.



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:

- Mar. 1:** Christine Hanes  
Bill, Lynda, & Madelyn Hansen  
Reid Hansen
- Mar. 8:** Dave & Deborah Hatton  
Rick & Amy Hetzel  
Dennis & Jewel Lawson
- Mar. 15:** Jack & Jess Layman  
Tim, Becky, & T.J. Layman  
Sylvia Livingston
- Mar. 22:** Colby Lyons  
David, Julie, & Madeliene Lyons  
David & Daleen Lyons
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**Daylight Savings Time  
begins  
March 8, 2015**



Dear Members of Trinity Presbyterian Church,  
 On the behalf of the Congregational Ministries Commission, we would like to express our sincere thanks for your gracious hospitality to all the churches in Heartland Presbytery by hosting Embracing Hope. We truly felt your entire congregation partnered with us to make the 2015 Embracing Hope event the best it could possibly be. From the planning team at your church that worked for months on the preparations to the 50 + volunteers that worked the day of the event, your church did everything possible to make every participant feel welcome and cared for. Your love for our Lord Jesus Christ was truly apparent to all who participated in Embracing Hope. We are truly grateful.

Grace and peace,  
 Congregational Ministries Commission  
 Heartland Presbytery



**Meet Our Confirmands**  
**CALLED SESSION MEETING**  
**WITH LU7,099.92NCH!**  
**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29**  
**NOON**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

## 2015 PER CAPITA

As a new year unfolds, it's time for us to remember to each pay our 2015 Per Capita. This is similar to a membership fee for the PC(USA) which goes to fund Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly ministries (including local and international missions, education, worship resources, and staff support). This year, the per capital fee is \$38.70 per official member, including teenagers who have completed confirmation. This is a fee in addition to your pledge to Trinity's ministries, and we ask each active member to pay in order to ease the burden of this cost on our church budget. You may pay by cash or check, either by placing an envelope in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office – just be sure to mark it as your per capita.



**T.I.G.E.R.'s** will meet March 1, and then as a Confirmation Class beginning Sunday, March 8 through March 29 from noon to 2:00 p.m.



All Youth are welcomed to attend a weekly confirmation class and lunch with Elizabeth. Those who have been confirmed will attend as student leaders; all others will be confirmed on Easter Sunday. Join us for a great time of fun and learning!

- March 8, noon-2pm. Lunch: hot dogs.
- March 15, 11:30-2pm. Lunch: church potato bar.
- March 22, noon-2pm. Lunch: tacos.
- March 29, noon-2pm. Lunch: pot luck.



- Mar. 1 Sandra Atkins  
 9 Terry Brock  
 Mary Zoe Shelley  
 11 Katie Griffith  
 16 Norah Anderson  
 Mari Shineman  
 18 Karol Palmer  
 Jewel Lawson  
 19 Eelyn Richards  
 21 David Berry  
 George Scott  
 23 John Sloan  
 24 Alyssa Morris  
 30 Erica Matthews

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**COMPUTER USERS**

Please bring in your printer cartridges when you come to church. There is a box to place them in by the Session members mailbox.

Questions-See Sondra Tivis

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**“God So Loved The World”**  
 by Lloyd Larson  
 Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015



**March 29, 2015**

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**ST. PATRICK’S DAY TRIVIA**

You may know that St. Partick used shamrocks to teach about the Trinity, but did you know these other facts about him?

- St. Patrick wasn’t Irish. (His parents were Roman citizens living in either Scotland or Wales.)
  - He was kidnapped and sold as a slave at age 16. After escaping six years later, he joined a monastery in England.
  - March 17 is the date of St. Patrick’s death, not his birth. He died in 461 A.D.
  - The color originally associated with St. Patrick is blue, not green.
  - The harp, not the shamrock, is the national symbol of Ireland.
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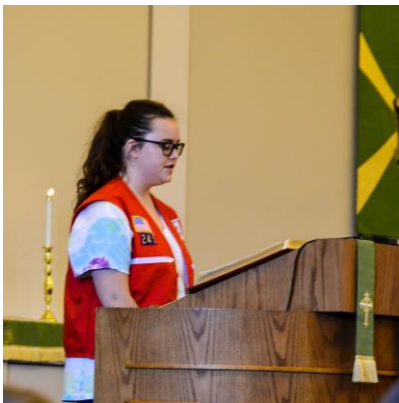
Mar. 2 Steve & Sally Burns



## SNAPSHOTS FROM LAST MONTH



**Troop 226 at Sky Zone on February 7**

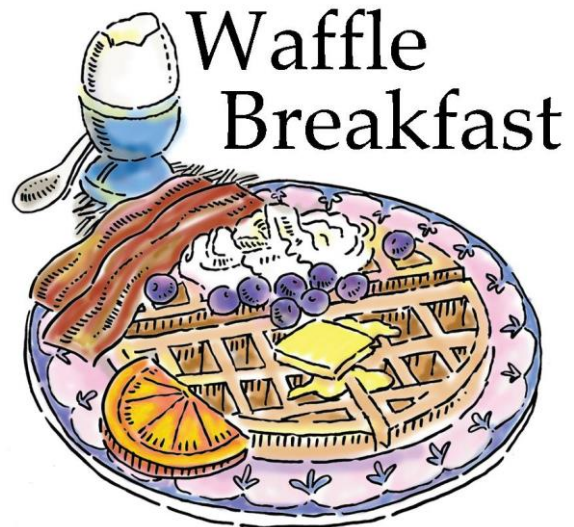


**Scout Sunday on February 8**

## SCOUTS

The Scout troop had their annual Scout Sunday overnight in February. The boys had a busy weekend that included our waffle breakfast, electronic game time, time with Elizabeth to work on church service, trip to Sky Zone, and participating in Scout Sunday. We had our biggest turn out for the waffle breakfast. It was a great success with 264 served & \$1,788 raised.

Andrew Pulley had the following to say about the weekend: "Most boys enjoyed the dodge ball, everyone was able to participate, separated by size but no one sat out, had trampoline time, than played dodge ball, or jump off the walls on foam pits, lanes jump at different heights to dunk a basketball. Keeping the boys busy the whole time was a fun activity, 'bouncing off the walls.' Think Scout Sunday went very well, everyone was awake, seemed to enjoy & be involved with service, boys paid attention to bulletin, followed along, and sang songs."



Missed the Boy Scout's Waffle Breakfast? Never Fear! The Cub Scouts are here for all of your waffle needs!

## PACK 226 WAFFLE BREAKFAST

March 21

8:00 a.m. – Noon

Fellowship Hall



Blue & Gold Banquet

For Pack 226

March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm.

Please bring a side dish to share!



*On the first Day of the Week  
 "The people came together . . .*

*Worship Services:*

Feb. 1: .....	.66
Feb. 8 .....	118
Feb. 15 .....	50
Feb. 22 .....	88

*"and the people gave . . .*

Feb. 1. ....	\$ 3,806.15
Feb. 8 .....	3,603.52
Feb. 15 .....	2,035.00
Feb. 22 .....	1,455.25
<u>Total .....</u>	<u>10,099.92</u>

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

- Billie Cross*
- Betty Goetz*
- Jim & Beth McPike*



**NEW ADDRESS . . .**

Mrs. Margaret Edwards  
 Wilshire at Lakewood Center  
 600 NE Meadowview Drive, Room 210A  
 Lee's Summit, MO 64064



**BAKED  
 POTATO  
 BAR**

**Help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a  
 Potato Bar  
 On March 15, following worship in the  
 Fellowship Hall.**

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Potato Bar with all the trimmings. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship with your church family. Donations of desserts are welcome. Be sure and wear your green!

For any questions, please call Bev Thieme at 719-5473 or Jan Privett at 419-9405.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**Saturday, April 4, 2015**  
**10:00 a.m.**

All kids through 5th grade are invited to attend.

Please bring your children, grand children, and neighbors to this fun event.

Coffee, juice, and doughnuts will be provided.

Please bring your own basket to collect your eggs.

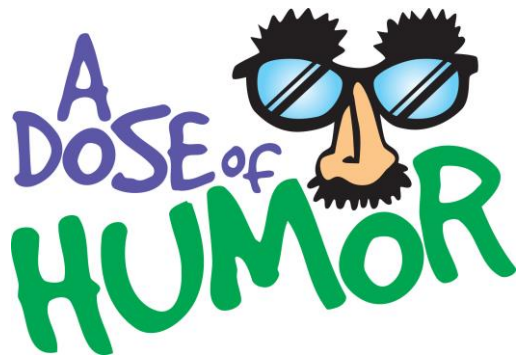


Any questions, please contact  
Lucy Berry at  
816-456-2235.

**CHRISTIAN SYMBOL**



**Rooster** – The rooster is reminiscent of Peter’s threefold denial of Jesus on the night of Jesus’ trial (Matthew 26-34, NIV); thus, it may represent faithlessness in general, especially in the face of danger. Because of the rooster’s early-morning call, it’s also symbolic of watchfulness: “Therefore keep watch,” said Jesus, illustrating the return of the Son of Man, “because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back – whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn” (Mark 13:35, NIV).



All submissions for the April Bridge are due on

**Wednesday**

**March 25, 2015**