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"Diverse in Background, United in Faith"

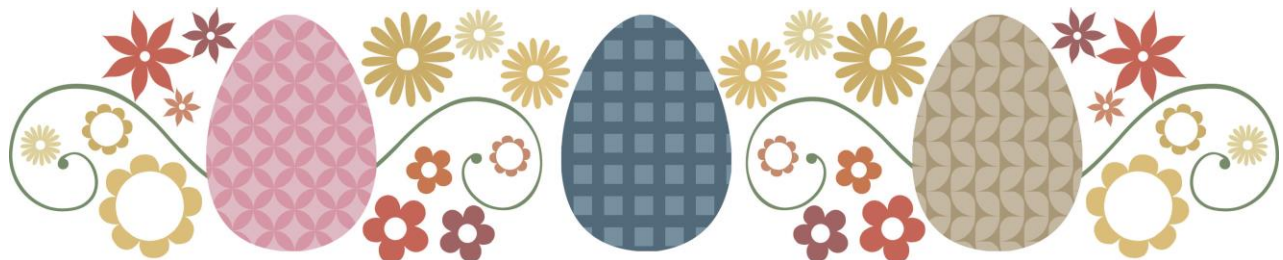
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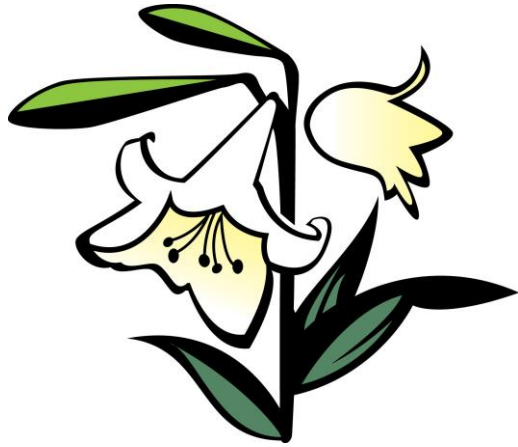
This is such an exciting time to be a part of Trinity! We continue to grow together as one church family, our weekly Sunday attendance has been over 100, old traditions are becoming new again, new events are serving our members of all generations and walks of life – Trinity is a lively, Spirit-filled, action-packed place to be right now! And I am filled with joy by the ways in which our church members are able to balance this much activity with the serious discipline of Lent. You are all so inspiring!

With all this new growth and vitality, we have a lot of positive change happening as well. I encourage you to pay special attention to the events in this newsletter and in the weekly bulletin News Sheet, because we are not “doing things the way we’ve always done them.” For instance, you’ll notice that we’re exploring new ways to celebrate Easter morning – with a breakfast hosted by the Men of the Church, a Resurrection Story and our annual Egg Hunt the same morning after breakfast, and of course traditional worship at 10:30. This will continue throughout the coming months, so pay close attention to where God might be calling you to fellowship and serve.

If you have been unable to join us at church recently, I encourage you to return this Lent and Easter. God is surely moving through this congregation, and it is a pleasure and a privilege to minister alongside each one of you.

Blessings,
Elizabeth





“Consider the lilies of the fields, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these” Matthew 6:28

We will decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, March 27th, with white lilies. If you would like to provide a lily in honor of someone special, in memory of someone, or in celebration of an event, we would like for you to do so by completing the form below and placing it in the offering plate or sending it to the church office with your check for \$8.00 by March 13th. Please make your check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church. A list of donors, as well as the person(s) in whose honor/memory/celebration the gift is given will be printed in the News Sheet.

In Honor/Memory/Celebration of:

Given by _____

I will pick up my flower(s) following worship Easter Sunday.

I wish for my flower(s) to be delivered to a shut-in. Please name the shut-in, if possible

If you have any questions call the church office, 252-5893 or Cathy Ruppert at 510-1836.



EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:30am – All Church Breakfast
Fellowship Hall
- 9:30am – Resurrection Story
Sanctuary
- 9:45am – Egg Hunt
Front Lawn
- 10:30am – Worship
Sanctuary

In case of poor weather, the Resurrection Story and Egg Hunt will take place in Founders Hall.



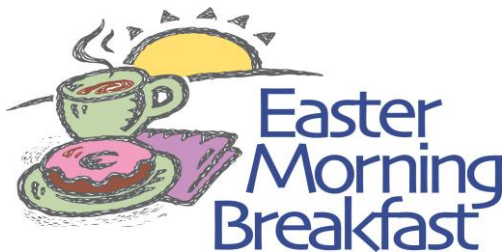
WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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:

- Mar. 6:** Christine Hanes
Bill & Lynda Hansen
Madelyn Hansen
- Mar. 13:** Reid Hansen
Rick & Amy Hetzel
Doug & Margaret Hick
- Mar. 20:** R. J. ,Kelli, Jackson & Alexander Hurley
Mary Johnson
Tom & Penny Johnson
- Mar. 27:** Bob & Patsy Jones
Kelly & Hanna Jones
Rodney, Michelle, Hunter, & Taylor



Trinity welcomed Karen and Ron Spaders into membership on December 27, 2015. Welcome Spaders!



The **Men of the Church** will prepare a delicious hot breakfast for our church family on Easter morning. All church members are invited to attend and eat together at 8:30am on Easter. Any men interested in helping out should please call Dan Washburn at 816-836-0662.

Daylight Saving
Time begins
Sunday,
March 23.



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|------|----|---------------------------------|
| Mar. | 5 | Gale Boydston |
| | 9 | Terry Brock
Mary Zoe Shelley |
| | 10 | Carolyn Kline |
| | 11 | Katie Griffith |
| | 16 | Mari Shineman |
| | 18 | Jewel Lawson
Karol Palmer |
| | 19 | Evelyn Richards |
| | 21 | David Berry
George Scott |
| | 24 | Alyssa Morris |
| | 30 | Erica Matthews |



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| Mar. | 2 | Steve & Sally Burns |
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ST. PATRICK'S FEAST

Sunday, March 13

Following Worship in the Fellowship Hall

Let's celebrate St. Patrick's Day together on March 13. We'll be serving corned beef, cabbage, and baked potatoes with all the trimmings. Donations of desserts are appreciated. Don't forget to wear your green! Any questions, please call Jan Privett at 419-9405.

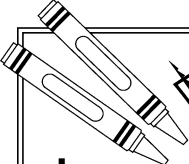


Maundy Thursday Service
Trinity Sanctuary
March 24, 2016
7:00p.m.



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

- Mar. 6: 11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s
- Mar. 20: 11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s
- Mar. 31- Apr. 3: Branson Mission Retreat



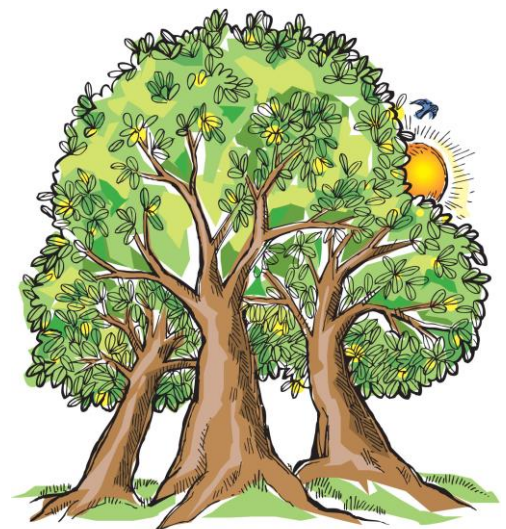
PUZZLE

Lamb of God

John the Baptist knew Jesus was the Messiah — and offered a special greeting when he saw Jesus.

Directions: Cut apart the squares and arrange them in a rectangle in numerical order, starting with #1 in the top left and going across to #7. Continue building four more rows of seven squares each, to reveal John 1:29, NIV.

1	2 "Look,	25	4 Lamb	30	16 sin
8	33	27	12 the	23	18 the
20	6 God,	32	20	10 takes	34
26	37 of	5 of	29 world!	22	11 away
3	31	20	9 who	13	15
14	7	28	35	21	



LIVE ... FOR THE WILL OF GOD.
 1 PETER 4:2

TRIVIA NIGHT

Save the date: Friday, April 15, 2016

6:30 p.m.

(Doors will open at 5:30pm)

Cost: \$10.00 per person or
a Table of 8 for \$64.00

Pick a theme for your table and decorate it for a chance at a trophy! Bring your own treats & drinks for your table.

This is a fundraiser for Czech Committee

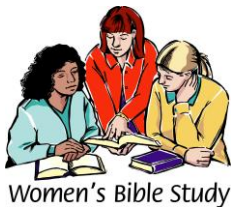


QUICKTRIP GAS CARD RAFFLE

The Czech Committee will be selling tickets for a chance to win a \$50.00 gas card to QuickTrip. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and will be sold before and after church beginning March 6th.

The drawing for the gift card will take place at the Trivia Night on April 15th. You need not be present to win.

Any questions, please call Jan Privett at 419-9405.



Women's Bible Study

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 collected 93 Bar Codes for 2016. Please keep saving!



Christian Education News

FAMILY FUN NIGHT was exactly what it promised to be: FUN!!!! We were blessed with a room full of 50 kids, parents, grandparents, and Frontier Girls Friday, January 29, 2016. In addition to watching *Frozen* there were board games, coloring sheets, and toys for all to enjoy, along with a great spread of tailgate snacks to munch on. If you weren't able to join us for FUN NIGHT in January your next chance will be May 6th at 6:00 pm and we will be watching *Star Wars* as requested. We've also had Sound of Music suggested. Keep your eyes and ears open for the latest news!





2016 PER CAPITA DRIVE

\$39.52 Per Member

Per Capita is a set amount of money per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Per Capita exists as a way for all Presbyterians to share cost that belong to the whole church. Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the Church’s system of government, so every Presbyterian is asked to share the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system.

Per Capita is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It exists to allow the whole church to share equitably in those things that make us Presbyterians.

This year’s Heartland Presbytery Per Capita assessment is \$39.52, of which \$7.12 goes to the General Assembly and \$2.72 goes to the Synod. If you have not already contributed your Per Capita, please prayerfully consider doing so in the month of February.

On the first Day of the Week

"The people came together..."

Worship Services:

Jan. 31.....	140
Feb. 7.....	167
Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday.....	57
Feb. 14.....	109
Feb. 21.....	107
Feb. 28.....	Not Available

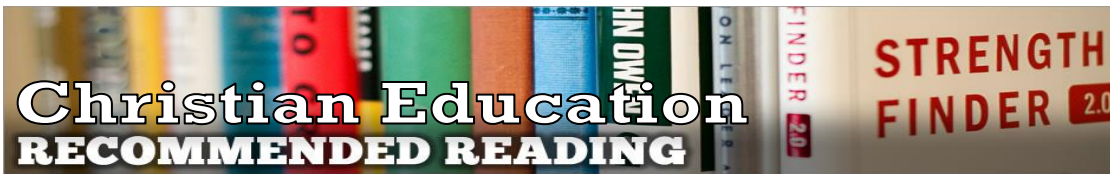
"and the people gave . . . "

Jan . 31.....	\$1,080.65
Feb. 7	7,661.56
Feb. 14.....	2,244.52
Feb 21.....	<u>1,202.56</u>
Feb. 28.....	Not Available
Total.....	\$12,189.29

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

- Mrs. Betty Miller*
- Mr. John A. Bogert*
- Mr. & Mrs. Monte J. Gauss*
- Jere H. Gorman*
- Shirley Holder*
- Marilyn, Dorie, & Joan Wilson*
- Ms. Jan Privett*
- Thomas & Pamela Johnson*
- Thomas & Doris Mauer*

Church ministries come with lots of “stuff” – books, chairs, dishes, pianos, and more! Many of you have reached out to offer help in allocating all of the individual property within Calvary’s building, and your good stewardship is appreciated! As we go on the adventure of church real estate together, please remember that everything inside Calvary’s building belongs to the church – even if it was donated – and is therefore held in trust by the Presbytery. Our first priority is getting the building on the market. After that, we will begin to sort through the best options for individual items within the church. Until that time, we appreciate your leaving all of Calvary’s items inside the church building rather than taking them home. Thank you for your care of both our church properties!



Why My Kids Weren't At Kids Church

February 1, 2016 / Christina Embree

Source: <http://refocusministry.org/2016/02/01/why-my-kids-werent-at-kids-church/>

When our oldest daughter was preschool age, she was obsessed with *The Nutcracker Suite*. Well, let's be honest, it was the Barbie version, but she loved it. She would dress up like a princess and dance around the house pretending that she was the star of the show. When the Nutcracker came to town for holidays, my husband asked her to go with him. They dressed in their finest; she even put her hair in an up-do, and off they went.

It was a long show. There were many in attendance, almost all older than her. While she loved being with her dad and seeing the show, she was also a preschooler so she wiggled and squirmed and squealed and giggled. She had to go to the bathroom. She got hungry and wanted snacks.

But when she got home, she beamed. I asked Luke to tell me about it and much of what he could remember was her wiggleness. But then I asked if people seemed bothered by her and he said, "No. Actually I had a few people compliment me on bringing her to the ballet."



I posted an adorable picture of their date on Facebook and many similar comments were posted, things like, "So good that you are giving her this experience at such a young age" and "This is exactly what kids should be experiencing."

Surprisingly not one person commented, "Hmm, seems like a waste of money to me. I mean, did she even understand anything?" Nobody criticized us for forcing her to sit through a long performance filled with imagery and dialogue she couldn't follow. No one complained about her fidgeting or her outbursts. And nobody questioned whether this was beneficial for her.

Because everyone recognized, it wasn't about her understanding the "story" of *The Nutcracker Suite* or her watching the ballet with a critical eye or even her sitting still through the performance. It was about giving her an experience, a total package, filled with sights and sounds and smells and stories that could be felt and experienced even if they couldn't be understood or comprehended.

This morning, a mom shared with me that the reason her kids didn't join us in Kids Church is because every now and then she wants to them to get to experience the traditional

service at church, to hear the liturgy, to listen to the hymns, to be a part of a service that replicates the services that she grew up in and that have been part of their family's tradition.

You see, for this mom, it's not about her children understanding each word of the sermon or comprehending the history of the liturgy or the meaning of the hymns. It about the total package; the experience of being in church, surrounded by the things that have been formational for generations and by the people who make up the body of Christ. These children get to be seen, they get to see, and they get to experience church. The church experience is much bigger than a sermon.

Big or little, child or adult, the sermon is only part of the whole experience. *Not understanding the sermon in no way negates the rest of the experience.* Seeing the people. Singing the songs. Giving our tithes and God's offerings. Praying at your seat or at the altar or in small groups or corporately as a whole church. Reading Scripture. Reciting psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Smelling the incense. Tasting the communion elements.

Serving.
Celebrating.
Fellowshipping.
Communing with God and with each other.

It's a total package. And much of what is included in that package is not comprehended through the mind, but through the

heart. It's not things that require a certain level of development but things that are experienced through the senses and understood through emotions. A sense of belonging, a place in community, an important part of a body. All of that can be experienced, regardless of age.

As adults, we recognize that there is more to the church service than just the sermon. The same holds true for children too. Giving them the opportunity to experience the total package is a gift; whether they understand parts of it or not.



CALVARY CELEBRATION | January 31, 2016



A DOSE of HUMOR



"To err is human, to forgive, divine,
and well, I've done my part."

oops!

From a newsletter in Buffalo, New York:

Join us for our Lenten supper.

The menu features bowels of soup ...

A freewill offering will be taken.

The thought of this *bowls* us over!

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



Ewer and basin – The ewer (a vase-shaped pitcher) and basin, which symbolize cleansing, are related to two biblical events from Holy Week: when Jesus washed his disciples' feet (John 13:1-17), and when Pilate "washed his hands of" Jesus' blood before the crucifixion the ewer and basin have become a symbol of service ministry.



Trinity has outdoor bins for paper recycling and aluminum can recycling. There is also an indoor drop-off for recycling used printer cartridges.



Weekly Collections

In the narthex, Trinity has collection spots open every week for:

- canned and dry goods
- elementary school supplies
- gently used eyeglasses
- aluminum can tabs
- keys

You may drop off these items at any time. Thanks for helping out our community!

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

The deadline for items submitted to the **April Bridge** is **Thursday, March 24.**

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