

# THE BRIDGE

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*“Diverse in Background, United in Faith”*

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Friends,

As you receive this newsletter in the last days of March, there will be a number of transitions occurring in the world around us. March is turning into April. Lent is transitioning into Holy Week and moving toward Easter. The weather is, slowly but surely, getting warmer and rainier. The tulips on the front lawn of the church are starting to reach out their leaves, and at least one tree here is speckled with blooming flowers. It is a beautiful season of regrowth and renewal!

Much as we anticipate these pleasant changes, many of us are mindful that other changes are not always so easy. In our rush to get to Easter, we often forget the difficult transitions that Jesus faced on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. In our rush to see good changes in our own lives, we often forget to look for God’s presence during rougher personal transitions.

The good news is that God is present with us through *all* transitions, pleasant or challenging, and the promises of the Resurrection hold true no matter what we face in life. As a church family, we have the privilege of going through our ups and downs together, as well. I look forward to the beauty of spring and Easter with all of you, just as I look forward to our shared challenges and contemplation in Holy Week.

There is so much that God has in store for us! Let us meet each new transition together with faith and grace!

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*

Thank you, Trinity, for saving the Best Choice Bar Codes for us. We have already collected 832 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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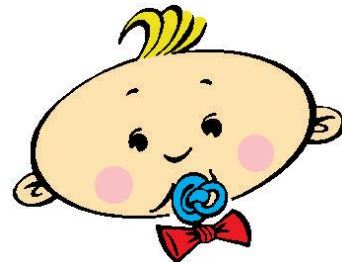
Angela Drew entered the church triumphant on Friday, February 27. We extend our sympathy to her family, including her sister Billie Cross and niece and nephew Sally and Steve Burns.

Trinity sends its love and sympathy to the family of Dorothy Reynolds who passed away on Sunday, March 22. Her service was held at Trinity on Thursday, March 26.



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:

- Apr. 5:** Scott & Susan Matthews  
Betty May  
Jim & Beth McPike
- Apr. 12:** Betty Miller  
Diana Miller  
Gary & Ruth Murray
- Apr. 19:** Carolyn, Faith, Daniel, & Max Nickens  
Ron & Janice Nodwell  
Rick Diane, & Michael Norman
- Apr. 26:** Jack & Karol Palmer  
Kyle Palmer & Jenna Zakrajsek  
Tony Pinto
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Erica Matthews, daughter of Scott and Susan Matthews, gave birth to Emmett Scott Rice on Tuesday, February 24th at 2:44 pm. Despite arriving two weeks early, he was a respectable 6 lb. 2 oz. and 19 inches. Mother and son are doing well. Praise God!



Apr. 4 – 10:00 a.m. Egg Hunt

Apr. 5 – 9:00 a.m. SonRise Service

Apr. 19 – 11:30 a.m.

During March the TIGERs have been using their meeting time for a

confirmation class with Elizabeth. In April some of the kids will be helping with the Easter Egg hunt & be involved in the SonRise service. The service will be at 9:00 AM Easter morning in the main sanctuary.

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Thank you to each of you who called and sent cards following the death of my dear sister, Angela Drew.

Billie Cross



- Apr. 19 Dave & Daleen Lyons
  - 21 Brian & Julie Wildschuetz
  - 22 Rick & Diane Norman
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To My Trinity Family,

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers during my recovery from my accident.

Hugs to all of you!

Sondra Tivis



- Apr. 1 Lucy Berry
- 2 Ruth Murray
- 3 David Thieme
- 8 Pat Rich
- 11 Ann Rich
- 12 Dorothy Vader
- 27 Jennifer (Matthews) Robinson

I want to say thank you again to all our Trinity Family for your support. The cards that you've sent have helped in keeping my spirits up & the food our bellies full. But most of all your prayers have been the strongest support of all, and they have been answered with my results turning out so well. I still have one more chemo treatment as I write this, and some additional medicinal treatments & surgery in the future. As of now, I feel the worst is over with the cancer being in remission. I will appreciate your continued support for myself, Tim, & TJ as we maneuver through the remaining procedures.

Thank You & God Bless You,  
Becky Layman



## Holy Week

March 29	10:30 a.m.	Easter Cantata
April 2	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship Meal/ Communion
April 3		Good Friday
April 4	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
April 5	9:00 a.m.	Sonrise Service
April 5	9:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
April 5	10:30 a.m.	Resurrection Sunday



### MAUNDY THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL April 2 - 6:30 p.m.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we worship around the Table. We will enjoy a meal together, hear Scripture, pray, read, and partake in Communion. Please bring a dish to share and a heart ready to worship.

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

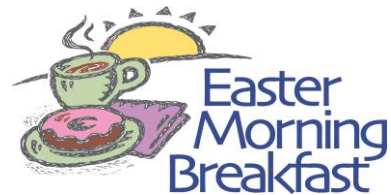
All kids through 5th grade are invited to attend. Please bring your children, grandchildren, and neighbors to this fun event. Coffee, juice, and doughnuts will be provided. Please bring your own basket to collect your eggs.

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



Sunday, April 5 9:00 a.m.

The Youth will present the service. Come with your friends and celebrate our Risen Lord!



Join us for a continental breakfast following the Sonrise Service.



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

With Easter fast approaching, the C.E. Committee will be providing bookmark reminders listing Holy Week events and times to guide your planning.

The C.E. Committee with Session approval is asking for donations to purchase 20 new student Bibles for use in our classes. The cost is \$24.99 each with free shipping through Amazon. No donation is too small to help fill this need for good study Bibles for current and future students.



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We will be taking up a special offering on Easter Sunday, April 5. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering helps in three ways:

- Helps to provide food and safe water to those in need.
- Brings relief for those affected by crises and catastrophic events.
- Provides the tools necessary to empower the poor and oppressed.

Please give generously.



Don't forget! A group of our dedicated youth will be confirmed on Easter Sunday during the 10:30 am worship service. Join us as we welcome them into full membership!



**We are Easter people  
living in a Good Friday world.**

## APRIL PER CAPITA DRIVE

In essence, 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:

*Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the mid councils to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians (GA Minutes, Part I, 1995).*

This year's Heartland Presbytery Per Capita assessment is \$38.70, of which \$7.07 goes to the General Assembly. If you have not already contributed your Per Capita, please prayerfully consider doing so in the month of April.

## 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' mailboxes.

Questions-See Sondra Tivis

## COMPLETE VICTORY

At the cross, evil is conquered as evil . . . because God turns it back upon itself. He makes the supreme crime, the murder of the only righteous person, the very operation that abolishes sin. The [maneuver] is utterly unprecedented. No more complete victory could be imagined.

-Henri Blocker, *Evil and the Cross*

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## EGG-STRA FACTS

- Although Easter eggs were once part of pagan spring festivals, they've become Christian symbols of new life. A cracked-open shell also represents Jesus' empty tomb on Easter morning.
- The early Christians of Mesopotamia began staining eggs red in honor of Jesus' blood shed on the cross. Red eggs remain part of Greek Orthodox celebrations today.
- For Lent, some families used to give up eggs and dairy, so they prepared a pancake feast on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. They solved the egg surplus by hard-boiling them in various broths, which led to colored eggs.
- In medieval times, churches held "egg-throwing" festivals. The priest threw a hard-boiled egg toward the choir boys, who tossed it back and forth. When the clock struck 12, whoever was holding the egg got to keep it.
- In some European countries, children go from house to house to collect Easter eggs.
- Each year, the PAAS Dye Co. sells more than 10 million egg-coloring kits, which consumers use to decorate 180 million eggs.
- The tallest chocolate Easter egg ever produced weighed 16,000 pounds---more than an elephant!



## SAVE THE DATE

Eagle Court of Honor for T. J. Layman is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2015, in the afternoon. Details will be announced.

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## COMMUNION PRACTICUM Sunday, April 15, following worship

When we serve at the Lord's Table, perfection is not required but intentionality is important. We will host a very brief communion practicum after church on April 15 so that those of us who serve may review our intentional postures, words, and movements. Session members are expected to attend, Elders who regularly serve are encouraged to attend, and all who wish to come and see why we do what we do are welcomed! This review should take no longer than half an hour.





# OUR HOPE

Romans 8:34 tells about our risen Lord, who gives us hope.

Directions: Write the phrases on the correct numbered lines below. Then, on the final row of blanks, write the bold capital letters in order from top to bottom, left to right, to spell the word that sums up this verse.

5 who was Raised	8 Right hand	6 To life
3 diEd	4 moRe than that	7 Is at the
2 JeSus who	11 intErceding	9 Of God
12 for Us	1 Christ	10 aNd is also

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_

6 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_

8 \_\_\_\_\_

6 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_

11 \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 8:34, NIV

Answers: ... Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us, Romans 8:34, NIV

RESURRECTION



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

*Worship Services:*

- Mar. 1: . . . . . snow/service cancelled
- Mar. 8 . . . . . 99
- Mar. 15 . . . . . 98
- Mar. 22 . . . . . 89
- Mar. 29 . . . . . Not Available

*“and the people gave . . .*

- Mar. 1. . . . . snow/service cancelled
- Mar. 8 . . . . . 7,330.70
- Mar. 15 . . . . . 2,958.10
- Mar. 22 . . . . . 1,672.40
- Mar. 29 . . . . . Not Available
- Total . . . . . 11,961.20

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

- Tom & Penny Johnson
- Claire Ann Sprick
- Dee Day
- Katie Griffith
- Mary Zoe Shelley
- Billie Cross

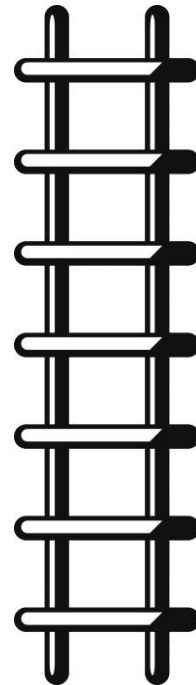
**He Is  
RISEN  
INDEED!**



# A DOSE of HUMOR



## CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



**LADDER** – A ladder is sometimes pictured with a sponge at the end of a long stick, reminiscent of the soldier offering Jesus vinegar to drink on the cross (Matthew 27:48). Thus, a ladder may symbolize Christ's passion. In the Old Testament, Jacob dreamed of angels ascending and descending a ladder (or staircase, depending on the Bible version) set up between earth and heaven (Genesis 28:12). Both accounts show that through Jesus, our Savior, we – like the angels – have ready access to God, now and for eternity!



All submissions for the May  
Bridge are due on

**Friday**

**April 24, 2015**