

Trinity Times Fall 2022



"Look at the nations and watch and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."

Habakkuk 1:5

Join us for Worship!

Sundays at 10:00 am In-person and Live Stream at trinitypalmcoast.org

> Fall Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9:00am - 12:00 noon





It's Stewardship Season at Trinity Presbyterian Church—the season when we focus intentionally on our finances. Yes, Stewardship is much more than a fundraising drive for the coming year. However, TPC depends on the annual financial gifts of our members and friends to fund our Annual Budget which helps to enable Trinity Palm Coast to be *a worshiping, nurturing and serving community.*

The following lessons from the Old Testament prophets will guide us as we, as individuals, and as a community of faith consider our financial commitments for the coming year.

October 9, 2022 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

October 16, 2022 Haggai 1:15b-2:9

October 23, 2022 Isaiah 65:17-25

Commitment Sunday is Sunday, October 23, 2022



Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Beebe, Pastor Brooke Tucker, Director of Faith Formation Heasuk Che, Director of Music/Organist Lillian Warner, Director of Handbell Choir Judy Grady, Financial and Administrative Assistant Thomas Buonocore, Sexton Jeff Cooke, Ken Mettler and David Wheeler Audio/Visual

What's in a Name?



Some have asked why Trinity Presbyterian Church is referred to in different ways. Well, take my name for instance. Most of the time, most call me Jeff. My formal given name is Jeffrey William Beebe. My formal title name is The Reverend Doctor Jeffrey William Beebe. From Jeffrey, comes Jeff and a host of other derivatives of which most I don't care much for. As clergy, sometimes I'm Pastor Jeff, sometimes Rev. or Dr. Beebe. And then there's Mr. Beebe or Coach Jeff. My mother and my sister most often call me Jeffrey, as well as my wife when she needs my focus. My older brother calls me J.B. or Jeffrey William while my younger brother calls me Jeff. Many others refer to me as Beebe. In any case, I respond to them all.

Thru the years Trinity Presbyterian Church has been and continues to be referred to in many ways. When the congregation was being established, I recall it was referred to as The Presbyterian Church at Palm Coast. Then Trinity United Presbyterian Church until the merger which created the PCUSA. Now Trinity Presbyterian Church of Palm Coast. As many congregations are often referred, sometimes we simply say TPC or Trinity. Amongst other presbyterian churches and within the PCUSA we are simply Trinity Palm Coast.

According to Thomas S. Rainer, Church names may be important, by they are not the most important factor in people choosing a church home. Relationships, personal invitations, good preaching, and friendly people, among other reasons, still trump the church name as the reason someone chooses a particular church.

Like my given name, I am no less Jeffrey William Beebe, my given name of which I share my middle name with my grandfather, my father, and my two brothers, when referred to by another shortened (or lengthened) name. Like Trinity Presbyterian Church of Palm Coast, the congregation is no less that when referred to in other ways.

In most contexts I introduce myself as Jeff Beebe and in most contexts I refer to our congregation as Trinity Palm Coast.

Journeying Together,

Jeff





⁶ "This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. ⁷ I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the Lord Almighty. ⁸ 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the Lord Almighty. ⁹ 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the Lord Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the Lord Almighty."

Haggai 2:6-9

Faith Formation



"My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power."1 Corinthians 2:4-5

I am currently finishing up Confirmation Class with 4 of our youth and they are now writing their own personal faith statements. We try to help them organize their thoughts by giving them a guided brainstorming sheet. Every youth that I have ever mentored through this process gets overwhelmed with the Faith Statement. They want to know "the right answers" to the questions and how to make their statement as perfect as possible. They have learned so much from church, parents and mentors that this part is hard for them. I try to make them understand that this isn't about big words, or creative writing, but about who God is.

One of the guiding questions in the faith brainstorming sheet asked: What is the Church and what does it mean to be members of the Church of Jesus Christ? (I always do the assignments with the youth because I don't think it's fair to ask them to do something I wouldn't do myself) and it really made me stop and think about church.

Why is Trinity important to me?

Trinity is a place where my family and I can be a part of the uniquely beautiful family of God. This church "family" is everything to me. My favorite example happened a few years ago. My daughter Hailey got 6 inches of haircut. She returned home from school and soccer and said to me, "Mom, no one even noticed I got my hair cut." That Sunday we went to church, within 5 minutes, Kathy Burns turned around and said, "Hailey you cut your hair, it looks beautiful." She was seen and heard within 5 minutes of stepping into her church family.

I have been asked so many times, how can we get more youth, families, and children to become a part of this church family. These families that we are seeking are going through a lot right now. The childhood years are so sweet but so hard. We have parents in our church who are caregivers for their aging parents. We have new parents who are experiencing all the stress and sleepless nights that come new life. We have parents who live in constant worry about how they will be able to make it to the next paycheck. I know that young parents aren't the only ones who come to church weary and heavy laden. I know that in our congregation many come on Sunday mornings heavy with life stresses. I share this with you to remind you to "see" one another, to carry one another's burdens, and not think about how we can benefit from new members but how we can help others. When someone new comes to church to visit, make sure they are seen, heard and are reminded that God loves them.

A month ago, during worship I challenged you to ask someone in worship how you can pray for them and ask someone to pray for you. I encourage you make this a part of your Sunday morning routine. Even if you don't worship regularly with us in person, call someone, write an email, send a text. I believe family is why God created us all

On the next page, I have put the Faith Statement Brain Storming Sheet. I encourage you to spend some time thinking about these questions and exploring what you believe. I pray that your faith is strengthened, not by the words of man, but by the power of God.

In love, Brooke Tucker Director of Faith Formation



FAMILIES ARE THE COMPASS THAT GUIDES US. THEY ARE THE INSPIRATION TO REACH GREAT HEIGHTS, AND OUR COMFORT WHEN WE OLUCASIONALLY FALTER. BRAD HENRY

Church Families:

A Statement of Faith is a personal discussion of your faith and belief in God. It is a way in which you look inside yourself and ask the question.



What do I believe about:

The God of Creation and why God created the universe?

The Chosen People of Israel and what their history means to you?

Why God sent Jesus Christ into the world, and who exactly is Jesus Christ?

What is your understanding of the Holy Spirit?

What is the Church and what does it mean to be members of the Church of Jesus Christ?

What do you believe about the Bible and how God speaks to you through the Bible?

Why is worship important for the people of God to attend on a regular basis? What does prayer mean to you?

What are the two Sacraments of the Church and what do they mean to you?

What is important to you about being a Presbyterian?

What are the ways you will seek to be a good member of Trinity Presbyterian Church?

What special gifts do you believe God has given you in life that will help you be a good disciple for your whole life serving the needs of God's creation?

Off the Chancel



Praise the Lord intensively while we serve each Sunday.

"Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago." Isaiah 25:1

"Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom."

Psalm 145:3

Music ministry is highly focused on what the bible says in the above quote.

I greatly thank our choir, those who share their talent and time for leading congregational hymns and monthly anthem. Their passion and love of music is admirable even though it is summer.

Despite the loss of members throughout this whole pandemic and its aftermath, some still feel uncomfortable coming back to join. But I greatly appreciate their livestream each Sunday that shows their love of singing.

Great appreciation goes to the Director of Handbells, Lillian Warner, and all of the ringers. The ringers are so passionate for volunteering every Monday morning and I am looking forward to seeing the same love and efforts in the fall.

Our instrumentalists and soloists are also lovely for sharing their talents.

As the music director, I cannot do all of those musical activities without them, blessings to them.

Until now our choir has been rehearsing Sunday mornings at 9, however, I am considering returning to regular rehearsals starting in the fall.

I hope and pray for more to join us so that we may Praise and Glorify God strengthened.

Thank you, Heasuk Che Music Director/Organist



Jamaica is 60



On Sunday, August 7, 2022, Trinity Presbyterian Church was host to a service celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Jamaica's Independence.

The service consisted of two parts. "Remembering Jamaica in 1960" and the Service of Worship conducted by The Rev. Dr. Barry Davies CD.

There were 93 people in attendance and the service was seen and heard around the world via livestream.

The first half consisted of newsreel footage showing the actual transfer of power ceremony in 1960. There were audio and video clips of native singing and dancing, and a good representation of the Jamaican culture.

Quite a few of the community participated in the service with readings. What beautiful voices speaking with love about their native country.

It was a lively congregation interactive service with the narrative by Dr. Davies who provided interesting facts and commentary throughout. He is really a treat to behold and if you ever get the opportunity to see and hear him talk, play the piano, sing and preach, you owe it to yourself and family to do so.

The welcome and introduction to the worship service was by The Rev. Dan Graham, who did his student preaching in Jamaica. The choir that was made up of 14 voices sang beautifully with the direction and accompaniment by Dr. Davies. The congregation sang with gusto.

His sermon "Change and Decay in All Around I See" focused on the conditions that have changed and not changed in the past 60 years.

He charged us not to look at our watches and no one did because he was so eloquent and interesting throughout.

At the conclusion, those in attendance shared remembrances and fellowship.

We are looking forward to hosting a service in early August, 2023.



Chancel Flowers for Sunday Morning Worship

There are still spaces available!

This is a wonderful way to honor and remember loved ones or celebrate special occasions. Sign-up cards are located on the flower board in the Narthex.

Cost is \$35 per arrangement and flowers will be ordered when payment is received. Thank you!

Worship Challenges at Trinity or 20 Questions to Ponder

- 1. What is the future of live worship at Trinity Presbyterian Church Palm Coast (TPCPC)?
- 2. What is the future of livestream worship at TPCPC?
- 3. How do we move worship, live and on line into the future? In the next 3 years, 5 years, beyond?
- 4. How do we connect and grow our worship into the community?
- 5. How do we help those who worship on line become and feel connected throughout the week, the worship year?
- How do we make the sanctuary safe and accessible for those with mobility issues?
 For those who attend regularly? For those who would like to attend but don't feel comfortable in doing so?
- 7. How do we make the chancel and choir loft easily accessible for all?
- 8. Can the courtyard door be used?
- 9. How to continue to grow the music program?

- 10. How to best explain why the Vesper Service is important in the worship life of TPCPC?
- 11. Can youth be more involved in worship leadership?
- 12. What is the future of applause in worship? For or Against?
- 13. How can we encourage those who worship infrequently to worship more frequently?
- 14. Should we have more worship service? Evening, mid-week?
- 15. Should we have a contemporary worship service?
- 16. Worship and stewardship?
- 17. Stewardship and Worship?
- 18. Is there something better than, "that is the way we have always done it?"
- 19. How do we use our online ministry to those who have moved?
- 20. How do we provide Worship that is meaningful to all age groups, both live and online?

-The Worship & Music Committee



Advent is coming and that means we need your personal devotion/reflection for our annual Advent Devotional!

Look for more information in the bulletin and in the church office in September on how you can sign up to be a part of this Trinity Advent tradition!





Every year on the first Sunday in October, on October 2 this year, Christians around the globe celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is a day to remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and that every Christian Church and any denomination that promotes Christian unity are one. On this day, people draw faith and inspiration from seeing that they are part of a community that boasts millions of believers and worshippers. John A. Dalles, a pastor from the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (PCUSA), researched the history of this day. The origin of this day is a brainwave that came to Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. He came up with this idea in 1930 when he served as moderator of the General Assembly. Dr. Kerr's younger son, Rev. Dr. Donald Kerr, himself pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, stated that World Communion Sunday arose from the celebration at the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. His father had attempted to bring churches together in service of Christian unity, and the idea grew from there. Initially, this idea did not take hold. Whatever celebrations there were grew only incrementally, and people did not give this day a lot of thought. With the Second World War came an increased understanding of one's own mortality, and the spirit of this day caught hold. This day symbolized the effort of bringing the world together, in a spiritual sense, thought Kerr. This celebration was adopted in the U.S., in the period during World War II, and soon, the organization, now known as the National Council of Churches, started endorsing and promoting the event to churches worldwide, led by their leader, Jesse Moren Bader. Many celebrations revolve around the 'Last Supper' theme when Jesus Christ broke bread with his disciples right before he was betrayed by Judas. People even partake in the universal Christian practice of baking bread. Today, this day is celebrated the world over, bringing together the unique flavor of all denominations with a strong individual spirit, just like the world we live in.

Trinity youth have been baking breads from around the world for World Communion Sunday since 1997. This year during Communion you will have a mixture of 3 different breads: Scottish Buttermilk bread, Yemarina Yewotet Dabo, and an Irish Brown Bread.

Our favorite of the 3 breads has always been the Yemarina Yewotet Dabo. It is a sweet bread that is easy to make! We have given you our recipe in hope that you will take the time to make a loaf and invite a friend or neighbor over to share in God's goodness and love.

Yemarina Yewotet Dabo (Ethiopian Spiced Honey Bread)				
	Makes 1 Large Loaf			
Ingredients: Active dry yeast- 1 (1/4 ounce) packet Salt- 1 teaspoon Water, lukewarm- ¼ cup Egg, beaten- 1 Honey- ½ cup	Ground Cinnamon- 1 teaspoon Ground Cloves- ½ teaspoon Ground Coriander- 1 tablespoon Milk, warm 1 cup Butter, melted— 6 tablespoons Flour 4-5 cups			
Method:				
 In a small bowl, stir together the year proof. 	ast and ¼ cup warm water. Set for about 10 minutes to let the yeast			
 In a large bowl, beat together the end butter. 	gg, honey, spices and salt until smooth. Stir in the milk and melted			
 Stir in the flour, ½ cup at a time, mi dough gets too stiff. Add more flou 	xing to form a soft, smooth dough. Do not add all of the glue if the ur if the dough is too sticky.			

- 4. Remove the dough to a lightly floured work surface and knead for about 10 minutes to form a smooth, elastic dough.
- 5. Place the dough in a large, lightly oiled bowl, cover with plastic wrap and let rise in a warm place until doubled in size, about 1 ½ hours.
- Remove the dough again to a lightly floured work surface and punch down the dough and knead for about 1 minute. Form the dough into a round and place on an oiled baking sheet. Allow to rise again for another 30-45 minutes.
- 7. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Place bread on baking sheet in the oven and bake for 45 minutes to one hour till bread is lightly browned and sounds hollow when you tap on it. Remove and cool somewhat before slicing.

Trinity Finance News

Financial Update (As of 7/31/22)

	Annual Budget	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Variance YTD	
Total Revenue/ Income	\$333,706	\$207,078	\$207,135	\$57	over plan ©
Total Expenses	\$333,706	\$196,919	\$192,722	(\$4,197)	under plan ©



Although giving is sometimes lower in the summer, Trinity revenue continues to track to our budget. Our expenses are also on track as Session and our members have continued to watch spending carefully. Your continued financial support to Trinity is very much appreciated.

If you have any questions about Trinity finances, please contact one of the elders on Finance Committee: Martha Gioielli or Kathy Cooke.

Water Intrusion/Roof Update

Hopefully you were able to participate in the Congregational Meeting on July 31 to hear the details about our Water Intrusion and Roof. If you were not able to participate, information is posted on a board in the Narthex as well as on our website.

As members of Trinity, we are all responsible for maintaining our facility in order "to be a worshiping, nurturing and serving community" (from Trinity mission statement). We need to promptly address our challenge with roof leaks and water damage by replacing/repairing the roof, repairing damaged stucco, completing mold remediation and subsequent repair of the damaged Sanctuary wall, and painting the exterior of our building. Session established a Roof Task Force which worked diligently to investigate the issues and obtain quotes from contractors. The Task Force unanimously recommended and Session unanimously approved the following solution and associated costs:

Company	Scope	Cost
Florida Roof	Replace Sanctuary roof, repair damaged roof; install commercial gutter and downspout	\$210,000
Aftermath	Mold remediation in Sanctuary wall	\$9,090
TBD	Stucco repair – PLACEHOLDER COST	\$5,000
Old School Painting	Power wash, seal and paint exterior of all buildings	\$26,084
TBD	Repair interior Sanctuary wall – PLACEHOLDER COST	\$10,000
TBD	Contingency for additional work, price increases, etc.	\$52,935
TOTAL		\$313,109

Several years ago, an estate gift enabled Trinity to establish a restricted fund that can be used for capital repair. That fund currently contains approximately \$120,000 which can be used for this project. Using this money leaves us with a need of \$193,109 for all of the work shown above. We need \$90,000 of this as soon as possible to repair the roof and stop further damage.

Please consider helping with a one-time gift to pay for these repairs. No gift is too small. We all have different financial situations, but we all have the responsibility to maintain this wonderful facility. These one-time gifts should be marked "Capital Repair".

The step of collecting one-time gifts will run through the end of August. After that time, Session will consider next steps. Trinity has been approved by PCUSA for a Presbyterian Investment Loan if we are unable to raise the funds from our congregation. We hope that congregational response is strong and this loan is not needed.

As of 8/25/2022, we have received 23 gifts totaling \$42,455.00 for "Capital Repairs."

Please do your part to support this urgent need.



Capital Campaign

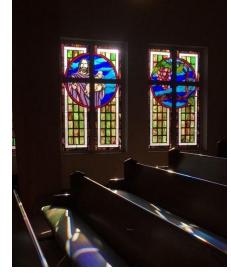


You may remember we celebrated the 40th year for Trinity Presbyterian Church a few years back. We also know that with age comes things breaking down and needing repairs. TPC is no different. A few weeks ago we listened as Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe and Kathy Cooke explained the current issues in the sanctuary and around our Trinity campus.

We are starting a **Capital Campaign** to help not only repair the damages but bring Trinity back to where it needs to be to ensure we can be faithful stewards and provide for those in need for another 40 years. We will be sharing more information in the next few weeks regarding a timeline and ways that you, a good steward of Trinity, can help provide for these repairs.

Needs:

- Replace the Sanctuary roof
- Repair roof leaks in the Narthex and other areas of our campus
- Replace gutters and downspouts
- Repair water intrusion in the Sanctuary
- Complete mold remediation in the Sanctuary
- Repair exterior stucco
- Powerwash, seal and paint the exterior of our campus
- Repair interior walls in the Sanctuary after mold remediation is complete



Offering of our Gifts

Please continue to give your offering. Offerings can be received in the Church, by mail, or you may utilize online banking options at www.trinitypalmcoast.org or by scanning the QR code here:





Service and Outreach

After a break from meeting in July and August, the Service & Outreach committee meetings resume September 12th at 10:00 am. We invite anyone interested in helping with Trinity's Mission program to attend the meeting.

The Service & Outreach questionnaires were returned listing local agencies Trinity members help either in person or with donations. From the questionnaires returned, Trinity members donate money to 25 local agencies. The most popular are the Family Life Center and the Salvation Army. Trinity members also donate their time and talents to 22 different agencies. Most individual who responded to the questionnaire give their tithes, talents, or time to at least two agencies. Service & Outreach will look at the list of agencies and consider if any can be included in our mission work. Thank you to those who replied to the questionnaire.

It's in the works! Planning is underway for a visit to our sister church, Trinity Presbyterian Church-Chinle, AZ. The purpose of the mission trip is to continue Christian fellowship through meaningful activities and involvement. Expect to see more information in September about our trip.

There are many volunteer opportunities through the Service & Outreach committee. If you find that volunteering will add meaning to your life, then ask your Service & Outreach committee on how you can get involved.

Service & Outreach Co-Chairs, Kelli Jebbia & Carol Corson





Join us at Vespers – Sunday, September 11, 2022

5:30 PM on the Lawn at Trinity

Ves·pers /'vespərz/

Noun a service of evening prayer. The word vesper comes from the Latin word meaning "evening".

The evening will include a brief time of worship & prayer, a fellowship meal, and a special visit of one of our mission partners, Old Glory Service Dogs. They will bring dogs, explain the training, and demonstrate how these shelter dogs bring joy, comfort, and companionship to their new families.

Come as you are, a meal will be provided and bring a lawn chair.



"Our Sister Congregation" Trinity Presbyterian Church of Chinle, Arizona

Since 2003 Trinity Palm Coast has called Trinity Chinle, Arizona our "Sister Congregation". Our pastor, his wife and daughter took time out of their summer vacation to spend some time in Chinle. Trinity Chinle, Arizona, is one of 10 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) churches or chapels on the sprawling Navajo Reservation. The Navajo Nation includes 27,425 square miles of land, which makes Navajo the largest American Indian Reservation in the United States. Approximately 173,677 people live in the Navajo Nation. TPC Chinle is part of the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon.





Elders & Deacons SESSION

Class of 2022: Carol Corson Martha Gioielli Kelli Jebbia Ken Mettler Leslie Russo Shelley Wheeler Class of 2023: Kathleen Cooke Evelyn Clickard Ginny Elgin Carol Graff Gwen Levene Judy Murgitroyde

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2022: Bill Butler Brenda Digby Leisa Gardner Cyndy McCormick Maudie Parker Joyce Peters Alison Reid Jan Roberts Marlene Williams Donna Decina Class of 2023: Colleen Connors Nancy Cumming Patty Edwards Muriel Fallon Sandy Glasner Susan Kopyar Jan Markiewicz Tracy Martin Millicent Peart Michael Peters

Nominations

Congregational Leadership is one important area of service in the Church. Each year, members of Trinity Presbyterian Church are called through the congregation to exercise a ministry of leadership within the Church as Elders and Deacons. These are distinctive leadership roles, calling for particular gifts and commitment.

The Congregation Nominating Committee (CNC) is

now seeking names to consider for nomination for service as Elders and Deacons. The committee asks the congregation to suggest the names of persons who have been regular in worship, active in the life of Trinity Presbyterian Church, generous in support of our ministry and faithful on their life and witness to the gospel. The Nominating Committee consists of: Brandi Alred, Uma Bannerjee, Kelli Jebbia, Jennifer Kaczmarek, Gwen Levene, Tracy Martin, Jane Pellmann and Shirley Wilson.

Elders

The Session is the governing body of the congregation. It currently consists of 12 Elders who serve staggered 2year terms. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Book of Order describes the office as follows:

Elders should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgement. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world. It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in the worship and service of God, equip and renew them for their tasks within the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely and those who are oppressed.

Ever thought of being a Deacon?

Do you wonder what their responsibilities are?

Upon becoming a Deacon, they are given a list of members of the church. This is the Deacon's flock to watch over and care for. This flock could be from 8 - 20 people. The Deacon will send out their introduction letter introducing themselves to their flock. A magnet is enclosed with this letter to put on their fridge for easy access to contact the Deacon.

The Deacon will send birthday cards, anniversary cards, Easter cards, Christmas cards, get well cards, thinking of you cards, sympathy cards and any other type of card that fits the situation to their flock. The Board has a supply of cards that you can take from, so purchasing them is not an issue.

The Deacon will contact the flock members by calling them periodically (once a month, if not more). The Deacon will email the flock members or text them. The Deacon may even stop by for a visit. These are all ways for the Deacon to stay in contact with their flock members. It is noted that many times the Deacon does not get a return call when leaving a message. This is not unusual. We will always find a way to stay in contact with our flocks.

The Deacon has a Response Sheet and they keep track each month on this sheet of how they kept in touch with their flock members. This Response Sheet is turned in at the monthly Board of Deacons meeting.

The Board of Deacons meets monthly, the 4th Monday at 5:30. It is strongly encouraged that the Deacons attend the monthly meeting to stay apprised of what's going on.

Come aboard, we have some openings for next year. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Brenda Digby Deacon Moderator

Membership



Greetings from the Membership Elder here at Trinity, I am Leslie Russo.

Are you having thoughts about membership? Have you been attending worship for a while, and just haven't made the commitment? Are you new to the area and visiting, or do you know someone who may be looking for a church family? Has life taken you to another part of this beautiful country and you'd like to keep your ties to Trinity?

I can help you navigate these thoughts and discuss any questions or additional thoughts you may have regarding membership.

Please feel free to reach out to me. My email address is <u>lerusso56@gmail.com</u>. My cell phone number is (908) 752-5658. Myself, or any other Elder or Deacon can assist you, or find out the information you need.

Joining is easy and the door is always open!

Trinity's Holiday Fair



Plan to attend the Holiday Fair Saturday, November 5th!

The 2022 fair will be held from 8:30AM -4:00PM on the first Saturday of November with rooms full of gifts and treasures waiting for you and your neighbors! Festively decked out with lighted Christmas trees, Mehaffey Hall will open to holiday booths filled with countless gift ideas and stocking stuffers, endless bargains and a delicious bounty of homemade baked goods and other mouth-watering traditional dishes. At Trinity's Holiday Fair you can expect to find wonderful gifts for the season and unexpected treasures, including: Jewelry, Games and Puzzles, the immensely popular Closet Clutter, offering gently-used and new items, that will stretch throughout, Handmade Crafts. Christmas Decorations, and a Chance Auction. Proceeds benefit Trinity's mission partners.

Presbytery 101: Who, What, and Where is Presbytery?

pres·by·ter·y

/'prezbə terē, 'presbə terē/

Noun 1. a body of Church elders and ministers, especially (in Presbyterian Churches) an administrative body (court) representing all the local congregations of a district.

Trinity Palm Coast is member congregation of Presbytery of St. Augustine, whose ministry is to serve Jesus Christ by strengthening its congregations in their ministries and enabling them to accomplish together what none could accomplish alone. The Presbytery of St. Augustine is one of the 170 presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Our mission is "to support our faith community, so that together we are a greater witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ!" Including Trinity Palm Coast there are 54 congregations located in Florida's northeast and north-central regions. Each of these churches is a place to experience the joy of Christian fellowship as we hear God's Word, celebrate the sacraments, and respond to Christ's call to discipleship. We have about 155 minister members and commissioned ruling elders who serve Christ in a variety of ways.

Trinity Palm Coast will host the Fall Hybrid Meeting of the Presbytery on Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

WHAT'S A HYBRID PRESBYTERY MEETING

Good question. A hybrid presbytery meeting is something that did not exist before the Pandemic. We have all had to learn to be flexible and adapt to the Pandemic environment since 2020. The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of St. Augustine will be a combination of both in person and on zoom. We will be meeting at Trinity Palm Coast.

Trinity Presbyterian Women



What an exciting year we are having with much more to come!!!!

Our next Gathering will be held **September 28th**, **2022** at 12:30 pm in Mehaffey Hall. Guest Speaker will be a representative from Grace Community Food Pantry in Bunnell, with special emphasis on our new Ministry, Toiletry Totes provided to school children in need. This ministry is being supported by Mary and Martha Circle, for more information see Tracy Martin. Lunch will be provided by Mary & Martha and Faith Circles. **All** women are invited to attend.

Bible Study for Sept. 2022 to June 2023 is entitled "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight." **ALL** women are invited to any of our 5 Circles. See the **PW Bulletin Board** across from the Church office for details or speak to any PW member

Circles...meet monthly...We now have a Zoom Circle, "Naomi & Ruth," for those who are unable to attend in person-See Martha Gioielli for details.

The next **Study Leaders'** meeting with Dr. Beebe will be held Monday September 12th at 1:00 PM.

An **Ice Cream Social, sponsored by PW Team** will be held on Montreat Sunday as part of the Luncheon after Church on August 28, 2022.

Rummage Sale... Thanks to Carol Graff and Susan Kopyar for their organization and hard work that raised \$1400 to help support our Youth Group's week at Montreat.

News from Presbytery...Updates from Presbytery are posted on the PW Bulletin Board

Synod of South Atlantic (SOSA) Presbyterian Women Triennial Gathering: October 21-23, 2022 Epworth by the Sea, St. Simon's Island, GA See PW Bulletin Board for Details and Registration Info

Respectfully submitted with Peace & Blessings to All,

Judy Spurrell, TPW Moderator



REGISTER NOW

Sat. Oct 8th, 2022 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Trinity P C Sanctuary and Mehaffey Hall

Special Guest Speaker-Snowden McFall, Nationally renowned Motivational Speaker and Author

There will be a Worship service led by Brooke Tucker followed by our Guest Speaker

Continental Breakfast and Luncheon included

8:30am-9:30am Registration &	
Continental Breakfast	
9:30am-9:40am Welcome	
9:40am-10:00am Worship - Brooke Tuck	er
10:00am-Noon GUEST SPEAKER-Snow	den
McFall	
Noon-1:00pm Lunch provided	
1:00pm-2:00pm Workshop with Snowd	len
McFall	
2:00pm-2:15pm Closing Prayer	

Registration Fee-\$30 before Sept.28th \$35 after September 28th Registration Form available on the back page of newsletter.

Offering will be collected for our current special projects: Family Life Center, Flagler Free Clinic & Grace Community Toiletry Totes Member Spotlight – Jane Pellmann, Clerk of Session

A special thank you to Trinity member, Jane Pellmann who has served as Clerk of Session for the past 20 years!

In addition to other tasks, Jane has served on the Worship Committee for many years and has served on the Congregational Nominating Committee on numerous occasions. As a Clerk of Session at Trinity Palm Coast, she serves a unique and vital role in the Body of Christ. We Presbyterians keep a lot of records and statistics and we follow certain procedures and processes. This doesn't just ensure that we do all things "decently and in order"; it helps us see the larger picture of how God is at work in



and through the Church. Clerks of session not only help tell that story, but also help the congregation fulfill its mission by attending to the details of its corporate life. The role of the Clerk of Session is defined by the Book of Order. "Each council shall elect a clerk who shall record the transactions of the council, keep its rolls of membership and attendance, maintain any required registers, preserve its records, and furnish extracts from them when required by another council of the church. Such extracts, verified by the clerk, shall be evidence in any council of the church. The Clerk of Session shall be a ruling elder elected by the Session for such term as it may determine." (G-3.0104) "The Clerk of Session shall serve as secretary for all meetings of the congregation.

Mrs. Pellmann's responsibilities include: Keeping Records; Minutes of the meetings of the Session; Minutes of the meetings of the congregation; Membership Rolls; Registers; Submitting annual reports required by the Presbytery.

In Relationship to the Pastor: As Clerk of Session she works closely with the pastor, providing invaluable support by: Being prudent in confidential matters that may need to be considered by Session; Providing for agenda planning for meetings; Keeping up with annual requirements, unfinished business, communications, and rolls and register upkeep; Being diligent and timely with the various duties of the clerk; Being knowledgeable about the Book of Order, the Book of Confessions, Roberts' Rules of Order, and the bylaws and manuals of the church and the Presbytery.

As Clerk, Jane also communicates with the Congregation: As the Clerk of Session, she has been the communicating link with the Session, pastor(s), and congregation. Her expertise and promptness in fulfilling the following responsibilities has helped to keep the congregation informed and functioning. As Clerk, Jane sends reminders of Session meetings; Brings to the attention of the moderator, the Session, or appropriate committee of the Session all official communications; Notifies persons, committees, or special groups when they are affected by acts of the session; Releases promptly, after Session has acted, appropriate communications and interpretations for increased communication; and Communicates with the congregation all matters affecting the whole congregation such as: – the calling and purpose of congregational meetings – policies/guidelines established by the Session – summary of minutes of session after their approval – new members received by the Session.

From the members and friends of Trinity Presbyterian Church – Thank You!



Spiritual Practice: Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina means "divine reading" in Latin. It's a meditative way of reading the Bible in which we let go of our own agendas and open ourselves to what God is trying to say to us.

Origin

Many historians and theologians credit St. Benedict of Nursia as the first teacher of Lectio Divina. St. Benedict spoke to the importance of divine reading in his *Rule of St. Benedict*, encouraging readers to live a life devoted to work and prayer (especially through reading). However, this method of prayer likely originated even earlier than the time of St. Benedict, who passed away during the 6th century.

It wasn't until a few centuries ago that you could find a Bible in homes, hotels, and churches around the world with the invention of the printing press in the 15th century. It also wasn't the norm that entire communities had the ability to read or write. Unlike today, with most Christians having Bibles in their homes or access to a digital Bible, communities shared physical Bibles and even relied on certain individuals to read scripture aloud. This practice of listening to Scripture read aloud was very popular in monastic communities — prompting them to "listen with their hearts."

It's not the same as Bible study

While Lectio Divina is a great way to study the Bible, it isn't the same thing as a Bible study. Lectio Divina offers something more specific, more personal to you, in the moment you are praying. Bible studies lead us to interpret the Bible by asking questions and at times, doing research, and looking at the Bible as a whole. Lectio Divina, on the other hand, asks us to intentionally focus on a short section of Scripture. This prayerful focus could be one passage, one verse, or even just one word.

How to pray: Lectio Divina

The time you spend praying the Lectio Divina is entirely up to you and varies by person.

1. **Read**

Or using a Bible app, *listen*. Take a short passage from the Bible and read/listen to it carefully. Let it soak in.

2. Meditate

Then, after reading or listening for a second time, consider: What sticks out to you? Perhaps it's a particular image, phrase, or single word. Let that be your focus, meditating on what God might be trying to show you through what stands out.

3. **Pray**

Respond to the text and to God. Ask God to show you what He wants you to take from it. This could lead you to offer thanks, ask forgiveness, or simply talk with God about what the passage brought to your heart.

4. Contemplate

Rest with God. Be aware of God's presence with you. Listen for His voice.

(Article written by: Alex Jones. Hallow.com)

Brooke's Recommendations for Bible apps & websites for daily meditation: Presbyterianmission.org (daily lectionary readings) Dwell (dwellapp.io) *Brooke's favorite d365 (d365.org) Hallow (Hallow.com)





Library News

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RANKIN WILBOURNE Foreword by JOHN ORTBERG



Union With Christ By Rankin Wilbourne 234 WIL Nothing is more basic or central to knowing and enjoying God than Union With Christ. It's what the Bible is all about. It's the heart of the Christian faith. It's what makes

the Gospel good news.



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THE SECRET PLACE

Secrets of the Secret Place By Bob Sorge 242.2 SOR This book has one purpose: to fuel your passion for the secret place with God.

Bible Trivia: Food

The Judeo-Christian tradition has encouraged us to share our food with the hungry. This quiz asks you to identify food in the Bible.

- 1. The risen Christ ate a breakfast of _____
- 2. The prodigal son feasted upon a _____
- 3. John the Baptist ate locusts and ______.
- 4. Joseph had ______ stored for the seven lean years.
- 5. Hosea called Ephraim "a ______ not turned."
- 6. The serpent was condemned to eat _____
- 7. Israelites ate roasted ______ for Passover.
- 8. The Pharisees didn't like Jesus' disciples eating _____ on the Sabbath.
- 9. The friend in the parable wanted three ______ at midnight.
- 10. Those who "conquer" will eat of the _

Pumpkins, Pumpkins and More Pumpkins!!!



Our Annual Pumpkin Patch will be open daily Monday, October 17th-Monday, October 31st 1pm-7pm

Pumpkins will be arriving Saturday, October 15th at 3pm

How can you help? Spread the word and buy some pumpkins!

- Sign up to volunteer in the patch by calling the church office, emailing Brooke or signing up online at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548A9A628A2FC1-pumpkin1
 - Come out on the 15th and help us unload and set up the patch!

Remember that all proceeds help fund our Summer Youth Mission Trip!







Trunk or Treat: Monday, October 31st from 5pm-7pm

Everyone is invited and welcome!

What is a Trunk or Treat?

It is a safe alternative to traditional door-to-door Trick or Treating. We have a traffic free area where kids can safely come to show off their costumes, get candy/food, and play in a safe/fun environment.

How can we make this year's event a success? We need cars to help hand out candy to our Trick or Treaters

- We need candy donations
- And we need Trick or Treaters!
- So sign up to bring your decorated car/trunk/table by calling the Church office or calling/emailing Brooke (<u>brookeerintucker@gmail.com</u>)
- Bring your candy donations in to the donation bin in the Narthex beginning on October 2nd
- And spread the word to come and have some safe, family fun at Trinity on Halloween!



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God is good, all the time and all the time God is good! We had an amazing time at our 2 Vacation Bible School Programs this summer!

We learned that God gives us our daily bread and were reminded that: God is great. God is good. Let us thank God for our food. By God's hands we all are fed give us Lord our daily bread.

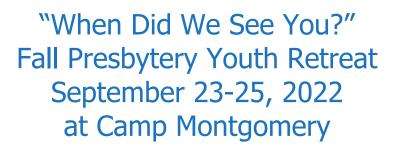
Try at some point today to pray that prayer and remember that all we have comes from God!

A special heart-felt thanks to all our volunteers who helped to be God's hands and feet in this world: Donna Decina, Shelley Kleinfelder, Maudie Parker, Robin Johnson, Kathy Burns, Gail Vanderventer, Sally Smeaton, Bill Butler, Libbie Butler, Kelli Jebbia and Cyndy Beebe.



We also want to thank all our youth volunteers who helped out: Adam Kleinfelder, Andrew Wheeler, Ava Andrews, Brian Guerin, Zoe Alred, Sabrina Ramperstead, Kaitlyn Ramperstead, Madilyn May, Hailey Tucker and Garrett Tucker.





RETREAT God calls us to SEE! To SEE God in each other, to be SEEN as God has imagined and created us, and to SEE as only young people can SEE.

The Presbytery of St. Augustine invites you and your youth group (Middle School and High School) to join us at Montgomery Center September 23rd-25th for our Fall Retreat: "When Did We See You?"

Join us for worship music, inspiring keynotes, recreation, small group time and lots more! Grab your youth leader and make sure your church is registered for this amazing event!

Registration fee is \$125 for each youth, and \$75 for each adult leader. Contact Brooke Tucker for more information.



All Saints' Day



Greek icon of saints and angels around Christ's throne (c. 1700).

In early Christian tradition, saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death his or her "birthday" as a saint. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs (particularly due to the persecution of Diocletian) that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

All Saints' Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the *whole* people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. Previously it had been connected with the Easter season as a feast of all martyrs.

Trinity will offer an All Saint's service of prayer and remembrance on Tuesday evening, November 1st at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

Community Chorus of Palm Coast

Trinity is welcoming back the Community Chorus of Palm Coast as one of its partners. The Session has approved their return starting in September.

CCPC started at Trinity holding their first rehearsal in October 2010 and their first concert on January 30, 2011.

Rehearsals will start on Monday, September 12 at 6:30 pm preceded by a Meet and Greet time. There is no conflict with any other activities at Trinity on Monday as all has been worked out.

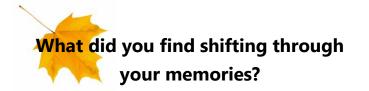
All new singers and returning singers are welcome.

CCPC is delighted to have as their new music director, Carlene Seppela, and new accompanist, Katya Feldman, as both are experienced in their respective fields

Please mark your calendars now for CCPC's winter concerts which are on Friday, December 2 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 pm. Watch for coming attractions that will provide the program title and other information.

It is so nice to have CCPC back at Trinity as it adds so much to the outreach of the church in the community.

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. - Isaiah 65:17



The sermon from a recent Sunday morning got me thinking about my parents. Growing up I didn't think too much about our daily routines such as saying a blessing before we ate, going to church on Sundays then resting the rest of the day, or the morning devotionals and prayers we did every morning before school. It was just the ways things were for us.

But as I shift through my memories, I can identify how my parents lived out their faith. Mother was an educator early in her life. When her mother became ill with cancer, she took time off to care for her. But her life seemed defined by her love of God, children, and babies. When I knew her, she was always supporting young families whether it was teaching Kindergarten at church, maintaining the Cradle Roll, teaching the young women's circle Bible study, and even after her death funding the renovation of the nurseries at church.

My father lived more in the shadows. He had an office on the side porch where he kept his checkbooks. I discovered as I grew older that one of his checkbooks was for giving. Giving to folks in need and worthy projects was his hidden talent and he made sure there was always something to give. He kept track of it through this one account. It wasn't until after his death and I was shifting through his desk on the porch, that I found the letters from children at Thornwell. The names were consistent as he had supported them through the years and their thanks was genuine. I knew nothing of this generosity until then, but marveled at the impact on the future it had for those children and young adults.

On Sunday mornings before church, he met one of doctors at the hospital and conducted a Sunday School Class for the patients, their families, and staff. It began humbly in the Emergency Room and eventually moved to a chapel built for this purpose on campus in later years. Sometimes I would accompany him. We would go room to room asking if anyone would like to attend, then wheel or walk them down. The doctor taught the lesson. After returning everyone to their rooms, we headed off to our church.

While my parents revealed God's love through their actions, they also gave me suggestions for maintaining and bridging relationships with others. Mother taught me that it is better to work along side people rather than telling them what they needed to do. I believe her exact words were, "Never ask anyone to do anything you have not done yourself or are not willing to do with them." Daddy gave me some excellent advice once when I had gotten myself in a pickle with one of my best friend's mother. We disagreed and I was sure I was correct, and she was wrong. I was a teenager, enough said. We had words and I was unhappy about it because she would not acknowledge my point of view, I felt unvalued, and our relationship seemed broken. We were at a stand still. Daddy knew I was miserable. He came to me, and we talked and he said, "Go and apologize, Martha. Find something in the situation to apologize for. You are certainly sorry for the furry the situation has generated and even if you cannot agree, you are sorry that the relationship you had enjoyed seems broken." So, I did, and things were better than I could have ever imagined. Good life advice that I am indebted to him for.

So growing up I was unknowingly saturated by daily routines that strengthened my faith. I witnessed my parents use their talents to leave a legacy of God's love in unique ways wherever they were throughout their lives. They shared with me advice that has served me well throughout my life. Now I am challenged to shift through my own life and try to decide how I will make a difference and extend God's love to others. I challenge you to join me in looking for ways to extend and share God's love with others, right now at Trinity, whenever and however we can!

By Martha Gioielli, Church Treasurer



Scouting Update

Troop 281



Pack 281

The Pack will be starting their scouting year fully on September 19th. We are all excited to get back to Scouting.

Pack 281 still has 70+ registered members and continues to be the largest pack in Flagler County with several recruiting nights upcoming in the near future.

Our pack has been given the honor of hosting this year's district Cub Family Campout taking place in Pierson, FL and expects over 300 participants to attend.

We have dozens of family activities scheduled through the next few months as well as multiple campouts and outings planned for all ranks.

We look forward to filling the halls again Monday nights and spread the joy of scouting to our community.

Yours in Scouting, Drew Hardesty Cubmaster, Pack 281



What a great time to be a Scout with Troop 281 at Trinity Presbyterian Church!

We've just begun our "new" Scout year with 30 active scouts in our Troop...the largest Boy Scout Troop in Flagler County. We couldn't be prouder of the kids and our adult volunteers serving as leaders and Committee members.

The young men with Troop 281 had a fabulous time in North Carolina for Summer Camp. We attended Camp Raven Knob, which is near Mount Airy (the backdrop for The Andy Griffith Show). We never imagined the temperatures would be the same as they were in Florida! Lucky for us, the evenings cooled down and there weren't nearly as many bugs! In all, we had 17 boys complete dozens of merit badges during the week.

We also had the opportunity to take part in the Central Florida Council's 100th Anniversary Camporee this past spring. Camp LaNoChe, near Paisley, was packed with all types of Scouts. It was a long weekend, but well worth it.

As we write this update, Troop 281 is preparing to host Scout Troops from across the Timuqua District for our Fall Camporee, to be held in late September at Princess Place. We did this last fall, and we had nearly 24 troops from Volusia and Flagler Counties attend. We're hoping for a similar turnout this year.

Finally, we hope you'll support our Troops in November. As the pumpkins for Trinity's youth programs disappear, they'll be replaced by Christmas trees. Troops 281 and 4281 will bring a Christmas Tree Farm to Trinity in late November/early December. We'll be selling 500 trees from North Carolina, so tell your local friends and neighbors. See the ad to pre-order your tree and receive \$10 off. We can even have your tree delivered to your front door by one of our Scouts.

Yours in Scouting, Jason Wheeler Scoutmaster, Troop 281

Troop 4281

Girls Troop 4281 has a fun year planned ahead! We have grown from 5 scouts to 10 scouts in just this last year and we are anticipating double the number this year based on parent interest.

Last year we had several campouts and did a handful of merit badges. All of our girls earned at least one rank since January.

Our favorite merit badge we did in the spring was Insect Study. Our troop bought a milkweed plant for each scout and distributed the monarch eggs already found on the plants. Each scout raised a Monarch from egg to adult butterfly. They were all safely released when they were ready and several scouts continued to raise 5 or more butterflies each throughout the season.

We cleaned up the waterway at Haw Creek Russel Landing during one of our spring campouts and managed to collect an entire bag of trash that would have ended up in the waterway. We went to Summer Camp in North Carolina to Camp Raven Knob and our troop climbed a mountain.

For this year we have 10 campouts and 11 merit badges planned for the 2022-2023 school year. We intend to do a waterway cleanup in Palm Coast and participate in Scouting for Food with the Scouts in Troop 281 and Pack 281. We are also working with Flagler County Parks & Rec on a spring conservation project. While earning their woodworking merit badge, we will be building small bee habitats to hang up around County Parks.

We have our very first scout who is Life Rank and is going to be starting her Eagle Scout project soon.

Thank you so much for supporting our youth and we are going to have the best year yet!

Yours in Scouting, Ariel Nadav-Curtis Scoutmaster, Troop 4281



*Proceeds benefit Troop 281 & 4281





Answers to Bible Trivia

- 1. fish, John 21:4-14
- 2. fatted calf, Luke 15:23
- 3. wild honey, Mark 1:6
- 4. grain, Genesis 41:49
- 5. cake, Hosea 7:8
- 6. dust, Genesis 3:14
- 7. lamb, Exodus 12:3-13
- 8. grain, Luke 6:1
- 9. loaves, Luke 11:5-8
- 10. tree of life, Revelation 2:7



A Note from the Editor

I hope you enjoyed this issue of the Trinity Times. Please note: the deadline for content submission for the Winter Edition is November 8, 2022. The Winter Edition will cover all of our Advent, Christmas and Winter Church happenings, including the months of December, January and February. Please send submissions to <u>trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com</u>. Thank you!

-Judy Grady



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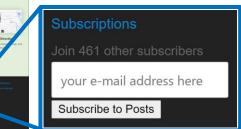
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Trinity Presbyterian Women's Retreat Saturday, October 8th

"Get Fired Up About the Next Chapter of Your Life"

Featuring Motivational Speaker Snowden McFall

REGISTER TODAY

EARLY Registration for the event is \$30.00 LATE Registration postmarked after September 28th will be \$35.00

Mail Registration with payment to: **TPW Fall Retreat Trinity Presbyterian Church** 156 Florida Park Drive N. Palm Coast, FL 32137

Make checks payable to: **Trinity Presbyterian Women**



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We look forward to seeing you!