

Trinity Times Spring 2023





Holy Week PALM

April 2nd 10am Worship

SUNDAY

JOIN US IN PERSON OR ONLINE!

at Trinity

MAUNDY Thursday

April 6th 6pm Worship

GOOD FRIDAY

Guided
"Journey to the
Cross" Prayer
Walk
Friday April 7th
12pm

FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION

Games, crafts, story time and egg hunt Saturday April 8th 4pm-5:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday April 9th

8:45am-9:45am Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

10am Worship in the sanctuary with choir and handbells

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

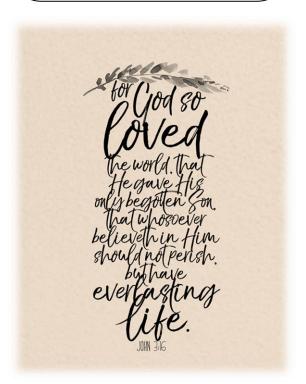
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Join us for Worship!

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

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00am - 12:00 noon



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"Spreading God's Love"

Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

As a community of faith how do we go about the practice of spreading God's love? We do this both in *Word* and in *Deed*. We do this both in what we *Say* and in what we *Do*. If you are like me, raised in the church, you probably grew up singing Kurt Kaiser's (1934-2018) "Pass It On" around a campfire or at youth group meetings. The simple lyrics of this song, perhaps take you, like me, back to a place of faith formation where we experienced God's love in the context of community.

Many, like me, and possibly those who read this brief article, will be vehemently transported back to that "mountain top" experience where it was evident that God's love was amongst all who were gathered in that place. And then perhaps from that place we journeyed homeward forever changed. For some, this may not have been their experience. And so let us remember that they too need to experience that generated warmth and that resurgence of life, so that, they too might be able to shout, "Praise God" from their "mountaintop."

During these months we're reminded of how rapidly wildfire can spread even from the smallest spark a raging fire can ignite. During these months, especially in in the out-of-doors, we realize things sounding and looking a bit different as the trees, the birds, and the flowers do their thing. There are new things all around us.

So how do we help one another experience God's love? It's actually quite simple. We are to pass on the happiness that [we've] found in the context of Christian community to those who need to experience it, like the song lyrics suggests. This sharing invites us to share what we've seen and heard, and experienced with those who haven't seen, haven't heard, or experienced God's love or

simply need to be reminded in both Word and Deed that they have. For some, this may take some work, so continue to be inwardly strong, outwardly minded and upwardly focused.

Pass It On

Verse 1

It only takes a spark to get a fire going and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it
You spread His love to everyone
You want to pass it on

Verse 2

What a wondrous time is spring
When all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing
The flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love once
you've experienced it
You want to sing it's fresh like spring
You want to pass it on

Verse 3

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him
It matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top
I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on.

Faith Formation

"O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what He requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 3:8

In my family tradition we have always given something up for Lent or taken on new thing all in the idea of getting closer to God during these 40 days.

One year I decided that I would choose the direction for my family during Lent and I announced at dinner that we would all be giving one thing away every day during Lent. Garrett (who was probably 6 at the time) ran into his bed room crying. He emerged about 15 minutes later with a single Lego. He proceeded through the 40 days to give me one Lego every day. One single Lego, but to Garrett that was giving a lot. 40 Legos by the end, but one at a time so it wasn't so painful.

What little thing could you give up to get closer to God or what little thing could you add to walk humbly beside God?

This Lent we are going back to the basics. Every Wednesday during Lent join me in the fellowship hall from 5:30pm-6:30pm for the Prayer Project. A simple meal, a time for fellowship, and prayer practices based on the Lord's Prayer. We will begin on Ash Wednesday with a shared meal, a time for reflection, and an imposition of ashes.

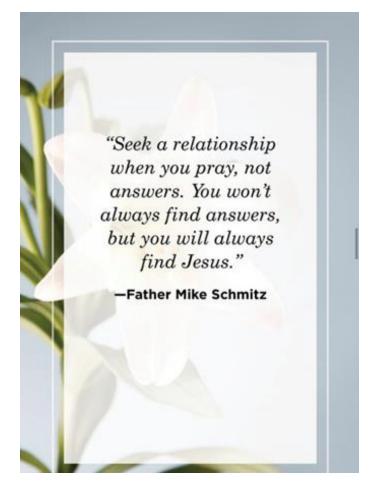
During Holy Week, we will have our Stations of the Cross Prayer Walk set up in the front grass lot for you to visit whenever you have time. The grass lot will also be home to our labyrinth. In our tradition, the labyrinth is used to represent the Christian Journey, walked to deepen one's relationship with God.

Our youth are excited about this year's Montreat fundraiser: This year's Montreat Fundraiser is a Sock Hop and Soda Shop. Tickets will go on sale in February!

Join Trinity Youth on Saturday, March 11th for a Sock Hop and Soda Shop in the front parking lot. Music, dancing, classic cars, food, raffles and much more! \$15 pre-sale ticket (\$20 day of) gets you a burger, fries and a soda float. All proceeds help fund our High School summer trip to Montreat Youth Conference!

I pray that this Lent you find time to do some good, forgive, and to simply walk with God.

Blessings, Brooke Tucker Director of Faith Formation



Music Director's Note

Return to normal from pandemic, return to normal as a Music Director. It is the 10th year since I became a musician at Trinity. The first 5 years, I served as an organist and transitioned over to Music Director until now. What I have learned through this is gratitude of being connected between this Trinity Church and myself.

I am so grateful that Trinity showed me love and prayers throughout my served years, especially during my recovery the last 7 weeks. Through this period, I have been reflecting back on all the years I have taken my skills and health for granted and turn my gaze to the Lord with renewed gratitude.

Now, I am returning to my place to work hard for repaying your love and prayers you have showed.

Trinity Choir has been leading the congregation with hymns every Sunday without ceasing. We will restart weekly practice every Thursday night at 6.

We welcome Judy Pope back to the choir. We are looking forward to sharing her talent with you.

I am saddened at the loss of Bob Pearson who loved singing with laughter and humor every single moment.

Handbell ringers' infinite passion and devotion is blushing all year round. Lillian Warner as the Handbell Director will conduct a concert for Lent through Easter on March the 12th, Sunday at 4 pm. Gail Vandeventer, Jason Wheeler and Jillian Koenig will also participate in this concert.

We, the music ministry team inspired by God's Word, continue to share our gifts with others for the church.

Heasuk Che Music Director/Organist

Worship and Music Notes

As we continue our Faith journey into 2023 let us remember that we are all children of a loving God.

We are very blessed here at Trinity for the spiritual leadership that Pastor Jeff Beebe shares through his faithful service to this Church family and throughout the community.

We give thanks for Heasuk Che as she shares her love of our Lord through her ministry of music.

We are also very blessed to have our wonderful Handbell Ringers who share their gifts so faithfully under the loving leadership of Lillian Warner.

We give thanks for all of the dedicated volunteers who serve in so many ways on and through this committee.

We continue to provide online viewing of our services. Thank you to Ken Mettler, Jeff Cooke and your AV crew for your faithful service.

As we move into this season of Lent we prepare our hearts and minds to reflect on Jesus' journey to the Cross, beginning with our Ash Wednesday service, continuing with weekly Lenten gatherings, and Holy Week services.

Worship helps us as a community to have communion with God and with each other.

Our prayer is that you will feel welcome and loved in this church family and share that love as you go out into the world.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Spurrell
Worship and Music Committee



Trinity Finance News

Financial Update (As of 1/31/23)

	Annual Budget	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Variance YTD	
Total Revenue/ Income	\$340,750	\$28,396	\$32,901	\$4,505	Over plan 😊
Total Expenses	\$340,750	\$31,909	\$27,041	(\$4,868)	under plan 😊

As presented in our Annual Meeting, Trinity has a balanced budget of \$340,750 for 2023. Revenue includes pledges and other giving, plus \$10,000 of investment returns and \$69,265 from our Heritage Fund. We had a good first month of the year, with Revenue higher than budget and Expenses lower than budget. We do have some members who give their entire annual pledge in January, but we are hopeful that the positive trend continues! Thank you for your generous gifts.

For 2023, our "per capita" contribution to the denomination is \$9.85 per active member. Trinity pays this amount for each individual member of our church. In addition, the St. Augustine Presbytery is funded through church contributions for "Unified Giving", which is above and beyond the per capita amount. If you have not already done so, please consider assisting Trinity with our contributions on your behalf. You may simply write "Per Capita" on the envelope or on your check to designate gifts for this purpose.

If you have any questions about Trinity finances, please contact one of the elders on Finance Committee: Martha Gioielli or Kathy Cooke. Any questions about your pledge or giving for 2023 can be addressed to our Financial Secretary, Judy Grady.

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:





Water Intrusion/Roof Update

As of 2/7/23, the following work on our facility has been completed: new roof and roof repairs, gutters and downspouts, exterior stucco repairs, mold remediation, and interior sanctuary wall repair. Work that remains includes exterior painting, interior painting of the sanctuary wall, and a few smaller items such as window sealing and downspout drainage solutions. Contractors did find water intrusion damage which required repairs that were not included in original estimates. When we have all of the final costs, we will present those to the congregation. Our Building Campaign has raised a total of \$175,235 to-date. These funds, as well as \$120,000 from a restricted fund and \$100,000 from a PCUSA loan are providing the money needed to complete the project. Thank you for your generous support and your ongoing prayers for a successful project.

Chancel Flowers for Sunday Morning Worship

Don't forget to sign up for
Chancel Flowers for 2023!
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 \$40 per arrangement and flowers will be ordered when payment is received.
Thank you!



Board of Deacons 2023

We are excited to have a full Board of Deacons starting our new year.

Welcome to our new Deacons: Wendy Earle, Jane Gaulding, Judy Hennenlotter and Ken Wittmer.

Our outgoing Deacons were Cyndy McCormick, Maudie Parker, Alison Reid, Jan Roberts. A big THANK YOU to each of them for a job well done in caring for their flock the last few years.

If you've ever thought about being a Deacon and wanted more information, feel free to reach out to me at any time. It's never too soon to prepare for next year.

Brenda Digby Deacon Moderator







Elders & Deacons

SESSION

Class of 2023:

Kathleen Cooke

Ginny Elgin

Carol Graff

Class of 2024:

Roger Ailshie

Martha Gioielli

Kelli Jebbia

Gwen Levene Jennifer Kaczmarek

Judy Murgitroyde Thad Lang
Shelley Wheeler Judy Spurrell

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2023: Class of 2024: **Colleen Connors Bill Butler Nancy Cumming** Wendy Earle **Brenda Digby** Leisa Gardner **Patty Edwards** Jane Gaulding Muriel Fallon Judy Hennenlotter Sandy Glasner **Tracy Martin** Susan Kopyar **Joyce Peters** Jan Markiewicz Marlene Williams Millicent Peart **Kenny Wittmer**

Michael Peters

Trinity Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women (PW) is off to a good start this year. We have several new members and all the Circles are active.

Each Circle chose their project to support for the year:

- Rebecca Circle Family Life Center
- Marion Circle Flagler Free Clinic
- Mary & Martha Circle Toiletry Program at Grace Food Pantry
- Faith Circle still deciding
- Naomi & Ruth Circle Soul Café

In finishing 2022, we celebrated our "Woman of the year' honoring Joyce Peters who is "always there" for any project.

Our 1st gathering of 2023 was held on February 1st and featured guest speaker, Diane Dieter of Grace Food Pantry. Diane explained several of their projects including their Back-pack Project which fills bags of food for needy students to take home to have enough to eat when school is not is session. We filled the back of an SUV with food and raised over \$700 for this project.

As always, we welcome any women who would like to join us for Bible Study, charity projects and camaraderie.







Sunday, February 12th was our Souper Bowl of Caring and we collected 179 food items and \$925 for the United Methodist Soul Café and Care Cupboard in Bunnell!

Even though the Kansas City Chiefs won the big game, the Philadelphia Eagles won our competition here, but everyone's a winner as all of this stays right here in Flagler County to help tackle hunger! Great job Trinity!!!

Service & Outreach Mission's Committee

The 2023 year has your mission's committee focused on Community Partnerships in Flagler County. These partnerships help the money collected from the <u>Birthday Card</u> fund and the <u>Family Food Program</u> help more Flagler County residents. The 2023 budget of \$18,140 will directly help those in mental health crisis, in food disparity, and in Christian ministry.

Our 2023 focus will not only be on monetary donations, but also on volunteerism. We have congregation volunteers stuffing food bags for the weekend food program through our Flagler County school system. The Service & Outreach's bulletin board in the Narthex reflects many ministries that are done through our church. Take time to look at the board and get involved with one of these ministries. More hands are needed so please be part of the solution and not the problem and volunteer with your time and talents and treasures.

Our monthly meetings are held each month on the second Monday at 10am. Your time, talents and treasures are used for the greater good through our Christ. We welcome all ages and talents to do this meaningful work.

In Christ,
Elder Kelli Jebbia
Moderator S&O Committee







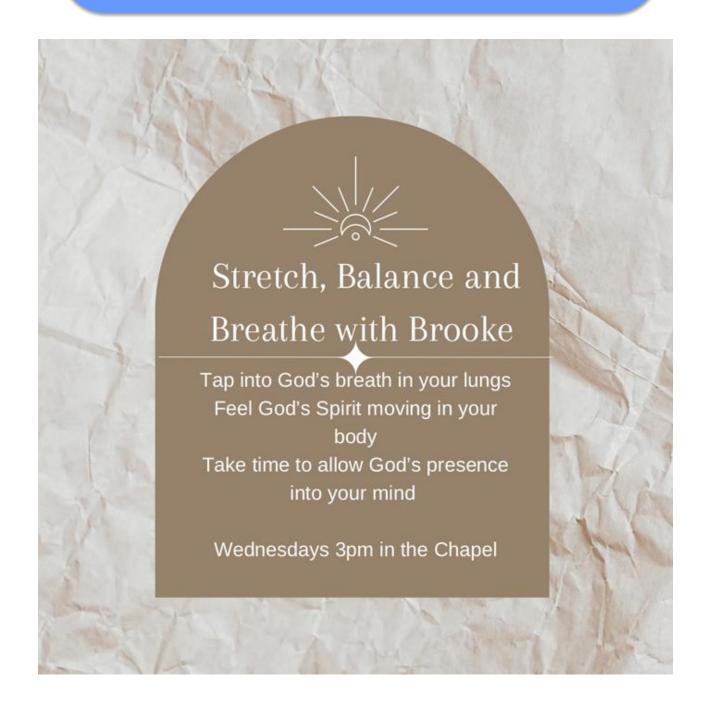


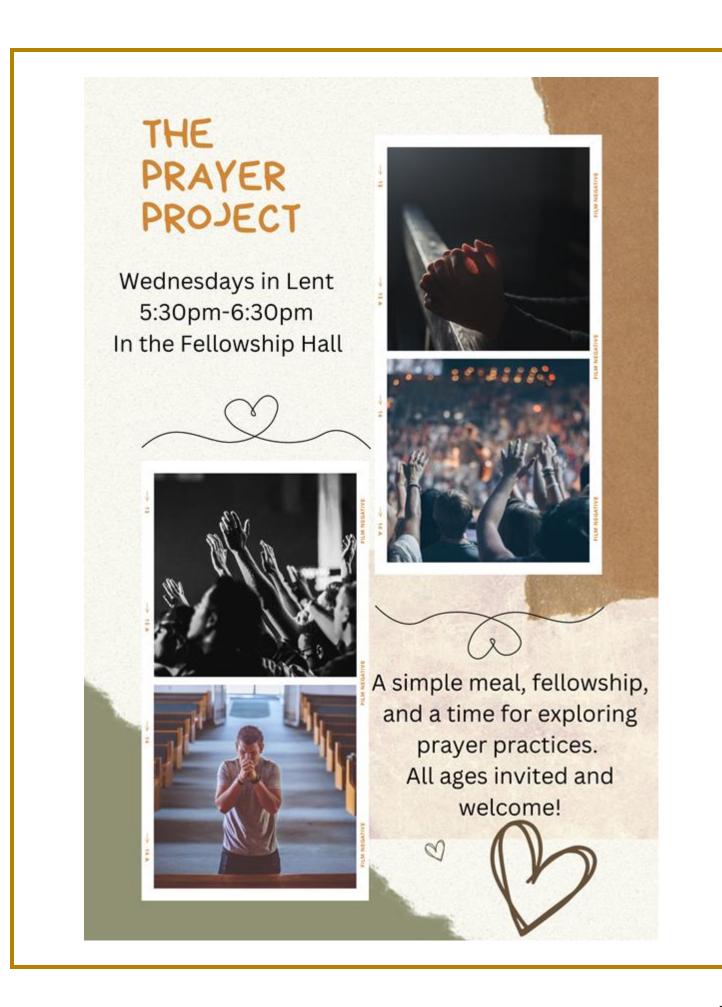




TIME TALENT TREASURES

The <u>Family Food Program</u> is accepting *referrals* from our TPC congregational members. You can help a family with children by being a *referral angel* for a family. The Family's contact information is needed, and the Service & Outreach Committee will contact the family. Your *time* and *talents* to help a family is part of our mission statement at Trinity Presbyterian Church. The S&O committee appreciates you in helping the <u>Family Food Program</u> help families within our reaches through TPC.

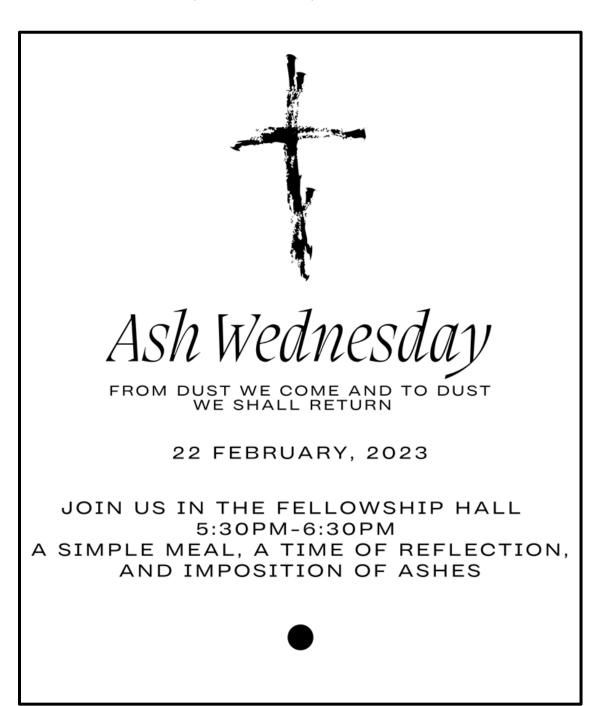


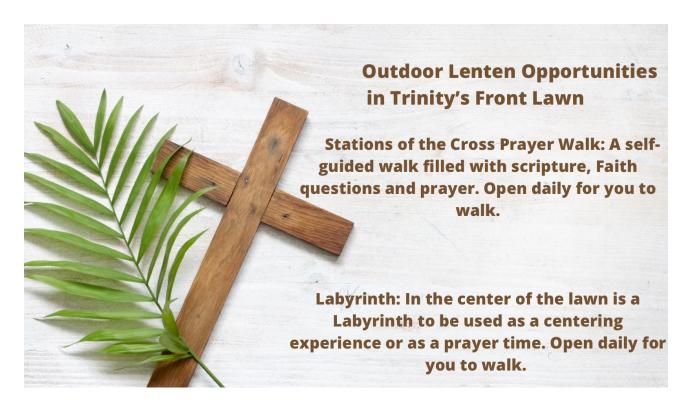


Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer and fasting. It is preceded by Shrove ("Fat") Tuesday and falls on the first day of Lent (the six weeks of penitence before Easter). Ash Wednesday is traditionally observed by Western Christians.

As it is the first day of Lent, many Christians begin Ash Wednesday by marking a Lenten calendar, praying a Lenten daily devotional, and making a Lenten sacrifice that they will not partake of until the arrival of Eastertide.

Many Christians attend special church services. Ash Wednesday derives its name from the placing of repentance ashes on the foreheads of participants to either the words "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or the dictum "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The ashes are prepared by burning palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations.





The Labyrinth at Trinity Presbyterian Church

The labyrinth is an ancient spiritual tool that allows participants to walk with God on a simulated journey of faith. While a maze has tricks and dead ends, a labyrinth has only a single path leading to its center.

As you follow the winding pathway to the center and back out again, allow yourself to clear your mind and open yourself to God's spirit with an open heart and an open mind.

During Lent, we will once again have our Labyrinth located in the front grass lot. We invite you to come whenever you wish to have a quiet moment to walk with God.

Tips for walking The Labyrinth

PREPARE - Pause at the entrance to the labyrinth and sit quietly for a bit to reflect. Take time to slow down, to provide yourself the space and peace necessary for the journey.

BE YOURSELF - Allow yourself to be yourself. Walk naturally, neither hurrying nor plodding along. Travel at a comfortable pace so you can concentrate solely on your thoughts.

BE OPEN - As you walk towards the center, pray for release of your fears, distractions, and resistance. Let go of worldly concerns and be open to the leading of the Spirit.

BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS - You may not be alone in the labyrinth. Be aware and considerate of others walking there. You may nod to others or you may find yourself in deep meditation. The labyrinth can be a powerful tool, both individually and communally.

HONOR THE SITE - While the labyrinth itself is complete, the stories of those who journey it are not. You are welcome to leave a memento of your walk, but please do not remove anything from the labyrinth or surrounding area. Yours is just one story among many unfolding in Trinity's labyrinth.

EVERY EXPERIENCE IS DIFFERENT - You may have a powerful experience or feel nothing at all. This will vary with each walk of the labyrinth. Whatever your experience is: listen to your heart, take stock of the journey, and do not get discouraged.

Enjoy the journey.

For additional information and other creative ways to walk, pray, and utilize the labyrinth, visit labyrinthsociety.org and veriditas.org

Library News

TPC Book Club

The next Book Club meeting will be on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 11:00am in the Library.

The book for discussion is "At Home in Mitford" by Jan Karon. There is a copy of the book in the Church Library and at the Flagler County Public Library along with an audiobook.

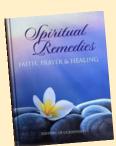
Please contact Kathy Burns for more information.

Check these books out!

"The Case For Miracles" by Lee Strobel

"Spiritual Remedies: Faith, Prayer & Healing" by the editors of Guideposts

"Refresh Your Faith" by Lori Hatcher





Websites of Interest

Gospelrelevance.com "10 Christian Books to Look Out for in 2023" Christianitytoday.com "Christianity Today's 15 Most-Read Book Reviews of 2022" (Type in title of the article in the search box)

Bible Trivia

Occupations

Jesus said the laborer "is worthy of his hire" (Luke 10:7). This quiz is about occupations in the Bible. Can you identify the work assigned to the following people? (Answers on page 19)

1	Joseph supported Mary and Jesus as a	
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- 10. The gospel was trouble for Demetrius, a ______



Join us for our Annual Montreat Fundraiser Dinner

Saturday, March 11th, 4pm-6:30pm

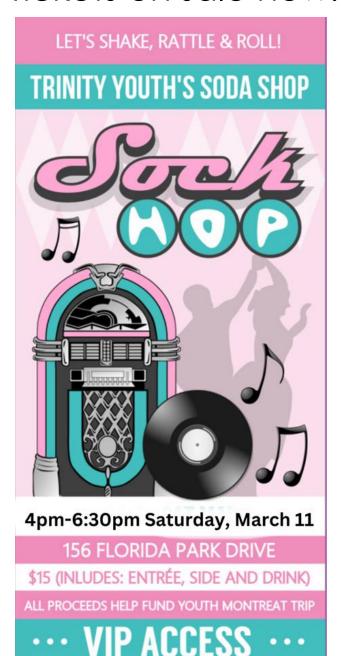
Tickets on sale now!





















Won't You Be My Neighbor Day March 20, 2022

Anyone with kids and a television set knows Fred Rogers.

Three generations of children have grown up with "Mister Rogers"

— the friendly sweater-and-sneakers-clad grownup who talks frankly about feelings and invites them to be part of his TV "neighborhood." What is less widely known is that Fred Rogers was a Presbyterian minister, ordained in 1962 by Pittsburgh Presbytery.



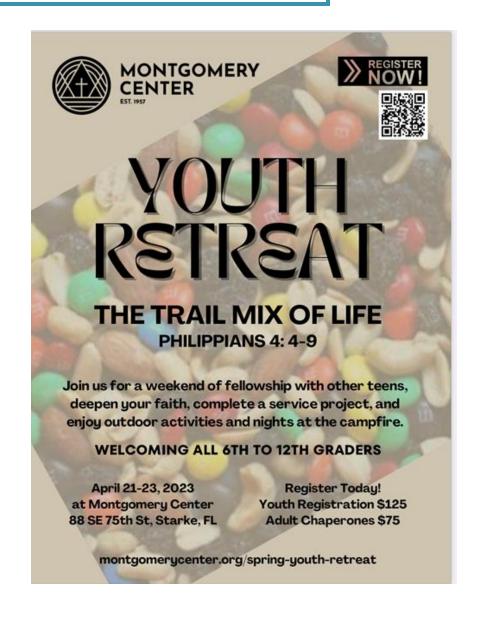
Thank you to the 2023 Epiphany
"Take Home Meal" cooks and bakers.
Your help was essential in helping
the committees of Faith Formation
and Service & Outreach make a
meaningful experience to our
congregation and friends of Trinity
Presbyterian Church.

With Sincere Appreation,

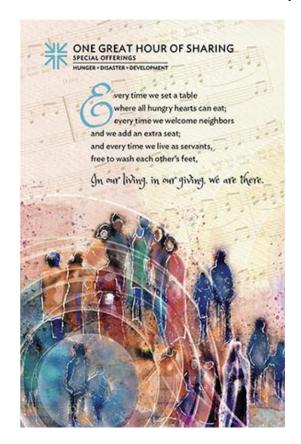
Keep It Simple Sisters

Take Home Meal Committee 2023





One Great Hour of Sharing



in a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression
Millions of people lack access to
sustainable food sources, clean water,
sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Give now by designating your giving to "One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)" or look for the special offering envelopes during the Lenten Season.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:

Focuses on the long-term recovery of disaster impacted communities.

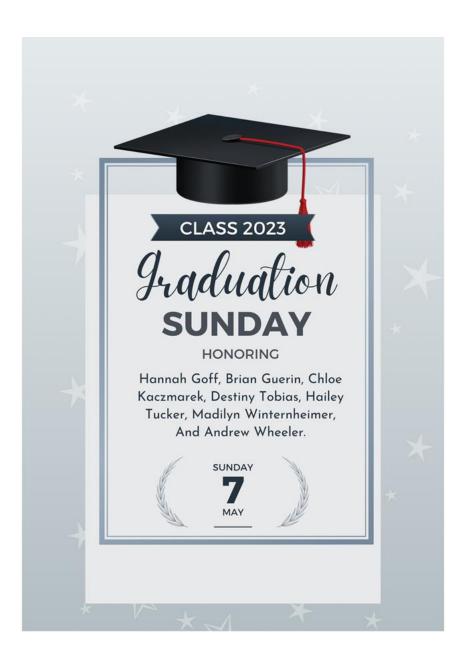
Provides training and disaster preparedness for presbyteries and synods.

Works collaboratively with church partners and members of the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) internationally, and nationally with other faith-based responders.

Connects partners locally and internationally with key organizations active in the response — United Nations, NVOAD (National Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster), World Food Program, Red Cross, FEMA and others.









Answers to Bible Trivia

- 1. Carpenter, Matthew 13:54-55
- 2. Fishermen, Matthew 4:18
- 3. Gardener, John 20:15
- 4. <u>Judge, Luke 18:1-8</u>
- 5. Herdmen, Amos 1:1
- 6. Merchant, Matthew 13:45
- 7. Magician, Acts 8:9, 12
- 8. Tentmakers, Acts 18:1-3
- 9. Prophetess, Luke 2:36
- 10. Silversmith, Acts 19:24

Deacon Assistance Fund

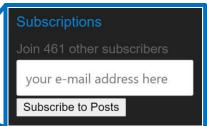
The purpose of the Deacon's Assistance Fund is to provide emergency financial resources to the members and friends of the Church, and to the surrounding community. Support of this fund is provided by the generous contributions of the members and friends of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Please consider the Deacon's Assistance Fund in your regular offerings. You may make a donation online by simply using the QR code or by marking your check/envelope "Deacon's Assistance Fund."

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A Note from the Editor

I hope you enjoyed this issue of the Trinity Times. Please note: the deadline for content submission for the Summer Edition is May 10, 2022. The Summer Edition will cover Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and all our Summer Church happenings, including the months of June, July and August. Please send submissions to trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com. Thank you!

-Judy Grady



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Trinity Presbyterian Church is called by God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to be a **worshiping**, **nurturing** and **serving** community.

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