

# The Trinity Times

The Newsletter of Trinity Presbyterian Church

February, 2010

## From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

In just a few short weeks the season of Lent will be upon us. Wednesday, February 17 marks the beginning of the six-week period of Lent with Ash Wednesday. As we travel through Lent, we are invited to walk with Christ the road of discipleship and servanthood that leads to the cross. We are invited to look deep within ourselves to examine our lives, to reflect on our faith, and to listen for God's call to us for further growth.

I am writing about Lent before it is here to encourage greater intentionality in myself and all of us about this season. I find that it so often happens with Lent, as it does with the season of Advent, that we find ourselves saying, "I can't believe that Lent is already here! It seems like we just celebrated Christmas!" Or, "I can't believe that Advent is already here, before you know it, it will be Christmas!" We let these significant liturgical seasons surprise us somehow, even though they are annual occurrences and come with the rhythm and cycle of the Christian life and liturgical year. Advent and Lent have a tendency to feel like they rush in upon us, and yes, before you know it, Christmas and Easter have come and gone, and we go on with our lives. We miss the possibilities for spiritual growth that these seasons intentionally offer us.

In the early 2000's, Trinity began to sense God's call to be a Center for Christian Spiritual Practice. I was not here at the time, but the very notion of being such a place intrigued me when the pastoral search committee was talking with me in 2005. When I asked the committee, how do you understand this call, and how are you implementing it?, the sense I got was that the call had been articulated in the designation, yet living into being a Center for Christian Spiritual Practice was an evolving identity and actualizing engagement over time.

As we prepare to move into this season of Lent 2010, I invite you to join with me and with each other in Christian spiritual practices. This may be new for you, or it may not, whatever the case, I invite you to pray about how and where God is calling you to grow as a follower of Christ, and to intentionally claim one Christian spiritual practice to incorporate into your life during the six weeks of Lent leading up to Easter to support and encourage you in that growth.

Here are some ideas of Christian spiritual practices being offered at Trinity, as well as practices you can take up on your own, with another person, or in a small group:

1. Decide to attend the simple soup suppers and worship services that mark the beginning of Lent and Jesus's Last Supper with the disciples: Ash Wednesday, February 17 and Maundy Thursday, April 1 (see article).
2. Choose to attend the simple snack and mid-week worship services on Wednesdays during Lent, February 24 – March 31 (see article).
3. Place a bread bag, basket or jar on your kitchen table during Lent to collect change every time you sit to eat. Give the money to the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and pray for the hungry in Nashville, Haiti, and around the world.
4. Recommit yourself to living a life of prayer, setting a goal of one quiet period a day (you set the time and length) for prayer and meditation, time to simply sit and listen for God with open hands and heart.
5. Explore the Bible to listen for God's Word to you in these pages. As with prayer, set a goal that feels achievable to you, that takes you beyond where you have been in the past in your relationship to the Bible.
6. Ask someone to join with you in praying regularly through Lent. Perhaps this means getting together to pray, praying for one another's needs, concerns, and joys, or simply committing to uphold one another in prayer throughout Lent.
7. Begin a prayer journal, a place to be in conversation with yourself and with God.
8. Commit to participate in service during Trinity's One Great Weekend of Service, February 27-28.
9. See the six weeks of Lent as a period for reaching out with acts of kindness and generosity, centering your life in a spirit of gratitude, acts of love, and thankfulness.
10. Pray for Trinity. Pray for the needs you are aware of; pray for the wisdom to discern the future God is calling us to plan for and live; pray with thanksgiving for this beloved community of faith and all of our members and friends, and all of the members and friends God seeks to call into this fellowship as God leads us to grow.

I am going into Lent with open hands and a bowed head. How about you?

Walking in faith together and thanking God for the journey,

Heidi

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### Trinity Presbyterian Church Staff

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### Session Members

Lonny Bond (2010)	Cash Forshee (2010)
David Carlton (2011)	Barbara McClure (2012)
Booth Chapman (2011)	Eric McNeely (2012)
Janet Colbran (2012)	Judy Rye (2010)
Frances Duvall (2011)	Jan Sharlett (2011)
Phil Elbert (2010)	Turner Snodgrass (2012)
Fran Ziglar (2010)	

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Doug Milam - 3  
Vira Baker - 4  
Vera Koonce - 4  
Susan Brockett - 5  
John O'Brien - 8  
Redding Olney - 13  
Devan Stahl - 17  
Cornelia Walker - 17  
Frances Duvall - 18  
Eleanor Elbert - 19  
Richard O'Brien - 19  
Jim Hudnut-Beumler - 21  
Laura Colbran - 24  
James Cook - 25  
Allen Brown - 26  
Sara Hughes - 28  
Zeke Starr - 28

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

**9:30 a.m. Children's and Youth Choirs**

**9:30 a.m. Adult Discussion Class - Parlor**

**10:30 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal**

**11:00 a.m. Worship Service**

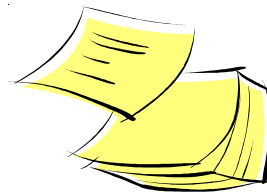
**12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time in the East Hall**

**10:30 - 12:30 Nursery and Child Care**

**Provided in Educational Building**

**Large print versions of Sunday's bulletin for Worship are available as you enter the sanctuary. Please ask one of the ushers for a large print bulletin if you want one.**

**Columbarium brochures are available from the racks in the foyer or in the East Hall. Please pick up a copy.**



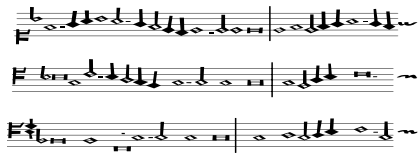
## OFFICE NOTES

Dear Trinity Family,

By the time you receive this, I will probably be trekking through the snow in northeast Arizona on a remote Mission school campus. I'm excited about spending a week of vacation with a dear friend and her husband who are now teaching and serving in a school for Navajo Indian children. I understand that volunteer service in a remote area offers lots of variety, so there's no telling what activities I'll be pursuing. But my friend's primary role is serving as the music teacher there, so we've made plans for me to teach the children some sign language to worship music. I welcome your prayers as I step out of my comfort zone and seek to teach the children!

During the week that I'm on vacation, February 1 - 5, Judy Schomber has graciously agreed to cover the office and check for phone messages. She plans to staff the office on Monday from 12 noon - 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. I greatly appreciate her willingness to volunteer in my absence.

Blessings to all of you as we flip the calendar to February!



## MUSIC NOTES

In the month of February we will enjoy a variety of choral music, and hope to include anthems by the Youth Choir and the Children's Choir, dates TBA. Additionally, we will begin our Lenten evening services on Ash Wednesday, which is February 17. These short, weekly services include prayer, meditation and music and will be immediately preceding Chancel Choir rehearsals on Wednesdays; choral singers who might be interested in participation in the Chancel Choir are invited to visit a rehearsal following evening worship. The youth and children would also be pleased to have new members join their groups, and invite interested kids to join them at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Also, any instrumentalists who wish to share their talents in worship are encouraged to contact me about this possibility.

The Eclectic Chamber Ensemble will present a concert in the sanctuary on Sunday, Feb. 7, which includes a selection featuring solo work by member Lonny Bond. As always, the public is cordially invited to attend and to support the concert series benefitting charities.

On the afternoon of February 28, I will lead a group of folks who enjoy bringing music to members and friends in area residential communities, and anyone who would be interested in impromptu hymn singing—think “caroling”—is cordially invited to help lead in fellowship through song. Watch for more info on the opportunities to serve in multiple ways that weekend.

Thanks to those who have made special contributions to the service music in January, including flutist Tanya Davis and guitarists Micah Oelze and Thomas Vaughan. The Chancel Choir has offered anthems in various genres, including a rousing gospel-styled arrangement of “Amazing Grace” featuring soloist Erin Wall, and are greatly appreciated for their weekly anthems, introits and other music leadership.

## USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

Hank Schomber, Head Usher  
Jimbo Cook  
Rachel Hayes  
Diego Enriquez

We bid a fond farewell to faithful Chancel Choir member and flutist Tanya Davis, who has accepted a position with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra in North Carolina. Thanks for making music with us, Tanya, and Godspeed!

Tunefully yours,

Valerie

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## ECLECTIC CHAMBER PLAYERS TO PERFORM FEBRUARY 7

The Eclectic Chamber Players will perform Sunday, February 7, at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Trinity's Lonny Bond will sing on one selection. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted and will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

On the program is an exploration of the String Quartet, featuring the music of Arensky, Barber, Mackey, and Mozart.

Eclectic Chamber Players is an ever-evolving group of artists whose main connection is their passion for interesting, innovative, and irreplaceable chamber music. Last year at Trinity, they presented a concert of octets of Mendelssohn and Shostakovich.

Visit their website at [www.eclecticchamberplayers.com](http://www.eclecticchamberplayers.com) for more information about the Eclectic Chamber Players.

## EAT AT NERO'S!

Did You Know?

Nero's Grill in Green Hills will donate 10% of your Sunday afternoon bill to Trinity. All you have to do is bring your church bulletin to lunch!

# ONE GREAT WEEKEND OF SERVICE - FEBRUARY 27 AND 28

Trinity's annual community-service extravaganza is coming soon! The Community Ministries Committee and others are devising bite-sized projects tailored to the gifts of everyone in the congregation. These projects will each be several hours in duration and spread over the weekend of February 27-28. Projects we have set thus far include the following:

## 1. Learn How to Save A life!

The American Red Cross will once more come to Trinity to instruct in life-saving techniques. The cost for the course is \$16.75, a reduced rate for us. The course will take approximately four hours. The Red Cross states that, after the course, you will be able to save a life. Saturday AM, Adults.

## 2. Habitat for Humanity Stores.

Habitat maintains two stores, one at 1001 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue S. For home and office furniture and home decor, and one at 908 Division St. For building materials and supplies, cabinets, and appliances. For the first store, help is needed for unpacking and cleaning merchandise, and for the second store, straightening and sorting merchandise. Saturday AM or PM.

## 3. Monroe Harding

Have you noticed that cleaning away from home or in a group doesn't seem quite as onerous as just cleaning at home alone? Monroe Harding needs help cleaning and organizing. Join up! Saturday AM.

## 4. Music Ministry.

Sing, sing, sing! Join with Valerie to take Trinity's wonderful music to nursing homes. Sunday after church; youth and adults. Sunday PM.

## 5. Messages of caring.

Write a note to Trinity members and friends in distant places or at home and let them know of our care and love. Note cards provided or bring your own. Sunday after church.

## 6. NEW! Prison Pen Pals.

Members of Trinity have been discussing the development of a prison ministry for some time; now Rachel Hayes has taken action! Try your hand at reaching out to someone very different from yourself—someone who needs support in turning a life around. Sunday after church.

## 7. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

In the wake of the horrendous earthquake in Haiti, the PC (USA)'s disaster assistance workers are in dire need of hygiene packets to be distributed to those multitudes who have lost everything. Sunday after church, youth or adults.

## 8. Help Stock the Freezer.

Prepare some simple dishes to place in Trinity's freezer for members who are in need of short-term assistance with meals. Saturday PM.

9. Yet more projects are in the works. You'll be hearing more from us as the time approaches.

## ELECTRONIC TRINITY TIMES?

In an effort to help with the mailing and production costs of the *Trinity Times*, we will explore the possibilities of making the newsletter available by e-mail, or off the Trinity website or by distribution in the East Hall after worship. Your input will be solicited during the month of February.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## FEBRUARY

### ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS

The Adult Discussion Class meets on Sundays in the Parlor, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Newcomers are always welcome.

**Professor Robin Jensen**, the Luce Chancellor's Professor of the History of Christian Art and Worship at Vanderbilt Divinity School, will lead the adult class on the first three Sundays in February, the 7, 14, and 21. As she did with us in October, 2008, she will explore the connections between art and Christian faith, this time focusing on Lenten themes. Her recent publications include *Understanding Early Christian Art* (2000) and *Face to Face: The Portrait of the Divine in Early Christianity* (2005). Robin is an engaging and stimulating teacher. We are so glad to welcome her back for this February series.

**Pastor Heidi Hudnut-Beumler** will lead the class on February 28 and March 7 with a focus on "The Bible and Us." The following questions will be explored:

*February 28 - One Great Weekend of Service*

How does the witness of the Bible inform and shape our lives of service and Trinity's vision for mission?

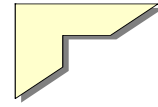
*March 7 - Third Sunday in Lent*

Halfway through Lent and feeling Biblically disconnected: Any suggestions?

Join us on Sunday mornings in the Parlor as we learn, grow, and share together!

### THE YOUTH CORNER

by Devan Stahl



Join us this month February 7th and 21st for youth group. February 7th we will be coming together to watch the Super Bowl at 6 p.m. All congregants are welcome to join us in the parlor room. Bring a snack to share with the group. The youth will be collecting food and monetary donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Youth, also join us February 21 at our normal youth group time 12-2 p.m. for a community service project.

### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING TO BENEFIT THE HUNGRY

More than 20 years ago the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." Since that day, more than \$60 million has been raised for local charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. Our youth will be collecting food and monetary donations on February 7, Super Bowl Sunday. Please bring canned (non-perishable) goods to church for Second Harvest Food Bank. Monetary donations will go to the Presbyterian Hunger Program in Middle Tennessee.

# PRAYERS OF CONCERN

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored all rejoice together.

I Cor. 12:26

## **Concern for those in grief:**

For Pat and Bob Bowling and their family as they mourn the loss of their daughter, Jennifer Strausberg Ryan; for friends of Chao and Jing You, Cheng Yonghong and Niu Hongjun, as they mourn the loss of their baby boy; for Susie and Allen Brown, as they mourn the death of Susie's father; for friends of Graham Reside and Barbara McClure, Terry and Marie, who are dealing with intense grief and loss

## **Concern for those in need of healing and strength:**

David Phillipy, who underwent cataract surgery January 21; Susan Brockett, recovering from a second eye surgery and anticipating a third surgery; Victoria Elliott, friend of Pam Reese and Fran Ziglar, who is staying with them following a stem cell transplant; Jing You as she recovers from sinus surgery on January 18; Allen Brown, as he recovers in his second brace; Catherine Colbran, as her broken arm heals; Janet Salyer's daughter, Erin Nedrow, as she recovers from major foot surgery; Maria Gomez, who is recovering from a kidney transplant and for her daughter Tiffany, the donor; Pat Wylie, David Carlton's brother-in-law, as he recovers from pneumonia and deals with a recent diagnosis of myasthenia gravis; Hank Devlin, Sr., as he recovers from a serious vehicle accident; Chad and Melissa Custer's brother-in-law Edwin, and Melissa's sister Laura, who are dealing with complex health issues; Thomas Vaughan's aunt, Anna, as she recovers from complications from surgery; Jimbo Cook's friend, Charles Howell, who has heart problems; Jimbo Cook's friends, Tad McWhirter and Lura Bainbridge Brothers, as they deal with health issues and unknowns; for Judy Rye's daughter, Anna, in this time of transition; Greg Phillipy, as he faces financial concerns following surgeries; Janet Salyer's friend Amy Harkness, recovering from treatment for a brain aneurysm; Catherine VanDeren, who is recovering at home following rehabilitation; Lonny and Mary Virginia Bond's daughter-in-law, Kris, as she continues her treatment plan; Ann Barr Weems, who is dealing with health issues; Frank Kirchner's uncle, Leslie Mason, who is experiencing ongoing health problems; Alan Hall, recipient of a heart transplant, whose body is beginning to reject the heart; an anonymous troubled youth; for those undergoing medical testing and awaiting results

## **Concern for those dealing with cancer and its treatment:**

An extended family member of the Bonds who is 9 years old and dealing with metastatic cancer; Buzz Hussey as he and his family deal with his recently diagnosed liver and pancreatic cancer; Anne and Bruce Parris, Fran Ziglar's sister and brother-in-law, as Bruce recovers from cancer surgery; Pat Bowling's friend Anne Price, recently diagnosed with recurrent breast cancer; Wynn McGregor, who is recovering from breast cancer surgery; Graham Reside's mother, Edna, and sister, Lynne, as they undergo treatment for breast cancer; Clee Lee's student Alicia; Jean Stewart's son-in-law, Dave Payne, as he continues with treatment for brain cancer; Benita Sims' student Nayeli; Curtis Sims, Ori's brother; Heidi and her family as she continues to recover and heal; Caitlin Hudnut, Heidi's sister-in-law, dealing with breast cancer metastasis; Jimbo Cook's friends Maggi Braden Russell and John Bearden; Megan Nelson, Bill and Joan Dougherty's great-niece; Kitty Johnson, Susan Brockett's niece as she continues to recover; Lisa Marie Picklesimer; Ruthanne Tomanica;

Ronnie Scott and Linda Miller, friends of Jimbo Cook; Teddie Howell, mother of the Kirchners' daughter-in-law; Rita Rose; Libby Borlan;

**Concerns for support and needs that are ongoing:**

The people of Haiti as they continue recovery efforts since the earthquake; an anonymous troubled youth; Julie and her son Ross, who are coping with significant developmental delays without much outside support; Joanna Ediger and her family; Tina Snodgrass' sister, Elizabeth Elliot, in service in the Navy; Vicky Roscoe, sister of Vira and Vera; Bud Young; an anonymous child; peace in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Middle East, and throughout the world; those who have lost their jobs and those who are financially distressed;

**Concern for those who are homebound:**

Cornelia Walker; Helen Hill; Imogene Grooms;

**Concern for those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan:**

Russell Reid, Travis Grimes, Daniel Wolgemuth, and all those who are serving with the military in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the world.

**PRAYERS OF JOY AND  
THANKSGIVING**

For the January 13 birth of Sara Maria Huddleston, daughter of Susana and Ben and sister of Hunter and Sophia

\*\*\*Note: Please help us keep our information current by contacting our office manager, Linda Rogers, or leave a message at the church office (208-6514) with any prayers of concern or thanksgiving to add, and any events to celebrate or updates to share.

**UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

**Change of address:**

Ben and Susana Huddleston  
2005 Stonehurst Drive  
Nashville, TN 37215

**Message from John Tower**

Just wanted to let everyone know my new blog address. Be sure to mention to friends or other folks I may know who don't have my email address.

[www.gettoweredin2010.blogspot.com](http://www.gettoweredin2010.blogspot.com)

Happy New Year!

John Tower

# RENOVATION UPDATE

## On the Landscape...

Winter comes in and we look at the landscape of Trinity with new eyes. Interested gardeners have gathered to evaluate and plan for the chapel garden. We look at the pictures of late spring and glory in its simple beauty, but in the dead of winter we are disheartened. The dismal palate is made for a gardener's dreams and so we began the critical study of what we have and where we want to go. Ideas came in abundance and we left the gathering ready individually to find solutions for the problem areas, to define the scope of this garden and to draw and write our thoughts on paper.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 6 at 10AM in the chapel. If you have thoughts, let us know. Gardeners to contact: Jan Sharlet, Georgeanne Chapman, Penny TeSelle, Judy Rye, Janet Salyer, Peggy Min, Phil Elbert.

## In the Wider Landscape...

In the fall, several Trinity members set out to inventory our trees and shrubs on the property. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Linden Waldorf also helped plot the grounds above the Manse. Giving just a passing glance at our grounds, you may see only Hackberries, Osage Oranges, Ginkgos and Honeysuckle, but if you open your eyes a bit wider you take in some beautiful natives: arching American Elms, Sycamores, Dogwood and Redbuds, Hickories, Oaks, Tulip Poplar, Wild Cherry, Red and Sugar Maples, and Pecan. Linden Waldorf planted a Linden tree to greet students as they go up the hill and Trinity is improving the landscape at the Sharondale Entrance and close to the church.

Buildings and Grounds Committee will be reviewing the plot and planning for the future care and maintenance of the grounds. They will designate areas for planting and the desirable trees and shrubs to be planted as we go forward. Linden Waldorf teachers and students have

interest in the idea of a partnership in this endeavor and we welcome their input and help.

We have a lovely green hillside to greet us each day and to share.

**Continuing Improvements at the Sharondale Entrance are planned.** The addition of parking stops to keep vehicles on the pavement and some simple landscaping near the stone bridge are on the table. We are aware that the sight distance coming out of our property is limited and are working on a solution. Thank you for your patience and expressions of appreciation for a welcoming entrance.

## TREKKER OVERNIGHTERS FOR SPRING

The Trekkers will do two hikes in east Tennessee this spring where we will stay in a bed and breakfast and a motel overnight. The dates and locations are:

### **March 26 and 27: BIG SOUTH FORK**

We will hike Friday afternoon and Saturday, returning to Nashville late Saturday afternoon. We will stay Friday night at Wildwood Bed and Breakfast (web site: [www.twlakes.net](http://www.twlakes.net)); hikes will be in Pickett State Park and Big South Fork.

### **April 30, May 1 and 2: GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS**

We will stay at the Tally Ho Motel in Townsend, TN (phone 800 465 2465). There will be a short hike Friday afternoon for those who can arrive by 1:30 EDT and longer hikes on Saturday (two hikes will be offered – a long 10 to 14 mile hike and a shorter more wildflower oriented hike).

Questions??? Call Booth Chapman at 385 0099 or email at [chap4chap@comcast.net](mailto:chap4chap@comcast.net).

## THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF

Dear Trinity Members and Friends,

Once again we were blown away by your generosity at Christmas time through the staff gift contributions that were shared with us. Thank you all so much for adding to the joy of our holidays in such a concrete and deeply appreciated way.

Know that every day we are grateful for your support as we serve at Trinity with you. It is such a privilege and joy to be joined in ministry and mission with all of you here.

With our gratitude and thanks,

Heidi, Linda, Charlie, Valerie, Janet, Devan, Annie, Sharon, and Grace

## CALL FOR THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FEBRUARY 21

At the December 17, 2009 meeting of the Trinity session, Trinity's annual meeting was called for Sunday, February 21, 2010 immediately following morning worship in the sanctuary. The 2010 budget approved by the session will be shared, and the recommended terms of call for the pastor will be presented for the congregation's approval. Highlights of 2009 as well strategic planning for the future will be lifted up. In addition, the 2010 Nominating Committee will be elected. If any other items are to come before the congregation at this time, they will pertain to the call for the meeting and be shared with the moderator.

## MID-WEEK WORSHIP DURING LENT

### \*Ash Wednesday, February 17

5:45 p.m. - Soup supper gathering in the Fellowship Hall  
(Contact Penny TeSelle to help; see below)  
Suggested donation: \$5 for adults  
\$15 family cap  
(children 12 and under, free)

6:30 – 7:10 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary including the imposition of ashes

### \*Wednesdays through Lent – February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24

6:00 p.m. - Simple food (e.g., bread and cheese) gathering in the Fellowship Hall  
(Contact Judy Rye or Fran Ziglar to help)

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. - Worship in the chapel with scripture, meditation, silence and song

### \*Maundy Thursday, April 1

5:45 p.m. - Soup supper gathering in the Fellowship Hall  
(Contact Penny TeSelle to help; see below)  
Suggested donation: \$5 for adults  
\$15 family cap  
(children 12 and under, free)

6:30 – 7:10 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Worship in the Sanctuary including the observance of the Lord's Supper

### \*Good Friday, April 2

12:00 p.m. - Good Friday Worship in the chapel

We need helpers to set up both Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday at 5 p.m. and to clean up afterward. We also need help with bread and fruit donations. Please contact Penny TeSelle at 297-2629 or at: [teselle@bellsouth.net](mailto:teselle@bellsouth.net).

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

December 17, 2009

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Moderator

## **Pastor's Report**

Heidi gave thanks for the work of the session and the Fellowship committee, particularly at the Thanksgiving luncheon, which 115 people attended. There was a good turnout for the Hanging of the Greens and for the musical performance by a group from Trevecca, led by Valerie. Heidi was to be away December 26 - January 3; Janet Salyer was to cover worship and emergency pastoral care. The session voted to call for the congregational annual meeting to be held February 21 following worship to present the 2010 budget and to vote on the pastor's terms of call.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### Administration and Finance:

A deficit for the budget in 2010 is predicted. All committees were asked to review and cut their asking budgets judiciously and to evaluate 2009 expenditures for 2010 requests. The 2010 budget is expected to be approved at the January 21, 2010 meeting of session. Jeanne Lyles was elected treasurer for 2010. Kathi Padgett was thanked for her work as bookkeeper in 2008 and 2009 and, with the session's gratitude, was affirmed for continuance in this role for 2010

### Building and Grounds:

The committee is exploring the possibility of ginkgo tree removal in response to complaints about the odor and the mess of dropped fruit in the walk-ways. The Junior League was given permission to use the lower parking lot for a U-Haul shuttle to an off-site rummage sale January 9, 8 am - 11 am.

### Christian Education:

Family Camp at NaCoMe is scheduled for September 24 - 26, 2010.

### Community Ministries:

The Eclectic Chamber Players will perform February 7 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. Session approved continuing support of the global missions work of the PC(USA) by moving support from John McCall, who had served in Taiwan and is now returning to the U.S. to Karla Koll, serving in Guatemala.

### Growth and Membership:

Session approved moving John Tower (in S. Korea)

and Brandi and Rick Van Antwerp (moved to Missouri) from the active membership roll to inactive status.

### Personnel:

Church members are encouraged to thank church staff for their good work. Janet Colbran was elected Clerk of Session until August 2010 at which time a replacement will need to be found.

### Worship:

Trinity will host the 2010 Community Thanksgiving Service November 21 at 6 pm.

### Congregational Care:

A formal committee will be formed early in the new year. Mary Virginia Bond took gingerbread to the homebound members.

## **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

### Task Force on Sexuality and More Light:

The results of conversations with the members of TPC regarding the possibility of affiliating with More Light Presbyterians were discussed in anticipation of the session voting on the proposal in early February. Two copies of the DVD Turning Points will be purchased. The Reverend Tricia D. Koenig of Covenant Network Presbyterians will be invited to preach and lead the Adult Sunday School class January 31.

## *EVENTS IN FEBRUARY*

- 7 Souper Bowl of Caring After Worship  
Eclectic Chamber Players/3 p.m. in  
sanctuary
- 17 Ash Wednesday Soup Supper/5:45  
p.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed  
by Ash Wednesday Service at 6 p.m.  
in the sanctuary
- 19 Movie Night, *Gran Torino*, 6:45 p.m. in  
Parlor
- 24 Simple food at 6 p.m. in Fellowship  
Hall followed by Lenten Service at  
6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary
- 26 Movie Night, *Chocolat*, at 6:45 p.m. in  
Parlor
- 27-28 One Great Weekend of Service

# **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

January 21, 2010

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Moderator

## **Session's Actions**

The annual congregational meeting will be held February 21, following worship, as previously called by the session at the December 17 meeting. A new approach to reporting on the past year and its highlights will be shared. The January 9 session retreat will be continued on Saturday, January 30 from 9 a.m. to noon. The session approved elders Judy Rye and Lonny Bond to serve from the session as co-chairs of the 2010 Nominating Committee.

## **Business of the Presbytery**

The winter meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee will be held Saturday, February 6 at First Presbyterian Church, Smyrna. David Carlton was elected to serve as an elder commissioner. A second elder commissioner is being sought; the moderator and clerk were approved by the session to seek this elder

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### Administration and Finance:

Cost of the new walkway and portico roof is \$30,000. The final budget for 2009 ended with a \$35,712 surplus. Primary factors were a decrease of \$45,000 in personnel expenses due to disability payments from the Board of Pensions of the PC(USA) for Heidi and a decrease in utility expenses due to mild winter and summer weather last year. Revenues were approximately \$2000 ahead of budget. Standing committees reduced their budgets for 2010 by a total of \$12,558, which decreases the projected deficit for the year to \$11,581. The recommended 2010 budget was unanimously approved by the session. The pastor's 2010 terms of call, recommended by the Personnel Committee, were unanimously approved and will be sent to the congregation for their vote at the annual meeting on February 21.

### Building and Grounds:

Georgeanne Chapman is working on a landscape plan for the property. Bent poles and broken light fixtures along the canopy and walkway will be replaced. The Vanderbilt Divinity School will host a series on Relevant Religion March 23, 30 and April 6 at Trinity from 7 pm - 8:30. The session approved hosting the Vanderbilt Divinity School's Relevant Religion Series at Trinity on March 23, 30, and April 6, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The series "Religion, War, and Peacebuilding in Christianity and Islam" will be led by Dr. Melissa Sanrr. The series will be open to and publicized to the larger community, will cost \$10, but will be free to Trinity members.

### Christian Education:

The Elementary Sunday School class was approved by the session to collect donations of spare change for Haitian disaster relief at the close of worship on January 24.

### Community Ministries:

A prison ministry is being developed by David Phillipy in conjunction with the Men's Breakfast Group and the Community Ministries Committee. Rachel Hayes has already begun serving as a penpal with an inmate; the letters from him are sent to Rachel in care of Trinity. The congregation is encouraged to donate on-line to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Haitian relief; donors can credit Trinity at the website. Checks can also be made out to Trinity and memo'd for PDA, and the church will send on all contributions. Church members are asked to donate supplies for PDA Hygiene Kits for the One Great Weekend of Service, February 27-28. Donations to the Eclectic Chamber Players Concert on February 7, 3 p.m., will go to Habitat for Humanity. Donations to the David Olney Coffeehouse on March 12 will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Haiti Relief.

### Fellowship:

The committee will host a chili/soup potluck following worship January 31.

### Personnel:

The Personnel Committee and the session are grateful that Judy Schomber will cover the office for partial days while Linda Rogers is on vacation the first week of February.

### Worship:

A soup supper will be served on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday at 5:45 p.m. with worship to follow at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A light snack (e.g., bread and cheese) will be offered on all other Wednesday nights in Lent at 6 p.m., with worship to follow in the chapel at 6:30 p.m.

## **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

### Task Force on Sexuality and More Light:

Tricia Dykers Koenig of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians will lead the Adult Discussion Class and preach January 31. The session will vote on affiliation with More Light Presbyterians at the February meeting.

### Congregational Care:

Bar McClure is working to organize and establish this as a standing committee.

# *SPECIAL GROUP ACTIVITY MEETINGS YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN ONE OR MORE!*

\*\*\*The **Men's Breakfast Group** meets Thursday mornings at 7:00 in the parlor. Lonny Bond is the group's facilitator. Provocative articles on faith and life provoke lively discussion. Bring a brown bag breakfast. Newcomers to the group are always welcome!

\*\*\*The **Trekker's Group** meets on occasional Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons, and welcomes hikers of all ages and ability levels. Booth Chapman is the intrepid leader of this group. Spring plans for Trekker hikes are on page 8.

\*\*\*You are invited to join the **Changing Gears** group for lunch and fellowship at Westminster Presbyterian on Wednesday, February 24, at 11 a.m. Reservations for lunch are required by noon on Monday, February 22, and there is a \$10 charge for lunch. Call the Westminster church office (292-5526) if you'd like more information.

\*\*\***Dancing on the Edge Women's Book Group** generally meets every second and fourth Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in the parlor. The book selected for February is *The Help* by Katherine Stockett. Set in Mississippi in the early '60's, this first novel that has become a blockbuster by word of mouth. All Trinity women and their friends are invited for fellowship, stimulating conversation, and occasional celebrations. Fran Ziglar is the convener for this group and Midge Folger is the scribe.

## FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Led by David Phillipy  
6:45 p.m. in the parlor

### *Lenten Film Series*

Theme: "The Christ Figure in Film" – During Lent, these films present Christ figures in a variety of situations which will stimulate discussion about the place of Christ in our lives.

Friday, February 19, 2010

*Gran Torino* (2008, Rated R, 116 minutes)

Cantankerous Korean War veteran Walt Kowalski (Clint Eastwood, who also directs) must confront his Hmong immigrant neighbors – and his own long-held prejudices – when the family's teenage son, Thao (Bee Vang) tries to steal Walt's beloved Gran Torino. Walt begins to assume the unlikely role of protector to Thao and his sister Sue (Ahney Her) against the criminal gangs confronting them.

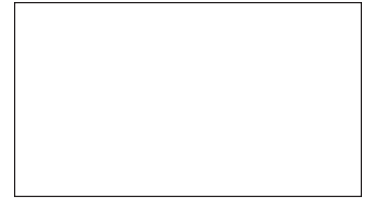
Friday, February 26, 2010

*Chocolat* (2000, Rated PG 13, 121 minutes)

Blown in by the wind, an iconoclastic single mother (Oscar nominee Juliette Binoche) and her young daughter move into a peaceful French village and open an uncommon chocolate shop during Lent – directly across the street from a church. At first the shop's rich sensuous chocolate brings it into conflict with the established political and religious leaders. The villagers, played by Judi Dench and Lena Olin, are finally won over.



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## February Worship Schedule and Lectionary Readings

- February 7**      **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Celebration of the Lord's Supper/Souper Bowl of Caring Offering**  
Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;  
Luke 5:1-11
- February 14**    **Tranfiguration of the Lord**  
Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2;  
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)
- February 21**    **First Sunday in Lent/Annual Congregational Meeting**  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13;  
Luke 4:1-13
- February 28**    **Second Sunday in Lent**  
Genesis 15:1-12; 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1;  
Luke 13:31-35