

The Trinity Times

The Newsletter of Trinity Presbyterian Church

March, 2010

From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

I am grateful for the season of Lent and its focus on the life of discipleship leading up to, and preparing us for, the journey of Holy Week and Easter. I find it very meaningful that Trinity's One Great Weekend of Service falls in Lent this year as we seek to understand more deeply what it means to follow Christ and serve with him in the world, and do so with heightened intentionality during these six Lenten weeks. We thank the Community Ministries planning team of David Carlton, Frances Duvall, and Judy Schomber who have invited us to serve in a wide range of ways February 27 and 28; we are grateful to all who have signed up to serve and for all who have brought supplies for hygiene disaster relief kits for Haiti. As we serve, individually and together, the words and life of Jesus light our way: "I am among you as one who serves." (Luke 22:27)

Depending on the how quickly this newsletter finds its way to your mailbox, I am aware that our One Great Weekend of Service may either be happening as you read, or already finished. We know, however, that our service is never finished; it is an on-going expression of Christian faith and life. There is one aspect of our 2010 One Great Weekend that needs to be highlighted. The recent unanimous action of the Session to affiliate with More Light Presbyterians highlights our belief at Trinity that everyone receives gifts of service from their Creator God and no one is excluded from the essential Christian practice of sharing them. Further, we affirm that through exercising our gifts of service we are responding to God's gifts of love and grace to each of us. Serving the needs of the church and the world in response to Christ's call to serve and with the gifts God gives us, is thus a necessary expression of Christian faith and life. At Trinity we celebrate God's abundant gifts within and upon this church family, giving thanks for our mutual call to service and shared commitment to do so.

By now you should have received the Session's letter to the congregation sharing more fully the decision to affiliate with More Light Presbyterians, the culmination of more than a year of discernment, study, reflection and congregational engagement. If you did not receive a copy of the Session's letter and would like one, please feel free to contact the church office and we'll send one along. The Session's unanimous decision on February 18 reaffirms our historic sense of identity as an open, inclusive Christian community at Trinity, and the participatory style used this year at the congregation's annual meeting on February 21 lifted up our commitment to love, value, and respect all members of this church family. We look forward to the work of God's transforming Spirit among us as we embrace visions of Trinity as a fully inclusive and diverse

EVENTS IN MARCH

- 3 Lenten Soup Supper and Worship/5:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Movie Night, *Jesus Christ Superstar*/6:45 p.m.
- 10 Lenten Soup Supper and Worship/5:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Coffeehouse with David Olney/7 p.m.
- 14 Eclectic Chamber Players Concert/3 p.m.
- 17 Lenten Soup Supper and Worship/5:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Relevant Religion Series/ 7 p.m.
- 24 Lenten Soup Supper and Worship/5:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Movie Night, *Jesus of Montreal*, 6:45 p.m. Trekkers to Big South Fork
- 30 Relevant Religion Series/7 p.m.
- April 1 Maundy Thursday Soup Supper/5:45 p.m. Worship with communion/6:30 p.m.

community of faith where every member is affirmed and is serving with his or her gifts.

As we follow Jesus Christ, living as servants in serving humanity after our model in him, God will guide us. A Session decision and a Great Weekend of Service are part of our on-going response to the One who gave his life for us all that we would know the redemptive power of love. We are part of God's salvation story. We seek, we serve, we act, we love as we await the fulfillment of God's realm on earth.

Joining you in Christ's service, with hope and love,

Heidi

COVERAGE WHILE OUR PASTOR IS AWAY

Our pastor and her family will be away for spring break week in March, starting March 13. During this time, emergency pastoral care coverage will be provided by a team of people. Contact Linda in the church office (297-6513) with any needs, or contact Janet Salyer, Parish Associate, who will provide coverage March 13-16, and 21 (contact her at 500-2915), Devan Stahl, Divinity Intern, who will provide coverage March 17-18 (contact her at 434-960-6871), and Gene TeSelle, Parish Associate, who will provide coverage March 19-20 (contact him at 297-2629).

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The Trinity Times is published monthly. We welcome news items, prayer concerns, and other contributions from members and friends of Trinity. Bring your articles to the church or e-mail them to the editor, Judy Schomber (schomberstat@aol.com), by the 20th of the month for the following month's newsletter.

Trinity Presbyterian Church Staff

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Pastor

Janet Salyer, Gene TeSelle, James Hudnut-Beumler,
Parish Associates

Valerie Oyen-Larsen, Music Director

Devan Stahl, Vanderbilt Divinity School Intern

Linda Rogers, Office Manager

Charlie Bundy, Facilities Manager

Janet Colbran, Clerk of Session

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)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Joanna Thomas - 2

Guy Hicks - 6

Roger Colbran - 7

Eric McNeely - 7

Matt Custer - 11

Dale Johnson - 13

John Folger - 13

Hunter Huddleston - 14

Bill Dougherty - 16

Georgianne Chapman - 16

Bob Bowling - 17

Benita Sims - 18

Matt Rutherford - 18

David Olney - 23

Turner Snodgrass - 30

Rush Milam - 31

Frank Lyles - 31

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.

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesdays through Lent – March 3, 10, 17, 24

5:45 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Suggested donation: \$5 for adults

\$15 family cap

(children 12 and under, free)

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

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

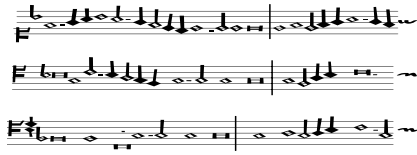
Easter Sunday, April 4

11:00 a.m. - Easter Service/Resurrection of the Lord with Communion and Brass/One Great Day of Sharing Offering

12:00 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt for children

DO YOU HAVE SMALL VASES OR JARS?

Do you have small vases or small pint jars like jelly come in to put small bouquets in when we have flowers left untaken from the chancel? If you do, please leave them in the kitchen labeled **Congregation Care**. Thanks for your participation so that the homebound may be cheered by a Trinity visit.



MUSIC NOTES

As we proceed through the season of Lent, we have a variety of music to enhance our worship. While we've moved away from only Taizé-style music in the mid-week Lenten services, we do incorporate some of it in addition to hymns, and offer tremendous variety in Sunday morning worship music styles.

It was wonderful to have all three choirs offer music on the first Sunday of Lent, Feb. 21. The Chancel Choir contributes service music on a weekly basis, and are to be thanked for this significant commitment; when the other groups also sing it is a real treat!

Special thanks to Micah Oelze for guitar music during communion February 7th, and to Leigh Bonner for adding flute to the Chancel Choir anthem on Feb. 14. It is also notable that both Diego Enriquez and Laura Colbran assisted the Children's Choir in their music on February 21. Thanks to all of you!

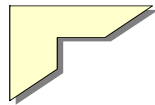
On March 28 there will be a service incorporating extra choral and congregational music in observance of Palm/Passion Sunday, offering extra impact for attendees. Looking ahead to Holy Week, please note that Chancel Choir rehearsal will be moved from Wednesday, March 31 to Thursday, April 1 following Maundy Thursday evening worship.

Changes to the rehearsal schedule for children's and youth choirs may be made in March, based on spring break travels, so please be in touch with Valerie or Mary Virginia about any planned absences.

Tunefully yours,

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THE YOUTH CORNER



by Devan Stahl

The youth group will continue Sunday School lessons in March focusing on how we can learn to become interpreters of the Bible. Youth group members are invited to come to the Adult Discussion Class March 14th and 21st to learn about disability theology with Devan. The Youth Group will meet March 7th and 28th of this month, look out for a flyer in this month's mail!

USHERS FOR MARCH

Judy Rye, Head Usher
Frank Martínez
David Erwin
Eric McNeely

COFFEEHOUSE TO FEATURE TRINITY'S DAVID OLNEY

Trinity's next Coffeehouse will feature singer/songwriter David Olney, who will perform to benefit Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Haiti on Friday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Donations are \$10 per person, \$25 per family, and \$5 for students.

PROJECT LINUS WORKDAY A HUGE SUCCESS!

Saturday February 20 was a very busy day at Trinity Presbyterian Church! Over 80 volunteers and blanketeers ages 5-75 (and over!) gathered to make blankets and quilts for Project Linus. Children, under the able supervision of Jan Sharlet and Jane Skelly, made dozens of cards and stuffed bears to cheer sick children and their families. They also decorated posters and muslin squares to be made into quilts. Older children and adults cut and sewed bears, cut and tied fleeceblankets, labeled and sorted blankets, and helped the younger ones.

At the end of the day, 207 blankets were loaded into my car for delivery to Vanderbilt Children's Hospital!

Many thanks to Jan Sharlet, Jane Skelly for helping to supervise the children, to Midge Folger for cutting countless bears, and especially to Charlie Bundy for going above and beyond to help us clean up afterward!

With humble thanks to the congregation of Trinity Church, for your gracious willingness to share this beautiful space in ministry.

--Clee Lee, for Kit Roskamp, Tina Wilke, and Project Linus

P.S.: We will be back at Trinity for our monthly workday in July – come by and join the action! You can make a difference – even if you don't sew!

(PPS: In the chaos of cleaning up, my camera has been lost. If someone finds a small black digital camera, I would really like to have it back – or at least the memory card with all the pictures on it! Thanks – Clee.)

GREENLINES

by Frances Duvall

FOREVER GREEN TENNESSEE



This column is mostly plagiarized, “lifted”, and condensed with permission, enthusiasm, and blessing from articles written by Kathleen Williams, Executive Director of Tennessee Parks and Greenways. Perhaps you read her recent article on the editorial page of The Tennessean advocating the restoration of Real Estate Transfer Funds to the state budget.

Most Tennesseans agree that our state is one of the most beautiful in the country. We are blessed with mile-high mountains in the East, the mighty Mississippi in the West, and tens of thousands of sparkling rivers flowing in between. They flow through the Nashville basin porous like a sponge with caves under cedar glades awash in Spring beauties. They flow by greening fields and farms that feed us all and west to the glory of the oxbow lakes covered up in white pelicans, horse tails, and the knobby-kneed cypress.

Tennessee’s biological heritage far surpasses that of most other states. We have elk and deer, wild turkeys and fox, black bear, river otters, squirrels that fly, and bobcats that prowl. No one knows the number of species of insects, but they make our soils bountiful for use and lives more beautiful with the whimsy of the dragonfly and fireflies that lend magic to the night.

Tennessee has the most fish, crayfish and mussel species on the continent. We support half of the freshwater species in the United States. Our Duck River has more kinds of fish per mile than any other river in North America. Tennessee has more cave openings than any state in North America and more species of trees than throughout all of Europe with 150 different kinds of native trees.

In order to preserve this beauty, in 1991 our state legislature wisely passed the most important environmental legislation in Tennessee’s history and established four conservation funds. These funds were designated from a small increase in the cost of registering real estate. The Tennessee Real Estate Transfer Funds generate about twenty million dollars each year. The established funds are: The Wetlands Fund, which conserves wildlife and water; the State Land Acquisition Fund which saves our scenic treasures in state parks and forests; the Local Parks and Recreation Fund, which builds great local parks and greenways; and the Agricultural Resources

Conservation Fund, which helps farmers and protects our drinking water by providing cost-share programs to reduce pollution in our streams.

These funds have been extremely successful and are still badly needed, but state budget problems and a silent public make these funds an easy target. The Real Estate Transfer Funds were used last year to help make up a state budget short fall even though they were originally established specifically for conservation purposes and represent less than one tenth of 1% of our state’s \$29 billion budget.

A current campaign is underway to assure these funds will be restored to their original purpose. You can help by telling Governor Bredesen and your state legislators that these funds are needed now more than ever. Many world class wonders left to preserve are in private hands and are for sale. Will you work for the future of these Tennessee Real Estate Transfer Funds? Will you work for a Forever Green Tennessee?

EXERCISING ISN’T JUST FOR THE OLYMPICS!

Some Trinity and Linden Waldorf folks have teamed up to win the gold by keeping our new year’s resolution to exercise...and we have FUN too! Margaret Sloan, who has a fitness background, is our teacher. She recognizes that we’re not training for the Olympics and keeps the pace moderate. We are beginning to feel the benefits of regular exercise and welcome any newcomers who are interested in checking out the class. We meet in the Fellowship Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. While not mandatory, if you have the following, please bring them to class: 1-3 pound weights, light resistance theraband, yoga mat or towel for floor exercises. Check the Sunday announcements for the class schedule during the week of spring break, March 15 – 19.

**Daylight Saving Time begins
at 2 a.m. March 14. Turn your
clocks forward 1 hour before
you go to bed on March 13**

JANET SALYER'S CHANGE IN ROLE AND PARISH ASSOCIATES UPDATE

by Lonny Bond, Personnel Committee Chair

Janet Salyer has served as a contracted parish associate at Trinity since the fall of 2005. Prior to October, 2005, Janet served Trinity for three years full-time as Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation; she also provided much needed support during the time Trinity was without a pastor. We were so grateful that Janet was willing to stay on for five to eight hours a week as a contracted parish associate as she moved into her primary ministry of spiritual direction and counseling, and as Trinity commenced its pastoral relationship with Heidi Hudnut-Beumler. Since that October in 2005, Janet has continued in this contracted parish associate capacity.

Janet has decided that, due to increased needs within her family, she could best serve Trinity by assuming the role of non-contracted parish associate after Easter, April 4, 2010. She will continue to serve in our midst on an as needed, as available basis to provide the flexibility (without expectations) that she has requested. The Session approved this change at its February meeting.

We extend to Janet our great appreciation for the fabulous job she has done over the many years she has been with us. She was an instrumental force in helping keep things together during Heidi's protracted illness and we shall be eternally grateful to her for sharing her warm personality and God-filled spirit with us. We look forward to her continuing role as a non-contracted parish associate and thank her profusely for her presence among us.

At the Session's February meeting, the relationships with all three of Trinity's parish associates were reviewed and affirmed for continuation, with the concurrence of the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee. We are blessed to have three parish associates serving at Trinity: the Rev. Janet Salyer, the Rev. Dr. Eugene TeSelle, and the Rev. Dr. James Hudnut-Beumler. The PC(USA) Book of Order defines the parish associate role and relationship as follows:

A parish associate is a minister who serves in some validated ministry other than the local parish [Janet and Jim] or is a member-at-large, or is retired [Gene], but who wishes to maintain a relationship with a particular church or churches in keeping with ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Such persons, already qualified as continuing members of presbytery, may serve as parish associates. The relation shall be established, upon nomination by the pastor, between the parish associate, the session, and the presbytery. The parish associate shall be responsible to the pastor, as head of staff, on an "as needed, as available" basis and with or without remuneration.

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We give our thanks to Janet, Gene and Jim for all the ways that they share their gifts with us and serve this church. Please join with the Session in extending appreciation to each of them.

ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS FOR MARCH

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

February 28 and March 7 - What Might the Bible Have to Say to Us?

Pastor Heidi Hudnut-Beumler will lead the class with a look at the Bible. February 28 will connect with Trinity's One Great Weekend of Service and ask the question: How does the witness of the Bible inform and shape our lives of service and Trinity's vision for mission? March 7 will focus on our journey through Lent and the spiritual practice of reading the Bible, asking: In an era of biblical disconnection, how do we connect with the Bible and do so in a spiritually intentional way in the season of Lent?

March 14 and 21 - Disability Theology

Devan Stahl will lead two adult discussion classes focusing on "disability theology." This two-part Adult Discussion class will explore the meaning of disability and how our theology comes to bear on our experiences and understandings of disability. Together we will investigate what it means to be "disabled" in our culture as well as the social, economic, medical, legal and religious constructs

that come to bear on this term. We will also uncover how the Christian tradition has traditionally understood disability and its practices of inclusion/exclusion of people with disabilities. We will work together to ask how we can reflect theologically on disability and how we can become a more inclusive and accessible church.

March 28 - Palm Sunday

Georgeanne Chapman and Judy Rye will take the Adult Discussion inside the Palm Sunday story.

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

NaCoMe Summer Camps

The Presbytery of Middle Tennessee is accepting applications for the 2010 Summer Camps at NaCoMe. This year's theme is "Be A Hero". There are seven camps on the schedule for different age groups from May 23 until June 27. For more information call 931-729-9723, e-mail programdirector@nacome.org, or www.nacome.org/summercamp.

RELEVANT RELIGION SERIES TO BE HELD AT TRINITY

C. Melissa Snarr will keynote the Vanderbilt University Divinity School Relevant Religion Series, to be held at Trinity on March 23, 30, and April 6 at from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the chapel. The Series is free to Trinity members. The theme of the series is "Religion, War, and Reconciliation".

The twentieth century was one of the most violent on record and new forms of terrorism and warfare continue to define the beginning of the twenty-first century. This series will explore the role of religion (specifically Christianity and Islam) in contemporary warfare and peacemaking. We will ask when/if war is religiously justifiable? In what ways does religion contribute to terrorism? What are the practices and possibilities of religiously attuned peacemaking and post-conflict reconciliation?

Professor Snarr is Assistant Professor of Ethics and Society and her writing, teaching, and community involvements center on the intersection of religion, social change and social/political ethics. She teaches courses ranging from "Modern Christian Political Thought" and "Religion and War in an Age of Terror" to "Religion and Social Movements." Her work employs a variety of methodologies within Christian social ethics, comparative ethics (focused on Islamic political thought), philosophical ethics, and sociological theory that continually place the construction of normative

commitments in conversation with socio-historical context.

Her most recent book, *Social Selves and Political Reforms*, focuses on Christian views of moral formation and their affect on political engagement. Her current book project (and activist engagement) explores the role of gender and religion in the U.S. living wage movement. She has also published generally in the area of feminist theological ethics.

ECLECTIC CHAMBER PLAYERS TO PERFORM

The Eclectic Chamber Players will give a concert on Sunday, March 14, at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The concert will benefit Martha O'Bryan Center. Donations will be accepted.

Featuring pianist Dr. Emily Yap Chua, the Players will include the Trout Piano Quintet by Schubert, and Two Piano Trios by Chaminade and Turino.

EASTER BLOOMS

Easter is approaching, and due to allergies, we will continue our tradition of hydrangeas, and this year, we will add begonias. If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of a hydrangea or begonia, please contact the church office. The two large hydrangeas will be \$27.50 each and medium hydrangeas will be \$21. Begonias will be \$13.75. Please indicate if they are in memory, honor, or celebration of someone or a special event. You may pick up your flowers following the Easter worship service.

RENOVATION UPDATE

Phase I Funding projects to complete this phase:

- *Plaque with Dr. Barr's name and designation on his picture**
- *Plaque with listing of all pastors and long term interims and designated pastors with the ability to add names in the future**
- *Columbarium outside door be replaced with a window.**

The committee agreed it is appropriate for this committee to make recommendations and set a budget. The structural work is appropriate use of renovation funds.

Pam Reese will design a stained glass panel using the stained glass removed from the chancel window and the committee will get a cost for completing the panel. This might be an item appropriate for a memorial gift or use of columbarium funds.

Phase II Funding committed and approved by Session

***Canopy Entrance and Walkway** Midge Folger and Charlie Bundy are overseeing this renovation. Work is being done by Maxwell Roofing in adjusting the canopy for better drainage, replacing posts, concrete repairs.

***Church Parlor Renovation**
Pricing is underway. The work will be done this summer. Pam Reese is working with Fran Ziglar to guide this project.

***Landscape Plan for Sharondale Entrance**
Parking stops to delineate parking area near entrance

Planting plan is in the works for the entrance and the whole Trinity grounds. The first mapping of existing trees and shrubs has been completed. A long range plan will be developed for replacement planting, trees desired for the landscape and a maintenance plan.

***Presbyterian Banner for Office Entrance**
Gene TeSelle and Pam Reese are making the selection and placement for the banner.

***Pastor's office**
A full length mirror requested and it was donated and installed by Lonny Bond

***Educational/Office Building Entrance**
Simple improvements underway to welcome the many people who pass through this space.

Next projects to be addressed and equal in importance as funds available:

***Landscaping Plan for the entire grounds**

Recommendation will be made to the Session concerning any trees that need removal. Recommendation will also for a replacement and planting plan for the future.

*** Storm windows for Education Building *Replacement of two double doors at the end of the Education Building**

Other Projects suggested for later consideration:

- *Storm windows for Manse (Bid received: \$15,000)
- *Bulletin Boards, placement or other ways to promote Trinity and the church activity and mission
- *Decide use of flagpole or decide removal
- *Decide use and care of backstop
- *Signage that welcomes public to our green spaces and our church and invitation to come here.
- *Fellowship Hall consideration for new carpet or suitable flooring replacement
- *New areas for a small office to accommodate church staff
- *New areas for classroom use for children and adults
- *Thoughtful use of Education Building hall walls with art beginning with poster of "Mustard Seed Tree" that depict our church, offer inspiration, etc.
- *Pastor's office improvements in workspace and filing cabinets.
- *Removal of vinyl coating on Tower

PDA CONTINUES HAITI HELP

Despite significant challenges of poor existing infrastructure, massive damage and the huge toll the earthquake in Haiti has taken on everyone, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has managed to collect and distribute more than \$510,000 in humanitarian aid to the devastated country.

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Save the Date!

Purity Miss Martha's
25th Annual
Ice Cream
Crankin'

Sunday,
June 13th

First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Road, Nashville
Music @ 3 p.m.
Ice Cream @ 4 p.m.



www.marthaobryan.org/crankin

Proceeds benefit the Martha O'Bryan Center
On a foundation of Christian faith, the Martha O'Bryan Center empowers children, youth and adults in poverty to transform their lives through work, education, employment and fellowship.

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IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT ICE CREAM!

Now in its 25th year, the Ice Cream Crankin' brings together volunteer ice cream creators and thousands of enthusiastic ice cream eaters to raise money for the Martha O'Bryan Center and to increase awareness of the Center's important mission in the James A. Cayce Homes in East Nashville. We hope your church will help us again this year by recruiting ice cream crankers, advertising the event, and selling tickets.

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PDA CONTINUES . . . (from page 8)

The job is not going to get any easier. Bob Waddell, senior emergencies advisor for Lutheran World Relief, says that in the end everyone affected by the earthquake is vulnerable in some way, and in coming months Haiti faces a rainy season and the threat of storms, floods and hurricanes.

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); 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.

PRESBYTERY PLANS GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

The Presbytery of Middle Tennessee's Guatemala Covenant Task Force is in the early stages of planning a July mission trip to Guatemala. Plans are to travel from Guatemala City to Cobán (a highland city, in the heart of coffee country, and the home of Roger and Gloria Marriott) and visit two Vanderbilt archaeological digs before proceeding to the Department of the Petén, where our Kekchi partners live. There we will visit as many of the villages as we can reach, meeting with the community, offering some basic medical care such as fluoride treatments for children's teeth, and gathering information about the needs of the villagers. The trip will last eight days; dates are not firm yet, but the trip will be scheduled from sometime between July 5 and July 20. Anyone interested in joining this trip can check with David Carlton <david.carlton@vanderbilt.edu> .

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

February 18, 2010

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Moderator

Business of the Presbytery

Sara Anne Berger, daughter of Sally Hughes and Will Berger, granddaughter of Sara Hughes and niece of Judy and Hank Schomber, was approved for candidacy for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Standing Committee Reports

Administration and Finance:

Net income is \$1858 behind budget, primarily because pledge payments are \$2903 behind budget. Madeline and Howell Adams have advanced approximately \$330,000 on their pledge. A shortfall in cash of \$244 remains in Phase I, a decrease from \$9600; \$55,000 remains to be collected for phase II.

Building and Grounds:

The 8th grade of Linden Waldorf School was approved to hold a car wash in the lower parking lot March 27 from 9 am – 3 pm. Judy Rey was approved to host a Nashville Epiphany Project Young Adult volunteer evening gathering and sleepover in the parlor some time in the future.

Fellowship:

The committee members will provide soup suppers during Lent and request help with clean up. Students and newcomers will be welcomed as guests.

Personnel:

The committee had a very positive review with Devan Stahl. Janet Salyer has asked to be a non-contractual parish associate, as other demands on her time make contractual work unfeasible. Jim Hudnut-Beumler, Janet Salyer and Gene TeSelle were approved as non-contractual parish associates.

Worship:

The session approved holding a Good Friday service of worship in the chapel, April 2 at 12:00 noon. The Trevecca Madrigalians will be singing during worship on April 18 and were approved to offer the sale of their CDs in the East Hall following the service. Sale of the CDs funds their tour.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Task Force on Sexuality and More Light:

In a motion that was carried unanimously, the session of Trinity Presbyterian Church voted to affiliate with More Light Presbyterians.

ANNUAL MEETING

Bar McClure reported for the planning team (Bar, Phil Elbert, Judy Rye, and Heidi Hudnut-Beumler) regarding the participatory model to be used for the February 21 Congregational Annual Meeting. As committees and other groups have shared in the three-part reflection process already, we have been very pleased with their thoughtful contributions. Three boards will be placed throughout the church to receive the congregation's post-it notes describing "Highlights, Transformations, and Hopes for the Future." The session is very excited about gathering all feedback given as part of this reflection process for use in the next strategic planning process.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Lonny Bond and Judy Rye, co-chairs, reported that they have a representative slate for this community to be presented at the February 21 Annual Meeting. Session approved calling a congregational meeting for Sunday, April 11 immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the purpose of receiving the report of the Nominating Committee and voting on the slate of elders and trustees presented at that time.

The session is in the process of scheduling its second retreat in order to continue strategic planning.

The next stated meeting of the session was rescheduled, due to multiple members being away for spring break. The March stated meeting of the session will be held on Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS YOUR INPUT

The Nominating Committee seeks your nominations for members to serve as elders and trustees for three-year terms commencing in June. Think prayerfully about who God is calling to lead at Trinity. Elders Lonny Bond and Judy Rye are the co-chairs of this committee. Please speak to them directly, place your nominations for elders and trustees in their session files outside the church office, or contact them at Lonny: 661-4609, lmbvbond@bellsouth.net or Judy: 504-5691 or judyrye@hotmail.com. The deadline for nominations is March 7.

DIVINITY SCHOOL ANNOUNCES ANTOINETTE BROWN LECTURE ON MARCH 25

The Vanderbilt University Divinity School announces the 36th annual Antoinette Brown Lecture, *Texts We Love to Hate: Dealing with the Hard Places in Tradition*, to be delivered by Judith Plaskow, Ph.D., Professor of Religious Studies, Manhattan College. The lecture will be Thursday, March 25, 2010, at 7 p.m., in Benton Chapel, at the Divinity School.

Anyone who is engaged with a scriptural tradition at some point encounters texts that are disturbing and morally unacceptable by contemporary standards. What we do when we come across such texts? How should we read them? What does it mean to be in relationship to and to value a book that contains so much that's deeply troubling?

BLAIR SIGNATURE SERIES FEATURES WOODWIND QUINTET

On Monday, March 15, the Blair Woodwind Quintet will perform at 8 p.m. in Ingram Hall, as part of the Blair Signature Series. The Quintet consists of Jane Kirchner, flute; Jared Hauser, oboe; Cassandra Lee, clarinet; Cynthia Estill, bassoon; Leslie Norton, horn.

The WW5 cooks up an All-American program of delights, featuring *Quintet No. 3*, by contemporary composer David Maslanska, *Partita*, by early 20th century composer Irving Fine, and *Three Preludes* by Broadway icon George Gershwin.

The concert is sponsored by the Sartain Lanier Family 11 Foundation, Inc.

A MOST UNUSUAL FACILITIES REPORT!

The phone rang at 12:45 on Sunday. It was my most trusty sidekick, Hank Schomber, with the news: "He's dive bombing everyone in the East Hall. We're all gonna clear out before someone gets hurt! Maybe he'll calm down by the time you get here!" Fortunately for all, this wasn't my first intruder. I quickly answered, "Close all the sanctuary doors right away. If he goes to the 40 foot ceiling, we've got trouble."

It was a bat, homeless and scared. And not my first bat. That one was during the sanctuary renovation Phase I when it was discovered in the Early Childhood room. Not knowing what to expect, I suited up in full battle gear (gloves, hood, full face ski mask, fish pond net) expecting the worst. Turns out the critter was so sound asleep on the wall that I had to pry him off, just to get him in the net! So much for the battle gear! After the outdoor release and the successful fly away, I returned to the office for debriefing with Linda.

Whew! What a relief!

So it was with that experience that I netted our new intruder (asleep on the wall) on Monday morning and placed him in a clear plastic Kroger cookie container for display. I headed for the playground. "He's so cute." "Can I hold it?" (NO!) "Is it a vampire?" "His face looks like a chihuahua!"

I believe most every Linden Waldorf School child got a look and had a comment. It was quite an exciting morning. Mr. Bat was playing it up. Barring teeth, spreading wings and fighting for freedom from the box. After all had examined and commented, I walked out to recess with the fourth grade, opened the box and we waved (and screamed) goodbye and good luck. It was done.

By the way, the first critter was found during Wellspring Builders project here. Their supervisor onsite was named Steve Batson. He must have had something to do with this!

Never a dull moment at Trinity!

Your local BATMAN (AKA Facilities Manager) reporting,

Charlie Bundy



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. March plans for Trekker hikes are to Big South Fork on March 26-27. Details are on page 9.

***You are invited to join the **Changing Gears** group for lunch and fellowship at Westminster Presbyterian on Wednesday, March 24, at 11 a.m. Reservations for lunch are required by noon on Monday, March 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 March is *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Pulitzer Prize winners Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. This important book is not just a call to change the world, but points the direction to accomplish that. 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, March 5, 2010

Jesus Christ Superstar (1973, Rated G, 107 minutes)

The Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice Broadway collaboration gets the Hollywood treatment from director Norman Jewison with a format inspiration from Shakespeare's "Henry V." In this version, a traveling acting troupe performs this rock opera in the Israeli desert, with rocker Ted Neeley as Jesus and Carl Anderson as Judas. Webber, Andre Previn and Herb Spencer shared an Oscar nomination for Best Score Adaptation.

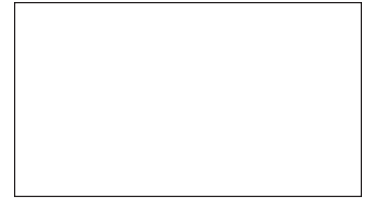
Friday, March 26, 2010

Jesus of Montreal (1989, Rated R, 120 minutes)

In response to a dwindling attendance at the annual Passion Play put on by a Montreal church, some actors are hired to stage a more radical interpretation of Christ's teaching. The new version is an instant success, but also incurs the wrath of church hierarchy. This film won 12 Genies (Canadian Academy Awards), including Best Picture, Best Director and Best actor. It also won the Jury Prize in Cannes in 1989. Denys Arcand directs.

This film is being brought back again to Friday Night at the Movies due to the wonderful response when shown last year. It is fitting to show it on the Friday just prior to Holy Week.

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March Worship Schedule and Lectionary Readings

March 7 Third Sunday in Lent/Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

March 14 Fourth Sunday in Lent
Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; II Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 21 Fifth Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

March 28 Passion/Palm Sunday (Holy Week Begins)
Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 *or* Luke 23:1-49