

THE TRINITY TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL, 2017

From the pastor

There is an article about the correspondence between Ernest Hemingway and the editor at the publishing company who edited Hemingway's stories and novels.

The article notes how, at the time, many editors suggested a better ending to Hemingway's stories—stories which, of course, won awards, prizes, and made the best seller lists.

A similar crew of editors in the first century must have been around when Mark's gospel began to make the rounds in the Christian communities. There are two additional endings to the gospel of Mark, "shorter ending of Mark," followed by a "longer ending of Mark."

As if early Christian editors simply couldn't bear the thought that this resurrection story would end so abruptly. In the Greek, verse 8 ends with the word "because;" surely, a sign that Mark had more to say but didn't get around to saying it. That part of the papyrus broke off and was lost, or Mark was suddenly interrupted...

But without a little something extra, it would be strange story. A trio of women—the same women who had stood at the foot of the cross during Jesus' crucifixion—came to anoint their dear dead Jesus' body with spices, but when they arrived at the tomb, they found no body... instead, they found an empty tomb—well, not quite empty because there is a young man dressed in white who greeted them with the words, **"Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."**

As if they would have remembered such a statement...as if anything could be on their minds except for the horrible sights and sounds of the last two days—the screams to "crucify him," his beaten and bruised figure displayed by Pilate; stumbling as he carried the heavy cross; hanging on a cross in the unnatural darkness of Friday afternoon; his pale, lifeless body placed in a cold, empty rock-hewn tomb. It was not Jesus' words but the words of the chief priests, elders and scribes or the words of Pilate as he asked the mob what they wanted him to do with Jesus or the words

of the crowd who screamed in response, crucify him. The women remembered those words.

Or maybe the words of Jesus that the women remembered, "Eloi, eloi, lema sabachthani, my God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Maybe that was what they remembered Jesus saying, but not that he was going to be raised from the dead.

The women's reaction to what the young man in white has told them was not received as happy news. In fact, one can almost image the look on the women's faces....a comical sight.

Mark's version lacks a lot of details. It leaves a lot of questions unanswered. Despite the young man's command to "go and tell," the women just run and hide—and there you have it. Fear. Silence.

What a contrast to how we react to the resurrection today.

We take the news of Christ's resurrection joyfully, unlike Mark's unhappy trio. Easter morning music is uplifting, the flowers are gorgeous, horns are playing, bells are ringing. He is risen, he is risen indeed! The 40 depressing days of Lent are over and who would be alarmed to hear the young man in white proclaim, "He has been raised; he is not here."

That would make a better ending for Mark—the women dance for joy, they burst into song, they rush out and tell every person they meet the good news of Jesus' resurrection.

But no—as Mark records it, we lift up the bed skirt and see Mary, Mary, and Salome huddled beneath the bed; retreated to the farthest corner of the basement. Mark ends his gospel on a resounding note of fear, trembling, and silence.

But that makes sense, given the young man in the tomb's words. He is not telling the women that everything is going to be all right; he's telling the women that everything has changed: a challenge to the power of death, the power of human authority, the power of sin, the power of evil. More than a challenge to those powers—the resurrection of Christ marks a victory over those powers. It's not a

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Phil Elbert (2019)	Matthew Rutherford (2019)
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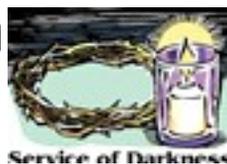
APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND LECTIONARY READINGS

- April 2 Fifth Sunday in Lent/Celebration of the Lord's Supper**
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
- April 9 Passion/Palm Sunday**
Palms: Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14--27:66
Matthew 27:11-54
- April 16 Resurrection of the Lord/Easter**
Acts 10:34-43 *or* Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 *or* Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 *or* Matthew 28:1-10
- April 23 Second Sunday of Easter**
Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-21
- April 30 Third Sunday of Easter**
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

EASTER AND HOLY WEEK



- April 10-14 - Midday prayer services, 12:30 - 1 p.m., Sanctuary**
- April 14 - Good Friday Tenebrae Service with communion, Sanctuary**
- April 16 - Easter Sunrise Service, 7:30 a.m., Church Amphitheatre**
9:30 a.m., Sunday School, Educational Building
11 a.m. - Easter Service, Sanctuary



TRINITY TO SPONSOR COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT ON APRIL 15

Trinity will sponsor a community Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 15 on the church grounds and everyone is invited either to hunt eggs or to help out! The hunt will begin at 2 p.m.

All children from toddlers through 4th grade are invited to bring a basket and participate. The children will be divided into 2 groups -- younger children and older children and each group will be assigned a different area of the grounds.

Upper grades students from Linden Waldorf School will be the egg hiders and they will be on hand to point the littlest ones in the direction of hidden eggs. They will also do the counting at the end of the hunt.

Prizes will be awarded for the most eggs found and the least eggs found. There will also be a golden egg for each group which will earn a prize.



Following the hunt, everyone is invited to cool off in the Fellowship Hall, where cookies, fruit, snacks and lemonade will be served.

Since this is a community event, volunteers from Trinity will be needed in the following areas:

- *Adults to be present to watch the children while the eggs are hidden.
- *Cookies, fruit, and nonsweet snacks for after the hunt.
- *Simple prizes.
- *Treat bags to give each child who participates.
- *Help with publicizing this event.

This is an opportunity both to partner with Linden Waldorf School and to open our grounds to the community. Join us for all the fun!

SOUP SUPPERS CONTINUE THROUGHOUT LENT

Two more soup suppers remain in this year's Lenten season, April 5 and April 12 on Wednesdays, beginning at 5:45 p.m. Supper consists of soup, bread, fruit, water, and an occasional surprise accompaniment. You are cordially invited to participate.

Following the supper, folks retire to the parlor for the Adam Hamilton's DVD on *24 Hours which Changed the World*, a series on the hours leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus.

Many thanks to this year's soupmakers:

Vira Baker, Lee Ann O' Brien, Lila Newton, Judy Schomber, Sally Hughes, Linda Rutherford, and Carol Phillipy. Thanks also to Vera Billington who supplied the bread and fruit for each supper. The Fellowship Committee appreciates the surprises folks like Bill Dougherty, Hank Schomber, and Sally Hughes brought to the suppers. The additions both enriched the meal and added to the fellowship!



Trinity folks enjoy one of the Soup Suppers

ADULT EDUCATION IN APRIL

We've been having a great time studying the gospel of Matthew in Sunday school class. No prior Bible knowledge is needed and all questions are welcomed, and the only book required is the Bible. A good group has begun gathering around the table, but we have room for more so please join us Sunday mornings from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM in the parlor.

TRINITY SESSION/LWS BOARD HOLD MEET AND GREET

Trinity's Session and Linden Waldorf School's Board got to know each other at a Wine and Cheese Gathering hosted by Trinity on March 6 in the parlor. Both sides enjoyed getting to know one another and discovering what they had in common.



photos by Hank Schomber



LISTENING ACROSS THE LINES OF RACE: A SPECIAL PROGRAM IN MARCH AND APRIL

Ferguson, Missouri and Charleston, SC: What do they have in common, and what about them is different? Both experienced racial violence in 2014-15, but the responses were vastly different. Charleston's victims went to the courthouse to forgive Dylan Roof, and Charleston's black and white citizens formed a human chain from Mt. Pleasant to Charleston.

What would happen in Nashville if we experienced such racial violence? To whom would you turn to be a reconciling force?

In March and April, the Rev. Warner Durnell will lead a community discussion of race in America, using feature films and documentaries that dramatize the experiences of African Americans in our land. We'll be joined by members of the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of Nashville and their Commissioned Lay Pastor, Leonard Jordan. St. Andrews is a predominately black congregation, and Warner was its pastor before becoming our presbytery executive.

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statement of fact, it's a declaration of war, "he is not here, he is risen!" with the outcome of that war assured by the living, breathing presence of one who has gone ahead to Galilee.

Peter Gomes writes, "Easter is confrontational; you are hit in the face by it." The fearful reaction of the women at the tomb is a sober reminder that if one believes in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, one must give up believing in lesser powers. Hours before this confrontation at the empty tomb, the women believed in the authority of the Roman Empire, the religious authorities, power of death, and the sting of sin. By showing them the empty tomb, the young man declares: believe in the power of God. Believe in the power of forgiveness. Believe in the power of life. Everything else becomes a shadow across an empty tomb as the sun rises higher and higher.

Mark's account of the resurrection because it reminds us that the Lord we serve is more powerful than life or death, than angels or principalities, than things present or future, than anything in all creation. Particularly in these days of political turmoil, it is easy to become frightened by the power of nations, the power of weapons, the power of certain religions, the power of death. Human power is loud, flashy, intimidating. Who can fight against it?

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is confrontational. It confronts us when we think things have to be one

If you've watched the news and been vexed by the state of conversations over race in the U.S., please make time to gather on Wednesdays between March 29 and April 26, and on Sunday, April 23 and 30. It's a crucial opportunity for us to listen, as Christians, to the experiences of fellow Christians.

Wednesdays – Films for Discussion

March 29	42
April 5	Eyes on the Prize
April 12	The Dorothy Dandridge Story
April 19	Remember the Titans
April 26	President Obama's 2008 Speech on Race

Sundays

April 23	Hidden Figures
April 30	Loving

way, this way, or there's no way -- only to find God has rolled away the stone. It confronts us when we think we are in control, or we've lost control, or we're just plain lost—and we are pointed in the direction of Christ's presence. It confronts us when we think our lives are a mess, we're unworthy; we're can't be redeemed—only to learn that the message of Christ's resurrection is sent none other to Peter, who denied his Lord, three times.

This is not what we expected; it's better—greater—beyond our understanding and imagination. Suffering doesn't triumph. Sin doesn't destroy. Injustice doesn't prevail. Hatred doesn't rule.

Karh Barth has written, "The resurrection is truer than your sin, truer than all your experiences, truer than death, graves and hell. This freedom to rise from the dead in the victorious power of Christ, even though you are a sinner and mortal, God will gladly give you. This is the Easter message."

Like the the women who came to the tomb that morning, we have our minds set on earthly things. The young man in white knows what we are looking for; he know what we are expecting. But instead he tells us, "You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Go and see him."

That's more than we expected; far more than we hoped for. Alleluia!

OFFICE HOURS FOR SALLY HUGHES

Sally has office hours Tuesday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and also by appointment if someone needs to come by earlier or later.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Mary Berger – 5
Cindy Turner – 5
Tina Snodgrass – 8
Lila Newton – 10
Kathi Padgett – 11
Charlie Bundy – 12
Dirk Maxwell – 15
Evie Rutherford - 15
Mary Virginia Bond – 21
Marshall Maxwell - 22
Regine Olney – 22
Gretchen Webber - 24
Claude Spencer – 28
Leigh Bonner – 30

Our apologies if we have missed your birthday or if it is incorrect. If we have missed or muffed your special day please call the church office at 297-6513 and let us know.

SPECIAL GROUP ACTIVITY MEETINGS

*****Presbyterian Women** meet the first Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. in the Trinity parlor. Our next meeting is April 4. We will study Lesson 7 “According to the NonCanonical Gospels”, in our study book, “*Who Is Jesus?*” Please bring a sandwich or salad for lunch and a time of fellowship after the meeting.

***You are invited to join the **Changing Gears** group for lunch and fellowship at Westminster Presbyterian on Wednesday, April 26. Ann Neely from Vanderbilt University will speak about “The Civil Rights Movement in Literature for Young People”. Reservations for lunch are required by noon on the Friday before, and there is a \$10 charge for lunch. Call Jill at the Westminster church office (292-5526) for reservations or if you’d like more information.

PHILLIPYS’ BOOK PUBLISHED

David and Carol Phillipy announce the publication of their book, *The MS Warriors, A Love Story: Reversing Disability from Multiple Sclerosis Through Strength Training*, which is now being launched. This book is for those with MS, or other auto immune disorders, caregivers, family and friends of those with MS, health care providers or those who will simply enjoy an inspirational story. If you would like a copy of the book, you can email David or Carol Phillipy (dphillipy@comcast.net, cbphillipy@comcast.net), or purchase one from them on Sunday, where there will be a display in East Hall. The price is \$16.95 plus Tennessee sales tax. Other ways to purchase:

1) Through the publisher, HenschelHAUS: Direct link: <http://henschelhausbooks.com/product/the-ms-warriors/> People can pay with credit or debit card, PayPal, check or money order.

2) On Amazon.com The book is available in print and in Kindle format. It is the book with the blue cover.

3) On BarnesandNoble.com. Or at Barnes and Noble stores locally. The book is available in print.

THE ONLINE CALENDAR

For a complete list of activities, visit www.trinitypresnashville.org and click on “church calendar”. The calendar is updated regularly as activities are added, deleted, or changed. If your committee or group schedules a meeting using the church’s facilities, please contact Linda Rogers (297-6513 or linda@trinitypresnashville.org) so your meeting can be placed on the calendar, or if there is a facilities conflict, it can be resolved before scheduling.

VOLUNTEER AT TRINITY IN 2017

With our smaller numbers and as we are growing again, we need for everyone to pitch in in both small and large ways to keep the spirit and works of Trinity alive and well. Here are some ways, both old and new, that you can lend a hand:

***Volunteer to bring non-chocolate eggs, cookies, or to assist with the Easter Egg hunt on April 15. Sign up in the East Hall or see Sally.**

***Volunteer to assist with the Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering on April 29. See Judy Schomber or Sally.**

*Sign up for flowers on the flower calendar or call the church office. You may also write a check to the Flower fund to assure that flowers be on the chancel table each Sunday.

*Volunteer to usher. Ushers hand out bulletins, take up collection, and greet visitors. See Hank Schomber.

*Volunteer to open and close the church for one month. It takes about 10 minutes for both opening and closing.

*Volunteer to help with the immediate grounds maintenance (flower beds, shrubs, etc.). You may also write a check for Building and Grounds. Call the church office and leave a message for Charlie -- he will contact you.

*Volunteer to bring refreshments for after worship or to serve on the Fellowship Committee, which prepares and/or hosts Fellowship events like the Lenten Soup Suppers. You may also write a check for Fellowship Committee. See Judy Schomber.

*Help to build the Christian Education program by attending Sunday School. Sally Hughes is teaching a Bible Study Class.

*Offer to join one of Trinity’s standing committees -- Administration, Worship and Music, Facilities, Community Ministries, or Christian Education. Speak to a Session

member or the pastor about your interest.

*Contribute your ideas for classes, programs, organization, or use of facilities. Tell the pastor or place your idea in the collection plate. A session member will contact you. Be aware of all communications from the church (newsletter, Friday e-mail, special mailings, etc.) announcing new initiatives for maintenance, service, and outreach. The session will be exploring Trinity needs and desires in these areas and when they are announced, everyone will be asked to be involved in some way.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, taken at Easter, will be collected on Easter Sunday, April 16. This offering is one of 4 denominational offerings taken during the year.

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Direct recipients are Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self Development of People, and One Great Hour of Sharing Financials. Please give generously.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Sally Hughes

STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION January 19, 2017

Elders discussed the plans for Pastor Sally Hughes' Installation Service at 3 p.m. February 12.

The session reaffirmed the three short-term and three long term goals established at its retreat. Regarding the strengthening of the relationship with Linden Waldorf School, the pastor reported the weekly meeting with the LWS leadership had been re-established. In addition, an informal meeting of the LWS Board of Directors and Trinity's Session has been suggested. It was noted several activities involving both the school and church will be discussed during the coming weeks and months.

The Pastor also reported that LWS understands the need for a direct discussion about the status of the shared use agreement and financial arrangements for the school's space sharing. LWS has been going through an accreditation process, and that has consumed a lot of its attention. The school understands, however, the importance of turning to the status of the shared use agreement as expeditiously as reasonably possible.

The session expressed its appreciation for Linda Rutherford's work and for the continued assistance of Jeanne Lyles in preparing budget reports.

The session discussed the status of Trinity's capital replacement fund and a joint capital replacement fund with LWS and how their existence impact Trinity's financial options.

Pastor Sally Hughes is teaching a weekly Adult Bible Study Class on Sunday mornings. It has been very well received and all members and friends are encouraged to attend the 9:30 a.m. class.

Cindy Turner is continuing to provide Sunday School offerings for the children she watches over during the Sunday service.

Allen Brown reported that he and the Pastor had discussed writing a letter to be mailed to newcomers to the neighborhood, inviting them to worship at Trinity. There was discussion of using the *Green Hills News* to get out word about the changes and plans for revitalization at Trinity.

Martha Bartles has requested a transfer to First Presbyterian Church. in Nashville.

Bill Dougherty and Lee Anne O'Brien were elected Elder Commissioners to the February 4 Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Murfreesboro. 8

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING January 29, 2017

Members present heard a report on the 2017 budget and elected the 2017 Congregational Nominating Committee including Bill Dougherty and Lee Anne O'Brien (Session Representatives), Susan Brockett, Megan Rutherford and Judy Schomber, The pastor serves ex-officio.

STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION February 9, 2017

The session approved the consolidation of several memorial fund accounts into a single budget line item and place them into the general fund.

There was a discussion about a member family's financial difficulties and the session agreed to provide assistance along with strong encouragement that the family seek the counsel and additional outside assistance.

The Facebook page and revamped church website appear to be attracting greater interest. An ad has been placed on the Facebook page that will pop up within a geographic radius of 2.5 miles from Trinity. The Growth and Membership Committee has informally adopted the phrase "*The Small Church on the Big Hill, Open to All*" to capture Trinity's flavor in a single, short statement.

There was a discussion of the 15-foot long communion table in the Sanctuary. The table has four sets of legs and a center seam where it could be divided into two 7.5-foot sections, it can be readily split into two tables. This would make the table more functional for a service of communion and allow for greater flexibility. It would also make the table easier to move about the Sanctuary. Plans are underway to get a woodworker's proposal as to feasibility and anticipated cost involved.

A reception for the Trinity Session and Linden Waldorf School Board was set for March 6.

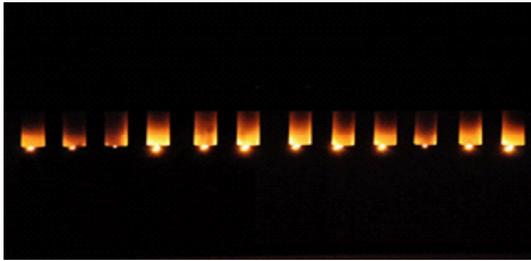
Sally Hughes and Linda Rogers attended a "*Windows on Waldorf*" program to help strengthen the bond between LWS and Trinity, and to better familiarize themselves with the school's programs. They both suggest that all interested Trinity members and friend take advantage of these regularly schedule programs.

Efforts continue to develop alternatives for updating and/or refurbishing the church sign on Hillsboro Road.

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LEARN ABOUT TENEBRAE

Tenebrae is the Latin word for shadows or darkness and is the name for a worship service during the Triduum (three days before the resurrection) which focuses on the solemn events of the last days of Jesus' life on earth and concluding with his death on the cross. The Triduum can include Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil services as part of the worship activities.



An ancient tradition in Christian history, the Tenebrae service falls on Good Friday and may include communion as part of worship. Candles are lit at the beginning of the service. The Christ candle may also be lit. During the service, a series of Bible passages are read, each one narrating a part of the crucifixion story, in chronological order, and at the conclusion of the reading, one of the candles is extinguished. Prayers and hymns may also be part of worship between the readings. As the passages are read and the candles extinguished, gradually the room is reduced to darkness. The diminishing light symbolizes the darkness of Jesus' death and of the hopelessness in the world without God.

If the Christ candle is used, it will be the final candle lit, and will be carried out of the sanctuary to symbolize the death of Jesus. In some Tenebrae services, a loud noise will be heard (loud closing of a book or other similar noise) to symbolize the death of Jesus and the closing of his tomb. The service is closed in silence, sometimes with a lighted candle (which has been hidden from view) placed atop the table to represent the resurrection and the return of hope.

Although there is no mention of the Tenebrae in the Bible, the traditional Tenebrae has been practiced for millennia by the Roman Catholic Church. Protestant churches have incorporated the Tenebrae, or parts of the Tenebrae, into their own Good Friday worship, often adding additional elements and alterations for modern congregations. However the service is performed, whether in traditional or modern form, worshippers often find the Tenebrae the most moving experience of the Easter season.



compiled from the following sources:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Tenebrae-service.html>

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/what-is-a-tenebrae-service>

STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

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Nations Ministry Center has been contacted about the possibility of the Center bringing their summer programs to Trinity.

The pastor is to meet with the Youth Ministry Architects organization about working with them to further develop our Christian Education and Youth Ministry programs.

The session agreed to Linden Waldorf School's plan to install two solar-powered portable flashing lights to indicate the school zone on Sharondale Drive during drop-off and pick-up times at LWS.

Although weather did not permit the opportunity for this year, the session approved a request from LWS for permission to tap maple trees on the property,

so the students could participate in and learn about making maple syrup if the opportunity arises in the next year.

The 2016 General Assembly Statistical Report has been prepared and approved.

The Lenten season calendar of activities will include an Ash Wednesday service, the church's traditional Lenten soup suppers and a Bible Study following the suppers. Holy Week activities will be presented later.

The Presbytery's Spring meeting of Presbyterian Women will be held at Trinity after Easter. This will be an opportunity to show the church off and will involve a worship service. Be looking for how you may participate.

FROM OUR MISSION WORKER, KARLA KOLL

Greetings from Costa Rica and the Latin American Biblical University (UBL) as we continue our journey through Lent. On March 24th, a church in St. Louis asked me to share via Skype in their weekly Lenten breakfast about what Lent means to me. I told them that I experience Lent as a time to stop and look around and realize that things are not as they should be in the world. We are so very far from living God's desires for God's creation. Lent is a time to let our hearts be broken by the things that break God's heart.

During Lent this year, the thoughts and prayers of the UBL community have been drawn to two situations close to us. On March 8th, International Women's Day, a fire in a government-run youth shelter in Guatemala claimed the lives of 40 teenage girls. In this facility, teenagers who had been abandoned, adolescents removed from their homes because of abuse, and disabled children whose families could not care for them, as well as youth who had run into trouble with the law, were all warehoused together in overcrowded conditions. The shelter was already under judicial review for abuse committed by staff, including rape. Dozens of teenagers had escaped the day before. The girls who were captured by police and returned were locked in a classroom overnight where they continued to protest. Apparently, the girls themselves lit a mattress on fire in the hope that staff would let them out of the classroom. The staff didn't unlock the door and 40 young women lost their lives. Throughout Latin America, indeed in much of the world, groups of young people are considered disposable as violence and neglect cut short their lives. We ask you to join us in praying for the families who have lost children in Guatemala as well as for ministries working with children throughout Latin America.

The destruction and loss of life caused by flooding in Peru is also on our hearts. We have six students from Peru in residence as well as many graduates there who keep us informed about what is happening. A coastal El Nino, an unusual warming of the surface temperature of the Pacific Ocean, is bringing torrential rains to the Peruvian coast, an area that typically sees little to no rainfall. The official death toll stands at 75, with tens of thousands already left homeless. Over half the country has been declared in a state of emergency. While the cyclical El Nino phenomenon has been documented for decades, climate change caused by human activity is making these weather events much more intense and more destructive. Please

pray for the affected communities in Peru and for all of those working in disaster response.

In our family, we have been dealing with health challenges. Tests at the end of February confirmed the Javier, my husband, is now diabetic. Both of us have a lot of experience with diabetes in our immediate families, so we have a good understanding of how to manage the disease. Still, it's hard for Javier, as a typical Nicaraguan, to restrict the quantities of tortillas and rice he eats. It is a very good thing that he likes vegetables and has never really cared for sweets. His blood sugar levels are now under control. Though he is taking small amounts of insulin now, we hope that he won't be insulin dependent. He is going to spend the first week of April in Nicaragua. We'll see how he does when he doesn't have much control over his diet. We appreciate your prayers for us as we continue adjusting to this new reality in our lives.

After months of planning, our John A. Mackay Conference on Latin American Theology is happening this month. We are expecting about 60 people to participate. The conference opens on Tuesday, April 18. Over the following two days, thirty-five academic papers will be delivered. Elsa Tamez, the former president of the UBL, and Luis Rivera Pagan are coming to deliver public lectures. As we approach the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, here in Latin America we are asking what has been the relationship between religious reform and social change. I am the coordinator of the conference, so I have my hands quite full. I am looking forward to the discussions and to meeting many of the people with whom I have been corresponding.

Along with the work of coordinating the conference, my duties as chair of the theology department continue as we prepare to end the current semester and start a new semester in early May. Our distant students need a lot of encouragement to set aside time from their ministries to dedicate to their studies. The e-mail messages I receive warm my heart. Almost every day a student writes to tell me how much he or she appreciates the opportunity to study with the UBL

In resurrection hope,

Karla

NASHVILLE CONCERTO ORCHESTRA'S WINTER CONCERT FULL OF PASSION AND MEANING

A Review
From *ArtsNash*

February 18, 2017 was looking to be just another rainy Saturday for most Nashvillians. However, the dreariness outside created just the right mood for the Nashville Concerto Orchestra's warm and inviting winter concert. The orchestra is an extension of the non-profit organization "Mozart in Nashville," and is comprised of Nashville musicians of all levels and professions. Its mission is to provide instrumentalists the opportunity to perform solo with an orchestra; this particular concert featured three soloists.

Charming and heartwarming are two words that truly embody the essence of the entire concert experience. In the beautifully spare sanctuary of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, families, friends, and strangers sat among the pews preparing to hear the orchestra. A friendly, casual vibe was established immediately, and chatter among audience members and musicians continued right up until 12:02 p.m. At this time, Roger Wiesmeyer, principal English horn of the Nashville Symphony and "Spark Plug/Co-Conspirator" (according to the program) of the Nashville Concerto Orchestra, took the stage to begin introductions.

After brief and engaging remarks, Wiesmeyer turned the microphone over to a woman who proceeded to touch upon what, for me, is the true purpose of music. As the mother of Zoe Marie of the Zoe Marie Brain Tumor Research Advised Fund, she expressed her appreciation for the orchestra and the gift that it provides to her and her husband. At the conclusion of her remarks, the concert began.

The first piece on the program was 20th-century Spanish composer Joaquin Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez*. Grant Ferris, guitar, was awarded the opportunity to perform this work.

The second and third movements of J.S. Bach's famous *Concerto in D minor for Two Violins* followed, with Stefan Petrescu, a faculty member at the Tennessee State University, and Jocelyn Jones Sprouse, Director of Strings at the Linden Waldorf School, as the featured soloists. Sprouse began with a sweet, smooth tone that instantly drew the audience in. Petrescu's entrance only added to this luxurious texture, complemented beautifully by the orchestra and the ever-present stability of the lower strings. There was immediate fire in the third movement that did not cease even for a second. The natural communication between the soloists made for not only a well-executed but also a visibly engaging performance. The soloists concluded the concert with exhilaration and delight. A resounding "Wow" was heard from a member of the audience as the violinists lifted their bows from the string.

With the remarks and the performances, The Nashville Concerto Orchestra displayed the aspects of classical music that are oftentimes lost: the authenticity, the pure and genuine joy it can generate. Orchestras such as theirs remind us classical music listeners that perfection need not be the ultimate goal; rather, the creation of meaningful music should be the priority.

GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER AT RIVERBEND

As Trinity has done annually for several years, there will be a Great Vigil of Easter Service Saturday, April 15, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on death row at Riverbend Prison. If you are interested in participating contact David Phillipy at dphillipy@comcast.net.

April 2017

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 5th Sunday in Lent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship/Communion First Sunday Fellowship Time After worship Choir Rehearsal	3 Church Office Closed	4 11 am Presbyterian Women	5 5:45 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8
9 Passion/Palm Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship Fellowship Time	10 Church Office Closed 12:30-1 Prayer Service	11 12:30-1 Prayer Service	12 12:30-1 Prayer Service 5:45 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	13	14 Good Friday 12:30-1 Prayer Service 7:30 pm Good Friday Service	15 2 pm Community Easter Egg Hunt Easter Vigil/ Communion at Riverbend
16 Easter! 7:00 am Sunrise Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:15 am Easter Breads 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship/Communion Fellowship Time	17 Church Office Closed	18	19	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21	22
23 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship/Fellowship	24 Church Office Closed	25	26 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	27 7 pm Session Meeting	28 6 pm LWS Spring Concert	29 7 am-3 pm Middle TN Presbyterian Women
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