

THE TRINITY TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2021

From the Pastor

Will told me that when a person gets a tune stuck in his or her head, that's called an "earworm." Here's the full definition: "An earworm, sometimes referred to as a brainworm, sticky music, stuck song syndrome is a catchy and/or memorable piece of music or saying that continuously occupies a person's mind even after it is no longer being played or spoken about." Lately, my earworm has been a song called "A Gandy Dancer" which is a song that I learned in my fifth grade music class. Mrs. Margaret Adelman was the teacher, and because of Mrs. Adelman, this 65 year old can sing every word of "A Gandy Dancer." There are a number of other songs that I can still sing from that class: "Mr. Moon," "Sleep Kentucky Babe," etc. plus I can still sing the alto harmony to "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies."

Music has always been an important part of my life and my faith. I can remember Sunday school assemblies at which my sister Judy played the piano while Mrs. Alice Ewing led the singing. I was especially fond of singing "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus," and when Will played it on the piano last Sunday in worship, I was transported back to the 2nd floor of Trinity's educational building.

This pastor's message is a word of appreciation to any and all people who have taught music in school or in worship settings. I am grateful to every person who has sung in a chorus or a choir, who has

enriched worship with beautiful melody, sung or played. I am appreciative of the sacrifice of time in practicing music and performing music. I count on the fact that if everything else in a worship service falls flat (sermon in particular!) the music will always carry the message of God's love.

Music enriches our faith, even if we can't sing. I can remember a gentleman in the first church that I served who loved the chorus of "We Three Kings" and belted out that "OhhhOhhh Staaar of Wonder" with great joy but not great talent. He also loved the "o'er" in "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me." Our Florida grandmother couldn't carry a tune in a bucket but she embraced "Blessed Assurance" with much ferocity.

I am grateful to my husband, Will, who, for over 35 years, has taught his various church choirs so much wonderful music. That music lives in me, and returns to me in good times and in bad times, comforting as well as contemplative, celebratory and wonderfully complicated.

Especially during this pandemic, I am glad to have the "earworm" of sacred music. It's a blessing to know that when we can't sing as a congregation, we can sing together in our hearts.



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TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Sally Hughes, Pastor

William E. Berger, Minister of Music

Linda Rogers, Office Manager

Jeff Durham, Facilities Manager

SESSION MEMBERS

Sally Hughes, Moderator

Viris Baker (2020)

Lucas Bates (2022)

Vera Billington (2022)

Jackie Elbert (2022)

Hank Howerton (2020)

Paul Parker (2021)

Linda Rutherford (2020)

George Ward (2022)

Aad Zeeuw (2021)

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND LECTIONARY READINGS

- April 4 **Resurrection of the Lord/Easter**
Acts 10:34-43 *or* Isaiah 25:6-9 *and*
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
or Acts 10:34-43;
John 20:1-18 *or* Mark 16:1-8
Easter Evening:
Isaiah 25:6-9 *and* Psalm 114;
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49
- April 11 **Second Sunday of Easter**
Acts 4:32-35 *and* Psalm 133;
1 John 1:1—2:2; John 20:19-31
- April 18 **Third Sunday of Easter**
Acts 3:12-19 *and* Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7;
Luke 24:36b-48
- April 25 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 4:5-12 *and* Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24;
John 10:11-1

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW ELDERS!

At its online congregational meeting, the congregation has elected Vira Baker, Jane Cooper and Benita Sims as elder in the class of 2023. After a period of office training, these new elders will be ordained/installed. Congratulations to Vira, Jane and Benita!

JOIN THE HANDBELL CHOIR!

If you are interested in learning how to play the handbells and being part of a handbell choir, please let Linda Rogers or Will Berger know. The handbell choir might be our next chancel choir, until singing is safe during worship.



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Trinity will have an Easter sunrise service on April 4 in the amphitheater (weather permitting). We will also have an Easter worship service at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary, but we'll keep everyone posted.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES/ACTIVITIES

Daily Lenten Readings – posted on Facebook Live each morning

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7:00 p.m. – Sanctuary & Facebook Live:

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Communion Service

Good Friday, April 2, 8:30 a.m. – Facebook Live

Prayer Service

Easter Sunday, April 4

Sunrise Service 7 a.m. - Outside

Easter Sunday Service 11 a.m. – Sanctuary & Facebook Live

PRAYER TIME

On Friday mornings, Sally Hughes offers a Facebook Live prayer time beginning at 8:30 as any provided by members or friends. The prayer time will consist of opening words of scripture, a psalm reading, then prayer, and conclude with the Lord's prayer. If you are a Facebook member, you can submit prayer requests via the comments, and if you are not, you can send them via text to Sally (615-594-5765) or email. These Facebook prayer times will NOT be saved on the Facebook page as our worship services are saved.

IN LIEU OF EASTER FLOWERS – ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING DONATIONS

Through the Presbyterian Church USA's One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering, our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, food for the hungry, and community development that helps people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. During this time when needs are so great, **in lieu of purchasing commemorative flowers for Easter Sunday, we will make donations to OGHS.** Please make your donation in honor, celebration or memory of someone. Just include that in a note with your check or reply to this e-mail. For example, "from John Doe, in memory of Jane Doe." For Easter Sunday, there will be a listing of those commemorated through donations. You may send a check payable to "Trinity Presbyterian Church" and designate it "OGHS Offering".

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Mary Lu Kells – 4

Mary Berger – 5

Cindy Turner – 5

Charlie Bundy – 12

Evie Rutherford - 15

Michael Cuppett - 25

Claude Spencer – 28



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, April 6 at 11 a.m. on Zoom. We will study Lesson 7, "Creation Laments" in *Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament Lament*. We'll provide you with a Zoom link for the study.

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be offered only by Zoom and will be Wednesday, April 14 at 6 p.m. The book for April is *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Looking ahead:

May 12 *"The Essex Serpent"* - Perry

June 9 *"Code Name Helene"* - Lawhon

July 14 *"The Last Castle"* - Kiernan

If you would like to be on the email list for the book club, please let Carla McDonough (carla_mcdonough@bellsouth.net) or Katy Wilson (katybwilson@gmail.com) know.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS!

A big thank you to everyone who has been mailing their financial contribution to the church! That is so wonderful! Please continue to remember pledges and contributions to the church via the US Post office, or online if you have the ability to send payments through your bank. As always, we should be careful but not fearful. We should practice compassion as

well as cleanliness. Whether sick or well, we are in the hands of a loving God.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation,
whom shall I fear?*

*The Lord is stronghold of my life, of
whom shall I be afraid?*

*Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your
heart take courage; wait for the
Lord! (from Psalm 27)*

PREPARING FOR SPRING ISSUE OF NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please e-mail or call the church office and leave a message if you need to update your information or if you were not in the previous directory and would like to be included. Thanks



TRINITY TRACKINGS

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

If you would like the minister to offer prayer on your behalf or on behalf of someone else, please call the office and leave a message with a prayer request or email at sally.hughes@trinitypresnashville.org.

-For the families of those who were killed in Atlanta and in Boulder, CO.

-Mary Lu Kells who fell and broke her shoulder.

-Sympathy for the family of Martha Bartles, former Trinity member. She died March 12 at Richland Place Health Care Center. A memorial concert will be held at a later date. The family requests donations to Linden Waldorf School in lieu of flowers.

-Sarah Johnson, who has a reoccurrence of cancer.

-Raymond White, who is in hospice care.

-Frances Burns who is recovering from hip surgery. Frances is at NHC Dickson, TN.

-Dale Manning, who is in the hospital undergoing tests.

-Hayden Bagsby.

-Jim and Thoma Parker's son, Piero, as he prepares to leave the end of March for a year in Bahrain.

- Friends of Ruth Arnold: Judith Barrom who is recuperating from a fall on ice and the resulting 2 broken bones in her back. Prognosis is a three month healing process. And Scott Boyer who is undergoing medical tests.
- Denese Sanders Leonard, niece of Joan Dougherty, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Mary Anne Berger, Will's mother, who is in hospice care at her home in Mississippi.
- Nancy Bond, who continues to recover at her sister's home in Spring Hill, TN.
- Steve Sanders, who is diagnosed with cancer.
- Friend of Joe Brady, Steve Johnson who has cancer
- Friend of Linda Rutherford: Diane Hubbs
- Derrie Edge, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- These folks who are in assisted living facilities: **Frances Burns, Norma Johnson, John McRae**. Please consider sending these folks a letter or card, as they are not able to receive visitors at this time. If you don't have the addresses, please call the church office.
- Joel Guest, son of Sara and Bob Guest
- Bill and Joan Dougherty, at home.
- Bill Barger and Kim Dougherty
- Norma DeJarnette
- For those who care for loved ones who are unable to care for themselves.
- All those affected by COVID-19, whether physically, emotionally, spiritually or financial

ENTERED THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Martha Jean Smith Bartles

December 31, 1931, – March 12, 202

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, blessed indeed, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds do follow them”

BIRD'S EYE VIEW AT TRINITY...

(Note: Not all the facts of this story have been confirmed; however, this is THE STORY as gleaned by a big birdy with big ears and eyes at the church!)

One muddy day in March, the first graders of Linden Waldorf School were exploring the area near their outdoor classroom behind the sanctuary. Much to their surprise, they found a concrete block with letters on it...and another...and another...and another until 15 blocks with scriptures were excavated! Sherri Scott, the first grade teacher contacted Pastor Sally Hughes, and the research began. After lots more digging into church records and contacting some youth group members of the 1997 project, no further revelations surfaced.

On Friday, March 26, 2021, 24 years after the blocks were created, a first-class, first grade event, transported the blocks in a wheelbarrow to a more prominent viewing site on the church's front lawn. Jeff Durham, Trinity's Facilities Manager, led the pack as well as the educational effort on how to plant a rose. He explained that he was planting 2 more roses near the 1 existing rose to equal 3 – since "Trinity" means "three". Sally served as the official shovel bearer alongside the troop escorting the wheelbarrow. With the pandemic and all of us safely masked for the occasion, Jeff noted "Looks like we just robbed a bank and are making off with the loot!" And so we did: make off with the loot of a delightful shared memory on a glorious day at Trinity Presbyterian Church!



THANK YOU LINDEN WALDORF SCHOOL FIRST GRADERS!





Sally hands off the shovel...



Bringing forth the first rose to plant!



Jeff teaches the first graders how to plant a rose.

Staff photos