

THE TRINITY TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST, 2018

From the pastor

Even if you've never been fishing, you know that a fish story implies exaggeration. "I caught a bass that was THIS BIG," says the fisher person, "but then I threw him back." Or, "you should have seen the size of that fish on the end of my reel—I know I spent an hour trying to land him before the line finally snapped." Or, as John writes in his gospel, "we threw our net on the right side of the boat and we caught 153 fish!" (John 21: 1 – 19)

153 fish...really! Not a net full of fish, or a huge haul of fish but 153 fish—count 'em. 153.

It's such a curious detail for John to include in this story, the exact number of fish caught in the net. So curious a detail that ancient Biblical scholars had to speculate on what the number 153 meant.

In the 3rd Century, Jerome, a church scholar, wrote that since Greek zoologist had identified 153 species of fish, the number 153 signifies the inclusion of all people in the church's mission.

Augustine, Bishop of Africa in the late 4th century/early 5th century, noted that that the sum of all the numbers from 1 to 17 equals 153, and since 17 is the sum of 10 plus 7, the numbers signify the Ten Commandments plus the seven gifts of the Spirit which means 153 means the fulfillment of the law through the Spirit.

Cyril, bishop of Alexandria, in the 5th century, decided that 100 represented the fullness of the Gentiles, 50 the remnant of Israel, and 3 was the Holy Trinity.

One New Testament professor has written that John used the number 153 because there were, in fact, 153 fish caught in that net. No doubt someone present at the scene took the time to count them all, presumably making that person late for the breakfast on the beach while so doing!

But perhaps—just perhaps—the meaning of the 153 fish is not symbolic or even literal. Perhaps the 153 fish are, less formulaic and more descriptive of God's abundant grace in our lives. Or to put it another way, 153 fish equals six 30 gallon jars of water-turned-into-wine equals five loaves and two fish feeding 5000 people equals Jesus' words and deeds that couldn't be contained in a world full of books. 153 fish is abundance. 153

fish exceeds expectations. 153 fish is overflowing. 153 is incredible. 153 fish is miraculous.

153 fish were immediately caught in a net only after Jesus appeared on the scene and gave instructions on what to do. Compare that to a net that remained empty all night long after the disciples took off on their own without Jesus present.

Without Jesus, all night and early morning long, the disciples engaged in a repetitive and unsuccessful task of casting and throwing the net into the sea and didn't catch even so much as a minnow for a meal. With Jesus, the disciples enjoyed a haul of 153 fish plus a hearty, delicious breakfast cooked over a charcoal fire.

Go further back in John's gospel: without Jesus, the wedding guests were staring into their empty cups. With Jesus, it's a happy wedding celebration with the best wine.

With Jesus, no one in the crowd goes hungry and there are twelve baskets of food left over.

With Jesus, Mary's broken jar of nard saturated the stale, musty room with the smell of perfume.

It's likely that at the time John wrote his gospel, the number 153 stood for something or someone. Now it's a number that we can no longer decipher even though it might have been immediately familiar to those first century Christians.

Like right now when we say 9/11 and everyone in the United States knows our meaning. But future generations may have to do a little research to discover what we know off the top of our heads, or someone from another country might have to have that number explained.

Regardless of whether we know the specific meaning of the 153 fish, or if there is a specific meaning to the 153 fish, from this story we do know that following Jesus assures each one of us that our labors will never be in vain, or our net will never be empty, that we will never hunger or thirst because Jesus will be right there, cooking us breakfast.

Follow Jesus and expect to haul in a life full of grace, of love, of peace, of abundance. Follow Jesus and be surprised by such a large catch and such a strong net that doesn't break or tear under the weight.

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From the pastor (continued from page 1)

Follow Jesus and be astonished at the number of sheep and lambs who come running to hear the message of grace, love, peace and abundance. Follow Jesus and rest assured our labors will never be in vain. Follow Jesus and be certain that our lives will always have purpose—nets to throw into the world and people to tend and feed with the good news of the gospel.

153 is the number which reminds us of God's abundant grace when the pain and suffering of this life causes us to lose sight of Jesus. 153 is the number which convinces us that in Christ our work has meaning, on days when we think we're completing just one repetitious task after another. 153 is the number we recall when we need to be assured of how God so loved the world—that God gave us God's only son that we might not die but enjoy everlasting life.

Karoline Lewis, a professor at Luther Seminary, writes, "The whole gospel of John is about abundant grace. Grace upon grace in John 1:16, but after the Prologue, no mention of grace ever again. Why? What good is the incarnation if you can't touch, taste, smell, see, and hear it? So 153 fish is that very truth. This fourth resurrection appearance is to reveal that grace upon grace is true. By definition, grace upon grace cannot be restrained to a passage, to a gospel, and that's the point of John 21. To show, by a ridiculous amount of fish, that God's grace cannot

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND LECTIONARY READINGS

**August 5 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost/
Celebration of the Lord's Supper**
2 Samuel 11:26--12:31a; Psalm 5:1-12;
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 12 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 150;
Ephesians 4:25--5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 19 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111;
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 5:51-58

August 26 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43;
Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69



be limited to the incarnation, to the crucifixion, to the tomb, to the resurrection, and certainly not to the end of a Gospel story called John."

There's a lot of hyperbole in the gospel of John. Wine at a wedding that doesn't run out. A little bit of food that feeds 5000 people with leftovers. Not enough books in the world to contain all that Jesus did. 153 fish caught in a net that didn't tear.

John's hyperbole isn't a bad thing; it's a good thing. It's the only way to communicate the depth and breadth and length and height of God's love. "When lack is transformed to abundance. When despair is moved to hope. When abandonment is replaced with the restoration of relationship." (Lewis)

153 fish was only to describe "grace upon grace" to someone who has lost all hope, or when we wonder if what we are doing matters, or when you think you have no future ahead of you, or when our spiritual well has dried up, or when we doubt that God's grace is true, or if God's grace is really for you.

That's when we see them: flipping, flopping, shining in the morning sun. 153 fish.

And that's when we hear Jesus say, "Come, and have breakfast."

SUMMER WORSHIP AT TRINITY



photos by Hank Schomber

The Summer Singers has steadily grown during June and July and the congregation enjoys singing along with the favorite hymns during the offertory.

Sara Guest joined the church on July 22 (see page 7) and immediately leaped into the life of the church, singing with the Summer Singers, reading the first Bible lesson, and bringing food and grilling at the church picnic.

DR. BILL WILSON ADDRESSES TRINITY GROUP ON JULY 6

Over 20 Trinity members and friends assembled to hear Dr. Bill Wilson, founder of the The Center for Healthy Churches, speak on the role of the church in today's society and on the future of Trinity. Dr. Wilson believes that, as difficult as it is to be a church today, there has never been a day when the church was more needed.

Dr. Wilson began with facts about today's church: over 90% of all churches are in decline; 1 in 3 persons in the workforce work on Sunday; 2% of churches close every year and 1 in 4 will close by 2030; there are estimates of 40%-50% of current churches will close by 2040; 17% of Americans are in a church on any given Sunday; 75% of members of megachurches are transfers from other churches, not new converts.

Among the characteristics of healthy churches are that they are a community of Jesus followers, they share a vision, have a thriving ministry, and trusted leadership.

A FOND FAREWELL TO SARA CRIGGER

Long-time member of Trinity's choir Sara Crigger will be leaving us following the August 5 service. Sara has accepted a choir position with First Presbyterian Church.

We will honor Sara's service to Trinity - the mezzo-soprano voice in many beautiful solos and support to the choir during anthems, special worship services, and concerts -- following the service on August 5.

We wish Sara success in her new position and hope that she will find the time to visit us occasionally in the future. Please join us in wishing Sara well on August 5.

ADULT EDUCATION IN AUGUST

As a follow-up to our Congregational Conversations (July 6), I would like for as many of us to read and study together *The Sailboat Church* by Joan S. Gray. There will be two opportunities to read and study this book: first, we will read and study it in Sunday School beginning August 5 at 9:30 a.m., and second, beginning Thursday, August 9, at 7 p.m. If you would like a copy of the book, please add your name to the sign-up sheet

in East Hall. The cost is \$9.00. If you want to order your own copy of the book, it is available through Amazon.com and also through Christianbooks.com. I want to encourage everyone to read this book as I think it offers much hope and insight for our future in the location where God has placed us! [Note: If you cannot make either study time, but would like to study the book, please let me know and we'll see if we can work out an additional study opportunity.] -Sally



Ease into fall with the Trinity Ice Cream Social on August 26, followed by a worship service in the amphitheater. The Ice Cream Social will begin at 4:30 p.m.

The Fellowship Committee will provide ice cream, toppings, sprinkles, cones, and water and lemonade for all who attend. Linden Waldorf School will be invited and you are invited to bring along guests so that everyone will have an opportunity to meet and mingle over a favorite cool treat.

HELP GROW OUR CHURCH!

In August, 2016, the Administrative Commission of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee approved a three-year plan for encouraging the future of Trinity Presbyterian Church. One of the agreed upon goals in that plan is that by the end of 2020, the membership roll at Trinity would be 120 members. Presently, our membership roll is at 53 members. In order of us to meet the goal of 120 members, all of us need to be engaged in inviting folks to come and join Trinity! Please prayerfully consider folks who might be looking for a church home and invite them to worship! And if you have been worshipping at Trinity and would like to become a member, please let Sally or one of the elders know. We receive members by transfer of letter, reaffirmation of faith, or profession of faith.

A LETTER FROM SPENCE

July 7, 2018

Dear Sally & All,

Hope this letter finds you and my whole Trinity family healthy and happy.

Sorry it's been so long in writing. I have been working 7 days a week, even on the 4th of July, so not much time to do much else. I'm working 12 - 14 hours a day, so I know the true meaning of overtime!

Work has been great. I have a boss that is a Christian and better than that, he is a Presbyterian! He and his brothers own the company that their father started. They are happy with the work I do and my work ethic. After 2 months and 7 days a week, I hope so. I did have Memorial Day off though.

I hope that I can get out of here soon. Ben and all at Phil's firm have been working on this for so long and have never given up on me. Neither has my Trinity family.

You know you hear of people being put in prison for something they didn't do, and you think, no there's more to it, but it can and does happen, and the system goes political and popular instead of God-like. So it's very much appreciated that all has stayed in my support.

God bless my whole family at Trinity.

Spence

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Sally Hughes

STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION MAY 18, 2018

At its Stated Meeting on May 18, 2018, The Session reported Linden Waldorf has agreed to the general conditions of a new two-year agreement for July 2018-June 2020. It was noted the new agreement will mean an increase in payments to Trinity. The session reviewed the terms of the new agreement and agreed to formally present it to the school's Board. The ensuing discussion centered around LWS' recent indication of its intention to find property of its own. The general feeling was disappointment after the new agreement discussions had gone well and included conversation about LWS' future on Trinity's campus. The session agreed it would like to have a meeting with LWS representatives about keeping each other informed. It was also agreed that Trinity needed to establish its own program to identify a possible replacement in the event LWS does leave.

There was also discussion about Trinity's future and developing plans to meet and/or negotiate the Presbytery requirements placed on this congregation.

Linden Waldorf requested adding school signs along Hillsboro Road and at the Sharondale entrance. There was some confusion because previous discussions involved a shared sign at the Hillsboro driveway entrance. There was also a suggestion that the school might be able to use the outer walls of the Sharondale entrance bridge to place identifying signage. (Trinity is identified on the inner walls.) Elder Matt Rutherford was asked to meet with LWS representatives.

The Session approved getting an appraisal of the insurance value of the fresco artwork in the Parlor. Elder Hank Schomber was to contact an appraiser and work with them.

The session formally approved the transfer of the pastor's office and nursery to LWS so the space can be renovated and used by the school as a classroom. An Addendum to the 2013 Space Sharing Agreement states that "Linden Waldorf shall be responsible for the design and reconfiguration of this space and all expenses pertaining to this conversion." The session will approve the new design before the renovation begins. The pastor will relocate her office to the Parlor.

The session approved a request from Meredith Pittman to plant a weeping willow tree in Trinity's lower front yard in memory of her sister Abby. The sisters were long time visitors and participants in

the Miss Martha's Ice Cream Crankin' when it was held at Trinity and they fondly remember the Trinity lawn. Charlie Bundy will select the exact spot.

June 9 was set as a work day at Trinity. Elder Bill Dougherty will prepare a list of projects.

The Christian Science church declined Trinity's offer for them to use our facilities on Sunday afternoons while they were building their new building.

Trinity will join with Hillsboro Presbyterian Church and Hillwood Presbyterian in hosting the Burke (VA) Presbyterian Church Youth Choir in concert on June 21. The choir will perform and be housed at Hillsboro. Trinity and Hillwood will assist with preparing an evening meal and Friday breakfast.

The pastor will be on vacation June 24 and July 1.

On July 8, choir member Sarah Crigger will present a concert at Trinity.

The pastor announced evening prayer services will be held July 29 and August 26 in the amphitheater. The July service will be preceded by a church picnic and in August we will have an ice cream social.

September 9 will be designated "Welcome Sunday" in which we encourage folks to join us for worship and stay afterward for lunch.

At a Called Meeting on May 18, 2018, the Session received Sara Guest, who has been regularly attending Trinity, as a new member by transfer of letter from Belle Meade United Methodist Church.



**SIGN UP
FOR FAMILY
CAMP!**

This year, Trinity's church camp will be dinner on Friday, September 14 through breakfast on Sunday, September 16. We are hoping that a lot of you will sign up to spend one or two days and nights at the beautiful NaCoMe Camp and Conference Center in Pleasantville, TN. Last year, Trinity folks enjoyed the giant swing, the zip line, swimming, catching critters in the creek, making s'mores, nature crafts, music and eating! So that we can have an idea of how many folks are going (which determines the cost per person), please call the church office to let Linda know, or sign up in 5 East Hall or in the narthex. All ages welcomed!!

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.

PREPARING FOR FALL ISSUE OF CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's time for a directory update! This year, we're planning to create a photo directory. Thanks to Aad Zeeuw's generous offer to serve as our photographer, photos will be taken after worship on August 12, 19 and 26. Also, we're going to use this opportunity to update our records with emergency contact info. So when you have your picture taken, there will be a card to fill out with the info you want in the directory as well as emergency info that will be maintained in the church office. Watch the weekly e-mail for more details.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Evelyn Biggers – 4
Norma DeJarnette - 7
Sofia Monterroso - 11
Frances Burns - 13
Harrison Elbert - 14
Judy Schomber - 21

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

Wandering Presbyterians are going theatrical! Adults, join us...

Thursday, August 16... *Sister Act* Matinee with lunch option at the Chaffin's Barn Theatre. \$20 for noon matinee; \$8.50 for box lunch at 11 a.m. (delicious chicken salad, pasta salad, fruit salad, chocolate chip cookie and dinner roll). OR you can bring your own lunch. Beverages (coffee, tea, water, soft drinks) are free with purchase of matinee ticket. Advance reservations are needed by August 1. You may sign up in the East Hall, call the office at 615-297-6513, or e-mail office@trinitypresnashville.org. Carpool will leave from the church at 10:30 a.m.

*****Presbyterian Women** meet the first Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. in the Trinity parlor. Please bring a sandwich or salad for lunch and a time of fellowship after the meeting. The first fall meeting of PW will be Tuesday, September 4. We will begin the new study book *God's Promise: I Am with You*, Introduction and Lesson One. August is the month to order study books. Let Judy Schomber know if you want one so Linda can order all of them at once.

***You are invited to join the **Changing Gears** group for lunch and fellowship at Westminster Presbyterian on Wednesday, August 22, at 11 a.m. Flautist, Ann Richards, was former Assistant Principal of the Nashville Symphony for forty years. Now retired, she is joined by husband, bassist Glen Wanner and son, guitarist Marcus Wanner, to present a "family" musical program. Ann has often played for Westminster worship services. Reservations for lunch are required by noon on the Friday before, and there is a \$10 charge for lunch. Call Trisha Biggs at the Westminster church office (292-5526) for reservations or if you'd like more information.

***Invitation to help with Habitat! First Presbyterian Church Nashville has invited Trinity to join in the fall Habitat Build. Volunteers do NOT need experience – there's something productive that anyone can do. Heavy lifting is not required. The location is in the North part of Nashville, near the intersection of Briley Parkway and I-24. If you are interested, e-mail the office for a description of the typical activities for each of the build dates and contact info for signing up. Build dates are on Saturdays and Sundays: 9/22-23, 9/29-30, 10/6-7, 10/13-14.

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 (297-6513 or office@trinitypresnashville.org) so your meeting can be placed on the calendar, or if there is a facilities conflict, it can be resolved before scheduling.

TRINITY TRACKINGS

If you have any news or announcements to share with the congregation, please pass them along to Sally via e-mail or word-of-mouth or drop a note in the offering plate on Sunday so they may be shared in the next Trinity Trackings column. Any and all tidbits of news are welcome!



We welcome Sara Shepard Guest as the newest member of Trinity Presbyterian Church! Sara joined by transfer of letter on July 22nd. Sara is a singer/entertainer and you can hear her on Facebook (Sara Shepard - Singer/Entertainer). Sara is also a wonderful cook! She is originally from Gautier, MS, is married to Bob Guest. They have a son, Joel, who lives in Florida. Welcome, Sara!

Rob, Amber and Xander Rutherford recently enjoyed a trip to Canada.

In June, Lila Newton was honored for her 20 years, 8000 hours of volunteer work at St. Thomas Hospital. Congratulations, Lila!

Robert and Linda Rutherford had a wonderful vacation in Ireland. AND in an odd coincidence, when Sally Hughes and her family were on vacation at Pawleys Island, she asked a random family on the beach if they would take the Berger-Hughes family photo. It turned out that family—Buz, Jeanne Ellen, Beth and Leigh Graham--were from Nashville, and Jeanne Ellen is Robert Rutherford’s first cousin!

Former Pastor Heidi-Hudnut Beumler has been name Designated Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian.

Former Trinity member Ashley McFaul-Erwin was recommended for ordination and placement at the Open Door, a CPE Residency program at St. Thomas West Hospital.

Former associate Janet Salyer and her husband Carson have been named interim co-pastors of Harpeth Presbyterian Church in Brentwood.

Former Trinity member Lee Catoe has been accepted for Candidacy by the Presbytery. Lee is currently in his final year of Divinity School at Vanderbilt.

Booth Chapman is recovering from injuries suffered in an automobile accident while in West Virginia in late July.

Member and elder Judy Schomber was asked to serve as ruling elder commissioner at the service of installation of Rev. Michael McLaughlin at First Presbyterian Church in Cookeville on August 19.

Rev. Warner Durnell, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee was honorably retired (effective August 1).



WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT TRAVELING WITH MEDICARE

Planning to travel abroad? Before you go, remember to look into Medicare coverage outside the United States.

If you have Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance), your health care services and supplies are covered when you're in the U.S. However, in general, Medicare won't pay for health care services or supplies if you travel outside the U.S. (except in these rare cases).

That doesn't mean you have to travel abroad without coverage. Here are 3 ways you can get health coverage outside the U.S.:

If you have a Medigap policy, check your policy to see if it includes coverage when traveling outside the U.S.

If you have another Medicare health plan (instead of Original Medicare), check with your plan to see if they offer coverage outside the U.S.

Purchase a travel insurance policy that includes health coverage.

Find out more at Medicare.gov. Safe travels!

Sincerely,

The Medicare Team

AVOID SCAMS

What should you do if someone calls and asks for your information, for money, or threatens to cancel your health benefits if you don't share your personal information? Hang up! It's a scam. Scam artists may try to steal your personal information by calling you and asking for your current Medicare Number to get your new Medicare card.

Medicare will never call uninvited and ask you to give personal information or money to get your new Medicare Number or card. Learn what to do if you get a suspicious call like this.

Remember: Your new Medicare card will automatically come to you in the mail. You don't need to do anything, as long as your address is up-to-date with the Social Security Administration. If you need to update or verify your address, visit your My Social Security account.

Sincerely,

The Medicare Team

A HEALTHY TRINITY IS UP TO EVERYONE

By Hank Schomber
Clerk of Session

It is no secret that Trinity needs to grow—and it's not just Trinity, but all churches in Christendom.

At the July 28 Presbytery meeting, we heard an excellent presentation on church growth by The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church (USA). He pointed out how all churches are facing this same dilemma and not just "churches" but "all Christians" who must find ways to bring people to (and/or "back to") Christ.

So, we are not alone as we journey down this highway.

Early in July, Sally arranged for a congregational gathering to hear an excellent presentation by Rev. William Wilson on the challenges before the church. Sally is following up on that discussion with the with a month-long study of the book "The Sailboat Church" by Joan S. Gray.

The Session has also determined to follow-up, asking Rev. Wilson to assist us with a Healthy Choice visioning and strategic planning process. In reply, Rev. Wilson notes his approach will seek, require, a high level of congregational participation and aims to engender a high level of congregational ownership for "the ministry vision" we will develop.

"It is important to note that this re-visioning work is intended to be the work of the congregation and not just its leaders or the consultant. The actual work required to accomplish the desired outcomes must be carried out by the congregation itself with the facilitation team if it is to be meaningful and effective. The consultant will act as guide, coach and facilitator as needed, but cannot do the congregation's work for them."

In other words, Trinity's future and growth is going to be up to us. It is going to take a commitment from everyone at Trinity.

We are going to have to be ready to give time and effort to moving Trinity forward. Our church, our God — must be a priority in our lives.

We are a such small congregation that none of us have the luxury of saying, "we've got plenty of folks, great leaders, they'll get this done."

No, it is going to take us all being active, being committed, to make this happen.

We all have a lot invested in our beloved Trinity.

We all want to see our church be revitalized, move forward and grow.

We all must now step forward and make the time to take part in making that happen.

SAVE THE DATES:

· Sun., Aug. 26...Ice Cream Social and Evening Worship at 4:30 p.m. in the Amphitheatre.

· Sun., Sept. 9...Welcome Sunday and Lunch after Worship

· Sun., Sept. 23...Gospel Messengers Concert at 2 p.m. in Hillwood Presbyterian Church's sanctuary, 6220 Hickory Valley Road, Nashville.

· Sun., Sept. 30...American Guild of Organists (AGO) Festival Evensong at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

WANDERING PRESBYTERIANS TAKE RIVER CRUISE IN JUNE



photos by staff and Hank Schomber





The Wandering Presbyterians took a river cruise with Blue Heron on June 12, followed by a delicious seafood lunch at the Riverview Restaurant



in Ashland City. The views were spectacular and the group was thrilled to see a blue heron posing for pictures.



TRINITY HELPS PREPARE MEAL FOR IMPACT CHOIR AT HILLSBORO PRESBYTERIAN

Trinity Presbyterian, Hillwood Presbyterian, and Hillsboro Presbyterian combined to sponsor the visit of the Impact Choir from Burke Presbyterian Church, Burke, Virginia, on June 21. Trinity and Hillwood provided dinner prior to the concert and supplied breakfast foods for Friday morning. Hillsboro hosted the concert and put up the choir and chaperones for Thursday night. The main course for Thursday's dinner was Shepherd's Pie with salad, bread, and dessert.

The choir presented concert of hymns and praise songs called *Song of Peace*, inspired by the events of September 11 and the story of Sadko Sasaki, a victim of the Hiroshima bombing of World War II and whose death inspired the folding of origami cranes in her memory. Choir members presented origami cranes to those in attendance during the singing of *Song of Peace*.

photos by Hank Schomber



GLASS SLIPPERS AND FAIRY GODMOTHERS



photos by Hank Schomber



Mezzo-Soprano Sara Crigger and tenor Tyler Saunders, accompanied by Jeff Burnham, presented a concert of Cinderella songs, called Glass Slippers and Fairy Godmothers on July 8, in the Trinity sanctuary

The selections were from various composers of the Cinderella story, including Gioachino Rossini, Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein II, and Stephen Sondheim. A video of the performance is available through Trinity's Facebook page.

BRUNCH AT J. CHRISTOPHER'S



Staff Photos



The Wandering Presbyterians enjoyed brunch at J. Christopher's for their July outing. Everyone enjoyed a variety of interesting brunch combinations, including both traditional and Mexican offerings.



CHURCH PICNIC AND WORSHIP SERVICE ON JULY 29



photos by Hank Schomber



Burgers and Dogs, oh my! Thirty three folks gathered for the Trinity picnic on July 29, held on the lower grounds in the shadiest area possible. Grillmasters Bobby and Sara Guest and Lee Ann and Tom O'Brien cooked wonderful hamburgers and hotdogs; the Fellowship Committee, Charlie Bundy, and Hank Schomber set up the tables and provided condiments, chips, and drinks; and everyone else brought an amazing array of salads and desserts. Everything from traditional favorites baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, and brownies to green

bean salad, apple and rice salad, corn and black bean salad, and "death by chocolate" were available for sampling. Following the meal, Sally and Will led everyone in a worship service and hymn sing.



August 2018

A calendar that includes all building use, including Linden Waldorf School (LWS), can be found on the church website: www.trinitypresnashville.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship/Communion After Worship: Fellowship Time	6 8 pm – AA Meeting	7	8	9 7 pm – Sailboat Church Class 8 pm – AA Meeting	10	11
12 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship After Worship: Fellowship Time	13 8 pm – AA Meeting	14	15 LWS 1 st day of school	16 11:15 am Lunch & Sister Act Matinee at Chaffin's Barn Theatre 7 pm – Sailboat Church Class 8 pm – AA Meeting	17	18
19 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship After Worship: Fellowship Time	20 Newsletter Articles Due 8 pm – AA Meeting	21	22	23 7 pm – Sailboat Church Class 8 pm – AA Meeting	24	25
26 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship After Worship: Fellowship Time 4:30 pm Ice Cream Social & Evening Service - Amphitheatre	27 8 pm – AA Meeting	28 7 pm – Session	29	30 7 pm – Sailboat Church Class 8 pm – AA Meeting	31	

Note: Church office is closed on Mondays