

THE TRINITY TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2018

From the pastor

We had a lovely “soup and chili” luncheon after worship on January 28th. The food was delicious and the fellowship—if I may be so bold!—was divine! It was a wonderful way for me to begin my 2nd year at Trinity.

Even though I could, I don’t think you need for me to innumerate or list all that you Trinity members and friends have done in the past year. 2017 was full of great music, good worship, serious Bible study, lively fellowship, new connections, and old friends. We are getting to know our Linden Waldorf School friends better, we are opening our building and lawn to the community, we are “the small congregation on the big hill open to all.” Because of your love, dedication and faithfulness Trinity Presbyterian Church—organized 75 years ago—continues to thrive. Your numbers are smaller than they were in 1947 but you are no less mighty in spirit, love and service.

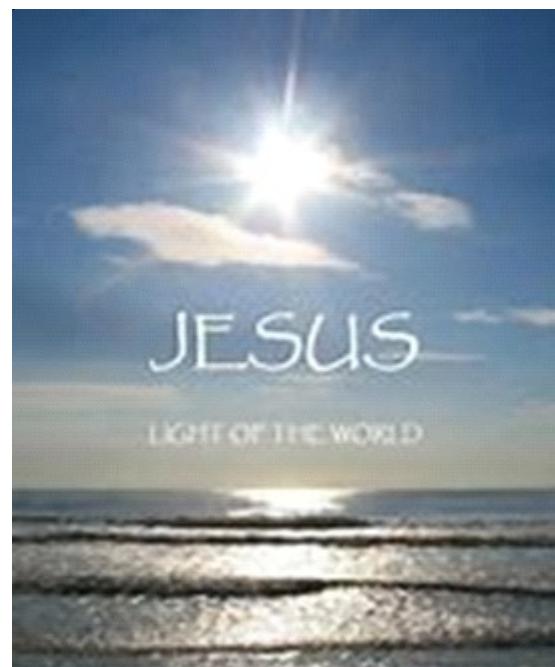
2017 was an interesting, exciting, and joyful year for me especially because I was able to return to serve the church that first taught me how to serve. We’ve gotten to know each other better, reconnect, respect the past but push into the future, to focus and to dream, to listen and learn. As pastor, I did make some changes in worship and in activities in 2017, with an eye toward helping us realize that while culture may change, the word of God does not. The gospel speaks to every generation and Trinity Presbyterian Church can participate in that conversation.

I’d like for every member to think about how he or she can build up the body of Christ at Trinity. I’d like for every member to think “outside the box” and within your abilities, to do something you have never done before—attend Sunday school, sing in the choir, usher, cook, write notes, pick up trash in the church yard, read scripture, do some weeding on the church grounds, invite a friend to church, create a church pictorial directory, go to NaCoMe in September, start a prayer group, visit. Stretch your imaginations about what you can do in service to Christ at Trinity Presbyterian Church! I have a couple of ideas that may be crazy but one of them is for us to have biographies of every member! We are small enough that we could interview each other, write up those interviews, and wouldn’t that be a wonderful legacy?

I don’t want us looking longingly at other churches, wishing we could be like them, but I want us to look at who we really are and what we can do and how we can build from there. We have enough love and resources to care for each other, and to share with those who are in need. Our society—our world!—has no shortage of people who are in need and we at Trinity have no shortage of compassion.

I have no doubt when we get to the year 2019, we’ll have met the presbytery’s goals for membership (150 members), finances, and worship.

I love the people of Trinity Presbyterian Church, as much if not more than I did growing up here. You all have been a blessing to me, and one of the reasons why I felt called to become a minister. I am enjoying my present time at Trinity and look forward to the future with you. I welcome your comments and your critiques, and I hope you feel free to visit me in my office, or ask me to come visit you. Together, we will build up the body of Christ in this place, at 3201 Hillsboro Rd, and be the light of the world, as Christ calls us to be.



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The Trinity Times is published monthly. We welcome news items 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

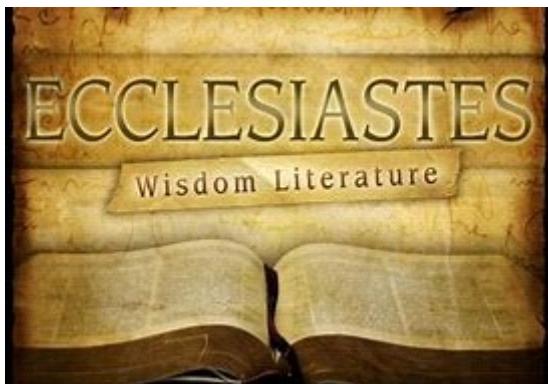
Sally Hughes, Pastor
Simon Thomas Jacobs, Music Director
Linda Rogers, Office Manager
Charlie Bundy, Facilities Manager

SESSION MEMBERS

Vira Baker (2020)	Matthew Rutherford (2019)
Allen Brown (2018)	Robert Rutherford (2018)
Bill Dougherty (2020),	Hank Schomber (2019)
Phil Elbert (2019)	Cindy Turner (2018)
Hank Howerton (2020)	

ADULT EDUCATION IN FEBRUARY

The adult Sunday school class is finishing the study, "How The Bible Came To Be." February 4th and 11th, we will discuss how the books of the Old Testament and New Testament were chosen. Beginning February 18th, we will study the book of Ecclesiastes for the season of Lent.



FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND LECTICONARY READINGS

February 4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany/
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20;
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

February 11 Transfiguration of the Lord
2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6;
2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

February 18 First Sunday in Lent
Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

February 25 Second Sunday in Lent
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31;
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday Service at Noon

Sandwich or salad lunch to follow in East Hall. Bring your own salad or sandwich.

Sundays during Lent, beginning February 18, concluding March 25:

After worship, we'll gather for a sandwich or salad lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Following lunch, those who are interested are invited to participate in the Lenten study, "His Final Words" by Adam Hamilton. Copies of the book have been ordered.

We will need volunteers to prepare a dessert or salad for this post-worship Lenten lunch and study.

Please sign the sheet in East Hall if you are willing to make a salad or dessert, and if you are willing to help clean up after the study.

MUSIC NOTES

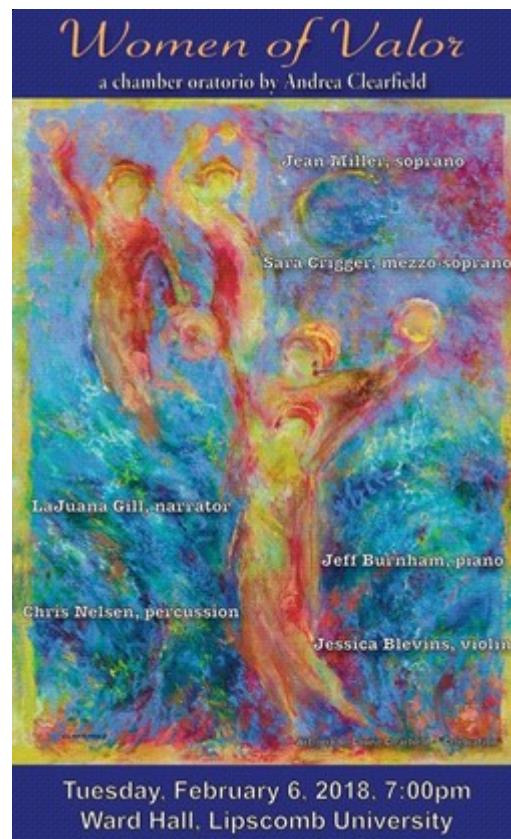


On Monday, February 5th at 7:30PM, our Music Director, Simon Thomas Jacobs will be performing alongside other local organists as part of an AGO recital at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 33 Burton Hills Blvd, Nashville, TN. Covenant has one of the finest pipe organs in Tennessee and it is not often heard in performance. All are welcome and Simon would love to see any members of Trinity who are able to attend.



SARA CRIGGER TO PERFORM AT LIPSCOMB ON FEBRUARY 6

Sara Crigger will be singing the mezzo solos in Andrea Clearfield's chamber oratorio Women of Valor on February 6th at 7 p.m. in Ward Hall at Lipscomb University. This striking and powerful piece of music tells the stories of 12 women from the Old Testament. These stories are told in English, Hebrew, and Yiddish, and there are fantastic musicians playing and singing this performance! The concert is free. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1797671940371410/?ti=icl>



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.

MANY THANKS!

The staff at Trinity wishes to thank the congregation for the generous Christmas gift which you made to us this year. We are very grateful for the gift itself, but we are more appreciative for the care, concern, and support for the staff which this gift represents. Blessings to all of you, and may God continue to bless this congregation.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Doug Milam – 3

Vira Baker - 4

Vera Billington - 4

Susan Brockett – 5

Jon O'Brien - 8

Devan Stahl - 17

Eleanor Elbert – 19

Paul Berger – 21

Jimbo Cook – 25

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 10 a.m. in the Trinity parlor. This month PW will meet on Tuesday, February 6. We will study Lesson Six "In Community with the Reality of the Present", from *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. Bring your lunch for fellowship after the Bible study.

***For the month of February, the Wandering Presbyterians is looking at going to the Symphony on February 23 (see page 5 for details). Arrangements will depend on the number signed up. Sign-up sheets are in the East Hall or you may call the church office or e-mail the church office.

***You are invited to join the **Changing Gears** group for lunch and fellowship on the fourth Wednesday of the month, sponsored by Westminster Presbyterian Church. Due to the campus renovation, lunch meetings will be held at surrounding Nashville locations. Please contact Trisha Biggs, 615-292-5526, for more information. Reservations for lunch are required by noon on the Friday before, and there is a \$10 charge for lunch.



Trinity campus in the January snowfall
staff photo

Fall Issue of the Church Directory is available in the church office. If you find corrections that are needed, or if you prefer not to have your name or certain information in the directory, please call or e-mail the office. Also, if you want the directory as a PDF version, call or e-mail the office. Note: The directory is for private use of participants in Trinity's ministry and is not to be sent to a mailing list.

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.

LET'S GO TO THE NASHVILLE SYMPHONY!

Our Wandering Presbyterians group (open to all adults) is exploring the possibility of going to the Schermerhorn Symphony Center on Friday, February 23. There will be a 10:30 a.m. performance (approximately 2 hours) with free coffee and pastries before it starts. Cost will depend on the number of people who sign up to go. We hope to purchase group rate tickets and carpool, sharing the cost of parking.

PROGRAM: Beethoven – Piano Concerto No. 2; Vaughan-Williams – Symphony No. 5

PERFORMERS: Nashville Symphony | Christopher Seaman, conductor | Benjamin Grosvenor, piano

British pianist Benjamin Grosvenor joins your Nashville Symphony for Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 2. This early triumph shows Beethoven moving past the influence of Mozart and forging his own original, dramatic flair. "Grosvenor delivers virtuosity beyond his years," says the L.A. Times. "If you haven't heard him, hear him now." Written during World War II, Vaughan Williams' Symphony No. 5 is possibly the British composer's finest achievement, suffused with music of beauty and lushness, including quotes from beloved hymns.

Interested? Sign up in the East Hall, call the office at 615-297-6513, or e-mail office@trinitypresnashville.org.

UKIRK TO HOLD FUNDRAISING COCKTAIL PARTY

UKIRK Nashville Soul and Spirits – Cocktails, Mocktails & Short Tales Fundraising Cocktail Party with live music benefitting Presbyterian Campus Ministry

Friday, February 9, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Percy Warner Golf Clubhouse
1221 Forrest Park Drive

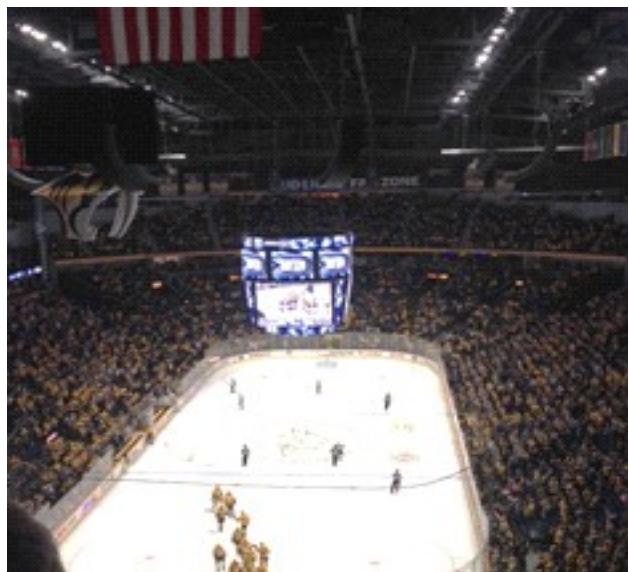
Please RSVP to:
campusminister@ukirknashville.org



Paul Berger sings the anthem, **Welcome to Our World**, accompanied by Will Berger, at worship on December 31, 2017.

PRESBYTERIANS ROOT FOR PREDATORS

On January 16th, a bunch of us braved the snow and cold to go watch the Nashville Predators defeat the Las Vegas Golden Knights 1 - 0. In addition to Trinity friends/members Paul Berger, Mary Berger, Will Berger, Clarisse Durnell, and Shannon Jones, 10 students from UKirk joined us, including the Rev. Lindsey Groves and her wife Crystal. Our Presbytery Executive, Warner Durnell, was also in attendance. Our church's name was shown on the Jumbo-tron, and our group was given complimentary Predators ear warmers (which were a big hit!). It was 7 degrees when we left Bridgestone Arena--wow! Thanks to Michael Matts and David Kells of Bridgestone Arena for making our outing so much fun!



photos by Sally Hughes and Paul Berger



We enjoyed Michael Cuppett's piano program on January 14 and hope to hear him play again soon! Thank you for sharing your music with us!



Fred Page preached January 21 in Sally's absence. In addition to being a minister, Fred is an arson/fire investigator for the Nashville Fire Department.

LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Christian church's birth was at Pentecost, as described in the Book of Acts. At Pentecost the Jewish disciples of Jesus proclaimed the Gospel to people of many cultures and languages. By the middle of the first century, the church was made up of Jewish and Gentile believers who worshiped God, in the name of Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. The church began to grow rapidly throughout the region we now know as the Middle East, even through hardship and persecution from the Roman Empire.

During the fourth century, after more than 300 years of persecution under various Roman emperors, the church became established as a political as well as a spiritual power under the Emperor Constantine. The church became strong in the east (Greek-speaking) and the west (Latin-Speaking) regions of the Roman Empire and beyond. Among the greats of the east was Athanasius and among the greats of the west was Augustine. Eventually the western portions of Europe came under the religious and political authority of the Roman Catholic Church. Eastern Europe and parts of Asia came under the authority of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

In western Europe, the authority of the Roman Catholic Church remained largely unquestioned until the Renaissance in the 15th century. The invention of the printing press in Germany around 1440 made it possible for common people to have access to printed materials including the Bible. This, in turn, enabled many to discover religious thinkers who had begun to question the authority of the Roman Catholic Church. One such figure, Martin Luther, a German priest and professor, started the movement known as the Protestant Reformation when he posted a list of 95 grievances against the Roman Catholic Church on a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517. Some 20 years later, a French/Swiss theologian, John Calvin, further refined the reformers' new way of thinking about the nature of God and God's relationship with humanity in what came to be known as Reformed theology. John Knox, a Scotsman who studied with Calvin in Geneva, Switzerland, took Calvin's teachings back to Scotland. Other Reformed communities developed in England, Holland and France. The Presbyterian church traces its ancestry back primarily to Scotland and England.

Presbyterians have featured prominently in United States history. The Rev. Francis Makemie, who arrived in the United States from Ireland in 1683, helped

to organize the first American Presbytery at Philadelphia in 1706. In 1726, the Rev. William Tennent founded a ministerial "log college" in Pennsylvania. Twenty years later, the College of New Jersey (now known as Princeton University) was established. Other Presbyterian ministers, such as the Rev. Jonathan Edwards and the Rev. Gilbert Tennent, were driving forces in the so-called "Great Awakening," a revivalist movement in the early 18th century. One of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, the Rev. John Witherspoon, was a Presbyterian minister and the president of Princeton University from 1768-1793.

In the early years of the 19th century, the movement known as the Second Great Awakening began around the celebration of Presbyterian communion services. This movement spread rapidly and gave birth to the camp meeting movement in the United States. Presbyterians became more of a town church in this period as small towns began to grow in the previously rural areas.

In the early 20th century the Presbyterian vision for church and ministry was crystallized in the Six Great Ends of the Church: the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Presbyterian denominations in the United States have split and parts have reunited several times starting in the 18th century. Currently the largest Presbyterian denomination is the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), which has its national offices in Louisville, Ky. It was formed in 1983 as a result of reunion between the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (PCUS), the so-called "southern branch," and the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (UPCUSA), the so-called "northern branch." This reunion has been a bright spot of reconciliation and unity in the history of American Presbyterianism. Other Presbyterian churches in the United States include the Presbyterian Church in America, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, ECO (A Covenant Order of Presbyterians), and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Source: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/what-we-believe/church-history/>

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Sally Hughes

STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

December 14, 2017

The Treasurer's Report for November noted that the church was in a much better financial position than anticipated at the beginning of the year.

Following a brief discussion, the 2018 budget was approved.

The Administration and Finance Committee reported that stewardship has gone very well. Pledges are up considerably. There have been 21 pledges received at this point and the year will end with Trinity adding nine new members.

Trinity's More Light status was renewed.

The pastor's Advent series of CE lessons has been well received and several new folks are attending the morning class and a new Sunday afternoon class.

Repairs and replacement have been made to the gutter on the back of the education building.

The Session expressed its congratulations to the choir and Music Director for an excellent Lessons and Carols service on Dec. 10.

The Lease Negotiation Task Force reported an excellent first meeting with the Linden Waldorf Board representatives as negotiations began. Trinity presented a new lease amount to LWS and is awaiting to hear back from the Board.

There was a discussion on a list of requests made by LWS and presented to the pastor. The requests fall primarily into one of three groups, Operational, Exterior/Grounds and Repairs, Maintenance and Improvements. It was felt more information would be needed for most all the requests and that a small liaison committee should be formed to meet regularly with representatives from the school to discuss these items and others as they arise.

The session agreed to LWS's use of the lower, more easily accessible, shelves and space in the Chapel closet and directed the Trinity music files and storage be removed from the closet.

The session's annual retreat was scheduled for Saturday, January 13, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Allen Brown and Bill Dougherty were elected to represent Trinity at the February 3, 2018 Presbytery

Meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia. The session called a Congregational Meeting for January 7, to vote on changes in the minister's call and to receive the 2018 budget.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION — January 7

Members approved the changes in the pastors call and heard a presentation of the 2018 budget.

CHANGES FOR OBSERVANCE OF LENT

This February, we are changing the way we did our Lenten meals last year. Beginning Sunday, February 21, we will all join together after worship in the Fellowship Hall for sandwiches, salad and dessert, followed by a Lenten study. I hope this will encourage more members to participate and enable us to deepen our knowledge of each other through table fellowship. It will also give us an opportunity to encourage and invite visitors to join us, as we enrich our understanding of Lent through study. Our wonderful Fellowship Committee will provide the sandwiches but we will need folks from the congregation to provide salads and desserts for these six Sundays of Lent. A sign-up sheet has been placed in East Hall.

The title of the study is Final Words from the Cross by Adam Hamilton and the book can be ordered from several online sites as well as from Barnes and Noble Bookstores. Here is the information for ordering the book or let me know, as I have 12 paperback copies available to anyone who would like a copy.

Final Words From the Cross · 9781426746802 ·
Adam Hamilton
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9781426746802/](http://adamhamilton.org/books/item/9781426746802/)

FROM SPENCE TO TRINITY

Trinity member Claude V. Spencer, "Spence" to all of us, was very close to David Philliply, who brought Spence to Trinity after he was released on parole. Spence became an active and productive member of this congregation until he was returned to serve the rest of his sentence on unfortunate and possibly trumped-up charges.

Through this ordeal, Trinity members have written in his behalf, attended hearings ready to speak in his favor, defended him in parole hearings, and encouraged him in every way. The Session has written the Parole Board in Spence's behalf to seek his early release. David Philliply kept the congregation informed of Spence's relocations and needs and we have responded.

Now that David is no longer with us, it is up to Trinity to maintain the ties with Spence and keep up his spirits until he is finally released. Even if you have never met Spence, he would appreciate a card or a letter from you as a Trinity member. Below is an excerpt from a letter he sent via Sally:

"Trinity is my only family and I'm proud to say that. Everyone there welcomed me with open arms 6 years ago when I joined. Trinity is a real church, where everyone does follow what Jesus commanded "love everybody," and all there at Trinity does it very well.

We don't have much in the way of church here. So the sermons sent with the church program every week, I sit in my room at 11:00 AM every Sunday and read along as though I was there.

The days here aren't bad under the circumstances, I guess. I'm the institutional welder, something I have done for ever (37 years). That at the same time as repairing semi trucks and heavy equipment. I ran the shop operations at the 2 places I have worked when I was home during that period.

In April I will be able to go out to work at a real job on the street making real money again, and being here you will save it! You don't get to go on the town to shop just work and save, so that re-entry fund you guys had set aside for me could be used to help someone else instead. My only hurdle is going to be clothes.

The job coordinator here has a job set up for me as a welder on the barges and ships that came in for repair at the shipyard. The pay sounds good \$27.50 hour to start, so a guy will walk out of here in ok shape.

Hope to hear back from you soon. Please give my love to all at Trinity, and let them all know I love them and miss them. David used to do that every week, at least I put it in all of my letters.

My sincere love and best,
Spence"



The reception following David Philliply's Memorial Service on January 13.



The Philliply Family

Photos by Vera Billington

SPENCE'S MAILING ADDRESS

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Mark Luttrell Transition Center
6000 State Road 32-U-10
Memphis, TN 38134**

SOUP AND CHILI POTLUCK



WANDERING PRESBYTERIANS VISIT TRAVELERS' REST AND DINE AT VITTLES



photos by Hank Schomber and Staff



Seven intrepid folks from Trinity visited Travellers' Rest on January 30, where they discovered that their official guide for the tour was Trinity's Benita Sims. Benita provided a tour filled with history, facts, and interesting stories about the former home of Judge John Overton. Following the tour, the seven (Vera Billington, Allen Brown, Sally Hughes, Linda Rogers, Judy and Hank Schomber, Ruth Sims) were joined by Benita for a splendid lunch at Vittles.



February 2018

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship/Communion After Worship: First Sunday Fellowship Time 8 pm AA Meeting	5 * 10 am Presbyterian Women	6 10 am Presbyterian Women	7 No Choir Rehearsal	1 7 pm Session Meeting 8 pm AA Meeting	2	3 9 am Presbytery Meeting: Columbia First Pres
11 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship After Worship: Fellowship Time 8 pm AA Meeting	12 *	13	14 ASH WEDNESDAY 12 noon Ash Wednesday Service & Luncheon	15 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	16 8 pm AA Meeting	17
18 First Sunday in Lent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship After Worship: Lenten soup/sandwich luncheon & study 8 pm AA Meeting	19 *	20	21 Newsletter Articles Due	22	23 9 am Wandering Presbyterians capitol to Nashville Symphony	24
25 Second Sunday in Lent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship After Worship: Lenten soup/sandwich luncheon & study 8 pm AA Meeting	26 *	27	28		6 pm LWS Circus	

* Church Office closed on Mondays