

# THE TRINITY TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2020

## From the pastor

On Tuesday night, January 28, 2020 the session of Trinity Presbyterian Church voted for Trinity Presbyterian Church to engage in “Project Thrive,” which is the 5 year (60 month) program offered by Belmont University. This program, funded by a \$1 million grant from the Lilly Foundation, provides select congregations with 5 years of resources, guidance, and planning for the future. Trinity was selected by Belmont University to be one of those congregations, based in part on the positive outcomes of the work Trinity did with Dr. Bill Wilson. I wish that everyone’s reaction to this news would be “hooray!” but I suspect that some will react with a groan and a question, “haven’t we already DONE this?” And, in all honesty, Trinity has done many church assessment programs in the past, but all of those programs were done quickly, all of them produced initial enthusiasm and growth, and none of them managed to sustain or even increase favorable outcomes.

Project Thrive is different in that it is based on the discovery of what churches are doing right and why certain churches—even churches existing in less-than-desirable locations—are doing well. Project Thrive is rooted in the seven traits of thriving churches:

- 1. Thriving congregations have an energy and enthusiasm born out of a hopeful mentality.**
- 2. Thriving congregations have innovative approaches to ministry born out of a joyful willingness to take risks.**
- 3. Thriving congregations have a collaborative approach to ministry born out of humility and the desire for partnership.**
- 4. Thriving congregations demonstrate faithful engagement with the world born out of an expanded understanding of Christian practices and sacraments.**
- 5. Thriving congregations demonstrate a capacity for substantial ministry outcomes born out of visionary leadership.**
- 6. Thriving congregations display a missional focus born out of an abiding awareness of their particular identity.**
- 7. Thriving congregations display a fervent desire to make a difference in the world born out of a growing awareness of the needs of their ministry context.**

Our engagement with Project Thrive will begin March 5, 2020 when a facilitator from Project Thrive will come and conduct a two hour interview with five to seven church leaders. At the end of March and also in August, I will attend a pastor’s planning session, along with the pastors/leaders of the other Nashville churches who are part of Project Thrive. Then, in October, a congregational coach will meet with Trinity in a congregation-wise event.

To those who read this announcement with excitement, thank you! To those who read this announcement with doubts, I hope that you will catch the excitement as Trinity moves farther into Project Thrive. I remind you that Dr. Bill Wilson told us that it takes about five years of sustained work for a congregation to experience health and to enjoy a future filled with hope and energy.

I will be sending out a more detailed description of Project Thrive in a future mailing. In the meantime, I rejoice in the session’s bold decision for Trinity to participate in this amazing program!

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**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

Sally Hughes, Designated Pastor  
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Charlie Bundy, Facilities Manager

**SESSION MEMBERS**

Vira Baker (2020) Hank Howerton (2020)  
Lucas Bates (2020) Paul Parker (2021)  
Vera Billington (2021) Linda Rutherford (2022)  
Jackie Brawner (2022) George Ward (2022)  
Aad Zeeuw (2021)

# FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND LECTIONARY READINGS

**February 2 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany/  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15;  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

**February 9 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10);  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16);  
Matthew 5:13-20

**February 16 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

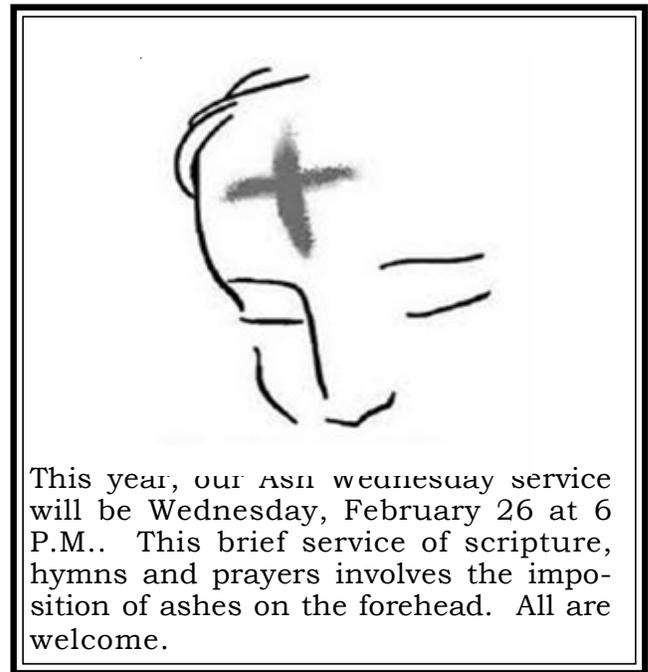
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8;  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

**February 23 Transfiguration of the Lord**

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 *or* Psalm 99;  
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9



Girl Scout Cookies! After worship on February 2nd, Girl Scout troop #1347 will be in East Hall selling Girl Scout cookies. This troop meets regularly at Trinity. For those of us whose children have "aged out" of scouting, this is a great opportunity to support this troop AND get delicious cookies!



This year, our ~~ASH~~ ~~WEDNESDAY~~ service will be Wednesday, February 26 at 6 P.M.. This brief service of scripture, hymns and prayers involves the imposition of ashes on the forehead. All are welcome.



On January 19, in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Joe Brady gave his remembrances as a student in Memphis. He and his class met Dr. King the day before his assassination.



Vira Baker has been elected the clerk of session, replacing Hank Schomber, whose term ended in December.

photos by  
Hank  
Schomber

## BELMONT GOSPEL CHOIR TO PROVIDE SPECIAL MUSIC DURING WORSHIP ON FEBRUARY 2

Belmont's gospel choir, "Chadasha", of which our Jenny Coman is a part, will provide special music during worship on February 2.

In Hebrew, "chadasha" means "new" or "fresh". It was used in the Old Testament, which was originally written in Hebrew, to describe God's interaction with the Hebrew people. Psalm 51:10 says, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew [chadash] a right spirit within me".

Chadasha is a student-led Christian choir at Belmont University that seeks to refresh not only its own members, but the whole world. Chadasha partakes in this through passionate music, intimate bible study, and community cultivation.

## NASHVILLE CONCERTO ORCHESTRA TO PLAY FEBRUARY 22

When: Saturday, February 22  
Time: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Place: Trinity Sanctuary  
Program: Beethoven - Piano Concerto No. 4,  
opus 58 - Heather Connor, piano

Nicole Neely/Bart Orr -  
EMERGENCE - Nicole Neely, viola

Caleb Harris, conductor

Proceeds: to benefit Worker's Dignity Project  
The Nashville Concerto Orchestra is a volunteer-based community orchestra that provides soloists, conductors, and orchestra members the opportunity to perform from the vast concerto repertoire.

The NCO's free (donations accepted) quarterly concerts allow members of the Nashville community a chance to enjoy performances from members of the Nashville Symphony, local professors and students from Nashville's many colleges and universities (including Vanderbilt's Blair School of Music), and session musicians from many of the hit albums recorded in Nashville, as well as providing amateur musicians with a comfortable place to perform as a part of an orchestra. Leaving their tuxedos and pit blacks at home, these musicians arrive dressed as themselves in their regular day wear, cre 3



Bassoonist Harold Skelton played the anthem written by Robert Rutherford, *Can You See the Star?* for the celebration of Epiphany and the New Year on January 5.

photos by Hank Schomber



The choir was joined by Paul Berger (third from left), who was visiting from Olympia, WA, on January 19. Paul also played and sang Angie's Song, the story of a survivor of Hurricane Katrina.

ating an intimate and casual atmosphere that invites the audience to get to know these talented volunteers.

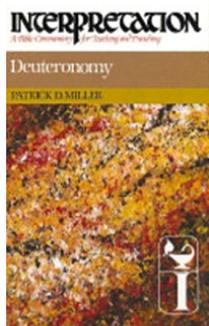
Co-founder Roger Wiesmeyer (English Horn player for the Nashville Symphony) aimed to base the Nashville Concerto Orchestra on a similar grass-roots orchestra in San Francisco. "When thinking about why I brought the concerto orchestra to Nashville, I keep circling around the idea of communities. Musicians, amateur/professional/student/retired coming together in a joyous supportive atmosphere to create again timeless music that we love...and share it with all the various communities that ARE Music City. The Nashville Concerto Orchestra: We make it personal!"

# ADULT EDUCATION IN FEBRUARY

In February, the adult Sunday school class will be studying the Book of Deuteronomy, using Dr. Pat Miller's commentary on Deuteronomy. In this theological exposition of Deuteronomy, Patrick Miller is sensitive to the character of the book as a part of scripture that self-consciously addresses different generations. He discusses the nature and character of the law as revealed in Deuteronomy, as well as the nature of the moral life under God. The treatment of Deuteronomy in the New Testament, and customary introductory issues such as authorship and date, are dealt with in terms of their significance for interpreting and understanding Deuteronomy's character and intention.

Beginning March 1st, the adult Sunday school class will be studying *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton. This will be the Lenten study.

The class is held in the parlor and begins at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. Pastor Sally Hughes is the leader of the class. Come join the Sunday morning group for thoughtful and stimulating study and discussion!



Babies to teens enjoyed the Time with Children on January 26.

## NEW ELDERS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED ON JANUARY 12

*photos by Hank Schomber*

Lucas Bates, Jackie Brawner, and George Ward were ordained and installed and Linda Rutherford was installed during the worship service on January 12. At the conclusion of the ordination/installation, the new elders received the laying on on hands by all the other elders in the congregation and then the welcome hug.



# OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER WITH ALIVE HOSPICE

Dear Trinity Presbyterian Church Community,

On June 2-5 2020, Alive Hospice will have our children's grief camp called Camp Forget-Me-Not at your beautiful church and grounds for the first time. We could not be more excited to get to connect our community's grieving children with healing, and each other! Thank you so much for hosting us.

We'd like to invite you to be part of this program through volunteering with us! I have outlined a few roles that we have the greatest need for. These are also great opportunities for Sunday School Classes, or small groups, to help with together!

## Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch volunteers eat and chat with campers during the lunch hour each day of camp, providing a break to group leaders and grief guides. They are responsible for connecting with campers through conversation, assisting them as needed, and promoting safety in the lunchroom. Lunch Bunch volunteers serve for approximately 1.5 hours each day of camp/retreat.

## Food Force

Food Force serves together with Alive staff and volunteers to help prep, serve, and clean for lunch each day of camp. They will also prep morning and afternoon snacks as needed. Food Force volunteers serve for approximately 2 hours each day of camp. Food Force members may also be asked to pick up/transport donations from area restaurants as needed during camp.

## Morning Club

Morning Club volunteers watch a movie with and serve breakfast to campers who need to arrive before camp check in starts at 8:30. This daycare is provided to campers from 7:30-8:30AM. They are responsible for connecting with campers through conversation, assisting them as needed, and promoting safety. Please arrive around 7:15AM. Morning Club volunteers help out for approximately 1.5 hours each day of camp/retreat.

## Evening Club

Evening Club volunteers watch a movie, play games, and serve a snack to campers who need to be picked up after camp ends at 4PM. This daycare is provided to campers from 4-5:30PM. They are responsible for connecting with campers through conversation, assisting them as needed, and promoting safety. Please arrive around 3:45 a.m. Evening Club volunteers help out for approximately 2 hours each day of camp/retreat.

P.S. If these choices do not match your vision for camp volunteering, there are lots of other roles to choose from. If you are interested in options that include more prolonged interaction with the campers, email me and I'll send that list to you.

Thank you for supporting our mission to help the grieving children in our community,

Katherine Reynolds, LMSW

Camp Co-Coordinator, Camp Forget-Me-Not  
Nashville

## WHO KNEW THAT ST. FRANCIS WAS A TITANS FAN?

*Staff photo*



## DIRECTORY UPDATES

Updated Church Directories from December are available for you to pick up in the church office. This version only includes contact information for our church family (members and regular attendees). This spring, our pictorial directory will be republished. Please respect that the directory is for use of participants in Trinity's ministry and is not to be forwarded to others or sent to a mailing list.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Doug Milam - 3

Vira Baker - 4

Vera Billington - 4

Susan Brockett - 5

Jon O'Brien - 8

Alessandro Ward - 15

Devan Stahl - 17

Eleanor Elbert - 19

Paul Berger - 22

Allen Brown - 26

*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.** Watch for information on the next outing of the Wandering Presbyterians in the Friday e-mail and the Sunday Bulletin.

\*\*\***Presbyterian Women** will meet Tuesday, February 4, in the Trinity Parlor We will cover Lesson 6 "Words of Love: Hold Your Marriages Sacred" from *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*. Bring a lunch for a Fellowship time following the lesson.

\*\*\***Trinity Book Club's** next meeting will be Wednesday, February 12 We will meet at 5:30 p.m. for snacks followed by book club discussion from 6 - 7 p.m. in the parlor. The book for February is *A Gentleman from Moscow* by Amor Towles. If you have questions, contact Katy Wilson (katybwilson@gmail.com) or Carla McDonough (carla\_mcdonough@bellsouth.net). In case you like to read ahead, the books chosen for discussion in the coming months are:

March 11 - *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett

April 8 - *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan

May 13 - *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

June 10 - *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

July 8 - *A Woman of No Consequence* by Maureen Kerr

## HOW TO CONTACT NORMA DEJARNETTE

Norma DeJarnette has moved to Brookdale of Belle Meade (6767 Brookmont Terrace). She's in room 2116, which is on the first floor, to the right and down the hall.

Norma welcomes visitors (and her son, Tom, encourages them). She is still going to physical and occupational therapy but no schedule has been set. Tom suggests that you call ahead before coming to visit, so you don't miss her. If you want to send cards or notes, the address is:

Brookdale of Belle Meade  
6767 Brookmont Terrace  
Nashville, TN 37205

615-353-1990 (to call before going to see Norma)

# THE ONLINE CALENDAR

For a complete list of activities, visit [www.trinitypresnashville.org](http://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](mailto: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!*



Roger Cunningham made a 92 on his first pharmacology exam as he continues his course work toward a degree in nursing...

Marieke Ertel' daughter Eleni had the role of Cinderella in Act Too's production of *Into the Woods*," which was also a role that Marieke had when she was her daughter's age. In addition, daughter Maya had the role of a stepsister.

### *Prayers*

Norma DeJarnette, who is gaining her strength at Brookdale of Belle Meade

Bill Dougherty who is getting stronger every day at their home on Amanda Avenue

Ruth Sims, recovering at home from recent outpatient surgery

Katy Wilson, recovering at home from a heart attack

## TRINITY CONTINUES TO MOVE IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION

At the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 26, it was noted that the fiscal year ended “in the black” — meaning expenses were covered by our income for the year. While in recent years the “bottom lines” were close, they did require some borrowing from savings to balance the budget year.

The Treasurer’s Report also noted member pledges are up both in number and amount. Those who prefer to give regularly without pledging have also increased their contributions.

Trinity’s membership is also up, now over 70 members. We have grown by nearly 60% during Sally’s leadership. Worship attendance is up likewise.

## INQUIRER MICHAEL CUPPETT APPROVED FOR CANDIDACY

Member Michael Cuppett, a second-year student Princeton Theological Seminary, has been approved for the status of Candidacy for Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church. Michael was sponsored for candidacy by the Trinity Session on December 29, 2019, and will be under the care of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee throughout his candidacy. His mentor from Trinity will be Judy Schomber.

At the Presbytery Meeting on February 1 in Tullahoma, Michael’s recommendation was acted upon. His written materials for candidacy can be found on the Presbytery website, at <http://www.presbyterymiddletennessee.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Cuppett-CPM.pdf>

# SOUP AND CHILI POTLUCK

Taking advantage of a wide variety of soups and chilis on a cold winter day, 46 folks attended the annual Soup and Chili Potluck on January 26.

Trinity's many good cooks showed off their soup and chili-making skills, and enjoyed fruit desserts prepared by the Fellowship Committee

Almost everyone sampled more than one bowl of the main dishes and there was a report that one person tried 9 different kinds of chili!



*photos by Hank Schomber*





# FROM OUR MISSION WORKER, KARLA KOLL

Dear companions in mission,

Grace and peace to you in this new year. As 2020 begins, I am glad to spend a few moments with you to share some signs of hope I see. I know that hope is very hard to sustain these days, as the forces of greed are destroying the life-giving capacity of the planet. As I write, a friend in Australia is serving as a chaplain to people who have had to flee their homes as wildfires advance and temperatures soar to record levels. Yet I believe that God continues to love this world and God's love lives in us. As people of faith before us, we are called to hope against hope.

At the Latin American Biblical University (UBL), we expect the new year will bring more people into our community of scholarship and reflection. We have diversified our academic programs and strengthened our social media presence. In many contexts in Latin America today, religious discourse is often invoked to deny human rights and justify exclusion. Yet the hunger we see for an alternative religious vision that affirms life and promotes justice gives us hope. When our offices open on January 6th, we will learn how many more folks want to join those who have already registered for classes in the first term. Classes start on January 13th. I will be teaching the history of Christianity in Latin America, both in the classroom and on-line. We begin this new academic year with gratitude for all of those whose prayers and gifts make our work possible.

On December 30th, the government of Nicaragua released 91 political prisoners from jail and placed them under house arrest. Javier and I had come to know several of the students activists released during the months they spent in exile here in Costa Rica. The commitment of these young people to working in peaceful ways to make their country more democratic gives me hope for the future of Nicaragua, though the coming months will be difficult. Many more of the exiles we know are going back to Nicaragua to continue organizing and working for electoral reforms. Others are finding ways to stay here for a while longer

until political and economic conditions improve. As I write, Evelin Altamirano and her three children, the refugee family we have been accompanying most closely, is staying with us for a few days before they move into housing closer to where we live. The sounds of children's laughter rings through the house every morning.

At the end of the December, environmental activists won a court decision here that has suspended Pinedeco's (Del Monte's) plan to start a new pineapple plantation near the Terraba Sierpe National Wetlands. Within Costa Rica and elsewhere, awareness is growing about the damage being done by the pineapple plantations, the latest iteration of monoculture crops for export. Recently I visited both Erlinda Quesada in Guácimo and Xinia Briceño in Milano. Both women continue to work in their communities to denounce the environmental and health impacts of the plantations as well as to create alternative forms of economic development for families.

Closing thoughts

As Christmastide ends, I remember that the political power of the day responded to the birth of Jesus with a massacre of children. Those in power today continue to kill the vulnerable and thus declare that there is no hope the world might be different. May we continue to look to the star above the manger, and like the wise ones from the East who stood before the Babe of Bethlehem, take the path that moves us away from violence and toward new life. I wish you hope against hope in this new year.

In Christ,

Karla



# LINDEN WALDORF SCHOOL NEWS

Experience Waldorf Day is February 1st! All adults are welcome to participate and learn about Linden Waldorf School. The morning begins with refreshments at 9 a.m. and ends at noon. We hope you'll join us! Registration is at [www.lindenwaldorf.org/tours](http://www.lindenwaldorf.org/tours).

What will you do? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to move gracefully to the words of a poem? Has your inner mathematician itched to construct a dodecahedron from scratch? You can try your hand at these and other intriguing activities.

It's Linden Waldorf School's way of sharing with grownups all the academic fun our children have every day. After starting off with a light breakfast snack, you'll marvel at a morning of music, movement, and more. Come see for yourself why our children come home full of knowledge and enthusiasm every day!



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## TRINITY SERVES MEAL TO UKIRK ON JANUARY 23

UKIRK sent an e-mail to Trinity asking if it would be possible to serve the dinner meal to the students at St. Augustine's Chapel on January 23. Our reply was "yes" and the Fellowship Committee supplied the food and Judy and Hank Schomber took it over and served it.

Because of the rain and cold and the construction surrounding St. Augustine's, only 12 folks were able to come, but they thoroughly enjoyed the cassoulet, salad, bread, vegetarian paella, and pies.

The pies were especially a big hit, since it was National Pie Day. The students has a choice of cherry, key lime, apple, and coconut custard.



*photos  
by Hank  
Schomber*



## February 2020

A calendar that includes all building use, including LWS, can be found on the church website: [www.trinitypresnashville.org](http://www.trinitypresnashville.org)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> 8:30 am Presbytery Meeting- Tulahoma First Pres 8:30 am Experience Waldorf
<b>2</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship/Communion After Worship: First Sunday Fellowship Time	<b>3</b> 8 pm AA Meeting	<b>4</b> 11 am Presbyterian Women	<b>5</b> NO Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 8 pm AA Meeting	<b>7</b> 3 pm Brownies	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship After Worship: Fellowship Time	<b>10</b> 8 pm AA Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 11 am Gathering of Small Church Pastors & Leaders 5:30 pm Book Group 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 8 pm AA Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 1 pm Reception for ministers recently received into the Presbytery
<b>16</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship After Worship: Fellowship Time 3 pm Girl Scouts	<b>17</b> 8 pm AA Meeting	<b>18</b> 7 pm Finance Committee	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8 pm AA Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 3 pm Mozart in Nashville Concert
<b>23</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship After Worship: Fellowship Time	<b>24</b> 8 pm AA Meeting	<b>25</b> 7 pm Session Meeting	<b>26</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 6 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 8 pm AA Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

Note: Church office is closed on Mondays