

THE TRINITY TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE/JULY 2019

From the pastor

I don't remember what grade I was in when I made a double-winged, double-bodied butterfly in school, but it was probably the third grade. I love and still love art and craft projects but I have never been very good at following instructions for them. I do better if I watch someone make a craft (which is why I like YouTube) or if I can take the written instructions and play around with them.

In the third grade (which is when I'll declare that this story happened!), we were making butterflies, and the wings of the butterflies were scraped bits of crayon, ironed between two pieces of wax paper. It was so exciting to scrape the different colors and then to watch them melt between the pieces of wax paper! Being distracted by the sight and smell of melted crayons probably contributed to why I failed to follow the teacher's instructions about how to make the body frame of the butterfly. Whatever I did resulted in a butterfly that had four antennae and an additional body frame. And instead of the butterfly frame matching (as it would have if it had been done correctly), it turned out to be two unmatched frames and four unmatched antennae. Since becoming an adult, I've figured out how to do the butterfly frame correctly but I still can't figure out how my initial butterfly creation came out so wrong.

That fact was driven home to me by the teacher who was not very happy with me, and commented many times, out loud, in front of the rest of the class, that she couldn't figure out how I made such a terrible butterfly frame. And either there was no time or not enough supplies for me to make another so with great annoyance, she said, "Oh well, we'll make this one do." All of my excitement over the colorful, melted crayon wings that I had made went away. I watched as she took my beautiful colored wings and put them in place between the misshapen frame with four antennae and handed it back to me with a sigh. Like everyone else in my class, I took my butterfly home that day, but didn't have much enthusiasm in showing it to my mother. Stupid butterfly with misshapen wings and four antennae!

But a couple of days later, when I came home from school, that misshapen butterfly with four antennae was in a frame and hanging on the wall of the den. My mother said she liked that butterfly, just the way I had made it, and she thought it was beautiful. It remained on the wall of our house for years, long after I was grown and had children of my own.

This unremarkable event from my childhood taught me a lot of things. First, it taught me that whenever I work with children or adults in making crafts, I praise them for whatever they have created. Second, I allow extra time and provide extra supplies in case a person wants to try again, but I don't insist upon it. Third, I am grateful for a mother who, without making a big deal out of it, demonstrated through a simple act of framing, that my butterfly was worthwhile and beautiful. Fourth, in my life, I try to demonstrate to every person that he or she is worthwhile and beautiful, no matter how different.

I don't always succeed. Sometimes, I am like that teacher, wanting every butterfly to be the same, conveying impatience and saying unhelpful things. But when that happens, God then shows me how to frame what I considered imperfections and view them as beautiful as well.



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PENTECOST OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED ON JUNE 9

The Pentecost Offering is traditionally received on the day of Pentecost, which this year is June 9. Donations can also be made online or by mailing a check care of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. Trinity's 40% will go to NaCoMe, the Presbyterian family camp in Centerville. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency:

Young Adult Volunteers

Ministries for Youth

Children-at-Risk

Pentecost Offering Financials

Please give generously to this year's Pentecost Offering.

JUNE/JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND LECTIONARY READINGS

June 2 Seventh Sunday of Easter/Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97;

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;

John 17:20-26

June 9 Day of Pentecost/Pentecost Offering

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9;

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;

Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21;

John 14:8-17 (25-27)

June 16 Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5;

John 16:12-15

June 23 Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a; Psalms 42 and 43;

Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 30 Third Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20;

Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:5-62

July 7 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30;

Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14;

Luke 10:25-37

July 21 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28;

Luke 10:38-42

July 28 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85;

Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST!

Everyone is asked to wear something red to worship on Sunday, June 9, the Day of Pentecost. Red is the traditional color of Pentecost, representing the tongues of flame descending on the Christians with the Holy Spirit.

JOIN THE TRINITY SUMMER SINGERS!



During the summer months, the choir takes a hiatus and turns over the musical side of worship to the Trinity Summer Singers. These singers come from the congregation and are composed of anyone who has a desire to sing to hymns and anthems with other like-minded congregational singers.



The selections are from the hymnbook and from simple pieces of choral music. Singers gather at 10:40 Sunday morning before the service and go over the selection of the day with music director Will Berger.

You are welcome to sing for the Sundays you wish to or for the whole summer. You may also make a suggestion to Will for a hymn or selection.

A FAREWELL TO SARAH

Sarah Upchurch Dunnevant, a Trinity choir member for the previous two years, sang her last note on May 26. She will be pursuing other singing opportunities in the fall. A reception for Sarah was held in the East Hall following worship on May 26. We will miss you, Sarah!



photos by Hank Schomber



The Big Stitch 43

Saturday
July 13, 2019
8:30 am - 2pm

Trinity Presbyterian Church
3201 Hillsboro Pike
Nashville, TN 37215

Bring a sack lunch, or lunch may be purchased.
Drinks are provided.

Door Prizes - FREE Instruction* - FREE Seminars - FREE Patterns
Boutique with patterns, yarn, needles & hooks -

NEW CLASSES! Big Stitch University

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for questions email deb@knitandcrochettn.org
or call (615) 410-0620

ADULT EDUCATION IN JUNE AND JULY

The Adult Sunday school class, with Sally leading, invites you to join it. For the month of June, the adult Sunday school class will take a deeper look at the passages selected for preaching on the following Sunday. Not only does this give the class an insight into next Sunday's sermon, it gives the pastor a chance to hear questions and conversations about the passage, which may improve the sermon! The passages for study and discussion are:

June 2nd Acts 2: 1 - 21
June 9th Romans 5: 1 - 5
June 16th Luke 8: 26 - 39
No Sunday school on June 23rd or 30th



Beginning in July, Dr. Will Berger will be teaching an eight week class on what has come to be called "The Historical Jesus." This has been what he calls his guilty pleasure, and in the last 30 years has become a cottage industry if one measures the number of books out on the subject. Mainly it involves going behind the four gospels (and other sources) to gain a picture of the person, Jesus of Nazareth, in his real life setting in first century Palestine. We'll try to sample the various conversations about Jesus' life background, his ministry and his relationship to John the Baptist, his message, his mighty deeds, his disciples, his teaching and his disagreements with other teachers of his day. While Will is relying on the multi-volume work by John Meier called "A Marginal Jew: Re-thinking the Historical Jesus," he recommends purchasing as an introduction by Helen K. Bond, "Jesus, a Very Brief History." We'll also watch a video featuring the late Peter Jennings.

LINDEN WALDORF SCHOOL NEWS PLACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER CAMPS

During the summer season, Linden Waldorf School offers an opportunity to extend play and wholesome activity with LWS Summer Camp. There are still openings for the remaining camps, especially for older children. The camp will offer something truly special and memorable for each child to take with them for years to come. Soaring Eagles Camp, for the older set, announces four exciting themes: music, circus, art, and movement & games. Each week will have similar activities, with an emphasis on the theme. The majority of our relaxing but engaging days will be spent outdoors on our well-shaded playgrounds in activities that will include water play, nature walks, arts and crafts, circle games, storytelling, and free play.

The Soaring Eagles Camp includes rising 2nd grade to rising 5th grade.

Movement & Games Week: June 10-14. Movement teacher Jen Castle will lead a week full of adventure, social play, and fun circle games so exciting, kids will want to take home what they have learned and share it with their friends.

Music Week: June 17-21. Join in a week of music from a variety of cultures, folk dancing, and delightful storytelling, all woven together to create a camp community mini-play, led by Jocelyn Sprouse.

Art Week: June 24-28. Ariel Williams will guide children on a voyage of discovery through many modalities of art including, but not limited to, textile, clay, and wood. They will surely take home irreplaceable and truly original artifacts.

The Firefly Camp includes age 4 (by June 1) to rising 1st grade. Teachers Elizabeth Seiters and Maria Graham will begin each Firefly day with circle and a song, and then lots of water play. Activities include painting pottery, handwork, planting, snack making, and more!

All sessions run 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration is \$320/week. Sign up for 3 weeks and receive a 10% discount; 4 weeks receive a 15% discount.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Sally Hughes

STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION April , 2019

The session reviewed a "Giving Analysis" for Trinity which had been prepared by the Presbyterian Foundation to provide insights into the nature and patterns" of members' giving to "help identify potential risks to the church's ongoing sustainability." A meeting with a representative of the Foundation is being arranged for this summer.

"Exit" signs for the Sanctuary and East Hall as required by the Fire Marshall so those areas will meet requirements for continuing use by Linden Waldorf School. "Photo Luminescent" signs were approved and should be going up this month (June).. The signs, require no additional electrical work ad meet fire marshal standards. LWS will split the cost of the sign project with Trinity.

Congregational work days were set for May 18 (and 25, if necessary) as Trinity prepared for hosting the May 30 Presbytery Meeting.

Heavy rains caused leaks in the manse. Roof repairs have been completed.

Easter Sunday attendance was announced at 79.

The moderator encouraged all elders to attend the third congregational conversation with Bill Wilson from The Center for Healthy Churches on May 5 following worship. The meeting will be about Trinity's future. A compilation of raw data responses from the March "conversation" was distributed without comment.

A meeting with the new Presbytery Co-executives Ray and Robin Thomas and the Stated Clerk, Therese Howell, was held April 29, to discuss and review needs and plans for the May 30 Presbytery meeting hosted by Trinity.

Facility Manager Charlie Bundy has indicated he plans are to retire at the end of May, 2020. Linden Waldorf School said it would like to have a replacement person named several months before that date to afford the new person some direct "tutelage" from Mr. Bundy.

The moderator circulated a copy of a Trinity t-shirt designed by Megan Rutherford. The session agreed we should see if shirts can be ordered for members prior to May 30 Presbytery meeting.

CHURCH PICNIC ON THE GROUNDS ON JULY 28

Trinity will hold a church picnic on the grounds on Sunday, July 28. The picnic will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will end around 6:30 p.m.

The Fellowship Committee will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, buns and condiments, chips, and drinks. The congregation is asked to to bring your favorite sides and desserts. Linden Waldorf School will be invited to join us.

We will set up tables for food service and some seating for those who cannot sit and eat in lawn chairs. Everyone else should bring their own lawn chairs.

Also, please bring sunscreen and insect repellent. It is still quite sunny and hot at 4:30 in July.

Please help to encourage folks who currently do not have a church home to participate in the picnic. Since we typically have visitors moving to Nashville from out-of-town in the summertime, as you greet them in June and July, please make sure to invite them to the picnic.

FLOWER DONATIONS WELCOMED!

If you would like to provide flowers for the chancel table in the sanctuary, please call the office at 615-297-6513. Do you grow flowers? You may prepare and provide the flowers yourself, bring them to the church on Friday afternoon or prior to worship on Sunday morning. Or if you would like to provide a \$60 donation an order will be placed with the florist.

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.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Ann Wise - 19

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Joan Dougherty - 1

Diane Parker - 1

Lee Anne O'Brien - 2

Robert Rutherford - 11

Carolyn Vick - 11

Jim Parker - 12

Tom O'Brien - 17

Hank Schomber - 18

Phil Elbert - 20

David Erwin - 24

SPECIAL GROUP ACTIVITY MEETINGS

*****Wandering Presbyterians** get multiple choice this summer! On Wednesday, July 10, you get to choose if you want to go to lunch at Coco's Italian Restaurant AND tour the new Tennessee State Museum OR just go to lunch. When you sign up, please specify "lunch only" OR "lunch & museum". Restaurant menu prices range from \$8 - \$16. Admission to the museum is free. Interested? Sign up in the East Hall, call the office at 615-297-6513, or e-mail office@trinitypresnashville.org. Details with time of departure and expected times for return will be in a future Friday e-mail.

*****Presbyterian Women** meet the first Tuesday of the month September through May at 11 a.m. in the Trinity parlor. The study book beginning in September is *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*. We will cover the Introduction and Lesson One, "Words of Love: I Am Your God; You Shall Have No Others" at the first meeting of the year, September 3.

Study books are published and shipped in August. If you would like a study book, please let Judy Schomber or Linda Rogers know so that your book can be ordered in time. The regular study book is \$10 and the large print edition is \$15.00

FROM THE JUNE 2019 PRESBYTERY NEWSLETTER

"Highlights from the 137th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee
Therese Howell, Stated Clerk

The Presbytery met on Thursday, May 30, 2019, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Nashville. The staff and congregation were wonderful hosts, greeting commissioners with smiles, sunshine, and refreshments."

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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.

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!



Sympathy to Lucas Bates on the death of his mother, Mindy Bates, May 20, 2019. *“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.”*

Bill and Joan Dougherty enjoyed seeing their granddaughter, Caitlyn, who was home for a brief visit

Congratulations to Joe Brady, who retired from Ensworth High School after MANY years of teaching!

Vera Billington’s grandson was graduated from the 8th grade at Mount Juliet Middle School

Harrison Elbert completed his first year of law school at Vanderbilt Law School

Susan Brockett enjoyed a visit to her family in Austin, TX

Lee Anne O’Brien was glad to have all of her sons with her on Mother’s Day (Tom, Jon, and Peter)...

SPECIAL VISITORS TO TRINITY ON JUNE 2

Two special visitors worshipped with us on Sunday, June 2. Both have close ties to Trinity. Michael Cuppert, at the piano below, is a Trinity member whom we sponsor for ordination at Princeton Theological Seminary. Michael assisted with the liturgy, served communion, and played an anthem of beautiful hymns for us.

Mr. Howell Adams (pictured below with Bill Dougherty), married in Trinity and was a major benefactor of the Trinity renovation. He traveled from Atlanta to watch the Vanderbilt baseball team in the Regional Tournament. Whenever he is in town, he worships at Trinity.



WANDERING PRESBYTERIANS DINE AT BARBARA'S



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THIRD CONVERSATION WITH BILL WILSON ON MAY 5



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TRINITY FOLKS BUSY ...AT THE WORK DAY MAY 18



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... AT THE PRESBYTERY MEETING



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PRESBYTERY MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF NEW EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERS

The 137th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, one of four annual gatherings, was held at Trinity on May 30, 2019. There were 150 in attendance from Presbyterian churches all across Middle Tennessee, from Crossville to Fayetteville to Clarksville.

Following the worship service which featured combined choirs and a communion service, the business meeting began. Newly called Co-Executive Presbyters Rev. Ray Thomas and his wife Robin Thomas, were installed and closed the Presbytery meeting with the benediction. Afterwards, there was a reception for the Co-Executive Presbyters in the East Hall.

Many members of the Trinity congregation helped with the Presbytery meeting. In addition to the ones present to serve as parkers, communion ushers, guides, registration workers, choir members, and food servers, other members contributed by furnishing food, flower arrangements, written materials, and set-up and clean-up. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the Presbytery meeting at Trinity.



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JUNE/JULY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Sundays

9:30 a.m. Adult Christian Education – Parlor
10:40 a.m. Summer Singers Rehearsal– Chapel
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (First Sunday Communion)
After Worship Fellowship Time – East Hall

Mondays & Thursdays

8:00 p.m. Lambda AA Meeting – Chapel

Wednesday 6/19

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting – Parlor

Wednesday 7/10

11:00 a.m. Wandering Presbyterians leave for Lunch & Tour of Tennessee State Museum

Saturday 7/13

9 a.m. Presbytery Meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Columbia

Saturday 7/20

8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Knit & Crochet TN – The Big Stitch

Tuesday 7/23

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting – Parlor

Sunday 7/28

4:30 p.m. Church Picnic

For updated calendar information, visit www.trinitypresnashville.org; click on “church calendar” or check the congregational e-mail each Friday.