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TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN

THE CHURCH REFORMED,
ALWAYS TO BE REFORMED
ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF GOD.

JAN Tidings



letter from the associate pastor...

I've never been a fan of New Years celebrations—the way I look at it is, *We already know that time is passing. Why do we need a holiday to draw attention to that fact?* (And yes, I feel pretty much the same about birthdays.) I recognize that this attitude is perhaps not the healthiest for my mental health, but you know what they say about old dogs and new tricks.

On the other hand I do relish new beginnings, so I guess the turning of the year is not altogether a bad thing. For example, I've been known to find a little extra jolt of motivation to go out for a run in early January.

And of course our faith, and the church, are all about new beginnings too. We can lose sight of this when we become too enamored with tradition, but the history of God's people that the Bible recounts is one of God constantly doing something new—look no further than Christmas, after all.

Here at Trinity, it's a New Year of new beginnings in more ways than one: a year of uncertainties, unknowns, and adventures to be had. In the *Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we read, "The church affirms *Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda secundum verbum Dei*, that is, 'The church reformed, always to be reformed according to the Word of God.'"

It's my prayer that we will embrace the adventure, the guidance of the Spirit, and even the unknowns as we set out into the journey of 2025.

Peace,

Dwight

J. Phillip Newell *Listening for the Heartbeat of God: A Celtic Spirituality*

ONLINE BOOK STUDY

Tuesday evenings

Jan. 21 - Feb. 25

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

**The Iona Pilgrimage Group invites
you to join them in this study of
Celtic Christianity. See Dwight
Christenbury for more information.**



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE



Fellowship Ministry WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

We will have two Wednesday Night Live fellowships in January 2025 as follows:

Wednesday, January 8

- 5:30 pm – WNL Dinner
- 6:30 pm – Sarah Robinson from Black Mountain Children's Home

Wednesday, January 22

- 5:30 pm – WNL Dinner
- 6:30 pm – Peggy Marshall, Henderson County Education Foundation

Please sign up in the narthex the Sunday prior to the WNL Fellowship or call the office no later than the Monday prior by 9:00 a.m.

We look forward to our fellowship time.

Angela Kuykendoll



UPCOMING WED NIGHT LIVE Pizza and Trivia: The Reboot!

Have you heard it through the grapevine? The Wed. Night Live **PIZZA & TRIVIA** event that was cancelled in October has been rescheduled for **Wed. March 19**.

Save the date and get ready for Pub Trivia- style challenges featuring the music, TV, movies, commercials and more from the mid-1950's - through the late 1980's!

More info to come in the March issue of *Tidings*.

Leslie Nissen

Stewardship Ministry

Inviting Your Time and Talent:

You are cordially welcome to join any of the many activities at Trinity! All you have to do is just show up. You do not have to be a member. You do not have to be an expert; you may want to learn more about something. There are not even auditions for choir so you can just show up and enjoy the beautiful music, lyrics and people; some of us are much better musicians than others. Do a little; do a lot. Test out something on a trial basis. Listen to what God may be calling you to do in this new year.

Learn about the activities by reading the Sunday bulletin, the monthly Tidings newsletter, the Trinity website at www.trinitypresnc.org, the soon-to-be published annual report; or attend a class (Issues and Concerns, Lectionary, or Hashing It Out); or review the bulletin boards lining our hallways. Ask the friendly people who greet you at Sunday morning worship; it won't be long before you are introduced to someone with a lot of answers to your questions. Talk about your talents and interests while asking where they might be useful.

Have you got an idea for something new we should be doing at Trinity? Perhaps we should be revising something? Ask which existing activity may be interested in adopting your suggestion. Or maybe we need a new activity. Talk about it with others to find those who may be interested. Coffee in the Atrium before and after Sunday worship services and Wednesday Night Live events are good places to begin.

Working along with others is a great way to build relationships. The fellowship of the church happens during work as well as during social activities and worship. Working with someone can be most meaningful.

Already, so many folks do so much. The value of donated time and talent far exceeds our financial donations. No one should feel "too stretched" or "overwhelmed". Take on the activities that are right for you. Remember that it is O.K. to say no if you are asked to do something that is just not a good fit for you right now. Maybe you should drop out of something to make room for something new?

Meanwhile, a big thanks to all the "doers"! Trinity would not be Trinity without you. Truly, stewardship is using the gifts you have been given to the glory of God. Together, we have so many gifts of time and talent as well as treasure.

Barb T.

January Birthdays

**1 Myrl Jean Hughes
Blane Stephens**

**3 Sierrah Haskins
Lucy Burnham**

**4 Landen Gailey
Ruth Mills
Rebecca Palmer**

5 Diocles Wells

**7 Clarence Poole
Karen Andrew**

8 David Gilbert

12 Dave Morrison

**13 River Keefer
Nancy Kisner**

**14 Kathryn Forsythe
Eric McAnallen**

**16 Ashley Collins
Barbara Nelson**

18 Cindy Ann Bowers

**20 Ann Fennell
Allen Haskins**

21 Sara Noegel

**23 Evans Thibodeau
James Tolleson
Conrad Shannon
Nancy Lueger**

26 Blake Wright

27 Sabrina Poms

28 Mary Haskins

**30 Lin Carlson
Ian Fay
Martin Roller**

**31 Fritz Becker
Marty Zigovsky**

#1 *New York Times* Bestselling Author

KRISTIN HANNAH

THE WOMEN

A Novel



Christian Nurture Ministry TRINITY BOOK GROUP – JANUARY 2025

Hello Readers,

It's never too late to join our Trinity Book Group. All are welcome.

Please read the book of the month and join us for our next Book Group meeting:

If you have any questions, please contact Billie Hicklin or Angela Kuykendoll.

Happy Reading!

Angela Kuykendoll

Date:
**Thursday, January 23, 1:30
pm at the Church**

Book & Author:
The Women by Kristin Hannah

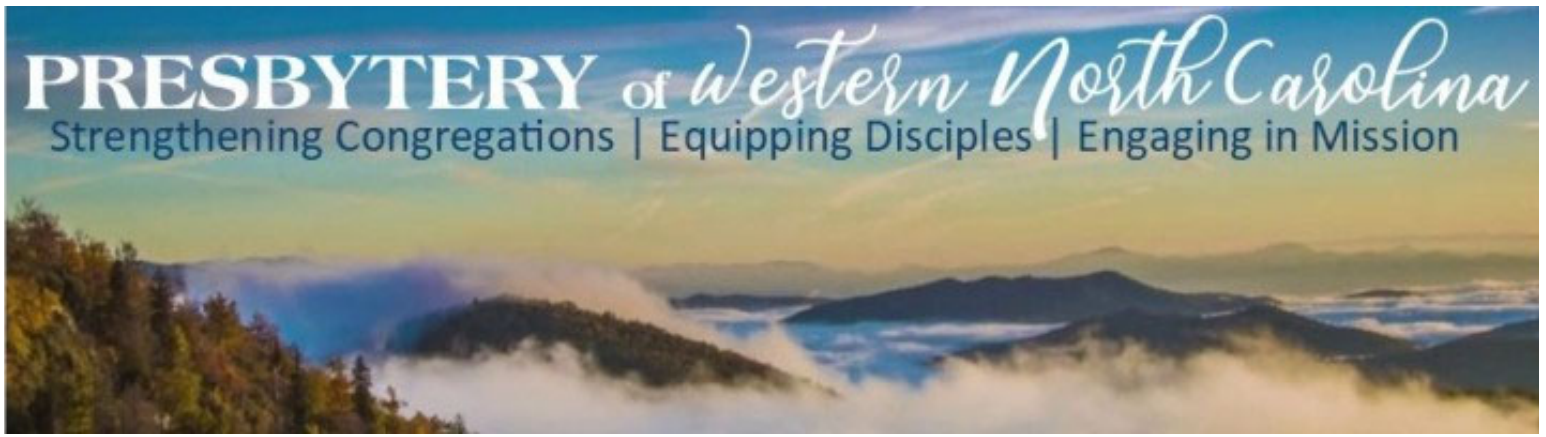
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is here
to support you
Please reach out!



Transitional Pastor Search Committee

SECOND UPDATE

Your Transitional Pastor Search Committee (TPSC) continues its work. We know some members are anxious about the process seeming to take a long period of time. There are several reasons leading us to where we currently are in the process:

Session was not allowed to form a search committee until after Mark's last day of work. Helene caused an interruption in our meetings. Beyond these external factors, you should know we have been meeting weekly. Our work began in understanding the process. We have recently spent two meetings in completing a nine-page document called the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP). Although technically we were not required to complete this document, we were encouraged to do so by presbytery. It will help candidates to know more about Trinity as they decide their interest in serving us. We also believe this work will save Trinity's eventual permanent Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) time in their work in the future. The document was prepared with the assistance of Rev. Tom Phillips plus additional consultation with the Stated Clerk of our Presbytery.

The MDP was approved by Session on 12/9. Beyond what may come out of the posting, our committee has met to review the potential candidates we are aware of so far. Fortunately, all have experience as Transitional Pastors. Initial contacts have been made to gauge their interest before moving on to the next step which will be Zoom interviews. The MDP will be provided to candidates prior to any Zoom interview.

A big part of a Transitional Pastor's job is to prepare us to find the best new pastor. To that end, they will be leading us through a visioning process to help us discern our best path. This process will guide the PNC in their task. For these reasons (and more) the TP will be a very important person in the life of Trinity and will have a major role in guiding the way we move forward. We owe it to Trinity to do a thoughtful, prayerful, and thorough job in our search.

*Diane, Bud, Enrique,
Leslie, and Tom*

Local Missions Ministry

HUNGER WALK

Despite the Walk's postponement followed by its cancellation this year, the financial result was a resounding success! Our board has reviewed all grant requests and decided we are able to increase our grants by \$12,500 to a total of \$120,000! We have also added a 12th agency grant for the Food Connection, which has been active in Buncombe County and is beginning their work in Henderson County.

Sponsor (think names on t-shirts) giving increased by \$8700--32%! For the last couple years, Trinity's Local Mission Ministry has supported the walk at the Angel level of \$1000. Your support of the folks who planned to walk totaled \$3503, short of our record \$3770, but a strong effort, considering all the Helene rescheduling, confusion, etc.

A big thank you to all who contributed to reducing hunger in Henderson County!

Tom Karvonen

UNDIE SUNDAY RETURNING SOON!

The last two Sundays in February, (the 15th and 22nd) will be Undie Sunday for Trinity. Collection bins will be in the Narthex ready to receive new, packaged underwear for local neighbors in need: men, women, teens, and children. Stay tuned for details in the Feb. Tidings and get ready to shop!

Leslie Nissen

THE MITTEN TREE

Mittens, mittens, you brought new mittens (and gloves, socks, scarves, and hats) to decorate "The Mitten Tree" at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Your gifts are warming kids throughout Henderson County. Nice work, Trinity!

So how many, you ask? You decorated "The Mitten Tree" with 164 pairs of mittens and gloves, 140 pairs of socks, 120 warm hats, 13 scarves, and 7 toddler blankets. Thank you, thank you for your warm wishes and warm gifts. They are now with IAM to be given to local kids of all ages - toddlers, middles, and teens - who will really appreciate your gifts in the cold of winter.

Bud & Sandy Weeks



Bill & Jackie Carden gave this beautiful Christmas tree to Trinity Presbyterian Church. Each year, it is made more beautiful by donations of warm mittens, gloves, hats, socks and toddler blankets which go to IAM and on to teens, middles, and toddlers throughout the community. This is "The Mitten Tree" decorated by members and friends of Trinity, many of whom live in Cummings Cove. Thank you, so many of you, for your gifts to "The Mitten Tree".

Presbyterian Women of Trinity

TRINITY WOMEN'S RETREAT

March 28-30, 2025

We are so pleased you will be joining us in Montreat for our Women's Retreat.

My friend and wonderful facilitator, Michelle Thomas-Bush will be our leader. Michelle serves as the associate pastor for youth and their families at Myers Park Presbyterian church. Michelle has been working with young people and their families for over 30 years. She is creator of the Big Ideas in Youth Ministry, a support network and conference for youth leaders. Michelle is a mindfulness instructor, certified Christian educator, ACC/ICF certified coach and certified enneagram coach. She and her husband Dave have two college children and are enjoying an empty nest.

The schedule of events is attached. Registration at the Inn will begin at 3:00 on Friday afternoon. We expect everyone to stay for the entire experience if at all possible. The sessions will build on each other, culminating in a service of communion on Sunday morning. We will check out and leave by 11:00 am.

There will be ample time for fellowship, friendship, fun, relaxation and education so come with an open heart, and open mind, and the expectation of a time to relax and recharge.

Place your completed registration form and deposit check in Norie Sanchez's folder in the church office. (The check should be made out to Trinity Presbyterian Church, with "2025 Women's Retreat" in the memo line) The deadline for registration is January 26, 2025. The full payment is due by February 28, 2025. Cancellations before February 28 will receive 100% return of funds. Cancellations between February 28 and March 8 will receive 50% return unless there is a waiting list and the space can be filled. There will be no refunds after March 8, 2025.

Bring comfortable walking shoes if you plan to hike on Saturday afternoon.

Questions? Ideas? Contact:

Norie Sanchez

704-576-1667

noriequilts@gmail.com



SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Check-in at the Inn begins at 3:00 PM
3:00 - 5:30 pm. Registration and social time. Lakeside Room
5:30-6:30 pm. Dinner in Galax dining room
7:00 to 8:00 pm. Introductions and Session 1. Lakeside Room

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

7:30 - 8:30 am. Breakfast: Galax dining room.
9:00-10:30 am. Session 2
10:30-10:45 BREAK. Coffee/snacks/water
10:45-12:00 noon. Session 3
12:00 Noon - 5:30. Free schedule
5:30 PM Dinner in Galax dining room
7:00 - 8:30 pm. Final Session
EVENING: Social time together

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

7:30-8:30 am. Breakfast: Galax Dining Room.
9:00 - 10:00 am. Worship service with communion.
11:00 CHECK OUT

[DOWNLOAD
REGISTRATION
FORM HERE](#)



**SESSIONAIRES EXTRAORDINAIRES ENRIQUE SANCHEZ AND BUD WEEKS;
NEW MEMBERS DAVID SMITH AND MARSHA COVINGTON-RIGGSBEE**



**KRIS GRASSE WITH THE HANDS-ON-NATIVITY; NEW MEMBER CATHERINE LANGSDORF;
FUN WITH THE ANIMALS IN THE STABLE**



**REV. DWIGHT CHRISTENBURY; REV. PAUL HUGGER; NEW MEMBERS GARY KOZEN & DEBRA SCOTT;
REV. DAVID GARNETT & CHAPLIN MOLLY GARNETT (OODLES OF CLERGY!)**



PASTOR SALLY BEGHTOL WITH THE CHRISM TREE; HARRY PETERSEN, CHARLES KEEFER, KATHY STEINBAUGH, AND DWIGHT CHRISTENBURY AT THE ANNUAL DEACON'S CHRISTMAS PARTY; LORRAINE TALBOT



THE SUGAWARA FAMILY WITH KEN; NANCY WILLIARD, CHRIS BECKER, NORIE SANCHEZ, AND MARGARET BOLICK PARTYING LIKE THE DEACONS DARLINGS THEY ARE



NEW MEMBER MARSHA COVINGTON-RIGGSBEE WITH FAMILY; STELLA AND NEENA HASKINS; SALLY BEGHTOL DURING THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH STELLA AND ALLEN HASKINS

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MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

January 2025

1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY & FIRST DAY OF RECYCLING MONTH
(OFFICE CLOSED)

2
10:00 Musicke Antiqua
1:00 Tech Committee
4:00 Tai Chi
6:30 Cub Scouts

3
8:00 Toastmasters

4

5 - COMMUNION & INSTALLATION & ORDINATION OF OFFICERS
8:30 Worship
9:45 Learning Hour
10:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship
5:00 ManKind Project

6 - EPIPHANY
9:00 Finance Team
10:00 New Member Sub.
12:00 PW Bible Study Team
2:00 PW Coord. Team
4:00 Tai chi
7:00 Zoom: Building & Grounds Ministry Mtg.

7
9:30 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
4:00 Global Missions

8 - UNDECORATING DAY
10:00 Esther Circle
10:30 Friends in Christ
5:30 Wed Nigh Live Dinner
6:30 Wed Night Live Presentation
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

9
10:00 Musicke Antiqua
11:00 "Between the Lines"
1:00 TPSC Mtg.
4:00 Tai Chi
4:00 Zoom: Finance/Stewardship Ministry Mtg.
6:30 Cub Scouts

10 - PRESBYTERY YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
8:00 Toastmasters

11 - PRESBYTERY YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
9:30 Swing Band

12 - ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!
8:30 Worship
9:45 Learning Hour
10:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship
5:00 ManKind Project

13
9:00 Finance Team
10:00 New Member Sub.
10:30 New Member Mtg.
4:00 Tai Chi
5:30 Local Missions Mtg.
6:30 Session Meeting

14
9:30 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
3:00 Origami Group
3:30 Deacons' Meeting

15
10:30 Friends in Christ
3:00 Zoom: Earth Care
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

16
10:00 Musicke Antiqua
11:00 "Between the Lines"
2:00 Luopad Project
4:00 Tai Chi
6:30 Cub Scouts

17
8:00 Toastmasters

18

19
8:30 Worship
9:45 Learning Hour
10:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship
12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry
5:00 ManKind Project

20 - TIDINGS DEADLINE, MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
9:00 Finance Team
10:00 New Member Sub.
1:30 Personnel Committee
4:00 Tai Chi

21
9:30 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
10:30 Naomi Circle
6:00 Zoom: Worship Ministry Mtg
7:00 Zoom: Book Study "Listening for the Heart..."

22
10:30 Friends in Christ
5:30 Wed Nigh Live Dinner
6:30 Wed Night Live Presentation
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

23
10:00 Musicke Antiqua
11:00 "Between the Lines"
1:30 Book Group
4:00 Tai Chi
6:30 Cub Scouts

24
8:00 Toastmasters
6:00 Cub Scout District Banquet

25
9:30 Swing Band
3:00 Remembrance Ceremony for Gun Violence Victims and Survivors (Grace Lutheran)

26 - ANNUAL MEETING, & 5 CENTS A MEAL
9:30 Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
11:00 Annual Meeting
5:00 ManKind Project

27
9:00 Finance Team
10:00 New Member Sub.
4:00 Death Cafe
4:00 Tai Chi

28
9:30 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
3:00 Origami Group
6:30 Deborah Circle
7:00 Zoom: Book Study "Listening for the Heart..."

29
10:30 Friends in Christ
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

30
10:00 Musicke Antiqua
11:00 "Between the Lines"
4:00 Tai Chi
6:30 Cub Scouts

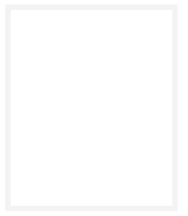
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8:00 Toastmasters

SINGLE SERVICE



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Trinity Presbyterian Church welcomes **you** without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's Family.

We are Christ's people and this is Christ's place
with its doors wide open.

Welcome!

tidings

It is **january**
And I am tired
of being brave.

Arzum Uzun

