



Trinity Tidings

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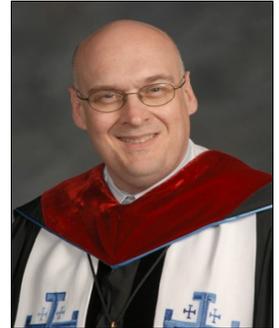
But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9

I knew that something was up when the first person congratulated me on my anniversary. "But, it's not my anniversary. Melanie and I were married in July." She smiled, saying "Not your wedding anniversary; your ordination anniversary." What a surprise and a joy for you to mark the 20th anniversary of my being ordained. Your generous gifts and your even more generous comments were deeply gratifying--thank you all very much for making it a memorable day!

Though it is now nearly 40 years ago, I still remember that moment when it began to dawn on me that I was being called to be a minister. I was a young teenager--about the age of our youngest Commissioners--when I felt deeply that God was drawing me into some type of ministry, but I couldn't imagine what it might mean. Things became a bit clearer when I was a senior in high school, attending a week-long retreat for high school students; it was the last night of the week and during the closing worship, the minister challenged the 1000 teenagers to open their hearts to what God wanted for our lives. When I returned home and told my pastor and the leadership board that I sensed a call to ministry, they surprised me by not only concurring but then informing me that they would be ordaining me! Believing that 18 was too tender an age to be ordained, I asked if we could wait till I'd completed college. That summer I had my first church job and became a youth director. Through college, it became clear to me that God wanted me to be a pastoral counselor; I would get my doctorate in counseling and then work with youth and their families. But the Lord had another idea in mind. There's more to the story than space here, but suffice it to say that my vocation was clarified: not a psychologist but a pastor!

During my first year at Princeton Seminary, I was licensed as a minister of the Gospel ministry; it was 1988. Six years later, I received my first call to a permanent ministry position, an Associate Chaplain at Princeton University and was ordained for that position. That was 20 years ago. It is hard to believe that the journey that began close to 20 years prior has led to this milestone. As the old African-American Gospel song says, "My soul looks back in wonder." I am grateful to be a part of Trinity during this part of the journey and I'm profoundly grateful for this pilgrimage we call a vocation, but as this article ends, please remember this very important thing: ALL of us who claim Jesus as Lord have a vocation and while there are many gifts and many ministries, we are all called to serve God by serving our neighbors. My prayer for my ministry is that I can help equip all of us for the work of ministry, for all of us are Christ's ministers, some of us are ordained but all of us are called. And because of that, you and I have wonderful and wondrous reasons to be...

Hoping Big! - Greg



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Trinity's Music News



Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.

New members are always welcome!



Children's Choirs Rehearsals

Thursdays

New members are always welcome!



Children's Choir Rehearsal Times

Cherub Choir – Pre-K and Kindergarten; Thursday 4:30-5:00pm

Carol Choir – 1st and 2nd grade; Thursday 5:00-5:40pm

Team Choir – 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade; Thursday 5:40-6:20pm

Team Bells – 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade; Thursday 6:20-6:50pm



Youth Choir Rehearsal

Sundays

New members are always welcome!



Youth Choir – 6th – 12th grade; Sundays 10:50am-11:30am

Youth Bell Ensemble 6th-12th grade; Sundays 11:30-noon

Youth Instrumental Ensemble 6th -12th grade; rehearses as needed

YOU CAN MAKE MUSIC AT TRINITY!

Please call the church office at 428-2050 or e-mail Lisa Marcelli, Director of Music, at lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org for more information.





Concludes its 24th season
BLAST FROM THE PAST!

featuring

Charlie Zahm

Celtic, Maritime & Traditional American Music

March 9, 2014 ~ 4:00 PM



Please stay and join us for a reception
with light refreshments
at the conclusion of the concert.
Admission is a Free-will Offering.

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Lenten Soup 'n Sound

Wednesday lunch hour concerts

Soup lunch at 12:00 pm,
concert starting at 12:30 pm

Admission—freewill donation

March 12

Young Artist Feature
Emily Safko, Irish harp and
Haley Richardson, fiddle

March 19

Nora Suggs, Shakuhachi
(Japanese bamboo flute)

March 26

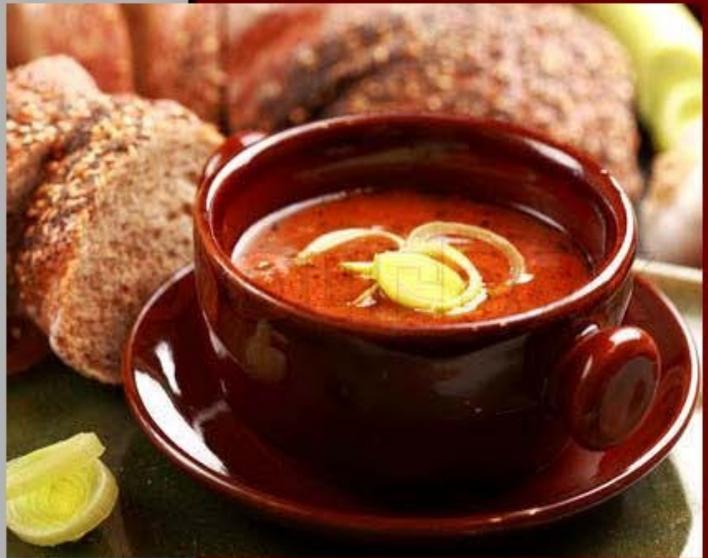
Nero Catalano, classical guitar

April 2

Michael Carsley, steel drums

April 9

Rebecca Sayer Kain
and
Lisa Kain Marcelli, vocalists



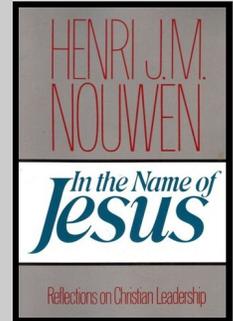
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Lenten Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. in the Ante Room

At the conclusion of the Soup 'n Sound Concert

Dr. Faulkner will conduct a Lenten Bible Study Series on Henri Nouwen's small book, *In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership*. This short book--just shy of 80 pages--was printed from the transcript of a speech Nouwen gave at a conference on 21st Century Christian leadership in 1989. Nouwen claims that for the church to be effective in the future, its leaders must follow the example of Christ in resisting the three temptations Christ faced in Matthew 4:1-11: The temptation to be relevant, The temptation to be spectacular, and the temptation to be powerful. Through discussion and prayer, this study will offer us a powerful way to think about what it means to follow Jesus today. Come for one discussion or for all--you are invited to join us in the journey.



Trinity News and Notes

In Memoriam

David Milne

United with Trinity October 13, 1957;

Died- January 29, 2014



Sympathies

We extend our sympathies to....

Linda and Jim Flanary and family on the death of her father, **David Milne**.

Karan and Rusty Sieh and their family on the death of Karan's father, **Harold Henry**.

Jeanette Thomson on the loss of her husband, **Bob**.

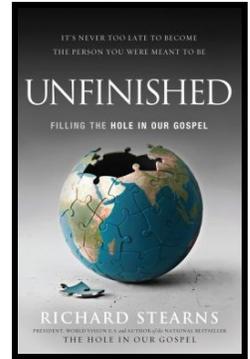
FINANCIAL UPDATE

	January	YEAR TO DATE		BUDGET
INCOME	82,045	82,045	#	82,045
EXPENSES	59,707	59,707	#	59,707
	22,338	22,338		22,338
PLEDGE YTD ACTUAL	37,609			
	233,601			
PLEDGE YTD BUDGET	37,609			
PLEDGE YTD vs BUDGET	-			

Adult Ministries

Sunday Morning Christian Education

Join us on **March 16, 23, 30 and April 6** as we read and discuss the thought-provoking book **Unfinished: Filling the Hole in Our Gospel** by Richard Stearns, President of *World Vision, Inc.*



Stearns has summarized his book:

Do you long for a deeper sense of meaning and purpose in your life? Do you believe all the right things, go to church, and faithfully read your Bible, still feeling that something is missing? You may be right.

Two thousand years ago Jesus gave an urgent assignment to his followers right before he left. At its essence it was not just an invitation to believe; it was a bold call to action. It was a challenge to go into the world to reclaim, reform, and restore it for Christ.

Simply stated, the message of this book is that God has invited you to join him in this world-changing mission. And if you are not personally participating in God's great endeavor, you could be missing the very thing he created you to do.

Paperback copies of the book will be available at the reduced cost of \$5.00 and may be purchased when you up sign up for the discussion series at the table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday **March 9 and March 16**.

The Middle East of Today, From Yesterday

Sunday, March 30, 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. The Reverend Chris Doyle of Union Presbyterian Church in Carneys Point was a missionary in the Middle East from 1992-2005. His presentation will focus on some of the major historical events in the Middle East from the dawning of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, to the Holocaust of the 1930's and 40's, and the Intifada of the late 1980's and 90's. Discussion will center on how these events actually tie together and have created the reality of today's Middle East.



Adults and high school students are invited to attend this topical discussion program. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall on **March 16, 23 or 30** so we can provide the proper seating.

Daytime Men's Group

TRINITY DAYTIME MEN'S GROUP will meet **Tuesday, March 18 at 10 a.m.** in Witherspoon. Our speaker will be the Rev. Donald Fletcher, sharing with us his reflections and experiences from his many years of missionary and theological service. Ed Mitchell will be moderator. All men are invited, and urged to arrive a few minutes early for a time of warm fellowship and coffee.



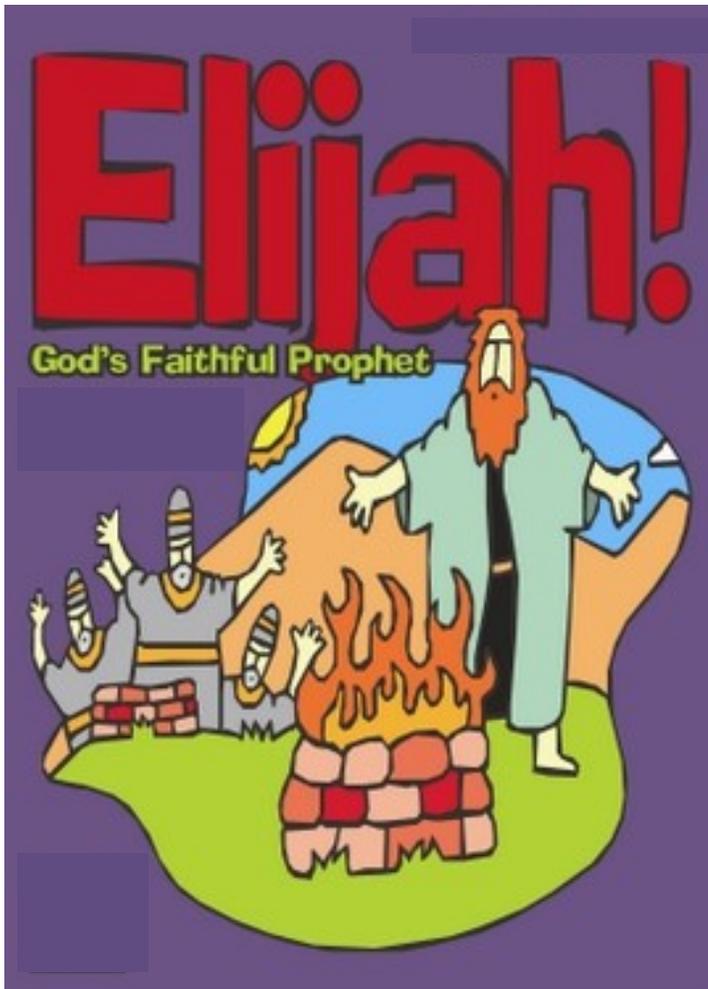
Children and Youth Ministries

PYC

Parents of Young Children

Coffee and Crayons

Spring is almost here - a perfect time to catch up with other parents after a long winter. Please join us on **Sunday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m.** in Community Hall for Coffee and Crayons. We will have coffee for the adults and lemonade and snacks for the little ones. Your kids will have the opportunity to help PYC achieve its internal mission by coloring Sunshine Cards for church members who need some TLC. The cards will be distributed by the Rev. Faulkner and deacons. We hope to see you there!



Children's
Musical:
Elijah!
March 16th,
9:30am

Please join us and
support the children.

Mission and Outreach

Adult Work Trip

Adult Work Trip now scheduled for week of June 1st

After discussion about the date, it was decided to move the work trip up to this Spring. A mixed group of ten men and women have signed up so far to help build/rehabilitate houses along the Sandy ravaged North Jersey coast. We would like to take a group of at least twelve from Trinity, so here is your chance to join us! No experience is required: training is given on-site, and you will be assigned a task according to your comfort level. **We must pick a site and make our reservations soon**, so please contact Donna Croker or Anyce Miles if you would like more details.



Mission Opportunity -

Homeless Hospitality Network



What is it? From November to May, 8 to 12 homeless men are housed in participating congregations for two week periods. They are provided with warm meals, a safe place to sleep and caring fellowship and support. The men attend counseling classes on money management, job, interpersonal and basic computer skills as well as drug and alcohol support groups.

When it is? Sunday March 9 -- Sunday March 23

Where is it? We share this mission program with St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Cherry Hill. The men will be housed at St. Andrew's for the two weeks. Trinity will supply overnight support both weeks and is responsible for meal and social hosting the second week, 3/16-3/23.

Who can help? Everyone.

How can you help? There are a variety of ways to serve in the program this year:

- Serve as an over-night host (one male member from each church)
- Serve as a social host--watch a game, shoot the breeze, play some cards with the guys
- Serve a home cooked meal
- Drive the men to AA or NA meetings (evenings)
- Organize a Social Event (Movie, Bowling, Shopping, Sport)

Trinity has a long-standing relationship with IHOC and the *Homeless Hospitality Program*. For many years, members of Trinity have generously given their time and talents to this program. Your love and support can help rebuild lives. We ask that you prayerfully consider helping this year.

Please visit the Mission & Outreach Table in Fellowship Hall for sign-ups and more information during early March. Contact Jenny Stark at wcarboni@aol.com or 609-680-6090.

Care n' Share

Care 'n Share has continued to be a "victim" of the snow days! We have missed just about 1 day a week! We are only open 2 days. Having said that, we will now start accepting spring/summer clothes! No winter items, please.



Care n' Share

We will be having our half price sale and bag sale in March, then switch to summer clothes.

Saturday, March 1; Tuesday, March 4; Thursday, March 6, will be half price on everything in the shop. **Tuesday March 11** will be a \$3 bag sale on clothes only.

The shop will be **closed for business on Thursday March , 13 and re-open Tuesday March 18** just in time for spring!!

Donations may be dropped off during regular business hours; Tuesdays, Thursdays, & 1st Saturday of month from 10 am to 1 pm. Also we accept items following the 9:30 worship service.

Again, thank you for your generous donations of quality items.....you are also welcome to shop also for our great bargains!!!

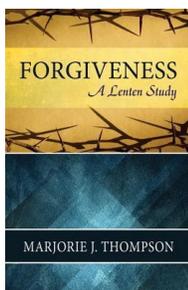
Library Corner

New books in our Trinity Library:

Forgiveness

A Lenten Study

By Marjorie J. Thompson



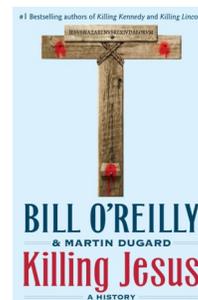
Marjorie J. Thompson is a Presbyterian pastor who spent thirteen years as Director of Congregational Spirituality with the Upper Room Ministries. She bases this book on her belief that the idea of forgiveness is central to Christianity: "The Christian faith is indelibly marked by the invitation to receive, and the imperative to offer, forgiveness."

The six chapters of the book are set up as Lenten steps toward understanding, giving and receiving forgiveness. The book includes a comprehensive

study guide which is appropriate for either individual reflection or group discussion.

Killing Jesus

By Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard



Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard are both Roman Catholics who were educated in religious schools, but they state categorically that this is not a religious book: "We do not address Jesus as the Messiah, only as a man who galvanized a remote area of the Roman Empire and made very powerful enemies while preaching a philosophy of peace and love."

Instead this is an historical account of an historical figure. The authors begin by setting Jesus in a cultural and historic context which includes people and events that occur before His birth, most notably the rise and fall of Julius Caesar. Roman records from Jesus' time are the source of detailed information about the Emperor Tiberius, King Herod and Pontius Pilate, among others.

The Gospels are the primary source for the history of Jesus himself. The Biblical writers assumed their readers knew the historical/cultural context so they didn't provide details about it. In this way, *Killing Jesus* puts the narrative in a wider perspective.

Killing Jesus has been quite controversial. Critics point to its "salacious gossip" (details about the lives of Roman emperors and officials) and "gory details" (descriptions of Roman punishments, including crucifixion) that are part of the historical background. Probably the most prominent criticism is that the lack of a spiritual side/interpretation makes the portrayal of Jesus incomplete.- Reviewed by Dottie Dunfee

Trinity's Book Group

Due to scheduling difficulties, we have decided to disband as a formal book group. We will continue to meet on an ad hoc basis and encourage anyone who is interested to join us. If you'd like to know what we are currently reading and when we will next meet, contact Dottie Dunfee (856-795-5126); dunfeet@aol.com.

Trinity Out and About Presents

The Progressive Dinner

Three Courses, Three Places, One Night

Saturday, March 22, 6:00pm



The Progressive Dinner is Back!

We hope you'll join Trinity Out & About for a wonderful evening of delicious food and heartwarming fellowship. The appetizer buffet begins at the church at 6:00 pm. Dinner in individual homes follows and the evening ends with that most important course: dessert! The cost is \$15/person. Look for the sign-up table in Fellowship Hall and volunteer to make a dish or to host.

6:00 pm to 7:15 pm---- Appetizers in Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm to 9:30 pm--- Dinner in individual homes

9:45 pm--- Dessert in individual homes

We look forward to seeing you there!

PW March Circle Meetings

Monday, March 17

Deborah	1:00 pm	Betty Hamilton
Priscilla	1:00 pm	TBD
Ruth	7:00 pm	Saundra Achey

Tuesday, March 18

Hannah	7:00 pm	Kit Rollin
Rebekah	7:15 pm	Julie Blair

Wednesday, March 19

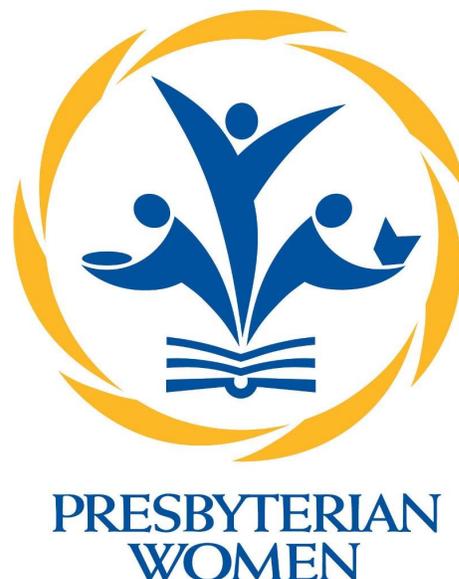
Miriam	9:30 am	Witherspoon
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Friday, March 21

Junia	6:30 pm	TBD
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Tuesday, March 25

Shiphrah	7:00 pm	Patti Baechler
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New York Bus Trip



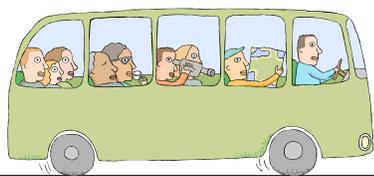
Do you love the theater? Shopping? Historic sites? Art museums? People watching? Great food? Then our New York bus trip is for you.

Join us on **Wednesday, May 7**, as Trinity members and friends travel to New York to explore the Big Apple. Pick up for this **transportation only** bus trip will be from the Trinity parking lot at 8:00 AM and return to Trinity will be in the 7:30-8:00 PM range.

For those who would like to attend a Broadway show or hit the center city tourist attractions and restaurants, the main drop off point will be in the Times Square area. The other drop off is in the Canal Street district for those who would rather shop for spring and summer fashions.

The price of this **transportation only** trip to New York is **\$30**. Ticket sales for the bus trip, sponsored by Trinity's PW, **begin on March 2**. Look for the table in Fellowship Hall. Ticket sales will continue throughout the month of March or until the bus is full.

Money or checks made out to "Trinity PW" will be due at the time of sign up. If you have any questions, call Linda Thorpe at 428-6233 or Bonnie Jones at 983-1197 for mail-in payment options.



COLLECTION OF MOTHERS MATTER ITEMS TO BEGIN THIS MONTH!



It's that time of year again! Time to collect health and beauty items for the Mother's Day gift basket project sponsored by the Lauren Rose Albert Foundation (LRAF). **Mothers Matter** assembles gift packages filled with women's health and beauty care products and then distributes them to women facing difficult challenges. Packages are delivered to women's shelters, children's pediatric hospital wards and centers, day care centers and facilities or agencies such as Ronald McDonald House, Mercy Hospice, My Sister's Place, Lourdes Community Outreach and other groups. Each gift carries the message that "Mothers Matter" and for many, this is their only Mother's Day present. LRAF has also added "comfort" gift bags into the program that are distributed to Virtua/Fox Chase Cancer Program and MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper.

The Trinity PW Circles will be starting to collect for **Mothers Matter** gift baskets at their March meetings. In addition, there will be a large bin at Church located between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall (underneath the PW Bulletin Board) for donated items. **We appreciate the support of all Church members.** The bin will be there **during March and the first half of April.**

Here are the items that can be donated: shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, body spray, scented soap, mesh sponges/puffs, body lotion, perfume, hairbrushes, combs, hair accessories, **lipstick, nail polish, eye shadow, blush, mascara**, foot and hand care products, toothbrushes/toothpaste and decorative scarves. The highlighted items are in demand. The products need to be new and unopened (no sample sizes). The "comfort" gift bags also include warm socks and unscented lotions.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!!! Anyone interested in coming with PW members to help assemble the baskets at their headquarters in Sewell is welcome to join us. We are currently arranging a date in mid April. It's a great volunteer activity! Any questions, please contact Jan Caffrey at (856) 667-3687 or jancaff@verizon.net.

Lenten Season and Easter Services



Wednesday, March 5- Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 13- Palm Sunday Worship at 9:30 am

Thursday, April 17- Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Communion Service at 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 20- Easter Sunday Worship at 9:30 and 11:15 am: Choir, bells, brass and organ



March 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 Care n' Share 10am
2 Communion, New Member Recognition 9:30am	3 Strategy 6pm Session 7pm	4	5 Ash Wednesday Service, 7pm No Commissioning No Bells	6	7	8
9 Communion 9:30 PYC 10:30am Cancer & Con. 10:45 Deacons 10:45 TCCS Charlie Zahm 4	10	11	12 Soup and Sound 12pm Lenten Study 1pm	13	14	15 Children's Choir Rehearsal 9am Pizza Party 12pm
16 Children's Musical, 9:30am	17 Deborah, Priscilla 1pm Ruth 7pm	18 Men's Group, 10am Hannah 7pm Rebekah 7:15pm WJP Communion Dinner 4pm	19 Miriam 9:30am Soup and Sound 12pm Lenten Study 1pm	20	21 Junia 6:30pm	22 The Progressive Dinner, 6pm
23 Bruce Main Preaching 9:30am	24	25 Shiphrah 7pm	26 Soup and Sound 12pm Lenten Study 1pm	27	28	29
30 Adult Ed Forum on the Middle East, 7pm	31					

<p>SUNDAY 9:30 Worship Service 9:30 Church School, Nursery-Gr. 6 10:50 Youth Choir 11 am Adult Ed—Witherspoon 11:30am Youth Bells 7 pm Senior High Fellowship (SHF) - Witherspoon</p> <p>MONDAY 7 pm Boy Scouts—Witherspoon</p>	<p>TUESDAY 10 am-1 pm Care 'n Share Shop 7:30 pm BASIC</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 6:45 pm Commissioning—Witherspoon 6:45pm Adult Bells 7:00 pm Cub Scouts—Community Room 7:30 pm Adult Choirs</p>	<p>THURSDAY 10 am-1 pm Care 'n Share Shop 12 pm Alzheimer's Support Group—</p> <p>Thurs. Children's Choirs 4:30-5:00 pm Cherub Choir 5:00-5:40 pm Carol Choir 5:40-6:00 pm Chapel Chimes 5:40-6:20 pm TEAM Choir 6:20-6:50 pm TEAM Bells 6:30 pm AA, Witherspoon 8:00 pm AA, Witherspoon</p>
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Next Tidings deadline is March 15 for April Issue

March Highlights

March 5th– *Ash Wednesday Service, 7pm*

March 9th– *TCCS Charlie Zahm, 4pm*

March 12th, 19th, 26th– *Soup and Sound Series- Lunch and Concert, 12pm*

March 12th, 19th, 26th–
Lenten Bible Study, 1pm

March 9-March 23– *Homeless Hospitality*

March 16th– *Children’s Musical, 9:30am*

March 22– *Progressive Dinner, 6pm*

March 30– *Adult Ed Forum, Middle East of Today, From Yesterday, 7pm*

Sunday Worship Service

9:30 am

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9 am-4 pm M-F

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