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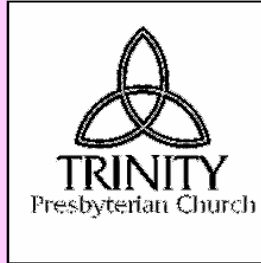
**MAY BIRTHDAY CORNER**  
**May your birthday bring you all life's simple joys . . . wrapped in God's love for you!**  
Please let us know the date of your birth so we can celebrate with you!

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# the good news

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## pastor's corner

Randy Butler

A line from 19<sup>th</sup> century Christian writer George MacDonald has gotten under my skin recently. It comes from a larger work of MacDonald's called The Diary of an Old Soul, which contains a small prayer for every day of the year. The line I am thinking of is this: "Thou art my life – I the brook, thou the spring." Now that may not seem like much, and perhaps out of context it doesn't have the same impact on you as it did on me. But I find the image compelling. I recall hiking with a friend in the wilderness of Banff National Park when I was a young man. My friend and I stopped on the slope of a mountainside, and I remember two things – first, all the mosquitoes! There wasn't a cloud in the sky, but we put our rain ponchos on to protect us from the bugs. But I also remember that, as we sat down, there was a small flow of water bubbling up from the grass and rock at our feet. It was a tiny spring that had chosen this spot to emerge from its depths. While I recall the mosquitoes, I also remember drinking deeply from that small spring of clear cold water on the mountainside. That spring was a source of life for me that day.

"Thou art my life – I the brook, thou the spring." Strip away the 19th century language and what MacDonald is saying is that God is the source of life, and that we, like the brook, flow with the life of God in us. We may be the brook, but he is the spring, the source of the energy that makes our life flow. He is a spring of living water in us gushing up to eternal life, as Jesus tells the woman at the well in the gospel of John (John 4:14).

I need to know this, and I need to live by this. Because I so often run out of energy and steam. It gives me hope and assurance to know that God in Christ is the source of energy and life to whom I can turn in times of need. Jesus says in another place, "I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15: 5) "Thou art my life – I the brook, thou the spring."

It wasn't too long ago that we celebrated Easter, and we sometimes forget that the "Easter Season" on the church calendar lasts well into May until Pentecost, which this year we celebrate on May 23. Easter is more than just a flash in the pan – it has lasting effect. Here is an Easter blessing for you at the beginning of May. It comes from an ancient Spanish Christian tradition: "The day of Resurrection has dawned upon us, the day of true light and life, wherein Christ, the life of believers, arose from the dead. Let us give abundant thanks and praise to God, that while we solemnly celebrate the day of our Lord's Resurrection, he may be pleased to bestow on us quiet peace and special gladness; so that being protected from morning to night by his favoring mercy, we may rejoice in the gift of our Redeemer. Amen."

Amen indeed – "Thou art my life – I the brook, thou the spring." - *Pastor Randy*

### points of interest

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## cinco de mayo fiesta!

We are going to celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Sunday, May 2, at 6 in the fellowship hall! Wear your favorite Mexican outfit! – Please bring a salad or dessert to go with the taco bar. Enter your favorite guacamole for a tasting contest with prizes! Kids, there will be a piñata so bring your parents!

## embrace shoreline schools

Mark the date, May 15th from 9:00am - 12:00pm, for Embrace Shoreline Schools with Parkwood Elementary! We'll need 15-20 volunteers to team with the Parkwood PTA for a landscaping project at the school.

## may book group

The Trinity Book Group meets on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at Carol Paige's house to discuss this month's selection: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. What, you may ask, kind of a book is this? A delightful one! It begins with a letter, received in 1946, by a resident of the island of Guernsey. What follows is an exchange of letters that will have you laughing, crying, and wondering what is going to happen next. The residents of this island were occupied by the Germans during World War II, and this is a part of their story. The group is open to any interested reader, so please give this group a try!

## what is God doing in your life?

We would like to hear of your answers to prayer, what God may be teaching you, or of miracles that are taking place among us. We will be providing a time of testimony during upcoming worship services. Please let Pastor Randy know if you would like to share.

## worship songs

Is God speaking to you through some of the new worship songs we've been singing? Perhaps you would like to meditate on their words throughout the week. Copies of the words of the worship songs are available on the tables in the upper narthex.

## trinity ladies

The Women's Cornerstone Closet is OPEN FOR BUSINESS! Feel free to drop by during coffee time and get connected, post a prayer request or connection opportunity on the bulletin board or snoop in the closet for a way to connect with God, with one another, or with our neighborhood.

## thank you

I want to thank my Trinity family for your cards, calls, hugs, and caring thoughts at the death of my mother. Nothing more exemplifies Trinity than the warmth and love with which I have felt surrounded. - *Janice Ellis*

## musical musings — Dan Shelhamer, music director

First of all, I would like to thank all of you who participated in Compassion Sunday on April 18; your prayerful consideration of sponsoring a child from an underprivileged nation was much appreciated. I know from personal experience that this can be one of the most personally rewarding and enriching ways of serving Christ.

As a way of leading in to the theme of helping children from around the world, I played, as a prelude to worship on that Sunday, several songs that had “children” themes – Chopsticks, Deep and Wide, I Am a C..., Jesus Loves Me, etc. These are all songs that I (and many of you) learned as children in Sunday School or in worship. Unfortunately, many of these songs are considered “old-fashioned” by some of today’s more “progressive” Sunday School teachers/educators. They have been relegated to the ecclesiastical dustbin because they speak of a faith that many today regard as simplistic or outmoded.

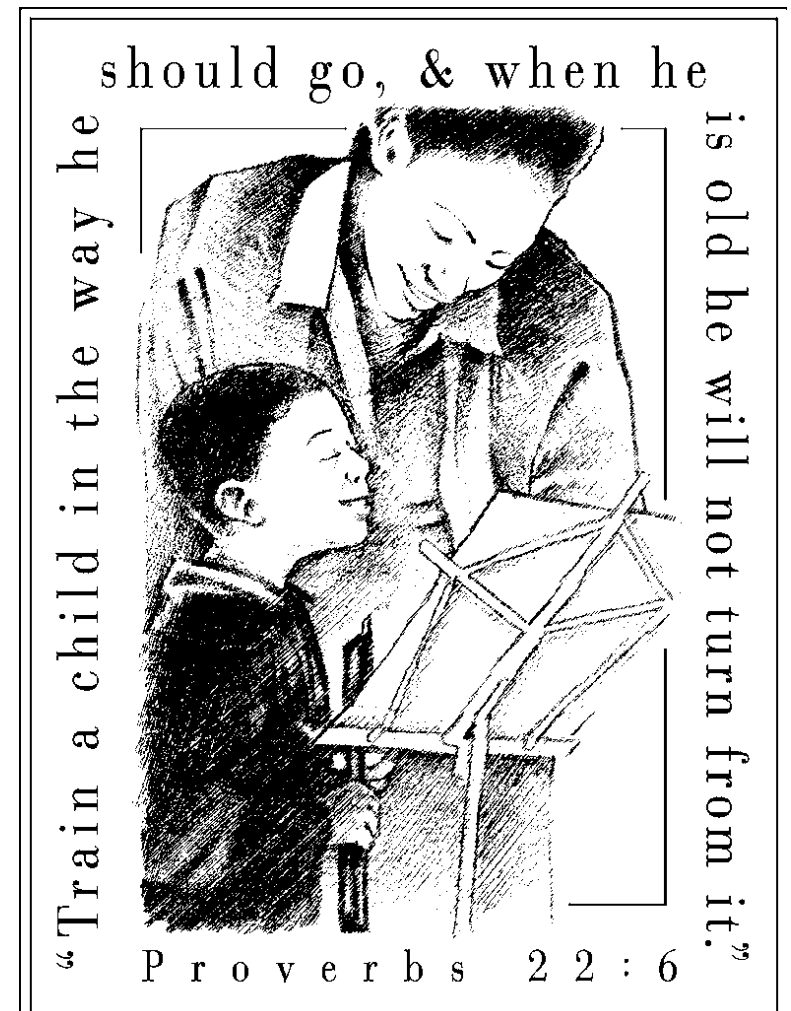
I am happy to say that your Worship Board, in consideration of the total subject of Sunday School and Faith Formation on Sunday mornings, is actively involved in finding new ways of incorporating “worship” into the Sunday School experience. And one of the most prominent ways of actively promoting and teaching children how to worship will be through song.

Any educator from the last 20 years will regale you with stories of how music and the arts are being incorporated into other educational areas – language arts, history, science, etc. “Math Songs” are a wonderfully entertaining way of teaching “math facts” – adding, subtracting, multiplication tables, etc. Most of us remember, either for ourselves or our children, the popular TV series “School House Rock” (Conjunction Junction – What’s Your Function?).

Perhaps we need to hearken back to Jesus’ admonition: “You must become like a child to enter the kingdom of heaven.” Sure, we need to appeal to a modern generation, more technologically savvy than us (witness the popularity of our own computer classroom) – but maybe we don’t need to re-invent the wheel. Maybe some of those “old-fashioned,” “simplistic” songs that were good enough for us will be good enough for our church youngsters. It’s worth a try.

In Christ,

Dan



# youth ministries — Chris McLaughlin, youth director

“With new change comes new opportunities.” This is a phrase I have heard many times in the last couple of months. There has been a lot of change in my life lately and new opportunities have come up as well. As most people know by now, I will no longer be the youth director at Trinity Presbyterian Church as of June 1. This originally came as a shock to me and seemed as an end, but now I realize it as an opportunity.

Recently, God has put something new in front of my journey. This summer, I will be working for a YoungLife camp in British Columbia called Beyond Malibu. Many have heard of the Malibu camp in Princess Luisa Inlet. Beyond Malibu is in the mountains and sea *beyond* the Malibu camp. They take YoungLife and church groups on 7-day sea-kayaking and mountaineering expeditions. I have been blessed with a position as a mountain guide for the next two summers with the camp.

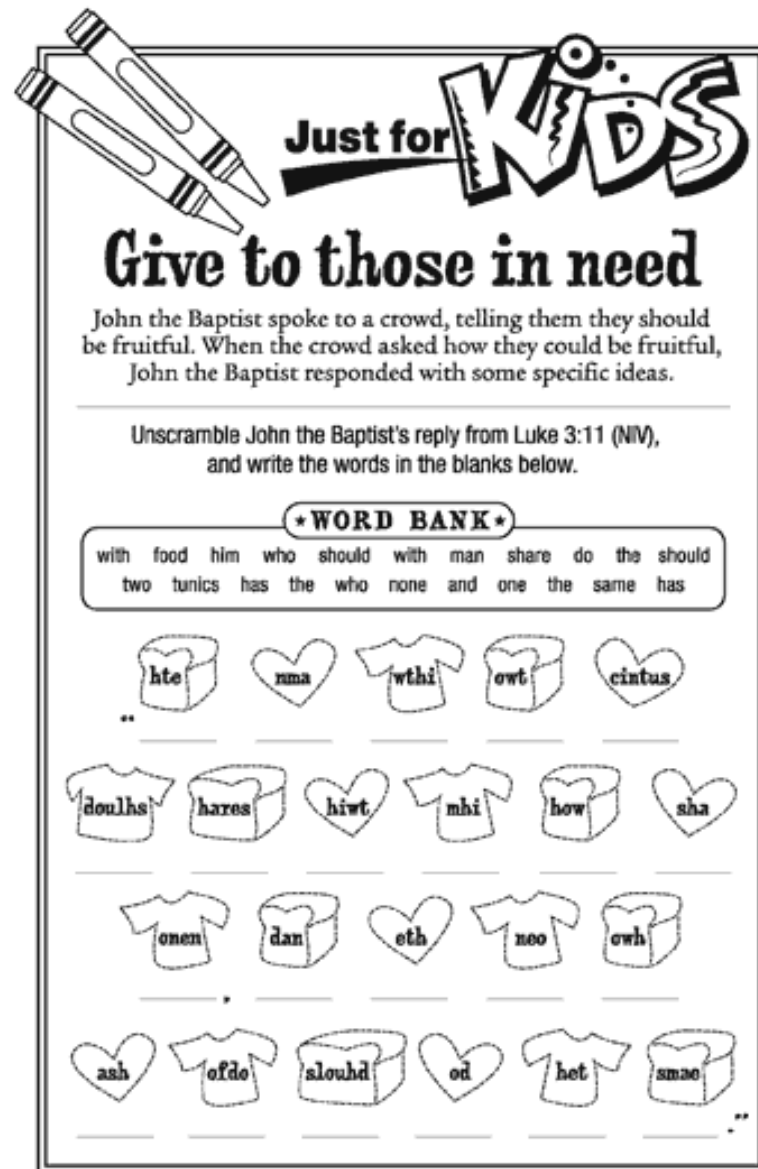
I will be sad to leave Trinity, but it's not for good. You all will see lots more of me I am sure. It has been interesting how God has worked in my life through all of this. When everything seems like it is falling apart, if you follow God's voice he will have something for you. There has been a verse that has always helped me in unsure times. Matthew 6:34 says “Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” Sure enough if we live day by day God will provide what is necessary for the future. I always start my day by praying to God to show me an opportunity to be a part of what he is doing on this earth. I don't know how but it works.

If I live day by day, then God will provide. The temptation these days is to have your life all planned out. I am going to school here, then I will work here, then I'll have this wife and this many kids. But that's not what it's all about, because we don't know what is really going to happen in the future. So should we really have to worry about it?

I am looking forward to these new opportunities God has put before me. I will be sad to leave Trinity, but it seems there is a new chapter for me. As always, prayer would be appreciated. Feel free to let me know how I can be praying for you too and how God might be working in your life.

In Christ,  
Christofer McLaughlin

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## Give to those in need

John the Baptist spoke to a crowd, telling them they should be fruitful. When the crowd asked how they could be fruitful, John the Baptist responded with some specific ideas.

Unscramble John the Baptist's reply from Luke 3:11 (NIV), and write the words in the blanks below.

**WORD BANK**

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Answer: "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." (Luke 3:11, NIV)

## seniors, are you aware ...

Of the services provided by the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center? The center is located at 18560 - 1<sup>st</sup> NE, open from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. There are classes of many varied interests, health issues, social worker, exercise, arts & crafts and many other activities for the community seniors. Some of the services are:

**Community Dining (Lunch Program)** - Hot lunches are served Mon. - Fri. at 11:30am, serving time ending at noon. \$3 suggested donation for 60+, \$6 for all others. Meal time runs until 12:30, first come, first served.

**Volunteer Transportation** - Senior Services provides rides to medical appointments for people who have no other way to get there. For more information or to schedule a ride, call 206-448-5740. Call by Wednesday of the week before your appointment.

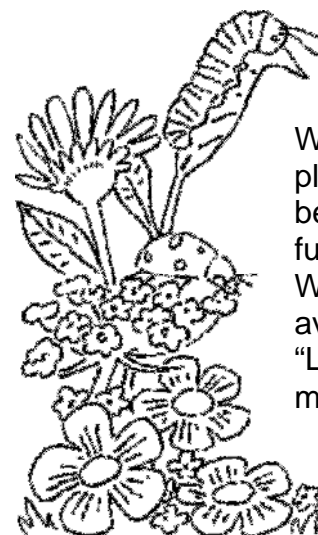
**Van Shuttle Service to the Center** - (For seniors who live in Shoreline or Lake Forest Park.) From your front door to the Center's front door, the Senior Shuttle can get you there for lunch and activities. All rides are free. Call 206-727-6262 to schedule a ride.

See bi-monthly paper for complete services and other information (available in Fellowship Hall).

## upcoming munchers & movers

Munchers & Movers will be going on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May to the Kubota Gardens. Meet at 10:00 am at the church.

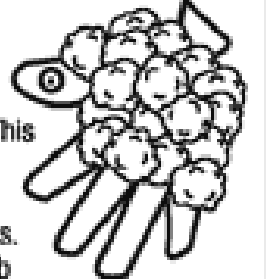
On June 9th, we'll be going on an Alki Tour to Northwest Trek & Black Diamond Bakery. Cost is \$79 per person. We'll go by bus to Black Diamond Bakery, then on to Northwest Trek to ride on the tram and view the animals. Lunch is included. Call 206-935-6848 soon to make a reservation.



## time for planting

We are beginning the process of purchasing and planting trees and shrubs for the landscape beside the front entrance to the church. Some funds have been donated for initial purchases. We will purchase plants as the funds become available. If you wish to donate, please specify "Landscape donation" on the envelope or the memo line of a check.

# Lamb Mission Bank



God can do great things with our gifts. This craft reminds us that every little coin counts. When your lamb is full, empty out the coins and give them to a charity or church mission program.

### What you need:

- Knit glove (black or white)
- 1-foot-long piece of thin ribbon, any color
- Stapler
- Craft glue or hot glue gun
- Fiberfill or cotton balls
- 2 googly eyes

### What you do:

1. Staple one end of the ribbon to the inside of each side of the glove's opening to make a hanger.
2. For the lamb's body, cover the palm and half of the thumb with glue. Stick the fiberfill or cotton balls onto the glue.
3. Glue a googly eye to each side of the mitten's thumb. (The other fingers will be the legs.)
4. Hang the lamb where you'll see it often. Whenever you have extra change, drop it into your lamb bag.