

The Good News

Pastor's Corner—Pastor Wendy Taylor

As I write this, we've been journeying through Lent together, a time of intentionally learning more about Jesus, a time of giving ourselves more and more to him. It's been a sacred time as a congregation of really endeavoring to sink our roots deeper into Christ Jesus and allowing his Spirit to infuse us with Christ himself. During Lent we move distractions aside, we offer ourselves to Christ and allow him to cleanse us of all that stands in the way of a deep and thriving relationship with him.

As Christ Followers we know we are filled with his Spirit; and that Jesus Christ re-creates us into sacred temples of the living God. Christ in his holiness re-creates us broken, unholy people into temples of God. What an amazing miracle! We must never take that miracle in our bodies for granted. We must never stray far from that most profound, centering and defining self-identity. We are temples of God the Father, Son, and Spirit. That is who we are.

As temples of the living God, we are Spirit-empowered to share Christ's love, compassion, grace, peace, and mercy with one another and with the world. As temples of the living God we are sent into the world to bring God's love in Christ into every darkness, every place of brokenness.

That is who we are.

As temples of the living God all we say and do become offerings to God, offerings that delight and glorify him. As temples we join all of creation in worshipping and praising our God who in love has filled us, saved us and given us life now and into eternity! What a miracle! What a privilege & Joy!

What can we possibly say in thanks? Our entire life becomes an on-going gift of gratitude to God. And, we join the Psalmist in lifting our hearts, our lives and our voices in praise singing:

Hallelujah!

*Praise God in his holy house of worship,
praise him under the open skies;*

*Praise him for his acts of power,
praise him for his magnificent greatness;*

*Praise with a blast on the trumpet,
praise by strumming soft strings;*

*Praise him with castanets and dance,
praise him with banjo and flute;*

*Praise him with cymbals and a big base drum,
praise him with fiddles and mandolin.*

*Let every living, breathing creature praise God!
Hallelujah! AMEN! Psalm 150*

Blessings & Peace,
Pastor Wendy

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Spring 2024

The Journey of Lent

Tappy Berge, Creative Arts in Worship Elder

Well, here we are in the season of Lent and many of you ask....exactly what is Lent? The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten* which means lengthen and refers to the lengthening days of spring. It consists of the 40 days (not counting Sundays) which begins with Ash Wednesday and runs through Maundy Thursday.

Lent is a season of preparation and repentance. During this 40-day journey, we are encouraged to think about our own mortality and sinfulness. We recognize our need to let go of our sinful ways and shortcomings in order to create room for the abundant grace, mercy, and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. It's a time for self-examination:

A time to look at things we knowingly do wrong that separate us from God.

A time to give up things that keep us from being the good neighbor that God created us to be

A time to exercise discipline in order to draw closer to God.

A time to discover how to love as God loves.

During Lent include these three practices daily:

Prayer Fasting (or Sacrifice) Giving

God calls us to a life filled with love, service, and deep connection with Him.

This season of Lent is a six-week journey set apart for the purpose of drawing closer to God. Always remember – as we draw closer to God, He will draw closer to us.

Upcoming Spring Special Services & Events

Good Friday

On Good Friday, **March 29**, we will solemnly remember the ultimate sacrifice our Lord made on our behalf—that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. We remember his suffering, his death, and his limitless love for us.

7:00 PM—*In Person*

8:00 PM—*Online*

Easter Breakfast

Food will be available from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, **March 31**, in the Fellowship Hall. You can come and go at any time. We look forward to seeing you there!

Easter Sunday Worship

On Easter Sunday, **March 31**, we will worship and celebrate our Risen King!

10:00 AM—*In Person*

Noon—*Online*



Trinity/Rehoboth Joint Worship

Sunday, **May 19**, Trinity and Rehoboth will have a joint worship service at 11:00 am (note the time change). It's Pentecost Sunday so we can wear red for the double celebration.

After the service we will have a BBQ potluck together. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us! Contact Kathy Tinoco or any member of Session if you have any questions.

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A Look At What's Ahead

Lenten Bible Study

We are continuing to meet weekly for our Lenten Bible Study—using the book *Going Deeper—40 Devotions for Lent*, which includes a daily reading in the book of John and a short devotional. You are welcome to join us either Monday at 7 PM or Tuesday afternoon at 1:30, though April 1 & 2. It has been a great time of learning, sharing, and fellowship. You won't miss a beat by starting now! Contact Kris Coggin for information and/or an invitation to link to the Zoom sessions.

Prayer Team

We have a small prayer team who meet together on Zoom most Sunday evenings at 6 PM for about an hour. It has been a time of fellowship as we update each other on the status of prior prayer quests. If you are interested in being part of a group that prays together for our congregation, community, and world—we would love to have you join us. There is no “requirement” to attend every week, and each participant prays as they feel comfortable.

Please contact Kris Coggin at kris@trinpc.org for additional information and/or an email link to the Zoom session. If you are interested in participating, but Sunday nights just don't work for you, please contact Kris as we are looking at the possibility of expanding our prayer time.

Trinity Ladies' Retreat

We are excited to invite you to join us at this year's **Ladies' Retreat**, to be held at Trinity, Friday evening, **April 26**, and Saturday, **April 27**. Mark your calendar now!

Our theme last year was **Deeply Rooted** and we explored 4 key areas in our life of discipleship where we need to be deeply rooted (the Word, Prayer, Worship and Community). Roots provide stability and strength, nourishment and nutrition.

This year's retreat will continue and expand on that theme – **Deeper Roots Yield Richer Fruits** – as we look at the Fruits of the Spirit and how they grow and flourish in our lives.

We have been praying for this retreat and for you! As we looked at being rooted in Community last year, we experienced the significant benefits of coming together – learning from and sharing with our Sisters in Christ.

Please plan to join us – it won't be the same without you! Additional details coming soon!

Looking for Greeters

Gerri Kellison, Worship Elder

Are you friendly? Can you welcome people to church on Sunday morning? Can you arrive 15 to 20 minutes early? If so, you're just who we're looking for to join a team of rotating volunteer greeters! To find out more information or to volunteer, please contact the church office at office@trinpc.org.

Thank you!

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Fun & Fellowship

Sherri Officer, Fun & Fellowship Elder

Fun & Fellowship is so important! It was fun seeing everyone's Valentine cookie creations in February. Thank you for your participation!

Please join us for the upcoming events this spring. Some I have dates for, others TBD.

Monthly Craft Night—Friday, **March 15**, 4:00pm - 9:00pm, Fellowship Hall.

Bring a craft or project you want to work on and enjoy some relaxing fellowship. If you are interested, please contact Sherri for more specific details.

All Day Craft/Scrap Day—Saturday, **April 13**, 9:30am - 9:00pm, Fellowship Hall.

Look for more details as time gets closer.

We will also be having a few Extended Coffee Hour Sundays and a Movie Night! Dates, info, and more Fun activities to come! Hope you can join us!

Missions Update

One Great Hour of Sharing—A PC-USA Special Offering

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by **One Great Hour of Sharing** - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) continues their commitment to immediate and long-term response to natural and human-caused disasters and also a humanitarian response to refugees and asylum seekers.

Each year the Session asks you to give above and beyond your usual gift to Trinity to support this important work of the church through the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering. To give, you may designate a gift on the memo line of a check to the church, or you may designate this offering through online giving by going to our website at trinpc.org and clicking on the online giving tab. Then select "One Great Hour of Sharing," under Missions. Special envelopes for this special offering can also be found in the church narthex on the big table. Look for the display.

Although you can give at any time before then, Easter Sunday, March 31, will be our last Sunday for collecting this special offering. We on the Mission Team give thanks for you and your generous support to those in need. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

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Chardonniere Baptist Church Roof Update— Let's Help Them Finish This Project By Summer!

Friends of Chardonniere Church, *Bonjou!*

As you may know, since October 2021, our sister church in Haiti has been without a church building to worship in and to teach the 200+ students like they did when our mission team went in 2018. Due to the wisdom of the Session and the generosity of our congregation, we started an ambitious project to help them rebuild the church. Essentially, the rebuild project is about half done and is on hold until more funding is procured, and construction can restart. We as a congregation have continued to pray for this and the members of Chardonniere have been making do with what they can for their worship and for the school. I personally have been working to try to find additional funding and grants over the past 5 months. I wanted to provide the status of the project for our congregation. We are still about \$40,000 short of completing the project, but the good news is that I have commitments for about \$15,000 from outside sources! This leaves us about **\$25,000** short. We have been very generous in the past for Haiti, so I have been hesitant to ask for more but the Session on February 27th asked that I make one final request to try to raise this amount from the congregation. If there are those that would like to contribute to help complete this project, this is the time to do it! Here are the numbers:

Initial estimate of:	March 2022	\$37,500
Revised estimate of:	October 2023	\$65,000 (due to increase of material & shipping)
Donated to date as of:	March 2024	\$25,000
Needed to complete the roof & walls:	\$40,000	(Possible outside contributions of \$15k)

We would like to send whatever is collected by May 2024 so construction can restart this summer and be completed before the winter rains. What a glorious gift this would be that would impact the church, school, and community for years to come!

If you care to donate, please send a check or contribute online to the church. Please designate the donation as the Chardonniere Building Fund. Naturally it is tax deductible. It would be such a blessing to complete this project this year!

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Book Group

The Trinity Book Group meets on the second Thursday of most months, at 1:00 PM via Zoom.

- **March 14:** The Light We Carry, by Michelle Obama
- **April 11:** The German Wife, by Kelly Rimmer
- **May 9:** TBD

All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book, but just want to hear about it.
Contact office@trinpc.org if you are interested in participating in the Book Group discussion.

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!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Bryan Officer	3/5	Marc Mignogna	3/18	Donna Coumbe	3/26
Wendy Williams	3/11	Christy Williams	3/18	Aimee Mainwaring	3/27
Janice Ellis	3/13	Lexie Fletcher	3/23	Donna Snider	3/31
Bud Davison	3/17				

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lleana Davison	4/2	Emily Harter	4/11	Cherie Dutton	4/21
Sarah Mainwaring	4/5	Kris Coggin	4/15	Joan Krueger	4/22
Doug Williams	4/6	Heather Bean	4/16	Virginia Immanuel	4/23
Geri Kellison	4/7	Diane McPherson	4/18	John Krueger	4/24

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Christian Fletcher	5/3	Marcie Riedinger	5/20
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BIRTHDAY!

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