

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Tidings



This Evening is for the Birds

January 27

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With the aid of PowerPoint pictures, preserved bird skins and skeletons, and other interesting bird specimens, we will explore the world of the birds. No special knowledge of birds is needed, just the desire to learn more about the birds around us. Special emphasis will be placed on local birds, especially those found at our feeders, and how to encourage more birds to our feeders. There will also be time for questions. Recommended for children from the fourth grade up and all adults.

After almost 40 years of teaching, *Don Osterberg* retired to Hendersonville, N.C. He is Professor Emeritus of Vertebrate and Aquatic Biology from The State University of New York, Potsdam, where he taught for 31 years. His degrees are from Montclair State University, N.J. (B.A.), Michigan State University (M.S.), and The University of Ottawa, Canada (Ph.D.).

From Thy Bounty

The Trinity "From Thy Bounty" Cookbook Committee has been formed. Now we are anxious to start getting your favorite family recipes. Exchanging recipes is an age old custom and sharing recipes symbolizes friendliness, goodwill and pride in one's culinary performances. This will be an opportunity to feature your recipes in the cookbook. More information will be available in future bulletins and *Tidings*.

*Connie Moore, Dorothy Neal,
Jean Reynolds Caylor and Dianne Purnell*

Pastor's Corner
Starting Over in the New Year

We Christians get a jump on the whole "New Year's" phenomenon. After all, we come sliding into the new year with all the positive energy of the Advent Season propelling us toward these early months. If you are like me, you can use all the help you can get as we start on a new calendar.

I am struck by how much our lives are about "Starting Over." New relationships, new jobs, new physical realities, constant maturation and change, the losses of things, situations and people that we love; all conspire to make certain that we will not (or cannot) walk the same path twice.

Fortunately, we Christians can experience "Starting Over" as something all-together more wholesome - "A New Beginning." Through the power of Christ, made new each year at Advent, we can be defined, empowered and emboldened.

During this new year, may we all experience fruitful physical and spiritual new beginnings.

Shalom,

Mark

Note from the Associate Pastor

As you are probably aware, younger children attending our 11:00 worship service leave the sanctuary at the end of the Moment for Children. They go to the Fellowship Hall, where *Deeana Bennett* and helpers lead them in a children's worship experience that we call Kids Up. And as you may have noticed, last spring we (re)instituted the practice of bringing the children back into the sanctuary at the beginning of the Communion service. We do this because we affirm, as stated in the *Book of Order*,

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who have been baptized, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. . . . Baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response are invited to receive the Lord's Supper, recognizing that their understanding of participation will vary according to their maturity. (W-2.4011)

We recognize, of course, that the children's presence in the sanctuary for Communion is not without its effects: the kids' entrance into the sanctuary can be boisterous; small eruptions of chatter and other ruckus can occur when the plates are passed to the kids; and sometimes there are spills.

These disruptions and accidents, however, are a small price to pay for the visible (and audible!) reminder that we are all children of God and recipients of God's grace long before we can hope to grasp even a particle of what that means. In my view, the *Book of Order* is somewhat patronizing in its recognition that children's "understanding of participation will vary according to their maturity"—after all, Peter and the other disciples were grown men when they joined Jesus for the Last Supper, and the Bible is quite clear that they had absolutely no idea what was going on!

With you on the journey,

Dwight

Session Notes: December 2009



Minutes of the Stated Meeting of November 10, 2009 and Special Session Meeting of December 6, 2009 were received and approved.

Membership Updates:

New Member – *Robin Hodgson* – December 6, 2009

Deaths

Marihonor Widmayer – November 14, 2009

Charlie Chapin – November 17, 2009,

Eunice McLain November 23, 2009

Transfer of Membership – *Muriel Hart* to Black Mountain Presbyterian Church

Mark Stanley welcomed the Deacons Elect (*Barbara Johnson and Nell Payne*) and Elders Elect (*Mike Cook, Beth Miller, Joe Messer, Russ Russell, Rob Tolleson and Ginny Vallar*). Each of the Deacons and Elders Elect shared their Faith Journeys and responded to the constitutional questions from The Book of Order. All of these people were approved for installation and/or ordination on January 10, 2010.

Mark acknowledged and thanked the retiring Elders of the Class of 2009 – *Carole Ball, Jay Barr, Sue Hammer, Ron Hoverson and Jim Norris*.

Glenn Walker gave the Finance Report stating a negative balance of approximately \$8400.

Session voted to create a new ministry – Witness and Evangelism; and also voted to combine the Ministries of Stewardship and Finance into one Ministry.

Starting January 3, 2010, the early worship service will begin at 8:30 a.m. allowing time for fellowship after the service before the Learning Hour.

The Endowment Committee accepted the recommendation of the Elders to make some changes in their policies and procedures.

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2010 for the purpose of hearing the budget and the Pastors' Terms of Call. The meeting will begin at 10:45 a.m.

Beth Harris reported for Trinity Preschool that 20% of the children receive scholarships. Head Start has announced that they will be leaving Trinity so will no longer help financially with playground upkeep.

Glenn Walker presented the following motion, which was approved:

All funds received by TPC, unless the giver provides a specific acceptable purpose for the funds, will go to the Operating Fund Account of TPC and used by the Session for the current year's budget or other purposes as Session may designate.

If the purpose of the gift is not acceptable, under the policies of TPC, the funds will be returned to the giver. If the purpose is acceptable, the gift will be designated and used by the appropriate Ministry of TPC. (example – check received for the Guatemala Partnership).

If funds are received, either through a Will or through other communication, with the intent of being a TPC Endowment or for an existing TPC Endowment Account – the Endowment Committee will receive these funds to be managed under its Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures.

A Motion came from Building and Grounds requesting that the Clerk write letters of thanks to *Chuck Leaverton* and *Phil King* for their many years of dedicated service to the Building and Grounds Ministry and the church. Their wisdom will be missed. Motion passed.

January Birthdays

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| 1 | Myrl Jean Hughes |
| 3 | Sierrah Haskins |
| 4 | Ruth Mills
Rebecca Palmer |
| 5 | Anne Stoneman |
| 6 | Lawson Sander |
| 8 | Helen Howe |
| 9 | Kitty Longacre |
| 10 | Ray Dearborn
Frank Hyde |
| 11 | Lee Taylor |
| 1 | Barbara Docherty
Don Hoogstra
Dave Morrison |
| 13 | River Keefer
Nancy Kisner |
| 15 | Joe Gernoske
Marie O'Connor |
| 17 | Bill DeJonge
Gladys Hilley
Emil Klimach |
| 18 | Don Holmer |
| 21 | Sara Noegel |
| 23 | Drew Prichard |
| 24 | Ginny Gernoske
Lily Stevens |
| 28 | Jack Case
Mary Haskins |
| 29 | Jay Pond |
| 30 | Sabra Boelke
Marie Johnson |
| 31 | Al Williamson |



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Serve at the Rescue Mission

Trinity Church volunteers to serve the dinner meal every Wednesday evening all year long. We currently need one person (male or female) to assist *Dick Wheeler* on the third Wednesday of each month for about one and one-half hours. We also need to add to our Substitute List. If you can help, please call *Chuck Leaverton*, 890-5838, or *Bettye* in the church office.

Adult Lecture Class

Continuing by popular demand: our series of video lectures on Islam by Professor John L. Esposito, Georgetown University, facilitated by *Gene Carman*.

Please join us Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. for the Learning Hour!

Trinity Book Group



The next meeting of the Trinity Book Group will be Thursday, January 28, 2010, at 1:30PM in the Trinity Room at the church.

Sue Hammer will lead the discussion on *The Faith Club* by Ranya Idilby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warren. This book is about three women and three faiths. Hostesses will be *Dot Lovick* and *Jay Barr*.

In February, *Jay Barr* will lead the discussion on *People of the Book* by Geraldine Books. This novel is about a Jewish prayer book that was lost and then found.

We invite all ladies of the church who like to read and discuss books to join us.

We hope to see you January 28th.

Barbara Johnson,
Chair



“Music is better if someone’s listening.”

Opal, Winn-Dixie

Session Notes

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A continuing concern is that the building is still not being properly secured when the last person leaves. We all need to be more diligent in this matter.

The Building and Grounds Coordinator is currently an Elder. Motion came from B and G that this position exist OUTSIDE the B and G Ministry. Motion was defeated. This issue requires additional organizational thought.

Neena Haskins – New Member Ministry – circulated a Time and Talent form which is used for both new and current members. With the changes to ministry responsibilities approved, further modifications of the form will be needed.

Sue Hammer,

Acting Clerk

Trinity Preschool

Rebecca, mother to Hank (2) and Libby (3) posted on Trinity Preschool's Facebook wall the following conversation:

I asked Hank, "Who made you so cute?"
He said, "God."

I asked, "Who made you so smart?"
He said, "God."

I asked "Who made you so sweet?"
He said, "Miss Wanda!!"



Hank, Ms. Wanda and Canyon

Trinity Preschool staff would like to give a big "Thank You" to the Women of the Church for their support. We were amazed at the outpouring of love through your gifts of clothing, class-room supplies, scholarship assistance and extra food / drinks for children without snacks. All is very much needed at this time and your generosity will be felt all year long. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Happy New Year to You All!

Sherri Griffin

Library Resources to Interest You

Kathie Van Itallie had donated the book:

~ *My Stroke of Insight* (9/T)

Jill Taylor Bolte

The author, who teaches at Harvard Medical School, describes her stroke and recovery and gives encouragement to other stroke victims and caregivers.

Anni Vining has donated the set of CDs and DVDs:

~ *Hope for a Woman's Heart* (CD/9/T; DVD/9/T)

Kathy Troccoli

These four discs include the following topics:

- ~ Ways to Anchor your Soul in God's Promises
- ~ How to Battle Doubt, Uncertainty and Grief with Courage and Hope
- ~ The Proper Perspective on Power and Affliction
- ~ How to Rest in God's Provision

Three books on order include:

~ *A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story*

Diana Butler Bass

~ *We Get to Carry Each Other: The Gospel according to U2*

Greg Garrett

~ *After the Baby Boomers: How Twenty- and Thirty-Something are Shaping the Future of American Religion*

Robert Wuthnow

The latter compares the church-going habits of young adults in the 1970s with young adults now and finds that six million fewer are in churches today.

Jane Presseau,
Chairman of the Library Committee

Trinity Youth: Looking Ahead to 2010's BIG EVENTS

Attention Trinity Youth, parents, and mentors: Check your calendars for the following BIG EVENTS that will be taking place in 2010. These aren't the only events for the year, and chances are we won't be doing all of them, but this is where you come in: please take some time to read, reflect, and talk with Dwight Christenbury about those events in which you are most interested, so we can tailor a year that meets your needs and interests. . . .

Saturday, January 23, 2010 (9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.)

Pathways Youth Ministry Leader Seminar

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greenville, S.C.

A day of training, worship, and fellowship *for both youth and adults* to explore pathways to excellence in Youth Ministry. (Sponsored by the PCUSA Offices of Youth Ministries and Christian Vocations in conjunction with Princeton Theological Seminary's Institute for Youth Ministry.)

February 12–14, 2010

46th Annual Gatlinburg Missions Conference

The theme for this year's conference is *God's Amazing (G)race*; worship, music, and presentations by missionaries including Sarah and Jim Hornsby, missionaries to Nicaragua with connections in our own presbytery. *Tracks for both youth and adults*; more information at www.gatlinburgmissionsconference.org. (Registration deadline is January 15.)

March 19–21, 2010

Holston Presbytery Senior High Retreat

Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center, Banner Elk

What Does God Have that Walmart Doesn't? Come and find out at this annual event.

Sunday, March 21, 2010, 3:00–6:00 p.m.

PWNC Middle School Rally

Montreat Conference Center

Worship, keynote, recreation, and a great way to get connected with other youth and adults from across the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

July 20–24, 2010

Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2010

Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

Don't miss this once-every-three-years international gathering of Presbyterian youth. Applications to join the Presbytery of Western North Carolina's delegation are due January 20, and there is also a required orientation event April 23–24. See Dwight Christenbury for more information.

July 21–25, 2010

Middle School Conference at Presbyterian College

Presbyterian College, Clinton, S.C.

Planned and run by Montreat Conference Center, the Middle School Conference is a great way for middle schoolers to get introduced to the big wide world of our "connectional" Presbyterian Church in a safe and fun environment. See Dwight Christenbury for more information.

July 25–31, 2010

Montreat Youth Conference

Friends of Jesus (FOJ), Trinity's Wednesday evening children's program, is getting to know *The Unexpected Jesus!* Many times in the Bible, when people met Jesus for the first time, he turned out to say, do, or be something totally unlike what they were expecting—and Jesus can still surprise us today.

- ~ January 6
- ~ January 20
- ~ February 3
- ~ March 3
- ~ March 17
- ~ April 21
- ~ May 5

Please sign up on the narthex sign-up sheets for each FOJ week or call *Carole Ball*, home, 692-8774; cell, 329-5425 by 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday before each FOJ. Meals are available for non-FOJ adults, for example, Moms and More, with advance notice.

Attention Grown-ups: We can use your help on the kitchen crew, cleanup crew, or as Table Toppers. To learn more, see or call *Dwight Christenbury*. Thanks!

January 6 **Program at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:00**
Friends of Jesus

Menu:

Pizza
Greek Salad
Dessert

Cost: \$3.00 Children and Adults

January 20 **Program at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:00**
Friends of Jesus

Menu:

BBQ Sandwiches
Tater Tots
Slaw
Dessert

Cost: \$3.00 Children and Adults

Wonderful Wednesday

January 13 Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Program at 6:30 p.m.

**“Two Thousand Years”
Film Series**

Spaghetti
Garden Tossed Salad
French Bread
Chocolate Éclairs

January 27 Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Program at 6:30 p.m.

**Don Osterberg
Virtual Nature Walk**

Roast Beef
Bistro Baked Potatoes
Spinach Salad
Rolls
Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

Sign up now on the kiosk in the Narthex.



Lectionary Readings

2nd Sunday after Christmas Day

January 3

Jeremiah 31:7-14
 Psalm 147:12-20
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 John 1:(1-9) 10-18

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6

Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3:1-12
 Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of the Lord

January 10

Isaiah 43:1-7
 Psalm 29
 Acts 8:14-17
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17

Isaiah 62:1-5
 Psalm 36:5-10
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
 John 2:1-11

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
 Psalm 19
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
 Luke 4:14-21

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31

Jeremiah 1:4-10
 Psalm 71:1-6
 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
 Luke 4:21-30

Preaching Schedule

January 3..... Dwight Christenbury
 January 10..... Mark Stanley
 January 17..... Mark Stanley
 January 24 Mark Stanley
 January 31..... Dwight Christenbury


Marian and Vic McAnallen wish to express their deep appreciation to their Trinity Deacons and Friends for more than 55 dinners which they have brought to us during 2009. Every Friday someone has shown up at our home with a delicious meal. Such gracious outpouring of love and caring is not uncommon for the Trinity congregation and have not gone unnoticed by many recipients. May we add our own words of sincere appreciation for the work of the Deacons and others and pray that God will bless them in their labors of love.

Thank you all!

Weekly Prayer Persons

January 3	Glenn and Linda Walker.....891-2486 12 Steeplechase Court Hendersonville, NC 28791	January 24	Bob and Carol Danilin698-5858 93 Ashfield Court Hendersonville, NC 28791
January 10	Rebecca Palmer 24 Wintry Drive Hendersonville, NC 28792	January 31	Chuck and Sue Leaverton.....890-5838 409 Hidden Woods Lane Hendersonville, NC 28791
January 17	Christel Smith221-0459 (Ernst, Andries, Dawid) 88 Laurelwood Circle, #10 Hendersonville, NC 28791		

January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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— Communion						
3 8:30 Worship 9:45 Learning Hour 11:00 Worship 12:00 Trinity 30	4 9:00 Prayer Time/Sanctuary 9:30 PWCT Meeting 11:00 PW Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Ministry	5 8:30 Staff 9:30 New Member	6 3:30 Local Missions Ministry 5:30 FOJ 7:30 Choir	7	8	9
10 8:30 Worship 9:45 Learning Hour 11:00 Worship 12:00 Trinity 30 5:00 Taizé Service	11 9:00 Prayer Time/Sanctuary 12:30 Rebekah Circle	12 8:30 Staff 9:00 6th Avenue Board 9:30 New Member 10:00 TPS Board Meeting 3:30 Deacons 6:30 Session	13 9:45 Esther Circle 5:30 WW 2000 Years 7:30 Choir	14 3:00 Support Group 6:30 Finance Ministry	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Tidings Deadline</div>	16
17 8:30 Worship 9:45 Learning Hour 11:00 Worship 12:00 Trinity 30	18 9:00 Prayer Time/Sanctuary	19 8:30 Staff 9:30 New Member 10:00 Naomi Circle 12:30 Lois Circle 7:00 Global Missions 7:00 B and G	20 4:00 Worship Ministry 4:30 Personnel 5:30 FOJ 7:30 Choir	21	22	23
24 8:30 Worship 9:45 Learning Hour 11:00 Worship 12:00 Trinity 30	25 9:00 Prayer Time/Sanctuary	26	27 5:30 WW Catered 6:30 Virtual Nature Walk 7:30 Choir	28 1:30 Book Group	29	30
31  Five-Cents-A-Meal 8:30 Worship 9:45 Learning Hour 11:00 Worship 12:00 Trinity 30						

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to grow in faith together, to minister to those in need, and to do all these things
with joy, love, and compassion in the name of Christ the Lord.***