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TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN JUN Tidings



PASTOR'S CORNER



**The 226th General
Assembly (2024)
of the PCUSA Theme:
“Live Into Hope!”
June 25-July 5, 2024**

I've been talking about the over-arching theme of HOPE over the past few months as we continue to be engaged in ongoing stewardship in our Church and world. One of the ways that I experience hope is through my/our association with the connectedness of the Presbyterian Church. The Presbyterian Church USA is structured so that individual Sessions (made up of elected Elders), work together within Presbyteries (ours is the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.) The Presbyteries in our region are organized into Synods. (Ours is the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic.) Every two years, commissioners from all of the Presbyteries in the United States are elected and sent to form the General Assembly of the PCUSA. This year the General Assembly will meet in Salt Lake City, Utah and I will be a commissioner sent by our Presbytery. I have, over the past three decades of ministry, attended a couple of meetings of the General Assembly in other locations as an observer or visitor, but this will be my first time as a commissioner. With God's guidance, I hope to serve faithfully in this capacity. This will be the first General Assembly that is able to meet together “in-person” at a

site not owned by our denomination since the beginning of the Covid epidemic. Before Covid, commissioners would be on site for two weeks, but currently they are brought together for plenary sessions during only the second week of the Assembly. The first week of work involves meetings of the various committees that come together virtually to make recommendations to the larger body. This week of meetings is still accomplished via Zoom, beginning on June 25th.

I have been randomly assigned to serve on the “Race, Sexuality and Gender Equity” Committee. We have already begun online meetings and it promises to be an interesting and challenging assignment. As you know, these areas of the Church's ministry have been of special concern for me during my own service to the Church. I look forward to sharing a detailed report with you following the completion of the work of the Assembly. All commissioners to the General Assembly are instructed to allow for the Holy Spirit to serve as our guide and inspiration as we participate and vote during the course of the Assembly. I invite and desire your prayers of support for my work and for the work of all of our commissioners during this important time of discernment in our denomination.

With Hope,

Mark

live into hope

letter from the associate pastor...

As the young narrator in Lee Smith's *The Last Day the Dogbushes Bloomed* puts it,

“Summer was hot and green, going out in front of me as far as I could think of, and I couldn’t make up my mind what to do first.”

I guess we don't have quite the same perspective on summer as a kid about to be sprung from school for the season, but as far as Trinity is concerned, you definitely have plenty of options. As I hope you've heard by now, we are once again going to a special summertime worship schedule of a single service at 10:00 a.m. for the months of June, July, and August. What is new about the schedule for this year is how the Learning Hour will function. Here are the pertinent details:

Our regular adult classes are taking a well-deserved break for the summer. (We're especially grateful to the leaders of the Lectionary, Issue & Concerns, and Hashing It Out classes for their energy, intelligence, imagination, and love!)

THANK YOU ALL FOR THE MANY PRAYERS, CARDS, AND FLOWERS THAT WERE SENT TO ME FROM MY FRIENDS AT TRINITY FOLLOWING MY SHOULDER SURGERY. THE MEALS SENT DURING TIME WERE APPRECIATED BY ME AND ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED BY MY BROTHER; WHO WAS HELPING CARE FOR ME. ALL OF THIS SHARED LOVE MADE RECUPERATING MUCH EASIER.

— CAROLE BALL

We will hold a series of special Learning Hour classes for adults (and youth) on some but not all Sundays at 11:15 a.m. Here's the current lineup:

- **June 16**—The Rev. Dr. Becky Davis, Union Presbyterian Seminary: “Imaginable: The Church in a Changed World” (Ohmann Speaker Series)
- **July 7**—Dwight Christenbury: “Dialoguing Donkeys & Dimwitted Disciples: Finding Humor in the Bible” (this is an all-ages class!)
- **July 21**—The Rev. Dr. Richard Boyce, Union Presbyterian Seminary: “Genesis: Covenant of Constancy and Benevolence” (Ohmann Speaker Series)
- **August 18**—Jeannie DuBose: “Portals into Wonder and Awe” (Ohmann Speaker Series)
- **Date TBD**—Mark Stanley: A Report on the 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Youth and Children's Learning Hour classes, including a Confirmation Class for our middle school youth, will not meet on Sunday mornings but (in an amazing feat of flexibility and dexterity) will gather at a variety of different days, times, and places.

And the above doesn't even include Vacation Bible School, the concerts by the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus, and our youth mission trip to Charleston, South Carolina! Happy summer, all!

Peace,

Dwight

2024 VBS

June 24-27
9 am-Noon



**Trinity Presbyterian - 900 Blythe Street,
Hendersonville, NC 28791**

Wild Life is a four-day adventure where kids discover how special they are to God and how wild it is that they can share their story, use their gifts, spend time with God and spend time with others. VBS participants will rotate through stations including: Bible/small group time, crafts, games, snack, and a daily hands-on activity.

Registration: <https://bit.ly/2024WildlifeVBS> (participants)

<https://bit.ly/2024WildLifeVolunteer> (volunteers)

Open to kids 4 years old (as of Aug. 31, 2022) through those who finished 5th grade. Volunteers - anyone who has finished 6th grade up is welcome to help as station leaders, small group leaders or assistants.



June Birthdays

2 Barbara Goodman

3 Kim Ball
Cora Wright

5 Julie Carter
Elizabeth Stanley

7 Jeffrey Sheffield

8 Lois Erickson
Robin Oleksa

9 Sophia Haskins

12 Andy Nissen

14 Joan Poole

15 Linda Dillon

20 Bev Luzadder

21 Harry Petersen

24 Joy Guenther

26 Nikolas Keefer

July Previews

1 Nancy Twitchen

2 Fitz Sthreshley

3 Steve Campbell

4 Don Robinson
Nugent Sharp

6 Sue Elsasser
Susan Mangrum

Finance & Stewardship Ministry

YOUR STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY'S 2024 THEME IS
"SOWING SEEDS OF HOPE".

The place to begin is with a huge

"THANKS"

to so many Trinity folks who are sowing so
many seeds.

Thanks for: words of encouragement and hugs; baking cookies; donating flowers; participating with one of the ministries; serving as a deacon or elder; planting trees for the city; making origami flowers; joining worship; donating food to the IAM cupboard; feeding the children at the Boys and Girls Club; counting and managing the financial donations; donating flowers; pulling weeds in the gardens; serving food and cleaning up afterwards; teaching classes; operating the technology systems; being liturgists for worship services; praying; greeting; singing in the choir; joining Presbyterian Women circles; going to the Death Café and Friends in Christ; donating mittens and undies and hats and backpacks; financial gifts; and ever so much more. Just as Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes to feed the crowd, surely your seeds are multiplied to bring hope to our congregation; our community and our world.

Barb T.



Local & Global Missions Ministries

BIG NEWS! THE PRESSEAU MATCHING GRANT IS COMING!

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT



Spread some summer sunshine to neighbors in need, near or far!

Starting July 1 and ending on Labor Day, you can **DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT** by donating to one of the Global or Local Missions recipient agencies / groups listed below*. A generous gift from Jack and Jane Presseau, directed by Jane to benefit these two ministries, makes it possible for Trinity to match any amount up to \$1,000 per family, if donated between July 1 and Labor Day. What a blessing!

The Global and Local agencies and groups supported by Trinity work *tirelessly* to help neighbors in critical need. However, there is always more to do that is out of reach, due to funding deficits. Wouldn't it be wonderful to *not only* send unexpected extra funds to your favorite cause, but to have your donation **DOUBLED**?? We're praying you'll respond to this amazing opportunity!

A reminder will be included in the July issue of *Tidings* and church bulletins, declaring the grant window officially open for summer.

We send many hugs and thanks to Jane for making this matching grant possible!

Global and Local Missions Ministries

***Presseau Grant Recipient Agencies: GLOBAL MISSIONS**

- Dan and Elizabeth Turk - Madagascar
- Leslie Vogal
- Collins Family
- Brown Family - Guatemala
- Nkoma Hospital
- Center for Development in Central America - Nicaragua
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- JAARS
- Christian Appalachian Project
- Guatemala Partnership Scholarships

***Presseau Grant Recipient Agencies: LOCAL MISSIONS**

- Hendersonville Rescue Mission
- IAM (Interfaith Assistance Ministry)
- Black Mountain Home for Children & Families
- Pisgah Legal Services
- Feed the Kids
- Thrive
- Hospice
- Safelight
- Homes for Youth
- Boys and Girls Club
- Council on Aging

Beginning July 1, checks for this match should be made out to Trinity, with "Presseau Grant: {agency name}" in the memo line. The grant window will close on Labor Day.

OHMANN SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES



JUNE 16 Rebecca L. Davis

"Imaginable": The Church in a Changed World

The Rev. Dr. Rebecca L. Davis (Becky) is the Sarah Belk Gambrell Professor of Christian Education and Director of the Center for Excellence in Christian Education at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte, North Carolina.



JULY 21 Richard Boyce

Genesis: Covenant of Constancy & Benevolence

The Rev. Dr. Richard Boyce is Associate Professor Emeritus of Preaching and Pastoral Leadership at Union Presbyterian Seminary, a member of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, and the former mayor of Belmont, North Carolina.



AUGUST 18 Jeannie DuBose

Portals into Wonder & Awe

Jeannie DuBose, author and illustrator of *Tending the Fire: The Story of a Marriage*, is a gifted speaker and retreat leader who focuses on health and spirituality. A graduate of Vanderbilt University, Jeannie also holds a master's degree in counseling psychology.

Sunday Mornings at 11:15

following our 10:00 a.m. worship service

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Make plans now for Guatemala

Broaden your understanding of our brothers and sisters in Guatemala and bring our partnership closer to each other. This is a chance to visit our sisters and brothers at Fuente de Vida and enjoy a trip with others from Trinity and the Presbytery.

A deposit is expected by August 15th. Scholarship help may be available. Contact Carole Ball for further information.

Applications are now being accepted for this presbytery led **fall mission trip, celebrating 30 years of the Partnership**. Dates are Oct. 30-Nov. 6. You can access the application and information online by [following this link](#), or download the form using the link below.

[DOWNLOAD THE FORM](#)

Carole Ball



Library Notes

The library has received a few new books in the past couple of months:

- 25/RAS Rasmussen, Larry L. The planet you inherit: Letters to my grandchildren. (c.2022)
- 25/MEE Meeks, Catherine The night is long but light comes in the morning: Meditations on racial healing. (c.2022)
- 7/LEV Levine, Amy -Jill Sermon on the mount: A beginner's guide to the kingdom of heaven. (c.2020)
- 9/GUT Guthrie, Savannah Mostly what God does: Reflections on seeking and finding His love everywhere. (c.2024)



We've also received some relevant books on marriage and divorce thanks to donations by Lorraine Talbot:

- 12/GOT Gottman, John M. The seven principles for making marriage work.
- 12/FAR Farrel, Bill and Pam The first five years: Make the love investment that lasts a lifetime.
- 12/FAR Farrel, Bill and Pam Every marriage is a fixer-upper.
- 12/HER Hershey, Terry Beginning again.
- 12/SMO Smoke, Jim Growing through divorce.
- 12/PRE Recovering from divorce: Overcoming the death of a dream.
- 12/NEL Can you hear me now?: Improving communication

All of the above books can be found on the Library book cart located in the Atrium. Feel free to check them out! Contact us if you need assistance.

Linda & Barry Stokes



Matthew 25 Ministry NACA HOUSING WORKSHOP

The Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America, NACA, is a national nonprofit partnership of HUD and Bank of America whose mission is to provide affordable, no closing cost home mortgages to low income borrowers.

Our church has recently hosted a NACA workshop, organized by former Hendersonville City Councilwomen, Debbie Roundtree and supported by the Big View Team of our Circles Around Poverty Matthew 25 Ministry.

A special thank you is in order to team members who worked hard to host this NACA event:

- Esther and Steve Hider
- Becky Stanley
- Jocelyn Tolleson
- Ron Howard
- Margaret Bolick
- Conrad and Patti Shannon
- Katie Cilluffo.

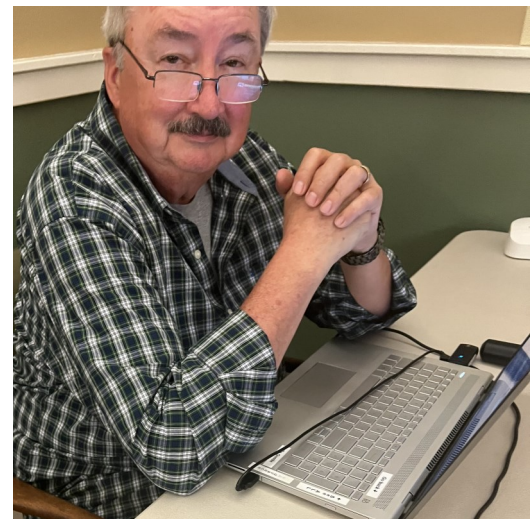
Access to affordable housing is a Big View issue of Circles Around Poverty.

Forever Grateful, *Paul Hugger*



NACA

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE CORPORATION OF AMERICA



Endowment Fund Committee

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS - REDUX

Bob Forsythe and I wrote a Tidings article last year about Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD's). Since taxes are inevitable, I want to remind you again about the tax-reducing feature of QCD's for those who qualify. It's for folks who are age 70½ or older with Individual Retirement Accounts – and that's a good many of us here at Trinity. So...a repeat on this topic:

If you are taking RMD's (Required Minimum Distributions) from your IRA (Individual Retirement Account), you might want to consider making a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution) as part of the annual payment that is made. A QCD is a "tax-free" donation made directly from your IRA to a qualified charity. One qualified charity is Trinity Presbyterian Church – designating the payment either as part of your pledge; or responding to a specific appeal (such as the Hunger Walk); or a special gift to Trinity; or to fund an endowment to Trinity

which generates future income to the church; or any combination of these purposes.

The reason we say "tax free" is that the Qualified Charitable Distribution is not counted by the IRS as income to you, unlike the rest of your annual Required Minimum Distribution. So the income reported on your tax return is lower, and thus the taxes calculated on that income are lower. Nevertheless, the QCD is still counted as part of your total RMD requirement. There are some other rules, but the folks managing your IRA, or your tax advisor, can fill you in.

If you decide to make such a gift to Trinity, it is helpful if you let the Treasurer (Bob Forsythe) know in advance if you want that gift directed to your pledge, or a specific appeal, or a special gift to Trinity, or to fund an endowment to Trinity.

Steve Culp

Summer Pool Parties

JUNE 23RD, JULY 21ST, AND AUGUST 4TH
12:00-3:00

The Ball's are again able to open their pool to Trinity youth and friends of Trinity for a time of fun. You don't have to be a youth or swimmer to come. All are welcome for food and fellowship.

Meat, lemonade, and iced tea will be provided. You are asked to bring a dish to share: salad, vegetable, fruit, or dessert. You might also like to bring your special lawn chair.

Drive way parking is limited, so you might wish to park across the road on Wood Dale. I would rather you not park on the grass.

We look forward to seeing you soon. **Please Sign Up in the Narthex.**

Carole Ball

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NEIGHBORS

FOR

MORE

NEIGHBORS

WNC

Earth Care & Matthew 25

GREEN DRINKS IN HENDERSONVILLE, NC:

Why should environmentalists support building more housing?

June 13 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Trailside Brewing 873 Lenox Park Dr

We know that healthy communities exist within the context of a healthy environment — and right now, both are threatened. There is a housing shortage across the country, with many hard-working families unable to find a place to live. There is also a climate crisis, with greenhouse gas emissions threatening the stability of all our planet's ecosystems and biodiversity.

Join us to learn more about MountainTrue's newest program, Neighbors for More Neighbors WNC, and about part of the solution to both these crises. Susan Bean is the Housing & Transportation Director for MountainTrue and the program director for Neighbors for More Neighbors WNC; she informs organizational policy priorities for housing and transportation projects across Western North Carolina.

- **5:30 p.m.:** Grab and drink and network with like-minded locals.
- **6:00 p.m.:** Enjoy the presentation and learn something new!

Hendersonville Green Drinks is presented by Conserving Carolina, MountainTrue and Trailside Brewing Co. Come to Green Drinks to learn more about current environmental issues, have relevant discussions, and meet with like-minded people. This is a monthly event and everyone is welcome. You don't have to drink at Green Drinks; just come and listen. Trailside Brewing Co. offers beer, wine, cider, prosecco and non-alcoholic beverages. A limited food menu will be available.



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Protecting the Places We Share.

Perpetuity

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the state or quality of lasting forever

A MESSAGE FROM THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE.

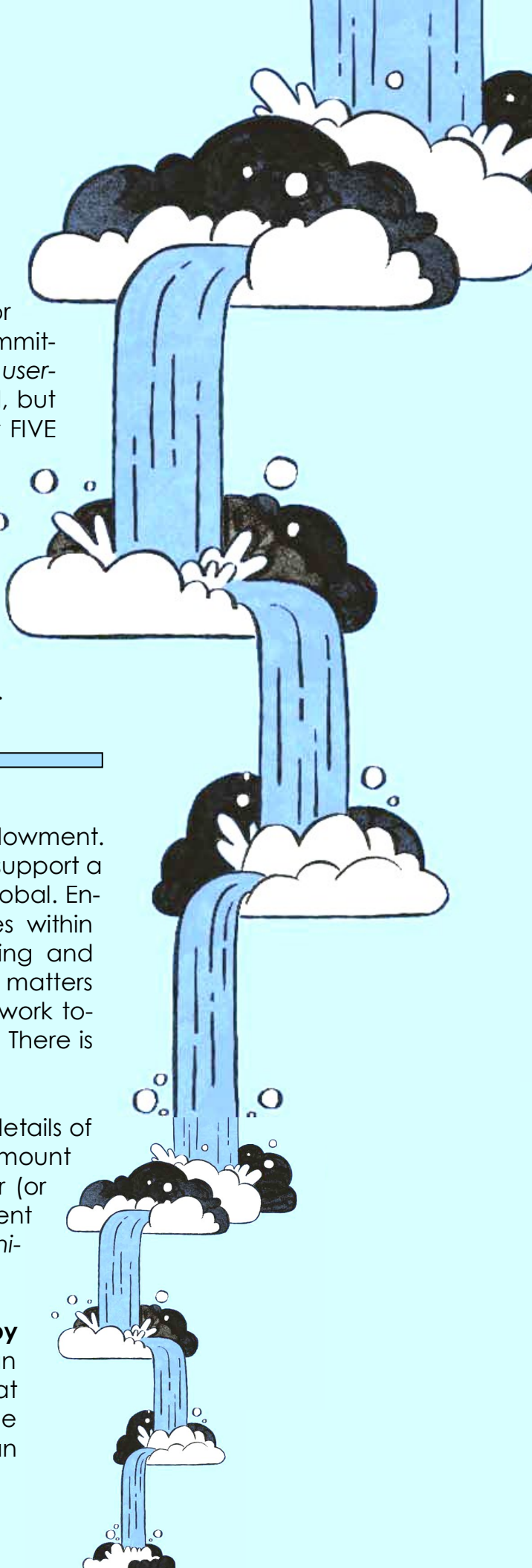
In addition to fulfilling our fiduciary responsibility for Trinity Presbyterian Church's Endowment Funds, this committee is looking to make our endowment process more *user-friendly*. Sure, endowments can be very complicated, but here at Trinity, we've refined the set-up process to just FIVE steps.

Do you know this? An endowment can be established *during the donor's lifetime* with ongoing funding that is tax-deductible. This gives lots of control to the donor. The more common process is to set up an endowment by a will with funding coming from the deceased's estate. Regardless of the timing of an endowment, the process still follows this roadmap.

Step One is to define the purpose of the endowment. What do you want the FUNDS to do? Funds can support a specific mission of the church whether local or global. Endowments can fund special classes or activities within the church or help take care of Trinity's building and grounds. If there's something really special that matters to you or the person you wish to honor, we will work together to set up an endowment that supports it. There is NO form for Step One.

Step Two is the Trinity Gift Agreement. Once the details of the plan are fleshed-out, including the dollar amount of the initial gift, this *form* is signed by the donor (or legal representative) and chair of the Endowment Fund committee. One thousand dollars is the *minimum amount* for establishing an Endowment.

Step Three is approval of your Endowment Gift by the Session. This is a protocol of Trinity Presbyterian Church whereby members of Session agree that the purpose of this Endowment Gift aligns with the mission and objectives of Trinity Presbyterian Church.





Step Four. Trinity's Finance Committee **submits the check (monies)** for the Endowment Fund to the Presbyterian Foundation. The Foundation manages the investment of Trinity's endowment funds with New Covenant Funds. An individual's donations to an endowment fund are tax-deductible.

Step Five. Perpetuity! The Endowment monies are invested and as they grow, **the interest** comes to Trinity Presbyterian Church, annually, and supports your endowment. The **principal** of the initial investment is never spent – it's invested! An example: the Foundation's oldest endowment was established in 1821 and still provides funds today.

You are encouraged to contact Steve Culp, Endowment Chair, to discuss setting up an endowment **now OR re-visit your will** to stipulate the establishment of an endowment after you get your wings!

Susan Mangrum

Help Wanted

Preferably an energetic male who likes children with energy and a very inquisitive mind. The young boy (10) likes board games (including chess), fishing, hiking, swimming and is learning to play tennis and shoot basketball.

The adult would be most helpful on Saturday mornings (2-4) hours or Sunday afternoons; and, this summer on certain arranged days. The young boy would be accompanied by a family member until the adult helper and the young boy knew and felt comfortable with each other.

This could become a paid position for limited hours; more if the person were a licensed foster care worker.

For further information contact:

Carole Ball
828-692-8774.



Welcome, welcome! We're excited to have a new face (and beautiful voice) in our choir - our new alto section leader, Claire Crook, with her husband Paul. Say "hello" if you haven't met yet, and welcome to the Trinity family!



MARCIA & MIKE SHEPHERD; MIKE MAYFIELD, DOLLY OWENS & JENNIFER MAYFIELD (PRETTY IN PINK); BILLIE HICKLIN, MYRL JEAN HUGHES, & KATHIE VAN ITALLIE



KAYDEE HASKINS ALL GROWN UP; CUBS FANS LESLIE & ANDY NISSEN WITH DON WIDMAYER; CINDY ANN BOWERS & STEVEN LOTT; MARGARET BOLICK



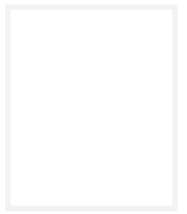
CHARLES KEEFER & ARCHER WITH NEW GLASSES!; ART WAYBOER STANDING TALL; SNUGGLY HARRY & KATIE HANKLA; FRIENDLY JOE & JANE STRANGE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 - COMMUNION 9:55 Congregational Meeting 10:00 Worship 2:00 Black Mountain Home Ice Cream Social 5:00 ManKind Project	3 - CONFIRM. RETREAT 9:00 Finance Team 9:30 Painters' Group 10:00 New Member Sub. 2:00 PW Coordinating 2:00 PW Coord. Team 3:30 & 4:00 Tai Chi 7:00 Zoom: B&G Ministry	4 - CONFIRM. RETREAT & FOAM RECYCLING 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Coffee Group 4:00 Global Missions 7:00 Zoom: Banned Books Planning Mtg,	5 - CONFIRM. RETREAT 10:30 Friends in Christ	6 11:00 BTL Book Group 12:00 Book Group Lunch 1:00 Technology Mtg. 3:30 Beginning Tai Chi 4:00 Intermediate Tai Chi 4:00 Zoom: Finance/Stew.	7 8:00 Toastmasters 11:30 Senior Real Estate & Estate Planning Lunch	8 9:30 Swing Band 12:00 Hendo Pride Picnic (Jackson Park)
9 10:00 Worship 5:00 ManKind Project	10 9:00 Finance Team 9:30 Painters' Group 10:00 VBS Team Mtg. 10:00 New Member Sub. 10:30 New Member Min. 3:30 Beginning Tai Chi 4:00 Intermediate Tai Chi 5:30 Local Missions Mtg.	11 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Coffee Group 3:00 Origami Group 3:30 Deacons' Mtg. Monday, continued... 6:30 Session Mtg.	12 10:30 Friends in Christ	13 9:55 Bible Study: Mark 11:00 BTL Book Group 3:30 Beginning Tai Chi 4:00 Intermediate Tai Chi 5:30 Green Drinks Hendo - Housing (Trailside Brewing)	14 8:00 Toastmasters 9:30 Feed the Kids	15 3:30 Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus Concert 7:00 Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus Concert
16 - FATHER'S DAY 10:00 Worship 11:15 Ohmann Summer Speaker - Rebecca Davis 11:15 Matthew 25 Min. 5:00 ManKind Project	17 9:00 Finance Team 9:30 Painters' Group 10:00 New Member Sub. 3:30 Beginning Tai Chi 4:00 Intermediate Tai	18 - FOAM RECYCLING 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Coffee Group	19 - JUNETEENTH 10:30 Friends in Christ 3:00 Zoom: Earth Care	20 - TIDINGS DEADLINE 9:55 Bible Study: Mark 11:00 BTL Book Group 3:30 Beginning Tai Chi 4:00 Intermediate Tai Chi	21 8:00 Toastmasters 4:00 Silent Vigil for Immigration (Historic Courthouse)	22 9:30 Swing Band
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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

june
is the season of
endless adventure

Frances Mayes

