



Trinity Triumph

March/April 2019

LOOKING FORWARD

Level 2 Snow Emergency—The Session approved plan is as follows: If Muskingum County is on a Level 2 Snow Emergency at 8:00 a.m. on any Sunday, **all** activities at the church, including the worship service, will be canceled for that day.

Wednesday, March 6—Simple Soup and Bread Supper and Ash Wednesday Service—Supper will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and the service will follow in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

March 10-April 21—One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.—The **Maundy Thursday Service** will be held in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, April 21—Easter Sunday
The **Easter Sunrise Service** will be held at **7:30 a.m.** in the Chapel.

Breakfast will be served from **8:15-9:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. The **Easter Worship Service** will be in the Sanctuary at **10:30 a.m.** The **Easter Egg Hunt** will follow the worship service.

CHENOA'S CORNER

Trinity Partnership with Chenoa Stock and her husband, Jose' Claire--
PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers in Peru



**Chenoa and Jose'
with Leandro**

Hello and greetings from a toasty Lima, Peru!

Last Thursday, February 7th, Jose', Leandro, and I arrived safe and sound, with an added bump to business class to boot! (I think the airline took pity on us seeing us with so much baggage and a baby. ☺) We have been slowly finding our feet in this new territory. Strangers in a foreign land, as they say. We have spent this first week looking for apartments, learning the lay of the land, and adapting to summer at sea level, which is quite different than at 13,500 feet. The heat has made us dig out our shorts and tank tops, that's for sure! We just found an apartment that will be near to the office (and also to grocery stores and a running path!), and so we will soon check that off our transition list once the contract is signed and we move in. We have spent some time with our new colleagues and their almost two-year old son, Thiago, which has been fun for Leandro, especially his first trip to the beach!



Chenoa's Column continues in the Mission and Church Life News.

A Lenten Easter Self-Check – Implication of Incarnation D. Allison

But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

– **Hebrews 2**

Reading history there are some things immensely outstanding, examples of goodness seeming to defy human capacity and reasoning. Paul makes such a point when he says, Romans 5, verses six, seven and eight, *Christ died for the ungodly [us] while we were still weak ... Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, for us Christ died!*

Once some time ago a student back for a holiday told the minister about a class he was taking. The professor had challenged the class. He said something like what follows. “I want you all to do a reasoning self-check. I want you to ask yourselves, if, as the Christian Bible says, God is omnipotent (all powerful) and omniscient (all knowing) and omnipresent (present everywhere, every moment) as the Christians say God is, then how can God be Good – as the Christians say God is – because ... look at all the **bad** things God does or at least allows. It wouldn't *have* to be that way in true all-powerfulness.

That's what he wanted them to come up with. The only answer you can get from the Bible. That God is bad. Any other answer would make it that Christians are non-rational.

It's an old question and an old answer, nothing new. It wasn't the first time the student, an active church member, heard it. He'd participated in discussions, studies, groups for kids, worship. The ministers talked regularly about it. That was because in their experience it came up all the time, subtly, overtly, and not just in the schools, but in movies, TV shows.

Switch now to the present. In our own church on the pastor's shelves when I arrived, were some books left behind by, I would assume, former ministers or interims. A couple of these books were said to be, by the *New York Times*, “best sellers.” They were written by a man with an Ivy League pedigree. He's now a professor down South teaching Christian church literature. He was once, he says, a strong and evangelical Christian. Now he says he's atheist.

I understand him to define “God” as a human transcending power, a force, beyond all power and force, space and time. But there is no such God for him. He's an atheist now. Why now an atheist? It is, he wrote, because of all the suffering in the world, and therefore this Christian God can't be good and therefore there is no God. (Of course, by that logic there *could* be a God, he just wouldn't be a good God, but a bad God.)

Now shift back to the student mentioned at the beginning. Questions and comments in discussion were allowed in his class. A minister suggested that he politely ask the professor to comment on the idea that – **from the Bible** -- there is a Good God, yes, but a Good God at war, and in war the good God is not *absolutely* at this moment all-powerful. Since we're referencing the Judeo-Christian story, it's just like God's Son, His Son representing Him, acting in His Power, as the story has it, the story of the Bible, His Son wasn't always “omnipotent.” Ask the teacher about that.

The student took it to the class. The student gave examples of times the Son wasn't all-powerful. Examples of the times He did not get His will and His way in the New Testament. Also times that the Father wasn't all-powerful getting His will and His way in the Old Testament. The professor said they'd get to that later. But they didn't.

When the Church is being the Church it systematically presents the implications of the Incarnation. Incarnation means God in mankind. It means God in Christ. It means God not as an abstract consideration of Good or Evil, but as a concrete new life, new life experienced, experienced by us, the kind Paul the Apostle experienced, with a new force of purpose and a new understanding of Divine omnipotence and omnipresence and omniscience.

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8

I think the professor's suggestion of rationality self-check was most pertinent in the religious, political, and social climate of the time of that student. It's to the point now. Having been called, convicted, and convinced: "How determined am I to be a presence, a force, my personality, my work, wherever I find myself whatever I'm doing -- how determined am I to follow Jesus Christ of Scripture fighting the good fight and keeping the faith in this moment at this time so that the very Good of the very God can triumph in the end over all that's very bad?"

We don't have everything in the Good in subjection to us yet. But we see Jesus who even so did an immensely good thing.

Staying Connected at Trinity

Sermons and Special Music: The sermons and special music from each Sunday's worship service can be found on the church website – www.trinityup.org .

Newsletter Information: If you have information for the newsletter, please e-mail Maggie Nussbaum at nussmargan27@gmail.com , phone her at 740-455-2004, or place a note in her mail slot in the office.

Bulletin Information, Concerns, Comments, or Questions: If you have information for the church bulletin, or if you wish to contact Pastor Allison, please call the church office at 740-452-8482, e-mail him at d.allison.trinityupc.pastor@gmail.com , or call him at 567-274-5133 (Cell) or 740-487-4561 (Home).

Trinity Website

The Trinity website contains information about our church, sermons and special music from each Sunday's worship service, newsletters, photos, and other items of interest. You will also find a short profile of Chenoa Stock, the mission co-worker in Peru (formerly in Bolivia) whom we support, as well as pictures and additional newsletters she sends us on a regular basis. Check out the website at www.trinityup.org .

Follow Trinity on Social Media

Trinity has a social media presence with an official Facebook page. If you are a Facebook user please like and follow us.

This link will take you directly to Trinity's Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-United-Presbyterian-Church-117185184968159/?ref=br_rs

We hope the Facebook page will be of interest and useful for our Trinity family members. Scripture readings and sermon topics are currently posted two or three days before each Sunday's worship service. News of upcoming events and other timely news items are posted, as well.

News and Notes

Thank You—

A big thank you to everyone who made cookies or helped deliver cookie plates on Christmas Eve. We were able to deliver to three Zanesville fire stations, Zanesville City Police, Muskingum County Sheriff's Office, Community Ambulance, ValueCare Ambulance, Genesis ER and Hospice, First Putnam Overnight Shelter, and Transitions (the shelter for victims of domestic abuse). All these places had people who had to work Christmas Eve. We were able to give them cookies, fruit, and cheese, and the recipients were all very appreciative!

Bev and Lou LeMaster

Tree in the Hallway—You may have noticed a tree on the wall in the office hallway. This Deacon project is to honor the Golden Couples who have been married 50 or more years and our members over 80 years of age. The tree replaces the names on the frames downstairs by the Fellowship Hall. Leaves with names of honorees have been added to the tree. Special thanks to Joan Miska, who had help from Bev LeMaster, Becky Welch, Larry Welch, and Frank Walburg.



Per Capita for 2019—Per capita for 2019 is \$30.56. This supports our denomination's work at the presbytery, synod, and general assembly. Those members who are able to contribute their per capita help to ease this payment from the general fund. The increase of \$1.22 or 4.2% is entirely for general assembly.

Church Donation Options—It may be financially helpful to you to make church donations by direct transfer of securities. When investments are received by Trinity, they will be processed through Century National Bank. The bank will immediately transfer these to cash, and a check will be issued to the church. Talk with your financial advisor. This is something, as well, to remember for your legal last will.

Upcoming Events at Trinity

Please note the events and services during Lent and Holy Week. These can be found on the calendar pages, on the front page of the newsletter, and in appropriate news columns. We invite you to break bread with one another on Ash Wednesday at the Soup and Bread Supper and begin a period of reflection during Lent with the Ash Wednesday Service. Palm Sunday begins our Holy Week and continues with a meaningful and powerful service on Maundy Thursday. Easter Sunday offers an early morning service, a breakfast, our Easter Morning worship service, and an Easter egg hunt as we joyfully celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Christian Education and Youth News

Kris Beebe

Easter Sunday—Several activities have been planned for Easter Sunday. We invite all to join us on Easter Morning, April 21st.

First, we will have an early service at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Some of our youth will be involved in this service. Please plan to join them and encourage them in their faith.

Following the service, we will have breakfast available in the Fellowship Hall from 8:15-9:30 a.m. thanks to chef Marilyn Royer. Again, we hope you will join together for a time of fellowship.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 10:30 Celebration of Easter service in the sanctuary. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and we can have the hunt outside. The Christian Education Committee, along with the older youth, will fill and hide the eggs and conduct the hunt. It never takes long, and it is such fun to watch the little ones look for eggs.

Graduation Sunday—Graduation Sunday is not far away. A Graduate Recognition Form can be found on the next page. Please turn the form in to Kris Beebe so we have the names and information of high school and higher education graduates. This is a time to celebrate a huge accomplishment for each of these persons. We would be pleased to honor any graduate that we did not honor last year and has graduated since then!

Graduate Recognition Form

Name _____

Graduating from _____

High School College Technical School Other _____

If higher education please give the degree _____

If high school please tell us what they plan to do (higher education – where – major OR job field they plan to enter or where they are working)

Parents _____

Grandparents (if they attend TUPC) _____

Phone text or email to contact you if we have a question!

PLEASE RETURN TO KRIS BEEBE BY APRIL 10 TO ALLOW TIME TO PLAN!

THANKS!

Mission and Church Life News

Maggie Nussbaum

Tri-Giving—The recipient of the Tri-Giving offering for January-April is **The Fellowship of Christ's Community**, the outreach ministry of Central Presbyterian Church, which offers a Sunday meal, a Learning for Life Class, and a worship service after the meal.

Our September-December Tri-Giving offering for Bethel Community Center totaled \$236.46.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering—This PC (USA) offering provides relief to those affected by natural disasters, provides food to the hungry, and helps to empower the poor and oppressed. One Great Hour of Sharing helps those in need in the United States and around the world. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected from March 10th--April 21st. Special OGHS envelopes will be available in the pew racks during the collection period.

Christmas Joy PC (USA) Offering—We collected \$188.00 in our Christmas Joy Offering during Advent.

YoungLives—We support the Zanesville YoungLives, a mentoring program for teen mothers, through our annual budget. Cheryl Reed is the director, and this is an excerpt from her recent newsletter. This may give some idea of what YoungLives is about.

“Fall 2018 started out strong. We came into school after a great week at camp. We took 3 teen moms, 3 babies, 1 Jr. Leader, and 3 mentors to camp. Two of our teen moms made the decision to follow Jesus and our Jr. Leader took ownership of her faith and grew in leadership. In September we added 2 mentors to our team. We have had strong attendance every week. I am seeing our team connect well with teen moms. Some of our girls come not for the food or games, but because they want to spend time with a specific mentor. We average 7 teen moms at each of our events. Twice a month I visit the parenting class at Foxfire High School. I would like to tell you about Lucy (not her real name). Lucy has a quiet way about her. She almost whispers her comments to me during our parenting class. During one discussion she said that she wants to be a mom who loves her daughter unconditionally and not just to “get stuff” from her. Lucy sees her own mother as a constant demand to give more. Many of our teen moms live in families that survive day to day and ‘scavenge’ resources from wherever and whomever they can. Lucy has NOT come to YoungLives yet. Pray that God would present opportunities for me to share the UNCONDITIONAL love of Jesus and God our Father to Lucy.”

Thank You Notes—We continue to receive acknowledgments for all our donations. This is a more personal note sent to the mission chair from Transitions for our dedicated Thanksgiving offering.

Dear [Trinity],

Thank you so much for the kind and generous donation. Your support of our mission is so appreciated. Our residents appreciate the support as well. Thank you for thinking of us.

Mitzi Shook, Executive Director
Transitions

Chenoa's Column—Continued from Page 1

This afternoon and tomorrow we will be attending the General Assembly of the Peruvian Joining Hands Network, where we will meet the affiliates, hear their reports from the past year, and learn more about their environmental health work here in Peru which we will be accompanying. We will also start our Peruvian residency paperwork next week. So, lots going on already!

Though a challenge to start anew (Jose' calls it our 'rebirth'), we are slowly but surely finding our place in this big city and making it our home.

Thank you for your prayers for us during this time. They are needed! You all remain in ours as well. We hope you're keeping warm!

Peace and blessings,

Chenoa, Jose', y (and) Leandro

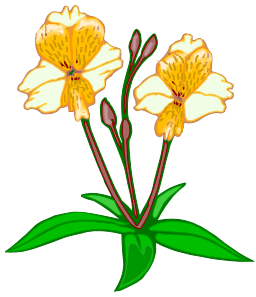
Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Ray Mennega, Committee Chair

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continues to meet on a regular basis. Since its beginning, the committee has reviewed Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) for over 200 candidates. The committee has identified several candidates of interest, and we have conducted personal interviews, as well as interviews using Skype or Face Time. However, in the end, those candidates accepted calls from other churches.

So, we continue to move forward and to request additional PIFs from the Presbyterian Church (USA) Church Leadership Connection official list of available candidates. We meet to review, discuss, and identify potential candidates on an ongoing basis. We are optimistic that we will find the right person who will meet the needs of Trinity's church family.

Through prayer and discernment, the committee members carry out the responsibilities we have been given to find a new pastor to lead us at Trinity. We ask, as a committee, for your continued prayers of support, as well as prayers for the future of our church.



March Birthdays and Anniversaries

2: Maria Johnson

5: Colton Hina

8: *John & Donna Myers****

9: Jack Tysinger

10: Tom Littick
*Clyde & Jeaneen Morland***

11: Liz Grimm
Cameron Hill

14: *Raymond & Danelle Murphy*

15: Hinda Ardrey
Steven Welch

18: Richard Patterson*

20: Kathy Hixson

23: *Keith & Lori Meadows*

24: *Bob & Jan Jenkins*

25: Elizabeth Linn*

31: Fred Love
Julie Maneely
Macy Meadows

* 80 years or older

** Over 50 Years of Marriage

*** Golden Anniversary

If you notice a missing birthday or anniversary,
please notify the church office.

Unable to Attend

Helen Purcell: Ann Nicholas

Primrose: Kate Saunders

Home: John & Helen Dixon

Home: Russ & Clara Mae Hansen

Home: Dorbie Littick



April Birthdays and Anniversaries

1: Betty Ward*

3: Heidi Church

6: Jeffrey Bates
Judy Lyle

8: Bill Cook
Anna Johnson

14: Suzanne Mennega
Dora Taylor

17: Matthew Patterson
Keith & Patty Van Horn

20: Doug Myers
Linda Taylor

21: Cathie Jenkins

22: Kimberly Mortimer

23: *Tim & Susan Thompson*

25: *Donald & Charlene Noland*

26: Laloni Tysinger

27: Katie Cook
Aaron Johnson

29: Margaret Keys*

30: Andrew Cook
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Our Worship Leaders

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Head Usher: Richard Patterson

	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
3	John & Donna Myers	Hinda Ardrey, Larry Good, Dedi Spargrove, Frank Walburg	Tim Patterson
10	Marsha Mortimer & Donna Steinman	John & Donna Myers, Tim Patterson, Marilyn Royer	Lew Sidwell
17	Larry & Linda Good	Nancy Killian, Ray Mennega, Bill Miska, Marsha Mortimer	Maggie Nussbaum
24	Darell & Barb Smith	Julie Maneely, Raymond Murphy, Charlene Noland, Richard Patterson	Marshall Hightower
31	Raymond & Danelle Murphy	Richard Patterson, Marilyn Royer, Lew & Terri Sidwell	Ray Mennega

April Worship Leaders

Head Usher: Larry Welch

	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
7	Dorothy Allison & Arlene Crooks	Hinda Ardrey, Dedi Spargrove, Frank Walburg, Larry Welch	Bev LeMaster
14	Devin & Lucinda Ardrey	Larry Good, Julie Maneely, Raymond Murphy, Charlene Noland	Hinda Ardrey
21	The Johnson Family	Nancy Killian, Ray Mennega, Bill Miska, Marsha Mortimer	Richard Patterson
28	Mary Flanagan & Nancy Killian	John & Donna Myers, Tim Patterson, Marilyn Royer	Anna Johnson

Note to All: If you are unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please team up with someone to trade Sundays and notify the church office or the pastor of that change for the bulletin.

March 2019 at Trinity

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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**Building Faith-Filled
Lives!**

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

