

# The Good News from Trinity Presbyterian Church

January 13, 2020

Wednesday—Women’s Group Quarterly Meeting 6:30 PM

Sunday—Worship Service 10:15 AM

## Surprise!

“Each day holds a surprise,” wrote Henri Nouwen. “But only if we expect it can we see, hear, or feel it when it comes to us. Let’s not be afraid to receive each day’s surprise, whether it comes to us as sorrow or as joy.”

Wait – *sorrow* as a surprise? And I’m not to fear it? Aren’t surprises supposed to be happy things? What does Nouwen mean?

He continues: “It will open a new place in our hearts, a place where we can welcome new friends and celebrate more fully our shared humanity.” And I remember, too, the psalmist’s words: “The LORD is near to the brokenhearted” (Psalm 34:18). Maybe that’s the surprise in our sorrow: that when we ache, as when we celebrate, God is there – in new friends, in shared humanity. Surprise! –Heidi Mann



## Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

Jan. 20	7:00 PM	Book Group
Jan. 21	7:00 PM	Session
Jan. 26	after worship	Mission Comte.
Jan. 30	before 11:30 AM	Desserts for Community Meal Center

## We thank, Worship Leaders for:

**Jan. 19** Liturgist: Marta Mojzer  
Ushers: Kathy Kessler, Donna Schuler, Wilson Tayong, Joleen Goens  
Sound: Brandon Reese  
Child Care: Barb Pratt  
Tellers: Diane Rayer, Connie Williams



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**Prepare for Worship**  
**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

**Psalm 40:1-8**

“I waited patiently for the LORD;  
 he inclined to me and heard my cry,  
 He drew me up from the desolate pit,<sup>[a]</sup>  
 out of the miry bog,  
 and set my feet upon a rock,  
 making my steps secure.  
 He put a new song in my mouth,  
 a song of praise to our God.  
 Many will see and fear,  
 and put their trust in the LORD.  
 Happy are those who make  
 the LORD their trust,  
 who do not turn to the proud,  
 to those who go astray after false gods.  
 You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
 your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
 none can compare with you.  
 Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
 they would be more than can be counted.  
 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
 but you have given me an open ear.  
 Burnt offering and sin offering  
 you have not required.  
 Then I said, ‘Here I am;  
 in the scroll of the book it is written of me.  
 I delight to do your will, O my God;  
 your law is within my heart.’”

**Reflection**

Andrew invited his brother Simon Peter to meet Jesus, and Peter’s life was changed forever. Do you invite others to come and see Jesus? How do you watch and listen for those who might be seeking Jesus? Do you trust God to give you gifts for sharing the story of your salvation? How then do you show the world God’s love made real in Christ?

**Morning Prayer**

You inclined your ear and heard my cry, and lifted me when I was low. Strengthen me for service as I carry your light in the world. Amen.



**Celebrations**

**January Birthdays**

Tim Wiggins	Jan. 1
Jaydenbright Nyamusa	Jan. 3
Dan Briggs	Jan. 3
Susan Rouff	Jan. 6
Fran Thomas	Jan. 10
Marty Reese	Jan. 11
Nissi Tayong	Jan. 14
Pam Harring	Jan. 15
Ethel Bime	Jan. 19
Emmanuel Bime	Jan. 20

**Early February Birthdays**

Sandy Mitchell	Feb. 2
Linda North	Feb. 3
Bright Yeboah	Feb. 4
Donna Schuler	Feb. 5
George Liles	Feb. 6

**May God lift you up to his heart so you may hear “You are my precious child. I love you.”**

*—adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1 © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press*

## Missions at Work

Fairfield Food Pantry needs: Canned soup for “Souper Bowl”

Non-Food Pantry needs: tissues, paper towels, soap. Volunteer day: January 18.

No Red Hats this year. The Heart Association is no longer collecting infant red hats.

## Meetings

Session meets on January 21 at 7:00 PM

Mission Committee will meet on January 26 after worship.



## Women’s Group

The Women’s Group will meet on Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30 PM. All women are encouraged to attend this planning meeting. Your ideas will help us review and plan for 2020 activities.

## Book Club

The Book Club will not meet in December, but will resume meeting in January. The January book selection is *The Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes. This novel is set in Depression-era America. It is a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond. Please join our discussion of this book on Monday, January 20 at 7:00 PM.

## Community Meal Center

Trinity provides desserts for the Community Meal Center for the Fifth Friday of the month.

Please drop desserts

off at Trinity by 11:30 on Thursday, January 30. George Fraley will

deliver the desserts on Friday. We appreciate your help and thank all those who baked in December.

## Directory Changes

Please note: the new email address for Ed and Laura E. Dyer: krollo.dyer@outlook.com.

Valentine and Valerie Nyamusa’s new address is: 3232 Mack Road, Fairfield, OH 45014.

## The Power of Listening

Jesus repeatedly urged his followers to not simply hear but *listen* to his teachings. Others also have championed sincere listening to show compassion and respect.

“Part of doing something is listening.”

—Madeleine L’Engle, *A Swiftly Tilting Planet*

“One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say.”

—Bryant H. McGill

“And so he listened. And in his listening, his heart opened wide and then wider still.”

—Kate DiCamillo, *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

“Too often we underestimate the power of ... a listening ear ... to turn a life around.”

—Leo Buscaglia



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## Keep in your Prayers

Natasha, B. Pratt request	Healing/surgery on both legs
Jack Kraft, K. Kessler request	Healing/leg surgery
Doug Erbeck, J. Luebbe request	Healing/severe back pain
Jana, L. North request	Bereavement/loss of her mother
Arlene Dulley, D. Schuler request	Healing/cancer
Pam Harring	Healing/hospitalized/guidance
*Family and Friends of Palma Miller	Bereavement/loss of Palma
*Larson Family, D. Schuler request	Healing/health concerns
*The Miracle Family, D. Schuler request	Healing/health concerns
Michelle Amuson, R. Campbell's daughter	Healing/possible stroke
Kurtis Larson, Donna Schuler request	Healing/health concerns
George Liles	Continued healing/home recovering
Dee Burkhardt	Healing/sciatic nerve pain
Jean Parsley	Continued healing
Diane Niehaus, B. Luebbe request	Continued healing/several health concerns
Gerald Reese, M. Reese's father	Continued healing/swallowing problems
Margie, Fran Thomas' sister	God's peace and comfort
All peoples in the Middle East	Peace and reconciliation
All Elected Government leaders	Wisdom/support/enlightenment
Support for all our military	Strength/discernment/God's protection
For all missionaries (Especially for S. and B. )	Protection/blessings/fruitful mission work

*Names that have been on the Prayer List for more than 4 weeks are marked with an asterisk (\*).  
If you would like them to remain on the list, please contact the office by Tuesday.*

### Financial Information

Donations                    \$2,307

Per Capita 202

Property Fund Giving 2020

Per Capita for 2020 is \$33

### Preaching Schedule

Jan. 19	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Jan. 26	Elder Kurt Schuler
Feb. 2	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Feb. 9	Rev. Tom Dunlap