



March 9, 2020

Tuesday—Mission—sewing dresses 10:00 AM

Thursday—Choir 7:00 PM

Sunday—Worship Service 10:15 AM

Lenten Study 9:00 AM

New Members' Class after worship

But What About Here?

At age 4, Anna was starting to make sense of prayer. Her parents had been praying with her since birth, but now her developing cognitive and language skills caused her to really ponder what prayer meant for *her*.

One night, after tucking her into bed and leaving the room, Anna's dad heard her voice. He paused outside the door to see if she needed something. But she was speaking to her *heavenly* Father: "Dear God," Anna prayed, "when is the best time for me to talk to you? I mean, Mama and Daddy say I can pray anytime, and I know you're always listening.

But when will you be listening *especially* hard in Minneapolis?"

—Adapted from *The Children's God*, David Heller



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ROMANS 5:3-5, NRSV

Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

March 16	7:00 PM	Book Club
March 17	7:00 PM	Session
March 18	noon	Women's Lunch Outing
March 22	9:00 AM	Lenten Study

We thank, Worship Leaders for:

March 15

Liturgist: Allison Schuler
 Ushers: Kathy Kessler, Wilson Tayong, Edna Campbell, Joleen Goens
 Child Care: Linda North
 Sound: Brandon Reese
 Tellers: Diane Rayer, Connie Williams



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Prepare for Worship Third Sunday in Lent

Romans 5:1-11

“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 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 still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”

Reflection

In the scripture, “we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us...” how do you relate to this scripture? How does suffering produce endurance? Can you see this in yourself or others?

Morning Prayer

God, my maker, hold me this day, with the same hand that shapes the mountains, with the same hand that cradles the deep. Keep my heart soft and supple, make my faith strong and firm. Renew me, re-form me, re-create me into the image of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.



Spring Celebrations

March Birthdays

Ellen Briggs	March 5
Deb Schoenherr	March 10
George Fraley	March 13
Patrick Mfon	March 23
Cindie Postell	March 28

Early April Birthdays

Dee Burkhardt	April 2
Bright Yeboah	April 4
Nodvi Tenga	April 13
Hannah Ntube	April 14

Birthdays are unique because they celebrate *who* someone *is*, not what they’ve *done*. Henri Nouwen wrote, “It is more important to celebrate a birthday than a successful exam, a promotion or a victory. Because to celebrate a birthday means to say to someone, ‘Thank you for being you.’ ... On a birthday we do not say, ‘Thanks for what you did, or said, or accomplished.’ No, we say, ‘Thank you for being born and being among us.’”

Lenten Bible Study

The Lenten Bible Study will be held during the Adult Sunday School hour at 9:00 AM on the five Sundays in Lent beginning on March 1. Max Lucado's *He Chose the Nails* will be used for the study. A video, discussion, and Bible exploration will guide our personal study and reflection during the Lenten season. If you would like to purchase a book, please see Barb Pratt.

New Member's Class—March 15

If you are interested in knowing more about Trinity's Mission and joining Trinity Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 15, following the worship service, there will be a New Members' Class. There will be three class sessions which will last between 1/2 hour to 45 minutes. If you have questions, please contact Kurt Schuler at 513-874-4392 or Barb Pratt at 513-470-9108.

A Note from the Treasurer

Last year, as treasurer, I encouraged everyone to consider doing sacrificial giving each week. What I suggested was that each of us who could afford to do so deny ourselves one small thing each week and place the cost of that item in the offering plate. It was meant to be giving that is over and above what we pledge and would not be put into an offering envelope. I suggested the amount of \$1 might be appropriate... perhaps we deny ourselves a coffee at MacDonal'd's or make some other sacrifice. I am encouraging that sacrificial giving again in 2020. Please consider joining me in this effort.

George Fraley, Treasurer

Book Club

For March they will be reading *The Whispers of War* by Julia Kelly. A novel written in the 1939 era. As war with Germany approaches Britain three childhood friends must choose between friendship or country. The Book Club will meet on Monday, March 16 at 7:00 PM to discuss this book. All are welcome to attend.

Women's Lunch

The women of Trinity will be visiting the Trinity Gastro Pub located at 8953 Princeton Glendale Rd, West Chester, OH 45069. They will meet for lunch on Wednesday, March 18 at noon.

Missions at Work

Sewing of dresses for Mission Project in Appalachia will be held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM
Knitters /Crocheters: Mercy and our church are in need of prayer shawls and baby blankets.

NON food Pantry needs: shampoo and dish soap for February.

Collecting plastic lids, soda pull tabs, and cancelled stamps

Tax Information

"If you have an IRA and you have reached the age of 70 1/2, then you know that you must begin taking required minimum distributions (RMD) from your IRA each year. These required minimum distributions are included in taxable income. However, you may direct a part of your IRA RMD to be sent directly to the church. If you do that, the amount sent directly to the church still counts as part of your required minimum distribution but it is not included in taxable income. Talk with your financial advisor or those who manage your IRA for more information." —George Fraley, Treasurer

New Address Change

New address for Elizabeth Jamison: 784 Woodfield Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45231.

New Phone: 513-834-9716. Please update your directory.

Lenten Mission Project

If you need a Lenten bag, you will find the calendar and bags are on the Information Table in the narthex. The bag is to collect items listed on the calendar. Please put in the bag what you are able to donate even though it may not be all the items on the calendar. **Bags are due back on Maundy Thursday.**

As printed in March 8 Communicator

Keep in your Prayers

Jack Kraft, K. Kessler request	Healing/severe leg infection
Joe and Brenda Luebbe	Thanksgiving/great grandson birth and
	Healing/improved blood sugar
Victims of fire/Price Hill, Australia, C. Postell	God's providence and comfort
Caleb Erickson, D. Hess request	Continued healing/fighting infection
John Marshall, D. Hess request	Healing/dialysis and tumor concerns
Cassie, J. Reese request	Continued healing/improving/infections
Robbie, B. Pratt request	Healing/hearing threatening voices
Charlene Stumpf, K. Kessler request	Healing/knee surgery
Jerry Miller, Schuler request	Healing/acute pancreatitis
Nancy Miracle, Schuler request	Healing/in decline from ALS
Billy, D. Hess request	Healing/heart surgery and mini stroke
*Michael, D. Hess request	Healing/rehabbing from foot surgery
*Kurtis Larson, the Schuler request	Healing/Stage 3-4 brain cancer
Fran Thomas	Healing/pain relief
Natasha, B. Pratt request	Healing/recovery surgery on legs
Jean Parsley	Continued healing
Pam Harring	Continued healing/guidance with treatment
George Liles	Continued healing/home recovering
Dee Burkhardt	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
<i>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.</i>	

Financial Information

Donations Received	\$1,654
Per Capita 2020 Donations	\$330
Property Fund Giving 2020	\$3,000
Property Fund Goal 2020	\$5,000

Per Capita for 2020 is \$33

Preaching Schedule

March 15	Rev. Tom Dunlap
March 22	Rev. Tom Dunlap
April 5	Rev. Tom Dunlap
April 12	Rev. Tom Dunlap