



WORSHIP

APRIL 7

2nd Sunday of Easter
Roderick Oji Preaching

APRIL 14

3rd Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion

APRIL 21

4th Sunday of Easter



CARING & SHARING
20,000 Meals
In person only,
no Youtube

APRIL 28

5th Sunday of Easter

For more details about Sunday Worship Services and activities, please turn to page 6 of newsletter.

Caring & Sharing Mission To Pack 20,000 Meals on Sun., 4/21



Trinity invites you to join together on Sunday, April 21st to welcome **Harvest Pack** into our Fellowship Hall. There we will share a special worship service alongside New Life Presbyterian, North Presbyterian and Christ Episcopal Church, to pack 20,000 meals for the hungry in our local area.

Who is Harvest Pack? Founded in 2012, Harvest Pack is a 501(c)(3) humanitarian hunger relief nonprofit organization. Harvest Pack addresses food insecurity by supporting volunteers in bringing meal packing events to their local communities. Harvest Pack's healthy meals are then donated to established nonprofit partners who distribute to food insecure communities. Though Harvest Pack's primary focus is fighting hunger in the U.S., we are proud to support global needs with selected international organizations as well.

HP's Vision - We envision a world where healthy food is accessible to everyone, regardless of where

they were born or how much money they have; a world where people come together to help one another simply because it is the right thing to do.

Why do it? Harvest Pack recognizes that hunger is the world's #1 health risk. Hunger-related issues spill over into struggles with housing, safety, education, mental health, community and all other aspects of life.

How HP Does It - Meal packing events are an incredible way for your organization to highlight your community, generate positive energy, and foster pride in working together for the benefit of others. These are energetic, fun-filled, and deeply moving events. We come to your location, lead all the setup and teardown, and provide staff to run the event.

Visit Harvest Pack's website for more info: www.harvestpack.org





Clerk's Corner

Jay Wilkinson, Clerk of Session

News from the Session:

The Caring & Sharing worship service on April 21 will be in conjunction with North Presbyterian Church and perhaps New Life Presbyterian Church. We plan to pack 20,000 packets of oatmeal for local food shelves (Harvest Pack).

The Communion service in April will be on April 14 rather than April 7.

The Session has approved two capital projects:

- 1) We will be completing the replacement of the building siding.
- 2) We will be repaving the parking lot. The parking lot cost will be the larger of the two and we will be asking members and friends to prayerfully contribute extra amounts to this project. The total cost will be approximately \$60,000 and we already have a "seed" donation of \$20,000. We need to complete this project now or the condition of the parking lot will deteriorate to the point of needing to be

completely rebuilt to the cost of about \$200,000 if we delay! We will soon be conducting a mini campaign to ask for donations for this project. Watch for further details!

The ideas expressed in the last Caring & Sharing service about "What are you being called to do at Trinity?" was discussed by the Session and will likely be discussed in more detail after the next class of Elders are elected and installed mid-year.

The Session received a summary of the results of the Christian Education survey recently requested of members and friends.

Pastor April is planning some continuing education time immediately after Easter.

Our membership number is currently 140. Please consider inviting friends, neighbors, and family to join us for worship.

As always, the Session appreciates each of our members and friends and encourages feedback on the mission and ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Please consider joining one of our committees! We need a broad representation of the congregation.

Jay Wilkinson, Clerk of Session

Trinity Presbyterian Program Financial Summary			Thru month of	Feb-24
	Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Total Program Donations	\$15,284.42	\$146,190.97	\$38,464.92	\$230,789.82
Total Program Expenditures	\$19,054.10	\$139,389.46	\$41,334.02	\$242,191.36
Donations Less Expenses	(\$3,769.68)	\$6,801.51	(\$2,869.10)	(\$11,401.54)
Checking Roll Forward Add	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$12,000.00
Income Less Expenses	(\$2,769.68)	\$8,801.51	(\$869.10)	\$598.46
Program Mortgage Expense	\$2,310.82	\$106,655.72		
Mortgage Principal Paid	\$2,258.59	\$106,236.11		
Mortgage Interest Paid	\$52.23	\$419.61		
Mortgage Balance	\$0.00			

Actual program donations for 2024 thru February: \$146,190
 Budgeted program donations through the month: \$38,464
Difference: \$107,726

Program donations w/Jan. large don. prorated for 2024 thru Feb: \$54,525
 Budgeted program donations through the month: \$38,464
Difference: \$16,060 (Placed for April)

UPDATE! Sunday Soul Feast Moves to 2nd & 4th Sundays (New Topic Has Begun)



Effective immediately, Trinity's Sunday Soul Feast discussion group is moving to the 2nd & 4th Sundays each month, instead of the previously scheduled 1st & 3rd. The reason for the move is to allow for ACLO (After Church Lunch Outing group) to continue meeting on the 3rd Sunday of the month with out conflict of other church activities.

Join the SSF discussion group for their next discussion on Sunday, April 14th, after the worship service. The group will continue with the discussion: *What does it mean to be Presbyterian?* Everyone is invited to attend. If you are interested, please plan to meet in the fellowship hall at approximately 11:15 am. No preparation is needed. It is not necessary to attend every session, so attend when you can.

Topic Details: The new topic began on 3/3. April sessions will focus on organization, structure, general history review, Presbyterian Beliefs, Sacraments, as well as other topics. May sessions will focus on discipleship, spiritual formation, congregational life and worship, and mission among others.



TRINITY COOKS - A Collection of Trinity's Favorite Recipes!

The Trinity congregational cook book project began this winter and Trinity is happy to announce that it is finished! Thank you to Brad Wright for creating this special project for everyone at Trinity! The PDF file was emailed to you on Thursday, March 8th (included your worship email). *Trinity Cooks* shares 50+ pages of amazing congregational recipes, complete with cooking instructions. If you would like to request a printed copy, please sign up on the clipboard in the office so that your copy will be printed and ready for pick up. Enjoy!



Lion's Club Sale / Fundraiser, Thu-Sat, May 9-11

In May, Trinity will be hosting another church fundraising event during the Lions Club-Garage Sales!

Can you help? A clipboard for volunteer sign ups has been placed in the office for those interested in helping out.

Dropping off items: Beginning Sunday, April 7th, sale items may be dropped off at Trinity. Please

be sure to log in all items larger than a shoebox on the log in clipboard. You are responsible to pick up any unsold items from Trinity the following week. Thank you for your understanding, as Trinity is not able to store items or transport them to donation centers at this time.

A BIG thank you goes out to our volunteer organizers: Katharine Upson & Rita Thomas, with the VanderVeers assisting. The church appreciates your great talents and dedication.



Heartwarming Gifts for Stonecrest Staff

On 3/10, Trinity congregants assembled soup jars as part of the March 10th Caring & Sharing service. On 3/13, the 75 soup jars were delivered to Stonecrest Senior Living (Woodbury) to share Trinity's warm wishes of thankfulness and recognition to the staff working there. Thank you for your participation in the assembly line!






**Trinity
Inter-generational
Orchestra**

**SUNDAY
MAY 5TH**
Ages 5th grade
and up!

Play in the Intergenerational Band - SUN 5/5

Trinity's Intergenerational Orchestra/Band will play during the worship service on Sunday, May 5th. It is entirely "Intergenerational," comprised of those who can play an instrument and for anyone aged 5th grade to Senior Citizens, It will be conducted by John Griffiths.

One rehearsal will be held on Sunday, April 28 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm. On Sunday, May 5th the Intergenerational Orchestra/Band will play at Trinity on the prelude, hymns and postlude. Please let either John Griffiths or Jane Wasiluk know by Sunday, April 7th if you would like to play, and what instrument. John and Jane will get the respective music parts ready for you. Contact information can be located in the online Trinity Directory on the church website. Please feel free to contact the office with questions.




**Celebrating
75 years
of sharing
God's love
with our neighbors
in need around
the world.**

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

75 YEARS

Thank You



Thank you to everyone at Trinity for your generous offerings given on 3/24, Palm Sunday for PCUSA's *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering*. This year marks OGHS's 75th year of sharing God's love! Thank YOU!

Monthly Birthday Celebrations!

HOORAY! In May, Trinity will begin celebrating your birthdays with a CAKE!

-1st Sunday of each month-

Please submit all birthdates & sign up to host fellowship!



Let Us Eat CAKE & Celebrate YOU!

Please Send in Household Birthdates: Beginning in the Month of May, Trinity will begin celebrating birthdays! The church will be ordering birthday treats to celebrate on the first Sunday of each month. To be recognized, please submit your birth month & day only. For adults, the birth year is not needed. For school-aged youth, please include the birth years and grade in school (ages Pre-K through school-aged youth). The birth year and school

grade are needed for Sunday School and confirmation planning.

Birthdays are also announced in the monthly church newsletter (first name/last initial) and Session mails out birthday greeting cards. So mark your calendars to join in the fun celebrating with friends at Trinity.

3/31 - Easter Flowers & Special Dedications

On Sunday, March 31st, Trinity's sanctuary chancel shared a dazzling display of colorful, spring blossoms. The flowers celebrate our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Listed below are Trinity's special dedications. Thank you to everyone who ordered. The Sanctuary looked absolutely lovely.

"Given in memory of Lowell Morris."

-Jean Morris & Val Spahr

"Given in celebration of our family."

-Susan & Tom Rooney

"Given in memory of 'Little Roo' Nov 2013."

-Angela Roesler

"Given in memory of Bruce Williams."

-Jane Williams & Ross Anderson

"Given in memory of Nancy Haller Anderson."

-Jane Williams & Ross Anderson

"Given in celebration of Emmett & Solomon."

-Pastor April & Bob

"Given in honor of our parents."

-Pastor April & Bob

"Given in celebration of Easter."

-Kathie & Jay Wilkins

"Given in celebration of my family."

-Rita Thomas

"Given in memory of Dick Strand & Tom Kongslie."

-Neal & Sandy Strand

"Given in celebration of my family ."

-Miriam Johnson

"Given in honor of our children Jen & Scott"

-Greg & Leslie VanderVeer

"Given in memory of our parents, Vera & Walter Willison & Adah & Alvin Peterson."

-Darryl & Jane Willison

Trinity Easter flower orders with dedications happen every Easter season. The plants are from Bachmann's Nursery.



Announcements & Upcoming Events

4/1 - Submit all **May Birthdates** for the May 7th Birthday celebration with birthday treats.

4/4 - **RSVP's to Ladies Lunch** is due to Susan R. . All Trinity women are invited. Join us! Location: TBA.

4/6 - **Sat. Men's Breakfast**, 8AM-930AM. See Tom Rooney with questions.

4/7 - **Sunday Morning Worship w/Roderick Oji.**
Message: *Just a Little Walk with Jesus.* Note: Communion moved to next Sunday, 4/14.



4/11 - **Ladies Lunch, 11:30 am.** Location: The Machine Shed , Lake Elmo. All are invited. Join us!

4/11 - **Committees Meet** at 6 & 7 PM at Trinity on Thursday, 4/11. Please be sure to submit meeting minutes to the office by the following Monday to allow time for Session packet assembly.

4/12 - **Friday Night Game Night!** 7pm Friday w/ alternating hosts: Freeman and Hoekstra households (2nd Friday each month). Questions? See Brad Wright.

4/14 - **Sunday Morning Worship w/Communion** (Communion was moved to from 4/7). 11AM Fellowship,

4/14 - **2nd & 4th Sundays Soul Feast**, New Topic: *What does it mean to be Presbyterian?*

4/20 - **Sat. Men's Breakfast**, 8AM-930AM. See Tom Rooney with questions.

4/21 - **Caring & Sharing Worship +Harvest Pack Mission Project: *Feed 20,000!*** In person only, no Youtube. [Please RSVP in office if attending.](#)

4/21 - **ACLO** meeting time will be slightly later due to the mission project during C&S. Please speak with Brad W. on 4/21 to verify the ACLO meeting time.

4/25 - **Stated Session Meeting**, 7PM

4/28 - **Sunday Morning Worship** 11AM Fellowship, 11:15AM 2nd & 4th Sunday Soul Feast Discussion.

4/28 - **Intergenerational Orchestra/Band Rehearsal** in sanctuary from 11AM-12:45PM.

Monthly Meetings at Trinity:

Bells: WED. Eves at 6PM (Verify w/Neal S.)

Choir: WED. Eves at 7PM

Deacons/CCMT: 5/9 (no April meeting)

Committees : 4/11, 6 & 7PM (2nd THUR. monthly). Submit all minutes to office no later than MON, 4/15 to allow for complete session packet assembly.

Stated Session Meeting: 4/25, THUR, 7PM



APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday to
our April Birthdays at Trinity!

To be included, please submit birthdates to the office.

Adijah A.
Anna A.
Emma A.
Levi A.
Bill B.

Nicki D.
Samuel F. jr.
John G.
Miriam G.
Deshannelle L.
Verna L.

Jerry L.
Bill P.
Susan R.
Steve T.
Rita T.
John U.