



## Trinity Welcomes Transitional Pastor Rev. Edwin DuBose, Sunday, Feb. 2nd Sermon: **We Are In This Together** (Luke 6:1-16)

The Trinity Session is pleased to announce that the Reverend Edwin DuBose has begun his work as Transitional Pastor with us as of February 1st and will be preaching on Sunday, February 2nd. His sermon is titled, **We Are In This Together**.

Reverend DuBose is ordained by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) which is a partner to our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He has extensive training and experience in transitional ministry, also known as interim ministry and will help us find our Pathway to the Future. Please take some time to welcome him and introduce yourself and your family.

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation - Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 11AM



The Annual Meeting of the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church be set for February 23, 2025 for the purpose to receive the Annual Reports from the Session including financial reports for 2024, the 2025 Budget, electing the Treasurer and Financial Secretary, and transact any and all business that may properly come before the congregation at that time.

## New! Children's Worship Bags, Bibles & Bag Trees

Have you noticed the new worship bags hanging just inside of the sanctuary doors? How about the new children's Bibles located in Trinity's pews? Several generous and handy congregants have brought these wonderful additions to the church. Introduce your children to these worship bags filled with activities to keep their little hands busy during the worship services. When church is finished, please replace the Bibles to the pew backs and the worship bags to the "branches" on the trees. The worship bags have are appropriate for ages 3 and up, but as usual, please use adult supervision with all children's church activities.



## Thank You Trinity Volunteers!

Thank you to Trinity's amazing volunteers! Fresh paint accents the hallway to the fellowship hall, new signage is on the way, and projects are happening all around the church. Your volunteer efforts never go unnoticed. Thank you to our church volunteers for all you do. You are all truly astounding. **Thank you!**



Thank you painters:  
Ross A. & Mike S.



## Clerk's Corner

By Jay Wilkinson

The Trinity Session is pleased to announce that the Reverend Edwin DuBose will begin his work as Transitional Pastor with us beginning February 1 and will be preaching beginning the next day. Reverend DuBose is ordained by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) which is a partner to our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He has extensive training and experience in transitional ministry, also known as interim ministry and will help us find our Pathway to the Future. Please welcome him. Please take the time to reach out and introduce yourself and your family.

In November, the Session created a work group to make recommendations to deal with lower income expected in 2025 and future years. This group has now given their report to the Session. Their conclusion is that for the foreseeable future it makes the most sense for Trinity to have a part-time pastor, most likely half-time. In our discussions and in the group listening session we held in the fellowship hall a few weeks ago, there were a lot of suggestions for the Session to improve our worship and ministry experience. These suggestions will be considered by the Session as we move through our transitional time (which we call a Pathway to the Future) with Reverend DuBose. Thank you to all who were able to participate and contributed to these ideas.

I would like to remind you that those who have ever been ordained as a Deacon or Ruling Elder at Trinity or a previous PCUSA church you may have attended may participate in serving Communion which we usually celebrate on the first Sunday of each month. You do not need to be currently serving on the Session. Please consider volunteering for this service by contacting Amy in the church office, Reverend DuBose, or Jay Wilkinson, Clerk of Session. Thank you for considering this.

Trinity has always been blessed by the willingness of members and friends to volunteer their time and talents to conduct many necessary tasks and to improve our worship, ministry, and fellowship experiences. Many thanks are due to everyone, whether that be to serve on a committee or the Session, to host a fellowship time, to teach Sunday School, to help on one of the weekends that we concentrate on taking care of our building, or the many other tasks that are needed.

If you have any questions or needs, or if you want to volunteer to help, please contact Amy in the church office (651-738-0045, [admin@trinitywoodbury.org](mailto:admin@trinitywoodbury.org)), Reverend DuBose, or Clerk of Session Jay Wilkinson (952-412-2050 (voice or text), [j.jay.wilkinson@gmail.com](mailto:j.jay.wilkinson@gmail.com)).

As always, the Session appreciates each of our members and friends and encourages feedback on the mission and ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Please keep our congregation in your prayers as we are encountering some significant challenges as we enter this new phase.

Jay Wilkinson, Clerk of Session



## 2024 Donation Statements - Now Available in the Office

Please take a moment to stop in to the church office to collect your 2024 Annual Giving Statements. Any remaining statements after February 9th will be mailed via USPS.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN PROGRAM FINANCIAL SUMMARY				THRU MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024
	Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Total Program Donations	\$29,673.64	\$314,905.15	\$230,789.82	\$230,789.82
Total Program Expenditures	\$24,141.95	\$327,618.38	\$242,191.36	\$242,191.36
Donations Less Expenses	\$5,531.69	(\$12,713.23)	(\$11,401.54)	(\$11,401.54)
Checking Roll Forward Add	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Income Less Expenses	\$6,531.69	(\$713.23)	\$598.46	\$598.46
Program Mortgage Expense	\$0.00	\$106,655.72	Actual program donations for 2024 thru December: \$314,905 Budgeted program donations through the month: \$230,789 Difference: \$73,67484,115 Prog. Don. w/Jan lg don. prorated for 2024 thru DEC: \$314,909 Budgeted program donations through the month: \$230,789 Difference: \$84,115 Numbers from: DEC 2024	
Mortgage Principal Paid	\$0.00	\$106,236.11		
Mortgage Interest Paid	\$0.00	\$419.61		
Mortgage Balance	\$0.00			



## Volunteer Opportunities Available at Trinity

**Liturgists:** Please sign up for any open Sunday/s that fit into your schedule. If you can serve as liturgist on an ongoing basis or rotation, that is extremely helpful as well.

**Fellowship:** Every Sunday Fellowship, Trinity needs 1-2 volunteers to prepare coffee & refreshments. If you can help out in this area of need, please sign up clipboard in the fellowship hall.

There are many Sunday slots to fill. Note: There is a snack supply at Trinity, but you may also choose to bring something of your choosing. On the first Sunday of each month, Trinity serves either a sweet birthday treat or something savory like bagels w/cream cheese.

**Sunday School Teachers:** Two volunteers are needed the third Sunday of each month. Contact the office to sign up.

**Sunday Techs:** Trinity would like to have 1 or more video techs 1x/month & as a substitute.

**Communion Servers/Preparers:** Two volunteers are needed on the first Sunday of each month. Communion instructions are located in the yellow binder in the Education Resource Room. Training is available. You must be an ordained Deacon or Ruling Elder, but you do not need to be serving on Session.

**THANK YOU for being a church volunteer!**

## February Events

**Choir Rehearsal** - Wednesday Evenings at 7PM.  
Please see Choir Director Neal Strand for updates.

**2/1** - Sat. Men's Breakfast, 8AM-9:30AM.

**2/2** - 10AM Sunday Worship Service - **Welcome to Trinity's transitional Pastor, Rev. Edwin DeBose.** 11AM Fellowship w/February Birthday Treats!

**2/9** - 10AM Sunday Worship Service and Welcome to Trinity's transitional Pastor, Rev. Edwin DeBose. 11AM

**2/13**- Thurs. Ladies Lunch Bunch at Tavern, 11:30

**2/13** - Committees meet, 6 & 7 PM. Meeting minutes are due to office the following Monday.

**2/14** - Friday Night Game Night, 7PM. Contact Stephanie Hoekstra with questions.

**2/15** - Sat. Men's Breakfast, 8-9:30AM.

**2/16** - 10AM Sunday Worship Service with Trinity's transitional Pastor, Rev. Edwin DeBose and Sunday School after Children's Message. ACLO at 11AM. 11AM Fellowship.

**2/23** - 10AM Sunday Worship Service with Trinity's transitional Pastor, Rev. Edwin DeBose. **11AM, Annual Congregational Meeting** for the purpose to receive the Annual Reports from the Session including financial reports for 2024, the 2025 Budget, electing the Treasurer and Financial Secretary, and transact any and all business that may properly come before the congregation at that time.

**2/27** - Thurs. Session Meeting at 7PM



**Happy  
February  
Birthday!**

Join Trinity on **Sunday, Feb. 2**, as we gather during fellowship time for special treats!

Parents: Please submit youth birthdates to the office (Pre-K thru grade 12).  
Please include current age & school grade for youth planning purposes.

Amy M.  
Joan N.  
Ken L.  
Dan F.

Sandy S.  
Lindsay A.  
Deron F.  
Sam H.

Cheryl M.  
Sara V.  
Matthew M.



## Winter Brings Ice! Tips for Winter Walking

The rainy, icy and snowy conditions commonly experienced from November to March make it difficult to safely navigate surfaces and increase the likelihood of injury from slipping, tripping and falling.

Occupational Health and Safety say wearing footwear designed for outdoor winter conditions, such as boots and shoes with deep treads and low heels, is one way one can stay safe this winter.

Smooth-soled footwear can be dangerous to wear when walking in wet and slippery conditions. Many of us change our car tires in the winter so we have more grip, so why not also change our shoes?

### Here are some tips to help avoid injury:

1. Plan ahead by checking the weather forecast and creating extra travel time if snow is forecasted.
2. Take extra care when taking the first few steps getting in and out of a vehicle as ice can form and build up between parked vehicles more than in the aisles.
3. Don't rush or travel too quickly for the walking surface conditions. Slow down and place each step carefully.
4. Pay attention to surroundings and avoid texting and walking.
5. Keep feet planted shoulder-width apart to increase stability.
6. Don't take shortcuts through non-pedestrian/non-designated areas, such as snowbanks or unclear paths.
7. Avoid carrying large objects that reduce visibility and limit the ability to land safely in case of a fall.
8. Brush off debris from pant legs and footwear and shake off water from umbrellas and jackets before entering a building.
9. Wear appropriate winter footwear for outdoor conditions.
10. Consider purchasing winter cleats or tracks ultimate traction. They go on over shoes or boots easily and provide extreme protection from falls.

