



## Michael's Musings

Tulips pushing up from the previously frozen earth; grass that gets greener and higher by the day; fresh crisp mornings and evenings with temperatures kind enough to walk about jacketless. As the long, cold nights of Winter give way to the longer, warmer days of Spring, it almost makes sitting at a computer terminal, pecking away seem like some cruel punishment that goes against God's true intentions for humankind.

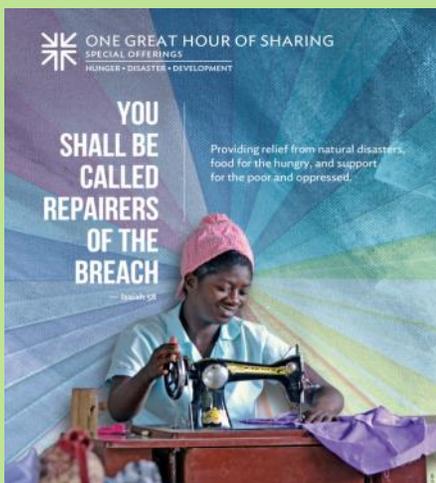
I suppose that it is no coincidence that the cold Lenten weeks of winter have a way of naturally turning us inward. I am forced by the elements to stay inside. I become engrossed in *my* projects, *my* routines, *my* schedules. Without even being aware of it, from the end of December until the first bright days of spring, I often put blinders on and my nose to the grindstone. I enter that long dark tunnel called "Wintertime."

Then the days lengthen, the sun shines brighter, I experience several days in a row without rain or snow and I realize suddenly that I have stepped out of the tunnel. The light of spring shines on my pale body and its warmth quickens my soul. My eyes are able to see what they could not before. The routines of winter become harder to maintain. I yearn for renewal. The sparrows and the squirrels that I pitied only a month before, I now envy. I crave to be close to them, to the budding trees, the flowering plants, the scarab beetles, the bumblebees, and even the spiders. I become tired of sheltering in and hunkering down. I feel like going outside and just wandering around.

No, it is no coincidence that we observe Lent beginning in winter and celebrate Easter in the spring. It almost appears as though that's what nature is doing and we would be downright rude not join right in. If you've been feeling restless and out of sorts lately, perhaps it is because you too desire the renewal with which spring seems to tease you and which Easter fulfills. As we enter the last few weeks of Lent, let us prepare our hearts, our minds, and our bodies for the renewal that only celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord can bring.

Blessings,

*Michael*



## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Easter 2022

Restoring Hope. Feeding the Hungry. Empowering the Oppressed.

Gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering support the work of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self-Development of People.

This special offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be received on Easter Sunday, April 17. Special offering envelopes will be available that day. Checks with "OGHS" on the memo line may also be mailed to the church office, 1600 W. Rollins Rd. Donations can also be made online by going to the church website and clicking on the "Give" menu option.

For more than 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided a way to share God's love with neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work toward a better world. Thank you for supporting the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

## TRINITY NEWS

### April Worship

**\* April 3, 2022 10:30 am**

**NT:** John 9:35-41

**OT:** Isaiah 43:16-21

**Sermon:** "Eureka, I've Found It!"

**Theme:** When we are blinded by hopelessness, faith helps us break through to "see" something we had not seen before.

**\* April 10, 2022 10:30 am Palm Sunday**

**OT:** Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29

**NT:** Luke 19:29-40

**Sermon:** "Jesus Forces the Issue"

**Theme:** When Jesus rides into our lives with humility, he forces an issue for us.

**April 14, 2022 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday**  
**Tenebrae service/Communion**

**\* April 17, 20122 10:30 am Easter**

**Mediation Verses:** "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him." (Mark 16:6)

**OT:** Isaiah 25:6-9

**NT:** Mark 16:1-8

**Sermon:** "Boundaries Broken"

**Theme:** Easter is about breaking the boundary between life and death.

**\* April 24, 2022 10:30 am**

**OT:** Psalm 150

**NT:** John 20:19-29

**Sermon:** "Coming to Faith"

**Theme:** Faith is a gift. If you don't have it, don't despair. God can still be experienced.

*\* All services are in person AND live-streamed on Facebook.*



### Easter Breakfast

Celebrate the joy of Easter morning with your Trinity friends as you enjoy breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, April 17. Watch for information soon about food.



### Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 17  
9:30 a.m.

For all children up through 5th grade  
Please bring a basket if you have one.

Hosted by the Christian Education Committee



**HAPPY, HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY,  
MARY SUE BARNARD!**

Mary Sue will celebrate her **90<sup>th</sup>** birthday on April 6th. **To help her celebrate this joyous occasion,**

**cards or notes can be sent to her at 3801 Miller Dr. #404, Columbia, MO 65201.**



**Sunday, April 3  
4:15 PM  
Fellowship Hall**

The Fellowship Committee invites the congregation to a special showing of "My Octopus Teacher," a multiple award winning 2020 film. A filmmaker forges an unusual friendship with an octopus living in a South African kelp forest, learning as the animal shares the mysteries of her world.

Popcorn will be served; bring your own drink if you'd like something besides water.

The film is rated "G" for all audiences.

## Trinity News

# In Calvary's Shadow

A Tenebrae Service

## Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion

April 14—7:00 p.m.

(In the sanctuary & live-streamed via Facebook Live)

*In Calvary's Shadow* is a deeply moving service of penitence and forgiveness. It invites worshipers to experience Jesus' journey from betrayal through crucifixion with a tightly woven tapestry of dramatic scripture readings, vocal solos, and choral and congregational singing. The cantata includes arrangements of spirituals and gospel hymns as well as newly composed music by Victor C. Johnson. Central to both the title and the liturgy is the ritual extinguishing of seven candles until the church is in total darkness except for the Christ candle. After a period of quiet meditation while sitting in Calvary's shadow, God's people exit the church in silence.

Please plan on joining us for this special Holy Week worship service. If you are worshipping at home, you will want to prepare a small piece of bread or a cracker and a small cup of juice or wine for yourself and those worshipping with you.



Anthony Blatter performs as Figaro  
(Photo by Georgia Morehouse)



## Trinity Library - Book Highlight

with Marianne Fues

### Hearts of Fire : Eight Women In The Under- Ground Church And

Their Stories Of Costly Faith by The Voice of  
the Martyrs

Eight women from eight very different backgrounds, yet the struggles – torture, persecution, imprisonment, oppression - they each faced are quite similar. From Pakistan, India, Romania, the former Soviet Union, China, Vietnam, Nepal, and Indonesia, these women shared similar experiences of hardship and persecution--all for their faith in Christ--yet they have emerged from adversity as leaders and heroines. Read about Adel, Purnima, Aida, Sabina, Tara, Ling, Gladys and Mai.

Find this biography on the special shelf for newsletter features in the main library. Feel free to **visit the Trinity Libraries** between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Books can be checked out using the three ring binder on the desk in the main library and also in the Children's Library downstairs in Room 9.

Several of Trinity's Scholarship Singers performed in MU's Show-Me Opera, *The Marriage of Figaro*, on March 12 and 13. Anthony Blatter played the role of Figaro on Saturday evening, and Dani Major (Sat.) and Rachel Misner (Sun.) performed the role of Cherubino. Carrick O'Bleness was a member of the chorus, and Trinity's pianist Jack Snelling played the bassoon in the orchestra.



## Congregational Renewal—Summer 2022

*Just as Michael is taking time this summer for some rest and spiritual renewal by retracing his own threads of grace, so too, will we as a congregation have a wonderful opportunity to do the same. Trinity will be embracing this time of Renewal by retracing our own collective and individual “Threads of Grace” through educational events and sermons provided by out of state renown Presbyterian pastors as well as local pulpit supply.*

*As Michael mentioned in last month’s newsletter, we will also have an opportunity to explore this topic further through journaling and a tapestry weaving project. Trinity will be providing everyone with a journal with Scripture and prompts for individual reflection. Karen Kennedy will be spearheading the tapestry weaving activity that will symbolize our threads of grace that we will have traced.*

*Following is our planned calendar of events for the summer while Michael is away as well as bios on our out of town guest preachers. Please join us for this summer of congregational renewal and self exploration!*

Susan Winkelmann, Chair, Congregational Renewal Committee

## Congregational Renewal Calendar

### Sunday, May 29—10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

**Preaching:** Rev. Kathie Jackson, Associate Pastor (Retired), First Presbyterian Church-Columbia

### Sunday, June 5—10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)



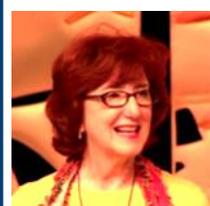
**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Long, Bandy Professor of Preaching Emeritus at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, and the author or editor of 14 books on preaching and worship. Dr. Long received his BA and M.Div. from Erskine Seminary and his Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1980. He began his career as a preacher at McElroy Presbyterian Church near Atlanta, GA and since that time has taught at a number of seminaries, including Princeton, Columbia, and Candler. In 1996, Dr. Long was named one of the 12 most effective preachers in the English speaking world by Baylor University, along with Fred Craddock, Billy Graham, James Forbes, Barbara Brown Taylor and William Willimon. Dr. Long’s field is in homiletics, and he is a strong proponent of the two pillars of preaching: strong exegetical work held alongside with strong presentation skills.

### Wednesday, June 8—7:00 p.m. Educational Event (Sanctuary)

**Presenter:** Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Long

### Sunday, June 12—9:00 a.m. Educational Event (Fellowship Hall); 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Long



### Sunday, June 19—10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

**Preaching:** Rev. Eugenia A. Gamble, retired Presbyterian Church (USA) pastor, award winning author, retreat leader, congregational consultant, and preaching coach, who lives on Dauphin Island, Alabama. Rev. Gamble has preached throughout the United States and is a writer who loves to help the Bible come alive in people’s lives. She won the Associated Church Press Award of Excellence for her Bible study called: *Glimpses of Home: Biblical Images of the Realm of God*. She was the writer in residence for the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley in Alabama. She is the author of the 2019-2020, PW/ Horizons Bible study, *A Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*. Rev. Gamble served as Pastor of churches in California Alabama, Colorado, and as Director of Spiritual Development at First Presbyterian Church, San Luis Obispo, California. She also was a member of the committee which drafted “A Brief Statement of Faith.”

## Congregational Renewal Calendar, Cont.

Wednesday, June 22—7:00 p.m. Educational Event (Sanctuary)

**Presenter: Rev. Eugenia A. Gamble**

Sunday, June 26—9:00 a.m. Educational Event (Fellowship Hall); 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

**Rev. Eugenia A. Gamble**

Sunday, July 3—10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)



**Preaching: Rev. Cecelia (CeCe) D. Armstrong** has served as Associate Pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church in Charleston, SC since June of 2015. Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, she was baptized at Calvary Presbyterian Church (USA). Rev. Armstrong is a graduate of the Interdenominational Theological Center, where she attended Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary and earned her Masters of Divinity. After seminary, she served Grady Memorial Hospital as a chaplain and Beth Salem Presbyterian Church (USA) as supply pastor. As an ordained Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Rev. Armstrong served her first call as Solo Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church (USA) in Lantana, Florida. Rev. Armstrong was invited to serve as one of the two preachers at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium this summer and has preached at several Montreat Youth Conferences.

Wednesday, July 5—7:00 p.m. Educational Event (Sanctuary)

**Presenter: Rev. Cecelia Armstrong**

Sunday, July 10—9:00 a.m. Educational Event (Fellowship Hall); 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

**Rev. Cecelia Armstrong**

Sunday, July 17—10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

**Rev. Dr. Wallis (Wally) Landrum**, Pastor (Retired), Coates St. Presbyterian Church-Moberly

Sunday, July 24—10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

**Rev. Dr. Wallis (Wally) Landrum**

Sunday, July 31—10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

**Rev. Dr. Deborah Boucher-Payne**, General Presbyter of Missouri Union Presbytery

**On Sunday, August 7, Rev. Dr. Stanfield returns to the pulpit.**

**There will be a celebration meal and program with Michael and Rev. Boucher-Payne in the Fellowship Hall that evening at 5:00 p.m.**

Worship services and the Wednesday evening educational events will be live-streamed via Facebook Live for those who cannot attend in person. The Sunday morning educational presentations will be recorded and made available for viewing by the next day.

## TRINITY NEWS



### Update on the Yount's Afghan neighbors:

left to right, Nazrena, Akip, Matiullah, Aleah (Farzia not pictured) (spellings approximated)

*On behalf of our neighbors, the Nooristanis, I want to issue a sincere thank you to the congregation. We were able to gather a wide variety of household goods, and many gift cards. This will all go a long way in helping the family through bumps along the road. We know they have been through many hardships, and your heartfelt donations make a huge difference. We have been blessed getting to know our neighbors and invite anyone to get involved with the refugee community. The need is great, and will continue, with the recent news of the U.S. accepting 100,000 refugees from Ukraine. If you would like to continue to help, please reach out to Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, or City of Refuge (contact information below). These are not the only organizations in town, but are two we are familiar with. We know there is a large need of volunteer-drivers to help drive refugees to work and stores, because most do not have vehicles. There is always a need for household goods, furniture, clothing, and other various volunteer duties. Please see the contact info below. - Eric Yount*

Valerie Berta  
Refugee Community Engagement Coordinator  
Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri  
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Valerie hosts regular new volunteer orientations.

[debbie@cityofrefugecolumbia.org](mailto:debbie@cityofrefugecolumbia.org)



Many, many thanks to everyone who donated money, gift cards, and items to assist the Nooristani family, the Afghan refugees who have recently settled in Columbia and are neighbors of Eric and Alex

Yount. \$575 in gift cards for groceries and clothing, \$550 in cash, two children's car seats donated by the Evening Circle, a stroller, toys, fabric and sewing notions, household cleaning items, a refurbished sewing machine, lamps, and many other items were given. Bob Winkelmann, Chair of the Mission Committee, and Eric Yount, delivered everything to the family on March 21. Thank you for welcoming this family to Columbia and providing much-needed assistance.



### Highlights from the March Session Meeting

At the regular stated meeting of session on March 15, the following

actions were taken:

- ◆ Approved a new COVID policy which makes the wearing of face masks optional, effective immediately;
- ◆ Approved the resumption of the after-worship coffee hour beginning Sunday, March 20;
- ◆ Approved having a movie night with popcorn and drinks in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday evening, April 3;
- ◆ Approved having an Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 17 in the Fellowship Hall;
- ◆ Approved the submission of an application for an Employee Retention Credit (part of the CARES Act);
- ◆ Approved the addition of \$5,000 to the 2022 Operating Budget for the Technology Committee;

Administrative Assistant Ann Bouchard reported operating income for February of \$26,004.77 with expenses of \$31,547.42. There were two significant maintenance expenses during the month—WIFI upgrades to the lower level and library/sanctuary area and the repair of 3 furnaces.

Several members of the Stewardship and Finance Committee will be participating in a webinar on March 29 offered by the Presbyterian Foundation on Legacy Giving. A subcommittee of Stewardship and Finance will be drafting a legacy giving policy for the church.

Elder Larry Holder was approved as Trinity's commissioner for the May meeting of the presbytery.



Thank you, Trinity, for your very generous donations to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in response to the appeal for funding for humanitarian aid for the Ukrainian people. To date, a total of \$2,770.00 has been received. This money is being forwarded as it is received to PDA.

## TRINITY NEWS

### WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

#### News for April

Our circles will be meeting **IN PERSON**.

**Evening Circle at 7 p.m. on April 5** on the Lower Level of the church, as voting will still be going on upstairs.

**Afternoon Circle will meet at 1 p.m. on April 6** in Fellowship Hall.

Both circles will discuss Lesson 8, "**Mary in the Faith and Tradition of the Church**" in our study book, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*.

Hope to see you at church. Any questions, please call me at 447-0552. ~Charlotte Larrick

### Musical Notes

with Director of Music, Steve Yates



Spring has finally arrived, and Easter is just around the corner. As the season of Lent comes to an end we will rejoice in the resurrection.

On **Maundy Thursday, April 14** the choir will present **IN CALVARY'S SHADOW**. This a Tenebrae service which evokes the memories of the crucifixion. Join us in person or online for the 7pm service.

*Choir will continue to rehearse Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the sanctuary and we would love to see a few new members!*



### Summer Vacation Bible School

**July 18—July 21(evenings)**

All Trinity children ages 3 years old—fifth grade are invited to join with kids at First Presbyterian Church for 4 nights of summer fun at Our Daily Bread Café. Mark your calendars, and we'll have registration information available soon. Sixth-twelfth grade youth may volunteer as youth helpers! VBS activities will take place at First Presbyterian.



Trinity uses the "Mobile Faith Engagement" online giving platform offered by the Presbyterian Foundation in partnership with Vanco. If you would like to begin making contributions online, just download the Mobile Faith Engagement app on your phone or tablet and set up your account. You can make one time or recurring donations and give to special causes. You can also go to the church website and select the "Give" menu option at the top of the page.

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Bouchard—445-4469 or [abouchard@trinity-presbyterian.org](mailto:abouchard@trinity-presbyterian.org).

## MISSION/SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### Trinity Provides Food for the Hungry through Loaves and Fishes

The next night to serve at Loaves and Fishes is April 14. Generous donations are enabling us to purchase fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, and green beans. **A sign up form will be sent out soon asking for donations of fruit, cookies, and volunteers to serve the meal.** Approximately 125 people were served in March!



### The Wardrobe: Columbia's all-volunteer, non-profit thrift store

A monthly sign up form for volunteers is on the kiosk in the church narthex, or volunteers can call Georgia Morehouse. **Trinity's day to serve in April is the 20th and volunteers are needed for the 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift.**

## OUR PRAYERS

### Short Term Prayer Requests

**Patsy Glover** – undergoing physical therapy for neck pain

**Ted Groshong** – recovering from hospitalization for asthmatic bronchitis

**Margaret Guthrie** - now able to drive again

**Jacob Fues** – COVID long-hauler syndrome

**Marianne Fues** – recovering from pneumonia

**Jini Bangert** – recently hospitalized for tests related to lower abdominal pain

**Nancy Mueller** - knee replacement surgery on April 8

### Long Term Prayer Requests

**Jean Baldwin** at Cedarhurst

**Glenn Barks**, brother of Margaret Guthrie-confined to a wheelchair following a stroke in late 2020

**Patsy Brown** - at The Neighborhoods, 3003 Falling Leaf Ct.

**Paul Conditt** - Sarah's Humfeld's father who has health issues

**Jane Cooper** - Sharon Daly's sister, on dialysis and dealing with problems from diabetes

**Doug Cornelison** - Doug is recovering from a liver transplant

**Jane Cooper** - Sharon Daly's sister, on dialysis and dealing with problems from diabetes

**Carol and Richard Fitzpatrick** - Carol is suffering from multiple chronic health problems, and Richard serves as her primary caregiver

**Jim Muench's mother, Esther Muench Plonk, and step-father, Dr. George Plonk**—dealing with multiple health problems.)

**David Storvick**—receiving chemotherapy

**Judy Wall's brother, Jerry Davis**, is dealing with severe health problems.

**Eric Yount's cousin, Alec**—continued prayers

*Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Lee Cary. Lee was a long time member of the Trinity Family who passed away February 27, 2022. May your memories be a blessing.*

Please remember and pray for our Missionaries, Mission Causes, and Military Personnel.

### GET CONNECTED - STAY CONNECTED

**New to Trinity?** Text the word "Welcome" to 573-284-8084 to get connected. We'll be in touch soon.

**Already a member or a regular attendee?** Text "Member" to 573-284-8084 so we can keep you up to date on what's happening at Trinity.

**Do you have a prayer request?** Text "pray" to 573-284-8084 and our pastor will contact you.

If you are going through a difficult time and would like a confidential prayer partner, please contact the Trinity office at (573) 445-4469 or Trinity@trinity-presbyterian.org



### The Need for Ethical Culture

"Fulfillment on the moral and ethical side is a goal which lies closer to the preoccupations of art than it does to those of science. Of course, understanding of our fellow-beings is important. But this understanding becomes fruitful only when it is sustained by sympathetic feeling in joy and in sorrow. The cultivation of this most important spring of moral action is that which is left of religion when it has been purified of the elements of superstition. In this sense, religion forms an important part of education, where it receives far too little consideration, and that little not sufficiently systematic."

(Albert Einstein, 1951)

*--May we cultivate for such a goal  
~Ed Coe*

**Submissions for Trinity Times?**  
Email: [trinitytimeseditors@gmail.com](mailto:trinitytimeseditors@gmail.com)

The deadline for the May Trinity Times is Friday, April 22, 2022.  
Kyle Groshong is our editor.