

# TRINITY TIMES



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## Michael's Musings

An American tourist was traveling throughout Israel and the Middle East. He came upon several shepherds whose flocks had intermingled while drinking water from a brook. After an exchange of greetings, one of the shepherds turned toward the sheep and called out, "Manha. Manha. Manha." (Manha means "gift of Allah" in Arabic – a term of endearment often also used as a name for girls.) Immediately *his* sheep separated themselves from the rest and followed him.

Then one of the two remaining shepherds called out, "Manha. Manha," and his sheep left the common flock to follow *him*. The traveler then said to the third shepherd, "I would like to try that. Let me put on your cloak and turban and see if I can get the rest of the sheep to follow me."

The shepherd smiled knowingly as the traveler wrapped himself in the cloak, put the turban on his head and called out, "Manha. Manha." The sheep did not respond to the stranger's voice. Not one of them moved toward him. "Will the sheep ever follow someone other than you?" the traveler asked.

"Oh yes," the shepherd replied, "sometimes a sheep gets sick, and then it will follow anyone." As told by John Braaten, *The Greatest Wonder of All: Sermons for Lent and Easter* (CSS, 1991), 96.

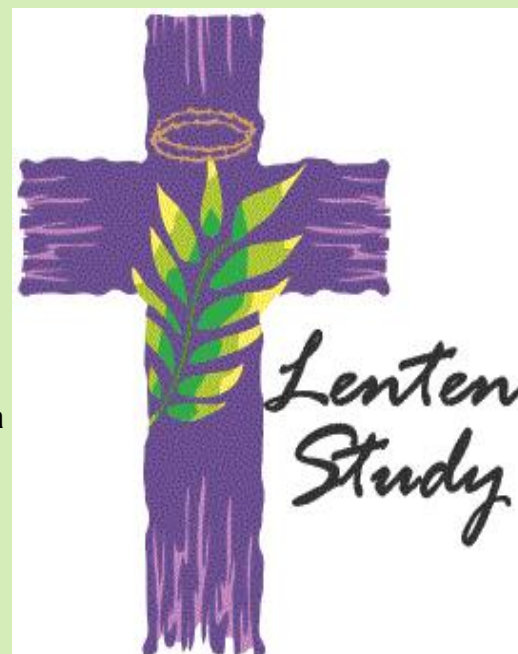
We live in a world of sick-souled sheep who indeed, quickly and readily follow anyone who dresses in shepherd's clothing and whispers sweet nothings in ears.

Lent is that season of the church year when we as disciples ask ourselves, "Is my soul well?" Maybe the way to answer that question is to look closely at who or what we readily follow.

*Michael*

## Lenten Study Sundays at 5:00 p.m. February 26 to April 2

Michael Stanfield will lead a Lenten study at his home, beginning next Sunday, February 26 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. **If you would like to participate, please notify the church office by Friday, February 24.** The study will be based on the Sunday sermon. Each Friday, in the church wide e-mail, a list of questions will be included to help guide individual members in their approach to Sunday's sermon. Michael will lead a discussion of the sermon based on these questions. Those interested are asked to commit to the whole series. However, each session will be relatively self-contained so that members can feel free to join at any time. Those who can't or prefer not to attend are encouraged to use the questions for their own devotion time during the week.



## Trinity News

### Late February/March Worship

**\*Sunday, February 26, 2023** 10:30 a.m.

**First Sunday in Lent**

**OT:** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

**NT:** Matthew 4:1-11

**Sermon:** "The Temptations that Define Us"

**Theme:** What tempts us says a lot about who we are called to be.

**\*Sunday, March 5, 2023** 10:30 a.m.

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**OT:** Psalm 121

**NT:** John 3:1-17

**Sermon:** "Keeping Our Heads Up"

**Theme:** With head down seeing only what is in front of, we miss God's greater plan.

**\*Sunday, March 12, 2023** 10:30 a.m.

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**OT:** Psalm 95:1-7

**NT:** John 4:5-29

**Sermon:** "Letting God's "Yes" Take Care of Our "No's"

**Theme:** It is easy to Judge bad behavior. Jesus invites us to something else altogether.

**\*Sunday, March 19, 2023** 10:30 a.m.

**Fourth Sunday in Lent; Guest Preacher, Woody Berry**

**OT:** Psalm 23

**NT:** John 9:1-12

**Sermon:** "Why me? Why this? Why now?"

**Theme:** Why do we keep asking, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" What might we learn, instead, from how Jesus answers this question?

**\*Sunday, March 26, 2023** 10:30 a.m.

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**OT:** Ezekiel 37:1-14

**NT:** John 11:38-44

**Sermon:** "Dry Bones and Pretzels"

**Theme:** The attitude that God can and will make something out of nothing, changes everything.

*\*Services are in-person and live-streamed via Facebook Live.*



**LENTEN  
DEVOTIONAL  
BOOKLETS**

Dear Trinity, **Thank you** so much for the Assistance League cookies for our staff in memory of Joan Bay. We so appreciate your thoughtfulness and continued support!

*Russell Elementary Staff*

Several choices of Lenten devotionals are available on the front table in the narthex for personal study and reflection during Lent. Weekly readings from one of the devotionals, "Inward Work for Outward Living," will be mailed out with the Friday email during Lent.

**thankyou**

**FROM THE LARRICKS**

Char and Dean wish to thank our dear church family for their thoughts and prayers cards, calls, texts, and food, as we both went through Covid this past month. They meant so much to us; and we think we are on the mend.  
Bless all of you.

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

The deadline for the April Trinity Times is Friday, March 24, 2023.  
Kyle Groshong is our editor.

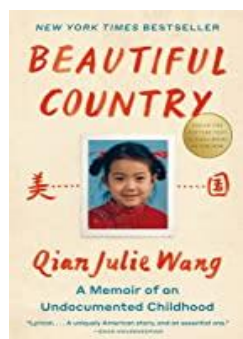


**All men of Trinity**

are invited to meet for breakfast on **Wednesday, March 8, at 8:00 a.m.** at JJ's Café. 1712 N. Providence Rd.

**Please call the church office if you'd like to be put on the reservation list.**

## Trinity News



### SMALL GROUP BOOK DISCUSSION OPPORTUNITY

In March and April, Trinity will be offering a 4-week book discussion small group where we will read and discuss the book, [BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY](#), by Qian Julie Wang. The book is a memoir describing the author's experience as a young, poor, undocumented Chinese immigrant living in New York City in the mid-1990s and the 2000s.

The description of the book says, "Inhabiting her childhood perspective with exquisite lyric clarity and unforgettable charm and strength, Qian Julie Wang has penned an essential American story about a family fracturing under the weight of invisibility, and a girl coming of age in the shadows, who never stops seeking the light."

BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY is one of the books being read this year by the National Presbyterian Women's 2023 Justice & Peace book discussion group.

**Our group will meet at the church on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will discuss about 75 pages from the book each time. The dates of the meetings are March 20, April 3, April 10 and April 17.** If you are interested and/or would like to sign up for the group, please contact the church office or call Marcia Lake at 573-474-3494.

There are 7 copies of the book available at the Daniel Boone Regional Library. Also, it can be purchased locally at Skylark Bookstore and the Barnes & Noble bookstore or online at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or Alibris.com. If you need financial assistance to purchase the book, please contact Ann Bouchard in the church office.



### Trinity Library - Book Highlight with Marianne Fues, Trinity Librarian

March is Women's History month. Looking toward that topic, the library has a number of titles that emphasis this category.

Some of you will remember Trinity member, Dorothy Angell. Her daughter, **Cathy Angell** is the author of *My Spirit Flies : Portraits and prose of women in their power*. Dorothy is one of the 36 featured women. Cathy has photographed and interviewed women. She says "Every woman is powerful regardless of her credentials."

Cathy is now owner of Cathy Angell Communications: <https://www.cathyangell.com/>

Feel free to **visit the Trinity Libraries** between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Materials 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.

## NEWS FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Where did February go? Spring will be here soon! Circles will be discussing Lesson Seven, "Sabbath and Self-Care" in our *Celebrating Sabbath* study book. Evening Circle will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6 (watch for Karen's e-mail for details.) Afternoon Circle will meet at 1 p.m. at church in Room 12 on Wednesday, March 1.

Please take note of the special articles in Trinity Times (1) from Karen Neely about making scarves for the Assistance League of Mid-Missouri's Operation School Bell program in honor of Joan Bay, (page 4), and (2) from Marcia Lake about the March/April small group book group, which will be reading and discussing "Beautiful County" by Qian Julie Wang, which is one of the books in National Presbyterian Women's 2023 Justice and Peace book discussion group. (above)

Also, **mark April 20<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for the PW Spring Gathering at First Presbyterian Church in Boonville. We hope to have a group attending.**

Any questions? Give me a call at 447-0552. Charlotte Larrick, PW coordinator

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE - God's Work, Our Hands

### *Operation School Bell® Project In Honor of Joan Bay*



Join the Trinity Women's Evening Circle to honor Joan Bay's dedication to advocate and uplift the lives of children.

In recognition of Joan's Trinity membership (48 years) and her Charter membership in the Assistance League® of Mid-Missouri (32 years), Trinity members and friends are invited to participate in making scarves for the Operation School Bell® program. Each year since 1997, this Assistance League® of Mid-Missouri's program has provided new winter clothes (including a coat) for Columbia Public School children from kindergarten through fifth grade. In the Fall of 2023, at least 1,400 children will receive winter clothing.

**Won't you and your friends join us in knitting, crocheting or making a fleece scarf (or scarves) for the Operation School Bell® program?**

We have the scarf sizes and favorite colors needed. Best of all we have plenty of washable yarn to give you and knitting needles to loan. Fleece scarf information will be provided.

**In March, Chris Sheriff, knitter extraordinaire, will lead a knitting how-to session at the Church.** We are also planning on regular knitting/crocheting gatherings at the Church. Watch for specific dates in the Trinity Friday emails and on the Church kiosk in the Narthex.

For further information contact Karen Neely, Women's Evening Circle Chair and Charter member of the Assistance League® of Mid-Missouri [karenneely42@gmail.com](mailto:karenneely42@gmail.com).



### **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 work is Wednesday, March 15, and volunteers are needed for the 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift.**

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

Trinity will serve at Loaves and Fishes on **Thursday, March 9th.** An email was sent February 17, regarding food donations and requesting servers to sign up. More servers are needed now that dishes are being used again.

*Your donations of money, food and time are greatly appreciated.*



## OUR PRAYERS

### Short Term Prayer Requests

**Dean and Charlotte Larrick**—are slowly recovering from COVID. Both have tested negative and are feeling okay but still tire easily.

**Becky Livingston**— Brother-in-law, Bill, died Monday, February 6.

**Helen Melton**- in the loss of her sister, Cora Martin, her nephew Jack Pyle and niece Jill Pyle, who all passed away in January.

**Mark Moore**—(Jan Storvick's friend): Undergoing tests. He is now residing in a nursing home in Fulton.

**Norma Spurgeon**—Prayers for continued healing and strength.

### Long Term Prayer Requests

**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** - dealing with a potassium imbalance

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

**Janet Ghio** - friend of Kyle Groshong, being treated for multiple myeloma

**Esther Muench Plonk**, Jim Muench's mother, suffering from dementia

**Mark Virkler** - Continues to heal and gain strength.

**Hugh Williams**— Sharon Daly's brother, who has bladder cancer

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](mailto:Trinity@trinity-presbyterian.org)



*Many, many thanks to all of you who wished me a Happy Birthday with cards, phone calls and good, happy thoughts. I loved them and feel deeply blessed. I pray God blesses each of you with healthy, happy 95 (and more) years of life!*

Jean Buck

TO READ OUR PASTOR'S  
PREVIOUS WEEK'S SERMON,  
go to:

<https://www.trinity-presbyterian.org/archives>



We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of member **Ray Hornberger**. Ray died on January 16, 2023. Per his wishes there was no service or obituary. Ray and his wife, Florence, joined Trinity in 2005. Florence died in 2010.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:15 AM—Children's Class 9:30 AM—Adult Class 10:00—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship 5:00 PM—Lenten Study	6 9:00-11:30 AM—PEO Chapter "LM" (FH) 11:00 AM—PEO (Rm 12) 1:00 PM—MUP Tech (FH) 3:00 PM—Outreach (Z) 7:00 PM—Fellowship (Z) 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	7 9:00-4:00—MUP Spirit of Stewardship event (FH) 7:00 PM—Evening Circle (downstairs) 7:00 PM—Girl Scouts	1 1:00 PM—Afternoon Circle (Rm 12) 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	2 7:00 PM—Worship Committee (Zoom)	3 1:30 PM—Mah Jongg (FH) 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	4
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