

The Mustard Seed

February 2020



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Last week Heather and I were forced to turn the air conditioning on at our home, in mid-January. This morning when I started my card it beeped a cold-weather alert and flashed a temperature of 33 degrees. The weather this winter on the Grand Strand has been all over the place. Still, as Presbyterian clergyman Mr. (Fred) Rogers would say, "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood" today. The sun is shining; it has warmed to the mid-40's. If the

weather were the criteria, it is a day about which the poet Browning wrote:

"The year's at the spring and day's at the morn

Morning's at seven;

The hillside's dew-pearled; The lark's on the wing; The snail's on the thorn;

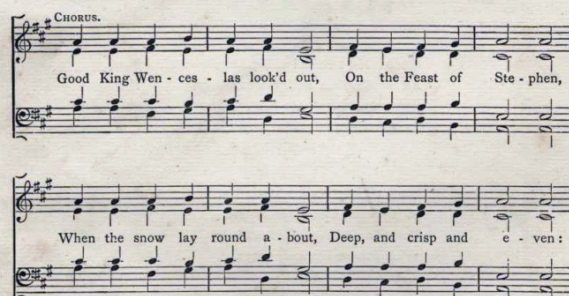
God's in his heaven – All's right with the world.

~Robert Browning, *Pippa Passes and Shorter Poems*, 1841

Yet, in truth, all is not right with the world, but there are some days so beautiful that one is tempted to think so. We are now into the season of ordinary time which began the day after Epiphany (January 6), the season of lent is looming (Ash Wednesday is February 26). And so I have been putting away Advent and Christmas resources and resurfacing resources for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. In the midst of this swapping I found an article on the hymn tune TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM, to which many hymn texts have been written including "Good King Wenceslas" and "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" (#146 in the *Glory to God* hymnal). "Good King Wenceslas" is a hymn written by John Mason Neale, an Anglican of High Church vintage (1818 – 1866). Neale performed a great service for the whole Church by helping to recover and translate into English many ancient hymns. "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (#196) is one of these, as are, "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" (#234), "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" (#394), and "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (#88).



X. Good King Wenceslas.





“Good King Wenceslas” however, is an original composition of Neale’s. I suspect he detested cold weather, and I know many of you, like me, share Neale’s contempt for the cold. Re-reading the hymn text, I was reminded that one of the reasons I love Neale’s carol is because it describes, in some measure, the victory of Jesus Christ in terms of warmth, which to me makes beautiful sense. The deepest regions of hell, Dante thought, were frigid, not hot, just as the most imprisoning sins are the cold ones, the ones that require calculation and finally frigid indifference to others. So, John Mason Neale’s hymn that tells the story of “Good King Wenceslas” concludes with the king’s page crying out that he cannot go on; the weather is just too brutally cold.

*“Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger.
Fails my heart, I know now how; I can go no longer.”
Mark my footsteps, my good page, tread thou in them boldly.
You shall find the winter’s rage freeze your blood less coldy.*

*In his master’s steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted:
Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed.
Therefore Christian men be sure, wealth or rank possessing,
You who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing.*

Stay warm, friends, and share the warmth.

Peace,
--Pastor Tony



Easter lilies will be available again this year.

They must be paid for by 22 March.

Please watch your Sunday bulletin and the March Mustard Seed for the form to fill out to purchase lilies.

Thank you from the Worship Committee

<div> <div>2020</div>  <div>2020</div> </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regularly Scheduled Weekly Activities						
<u>Sunday</u> Worship 8:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship after 2 nd service		<u>Tuesday</u> Bell Choir 5:30 PM	<u>Wednesday</u> Chancel Choir 7 PM	<u>Thursday</u>		AA Meetings are held at various times all week long – refer to listing at church
Monthly Activities						
	Deacon of the Month: Evelyn Brodrick 843 215 1279					1
2	3 Deacons 10 AM Bldg & Grds 2:30 PM	4 Margaret Circle 10 AM Worship and Music 11:30 AM	5	6 Crochet 10 AM VBS Appreciation Lunch 12:30	7 Disciples Bible Study 9:30 AM	8
9 <i>Second Sunday Seminar 9:20AM</i>	10 Admin/HR 10 AM Communication 11:15 AM	11 Finance 9 AM PW Council 10:30 AM	12 Christian Ed 10 AM Ruth Circle 1 PM	13 Mission Sewing 9:30 AM	14 Disciples Bible Study 9:30 AM Carolina Master Chorale Concert— Tickets required	15
Mobile Meals Delivery Week for Trinity Presbyterian Church						
16 Arts @ the Church 2 PM	17 NMD 10:30 AM	18 Fellowship 10 AM Presbyterian Men's Dinner 6:30 PM	19 Lunch Bunch Noon	20 Crochet 10 AM	21 Disciples Bible Study 9:30 AM	22
23	24 Session 6:30 PM	25 Pancake Supper 5-6:30 PM	26 Choir 5:45PM ASH Wednesday Service 7:00PM	27	28 Disciples Bible Study 9:30 AM Bingo 10 AM	29



MARCH 14th at 4pm Pizza and Game Night

February Birthdays

Jerry Motley	02/01
Gerald Kuhn	02/09
Linda Martin	02/10
Matthew Smith	02/10
Millie Brandstetter	02/11
Barbara Affrunti	02/20
Kathryn Greer	02/20
Kitty Motley	02/20
Katherine Hall	02/22
Rachel Hall	02/22
Cheryl Naumann	02/25
Andries Morin	02/28



February Anniversaries

Ron and Bev Sherrill	02/14
Paul and Sharon Manton	02/17
Frank and Sandra Ackerman	02/22



In Loving Memory

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me;
I took his hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.

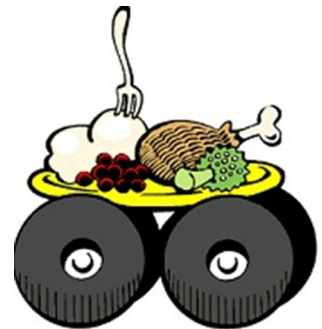
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me.
God wanted me now-He set me free.

The Jones family would like to take this opportunity and thank all of it's Trinity Family for the countless calls, visits, food and cards during this very difficult time. Carol loved her church and is now singing with the angels. Thank you for sharing your love.

MOBILE MEALS

Thanks to Marge Hill, Marge Hawkins, Harry Walker (x2), Larry Humason, Allene Roush and Reid McBride for delivering Mobile Meals from December 30, 2019 thru January 3, 2020. If you would like to help deliver meals, please let me know. Next meal delivery will be the week of February 10-14, 2020.

Jim Montgomery, Coordinator
724-989-5580



Mobile Meals

Trinity Presbyterian Church—Financial Report for 2019

Year To Date Ending December 31 2019			
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	
Income			
CONGR	\$252,557	\$247,144	
OTHER	\$79,535	\$77,872	
TOTAL INCOME	\$332,092	\$325,016	
EXPENSES	\$317,748	\$287,496	



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SPECIAL OFFERING

In the year 1990 a simple prayer was spoken that said *"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."* This thought had been inspired by Brad Smith, a seminary intern at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC. This youth-led

movement encouraged the idea of compassion where young people came together to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. In the first year, 22 churches around the world raised \$5,700 dollars and since then the participation of churches has continued to grow. On Sunday, February 2nd the church will be collecting canned goods and monetary donations for South Strand Helping Hands. Please support this worthy cause by donating generously in order to help put a "dent" in hunger.

New Directions Special Offering

New Directions was created in 2013 to assist in the areas of homelessness and poverty. New Directions offers nine different programs in order to assist the homeless community of Myrtle Beach. The 30 Day program provides a person with housing, warm meals, and laundry privileges for up to 30 days. The Back to Life Program helps homeless individuals deal with the primary issues associated with their homelessness. This program also assists individuals in re-entering the workforce in their community. Another program similar to the Back to Life program is the New Directions for Families



*As often as you did it for one
of my least brothers, you did
it for me.*

program that combines both the Back to Life program and the Work Stay program for individuals with kids. The Work Stay program is a program where individuals have re-entered the workforce while continuing to develop their personal life skills. The Program D offers case management to individuals in need of disability benefits, Vocational Rehab options, or SC Works' Tickets by identifying barriers for transportation if they need assistance. Homeless Court is a service that is offered for an alternative to jail time or fines for misdemeanor offenses. The Rolling Forward project is partnered with Coastal Carolina University sociology students and New Directions by providing bike transportation for the homeless individuals. The Opioid Initiative provides resources for individuals who struggle with substance abuse. The Center for Counseling and Wellness offers out-patient mental and addiction counseling for homeless individuals. Please give generously to New Directions to help eradicate homelessness and give individuals the opportunity to get their lives back.

Second Sunday Seminars



Trinity Presbyterian Church began the new year with a new program—*Second Sunday Seminars*. The first meeting on January 12, 2020 focused on how our calendar came to be and barely scratched the surface. Held in the conference room, it was very well attended.

Our second *Second Sunday Seminar* takes place on

February 9, 2020. It is **Mission: Possible**.

Dennis Watts and the Mission Team of Trinity will regale us with tales of adventure and daring as well as invitations to participate in what's coming next as they answer God's call to serve! Mission team members will be available to answer questions and concerns, and will share a short video showing actual work and fellowship experience.

You won't want to miss this, Sunday, February 9, in the Corner Classroom. We'll start our chat around 9:20 AM, and wrap it up no later than 10:10 AM.

VBS 2020 — QUEST TO ALL KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE— EXPLORE THE KING'S ARMOR:

Hear ye, hear ye! Gather near, all ye of brave heart and generous soul! You are encouraged to join your fellow knights on a fun and rewarding adventure, the mornings of June 15-18, sharing God's love and Word with the children of our Trinity family, The Learning Tree and Y2K. Opportunities abound for you to fulfill our baptismal vows while having fun with your Trinity peers and excited and appreciative kiddos! Marian Shelton or any member of the CE Team would love to chat with you and help YOU find your way to share. CE Team members are Judy Oskandy, Bonnie Griffith, Lynn Hayn and Debbie Davis. CE Team meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10am in the library, and would welcome your participation. More information about VBS and all VBS opportunities will be posted on our CE Bulletin board in the office area hallway.





Trinity is pleased to announce that we have made space in the sanctuary for those of you who use a wheelchair or a walker. Just ask one of the greeters and they will gladly show you where it's located.



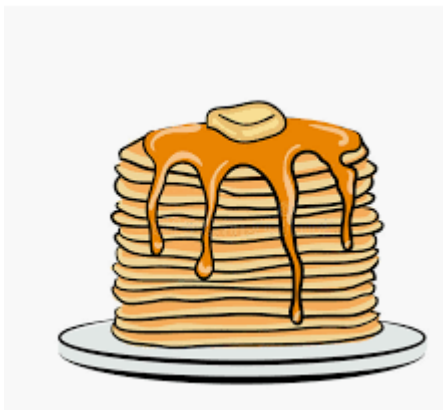
Calendar prices have been reduced to \$6 for a wall calendar and \$4 for the pocket version. Available for a limited time in the lobby after church.

Mardi Gras/ Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner Celebration February 25th, 2020



Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

Come join the Celebration of Mardi Gras at Trinity Presbyterian Church by attending the Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 25th, 2020, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM in the gymnasium. Takeout dinners will also be available between 4:30 and 5:00 PM. The menu will include Buttermilk Pancakes, Blueberry Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Orange Juice, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade and Dessert. Advanced tickets for the dinner will go on sale before and after church services on February 9th, 16th, and 23rd. During the week tickets will be available in the church office. Adult tickets \$7.00, tickets for children 12 and under \$3.00, with tickets at the door \$8.00. Looking forward to seeing you at the Mardi Gras celebration in your finest beads and boas. Questions can be addressed to Ed Oskandy by e-mail at eloskandy@gmail.com, or by phone at 843-651-1087.



Thank you.



The Fellowship Committee would like to thank all the wonderful bakers who contributed items to our Debt Reduction Bake Sale on Jan. 19. We made a profit of \$354.00 for mortgage reduction. Every little bit helps. Plus the music of the Soul Knights in the Motown Revue had us dancing off all those delicious calories. That is a win-win!

February Concerts at Trinity

Arts @ the Church is pleased to announce two concerts to be held in February. Carolina Master Chorale will be performing at 7:30 PM on February 14, 2020. Their concert is entitled Music is the Food of Love. Tickets must be purchased for this event and can be ordered online at CarolinaMasterChorale.com.



On Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 2 PM, The Saltwater Chamber Orchestra will be performing at a free concert at 2 PM. Our own Julie O'Connell is part of this group.

Thank you to all our own talented musicians for sharing their gifts of music on January 26th. All donated funds went to the Musicians Fund which pays for soloists who play with the choir on special occasions.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will take place on Wednesday, February 19th. Look for information on where it will be held and sign up on the table in the narthex.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH



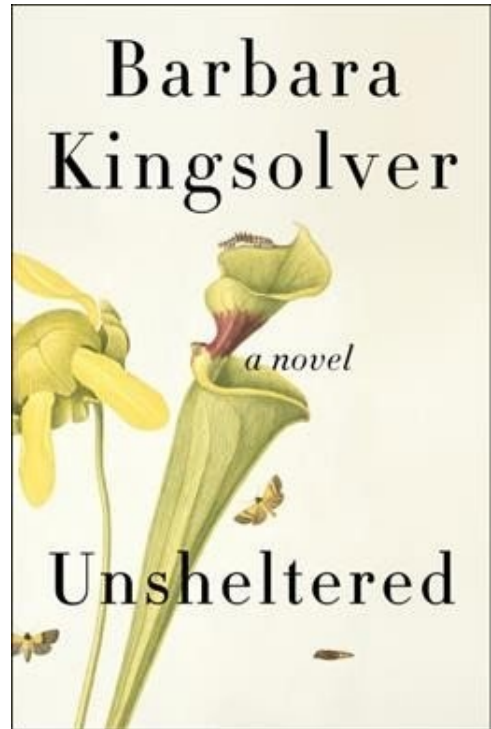
10 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Y2K needs at least one, and preferably two, members of the congregation to join the Y2K board. Please see Kathleen Fair, Sandy Eaton, or Tony Larson if you have questions or would be willing to help.

Trinity Book Club – February

The Trinity Book Club is an invitation to read a book each month that has captured your Pastor's attention long enough to finish it. Pastor Tony welcomes those who read the book and loved it (or hated), started the book and didn't quite finish it, or even just put it in their Amazon shopping cart to come enjoy a conversation with him and others from the Trinity about each month's book.

Our book for February is *Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver. *Unsheltered* opens with a family--a big cast of characters and their disappointments which composes the ho-hum tragedy of middle-class life in contemporary America. But *Unsheltered* isn't only about this family during the present, it is also about a family living on the same plot of land some 150 years prior. *Unsheltered* echoes how many of us, of various generations, are feeling these days – cheated out of a future that was never really owed us to begin with and exhausted from attempting to get others to understand how we see the world. But it also makes space for the small moments of comfort and joy that are so often missing in a time when we wield cynicism and irony as shields to protect ourselves. Kingsolver doesn't attempt to prescribe solutions, but she does remind us to take comfort in one another when we can, and that hope is necessary even when all seems lost.



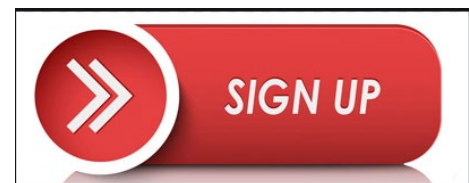
We will meet to discuss our reaction and responses to the novel on **Thursday, February 27** at 11am. If you have friends that enjoy good books and engaging conversation, please invite them.

All are welcome. Happy Reading!

Avoid the winter doldrums and sign up!

Sign up:

- To providing treats for Sunday fellowship time,
- To providing the flowers for Sunday services which are then shared with shut-ins and those in the hospital.
- To be crafty with card crafting, crochet club, and mission sewing. (you actually just come, no signing up required,)
- To volunteer on various committees and boards that keep Trinity strong.
- To participate in the Second Sunday Seminars either as a participant or presenter,
- To help plan Vacation Bible School for 2020.
- To eat with the Lunch Bunch.
- With Amazon Smile to have Trinity Presbyterian Church get a percentage of your purchases given to the church as a charitable donation.



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The Trinity 5G Network



Trinity Y2K has been a mission of Trinity Presbyterian Church for over two decades. The mission began when members of the church became concerned that children in our community were coming home after school to empty houses and hours of unsupervised time. Trinity Y2K began as a volunteer program and has evolved into a respected child care program which serves families by providing infants, toddlers, and school-age children a safe, Christian environment for child care.

There have been many changes over the decades, but Trinity Y2K has always been a mission of Trinity Presbyterian Church. One of those changes is that Trinity Y2K now relies on paid staff to carry out that mission rather than church volunteers. A result of that development is that many of our church members are disconnected from the mission of Trinity Y2K, its staff, and the children and families it serves.

Pastor Tony has made it a goal for 2020 to reconnect the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church with its Trinity Y2K Mission. One of the ways we would like to do this is by offering you an opportunity to be a part of the Trinity 5G Network. The 5G's stands for:

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We are just beginning to envision all that this network will do, but know that it will begin with prayer. Those who join the Trinity 5G network will be asked to pray for one or more of the children in Trinity Y2K by name. We anticipate that opportunities for fellowship and chapel worship will be a part of the network experience.

The building of this network begins with you. Once we know how many Trinity members and friends will be a part of the 5G Network, we will begin inviting the Y2K families to sign their children up.

If you're willing to be a part of the 5G Network, you may sign-up in the narthex or send an email to either Pastor Tony (pastor@TrinityPresbyChurch.org) or Elder Marian Shelton (mmshelton@sccoast.net)