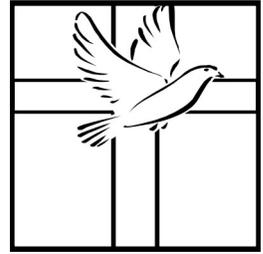


# TRINITY TIMES



Dear Trinity Friends,

As February gives way to March we find ourselves moving deeper and deeper into the season of Lent. While the weather outside many be grey, rainy or snowy our interior lives may be filled with light as we move through our study of prayer. At the beginning of Lent, a one page flier on prayer in the Bible was made available for home study. During the Wednesday noon soup lunches, we have been and are considering specific prayers from the Bible or teachings on prayer in the Bible. The Gospel of Luke emphasizes how often Jesus prayed or was found by his disciples to be at prayer.

If we think about prayer as conversation with God, rather than necessarily the more formal prayers that might be part of our worship service on Sunday morning, we begin to come closer I believe to what Jesus was about when he prayed. He was putting before God his concerns. He was giving thanks for the blessings of the day. He was confessing to God places where he might have made a different choice. He was sitting in silence listening for that nudge from God about direction for his ministry. Perhaps he used a psalm as his own prayer. We certainly hear Jesus using parts of Psalm 22 as a prayer from the cross.

The resources Jesus had for his prayer life are resources we also have for our times of talking with God. We have the scriptures, particularly the Psalms that we can use as our own prayers. If you keep a gratitude or thanksgiving journal (5 things each day for which you are grateful or giving thanks) or a prayer journal of those needing prayer, those can become part of your conversation with God.

At the beginning of the day is a great time to give thanks and talk to God about your hopes for the day. The evening is a great time to review the day, seeking help for things went wrong or for things left undone. It is also a good time for quieting down and listening for some word for God or simply waiting in God's presence. But any time during the day is a time to shoot God a "thank you" or a "help me" prayer. What is most important is that we take the opportunities that come to us to bring ourselves into God's presence. We need to take those times to both present our concerns to God but also receive God's comfort and God's peace.

As we continue to move through Lent, as we journey with Jesus towards Jerusalem, let us keep in mind how much and how often Jesus prayed. If Jesus needed to be in conversation with God often, is that not a good model for our lives also?

Godspeed,  
Pastor June Begany

**SESSION**

Session is extremely pleased to be working with Rev. June Begany! Her forward-looking leadership is greatly appreciated. We have extended our covenant with Pastor June for another three months. This will keep her with us until June 30, or until we hire a new pastor.

Norm Jepson has been elected to Session to replace Kyle Adkins who regretfully had to give up his position because of his changed work schedule. Welcome Norm, and thanks to Kyle with whom we look forward to working in the future.

It has been noted that it would be great if all groups and gatherings keep track of their happenings, sending notes and photos to the church's e-mail. Information will be forwarded to Craig Reiter for inclusion on our website.

Many of our elders and deacons attended the Cluster Leadership Training in January. Thanks to all who attended.

We continue to observe Lent at Wednesday soup lunches and Sunday evening worship services with the Ashtabula Cluster of Presbyterian Churches.

Blessings and Peace,

Mary Belding, Clerk

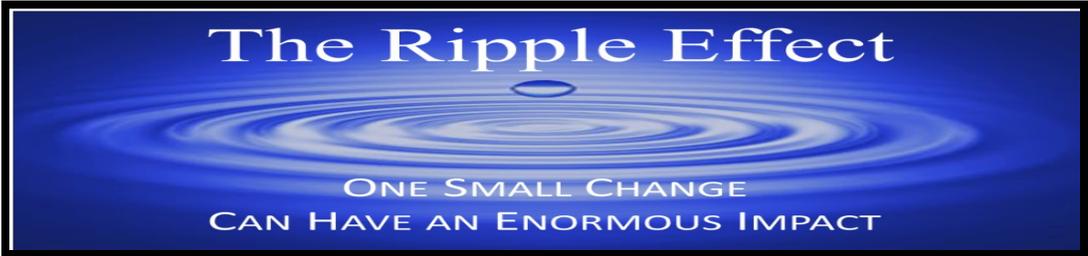
**STEWARDSHIP**

The Stewardship Committee met for an organizational meeting. Members are David Adams, Jack Hogle, Susan Hogle, Peggy LaDu, Dick LaDu, Jane Planisek and Rich Planisek. The purpose of Stewardship is to glorify God and show how we use our God-given gifts.

The theme for this year will be "Giving—The Ripple Effect."

The most important aspect of giving for Stewardship is not the raising of money for the church, but the development of devoted Christians.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering program will begin February 14 and conclude with the offerings received on March 20. The One Great Hour of Sharing, received during the season of Lent, makes a big difference in the world through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. Please give generously to the program. Plans are being made for the emphasis on Stewardship throughout the year.

**The Ripple Effect**

ONE SMALL CHANGE  
CAN HAVE AN ENORMOUS IMPACT

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

January Income	\$10,033.00
January Expenses	9,196.74
Net Income	836.26

As I reported at the Congregational meeting, this is the best January we have had in 3 years.

The only way we can do this is by you faithful members keeping your pledges up to date and by paying your per capita of \$28 per person. We are also working to keep the expenses down and that job also goes to each and every one of us.

Thanks to all of you for working together on this.

Lois

**TRINITY BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting of Trinity's Book Club is 10:00 am to noon on Saturday, March 19th, at church. We will read the play, *Nunsense*, and attend a performance of the play at the Ashtabula Arts Center in April. Hostess for the gathering will be Pat Strock. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Meghan Davis at [992-8362](tel:992-8362).

**SUNDAY****APRIL 3, 2016****DURING****FELLOWSHIP HOUR****FOR: G.O. MINISTRIES****H.I.P PROGRAM**

**Please bring a gift to help in caring for babies and small children, such as:**

**Diapers, Baby Health & Hygiene Products, blankets, clothes, food and**

**ESPECIALLY**

**DIAPERS, WIPES & GALLON STORAGE BAGS**

**SAVE THE DATE....THERE WILL BE CAKE!**

## EASTER FLOWER ORDER

### EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to have a flowering spring plant in the chancel for Easter Sunday, please complete this order form. Plants are grown by the Ash/Craft Greenhouse.

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

From : \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order the following plant(s). Please indicate number of plants:

\_\_\_\_\_ Lily \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulip \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils

\_\_\_\_\_ Mini Daffodils \_\_\_\_\_ Boston Ferns

TOTAL # OF PLANTS \_\_\_\_\_

**Lily-Hyacinth-Tulip-Daffodils are \$7.50 each**

**Mini Daffodils are \$4.00**

**Boston Ferns \$15.00**

Orders must be received no later than **Sunday, March 06, 2015**. Please make your check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church. Payment is due when you place your order.

### Kathy's Tortellini Soup

3 cloves of garlic minced  
 1 to 1 ½ lbs Italian sausage cut into small pieces and cooked  
 leaf basil for seasoning  
 salt & pepper to taste  
 1 tbsp of butter  
 1 can (48 oz. ) chicken broth  
 1 package (19oz.) frozen cheese tortellini  
 1 package (10 oz.) chopped frozen spinach  
 2 cans (14.5 oz. ea.) diced fire roasted tomatoes (garlic, basil,& oregano flavored)  
 olive oil for flavor



In a large sauce pan over medium heat cook garlic in butter for 1 to 2 minutes. Add broth cook sausage, seasonings, and tomatoes. Heat to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for twenty minutes. Add spinach and tortellini, simmer ten minutes longer. Makes 8 to 10 servings (about 11 cups)  
 I usually add more chicken broth and tomatoes. I just drizzle a little olive oil over the mixture before you finally cook it. You can use fresh Tortellini in the deli department at Wal-Mart if you can not find the frozen. Any questions call Kathy Fassett.

**G.O. COMMUNITY THANK YOU!**



**G.O. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COPORATION**

3703 Station Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004-1193  
(440) 997-0040 www.go-cdc.org

January 21, 2016

Dear Trinity Presbyterian Church,

Your generous support in 2015 allowed us to feed over 20,000 people in our soup kitchen, supply food to 13,000 people through our food pantries, and clothed 1,200 with our clothing bank and coat giveaway. Your donations have helped lift up Ashtabula residents by supporting our community center, computer classes, and soup kitchen.

We fed over 150 attendees at our Thanksgiving dinner. With your help we were able to give away over 600 gifts to 300 needy children and feed over 500 attendees at our annual Christmas party.

With your continued support, we look forward to increasing our services to the community in 2016. We are looking to expand our community center and offer evening sports programs to get youth off the streets.

With the help of supporters like you, we will continue to see improvements in our city and county. Thank you again for your generous support!

Sincerely,

G.O. CDC Board of Directors

**2015 Annual Donations to G.O. CDC**

Trinity Presbyterian Church \$500

*No gift or services were exchanged for these donations*

Don Ballard, Treasurer G.O. CDC

*G.O. Community Development Corporation is a 501(c)3 organization, serving the public good. All donations are tax deductible.*

**HOMESAFE OF ASHTABULA NEEDS OUR HELP!**

**CLEANING PRODUCTS—PAPER PRODUCTS (ESPECIALLY PAPER TOWELS)—DIAPERS SIZE 4 AND ABOVE—PULL UPS— OVER THE COUNTER CHILDRENS MEDICINES.**

**PLEASE MARK ITEMS FOR HOMESAFE—DROP OFF ITEMSTO THE CHURCH OFFICE**



**FAITH FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED**

**COLD CEREALS-MAC & CHEESE-  
CANNED FRUIT-CANNED SOUP-  
CANNED TUNA OR CHICKEN**

**PLACE ITEMS IN THE SOUP CAN!**



**3/5/2016**

A Day of Creativity  
Contact Beth Adams  
992-8428

**3/6/2016**

Soup Fellowship  
after worship.

3/6/2016

**EASTER FLOWER  
DEADLINE**

3/24/2016

**Maundy Thursday  
Communion Tennebrae  
Service at Trinity  
7:00 PM**

4/3/2016 Baby Shower  
after worship.

**3/28/2016**

**APRIL  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE  
EMAIL TO  
trinitypresbytn  
@windstream.net**



Congratulations to Andre' Hanna who successfully completed 240 hours of "C" school. Andre' will be stationed in Maryland with the U.S. Navy for the next three years.

Andre' is the son of Christina Bratzel, and grandson of Karen and Craig Reiter.



I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, visits, and prayers following my knee replacement. All of these were greatly appreciated.  
Karen Reiter



Len- ten  
Events (cluster)

**Worship**

March 6	7:00	Kingsville
March 13	7:00	Orwell North
March 20	7:00	North Kingsville ( Palm Sunday)
March 27	7:30 am	Joint Sonrise service @ East Side 8:00 breakfast

**Soup luncheons**

March 2,9,16, 12:00 (noon) at Trinity soup lunches and reflection

**Wednesday breakfasts,**

March 2,9,16,23 Ashtabula cluster at First Presbyterian @ 7:30 am

# March 2016

DEACON ON CALL: BETH DOUGHERTY 440-812-5748

LITURGIST: NANCY SABO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7:30 AM BREAKFAST @ FIRST 12:00 PM LENTEN LUNCH @ TRINITY 6:30 CARD MINISTRY 6:30 DEACONS	3 PRAYER GROUP THURSDAY LADIES 6:30 BELL PRACTICE	4	5 CARD EVENT @ TRINITY 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
6 <b>COMMUNION</b> 9:00 CHOIR 10:30 Worship/SS SOUP LUNCHEON 7:00 PM LENTEN SERVICE @ KINGSVILLE	7 5:30 WW	8 <b>ROMEOS @ DEBS</b> GAME DAY 11:30	9 7:30 AM BREAKFAST @ FIRST 12:00 PM LENTEN LUNCH @TRINITY 6:30 CARD MINISTRY	10 PRAYER GROUP THURSDAY LADIES 6:30 BELL PRACTICE 7:30 PROP/FIN. MTG.	11	12
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20 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:00 CHOIR 10:30 Worship/SS 11:45 WOR/MUSIC MTG. 7:00 PM LENTEN SERVICE @ NORTH KINGSVILLE	21 5:30 WW	22 GAME DAY 11:30 7:00 ALANON	23 7:30 AM BREAKFAST @ FIRST 6:30 CARD MINISTRY	24 <b>MAUNDAY</b> <b>THURSDAY</b> PRAYER GROUP THURSDAY LADIES 7:00 PM TENABRAE SERVICE @ TRINITY	25 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	26
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