

# TRINITY TIMES



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April 2021

## Michael's Musings

"We do not gather at Easter to celebrate a doctrine. We come here to rejoice in the presence of one we love; in Jesus who was lost to us and has been found." So says Herbert McCabe, writing in "A Sermon for Easter" (*God Still Matters*).

Indeed, we gather to worship at Easter to share in the most profound transforming experience of our lives: The crucified one is now alive among us. As Pope John Paul II put it, "It is impossible for us (Christians) to abandon ourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song!"

But it can be hard to sing, "hallelujah" when, if the truth be told, the resurrection we are really focused on is our lost Christian privilege. Somewhere along the line we Christians replaced the experience of the Resurrected Christ among us with what I believe is now a particularly dangerous conviction: that God intended Christianity to be THE ONLY religion of the world. Thus, rather than being an attractive people of joy due to our experience of the Living Christ, we settle for being a people of subdued optimism due to our religious convictions.

Blaise Pascal once wrote, "Human beings never do evil so cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction." Indeed, religious conviction without the experience of the Resurrected One blocks our capacity for self-criticism, destroys humility, and undermines the sense of oneness that should bind us together as one – not just with other Christians of conviction – but with all of humanity. It was religious conviction (divorced from the experience of the risen Christ) that inspired the Christian Crusades against Muslims and, centuries later, the Easter pogroms of Eastern Europe that led to the slaughter of Jews.

Here, I can't help but recall a William Sloan Coffin quote that I think about often: "I have become convinced that the more important question is not, 'Who believes in God?', but 'In whom does God believe?' Rather than claim God for our side, it's better to wonder whether we are on God's side." William Sloane Coffin, *Letters to a Young Doubter* (Westminster John Knox, 2005), 22-24.

As faithful disciples of Jesus we proclaim at Easter that this "wonder as doubt" has been transformed into "wonder as awe" by way of the experience of the resurrected, crucified Christ we experience together in community. What could be more inviting than that?!

*Michael*

## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering April 4, 2021

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. This special offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be received on Easter Sunday, April 4. A special OGHS fund has been set up for those who use the online giving platform which can be accessed using the Give Plus Church App or through Trinity's website. Checks should be made payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1600 Rollins Rd., Columbia, MO 65203 with "OGHS" on the memo line. Thank you for supporting the important work of the three partner agencies named above. Each gift makes a difference, no matter its size.



## April Worship and Christian Study

**\*April 1, 2021 7:00 pm** **Maundy Thursday Service**  
TENEBRAE, "Jesus Light of the World" with communion

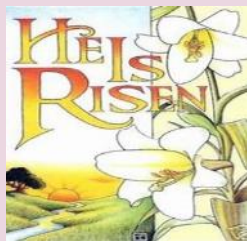
**\*April 4, 2021 10:30 am**

**Easter Sunday**

**Scripture:** Mark 16:1-8

**Sermon:** "Is He Dead?"

**Theme:** Is Jesus still dead?  
What do you think?



**\*April 11, 2021 10:30 am** **Guest Preacher: Bill Young**

**NT Reading:** Luke 18:9-17

**Epistle Reading:** Romans 8:12-17

**Sermon:** "We Are the Children"

**Theme:** As Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome, "We are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him."

**\*April 18, 2021 10:30 am**

**Guest Preacher: Bill Daly**

**Theme:** How much does God love you?

**\*April 25, 2021 10:30 am**

**OT:** Psalm 23

**NT:** John 10:7-18

**Sermon:** "One Who Really Knows You"

**Theme:** What does it mean to know and be known by God?

**\*Services will be live - streamed on Facebook until further notice.**



### Adult Sunday School Class—

The Adult Sunday School Class is using lessons from the Wired Word. This curriculum is based on current events (linked to Scripture) and each week's lesson will be different. Participants will receive reading material the week before each class along with the Zoom meeting link. **Having stand-alone, weekly lessons will allow those who may not be able to attend every Sunday the opportunity to join in whenever they are available.**



**To be added to the class mailing list, please send your name to Ann Bouchard at the church office so that you can receive the materials.** If you

can't attend class on Sunday, you will still enjoy reading the weekly lesson. **The class meets each Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. via Zoom.**

### Please Share - It's easy!

When you watch our Sunday morning church service on Facebook you have the opportunity to invite all of your friends and relatives to join you!

It's so easy! Once you sign on, just look for a small button that says "share." Click on it and you're done! You can always add a personal note like, "I have really enjoyed the on-line service on Sunday mornings." Then you have automatically invited all of your Facebook connections to watch our service with us!



### After Worship (Zoom) Fellowship Time

Join us each Sunday at the conclusion of worship. The Zoom invitation is sent out each week in the Friday email!



### Updated Information Regarding Activities at Trinity Due to Covid-19

All planned in person events at the church remain cancelled or postponed through **May 31, 2021**. The Session has created a Reopening Task Force to assist in evaluating how and when to reopen. The focus, is on the safety of the congregation, and a reopening which still allows on line services. Worship services can be seen live on Facebook. **Please invite friends and neighbors to visit Trinity's on-line service.**

.....a little joke

**Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?**

(Answer is on page 5.)

## Trinity News



### Come join the fun!

Trinity's Christian Education Committee is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Trinity's back lawn on Easter morning April 4 between 9 and 10 a.m. for Trinity families with children. We will stagger times so only one family will be hunting at a time. Please sign up by March 26 by calling the church office, and we will let each family know what time they will be hunting!

### New addresses:



**Linda Kanagawa:** 1333 E. Monroe St., Springfield, MO 65804-0125. Phone: (417) 838-9952. Same email: [lindakanagawa@gmail.com](mailto:lindakanagawa@gmail.com)

**Grace and Leslie Fogwe:** 806 SW 34<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Lees Summit, MO 64082

**New phone: Paul Marsh:** (573) 547-6111.



## Musical Notes

*With Music Director Steve Yates*

Spring is here, and the beauty of God's creation is all around us. As we celebrate the season of Easter we look forward to the changes that the new year promises.

We have strived to continue the music ministry here at Trinity, and I remain in awe of the dedication and talent of our scholarship singers as well as Carol Virkler and Bill Daley. We also have welcomed Christine Nichols as the choir accompanist.

As we have done for the past few years we will be **presenting** a **Mundy Thursday** service. **This year's presentation we will be TENEBRAE, JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD.** I hope that each of you will join us on **Facebook Live at 7:00 pm on April 1, and invite your friends and family to join.**

Easter Sunday we have some very special musical offerings. In addition to our regular musicians we will be supported by our woodwind trio and a small brass section. I hope that next year we will all be worshipping together safely in God's house.

## Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Preparation for Return to In-Person Worship

In many ways, online worship over the last year has been the glue that has held us all together. Can you imagine what the pandemic would have been like without it? The dedication of our pastor, musicians and technological crew have been such a blessing! The Worship Committee, aware of how accustomed we have all become to the excellence of our online worship, know how important it will be, even after we return to in-person worship to continue that excellence. However, they do not want the in-person worship to suffer as a result. To that end, at the beginning of February, with the blessing of the session, they appointed a group of people to implement a plan for post-pandemic worship. They are Ted Groshong, Chair, Michael Fues, Rob Humfeld, Bill Kennedy, Fran Muench, Odell Newkirk, and Steve Yates. Elinor Arendt and Norm Gysbers are ex-officio members from the Property Committee. Michael Stanfield and Ann Bouchard are ex-officio members as staff persons. This group has met numerous times and received the advice of several consultants regarding how best to make the transition back to in-person worship.

Pandemic worship has changed the meaning of membership. Since people were forced to worship online, churches, like Trinity, who did it well, attracted regular worshippers from all around the country. We don't want to lose them. But neither do we want people who begin attending in person to have a second-rate experience. Thus, the ad hoc committee, again with the session's blessing, decided to move forward with adding screens in the sanctuary. After several meetings in the sanctuary with Ryan Mays, whose company, Mays Communications, has provided us with excellent work in the past, Ryan presented the committee with several alternative plans ranging in price from around \$18,000 to around \$25,000. With the idea that we have a building fund and other sources from which we could take the funds, the session approved the project. However, rather than depleting those funds that may be needed later for other required maintenance, the session would prefer that we fund the project by way of the congregation, if we can. As of this writing, even before announcing this project church wide, \$11,000 has already been donated to be used for needed technology in worship – including a donation from a nonmember from another state who watches us every week online! If you are interested in giving towards the project, simply mail a check to Trinity with "worship technology" in the memo line. Many thanks from the session and the ad hoc worship group!



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### Parson's Porch Gatherings

You are invited to participate in one of six, Sunday afternoon fellowship gatherings on Michael's new deck, beginning April 25—5:00-6:00 p.m. Group size will be limited to 15 per gathering, and there's plenty of space to spread out. Reservations are requested. Just copy and paste the link below into your browser:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA8A82CABFAC61-parsons>

Select the date you'd like to come, click the box next to "Participant" and then scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "Submit and Sign Up." You will be prompted to add your name and email address. You'll receive a friendly reminder a day or two before the event. It's important that each person attending reserve a slot. If you need sign up assistance, just call Ann at the church office—442-1164.

### Brotherhood Fund Provides Financial Help to Others

The Brotherhood Fund was set up by Trinity's elders as a pastor's discretionary fund that is completely confidential. It is dispensed only by the pastor and designed to help out those in our community who need financial assistance. Funding comes solely from member contributions, which are always greatly appreciated. Simply make out your check to "Trinity Presbyterian", and write in the memo line, "Brotherhood fund" and mail it into the office or contact Ann Bouchard to determine how to contribute online.

If you know of someone who could use help but for whom it would be awkward for you to give directly, please consider contributing to the fund and alerting Michael Stanfield as to whom your gift is intended. He will make sure your gift gets to the intended recipient.

Funds have recently been used to assist two Columbia residents with utility bills, to enable a newly employed individual to purchase tools needed for his work, and to purchase groceries for another individual.



### Highlights from the March Session Meeting

- ◆ Continued the suspension of in-person worship through the end of May;
- ◆ Approved a new vacation/sick leave policy for the Administrative Assistant position;
- ◆ Endorsed Rev. Stanfield's request for a 3-month sabbatical end of May—end of August, 2022; (The sabbatical after 7 years of service was included in his terms of call when he came to Trinity in 2015.)
- ◆ Approved a donation from the February 15th Fund of \$500 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Texas Winter Storm relief;
- ◆ Gave permission to Boy Scout Troop 4 to use four classrooms on the lower level for patrol meetings (masks and social distancing, required);
- ◆ Approved the use of the sanctuary for the senior voice recital of one of pianist Christine Nichols' students on May 24; and
- ◆ Approved funding for television monitors which will be installed in the sanctuary for use when in-person worship services begin again. (See additional information about this project on page 3.)



**WAYS TO GIVE:** You can make financial gifts to Trinity electronically by using the GivePlus Church app. It only takes a few minutes to set up your personal, secure account. Download the GivePlus Church app to your phone or tablet from either Google Play or the App Store; or use the "Give Now" button at the top of

Trinity's website homepage. Checks may also be sent to Trinity Presbyterian Church, c/o Ann Bouchard, 1600 W. Rollins Rd., Columbia, MO 65203. Please contact Ann at the church office if you have any questions (573)442-1164, or [abouchard@trinity-presbyterian.org](mailto:abouchard@trinity-presbyterian.org).

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### Trinity Library - Book Highlight

By Marianne Fues



***Beyond Religion : Ethics For a Whole World*** by His Holiness the Dalai Lama

In the West, secularism is so often understood as being antagonistic toward religion. The Dalai Lama has proposed an approach to ethics based on universal rather than religious principles. While some people enjoy living in an environment with different cultures, others view this as an increase in social tension. The author feels that it is vital that a universal approach be adopted to transcend differences.

Can humans manage without religion? Can humans manage without human values?

Find this book on the special shelf for newsletter features. Feel free to **visit Trinity Library** 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. Remember that there are only one or two people in the building at a time so **going to the library is easy**.

### Attention Trinity Parents:

We need your assistance to help us support and acknowledge the youth of our church. Please contact the Trinity office when your child has an award, special milestone, or event (academic or extracurricular). Thank you!

Answer from page 2: German Shepherds

### The Pastor & The Taxi Driver ....a little story

A pastor and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the Pearly gates waiting for them.

"Come with me," said St. Peter to the taxi driver.

The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St. Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine from a bowling alley to an Olympic size pool.

"Oh my word, thank you," said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the pastor to a rough old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set.

"Wait, I think you are a little mixed up," said the pastor. "Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all, I was a pastor, went to church every day, and preached God's word."

"Yes, that's true." St Peter rejoined, "But during your Easter sermons people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed."

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### Presbyterian Women News

Our circle meetings in April will be held via Zoom. The Evening Circle meeting will be on Tuesday, April 6th, at 7:00 p.m. (lesson leader: Cathy Holder, and devotional leader: Carol Virkler), and the Afternoon Circle meeting will be on Wednesday, April 7th, at 1:00 p.m. (lesson leader: the group, and devotional leader: Lynn Storvick). If you would like to "attend" either of these meetings and did not receive an invitation to the previous meetings, please send your e-mail address to "marcialake@gmail.com" and indicate which meeting you would like to attend. The Zoom invitations will be sent out sometime during the last week in March.

The Horizons Bible Study for 2020-2021 is INTO THE LIGHT: FINDING HOPE THROUGH PRAYERS OF LAMENT by Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller. In April, we will be examining Lesson 8, "God Laments", from the study. The main idea of this lesson is that God laments, too. The focus scriptures are Hosea 11:1-9, Luke 19:41-44, Matthew 23:37-39, and Luke 13:34-35.

Here is another prayer of lament from the February lesson:

#### LAMENT OVER THE CITY

*Remember, O Lord, what has befallen us.*

*We have injustice in our city, as some are treated fairly and some are not. People of color are stopped by police four times more than whites.*

*The joy in our hearts has ceased; and we are saddened by such unfairness.*

*We have discrimination in our schools. Inner city schools are poorer and less equipped than the richer newer schools.*

*The joy in our hearts has ceased; and we are saddened by such inequity*

*We have too many shootings and too much hate in our town.*

*The joy in our hearts has ceased and we are saddened by this violence.*

*The streets and schoolyards are unsafe for our children to play at and they hide inside.*

*The joy in our hearts has ceased and we are saddened by separation.*

*God, please restore fairness, justice, love, and safety to our city. Help us work with those in power to bring this about.*

*Through You all things are possible. Restore us to You, O God, that we may be restored.*

The 2021 Church-wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, August 5-8, 2021, in St. Louis, MO, HAS BEEN CANCELLED. There may be a special worship service or meeting scheduled via Zoom sometime during that week. If so, more information will follow.

If you have questions about any of the information provided above, please feel free to contact Marcia Lake at 573-474-3494 or "marcialake@gmail.com".

### Mission and Service Opportunities

**The Wardrobe:** The Wardrobe is open on a limited basis. It is open for shopping and donations on Wednesdays from 11-2 and Saturdays from 9-12 with a crew of five. Donations are accepted Mondays from 9-12. The following precautions must be observed: Masks are required for workers and customers. Customers will not be allowed in the door without a mask. Only 20 shoppers may be in the building at any one time. Six feet social distancing will be in place at the checkout desk and on the ramp coming in the building to reinforce this. If you can volunteer on the third Wednesday of the month, please contact Georgia Morehouse.



#### Trinity Continues to Provide Food for Loaves and Fishes

Trinity is continuing to provide meals on the second Thursday of the month. Signing up to donate food is easy. Just use the online sign up link sent out each month, then bring your food to the church kitchen by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meal. Anne Seymour picks up the food and takes it to Loaves and Fishes.

## OUR PRAYERS

### Ongoing Prayer Requests

**Dale Abernathy**—Missouri Veteran's Home, Mexico

**Jean Baldwin** - residing in Room 105, Cedarhurst, 2333 Chapel Hill Rd. 65203

**Glenn Barks** (Margaret Guthrie's brother, in rehab after suffering a stroke.)

**Patsy Brown**—at Mill Creek Village, 1990 W. Southampton Dr. 65203 in the memory care unit

**Merle and Jean Buck** (Merle is home from The Neighborhoods, adjusting to new caregivers)

**Lee Cary**—Lenoir Nursing Home

**Paul and Anna Conditt** (Sarah's Humfeld's parents, multiple health issues)

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

**Anthony Evans** (Donna Griffin's nephew, suffered 2 mini-strokes, undergoing physical therapy; also suffering from depression.)

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

**Barbara Jarvis** (Please pray for continued healing.)

**Georgia Morehouse's** sister **Virginia**, who has been diagnosed with senile dementia or Alzheimer's.

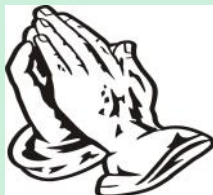
**Jim Muench's** mother, **Esther Muench Plonk**, and step-father, **Dr. George Plonk** (dealing with multiple health problems.)

**Markita Price** (breast cancer)

**Eric Yount's** cousin, **Alec** (aggressive form of sinus cancer)



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)



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.

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

The deadline for the May Trinity Times is Friday, April 23, 2021.  
Kyle Groshong is our editor.



### Food For Thought

#### Awe

Whenever I lapse into Pride, something is sure to come along that reveals the Awe shown by others long past. This happened to me this week when a story in *The New York Times* reported on a wooden Shigir Idol that was found deep in a peat bog in Russia. The 17-foot object, carved from a log of larch, dates to about 12,000 years ago. Its cut faces and patterned markings are evidence of purposeful representation of 'something' or 'someone' and are extraordinary for such early human activities. Our Pride ignores the "Primitive" the Neanderthal, the "Cave Dweller" and their Awe with sunrise, equinox, moons, and every other experience, and how they assigned patterns ("science") to them. Examples include the development and worldwide dispersion of agricultural practices from around 12,000 years ago; Mayan structures 9,000 years ago; the Great Pyramids (4,600 years ago), and Stonehenge and its predecessors (5,400 years ago). New revelations on their origins and purposes are discovered **all the time**.

~Surely these all were expressing Awe.

~ Ed Coe





# April 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4 Happy Easter!</b> 9:00 AM—Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 AM—Children/Youth Sunday School 10:30 AM—Worship (Live-Streamed) followed by Fellowship (Zoom)	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM—Fellowship Committee (Zoom) 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts Troop 4 (downstairs)	<b>6 Election Day at Trinity</b> 5:30-8:00 PM—Girl Scouts (downstairs) 7:00 PM—Evening Circle (Zoom)	<b>7</b> 1:00 PM—Afternoon Circle (Zoom) 7:00 PM—Stewardship and Finance Committee	<b>1</b> Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM—Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>11</b> 9:00 AM—Children/Youth Sunday School 9:30 AM—Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM—Worship (Bill Young, Pulpit Supply) (Live-Streamed) followed by Fellowship (Zoom)	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM—Christian Education Committee (Zoom) 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts Troop 4 (downstairs)	<b>13</b> 5:30-8:00 PM—Girl Scouts (downstairs)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:00 AM—Children/Youth Sunday School 9:30 AM—Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM—Worship (Bill Daly, Pulpit Supply) (Live-Streamed) followed by Fellowship (Zoom)	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts Troop 4 (downstairs)	<b>20</b> MUP Council Meeting (Zoom) 5:30-8:00 PM—Girl Scouts (downstairs) 7:00 PM—Session	<b>21</b> 11:00 AM—Wardrobe	<b>22</b> 4:00 PM - Property Committee	<b>23</b> Trinity Times Deadline Garden Club Plant Sale Set Up (FH)	<b>24</b> Garden Club Plant Sale (FH)
<b>25</b> 9:00 AM—Children/Youth Sunday School 9:30 AM—Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM—Worship (Live-Streamed) followed by Fellowship (Zoom) 5:00 PM—Parson's Porch Gathering	<b>26</b> 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts Troop 4 (downstairs)	<b>27</b> 5:30-8:00 PM—Girl Scouts (downstairs)	<b>28</b> 10:00 AM — Cong. Care Committee (Zoom)	<b>29</b> 7:00 PM—Mission Committee (Zoom)	<b>30</b>	