



# Trinity Tidings **November**

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November, 2020

## Thanksgiving THANK YOU's!

Thank you, Elders on Duty and Ushers, for helping us worship in safety by guiding us through the social distancing protocols and thank you, worshippers, for complying with our face mask and safety protocols. Your cooperation allows us to continue in-person worship.

Thank you, Session, for approving final year 3 of 3 gift of \$50,000.00 from our Legacy Endowment Funds to our Revitalize the Presbytery of Florida efforts. Also, for \$3,000.00 Legacy gift to purchase Apple Macintosh desktop computer and video studio software and hardware to enhance our worship and church audio/video broadcast capabilities.

Thank you, anonymous Church Member, for your gift of \$100,000.00 to replace our analog sound system in the sanctuary with state-of-the-art all digital sound and video system and cameras to enhance the sound quality in our sanctuary for our choirs and musicians. We will be equipped to present high quality sound worship services, music programs, and general presentations our sanctuary and to record and broadcast and video programs of the caliber as we recorded last summer up. We hope to install the equipment in November. We need and want folks to be trained in operations of the system. If interested, contact Clara Riggelman.

Thank you for showing mutual forbearance after the November 3 presidential election. This presidential election 2020 has been contentious, to say the least, and some church members are expressing harsh feelings and vitriolic language on social media platforms. Let us show mutual forbearance to one another after November 3 election day and not gloat over our side winning, whichever "side," party, camp, that may be. Let us demonstrate grace and respect to one another and pray for cooperation to prevail as our nation responds and moves into 2021.

Thank you, Hurricane Recovery Efforts. Reroofing of our buildings (\$305,000.00) is underway, replacements of wet ceilings and carpets in the Activity Center will begin soon, repairs to the playground/plaza are underway, repairs in TLC wing are done. Estimated total cost of repairs is \$340,000.00, with insurance deductibles of \$152,000.00 (wind) and \$2500.00 (flood). Deductibles will be covered by the emergency fund we established after 2004 Hurricane Ivan and to which we deposit each year. We hope insurance policies will pay the balance.

Thank you, Christmas Offering. The Session approved replacing the PCUSA Christmas Offering with an offering to the Escambia County Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC) to provide assistance to local citizens recovering from losses to Hurricane Sally. In 2018 we did the same switch and provided assistance to Panama City - Parkway Presbyterian Church after Hurricane Michael. We will collect the special offering on Sunday, December 20, please submit your gifts to Sharon Robbins in the church office by December 20.

Thank you for your financial support to Trinity's life and service. Financial Statements as of 09/30/20:

	MTD Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 96,742	\$904,575	\$1,049,519
Expenses	\$120,621	\$987,036	\$1,087,862
Net	\$ (23,879)	\$ (82,461)	\$ (38,343)

Pledged giving is \$16,242.00 below budget to date; non-pledged giving is 20,036.00 below budget, and cash offering plate giving is \$5033.00 below budget (we missed a lot of in-person Sundays). Overall expenses are \$71,976.00 below budget to date.

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**Online giving:** Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving your tithes and offerings. We appreciate you! You have increased usage of online giving in 2020! To give online, go to <http://trinitypcola.org/giveonline/>

**Thank you, one and all, for your love and compassion in 2020.** Our world and worldview have shifted in ways we never imagined possible last January. We have battled an unseen virus in this Covid-19 pandemic; we have navigated an economic recession of such scale we have not seen in a lifetime; we are contending with ugliness of racism, injustice, inequity, and polarized politics. Hurricanes, fires, floods and fights have ravaged our country this year. Anyone of these challenges alone could undo us – and here we are battling all at once. The convergence of these forces sets up a perfect storm. We in America are all in the storm together, and yet, it is different for each of us given our race, our economic and social status, our political affiliations, our heritage, our worldview.

2020 is testing our country, our churches, our communities, and our mission to ***Love God, Love Neighbor, Make Disciples, and Make a Difference.*** What can we do as we end 2020 and enter 2021 to sustain what is good and loving and true and just about God's kingdom on earth and Trinity's role in that kingdom work? What may we discard that is unworthy or no longer beneficial? How may we together work to create a better, more welcoming, more encouraging, more hospitable, more equitable, more sustainable church, community, nation? How may we show love and respect for all of God's children and work for peace with justice, and justice with peace? This is no easy task, but 2021 calls us to rise to task.

What gives me hope and confidence are the examples of Christian love and empathy I have seen at Trinity through the years, the courageous and valiant work I have seen our denomination undertake in decades past and present, and the compelling vision of God's kingdom that Advent and Christmas present. We are facing a perfect storm with many facets, but as God has in the past, so now God is seeing us through this storm, and with the Prince of Peace who can silence the wind and calm the waves, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and the power and peace of God's Holy Spirit, we will prevail. Goodwill and generosity are alive and well in Trinity Presbyterian Church.

In looking back at 2020 we will discover hidden blessings as God used our people to face our nation's challenges, and our challenges to redefine how we connect with and serve Gods and neighbor. We may see how 2020 changed our perspectives and increased our creativity and courage to love and serve one another; to show up, to speak up, to stand up, for what is right and fair. 2020 has pushed us to consider our priorities, our precedents, our prejudices, and to determine what is most important and what truly matters. We Americans are resilient, we are imaginative, we are full of grace and goodwill. God will help us to discover what is significant and effective in His kingdom work and what makes for peace, for prosperity for all God's children. We will be better because of 2020 and 2021. Therefore, I am thankful, I am hopeful!

God bless you, your families, your loved ones, your neighbors this Thanksgiving!



Hugh Hamilton



The One Blood Bloodmobile will be in the Trinity parking lot on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

## Happy November Birthdays!

Gregory Longuet	1
Sharon Oakes	1
Ford Reeves	1
Sandy White	1
Janet Behrens	2
Margaret Sims	2
John Opdyke	3
Lauren Boyd Lanier	5
Savannah Davidson	5
Lauren Scott	7
Charlie Gilroy	8
Eli Hartsfield	8
Patty Hightower	8

Ed Kidd	8
Richard Peden	8
Nancy Campbell	11
Mac Shehee	12
David Davies	13
Luke Davies	14
Joni Moore	15
Tommy Taylor	16
Jim Lemke	17
Beth McClure	18
Brian Childers	19
Ann Forster	19
Jenny Baars	20

Sandra Buck	20
Jerry Mock	21
Sue Peden	21
Jennifer Holman	22
Avery Eddins	23
Sam Wooten	24
Gracie Garman	25
Jack Sherrill	26
Ellen Sims	26
Jan Beck	28
Kacey Stage	28
Alice Adams	29

## CONCERNS OF THE TRINITY FAMILY

### TRINITY MEMBERS

Rod Burton  
 Nancy Campbell  
 Butch Crooke  
 Tom Gross  
 The Family of Earl Hawthorne  
 Richard & Sue Peden  
 Jake and Lil Renfroe  
 Lamar & Cheryl Wasdin  
 Carl Williams

### TRINITY FRIENDS & FAMILY

Don Allen (neighbor of Dona & Milton Usry)  
 Rose Baber (mother of Barb Martensen)  
 Morgan Beck (brother of Gregg Beck)  
 Joe Caruthers (friend of Mary Ruth Dobie)  
 Harvey Howell Casey (nephew of Mary Catherine Hinton)  
 Nathan Dille (friend of Diane Millas)  
 Rob Dobie (family of Mary Ruth Dobie)  
 Vince Farrugia (friend of Mary Ruth Dobie)

Kristin Gottschalk (niece of Allen Martensen)  
 Tina & Roger Jaskot (friends of Jon & Karen Nagel)  
 Joe Kemp (friend of Hugh Hamilton)  
 Yangduck Kim (mother of Hyunjoo Kim)  
 Jerry LaFlamme (request of Linda Gamble)  
 Mason Land (request of Barbara McLean)  
 Allyson Lassiter (niece of Jan Beck)  
 Deanna & Jeff Lepa (family of Tom & Sandra Buck)  
 Melanie & Richard Mabe (friends of Gary Davidson)  
 Angelica Makepeace (request of Alison John)  
 Wyatt Mixson & Family (request of Marge Shimmin)  
 Barbara & Ben Mozo (request of Sandy Edwards)  
 Shade O'Driscoll Family (friends of Mary Ruth Dobie)  
 Jim Potter (request of Jean Norman)  
 Diane Swalin (request of Mary Ruth Dobie)  
 Roger Vinson (request of Jean Norman)  
 Linda Warrick (request of Marge Shimmin)  
 Jo Winford (sister of Jayne Felix)  
 Saffron Young (family of Mary Anne Meier)

**Prayer Warriors have been praying for our Concerns of the Trinity Family list during this time of isolation. We are grateful to Sally Zorn, Linda Gamble, Jill Clark, Sharon Gensemer, Sandra Holman, Kathy Webb, Marshall Arrich, Jane Patterson, Mary Anne Meier, Pat Harris, Dawn John, and Betty Petree. Thank you all!**



Are you utilizing our online database, MyTrinity?  
 This is our digital database where your group leaders and church family can contact you!  
 Please update your profiles!

Group leaders—this is a great time to be connected via an online format! We can help you get your group together in a chat, a group message, or just be connected!

If you need help with your group or your login, please contact Wendy in the church office by email at [wendydavies@trinitypcola.org](mailto:wendydavies@trinitypcola.org).

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE** Verses of Comfort can be found at [trinitypcola.org](http://trinitypcola.org) > ministries > congregational care > other services - [click link here](#).

Dear Care Team,

I want to thank you for the cross book marker and for the wonderful scriptures. I keep them close and read them frequently. But more importantly, thank you for your prayers!

Love, Jo Winford (sister of Jayne Felix)

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all of the wonderful thoughts and prayers. Believe me, they have worked! There is no cancer present at this time. I am continuing medication at this time. We will see how it goes and keep you informed. Thanks again, and God Bless! Love you Laura (Lawrence). The Delevan Family





**Pick up an empty box at church and return your Gift-Filled Shoebox!**

DATE:  
Now thru 11/15

LOCATION:  
Trinity Presbyterian Church



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**SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS**



**TOYS**

- toy cars
- jump ropes
- yo-yos
- toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

**ACCESSORIES**

- socks
- sunglasses
- jewelry and watches
- flashlights (with extra batteries)

**"WOW" ITEM**

- soccer ball with pump
- doll
- stuffed animal
- shoes

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

- pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- notebooks and paper
- coloring and picture books
- solar calculators

**NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS**

- toothbrushes
- bar soap
- washcloths
- combs



**Do Not Include:** candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ)



**HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT**



As you prayerfully prepare to pack your shoebox gift, please remember that your shoebox may be the only gift the child ever receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last.

**1 SHOEBOX**

Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted boxes are available on our website.



**4 PRAY**

Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of the child.



**2 "WOW" ITEM**

Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.



**5 DONATE \$9 PER BOX**

A donation of \$9 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online. If you use our **Follow Your Box** feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!



**3 OTHER GIFTS**

Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



**6 DROP OFF**

Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.



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