

A Message from the Wilderness

It is hard to believe that I am about to wrap up my time here in Atlanta. My trip to Scotland is already upon me, beginning this Thursday. But the last six weeks have been very meaningful and interesting. I have accomplished much of what I set out to do, and more. In addition to what I have already reported, I have eaten a variety of Middle Eastern and Arabian foods; participated in Friday prayers accompanied by Mr. Ibrahim Awad, who explained a lot of details to me; and had a casual lunch and conversation with Imam Arshad Anwar, whose mosque in Roswell is very active in all aspects of their local community. Arshad is a very personable young man who is likely in his early to mid-thirties. He was born in Karachi, Pakistan, but grew up in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, where he father was a physician for many years. He returned to Karachi for his training to be an imam. He told me of many things their congregation, Roswell Community Masjid, and Roswell Presbyterian Church do together, with the leadership of the pastor of that church, the late Rev. Lane Alderman, whom I knew from associations many years ago.

In addition to meaningful encounters such as these, I have visited with Mike, Rebecca, and William Stoltzfus-Green, and worshiped at their church, Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church. Having spent a Saturday night in their home we were able to catch up on a lot in our shared conversation. I also had a wonderful visit with my long-time friend, the Rev. Barry Ferguson, who lives in Marietta and is a retired Presbyterian pastor. He served churches in Columbus, Georgia, and at one time we worked together on the staff of First Presbyterian Church there.

So I will fly to Glasgow, Scotland this Thursday and spend a little over two weeks in the country. I will visit on the Isle of Iona for five days and then spend time around the western Highlands. Brian, my son, will join me for the last five days. We hope to do some hiking on the Isle of Skye, maybe go snow skiing in the Nevis Mountain Range, and visit Edinburgh.

I miss you all. I miss my normal routines. It will be good to get home for good on Saturday, April 8. I hope to share my experiences and what I have learned with any who are interested in hearing my story. Thank you again for allowing me this most meaningful time away.

Grace and peace to you all in Christ.
Pastor Hart



Trinity News



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Mission Statement

*As Believers, we will worship God by...
Praising, praying, responding to His Holy Word.*

*As Disciples, we will follow God by...
Studying, learning, living His Holy Word.*

*As Stewards, we will honor God by...
Caring, serving, sharing His Holy Word.*

Church Work Day - March 25, 8 a.m. - Noon

- ✦ Clean Carpet
- ✦ Plant tree donated by Linda Brown
- ✦ Replace light bulbs
- ✦ Install handicap railing in restrooms
- ✦ Clean windows (solution has been purchased)
- ✦ Plant Geraniums
- ✦ Check play areas and building for wasp (spray has been purchased)



The Trinity Children's Choir performed "Because of Who You Are" last Sunday. Once again, Miss Makinsey Rosser did a wonderful job helping the children to share their talents.

The KOW kids provided treats for our visitors from Clarion University. The college students are here to help out with Habitat for Humanity during their Spring Break.



Deepen your Lenten Journey in one or more of the following ways this week:

Through Prayer: Pray the "Jesus Prayer." In a comfortable position bow your head and attend to your breathing. As you breathe in pray: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God..." and as you breathe out pray: "have mercy on me a sinner." Repeat this over and over and as you repeat the phrase focus on the meaning of the words, praying them from the heart and in the heart.

Through Service: Write a note of thanks for the students who are here this week staying in our building in order to work with Habitat for Humanity.

Through Fasting: Turn off the lights. Walk through your house and turn off every light and see how late you can go in the evening before turning them back on.

Through Prayer: Pray the Hours. For one or more days set an alarm on your phone or watch to remind you to pray at the top of each hour. When your alarm sounds stop what you are doing and offer up prayer for at least 1 minute.

Through Service: Purchase a roll of quarters and visit a local laundromat and offer to pay for folks to wash or dry their clothes.

Through Fasting: Give up something from your diet this week... coffee, diet coke, sugar, etc. Pick one item that you feel like you can't live without and give it up for the entire week.

Prayer Centers in Worship

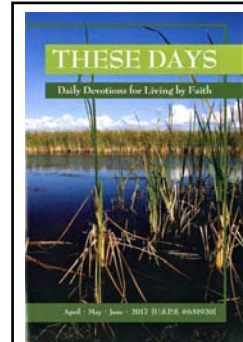
This Lenten Season you will have the opportunity to experience prayer in a variety of ways. Each Sunday different Prayer Centers will be set up around the Sanctuary. During the service a time will be set aside when you can choose to visit one or more of the centers while our pianist, Edward Neeman, plays beautiful music. This time will be yours to center yourself either through coloring, drawing, listening, writing or more. The prayer centers will be introduced each Sunday and will stay in place through Thursday morning for anyone to come and visit while the church is open. Heighten your awareness of God through prayer this Lent by joining us in worship.

Daily Morning Worship for 40 Days

Elder Bryan Wright continues to offer a Lenten Observance Discipline every morning for 40 days during Lent. He is leading a 20 minute devotional at 7:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary for any who wish to participate. The forty days of Lent are Monday through Saturday from **Ash Wednesday, March 1**, through the **Saturday before Easter, April 15**. Sundays are not included in Lent. The devotion includes meditative music, reading from the *Presbyterians Today 2017 Lenten Devotional, Meeting Jesus*, and quiet reflection on a theme for the day. Participants may be on their way by 7:20 a.m. each morning.

These Days Devotional Booklets

These Days Devotional Booklets are available in the atrium. These booklets are published by our denomination, The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and are provided at no charge by Trinity's Worship Committee. This issue begins April 1. Be sure to pick up your copy.



FOR YOUR DAILY PRAYER

The pastor and elders meet at 10:45 each Sunday morning to pray for the morning service and to remember by name each person on our prayer list. Please lift the names of these persons to God in your prayers.



Members & Regular Participants

Margaret Bruch
Marvin Bruch
Jansom Butts
Virginia Conner
Marie Hill
Clarence Parker
Dorothy Parker
Chris Roan
Janet Wright

Junior Herndon (Nellie Stoddard)
Marcia Hobbs (Nita Cross)
Eunice Jenkins (Winnie Dooly)
Chris Lang (Mary Beckett)
Carol Levere (Bernie Preyna)
Jeff Newbern (Glennie Wicks)
Madelyn Pitts (Brian Preyna)
Sean Richardson (Mary Beckett)
Andrea Scruggs (Leonard Mittelstadt)
Nathan Shaffer (Jerri-Kay Radabaugh)
Andrea Shover (Brooke Webb)
Janie Spooner (Jerri-Kay Radabaugh)
Sharon Stalvey (Jeff Bickers)
Lizbeth Stevens (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)
Mildred Thompson (Judy Bickers)
Maggie Tuten (Kathy Roe)
Nancy Vernon (Chris Roan)
Robby Walker (David Armond)
Nick Whilse (Kathy Roe)
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Woods (Linda Brown)
Lettrice Zellars-Little (Andrea Micklon)

Relatives

Eric Aiken, *grandson of Barbara Aiken*
Reed Armond, *brother of David Armond*
Bert Chancy, *son-in-law of Leta Cone*
Ben Chunn, *grandfather of Brooke Webb*
Scott Ferguson, *brother-in-law of Kathy Roe*
John Luketic, *cousin of Sherry Stranahan*
Kathy Nichols, *aunt of Melissa Johnson*
Delores Oorlog, *mother of Linda Reinhard*
Herb Reinhard II, *father of Herb Reinhard III*
Jenny Roe, *niece of Kathy Roe*
Donald Schreengost, *uncle of Sherry Stranahan*
Franna Taylor, *mother of Sonja Guilbeau*

Friends (contact person)

Elizabeth Boyd (Charlie Oliver)
Mary Marna Brady (Beverly Peters)
Katie Chappuis (Sonja Guilbeau)
Jackie Coxwell (Cindy Gallahan)
Allie Daugherty (Eric Micklon)
Betty Davis (Marcie Swank)
Jolie Denmark (Nellie & Frank Stoddard)
Charles DeVane (Mary Beckett)
Chet Dreschel (Anghaarad Teague Dees)
Lynn Ferguson (Kathy Roe)
Linda Fortenberry (Leta Cone)
Irene Gallagher (Jane Gore)
John Gentry (Catherine Loveday)
Ami Guilliams (Libby Bickers)
Harry Haverkamp (Candy Wakefield)

Pray for our Confirmation Class as they prepare to take on the role of member and claim the promises of baptism for themselves: Connor Bickers, David Preyna, Andrew Preyna, Faith Cockren, and Will Cockren. Thank you to Bill Wicks who is teaching these young people each week.

Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 19 March 2017 Third Sunday in Lent

Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7
Psalter: Psalm 95
New Testament: Romans 5:1-11
Gospel: John 4:5-42

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Pat and Mili Collins
Noelle
Leta Cone

Our Military Personnel
Missionaries
Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan
Refugees fleeing oppression and countries that are offering those refugees shelter and aid. Victims of terrorism within our borders, and around the world.

We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .

to the family and friends of Peggy Roark, who died recently, requested by Andrea Micklon,

and to the family and friends of Lane Renfroe, who died recently, requested by Ruth Stonestreet.

Please pray for victims of recent tornadoes, and strong thunderstorms in our immediate area.

Our Wednesday Schedule:

For Wednesday, **March 22, 2017**
5:30 p.m. – KOW for Children or Music with Makinsey Rosser
5:45 p.m. – Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. – Supper is served in the Fellowship Hall beginning with a prayer of thanksgiving in the Atrium
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Bible Study
SMASH for Youth

Supper will be provided by the Hoover/Radabaugh cooking team. The menu will include lasagna. Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches will be available for children.

The charge for the meal will be as follows:
\$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students (pre-k through high school), with a \$12.00 Maximum per family.
Carry-outs – meal cost above plus 25¢ per carry-out tray.

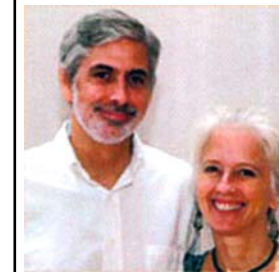
Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday Morning Bible Study will meet at 11:00 a.m. on **March 23, 2017**. We are studying a book titled, *Waking up white*, written by Debby Irving. The meeting will last one hour, and coffee will be served. All are welcome to attend.

Dutch Lunch Bunch

The Dutch Lunch Bunch will gather at 12 noon on **Tuesday, March 21, 2017**. Participants are asked to bring a dish to share. Reservations are requested. Please sign up at Trinity or call the Church Office to put your name on the list.

Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan to visit Trinity



Mark Your Calendars and plan to attend the visit of Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan. They will be here the evening of April 23. They will give an informative presentation at 7 p.m. followed by a reception. All are invited to attend and meet the Morgans.

		
<i>April Birthdays</i>		
	<i>Rebecca Reinhard</i>	<i>1-Apr</i>
	<i>David Armond</i>	<i>3-Apr</i>
	<i>Bill Wicks</i>	<i>4-Apr</i>
	<i>Adrian Butts</i>	<i>4-Apr</i>
	<i>Melanie George</i>	<i>5-Apr</i>
	<i>Ann Smith</i>	<i>6-Apr</i>
	<i>Lisa Pearce</i>	<i>7-Apr</i>
	<i>Ruth Stonestreet</i>	<i>12-Apr</i>
	<i>Karen Ferguson</i>	<i>12-Apr</i>
	<i>Beverly Peters</i>	<i>13-Apr</i>
	<i>Rebecca Morris</i>	<i>15-Apr</i>
	<i>April Harrell</i>	<i>15-Apr</i>
	<i>David Morris</i>	<i>15-Apr</i>
	<i>Margie Vollenweider</i>	<i>16-Apr</i>
	<i>Chris Roan</i>	<i>17-Apr</i>
	<i>Chance Bickers</i>	<i>17-Apr</i>
	<i>Barbara Aiken</i>	<i>17-Apr</i>
	<i>Judy Bickers</i>	<i>19-Apr</i>
	<i>Renae Preyna</i>	<i>20-Apr</i>
	<i>Mili Collins</i>	<i>28-Apr</i>
	<i>Patrick Collins</i>	<i>29-Apr</i>
	<i>Kathy Roe</i>	<i>29-Apr</i>
	<i>Don Vollenweider</i>	<i>30-Apr</i>



SMASH Report

Last week we really enjoyed the Prayer Centers in the sanctuary. We also got a lot of ideas on paper for Youth Sunday...lots of cool things that we are very excited about. Our theme is going to be: "Make a Joyful Noise!" and we have found lots of Bible passages that will enhance our theme...be sure to be here March 22 as we will begin writing many of the prayers, selecting hymns and more to get the service ready for April 23rd. **Youth going to Montreat your balance payment of \$184.00 is due THIS WEEK!**

