



### A Message from the Wilderness

I am comfortably settled on the Island of Iona off the west coast of Scotland. (It took not one but two ferry boat rides to reach this place.) I say “comfortable,” at least my room, the common room, and the refectory (dining hall) are comfortable. The weather here is cold, there is a constant sea breeze, which at times is a stiff wind, and the skies are mostly overcast with intermittent rain. But Scotland is beautiful even in the rain.

My room is in the Iona Abbey and Church (pictured here) which was originally built in 1300 AD. It was restored in the 1930s and is home to a full program of spiritual and communal inquiry. It is also a significant destination for people all over the world who come to learn about the roots of Christianity in the British Isles at this living museum. St. Columba came from Ireland to establish a monastery on this island and from here reached out to the people living on the Scottish mainland with the Gospel of Christ. That happened in 563 AD.

I am part of a work crew helping to prepare the facilities here for the full program which begins next week and runs until October. Some are painting, some are deep cleaning all the guest rooms, and four of us are doing yard work. At least those were the jobs today. There will likely be other tasks before the week ends on Thursday.

This is a remarkable place, with a deep history, and a phenomenal spiritual connection. There is a quote on the entrance hall to the Abbey by Dr. Samuel Johnson from 1773 which says, “That one is little to be envied whose piety would not grow warmer amidst the ruins of Iona.” That has been my blessed experience thus far here.

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.*

## March 25, 8 a.m. - Noon



- ✦ Clean windows
- ✦ Plant Geraniums
- ✦ Check play areas and building for wasp nests
- ✦ Clean Carpet
- ✦ Plant tree donated by Linda Brown
- ✦ Replace light bulbs
- ✦ Install handicap railing in restrooms

### Session Committee Night

The Committees of the Session will meet this coming Sunday evening, **March 26** at 6:00 p.m. If you are not on a Session Committee, please come sit in on a committee meeting to check it out and find your niche in ministry! (Elders will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary to prepare the agenda for committees.)

### Prayer Centers in Worship

As we enter the fourth week of Lent the Prayer Centers keep changing each week to engage you on your Lenten Journey. If you have not visited a center during worship or during the week please make plans to do so in the days ahead, you might discover that the activities help focus your attention on God. The prayer centers are available to anyone during the week from 7:00am-4:00pm...please come in for some quiet reflection in the middle of the Lenten season.

### Columbarium and Prayer Garden Construction

To see pictures of ongoing construction of the outside columbarium and prayer garden, and the inside columbarium, visit our Facebook page.



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

**Through Prayer:** Pray the Lord's Prayer every day at least one time. Each day pick one line to repeat over and over really listening to the petition and what it is saying to you.

**Through Service:** Seek *Holy Conversation* this week with someone you've never had conversation with before. Begin with some simple questions for the other and don't be afraid to delve deeper into deeper topics. Don't set an agenda but do agree on how long you will meet (3x for one hour or 1x for 2 hours).

**Through Fasting:** For one day turn off the water in your home. Don't use any water from the taps to bathe, cook or drink...the residents of Flint, Michigan have endured more than 1,000 days without clean water and have relied on bottled water for all of their needs during this crisis.

**Through Prayer:** Find a recording (online or in your library) of the song "Give Me Jesus." As you listen to the simple words of this spiritual, reflect on what it means to have Jesus every day and in every circumstance of life.

**Through Service:** Write a note to a public servant. You can write a note calling their attention to a need you see in the world, you can write them a note of thanks, or whatever you choose. Take the time to think about what you might say to a member of Congress, the President, our City leaders or State leaders.

**Through Fasting:** Go one day without speaking. Grab a pad of paper and pen or dry erase board if you must communicate. Make a name tag that lets folks know that you are taking a vocal rest and will not be speaking for 24 hours. As you give up speech for a day think about how much more you listen when you are not waiting for your turn to speak.

## Worship Assistance Calendar - April 2017

SUN	Communion	Ushers	Greeters	Counting Team	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Breakfast Team
2		<b>Eddie Webb</b> Noelle Collins Brian Preyna Chris Roan Ruth Stonestreet	Elder Ruth Stonestreet Lee & Barbara Bradley Sherry Stranahan	Bill Bickers Frank Kilgard Bryan Wright	Frank Kilgard	Andrew Preyna	Kelly Wicks Debbie Hart Valerie Singer
9		<b>David Armond</b> Zane Dees Melissa Mittelstadt Lisa Pearce Billy Ryan	Elder Marcie Swank	Kim Dudley Brian Preyna Debbie Radabaugh	Denise Dupras	Mickeala Mittelstadt	Lyle McGhin Mike Cross Nita Cross
16	Prep: Roberta Boyd Nancy Knobel Linda Brown Jeff Bickers Nita Cross Kim Dudley Brian Preyna Brooke Webb	<b>Pat Collins</b> Noelle Collins Charlie Oliver Jeremy Ware Kelly Wicks	Elder Kim Dudley	Nita Cross Ruth Stonestreet Brooke Webb	Jan Hobson	Emma Micklon	Judy Bickers Andrea Micklon Mark Micklon
23		<b>Mike Cross</b> Tyler Cross Ebb Dudley Ray Josey Doug Maxwell	Elder Jeff Bickers	Jeff Bickers Cathy Hoover Don Thieme	Miranda Cross	Eric Micklon	Doug Maxwell Libby Bickers
30		<b>Guy Oliver</b> Bill Bickers Roberta Boyd John Roan Ann Smith	Elder Brooke Webb George & Martha Bennett Cindy Gallahan	Bill Bickers Frank Kilgard Bryan Wright	Glennie Wicks	David Preyna	Brooke Webb Eddie Webb Beth Reid



**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  
**Nellie Stoddard**  
Janet Wright

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)  
**Lacy Hall** (Beverly Peters)  
Junior Herndon (Nellie Stoddard)  
Marcia Hobbs (Nita Cross)  
**Marsha Hughes** (Patsi Peacock)

**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 Schrecengost, *uncle of Sherry Stranahan*  
Franna Taylor, *mother of Sonja Guilbeau*

Eunice Jenkins (Winnie Dooly)  
Chris Lang (Mary Beckett)  
Carol Levere (Bernie Preyna)  
Jeff Newbern (Glennie Wicks)  
Madelyn Pitts (Brian Preyna)  
**Carolyn Poe** (Jackie Wright)  
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)

**Friends (contact person)**

Elizabeth Boyd (Charlie Oliver)  
Mary Marna Brady (Beverly Peters)  
Katie Chappuis (Sonja Guilbeau)  
**Abraham Cotton** (Mili Collins)  
Jackie Coxwell (Cindy Gallahan)  
Allie Daugherty (Eric Micklon)  
Betty Davis (Marcie Swank)  
Jolie Denmark (Nellie & Frank Stoddard)

**Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 26 March 2017 Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Old Testament:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
**Psalter:** Psalm 23  
**New Testament:** Ephesians 5:8-14  
**Gospel:** John 9:1-41

**Members Remembered in Prayer This Week**

Virginia Conner  
Mike and Nita Cross  
Miranda and Tyler

**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.

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

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.

**Our Wednesday Schedule:**

For Wednesday, **March 29, 2017**  
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 Dupras/Wright cooking team. The menu will include beef stroganoff. 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.**

**KOW Reminder**

We will **NOT** have KOW on the next two Wednesdays, **March 29** and **April 5** (Spring Break). Activities will resume on **April 10**.

**Easter Celebration**

Trinity will once again host a morning of Easter activities for children the day before Easter on **April 15, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** We will have several interactive stations available, including live bunnies, dyeing eggs, making Easter crowns, and jelly bean taste-testing. And, of course, we will have egg hunts. To ensure that this is a success, we need your help! Please donate candy for the kids. The treats will be distributed inside so we can definitely include chocolate and homemade items! A sign-up sheet will be on the office window to prevent having an overabundance of one kind of candy. Please invite family and friends to this casual, fun event.

\*Suggested treats (all individually wrapped): snack/mini candy bars, jellybeans, Starbursts, Brach's marshmallow candy eggs, Lifesavers Gummies, etc.

**Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan to visit Trinity**



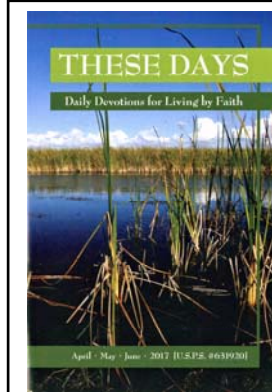
Mark Your Calendars and plan to welcome Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan. They will be here the evening of April 23. They will give an informative presentation at 7 p.m., followed by a reception. All are invited to attend and meet the Morgans.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Thursday Morning Bible Study will meet at 11:00 a.m. on **March 30, 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 Serving Lunch at The Center @ VSU**

The Dutch Lunch Bunch will be preparing and serving the monthly lunch for The Center at VSU on **March 28**. Those preparing desserts are asked to bring them to Trinity **before 10:00 a.m.** on Tuesday.



**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.

The youth and children are in need of the following items by April 12: 5 gallon paint buckets, drum sticks, and large plastic jars with lids. We will return the buckets and drum sticks once we have finished using them. Let Anghaarad or Andrea know if you have these items. Thank you

**SMASH Report**

This week we will have a special guest, Tre Jackson. Tre is a linebacker on the Georgia Tech football team, a graduate of Lowndes High School, and Patsi Peacock's grandson. Come and hear about some of his experiences playing division 1 football as well as life after high school. The following week, April 5th we will not have SMASH as it is Spring Break...have a great week! We will rehearse Youth Sunday beginning Wednesday, April 12th, again on April 19th, and possibly April 22nd...watch your email for notification. Youth will assist in leading the Easter Sunrise Service, the scripts for that service will be ready April 12th and we will rehearse it after the Easter Party on April 15th at noon.

