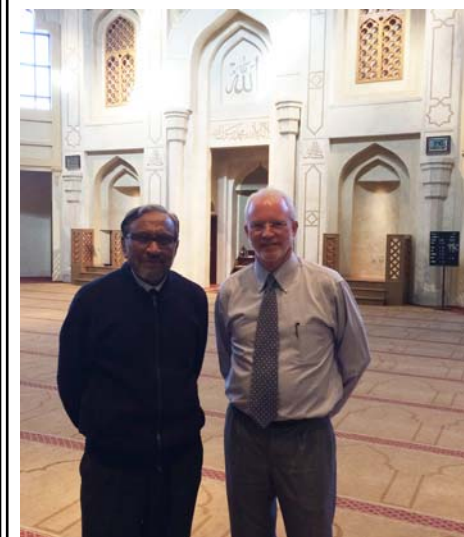


Back From the Wilderness!

What a grand and loving welcome home you all gave me Sunday! Thanks for the encouraging words and the pot luck lunch. It is good to be home and to see all of you. And thank you for letting me fully disconnect while I was away. But that does not mean I did not miss you, that I did not pray for you, and that I did not think of you at times of worship, Lenten Devotional time, and at other times when I knew you were gathered together without me. I have seen how much you have done and how well you carried on in my absence. I am especially grateful to Anghaarad for handling everything while I was gone, and to Bryan Wright for organizing and leading Lenten Devotionals early every morning. To everyone who had a part in picking up the baton and running with it while I was away, many thanks!

I plan to share a travelogue at some point soon, and I have several ideas of ways to convey what I have learned about living in our multi-religious society. In the meantime I'll share some pictures in *Trinity News* from time to time.



I am pictured here with Dr. Kahlid Sadiq, founding member of Al Farouq, inside the masjid. He is a prominent physician in Atlanta and has been on the faculty of the medical college at Emory University Hospital. He is an active participant in inter-faith projects including membership in Faith Alliance of Metro Atlanta. He welcomed me graciously and spent time sharing with me about his faith and his inter-faith efforts.



Al Farouq Mosque (called a "masjid" in Arabic) is a large and prominent landmark in Mid Town Atlanta. I visited Friday Prayers there during my sojourn in Atlanta.



A "pilgrimage" (in this case about two miles) is more than a hike. It is a walking journey that includes directed thought and conversation, personal contemplation, and conscious recognition of the sights and sounds of creation encountered along the way, like this "highland cow" and his mate.

On a "pilgrimage" across the Isle of Iona, we stopped by the ruins of the "nunnery" which, unlike the Abbey Church, has not been restored. While there, silently contemplating the contribution of women of faith, we were then given a chance to utter aloud the names women of the Bible, women in Church history, and women who had influenced our own lives and faith.



Lenten Disciplines & Prayer Centers

This Lenten season many of you have expressed how much you've enjoyed the Prayer Centers in worship and the hope is that they have deepened your spiritual journey this past 40 days. Many of you took advantage of one or more of the Spiritual Discipline suggestions that were in the newsletter these past few weeks. As we move out of the season of Lent and into the joy of Eastertide let us not forget to find time to include spiritual disciplines in our daily lives...read the daily lectionary, pray the Psalms or fast on Fridays...all of these disciplines are not to prove piety but to deepen our relationships with Christ and one another. The Prayer Centers will be put away for a while but as we have many coloring sheets left over we've made the decision to keep them in the sanctuary for the time being. You will find colored pencils and a selection of coloring sheets near the front doors each week to help focus you during the worship service. This Easter Sunday be on the lookout in worship as to how several of the activities are displayed in the sanctuary. The Prayer Centers were wonderfully coordinated by the Worship Committee: Marcie Swank, Patsi Peacock, Denise Dupras, Lyle McGhin, Roberta Boyd and Sherrie Stranahan. A big thank you to this committee for collecting the supplies and preparing the centers each Sunday.



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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.*

HOLY WEEK

The final seven days leading to Easter began with Palm Sunday on April 9th. As part of our Sunday Morning Worship, the children and choir processed into worship with palms and singing.

We will have our regular Wednesday Night Supper and activities on April 12th.

Maundy Thursday - we will have worship and Communion at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday - we will have a special service of remembrance and prayer at 12 noon in the Sanctuary (it will last for 15 minutes, plenty of time to take out of a lunch break).

Holy Saturday - will be the Easter Party for the Children from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Christian Education wing.

Easter Sunday, April 16th, will begin with the Sunrise Service at 6:55 a.m. followed by the Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Our Easter Worship Service with Communion will be at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Remember the morning Lenten Devotionals continue through Saturday, April 15 and the Prayer Centers will include some additions specific to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Easter Sunrise Service and Potluck Breakfast

You don't want to miss the Youth leading our Sunrise service by the outdoor cross. We will begin at **6:55 a.m.** and immediately following the service we will go to the Potluck breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share as well as flowers to help fill our cross.

Communion Sunday

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated **Easter Sunday, April 16, at 11:00 a.m.** Food offerings will be received and dedicated for the Trinity Food Pantry Ministry during worship. We ask for specific items which are not typically available at the Second Harvest Food Bank. The following food items are especially needed:

~Jelly ~Soup

Please place your food donations in the baskets at the sanctuary door as you enter for worship.

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.

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.

Please bring your donations of candy by Friday, April 14.

Flint River Presbytery Workshops – April 20, 21, 22

Our Presbytery is offering two workshops on church life next week after Easter. One is on Christian Education focusing on congregational demographics and curriculum options. The other is on Church Vitality focusing on congregational development. Each workshop will be offered in different locations on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 20-22.

Pastor Hart will be attending the Christian Education Workshop in Albany, Georgia on Thursday afternoon, April 20. Pastor Dees will be attending the Church Vitality Workshop in Columbus, Georgia on Friday, April 21. Both of them invite traveling companions to attend the respective workshops with them. Please speak with one or both of them as soon as possible if you have any interest in participating.

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
Melanie George
Marie Hill
Chris Roan
Ann Smith
Nellie Stoddard
Heather Wakefield

Jackie Coxwell (Cindy Gallahan)
Debbie Cribbs (Mary Beckett)
Allie Daugherty (Eric Micklon)
Jolie Denmark (Nellie & Frank Stoddard)
Charles DeVane (Mary Beckett)
Chet Dreschel (Anghaarad Teague Dees)
Lynn Ferguson (Kathy Roe)
Cathy Fisher (Charlie Oliver)
Linda Fortenberry (Leta Cone)
Irene Gallagher (Jane Gore)
Ami Guilliams (Libby Bickers)
Lacy Hall (Beverly Peters)
Marcia Hobbs (Nita Cross)
Marsha Hughes (Patsi Peacock)
Eunice Jenkins (Winnie Dooly)
Jack Justice (Jackie Wright)
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)
Harry & Sandi Skoropat (Jane Gore)
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)
Lettrice Zellars-Little (Andrea Micklon)

Relatives

Antonito, *cousin of Reme Mattice*
Reed Armond, *brother of David Armond*
Bert Chancy, *son-in-law of Leta Cone*
Ben Chunn, *grandfather of Brooke Webb*
Juanita Devine, *sister of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh*
Scott Ferguson, *brother-in-law of Kathy Roe*
John Luketic, *cousin of Sherry Stranahan*
Bobby Miller, *nephew of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh*
Peggy Ann Myers
Jeremy Neeman, *brother of Edward Neeman*
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*
David Shaw, *brother of Marilyn Reid*
Franna Taylor, *mother of Sonja Guilbeau*
Laurie Teague, *mother of Anghaarad Teague Dees*

Friends (contact person)

Ronnie Alligood (Jackie Wright)
Les Bass (Zane Dees)
Elizabeth Boyd (Charlie Oliver)
Michelle Bradley (Marcie Swank)
Katie Chappuis (Sonja Guilbeau)
Abraham Cotton (Mili Collins)

Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 16 April 2017 Easter Sunday

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:1-6
Psalter: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
New Testament: Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43
Gospel: John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Mickey and Winnie Dooly
Ebb and Kim Dudley
Benjamin and Christal

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.

Our Wednesday Schedule:

For Wednesday, **April 19, 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 Mark Micklon's cooking team. The menu will include meat loaf. 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.

May Birthdays	
<i>Frank Schaeer</i>	<i>5-May</i>
<i>Veralynn Edwards</i>	<i>10-May</i>
<i>Guy Oliver</i>	<i>10-May</i>
<i>Zane Dees</i>	<i>13-May</i>
<i>Leonard Mittelstadt</i>	<i>16-May</i>
<i>Candy Wakefield</i>	<i>17-May</i>
<i>Brody Johnson</i>	<i>22-May</i>
<i>Nellie Stoddard</i>	<i>23-May</i>
<i>Virginia Conner</i>	<i>23-May</i>
<i>Miranda Cross</i>	<i>26-May</i>
<i>Jeff Bickers</i>	<i>26-May</i>
<i>Benjamin Dudley</i>	<i>30-May</i>

Let's Give Les and Cindy Morgan a Grand Trinity Welcome!

Please plan to be at Trinity on Sunday evening, April 23, to welcome and hear from PCUSA Mission Co-Workers, Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan. There will be a program beginning at 7:00 pm during which the Morgans will tell us about their work. There will be something for all ages, including Les and Cindy's ability to speak to and include young children. We will have a reception after the program with light refreshments.

The Morgans are on "home-assignment" during which time they try to visit the many congregations with which they have a special relationship. Trinity is somewhat out-of-the-way and they are making a special effort which includes a "400 mile detour" to be with us that evening. So let's have a good turn-out to show them we appreciate their visit with us.



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday Morning Bible Study will meet at 11:00 a.m. on **April 20, 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, April 18, 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.

Washington DC Adult Mission Trip – New Details!

Flyers and Registration Forms are now available for the Washington DC Mission Trip scheduled for October 15-21, 2017. The cost is \$400 per person excluding airfare. Fund-raisers will be held and donations will be solicited to help reduce that cost per person. A \$50.00 deposit is requested to hold a place for anyone interested in attending. Make checks payable to "Trinity Presbyterian Church" and mark clearly for "DC Mission Trip." The deadline for signing up is June 1, 2017 and the deposit is refundable until that date. Space is limited so sign up today!

We will be working in various service agencies in Washington and our accommodations will be at Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, The Washington Seminar Center, just a three block walk from the US Capitol. This trip is being jointly held with Memorial Presbyterian Church, St Augustine, Florida, where Jim and Julie Reffel are members. They are helping to organize their end of the trip and will be attending. Please contact Pastor Hart for more information.

Habitat Collegiate Challenge

Please check out the thank you notes on the bulletin board from the Habitat Collegiate Challenge group who stayed at Trinity during their Spring Break back in March.

SMASH Report

Youth Sunday, Youth Sunday, Youth Sunday!!! It is happening in 2 weeks! This week and next we will rehearse and get ready for leading worship on April 23rd! Please register for Dogwood Acres THIS WEEK!!! All youth are eligible to go and your part of the cost is only \$190...that includes the deposit and 1/3 the cost of the week at camp. The deadline is April 15th! Youth will rehearse for Easter Sunrise on Saturday, April 15th after the Children's Easter Party. Any youth who can come to the Easter Party to help hide eggs are greatly needed!

