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Worship | Service | Proclaim | Discipleship | Community

Son Rise Service



Resurrection Sunday

8:00 A.M.

Son Rise Service on Trinity lawn

9:00 A.M.

Continental Breakfast

10:00 A.M.

Combined Adult Sunday School

11:00 A.M.

Easter Worship Service

EASTER EGG HUNT



Mt. Macrina. Saturday, April 3rd
10:00a.m.

Our Fellowship

Happy
Birthday

2—Jackson Core	18—Michael Miller
3—Linda King	22—Jason Tran
5—Brynna Eddy	28—Erin Nass
11—Bill Cahn	29—Lillian Workman
11—Jacquelyn Core	
13—Brinley Hostetler	
15—Wendy Myden	
16—Charles Anderson	
17—Richard Franks II	



*Happy
Anniversary*

April 17
Jason & Laurie Ann Krall
22 years

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James Vlosich, Discipleship Coordinator
Bill Dreucci, Director of Music
Brett Vanderlaan, Organist/Children's Choir Director
Meg Grimm, Secretary • Bill Thompson, Sexton
Ministers: All the Congregation

► **Tuesday Night Bible Study**
Postponed until Fall ◀

Visit the church webpage,
www.trinityupc.com, to see the church
calendar.

**Check your email for updates. Email
the church office if you need to be put
on the church email list.**

Prayer List

"Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints." (Ephesians 6:18)

Please especially pray for these:

Apr 1—5	Susan Fox, Suzanne, Daniel and Vanessa Frank, Sallie Franks, Richard and Ashley Franks, Gene and May Funk, Claire Gates
Apr 6—11	Shawn & Jonni George, John Gililand, Wilbur, Natalie and Wyatt Goodwin
Apr 12—18	Debra and George T. Hammond, Pat Harper, Paul Hartley, Harry & Toni Haught
April 19—25	Virginia Higinbotham, Deborah Hindle, Lyndsay Jesko, Scott Jones, Cindy Jones
April 26—30	Dan and Nancy Jones, Lynn Keller, Bill and Linda King, Bill King Jr., Jerome, Terri and Brianna Kolencik

Events



**Pine Springs
Clean Up Day**
Saturday, May 15th
Time - TBD

An Evening on the Lawn



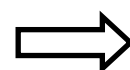
Friday, May 21, 2021
5:30

Food - Games - Fellowship

Mission Trip 2021
July 18th - 24th



SAVE THE DATE!
YOUTH GROUP CARWASH
SATURDAY, MAY 1ST
TIME TBD



(BENEFITS TRINITY YOUTH
GROUP MISSION TRIP)
SEE ANOTHER EVENT THAT BENEFITS
THE YOUTH ON THE BACK PAGE!

Church Family

Men's Discussion Group NEXT MEETING: April 21

Continues to meet on the third Wednesdays,
7:30 am at Mark C.'s...a safe distance maintained!

Attention: the men are thinking seriously about adding another Wednesday a month, so we would then be meeting twice a month --- let us know what you think about this.

Jim 313-460-8636



Darts and Devotions



Every Thursday at 10:00 A.M.

Devotions by Doug Yauger

Join us for a great time of Devotion, coffee, snacks, and laughs!

The April Hike will be on April 24 --- Jumonville Trails

(five trails to choose from)



- 11:00 am - Meet in Trinity Parking lot - then car-pool to Jumonville and park in the lot provided for the trails
- 11:30 am - Hike - hop on one of the 5 trails
- 1:15 pm - Lunch at restaurant in Chalk Hill, PA

Church Ministry News

Youth Group "Staying Focused"

STAYING FOCUSED ON A GOAL can be a challenge in our life. When talking to our teenagers in the Youth Group about staying focused on a goal, they were quick to tell me about how distractions are around every corner of their lives. I wish I could tell them that as each of them grew up the distractions would become less, but that would not be true. As each of our students make their way into adulthood, they will have new things come their way, and some of those things may distract them. Some of those distractions may cause our teenagers to lose focus on a goal that they set. The theme of Youth Group this year is "The Next Step". We have been reading the Bible and teaching the students about taking the "Next Step" in their faith. Taking the next step in our faith can be hard at times if we get distracted. We have been reading the Old Testament and have been learning about times when God's people got distracted. Sometimes because of God's people getting distracted, they would take their focus off of God. As we come to the final few months of the school year we will be continuing to talk about the importance of keeping our eyes on God and living the way he wants us to live. It's important for the students to remember that even though they may be living in a world with many distractions, they can find direction and focus by reading God's Word and by being in prayer. God is willing to help them make the next step.

-James V

Youth Group
Every Thursday
5:30 - 6:45

Wednesday Night Zoom

BECAUSE OF LENT, the month of March had many activities going on at the church. On Wednesday evening you had the choice to participate in the 7:00 p.m. Holden worship service and/or the 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Zoom discussions. There were some who participated in both! After Easter, the Wednesday Night Zoom Bible discussions will go back to its normal time of 7:00 p.m. In the month of April we will be looking into the time after Jesus's resurrection. We will also be talking about how the disciples handled the news of Jesus' resurrection and what Jesus conquering the grave means to us today.

Wednesday Night Zoom returns to 7:00 on **Wednesday, April 7th.**

I hope to see you there!

-James V

Meeting ID: 545 179 8363
Passcode: 2020



Church News



The Lenten Holden Service at Trinity

Interfaith Golf Outing



Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers is holding their 4th Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, July 10 at Duck Hollow Golf Club. For a form, contact Carol Ashton at Interfaith or the church office.

- \$80 per golfer or \$300 per 4-person team
- Golfers 65 & over play from gold tees.
- 8:00 am Registration
- 9:00 am Shotgun Start
- Four Person Scramble Format
- Lunch following golf—"Mallard's Landing at Duck Hollow Golf Club"
- Cash Prizes and Skill Contest

Adult Sunday School Update

HAVE YOU EVER had a moment in your life when you have been anxious? If you're like me, you may know what it's like to have choices to make in life but have anxiety looming over you. How should anxiety be handled? Can I ever get over anxiety? Do I have anxiety because I have a weak faith? These are some of the questions we will be looking into during our study on finding peace even in the midst of anxiety on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Want to join? There are no prerequisites! Just show up!

Sundays 10 am

-James V.

10 Year Plan Update for April

Further Firming-up of Reach-Out Calling
Pine Spring Camp Mission Trip Planned
Further Planning for Fall Sunday School
Plans for Nursery Staffing and Updating Nursery
Planning for May and July Leadership Meetings
Integrating Intentional Gregariousness Training
Doug's Fraternity Rush Model and
Reach-Out Calling Training

Planting of Small Groups
Church Van Discussions and Visioning
Further Developing Public Relations Ministries
Support of Interfaith Revisited
Women's Ministries Planted

-Pastor Jim

Music Department

NOTES FROM THE BENCH

By Brett Vanderlaan

Organists Play Great and Swell—I'm Positive

THIS MONTH'S COLUMN RETURNS TO THE BROAD TOPIC OF THE ORGAN ITSELF. This month's column returns to the broad topic of the organ itself. Actually, the title does not necessarily refer to my (or any organist's) ability or the quality of our performances. It refers instead to the keyboards on the organ console – or at least some of the names for them. This article will introduce the concept of **divisions** of an organ, and how these relate to the different keyboards on the organ console.

A **division** in an organ refers to a set of pipes (or *ranks* or *stops*) that are grouped together in the instrument, often on a separate *windchest* (or set of speakers). Each division is typically controlled by a separate keyboard. Therefore, a four-manual (keyboard) organ like the Austin/Walker at Trinity has five divisions – one for each finger keyboard and one for the pedal keyboard. Each division has a name, and these can vary depending upon the style and builder of the organ. This complication comes from the different traditions of organ-building and the languages associated with them. I will use the Trinity organ console as a reference to walk through a “tour” of the various divisions.

Let's start with the simplest concept – the **Pedal** division. These pipes (speakers) are controlled by the keyboard that is played

with the feet. Most (but not all) of the stops for this division are in the lower registers since the pedals usually play the bass line.

As we move to the finger keyboards, we will start with the second keyboard up from the bottom. This is called the **Great** division (or **Hauptwerk**) and is considered the primary section of the instrument. It tends to have the strongest sounds, and its pipes are those most likely to be *unenclosed*. In a two-manual organ, this would be the lower of the two keyboards.

The keyboard above the Great is the **Swell** division (or **Oberwerk**). The Swell pipes (or speakers) are often *enclosed* inside a “box” that has Venetian slats or louvers on one side that can be opened or closed to adjust the volume and timbre of the sound being produced in the larger room. The slats (*shades*) are controlled by a pedal above the foot keyboard. Swell stops tend to be voiced somewhat softer than the Great, although there are often more stops that have unique tone colors.

If an organ has a third manual, it is usually located below the Great, and is called the **Positive** (or **Rückpositiv** or **Choir**). In some organs this set of pipes (or speakers) is placed behind the bench – in fact, the term Choir organ may be a derivation of “chair” organ, based on the translation of Rückpositiv. The Choir or Positive is likely to have more stops in the higher registers than the

Great or Swell. A Choir division is sometimes enclosed like a Swell division – in which case, the shades are controlled by a separate pedal above the pedalboard.

Additional manuals in larger organs beyond the basic three can take on a number of names de-



Organ console at Trinity United Presbyterian Church

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pending upon the location of the division, the types of stops involved, and its purpose in the overall design of the instrument. The uppermost keyboard on the Trinity console is the **Solo** division. In this case, these are exclusively *digital* stops (no pipes) that were added when the organ was expanded in 2009. These stops enhance the sonic palette of the instrument, especially providing sounds that can be used for a solo line.

Some organs have divisions that are located in other parts of the building (e.g. **Antiphonal** – often in the back of the room; **Ethereal** – located in or above the ceiling). It is also worth noting that stops from one division can often be *coupled* to another keyboard so that one manual can play sounds from multiple divisions at once.

Again, there are terms in this article that are worthy of further explanation, but this concludes our brief “tour” of organ divisions and the keyboards that control them. So, whether you think the organist is great, swell or positive – it cannot be denied that he/she plays the Great, Swell and/or Positive!

Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God alone)



"Oh, good...you're not busy."



"We don't know what you're doing in here, but we've been waiting five minutes to talk to you about the broken hand dryer in the ladies' room."

Pastor's Article—Positive Attitude



I CALL IT “PA”...not the *Commonwealth*, But the *Perspective*. **“Positive Attitude”**

“If You Build It, They Will Come”

- Theodore Roosevelt said this and then it was repeated in Field of Dreams, the movie.
- “We are in good company with this phrase!” - Pastor Jim
- When we maintain our Positive Attitude, we keep our Perspective grounded on
Jesus’ Attitude

What are we building here at Trinity? We are building disciples, believers and a community.

Trinity United Presbyterian Church

Primary Vision Goals: Worship - Service - Proclaim - Discipleship - Community

Ministers: all the Congregation

Our Mission: to worship and serve Jesus Christ by proclaiming his Gospel to all persons. As servants of Christ, we will always be a community of love, hope, service & reconciliation.

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.
- Philippians 1:12-14

“Served to advance the gospel”: Are you comfortable with advancing the gospel?

The Truth is, the people of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit and directed by the Word of God are given the blessed challenge to advance the Gospel. We do this joy-filled work together as the church; thereby supporting one another in and through our individual callings and using our particular Spiritual Gifts. “Proclaiming the Gospel” was always meant to be done by word and deed. Saint Francis felt the Proclamation of the Gospel was so import for a fallen, sinful world, that the proclamation had to be done in word and deed – he said, “And if you have to, use words!” And by the way, there is plenty of room for you to help with Trinity’s evangelistic ministry from “behind the scenes”. Amen.

The Cure for our fear of Evangelism is, “To Just Do It”. Yep. That is not a trite or manufactured answer. It is true, proven and well tested. Only about 20% of the disciples in any church “feel good” about doing evangelism. The other 80% need to be in support of this ministry, but they are just not particularly called to it. We are looking for more individuals who are part of that 20% - those called to evangelism here at Trinity. They are here! We just have not found them all yet. We have already begun training the ones we know of. More and more training is already planned for this Spring, Summer and Fall. Talk to Pastor Jim about your interest in this area --- we have room for you!

The Program: Integrating these three Proven Programs from Spring – Fall 2021

- **Intentional Gregariousness**
- **Doug Yauger’s “Fraternity Rush Model”**
- **Reach-Out Calling**

“Because of my chains”: What is holding you back? What is propelling you forward?

The Truth is, we all have things holding us back or getting in the way of our growth as disciples. But, not all of us realize it or are ready to do something about it. God has not called all of us to be involved “on the front lines”, but he HAS called all of us to be supportive and lend a hand where we are able or want to help. There a lot of work to be done in the supportive areas - such as phone calls, organizing, financial, creative arts, filing, collating, etc. from “behind the scenes”.

The Cure for holding back is simply to stop it...and refocus on what helps God get the word out.

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Article of Interest

Found this in my files...I do not remember the author—Pastor Jim

“All-star baseball pitcher Dave Dravecky played with the San Diego Padres from 1982 through 1987 and then was traded to the San Francisco Giants where he played from 1988 to 1989 until he developed an unusual soreness in his pitching arm.

Medical tests identified the problem - which was cancer. He had surgery followed by months of rehabilitation. Then, after pitching for a time in the minor leagues, he made a widely applauded and successful comeback to the major leagues.

But in a game in Montreal, as he was delivering a pitch, his arm snapped. The cancer had not gone away and to save his life, doctors had to remove his arm. He struggled to find the reason for his loss by looking at the positive gains in his life.

As a committed Christian, Dave did not want to wallow in self-pity. He said, "There is no struggle about feeling sorry for myself. The question is not, 'Why me, God?' The question is, '**What is your plan for me?**' Then he said, "I used to depend on myself. **Now I depend more on God.** I see this as God giving me the opportunity to share the gospel with a lot of people."

Instead of feeling sorry because he lost his arm Dave saw it as an opportunity to be more able to share his faith in Christ with others. The apostle Paul had the same attitude, that out of trouble he had the opportunity to share the gospel with other people who he would not have been able to share it otherwise."

After Paul had finished his three missionary journeys. He had been arrested in Jerusalem by Jews who were jealous. He appealed his case to the Roman Emperor and was now under house arrest in Rome awaiting trial. Acts 28:30-31 reveal to us that he lived there two whole years in his own house and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

- edited by Jim Gear

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“Confident in the Lord”: How is your confidence in Jesus doing these days?

The Truth is, many of us try to “go it alone” and depend on ourselves solely; not realizing that God demands that we look to him to get the job done. Hence, no wonder many of us feel a lack of confidence in God... we are not letting God work and do the job through us. We are stuck at feeling bad about our own failures, when God never asked us to do it ourselves. I have heard many a church say, “That will not work! We tried it before, and it was a failure.” What they are actually saying is, “We do not believe that God gave his people a vision, and we will not let God do it. We have to be in control of this situation, not God.”

**Confidence comes to people
who have put God in control
of their lives and their church.**

The Cure for this problem is to trust God, stick together with God's people, let God lead and do the job directly through the church; then stand back and let God work.

“If You Build It, They Will Come” --- As we maintain our Positive Attitude, we keep our Perspective grounded on *Jesus' Attitude*, which is to save souls and welcome people into his body, his community, the Church. Amen.

Your friend, Pastor Jim

Worship Themes

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Holy Week

3/28 Palm Sunday

Theme: Meaning of Palm Sunday

Passage: Mark 11:1-11

Message: "Jesus is LORD"

3/31 Wednesday of Holy Week Psalm 70 and John 13

4/1 Maundy Thursday 7 pm Living Tableau and Tenebrae

4/2 Good Friday Psalm 22 and Hebrews 10

4/3 Holy Saturday and Great Vigil of Easter

4/4 Resurrection of the Lord / Easter

Theme: The Resurrection of Our Lord – part 1

Passage: I Corinthians 15

Message: "He Is Risen, Indeed!"

8 am

SonRise Service

9 am

Breakfast

10 am

Combined Sunday School

11 am

Worship

April 11 - Second Sunday of Easter

Theme: **The Resurrection of Our Lord – part 2**

Passage: I Corinthians 15

Message: "A Different Twist"



April 18 - Third Sunday of Easter

Theme: **Faith**, Love, Hope Together - 1

Passage: Colossians 1:3-6

Message: "Faith"

April 25 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Theme: Faith, **Love**, Hope Together - 2

Passage: Colossians 1:3-6

Message: "Love"

May 2 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Older Adult Week begins

Theme: Faith, Love, **Hope** Together - 3

Passage: Colossians 1:3-6

Message: "Hope"

Colossians 1:3-6 - Thanksgiving and Prayer

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people - ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.

"BETTER IS ONE DAY"

YOUTH GROUP

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

PINE SPRINGS CAMPGROUND

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021



THE OLDE RED DOOR CRAFT EVENT

BENEFITS TRINITY YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP

JOIN US TO MAKE THIS CRAFT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH!



575 MORGANTOWN STREET

WHAT TIME? 1:00 PM. | HOW MUCH? \$40

SIGN UP AND PAYMENT DEADLINE IS APRIL 4TH

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