

# THE BRIDGE

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*"Diverse in Backgrounds, United in Faith"*

Friends,

There is an interesting calendar coincidence coming up in our church schedule. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine’s Day! Rather than ignore this timing quirk, I plan to fully lean into it and examine the theme of “Love Lent: Giving our Hearts to God.” During this Lent, we will explore this theme during worship, including:

- Loving and enjoying the disciplines of Lent.
- The things we put our hearts into.
- How the cross draws us into closer relationship with each other.
- How our hearts long for God’s justice and peace.
- How Lent, Holy Week, and Easter reveal God’s love for us.



We ordinarily think of Lent as a time to be solemn and somber. That is good – reflection and redemption are serious work. This Lent, however, I want to focus on our gratitude for God’s grace and explore the ways that we can cherish the season of Lent. Lent is not a moody obligation, but a life-giving opportunity to grow closer to God and one another. It is an amazing thing to consider that God created us and loves us as we are – and yet came to live as one of us, teach us, and give us new life. Lent, in other words, is not a time to trudge through, but a season to claim God’s goodness and rejoice in the coming resurrection.

In his Epistle to the Romans, Paul writes that he is “convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (8:38-39). Beloved, that is *good news*! So, come to church to worship the one who loved you enough to overcome death for you. Come to love Lent. Come, let us give our hearts to God. I can’t wait to journey with you!

Blessings, Elizabeth





**WEEKLY PRAYER LIST**

This list of members at Trinity has been organized for the purpose of being lifted up in prayer during the week. We look forward to God's blessings as we pray for one another. During the month please pray for these:

- Feb. 4:** Troy Berry  
Shirley Beshore  
Gale & Norma Boydston
- Feb. 11:** Terry & Vickie Brock  
Frances Buck  
Marilyn Burkett
- Feb. 18:** Barbara Burnett  
Brandon, Sharon, Brian,  
Cameron, Marek, & Brooke  
Burns  
Steve & Sally Burns
- Feb. 25:** Jess & Nancy Butter  
Beverly Campbell  
Paul & Marian Carr

**2018 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT**

Trinity will again be paying our assigned per capita assessment in 2018 by asking members of the congregation to donate their own \$43.29 per active member. This will help to ease our budget.



- Feb. 1** Cathy Ruppert
- 3** Julie Atkins
- 6** Don Combs
- 14** Steven Shineman
- 23** Bob Cooper
- 24** Frances Buck  
Emmett Rice
- 25** Donna Coffel
- 28** Michaela Martin



*On the first Day of the Week*

*"The people came together..."*

Dec. 24 morning.....	76
Dec. 24 evening.....	62
Dec. 31 .....	45
Jan. 7 .....	63
Jan. 14 .....	46
Jan. 21 .....	69
Jan. 28 .....	Unavailable

*"and the people gave . . . "*

Dec. 24.....	\$ 3,690.00
Dec. 31.....	16,036.92
Jan . 7.....	2,935.25
Jan . 14 .....	2,207.00
Jan . 21.....	1,766.18
<u>Jan. 28.....</u>	<u>Unavailable</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$26,635.35</b>



# Recipes Requested

## CALLING ALL COOKS!

We need the following types of recipes. Salads, meals for one or 2 people, and recipes from the men and youth/children of the congregation. Please submit these to Lucy Berry, zanywoman64056@yahoo.com or put them in the Presbyterian Woman mail box. Hopefully we get more recipes in the next month that we can get the cook book published in time for Easter.



Each year, Trinity donates a portion of our proceeds from Santa-Cali-Gon back into our community. This year, we donated 10% of our proceeds between two different groups – Procter Elementary and the Stone Church Neighborhood Dinner program.

## SEW 'N SO'S

Thank you Trinity, for saving the Best Choice Bar Codes for us. We have received 1,459 bar codes for this year.



Please keep saving



Thanks for all the cards, visits and prayers I received while I recuperate from my "latest fall"! It is certainly nice to have a church "family"!

Marilyn Burkett

## T.I.G.E.R.s CORNER



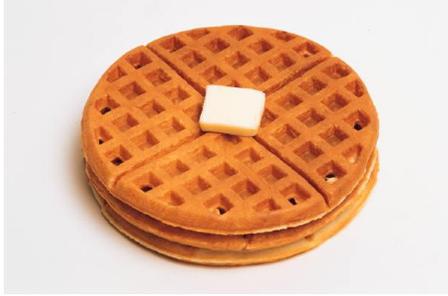
Feb.. 4 11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s  
Feb. 18: 11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s



## CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

**LARK** - Birds became prominent in Christian art during the Medieval and Renaissance eras. The lark came to symbolize the humility of the priesthood because it flies high and sings only when flying upward.





**BOY SCOUT WAFFLE  
BREAKFAST**  
February 10  
7:00 a.m. – Noon  
\$5 for Adults, \$3 for Children



**SCOUT SUNDAY**  
February 11  
10:30 a.m.



February 11

(also Scout  
Sunday)

Communion  
will be  
served.



**ASH WEDNESDAY  
SERVICE**

February 14, 2018  
6:00pm



**A NEW COMMANDMENT**

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

*Directions: Figure out the pattern in each vertical line of letters. Then add the next letter in the sequence to the blank underneath, completing John 13:14, NIV.*

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN OPQRSTUVWXYZ ABCD...

F L S Y F K Y X E I Q B V O O J F  
H M T A I L A Y H K R D Y P S M G  
J N U C L M C Z K M S F B Q W P H

E X M B C L M B U V F R P L V F R  
F Y P C F M P C X W I S Q M W I S  
G Z S D I N S D A X L T R N X L T

A R J Q C C S B F K Y X H L Q B Y I  
E S M R F G T C I L A Y J M R D A L  
I T P S I K U D L M C Z L N S F C O

JOHN 13:34, NIV

Answer: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34, NIV



## Troy Berry's Winning Chili

### *Ingredients*

- 2 pounds ground beef chuck
- 1 pound bulk Italian sausage
- 3 (15 ounce) cans chili beans, drained
- 1 (15 ounce) can chili beans in spicy sauce
- 2 (28 ounce) cans diced tomatoes with juice
- 1 (6 ounce) can tomato paste
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 2 green chili peppers, seeded and chopped
- 1 tablespoon bacon bits
- 4 cubes beef bouillon
- 1/2 cup beer
- 1/4 cup chili powder
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons hot pepper sauce (e.g. Tabasco<sup>TM</sup>)
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon paprika

- 1 teaspoon white sugar
- 1 (10.5 ounce) bag corn chips such as Fritos(R)
- 1 (8 ounce) package shredded Cheddar cheese

### *Directions*

1. Heat a large stock pot over medium-high heat. Crumble the ground chuck and sausage into the hot pan, and cook until evenly browned. Drain off excess grease.
2. Pour in the chili beans, spicy chili beans, diced tomatoes and tomato paste. Add the onion, celery, green and red bell peppers, chili peppers, bacon bits, bouillon, and beer. Season with chili powder, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, oregano, cumin, hot pepper sauce, basil, salt, pepper, cayenne, paprika, and sugar. Stir to blend, then cover and simmer over low heat for at least 2 hours, stirring occasionally.
3. After 2 hours, taste, and adjust salt, pepper, and chili powder if necessary. The longer the chili simmers, the better it will taste. Remove from heat and serve, or refrigerate, and serve the next day.
4. To serve, ladle into bowls, and top with corn chips and shredded Cheddar cheese.



**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

Millions of Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game on Sunday, February 4. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship, and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join people around the country as they demonstrate God's love through the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING. It's a simple yet significant act of caring for others. Please bring cans of soup that Sunday or drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship on Sunday, February 4 *OR* Sunday, February 11 (Transfiguration and Scout Sunday).



**THANK YOU FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE**

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the Hat and Mitten Tree during Christmas Time! We took 65 pairs of children's gloves, mittens and socks and 11 hats and 38 pairs of women's gloves and socks and 11 hats and scarves to Hope House for their residents. Once again, the Trinity congregation has made a positive impact on our community! Thank you!!



"The heart-shaped communion wafers were a nice touch for Valentine's Day."

From a worship bulletin:

hymn of the day

"Immoral, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Prayers of the Church

A mere mortal made this typo about our immortal God.

When the weather is bad do you wonder if Trinity is opened? Now you can turn to your local television stations to find out. We will be listed on WDAF Channel 4, KMBC Channel 9 and KSHB Channel 41. *We will NOT be listed on KCTV Channel 5.*



The deadline for items submitted to the **March Bridge** is **Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Information for the weekly News Sheet is due each week on Wednesday by 1:00 p.m.

