Good News For Trinity!

Following Evie Macway's announcement of her retirement, Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry forwarded to Session the names of three potential candidates to be our transitional pastor. Session met in late April and reviewed the biographies of each. Discerning the leading of the Holy Spirit, Session chose the Rev. Larry Vilardo. He agreed to be our transitional pastor, pending final approval by Presbytery. Many things lined up to make it obvious to all that Larry was the correct choice. We appreciate that Larry is willing to delay his retirement to lead us in this transition period as we do a study of Trinity Presbyterian’s mission and work to select a permanent pastor. We are also excited to have Lorraine as one of our newest members and appreciate that she is supporting Larry in his decision and this role! The Vilardo’s live in Mount Hermon.

JULY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will operate with reduced hours for the month of July.

While Jana is touring with the California Central Coast Chorale in Ireland and Scotland, Emily Duffus & Laura Hamby will be covering the crucial office needs.

The office will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am - 2pm.
Report of Session Meeting of June 4, 2018

Session met on June 4th in the Fireside Room. We were privileged to have Nan Swanson as our moderator.

**Reflection:** Nan read a devotion from “Tattoos on the Heart” by Gregory Boyle.

**Clerk’s Report:** The minutes from Session meeting of May 8, 2018 were approved MSP. Fifty-two people took communion on Sunday, June 3, 2018.

Peggy Minier died on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. Her memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the church. Clyde Vaughn will conduct the service.

Communion servers for July 1, 2018 are: Nancy Cobrey, Chuck Cobrey, and Marta Narus.

**Presbytery Report:** Chuck gave a report on his impressions of Presbytery. A group of 26 has been formed to travel to Puerto Rico between June 11th and 18th in an effort to assist a small neglected area. Carol Holsinger and Ed Breeden will be our commissioners to General Assembly. The next Presbytery meeting will be in September.

**Personnel:** Our custodian Ana is still on leave due to her health issues. Her husband has been filling in. Jana will be gone the month of July on vacation.

**Administration:** Chad Bell informed Session that we are currently in good shape financially. Reports will be distributed at the next meeting.

**Outreach:** The updated church directory is about to go to press. The committee plans to send out emails to the membership to communicate things going on in the church. The committee is looking into a new website host to save money. There is a plan to remove the attendance pads and replace them with visitor cards. The next Fourth Tuesday Luncheon will be in September, a which time the committee will reassess the program.

**Fellowship:** The Fellowship committee will be hosting a June 17th Father’s Day barbecue.

**Worship and Christian Education:** The committee meets tomorrow and will hammer out some of the details for the coming month. We have the pulpit filled through June 24th. The committee provided their written report.

**Nominating:** The nominating committee will be meeting in the near future to work on putting together the Pastor Nominating Committee.

**Stewardship:** Ed informed us he will be forming the committee in August and proceed through Stewardship Week.

**Old Business:** It was suggested that until we have an interim pastor we provide an oral Session report to the congregation on a frequent basis. We agreed that it would be a good idea for any Session member wishing to give a short report to the congregation go ahead and do so with Session’s blessings. We are hopeful that we will have an interim pastor selected within the next few weeks.
Book Club

New faces are always welcome at Book Club. We meet each month on the 4th Monday at 7 pm at Joanne Clever’s home. Join us regularly or just when we are reading a book of interest to you.

Our July Book will be:
*Henry David Thoreau: A Life by Laura Walls* and/or *Thoreau’s Walden* and/or *Thoreau’s Civil Disobedience* and/or *Thoreau’s Walking*

Happy reading!

Faith, Ethics and Social Concerns

Sunday, July 8th, 2018  Dr. Stephen Zunes , Presenter

“The Moral & Ethical Dimensions of U.S. Foreign Policy”

Dr. Zunes is Professor of Politics and International Studies at the University of San Francisco where he serves as coordinator of the program in Middle East Studies. He is recognized as one of the country’s leading scholars of U.S. Middle East policy and of strategic nonviolent action. Active in the Episcopal Church, Dr .Zunes is a “son of the manse.”

Following Dr. Zunes’ presentation a guided discussion will offer us an opportunity to “learn to listen in order to learn.” The Forum will take place after worship in the Trinity Fireside Room.
July Birthdays
2 Se Jin Oh
4 Amanda Bell
6 Sue Yeaney
8 Glenn Joy
11 Gary Edwards

July Anniversaries
7 Jeff & Patti Lawton
22 Greg & Debbie Blackwell

August Birthdays
2 Jean Bowerman
20 Kathleen Eschen-Pipes
Ray Luttrell
23 Charlie May
24 Fatima Miranda
25 Katherine Macway
27 Mark Pollard

August Anniversaries
10 Harry & Mary Blanchard
22 Lee & Emily Duffus
23 George & Elizabeth Bunch
25 Cliff & Carolyn Brothers
29 Darrell & Sue Yeaney
31 Kostas & Lenore Spalaris

If you don't see your special date listed, please call the church office, at 831-423-8995 and let us know!

Things That Make Us Happy.....
• Russ Hobbs was recently honored by Rotary International as a recipient of the Rotary Foundation Meritorious Service Award.

• Our new church Wifi is wicked fast!

• The Father’s Day BBQ was fabulous!

• Session did a great job in contracting with Larry Vilardo. Thanks to all involved for the thoughtful and prayerful consideration.

• Our custodian, Ana Garcia, is feeling a little better, although the new treatment wipes her out.

• Good friends who cover for us while we all take our various summer vacations.
Non Prophet Corner

Darrell W. Yeaney, Pastoral Associate

How often have we said or heard others say, when inquiries are made about how we are doing, “Oh, just keeping busy.” We say it sometimes because we are not sure our lives are significant enough to talk about. Or perhaps we say it following times of particular stress, a death or serious illness in the family, or loss of a job or retirement. In this latter situation, it is in fact, a statement of self-care, of therapeutic action to heal or recover our sense of self and purpose in living. Indeed, keeping busy can be useful therapy in such times. But “just keeping busy” can also betray a sign of emptiness due to a loss of purpose and meaning if our lives are not accompanied by a deeper connection to a spiritual experience that give us both meaning and hope.

Men and women, boys and girls often turn to self-destructive and/or socially violent behavior when just “keeping busy” offers them no foundation of ethical commitment that is nurtured in a community of faith.

Young people often turn to gangs or drugs in search of purpose and meaning for living beyond just “keeping busy.” And it is no surprise that gang members are often made up of young adults from families living in poverty and subject to negative discrimination because of race or religion or economic class.

It also should be no surprise that our “all-volunteer military” is composed primarily of young adults from just such circumstances who can find no employment or opportunity elsewhere. For many of these young adults, the military serves as a refuge from a life of crime or the emptiness of “just keeping busy” And for others it serves as a support for taking out aggression on “the enemy” with a license to kill.

Similarly, the thousands of young men and women who have traveled to the Middle East to fight with the radical insurgents are not just “keeping busy.” They have acquired a purpose for their lives that they are willing to kill for and to die for. Unfortunately, they have missed the message of Jesus that the love of God can grip and give purpose to our lives for peace, justice and human rights for all people.

So what about us? Are our lives motivated by Jesus’ message of loving purpose and invitation to give our lives in the service of others, or are we “just keeping busy”?

Visit us on Facebook at:

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Trinity-Presbyterian-Church/135556766517
(This will be an on-going feature in the Steeple Talk. I invite our congregation members who have seen a film that has particularly moved them and opened their minds to new ideas to join in submitting film reviews.)

“We communicate by eating,” Master Chef Wen (Jui Wang) states in *Eat Drink Man Woman*. Released in 1994 the film is still a feast for the eyes and shows how true Chef Wen’s comment is. Ang Lee, whose film credits include *Life of Pi*, *Sense and Sensibility*, and *Brokeback Mountain*, wrote and directed the film. Watching Wen’s friend and master chef Chu, played by Lung Sihung, pour his very heart into preparing Sunday feasts for his three adult daughters reveals his love of cooking and also his love for his family. Chu is a widower for many years, and his three daughters are now adults. But at least one of them, Ja-Chen, a successful business woman played by Chien-Lien Wu, is very critical of the weekly event. When a friend asks her out, she replies, “No, I have to attend our Sunday dinner torture ritual.” My reaction to her statement: “Oh, let me be tortured by the savory dishes he prepares.” The late film critic Roger Ebert stated that the film “could perhaps be frustrating to any who view it on an empty stomach.”

But Ja-Chen, the middle daughter, is herself a frustrated cook and her father’s severest critic. When she dips into the first dish on the table, her father looks at her face to see if he still has the chef’s touch. He fears he is losing his taste buds—a signal for any chef that he has lost his touch. Ironically, the youngest daughter, Jia-Ning (Yu-Wen Wang) works at a Wendy’s whose fast food stands in contrast to Jia-Ning’s father’s labor of love every Sunday. She becomes involved with a student who is in love with one of her co-workers. The oldest, Ja-Jen (Knei-Mei-Yang) is an “old maid” schoolteacher, whose future appears to be taking care of her aging father. A Christian, she dresses conservatively and listens to Christian music until one day a volley ball flies into her classroom, and her life changes. Chu’s best friend and fellow chef is Wen, who tries to convince Chu to retire and move on with his life before it’s too late. Also part of Chu’s life is Jin-Rong (Sylvia Chang) and her young daughter Shan-Shan (Yu-Chien Tang). Shan-Shan becomes the most popular girl in her class when Chu begins bringing her his homemade lunches.

Food—it’s preparation, cooking, and eating—becomes a symbol in the film as it interfuses in the unfolding of the Chu family dynamics and the romantic involvements of the family. The artistry of Chinese cooking is amazing and is worth seeing the film for that alone. *Eat Drink Man Woman* is truly a film to be savored. The film can be viewed on Amazon and has sub-titles to translate the dialogue.
Holy Land Pilgrimage

March 18 - 31, 2019

with

Rev Dr. Libby Boatwright

Sojourn to the Holy Land to follow in the footsteps of Jesus as we explore Jaffa, the Galilee, the Hill Country of Samaria, Jericho and the Jordan River valley, and the holy city of Jerusalem. We will also spend a day with Presbyterian mission peace workers in the region.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Travel from San Francisco to Tel Aviv
Travel arrangements made by each pilgrim
(Arrive Tel Aviv no later than 7 PM on March 19)

The Galilee
Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, Caesarea Philippi, the Mount of Transfiguration, a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, and other sites of Jesus’ miracles

The Hill Country and Dead Sea Areas
Samaritan mountains, Jacob’s Well, ancient Jericho, and swimming in the Dead Sea

Jerusalem and Bethlehem Areas
Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Upper Room, the Garden Tomb, Shepherd’s Field, and the Church of the Nativity, Hebron

Travel from Tel Aviv to San Francisco
Travel arrangements made by each pilgrim
(Departure from Tel Aviv any time after 7 PM on March 30)

Cost
$3100 Plus Airfare (Includes comfortable double rooms, all breakfasts and dinners, ground transportation, experienced Christian guides, tips, and all meals except lunch. Single rooms are an additional $1000.)

Registration
Application and $500 non-refundable deposit due by October 1, 2018. Limited to 35 people.

Requirements
This trip is for active participants, and there is walking every day. Must be in good physical shape for walking. Bible study class with Libby starting mid-Jan 2019.

More Information
Contact Trip Administrator
Susan Brooksbank at: susan.brooksbank@icloud.com or 408-904-8139 for flight suggestions and details.
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Newcomers Welcome @ UFO

UFO, which stands for Unfinished Objects, is not an invasion of alien visitors but a group of crafty church members who get together twice a month to knit, crochet, quilt, or pursue whatever artistic endeavor tickles their fancy.

The group meets the first and third Tuesday each month between 9a.m. and 12p.m. in the Youth Room.

If you would like more information, contact [bakerjandd@yahoo.com](mailto:bakerjandd@yahoo.com).

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Did you know that Trinity Presbyterian Church can turn in up to 20 used ink cartridges a month at Staples and in return gets $40 to spend on Office Supplies? That reduces our office supply expenses and allows us to direct those budgeted funds to other ministries instead.

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- August 21 - Newsletter available 9/2
- September 18 - Newsletter available 9/30
- October 16 - Newsletter available 10/28
- November 19 - Newsletter available 12/2
Prayer For Growing Old

submitted by Carolyn Brothers. Author Unknown

Eternal God, I thank you that I am growing old. It is a privilege many have been denied. Awareness of this mercy gives fresh wonder to every day. I thank you for the joys I now can grasp because age has pried my fingers loose from trivial things - for simpler life; for swallows skimming over sunlit meadows; for unhurried moments to nourish faith on thoughts of your past mercies; for sacred instants when all things that once seemed disjointed fall into place and the sad things are swallowed up in holy joy.

Heavenly Father, grant us awareness of the beauties of life’s autumn, a time of fulfillment and harvest. May age be seen as part of your design for the world and for us, so that the years may rest less like a burden and more like a benediction. Spare us from the self-pity that shrivels the soul. Though our wrinkles multiply and bodies tire, may there be no withering of our spirit. May every day witness some rebirth of beauty, some eager exploration of a new, unspoiled hour...If appetite for food should fade, may our eyes still savor tenderness in others, consume the dawn, feast on starlight...Like Job, may we see that the order of the planets is more significant than our sores. Though our money me be limited, let us be spendthrifts with love...And grant us daily some moments living on tiptoes, lured by the eternal city just beyond the hills of time.

Groups Using Trinity Facilities

Sunday
A.A. 8-9 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Monday
O.A. 12:15-1:15 p.m., Library
A.A. 8-9 p.m., Youth Room

Tuesday
UFO Fellowship (Every first and third Tuesday)
9:30 a.m., Youth Room
OA 1-2 p.m., Youth Room
A.A. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
C.A. 7-8 p.m., Youth Room
Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Wednesday
OA 10:30-11:30 a.m., Youth Room
Progressive Christian Forum (Every first Wednesday) 12-2:30 p.m., Fireside Room
Neuropathy (Every other third Wednesday)
1 p.m., Fireside Room
Ombudsmen (Every fourth Wednesday) 10-12, Fireside Room
Faith Community Shelter 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Thursday
F.A. 9-10:30 a.m., Library
O.A. 1-2 p.m., Youth Room
U.A. 5:30 p.m., Youth Room
A.A. 7:00 p.m., Youth Room

Friday
A.A. 7:30-9 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Alanon 7:45-9:15 p.m., Youth Room

Saturday
Alanon 8-9 a.m., Library
Sweet Pea (Every second and fourth Saturday)
9:00 a.m., Youth Room
WomenCare’s Qigong (Every first and third Saturday) 2-3 p.m., Fireside Room

Korean Presbyterian Church
Friday 8:00 p.m., Sanctuary
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Chuck Latourette, and Marta Narus

**August 5 Communion Servers**
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