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## Trinity Sunday “Through God’s Eyes”

This marks the third week in a row that has been a special Sunday on the church calendar. First of all, there was Ascension Sunday and then last week we observed Pentecost. This Sunday is the day designated as Trinity Sunday in the life of the church.

The Trinity is certainly not something that any of us will ever fully understand. It’s one of those things where it’s helpful to remember the old saying, “If God was small enough for our minds, God wouldn’t be large enough for our needs.” Even that saying itself has changed over time to prove the point. I remember when I first heard it, the second phrase was “...HE wouldn’t be large enough for our needs.” We tend to trap God in a box that fits what we can comprehend and we most certainly can’t even begin to fully comprehend a concept as vast as God being three in one.

The difficulty we have in understanding the Trinity is seen in lectionary passages that are suggested for this day. None of them clearly lays out what we would call a “Doctrine of the Trinity.” That’s really because such an understanding didn’t exist at the time that any of the books of the Bible were written. That doesn’t mean that the biblical writers didn’t understand God in that fashion; it’s just that it wasn’t labeled as a “doctrine.” That understanding emerged in later centuries to help people come to an understanding of the full scope of the biblical message and how God had come to be known throughout scripture.

The Psalm for Trinity Sunday is a good example of the way the people of God grew into an understanding of who God is. It’s a Psalm that both sings of the wonders of God’s immense, creative power while, at the same time, rejoicing in God’s love and grace toward humanity.

Read Psalm 8 where we’re invited to take a look at ourselves, those around us and all of creation “Through God’s Eyes.”

Trinity Sunday Blessings,  
Dennis

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES: THIS SUNDAY, 9 AM SHARP!



### REMBRANDT AND THE REFORMATION!

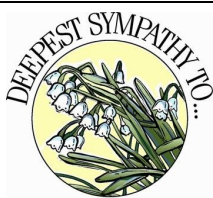
The period known as the Reformation was a time when doors that had previously been closed were suddenly found to be flung wide open in the church. But it was also a time when doors were slammed

shut for artists. Magnificent pictures of biblical scenes were not commissioned for the new Protestant churches. In fact, art was typically rejected by the new churches completely.

Yet, it was during this time period that Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Ryn was born. Rembrandt didn’t allow shut doors to shut off his talent. It was during this time period that he painted some of his greatest themes of the Bible.

Join us this Sunday, at 9 a.m. SHARP!, as Emma Sue Davenport leads us in a closer look at Rembrandt and the Reformation.

MISSION TRIP! We will be leaving for Albuquerque on July 15, and returning on July 24. We will have a short meeting on June 18, in the parlor, immediately after church, to go over plans. Currently, there are 8 of us going. If you are interested in joining us, please do, we’d love you to join us!



Sympathy is extended to Marian LaChance and family in the death of Marian’s daughter, Jamie LaChance Baker.



## Trinity Sunday, June 11, 2017

### 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

**LITURGIST**      **USHER**  
Donna Cooke      Chris Kuhs

### 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

**LITURGIST**      **HEAD USHER**  
Donna Cooke      Mel Ellsperman

### USHERS & GREETERS

Mike Lee & Team  
Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

### ACOLYTE

Jocelyn Kuhs

### CHILDREN’S WORSHIP LEADER

Annie Engelbrecht

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To all of my Eastminster family,

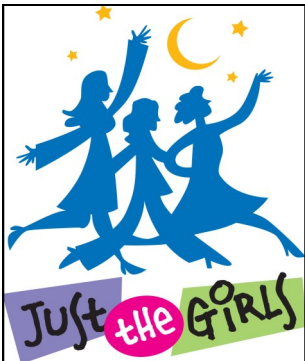
I just wanted to thank all of you who sent cards and well wishes to me during my recent surgery and recovery time. It means so much to know that so many of you were thinking of me and praying for me during such a stressful time.

I am now well on the road to total recovery and am doing well. Also a special thank you to Rev. Davenport who visited with me and prayed with me every day during my hospital stay. It is a true blessing to be part of such a wonderful church family!

In Christ,  
Jack Turpin.



E-Scrip news : Thank you so much to everyone who has purchased e-scrip cards from us! Your support has been so very helpful, and it is much appreciated. Just a reminder, scrip cards are available on Sundays and in the church office. We have a large variety, and even more to choose from that we can have in 2 days for you. Walmart, Target, CVS, gas cards, fast food, and others are a great help with your "average just running errands and grocery shopping" days. And they are wonderful if you're out of town, or in town, and don't feel like using a debit card (card skimmers can't scam you with these!). See Donna on Sunday, and bring your checkbook or cash. Blessings and thanks!



It's LADIE'S NIGHT!

This month, ladies night is Tuesday, June 13, at 6:15 pm, and we're headed for one of your faves, Café Arazu. But this time, we're going to the new one, on Main Street, downtown. It should be wonderful! If you aren't sure where it is, it is where the former "Jungle" restaurant was. Please join us for some great food and wonderful fellowship! Just let the church office know you will be there, for an approximate head count, and if you're not sure, just come if you can. Everyone is always welcome!

Prayers & Concerns



Please pray for the following:  
Sarah Yeager McKee, Barbara, & Ken H.

Assembly Night

If you are serving on Session or have been asked to serve on a committee, please remember to sign up for the Assembly Night meal that will be held on Wednesday, June 14 at 6 p.m.



Pizza & drinks will be served so it's good to have a count on what to order. The sign up sheet is located in the Narthex or see Mel Ellsperman for assistance.

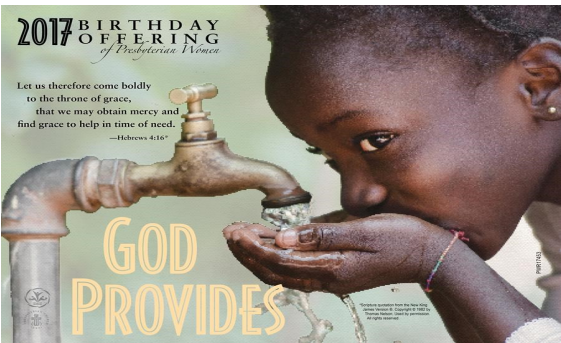


Summer Children's Worship

In addition to opportunities for teaching Sunday School this summer, we also have a few dates open for Children's Worship. As with Children's Sunday School, we provide you with everything you need to lead Children's Worship for about 35-40 minutes – from the end of the Children's Sermon to the end of worship. Here are the dates still available –

- July 30
- August 6
- August 27
- September 3

Call the church office and let us know if you would be willing to take one (or more) of the remaining 4 Sundays this summer. What a blessing and joy it is to lead our children into a greater understanding of God's love!



For many years, we at Eastminster have been strong supporters of the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women. This is an offering that, for nearly 90 years, has provided hope and security to vulnerable people around the world. Each year, grant requests are submitted and the recipients of those grants are doing tremendous things in the name of Christ all around the world.

After reviewing numerous proposals, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee chose three recipients:

**NAVAJO WATER PROJECT NEW MEXICO** - The Navajo Water project will eventually provide water systems to 205 families at the Smith Lake Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. This Birthday Offering grant will provide a running water system for 40 families that do not have access to running water in their homes.

**THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER** - The Family Justice Center (FJC) Safe Haven for Victims of Domestic Violence currently operates an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence in Georgetown and Horry Counties in South Carolina. With room for only 11 people, the shelter is frequently at capacity. The Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering grant will assist FJC in achieving its goal of constructing a new domestic violence shelter for victims of abuse living in these two counties of north-eastern South Carolina.

**FIRST HAND AID CUBA** - First Hand Aid Rural Clinic Development Initiative exists to diminish the suffering of the most marginalized Cuban citizens by providing them hope, dignity, and the basic necessities of life and health. The Rural Clinic Development Initiative is designed to establish six medical clinics in partnership with, and located at, Presbyterian Churches in rural Cuba that will provide medicine and care not available, or difficult to get, from Cuban sources in those communities. In rural Cuba, where people often do not have a means to get to, or the opportunity to benefit from, the resources located in large urban centers like Havana, people turn to the church for their basic needs— including certain medical needs. This project will build, fund, stock, and staff six medical clinics ("Program Clinics") housed in long-existing and established Presbyterian Churches located in rural Cuba where needs are great and supply is limited.

The projects of the Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering are very carefully chosen and we have the assurance that the ministry being provided is of the highest integrity and truly meeting needs that will change lives. On **Sunday, June 11**, we will receive the Birthday Offering in Worship. We encourage you to participate in this very meaningful opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with those in need.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES STILL REMAIN

It's not too late to sign up to help out with our Summer Sunday School program. Here's our schedule. Look at the dates that remain and call the church office before it's too late!

Children's Sunday School

- June 11 – Suzette Fritz
- June 18 – Suzette Fritz
- June 25 - \_\_\_\_\_

- July 2 – Sabrina Holden
- July 9 – Erin Tipton
- July 16 – Cheryl Ison
- July 23 – Susan Kuhs
- July 30 – Linda Moore

- August 6 - \_\_\_\_\_
- August 13 – Cheryl Ison
- August 20 - \_\_\_\_\_
- August 27 – Suzette Fritz

- September 3 – Kim Weil

**Remember** – You will be provided with all the material you need to teach the class. We'll make it as easy as possible for you!

Adult Sunday School

***"All the Places They Went – Those Who Walked Through Doors God Opened for Them"***

- June 11 – Emma Sue Davenport
- June 18 – Barb Ferguson
- June 25 - \_\_\_\_\_

- July 2 – Jim Van Cleave
- July 9 – Brian Bailey
- July 16 - \_\_\_\_\_
- July 23 - \_\_\_\_\_
- July 30 - \_\_\_\_\_

- August 6 – Jarid Shofstall
- August 13 – Donna Cooke
- August 20 – Beth Bailey
- August 27 – Dan Engelbrecht

- September 3 - \_\_\_\_\_