



# THE LINK NEWSLETTER

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN

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## From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

On May 10, I did some thing I'd never done before. I entered the Twittersphere. This is a digital universe where people around the world can publish, via their cell phones and computers, in 140 characters or less, anything that crosses their minds – from their opinion of the newest American Idol to when the protest will begin in Tahrir Square in Egypt, beginning a revolution. I didn't go so far as to tweet anything myself, but I followed two threads: #pcusa and #10A.

I saw real time comments, updated every few seconds, from folks in Minnesota at the meeting of the Twin Cities Area Presbytery and from others around the world who were tapping their feet to find out what would unfold at that meeting. The Twin Cities Area Presbytery was voting that night on Amendment 10A regarding ordination standards in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A).

This amendment would replace the old language of G-6.0106b that has used sexuality as a litmus test for ordination primarily to the exclusion of gay and lesbian people with a more open understanding of ordination that calls ordained persons to live out the fundamental Christian profession that "Jesus Christ is Lord," in every area of life. The vote by the Twin Cities Area Presbytery on May 10 would determine if Amendment 10A would be ratified by the entire denomination.

There were many on both sides of the amendment who waited for the debate, prayer, ballots, count, and finally for the vote to be announced. In the end, the presbytery did approve the amendment. And as of May 24, 96 presbyteries out of a required 87 voted "yes" for justice and inclusion. There are those within our denomination who disagree with this result. I do sincerely hope that as we move forward, we can continue to seek out our unity in Jesus Christ and in our shared mission and dialogue together.

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## PASTOR'S CORNER



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I want to remember that this amendment is not just about an “issue,” but about the lives of men and women who want to live the most full and joyful life in glory and honor to God. Adam Walker Cleveland is a pastor and blogs at <http://pomomusings.com/>. He reported a few deeply profound tweets from May 10 in his blog:

Was driving when the text hit my phone. My queer child read me the news that my church could ordain him one day. Wow. [#10A](#)  
[@lauraviau](#) Laura Viau

I am in awe. The church that nurtured my journey into God's grace will now be able to ordain me. Thanks to all. [#ptca](#) [#10A](#) [#pcusa](#)  
[@PresbyLad](#) John Dews-Alexander

I can be ordained in the denomination that baptized me! Amen! [#10A](#) has passed! [#PCUSA](#)  
[#ptca](#)  
[@stangerous](#) John Stanger

There is yet more work to be done before the PC (U.S.A.) can be considered to be fully open and affirming as a denomination, but the approval of Amendment 10A is an important step in that process.

I am deeply grateful for the passage of 10A. As your pastor I am able to reconcile within our congregation a call process that has been in conflict with itself. Our congregation no longer must subject our baptized, gifted, talented, wonderful, beloved, loved, fabulous, graced, forgiven, freed, blessed, faithful disciples to a hypocritical, exclusive ordination standard. Our local body can discern, train, and pray with and for those whom God has called in Christ Jesus through the Holy Spirit to ordained service as elders in the church in this place. I celebrate that. I celebrate you, children of God.

Thanks be to God!

. . . Now, when the nominating committee calls, I do hope you will be ready with your “yes!”

Grace and peace,  
Maggie

### **Worship and Spiritual Growth Committee**

The committee is planning and discussing the following services and activities:

- We have just completed our third book study. These book studies have been well received and generated interesting conversations. However, we discussed ways to increase participation, such as selecting some thought provoking movies to watch and discuss. Look for a questionnaire to be placed in the bulletin June 5 so that we may have your ideas and suggestions!
- **Pentecost:** Our celebration of Pentecost, June 12, will be the focus of our annual worship and picnic with Dellabrook. Please come out to worship!
- **Healing & Wholeness Service:** Sunday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m. This worship opportunity will be a simple service of prayer and voluntary participation in the laying on of hands.
- **Hymn Sing:** Sunday, July 3. Look for an opportunity during worship on June 19 and 26 to write down 2 or 3 of your favorite hymns that might be sung during our annual hymn sing. You will be able to place them in the offering plates.
- We also spent time reflecting on our Holy Week services and the inclusion of children in Communion.

### **Building and Grounds Committee**

The building and grounds committee would like to ask for your help. We have several tasks that need to be done at the church, and because of the low turnout at the last workday we were able to make very little progress on this task list. We hope that there are members of the church that may be able to help us out. If anyone would like to take ownership of one or more of the tasks, please let me know so that we can coordinate the efforts, and make sure that we have the supplies and equipment available as needed. The list is as follows:

- Waterproof fellowship hall using Dri-Lock.
- Realign sanctuary front doors.
- Trim shrubs in playground area.
- Water fountain adjustment.
- Caulking on outside of fellowship hall where needed.
- Storage cabinets for Christian Education.
- Fix the loose gutter on the back of the church.
- Install metal siding on the last portion of the sanctuary support column.
- Help out Ann Williams the weeding tasks around the church grounds.

If you find it in your heart to undertake one or more of these efforts, please contact Dan Sheets at 336-409-0430.

### **Community and World Service Committee**

The Community and World Service Committee and the Building and Grounds Committee are looking for Trinity volunteer gardeners to help maintain flower beds at Bolton Park and at Trinity through the summer. If you can commit to a week to pull weeds at the beds, and maybe do a little watering at Trinity, please contact Carol Kayler (768-6395) or Ann Williams (768-3724).



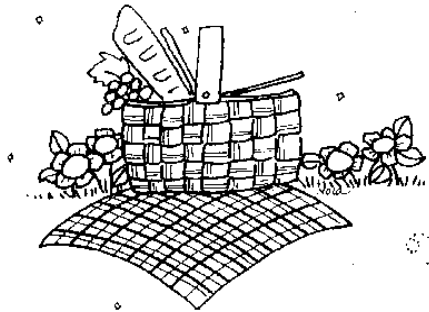
## SUMMER READING OPPORTUNITIES

In the Trinity Library....on the table under the quilt:

Summertime can be a great time to relax with a book. *Saint Maybe* by Anne Tyler is a work of fiction in which a young man struggles to atone for the wrong he feels he has done.

If you are interested in a classic, try *The Pilgrim's Progress*, written by John Bunyon, who lived from 1628-1688 and was an English Puritan preacher as well as a writer.

Our library has several books by Henri Nouwen. In the book *With Burning Heart*, Nouwen says "I hope those who read this book will find here new food and drink on their journey to God."



**The Annual Trinity – Dellabrook service and picnic will be Sunday, June 12, at 10:30 a.m. at South Fork Park**, located at 4403 Country Club Road. We will meet with Dellabrook Presbyterian Church for a time of worship, followed by a picnic lunch. Bring your best dish. We will be celebrating Pentecost, so wear red if you'd like. Dress is casual.

## READING TUTORS NEEDED

Can you give 12 hours this summer to help a child read? The summer tutoring program at El Buen Pastor Latino Community Services will be held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:45-5:00, June 21-30 and July 12-30. Tutor training will be June 14 and 16, 3:45-5. Volunteers must be 16 or older, and should be able to attend 8 of the 10 sessions. To learn more or to sign up, email [casey@elbuenpastorLCS.org](mailto:casey@elbuenpastorLCS.org) or call 924.0401

## SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

The choir is taking a break for summer and will resume the first Sunday in September. The Bell Choir will practice periodically over the summer, so watch the LTS and bulletin for those dates. Anyone who'd like to play an instrument or sing during the summer is strongly encouraged to share their music. Please contact Peggy at 404-643-1293 or [pjenks2@triad.rr.com](mailto:pjenks2@triad.rr.com).

There will be a Music Seminar and Workshop on Saturday, August 27 at Grace Presbyterian Church from 9.00-12.00. The participants will be singing newly published pieces from GIA's African American Church Music Series. There will be a special composer clinician, James Abbington. The Trinity Choir as well as any other people who'd like to attend the workshop are invited to do so. The cost for the workshop and lunch is \$35.00. Each participant will receive a packet of music worth about \$30.00. Please notify Peggy Jenks at 404-643-1293 or [pjenks2@triad.rr.com](mailto:pjenks2@triad.rr.com) by June 15 if you'd like to attend. Registration forms are available in the church office or from Peggy. You can send your check with the registration form or give both items to Peggy and she will send them in.



## TRIAD PRIDE MEN'S CHORUS PRESENTS: LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!

The Triad Pride Men's Chorus, a group of gay and gay-affirming singers, announces its upcoming concert, "Location, Location, Location." Concert dates are June 11 in Greensboro at Greensboro Day School at 8:00 p.m. and June 15 in Winston-Salem at the NC School of the Arts at Watson at 8:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Group rates are available at \$12 for groups of 10 or more. For more information visit the TPMC website at <http://triadpridemenschorus.org>. Postcards are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

In honor of Father's Day this month, here is some information about men's health. Men tend to die at a younger age than women. "One of the biggest obstacles to improving the health of men is men themselves. They don't make their health a priority," states American Academy of Family Physicians President, Rick Kellerman, MD. But with a little attention to your health you can change the odds.

The top 7 threats to men's health are heart disease, cancer, accidents, chronic lung conditions, stroke, diabetes, and suicide. You can reduce the risk of several of these diseases with the following behaviors which generally promote good health:

- eat a healthy diet
- don't smoke
- manage chronic conditions such as diabetes, high cholesterol, or high blood pressure
- include physical activity daily
- limit alcohol
- manage stress
- maintain a healthy weight
- eat plenty of fruits and vegetables



In addition, to reduce the risk of cancer, use sun protection and get regular screenings. To decrease chronic lung conditions, avoid pollutants and prevent infections (wash your hands frequently and ask your health care provider about a pneumonia vaccine). To avoid complications from diabetes, maintain a healthy blood sugar. An important risk factor for suicide is depression. If you are feeling sad or lose interest in normal activities, consult your health care provider. If the feeling to harm yourself is urgent, seek immediate emergency medical help.

By the way, this plan would benefit all of us. Is there one thing above that you can modify? It takes effort to change a behavior, but in this case, a modification can lead to a better life.

Reference: [mayoclinic.com](http://mayoclinic.com); [webmd](http://webmd)



***Please remember the following people in your prayers:***

Helen Trunick

Olive Brewer

Kim Bachman

Clark Johnson

Tom and Linda Hedgecock

All troops and their families

All those recovering from worldwide natural disasters

Anne Maddrey

Sallie Heald

Katherine Sobie

Vi Brady

Stella Cann (Vi Brady's sister)

Will Glasscoff

Marian Hartness

Pat & John Stewart

Mark Brady

John Anderson

Andrew Goldfaden



## Church and Community Bits and Pieces.....

The Frances Dyer Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 7 for "Supper With Sallie." Please bring a sandwich and meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. to carpool to Oak Forest Rehab. We will complete our study of the Book of Revelation. All women are welcome and encouraged to call Winki Campbell (945-7984) or Kathy Woitineck (764-1503) to let us know if you are attending.

**TRINITY SCHOLARSHIPS**  
 We are now accepting applications for Trinity scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year. Applications are available in the church office. Please return applications to the church office. The deadline for submission is June 19, 2011.

### Crisis Control Ministry



Trinity has been asked to donate fruit juices this year to help those who visit their food pantry. Crisis Control Ministry also has a need for adult diapers and Poise pads.

### Moses Basket

Items for June are **pacifiers, nail clippers, baby brushes and combs.**



**Moses Basket**

## TRINITY'S JUNE 2011 CALENDAR

June 1	Knitting Fellowship, 2:00 p.m. in the library
June 5	Communion Sunday
June 7	Presbyterian Women, "Supper with Sallie", 5:30 p.m.
June 12	Trinity—Dellabrook Worship Service and Picnic, 10:30 a.m., South Fork Park
June 12	Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
June 15	Knitting Fellowship, 2:00 p.m. in the library
June 19	Hunger Offering / Blood Pressure Sunday
June 21	Committee Night, 5:30 p.m.
June 26	Healing & Wholeness Service, 5:30 p.m.
June 27	LINK deadline
June 29	Knitting Fellowship, 2:00 p.m. in the library

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### Stewardship Report

#### Treasurer's Report for April 2011

	April	YTD
Income	\$ 13,930.95	\$ 48,594.60
Expenses	\$ 10,575.71	\$ 47,829.05
Pledges Budget YTD		\$ 51,701.33
Actual Pledges Received		\$ 44,655.50
Difference		\$ (7,045.83)

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#### SUPPORT, ADVOCACY, AND EDUCATION GROUPS THAT MEET AT TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

<b>Tolerance AA Groups</b>	Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
<b>P-FLAG</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday, 7:30 p.m. <u>P</u> arents, <u>F</u> riends & <u>F</u> amilies of <u>L</u> esbians & <u>G</u> ays meets at St. Anne's Episcopal Church on 2690 Fairlawn Drive
<b>P-FLAG Board Meeting</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Newcomers Club</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall



## June Birthdays And Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to:

Bert Gronseth	June 2
Scott Larsen	June 4
Jim Maddrey	June 10
Cathy Woitineck	June 10
Adam Parker	June 14
Burch Johnson	June 16
Jennifer Kinneman	June 17
Marian Hartness	June 18
Parker Maddrey	June 18
Millenium Sheriff	June 18
John Owen	June 27
Kip Barksdale	June 28
Charlie Harper	June 29

### Happy Anniversary to:

Bert & Carol Gronseth	June 2
Scott & Sherry Larsen	June 5
David & Rev. Maggie Beamguard	June 6
Tom & Linda Hedgecock	June 9
Scott & Beth Harper	June 14
Jim & Mary Maddrey	June 28
Mark Johnson & Rev. Vicki Jones	June 30

If your birthday/anniversary was left out, please contact the church office so we include it in our celebration list.

## Committee Night June Meeting will be June 21

**5:30 p.m.**

Building & Grounds  
Church Life & Outreach  
Stewardship Education  
Christian Education

**6:30 p.m.**

Dinner & Devotion

**7:30 p.m.**

Personnel & Finance  
Worship & Spiritual Growth  
Community & World Service

## June Worship Servers

Door Greeter - Margaret Elliott

Head Usher - Amanda Barber

Communion Elders -

Dan Sheets

Kevin Zuidema

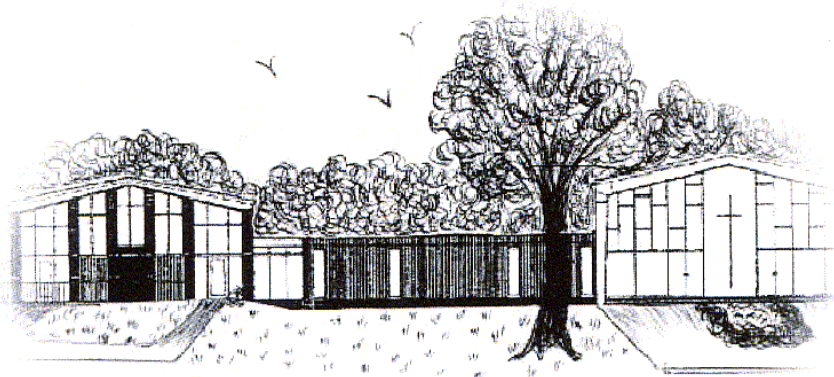
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Cindy Bodenheimer

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nurturing church family of loving, caring,  
and supporting members, glorifying God,  
sharing the good news of Jesus Christ*



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