



The Communicator
Trinity Presbyterian Church

“Reaching Up to God ... Reaching Out to Others”
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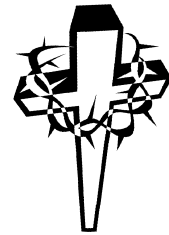
What does it mean—*really* mean—to be a Christian?

According to renowned German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, being a Christian means living life as Christ would have us live it. It means following Christ, wherever Christ leads us.

It means, in other words, *being obedient*.

This Lent, Trinity will be exploring the concept of obedience by delving into the theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Each Sunday morning we'll explore Bonhoeffer's theological understanding of obedience, as set forth in his landmark book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, by examining different passages from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount—a sermon which, according to Bonhoeffer, gives us everything we need to know to live a truly Christian life.

Ash Wednesday (2/6)	Matthew 4:18-22	<i>Obedience</i>
February 10	Matthew 5:14-16	<i>Grace</i>
February 17	Matthew 5:1-12	<i>Discipleship</i>
February 24	Matthew 11:28-30	<i>Bonhoeffer Sermon Excerpts</i>
March 2	Matthew 5:38-48	<i>Compassion</i>
March 9	Matthew 5:17-20	<i>Image of Christ</i>
Palm Sunday (3/16)	Matthew 5:21-37	<i>Repentance</i>
Maundy Thursday	Matthew 26:17-25	<i>Prayer/Choir Cantata</i>
Easter Sunday (3/23)	Matthew 28:1-10	<i>Kingdom of God</i>



Please join us as we explore, together, what it means to live life *in obedience* to Jesus Christ.

10:40 Praise Music

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

“Reaching Up to God” through the music we sing is a time-honored way of praising God in worship; as we lift up our voices, we also lift up our love of God.

Importantly, though, music is not only a way to reach *up* to God—it is also a way for us to reach *out* to one another. And so, as part of our ongoing effort to “reach out” to peoples of other cultures (including those in our own congregation), Trinity will, on occasional Sundays, be singing pre-service praise music—not only in English, but in other languages, as well (don't worry, though – we'll teach you!).

If you have an interest in helping plan and/or lead our 10:40 Praise Music, please see Worship Elder Kwaku Aduama-Larbi.

And, if you have an interest in lifting up your hearts (and your voices!) in praising God ... join us at 10:40 in the sanctuary!

Ash Wednesday (this Wednesday) February 6, Worship Service—7:00 PM

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 10 after the 10:45 worship service to present the candidates for the remaining elder and nominating committee positions.

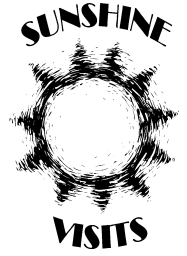
Meetings this Week

Monday	10:30-noon 7:00 PM	Women's Bible study—Keenagers Deacons
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Personnel
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Thursday	7:00 PM	Knitters
	7:00-9:00 PM	Choir
Friday	6:00 PM	Prayer Gathering

Pastoral Care (see back of this week's bulletin)

Visit with the Pastor

Would you like your pastor to visit you? Please let Pastor Nancy know by calling the church office at 860-4114 or email the office at office@trinity-fairfield.com. Or, you may put a note on our white worship registration slip and put it in the collection plate. Rev. Lynch enjoys social calls and is also available to call on you for pastoral care or counseling.



February 10 Schedule

(We are listing the people scheduled to participate in next week's worship service as a helpful reminder)

Ushers 8:30

10:45

Kathy Kessler, Kathy Bredenkamp, Connie and Casey McCall, Rick Paulenich

Reminder to our ushers: Please be sure you enter the attendance on the sheet posted on the office door in the workroom.

Liturgist(s) 8:30

10:45

Connie Williams

Marta Mojzer, Melinda Lee

Child Care

Joyce and Rick Merritt

Inquirer's Conversations

We will hold conversations for those interested in inquiring about uniting with the Trinity congregation in the next few weeks:

Sunday, February 3, immediately following the 10:45 service—Pastor Nancy will lead a discussion of the reformed tradition and our journey in faith.

Sunday, February 10, immediately following the congregational meeting —there will be a meeting with the elders and a representative of the deacons to learn how the roles they play in the ministry of Trinity have helped them deepen their relationship with God.

Both of these meetings will be held in the parlor.

Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 PM—meeting with the session.

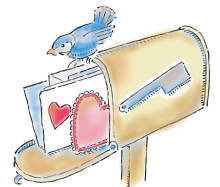
Those completing all three of these gatherings will then be received into membership during worship on March 9.

Personnel Committee

Please note: there will be a meeting of the Personnel Committee on Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00 PM.

Cards for Millie

Millie Beacham is in Wilmington, NC with her foster daughter, Elaine. Millie suffered a stroke and is paralyzed on the right side. She is expected to move to the physical therapy/rehab part of the hospital soon. Cards should be directed to:



Adult Sunday School

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 as we study the “Chosen Twelve.” We will explore how God formed ordinary men into the founding fathers of the church. If you have any questions about Adult Sunday school, please contact Barb Pratt at ###-####.

Faith-Based Challenge

As we begin 2008, we need to keep in mind that there is still the need for a faith-based challenge in the amount of \$4,200. If each person could give only \$1 a week, the challenge would be met by the end of the summer. Please use the envelopes marked, “Faith-Based” challenge that are in the pews.

Crafters

The Crafters will meet on Monday, January 28, at 7:00 PM to make dish cloth angels to sell at the Cookie sale next December. Please bring the following with you: Two or three kitchen towels, two or three dishcloths and two or three pliable pot holders. Each set of towel, dishcloth and pot holders should match or coordinate. Inexpensive sets can be found at the Dollar Store, Old Tyme Pottery, and WalMart.

On February 25 the crafters will continue making the craft from January. See above for the materials to bring. This is a wonderful time of fellowship and creative workmanship. Please join us!

Wanted—Dirty Laundry

The Women’s group needs dirty “white” laundry—dingy T-shirts, dish towels, pillow cases, and socks. We have been participating in a laundry survey for some time. Please help us with a need for 30 items that are dingy “white” clothes. Please place your laundry items in a bag and put them in the basket by the office door.



Trinity Forming A Relay For Life Team

Trinity will join the fight against cancer this year by forming a Relay For Life Team. A team information meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10, immediately following 10:45 AM worship.

The 2008 American Cancer Society’s Fairfield Relay For Life will be held Saturday, May 31-Sunday, June 1, 3:00 PM- 9:00 AM at the Fairfield Middle School. Relay is an 18-hour day into night team fundraising event to promote cancer research, cancer awareness, education on screenings, and early detection. The event is a fun-filled family event with a carnival atmosphere. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. Please contact Sherri Hinrichs at ###-#### or Jenny Williams at ###-#### for more information. Working together we will find a cure!

New Telephone Directory—Last Call

A rough draft of our new telephone directory is in the narthex. Please check your listing to see if it is correct. If you do not see your name listed and would like to be included in the directory, please list your information on the sheet by the rough draft. If a change is needed, please also note the change on the paper by the directory, or email your changes and/or additions to office@trinity-fairfield.com.



Please send your changes to the church office by Friday, February 8. Our new directory will be printed the following week.

Adult Fellowship—Movie Classic

Please mark your calendars for *Trinity’s Movie Classic—A Tribute to Valentine’s Day* held on Saturday, February 9 at 7:00 PM, when we will watch *While You Were Sleeping*, a romantic comedy starring Sandra Bullock and Bill Pullman. Anyone who enjoys a great movie of fun and romance is invited to come. Coffee and light desserts will be served. We will start the evening with a special game to break the ice—for this you will need a roll of quarters, so don’t forget to bring them with you! Please sign up on the sheet posted in the narthex if you plan to attend.



Keep in your Prayers



Names that have been on the Prayer List for more than 4 weeks are marked with an asterisk ().
If you would like them to remain on the list, please contact the office by Tuesday.*

Nations featured this week for prayer: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden



January 6 132
January 13 151
January 20 140
January 27 118

Your encouragement and prayers are appreciated for this week's three families from Trinity featured for prayer. They are the JoAnn Oswald family, the Rick and Lisa Paulenich family, and the Debbie Pfeiffer family.

Hold the Date—May 3

Trinity's Women's Group annual yard sale is Saturday, May 3. Please keep the yard sale in mind when you are cleaning your closets and garage. Please put aside your items for the yard sale—we even pick up items if you cannot bring them in. If you want to bring your yard sale items in early, please put them in the overflow room across the hall from the church office.