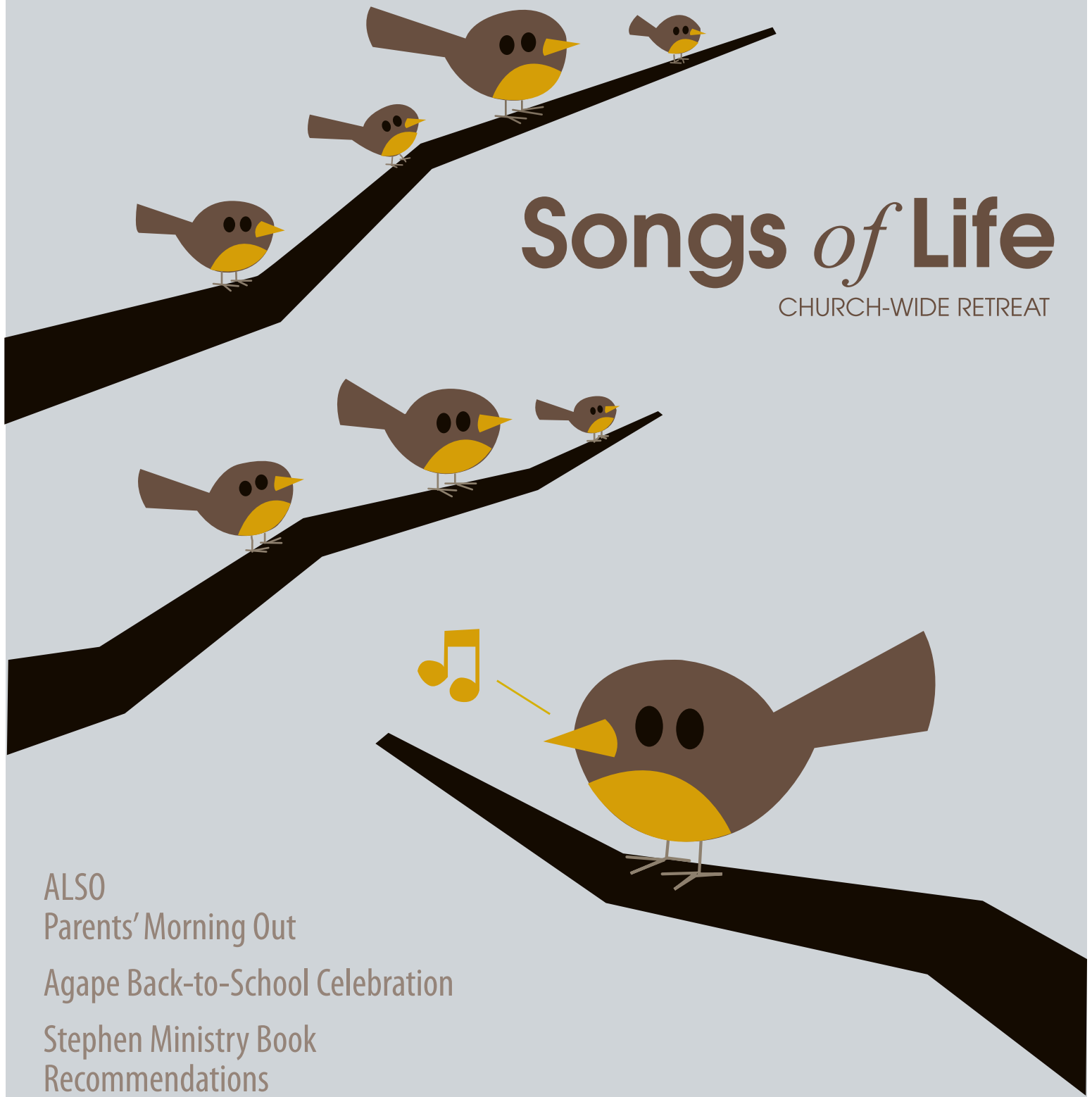


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Songs of Life



Saturday and Sunday, October 10-11
Simpsonwood Conference Center

Trinity's church-wide retreat will take place October 10 -11 at Simpsonwood Conference Center, a beautiful facility on the banks of the Chattahoochee River. The center is located in Norcross, Georgia, a short 45-minute drive from the church.

This year's theme, "Songs of Life," will provide members an opportunity to celebrate the music that has shaped each of our lives. We will engage in large- and small-group interactions, including lively discussions; recreational activities; unstructured time to walk the banks of the Chattahoochee, or to contemplate the universe as you sit around the campfire.

The retreat officially begins with lunch at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday and concludes following worship and lunch, at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. A complete schedule will be available in the coming weeks. Rooms are also available for anyone who would like to stay overnight on Friday, October 9. Please indicate your interests on the form below.

To reserve your spot, please fill out the attached registration form and send it along with your deposit or full payment, to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Attention: Amy Patterson, 3003 Howell Mill Road, Atlanta, GA 30327; or drop it by the church offices between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Amy Patterson at 404-495-8427.

Registration Form

Pricing: Please indicate the number of adults and children per room. Prices include overnight lodging, lunch, dinner, snacks on Saturday, and breakfast, lunch, and snacks on Sunday.

A \$55.00 deposit per family is due by August 5. This deposit is refundable if registration is cancelled by August 7. **Final registration fees must be paid in full by September 14.**

**Rate is determined by the number of adults per room (ages 13+). The children's rate is \$40 per child (ages 4-12). Children age 3 or younger are free.

ACCOMMODATIONS (Saturday night)

- Single occupancy
\$155.00 per adult
- Double occupancy
\$110.00 per adult
- Triple occupancy
\$95.00 per adult
- Quad+ occupancy (4 to 6 people per room)
\$90.00 per adult
- Yes, I am interested in reserving a room on Friday night for an additional charge.

ADULTS

_____ # of adults (age 13+)

CHILDREN

_____ # children (age 4- 12) @ \$40 per child

_____ # of children under the age of 3

CONTACT INFO

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I will room with the following people: _____

- Please assign me a roommate.
- I will need a ride.
- I am willing to carpool.

Return completed form to the church office with check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church.



Laughing, Learning, Playing, Growing Together...

Trinity's Parents' Morning Out (PMO), our church's two-or-three-day morning child care program for children ages six months through two years, is currently registering for the 2009-2010 year (September 8, 2009, – August, 2010).

After registering our current families and adding new children and grandchildren of Trinity Church members, we still have some openings in several classes, especially those that meet on Tuesday/Thursday. The PMO Board has approved the opening of the program to the community for the year 2009-2010. Since this is an exception to our stated mission policy,

we will not advertise other than through word-of-mouth to friends and neighbors.

If you are new Trinity members with a young child, or if you know of families who are not church members, but who may be interested in joining PMO, please contact Cecilia Garner (404-495-8457, cgarner@trinityatlanta.org).

The Trinity Church Oral History Project

Exciting opportunity! We need persons interested in collecting visual interviews of those Trinity members who have been in our church for three to six decades. They are "libraries" of fascinating stories about the history and commitments of many individuals and families who have nurtured this congregation and have brought it into the present. Now is the time to prepare an oral history that will preserve many of those stories. If you are interested in helping with this project, contact Jeanne McKown at 404-352-8377, or come to a meeting in the Media Center at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 8, 2009.

Agape Community Center

Back to School Celebration

The new school year will be here before we know it! Traditionally, the Agape Community Center has furnished a backpack filled with school supplies to the economically challenged youth of the Bolton Road community.

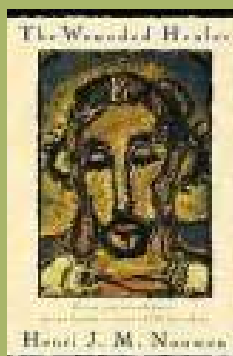
Last year we were able to provide 600 youth in the community with a backpack filled with school supplies. This could not have been done without the wonderful and generous support from our partners in the community. We feel the need will be even greater this year because of the difficult economic climate.

The Agape Community Center is asking for your help again this year! A \$25 donation will provide a child with a book bag filled with school supplies. Thank you for your support in this very important project! Donations may be mailed to the Agape Community Center at 2353 Bolton Road, NW, Ste. 100, Atlanta 30318. All gifts are greatly appreciated.

Please join us for this exciting celebration at Agape on August 7, 2008, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For further information, please contact Shawna Moss at (404) 367-3943 or smoss@agapecc.org.



Stephen Ministry Book Recommendations



The Wounded Healer

by Father Henri J.M. Nouwen

Reviewed by Tom Jones

We are all called to be “Wounded Healers.” The author of this little book, Father Henri J.M. Nouwen (1932-1996), was a Dutch-born Roman Catholic priest who authored 40 books on the spiritual life which are read today by Protestants and Catholics alike. In this classic inspirational work Father Nouwen addresses the calling and challenges of Christian ministers in today’s increasingly secular world, and also speaks powerfully to the layperson - to you and me as we minister to those around us.

The Wounded Healer begins with a description of Nouwen’s conception of modern homo sapiens, termed “nuclear man.” This 20th/21st century human is consciously or unconsciously preoccupied with the “suicidal potentials of his own world.” He sees the world as literally a dead-end proposition, without hope or promise. Nuclear man therefore focuses on the immediate gratification of his own short-term needs and desires. With no hope or expectation for the now, much less for the hereafter, Nouwen writes that “it is certainly not surprising that nuclear man cannot find adequate expression of his experience in symbols such as Hell, Purgatory, Heaven, Hereafter, Resurrection, Paradise and the Kingdom of God.” How then does nuclear man and woman escape from this quandary? The author points to two “Ways” out of this predicament: the mystical way and the revolutionary way. In Nouwen’s view, these “ways” are both components of the “Christian Way” - wherein Christ’s “appearance in our midst has made it undeniably clear that changing the human heart and changing human society are not separate tasks, but are as interconnected as the two beams of the cross.”

Thus, the Christian turns inward for God’s voice (the mystical way), but also is a keen observer and actor in the world (the revolutionary way). Nouwen says that these ways, this Way, are known and distinguished by three outcomes: personal care for others which asks one to give his life for his brother/sister, a deep faith in the value and meaning of life, and a strong love that breaks through the boundaries of death.

The heart of the book is an application of Nouwen’s convictions to a painful, real-life experience - a minister’s conversations with a man about to undergo life-threatening surgery, a man who fears death but feels no joy in the prospect of returning to the life he has been living. By following the Way of Christ and sensing his own wounds (Nouwen himself suffered frequent bouts with clinical depression), the Wounded Healer is able to focus on the needs of this one lost soul, bringing to him, and thereby to himself, a measure of God’s grace.

This book is recommended as a guide and inspiration for all those who seek to do God’s will in serving and supporting others.



Final Gifts: Understanding the Special Awareness, Needs, and Communications of the Dying

by Maggie Callanan and Patricia Kelley

Reviewed by Meredith Daniel

This is a very poignant and revealing book written by nurses who for many years have specialized in the care of the dying. Based upon years of observation of the dying, the authors offer insight into the needs of the dying, as well as how they communicate and the special awareness that the dying experience. “Final Gifts” refers to how one can learn from the dying by simply listening “with our ears, with our hearts, and with open minds.”

The term the authors give to the special awareness of the dying is “Nearing Death Awareness,” which they define as a special knowledge about – and sometimes control over – the process of dying. By listening to those going through the experience, one can obtain a further understanding of what it is like to die, and what is needed to die peacefully, bringing comfort to both the dying and those who love them.

Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who provide one-to-one Christian care to those facing a crisis or life challenge. Stephen Ministers are available upon request and on Sunday mornings in the church parlor. To meet with a Stephen Minister, contact Calico Perry at 404-355-1201 or candtperry@aol.com.

Women's Link Bible Study

Joshua: A Journey of Faith

The 2009-2010 *Horizons* Bible Study for Trinity Women's Link circles will be "Joshua: A Journey of Faith," authored by Mary Mikhael. It explores the challenging, sometimes heartrending book of Joshua. Pursuing such themes as leadership, the promise of the land, the concept of "holy war," and outsiders becoming insiders, we learn ultimately to find rest in the justice and mercy of God.

On Saturday, August 8, Trinity women are invited to attend a special one-day workshop giving an overview of the Bible study series. In addition to Trinity's one-day workshop, a five-day workshop will be held at Alpharetta Presbyterian Church on July 27 through 31. Both workshops will be led by Rebecca Parker. Rebecca is ordained by the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is a graduate of Yale School of Divinity.

August 8 (Saturday)

9 am – 4 pm

Trinity Presbyterian Church

\$55 program fee (excludes lunch); \$50 per person with 2 or more people from the same church. Lunch will be available for purchase at \$10 per person, or you may bring your own lunch.

Register by e-mailing rebecca.parker@comcast.net or calling 404-876-0788

July 27 – 31 (Monday - Friday)

9:30 am – 12:30 PM

Alpharetta Presbyterian Church

Leader – Rebecca Parker

\$90 program fee

Register by e-mailing rebecca.parker@comcast.net or calling 404-876-0788

Trinity Explores! Launches Major Fall Program

"Understanding Islam: Conversation with Muslims"

Sundays, September 20th and 27th; October 4th

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Make plans now to participate in a series of "table top" discussions with members of the Atlanta Muslim community. Led by Columbia's Professor Emeritus the Reverend Ben Johnson, Trinity's Sandra Mackey, and representatives of the Muslim community, the conversations will bring together people of different faiths but common desires. These gatherings aim to help us have a deeper understanding of each other's beliefs, values, and vision for the community.

Since his retirement from Columbia, Mr. Johnson has designed an effective model that encourages person-to-person conversation between Christians and Muslims. Similar efforts at Shallowford and First Presbyterian have resulted in overwhelmingly positive responses.

Each evening the group will sit together around tables, listen to a presentation, and engage in conversation that grows out of it. The participants will sit at tables of six or eight, with each faith represented at each table. Following the presentations, the leader will make suggestions for table conversation. Middle-Eastern snack food will be served.

Some of the Trinity Explores! committee members have attended prior conversations that Ben has led and were amazed and inspired. Our sister churches in Northwest Atlanta will be invited to participate in this major event. Make reservations with Bede Campbell (404 495 8428, bcampbell@trinityatlanta.org) early, and plan to bring a neighborhood friend. There is no charge for this event.

Activities and Recreation

Trinity Church Volleyball Clinic

Saturday, August 1
9 a.m. -12 p.m.
Gym (D Building)

This clinic is for middle-school-age girls who are interested in brushing up on their volleyball skills before tryouts start in the fall. Led by former Georgia Tech Volleyball players Lindsey Laband and Katie Mohs, attendees will participate in skills challenges, drills, and game play and will receive feedback on ways to improve.

Lindsey Laband was a four-year letter winner who spent two seasons as the Yellow Jackets' starting setter. During her junior year she led the nation in assists per game. Following the 2005 season, Lindsey was voted as the Most Valuable Player.

Katie Mohs was a defensive specialist who joined the Yellow Jackets as a walk-on in 2003 after spending a year on scholarship at Wingate University. She was voted the team's Best Practice Player following the 2005 season.

The cost for the clinic is \$10 per participant. Girls are encouraged to bring their own volleyballs if they have them. To register or for more information, please contact Amy Patterson at 404-495-8427 or apatterson@trinityatlanta.org.



Yoga

Mondays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Play Place;
Thursdays, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. in Williams Hall
Cost: \$10 per class

Tai Chi

Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. to noon in B112
Cost: \$10 per class

For more information or to register for any of these programs, please contact Amy Patterson at 404-495-8427 or apatterson@trinityatlanta.org. New faces are always welcome to join us at any time.

Groups and Gatherings

Faces of Wisdom

Faces of Wisdom: Women's Gathering meets at 7 a.m. on Wednesdays for breakfast and study. All women are invited to join the "Faces" for breakfast and discussion.

Men of Trinity

Join the Men of Trinity at their weekly breakfast in Williams Hall at 7:27 a.m. each Friday. Cost is \$5; reservations are not necessary.

Trinity Network Support Group

Trinity Presbyterian Church will offer Trinity Network Support Group meetings on Thursday afternoons at 5 p.m. in Room D134C. The purpose of these meetings is to encourage helpful dialogue among Trinity members who are searching for employment opportunities while pursuing personal growth and development. Participants will meet with Bill Carr, Pastoral Counselor in Residence, from 5 to 6:15 p.m. every Thursday. For more information and registration, call 404-495-8426. This ministry of Trinity is provided without cost to participants.

Flu Shots

Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 17. Flu shots will be administered from 2 to 6 p.m. at Trinity Church. Shots will be given on a first-come, first, served basis, but reservations are required. Call the church office (404-237-6491) to make a reservation.

Pastoral Care

To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, contact Veronica Ridenhour, Assistant to the Executive Pastor, at 404-495-8440 or veronr@trinityatlanta.org

Keep in your prayers

Brenda Arnold
Laura Bynum
Jim Dodd
Marilyn Haney
Mackey Hartog
Brent Karasick
Wyatt LeFevre
Rose Oglesby
Jim Pilcher
Donna Sellen
Stewart Singers
Bert Taylor
Dot Vick
David Vroon
Von Welch

Family members

Ruth Blackstock's father,
Bill Blackstock

Kristen LeFevre's father,
Paul Desmond

Rick Bradshaw's sister,
Julie Dickerson

Angie Nail's grandfather,
Garrison Lockwood

Kathleen Poe's mother,
Laura Poe

Hernan and Jorge Restrepo's
mother, Cecelia Gonzalez

Dorothy Mitchell's mother,
Rosa Sanders

Alison and Chris Thomas'
daughter, Sophie Jane Thomas

Barbara Byerly's cousin,
Catherine Wolfe

Bettye Sue Wright's brother,
Charles Wright

Long-term care

Money Allen
Betty Ambrose
Mildred Blaine
Ruth Burton
Barry Graham
Vivian T. Jones
Wilma Redfearn

Births

Katherine Addison Gober,
daughter of Geoffrey and Donna
Gober, granddaughter of Jim
and Lasley Gober, born June 11,
2009

Dexter Nolan Brown, son of
George and Tina Brown, born
June 25, 2009

David Anthony Sammons,
III, son of David and Laura
Sammons, born June 27, 2009

Alyson Isabel Adams, daughter
of John and Stacey Adams,
granddaughter of Howell and
Madeline Adams, born July 6,
2009

Emma Grace Rutledge, daughter
of Clark and Julia Rutledge and
granddaughter of Tim and Fran
Hammond

Death

Richard Yow's father, Lawson
Yow, July 12, 2009

Nancy Halwig's stepmother

Lisa Ambrose Hudson

Serving in Iraq or Afghanistan

Bill Callahan, son of Becky and
Tom Callahan

Adam Hauseman, son of Diane
and David Hauseman

James Henderson, nephew of
Erin McGee

Cody McGee, nephew of Erin
McGee

Travis McGee, nephew of Erin
McGee

Jeremy Scullion, nephew of DJ
Feather

Shawn Tatham, nephew of Lane
and Mitch Rhoden

Thomas E. Tomkins, Jr.,
grandson of Betty Fuller

Ben Walker, nephew of Kurt and
Frances Swensson

Military personnel

During its weekly meeting, the Trinity staff offers prayers for Trinity members. As this practice continues, the staff would like to add to the prayer list members who are serving in the military, particularly those in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you would like to add a name to the list, contact Veronica Ridenhour at 404-495-8440 or veronr@trinityatlanta.org.

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UPCOMING DEADLINES:
For the August 9 issue, July 29
For the August 23 issue, August 12

To submit an item for publication,
contact Esther Patrick, Director of Communications,
at epatrick@trinityatlanta.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

JULY 26
Rev. David Burns

AUGUST 2
“Goldilocks Got It Right”
Proverbs 30:3-9
Rev. PC Enniss

For a complete list of events, visit www.trinityatlanta.org

EVENT CALENDAR

July 26 - August 8

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 11:00 a.m. PYC to Hindu Temple	27	28 6:00 p.m. Young Men’s dinner	29	30	31	1
2 11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday planning 6:00 p.m. Senior High movie night	3 10:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry	4 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry	5 12:00 p.m. Trinity Men’s lunch	6	7	8 2:00 p.m. Oral History Project

RECURRING EVENTS

10:00 a.m. Worship	9:00 a.m. Parents’ Morning Out 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 304 6:30 p.m. Yoga	9:00 a.m. Parents’ Morning Out 11:00 a.m. Tai chi	7:00 a.m. Faces of Wisdom 9:00 a.m. Parents’ Morning Out 8:00 p.m. AA meeting	9:00 a.m. Parents’ Morning Out 9:00 a.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. AA meeting	7:30 a.m. Men’s breakfast 9:00 a.m. Parents’ Morning Out	
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