A NEW YEAR

New Church School Session
New Spiritual Formation Groups
New Trinity Explores Series
BEGINNING IN JANUARY

Dream Group

...PLUS MORE WEEKDAY OFFERINGS
A Day of Contemplation and Reflection:
Sitting With the Holy, Listening for God
Monday, January 27
10:00 am- 3:00 pm
B110

Come join other seekers at Trinity for a day of contemplation and reflection, as you engage in a variety of spiritual practices, all invitations for you to behold God and deepen the mystery of your life’s sacred journey. Spiritual practices offered will include reading Scripture, guided meditation, a silent lunch, centering prayer, and sacred music. Leadership for the day will be shared by many, including Jeannie DuBose, Judy Garland, Helena Anderson, and Patty Smitherman. Childcare provided upon request.
Cost: $6.00 for lunch.
To rsvp, contact Jeannie DuBose at jdubose@trinityatlanta.org or at 404-495-8429.

Chapter 3 –III
Leader: Andie Goodrich
Alternating Tuesdays: January 28, February 11, 25, March 11, 25, April 8
7:00 -9:00 pm
A116

If you’re a woman in midlife, it’s likely you’re going through a season of tremendous change, even upheaval, that beckons you to pay attention. Your sense of identity and long-held roles may be suddenly shifting. Perhaps you’re wondering how the next phase of life is going to look but aren’t even sure of what you’re looking for. Maybe you’re approaching or already in the empty nest phase, you’ve moved on from a career that’s consumed most of your energy, or a close relationship is in flux. And maybe, in the midst of it all, you’re hungering for a deeper experience of God.

If any of these issues strike a chord, you’ll be interested in an opportunity for women who are going through significant life transitions. This January, Andie Goodrich will facilitate a series of six conversations that allow women to explore together the many and often conflicting emotions that come up at this stage including joy, grief, confusion, energy for change, anxiety, a desire for more authentic connection with herself, others, and God. While every woman has her own unique set of circumstances, we are also bonded by many common experiences, and there’s a balm in gathering as a community and navigating a new season together.
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Dream Group
Leader: Gail Tyson
Alternating Tuesdays: January 14, 28, February 11, 25, March 11, 25
10:00 am-12:00 pm
A116

The ancient spiritual tradition of working with dreams involves sitting prayerfully with images that arise from the unconscious. Dreams speak to us in the rich language of symbols, and group dream work develops our ability to understand and speak this metaphorical language with greater fluency. Heart-pounding nightmares, recurring dreams, visitations in sleep by our deceased loved ones—these are all invitations to grow in self-awareness and the ways in which God is working in our lives. Our Dream Group will explore the rich, symbolic “night wisdom” of individual dreams, learning what our psyches have to teach us through the language of dreams. Gail Tyson is an honors graduate of Temple University, and has an M.A. cum laude in English from Stanford University. An alumna of the Haden Institute’s Summer Dream & Spirituality Conference, she is currently completing her training work for dream leader certification at Haden Institute.
To sign up, contact Jeannie DuBose at jdubose@trinityatlanta.org or at 404-495-8429.
WOMEN’S LINK
You belong because you belong.

JOINT CIRCLE LUNCH
Tuesday, January 14
10:00 AM | Williams Hall

Rebecca Parker will lead us in our study of Exodus. Lunch will be served at noon. If you would like lunch, your check for $10 is your reservation. Please send your check to the church office no later than Thursday, January 9.

WOMEN’S RETREAT
Saturday, February 8
9:00 AM | Williams Hall

Anna Carter Florence, teacher, author, lecturer, and Peter Marshall, Associate Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary, will lead our 2014 Women’s Retreat. All Trinity women are invited. Please join us from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm with luncheon following in Williams Hall for this wonderful time of learning, sharing and connecting.

*Your check for $15 sent to Trinity Presbyterian Church is your reservation.

RSVP by Monday, February 3.

Guest Speaker:
Anna Carter Florence
Teacher, Author, Lecturer, and Associate Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary,
CHRISTMAS
THANKS

On December 8, Trinity’s youth donated toys and helped to decorate the Agape Center for their annual Holiday Market. It’s always a fast, fun, and wild night! One advisor likened it to home decorating show on TV – pure chaos for 50 minutes and in the last 10 everything comes together. Many thanks for all those who participated!

A heartfelt thanks to all of Trinity for your “over the top” generosity in fulfilling the Agape Christmas Giving Tree wishes. You provided gifts for 70 children, 30 Ragtimers (seniors), and gave grocery gift cards for 40 families. There were at least 12 bicycles, numerous scooters, dolls, remote control vehicles, warm jackets, and cool shoes just to mention a few! There were many happy children and families because of your thoughtfulness.

Many thanks go to all of our volunteers who worked so hard to add the holiday spirit to Trinity Church during the Christmas season. We began Advent with our traditional Advent Devotional Guide and brought old-world Christmas to Williams Hall with dinner and songs at the Madrigal Feast. In mid-December the gym was filled with handmade gifts and virtual gifts from around the world at the Christmas Market. The sanctuary, chapel, and common areas were all decorated so beautifully and spread the festive feeling throughout. Although there were many members who helped in all these endeavors, special thanks go to the following chairpersons:

Advent Devotional: Heather Heinz
Madrigal Feast: Ruth Marston and Kay Summers
Christmas Market: Hanna Hope and Janet Reed
Christmas Trees: Evelyn Jones
Poinsettias: Cissy Smith
PASTORAL CARE

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS
Virginia Barrow
Carole Bartlett
Collier Bainbridge
John Culver
Bill Daugherty
Lyn Draughon
Cynthia Douthat
Patti Gambrell
Denny Goode
Bob Gundeck
Nancy Ireland
Harriett Jett
Bob Kent
Nancy Kent
Anna K. Mansfield
Kitty Manson
Julie Sawyer
Joel Saxon
Doug Sommer
Claire Taylor
Frances Turner
Jack Turner
Diane Wilkinson

FAMILY MEMBERS
Evan Allison: Judy Allison’s son
Mary Virginia Baughman: Eleanor Baughman’s sister
Linda Bryde: Walt Bryde’s sister-in-law
Clayton Callaway: Victoria Wolle’s father
Helen Emmitt: Louise Bryde’s mother
Jay Farley: Family friend of Deborah Glenn
Cecilia Gonzalez: Hernan and Jorge Restrepo’s mother
Sarah Grace Homer: Doris Pidgeon’s 5-year-old great-granddaughter
Bob Johnson: Katie Johnson MacKenzie’s father
Julia King: Adair White’s granddaughter
Virginia Klettner: Laura Bynum’s mother and Vivian Guthrie’s sister
Betty Lowry: Elizabeth Borland’s mother
Laurel Mackenzie: Norman Mackenzie’s mother
Betty Matlock: Jill Hall’s mother
Thomas Parson IV: George Parson’s brother
Will Sonnett: Sandi Scheier’s father-in-law
Donald Theriot: Christie Woodfin’s brother
Gene Thompson: Cynthia McCaleb’s father
Katherine Arnold Wolf: Barbara Byerly’s cousin

LONG-TERM CARE
Betty Ambrose
Ruth Burton
Marilyn Haney
Jackie Harden
Vivian T. Jones
Jim Pilcher
Arleen Schotanus

BIRTHS
Thomas Quentin Pennington
DOB: December 30, 2013
Parents: Brooke and Jeff Pennington

DEATHS
Elise Piper’s mother, Joanna Higdon
Phil Bittel’s mother

BAPTISMS
October 20, 2013
Vivian Anne Hitchins,
dughter of Lauren and John Hitchins III
December 15, 2013
Matthew Ames Rhoden, son of Land and Mitch Rhoden
Wyatt Stone Muse, son of Carianne and Keith Muse
Rowe Clayton Weaver, son of Anne and Price Weaver
January 12, 2014
Matthew “Mack” Ames Rhoden, son of Mitch and Lane Rhoden
Spencer Ellis Henschen, son of Josef and Susan Henschen

STAFFING CHANGES

Over these last months of 2013 there have been a number of staffing changes at Trinity.

We have said goodbye to long-time employee Nancy Kirby and welcomed Leah Lyman Waldron as our new Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor. Bede Campbell, Administrative Assistant for Adult Ministries, also retired and was replaced for a short period of time by Deirdre LaRue. The position is currently open.

T.C. Carr who helped us temporarily in the Senior Pastor’s office and then in support of our Senior Associate Pastor and Director of Finance and Administration has accepted a permanent position in a corporate office.

Jessica Hayslip, Director of the Trinity Presbyterian Preschool, departed and Paige Keller is currently serving as Interim Director.

Dr. John Ryan enjoyed a three month sabbatical leave and Rev. Erin McGee is currently on her sabbatical leave.

In addition, Brian Hoffman, Director of Operations, and Wendy Cochran, Assistant Director of Youth and Family Ministries, are no longer employed at Trinity.

Searches are underway for several of these positions.

At the congregational meeting on January 12, the Personnel Committee will bring a year-end report and update.

In the meantime if you have any questions related to these changes, please call Halsey Knapp, Chair of Personnel at (404) 277-3869 or Craig Goodrich, Senior Associate Pastor at (404) 495-8436.
DID YOU KNOW?

Switzerland, like the US, is a heavily armed nation, with a citizen militia, many gun clubs, classes, and competitions. However, Switzerland bans assault weapons; requires background checks for all gun purchases; and requires 100% registration for firearms. Switzerland’s gun death rate is 6 times lower than the US.

Source: Fareed Zakaria, CNN special program on international comparisons of gun violence. aired at 2 PM on Sunday, December 15, 2013.

ELECTIVE COURSES

BIBLE
Tell It Slant: The Ministry of Jesus According to Luke
Teacher: Dr. Steve Kraftchick
B104-106

Emily Dickinson’s poem “Tell the Truth” elegantly captures the nature of the Gospel narratives. Each one depicts Jesus as the representative of God’s truth, but each one does so from a particular slant. In this series we will consider how Luke has shaped his retelling of Jesus’ ministry and death to meet the intellectual and pastoral needs of his community of readers by examining representative passages that depict Jesus’ ministry. Throughout the next six weeks we will consider how Luke demonstrates the significance of Jesus through his portrayal of Jesus’ commissioning by God, his interactions with religious leaders and his disciples, his parables, and his death to discover Luke’s manner of telling it slant.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND ACTIONS

Building Common Values in a Multicultural Society
Speakers: Sandra Mackey and various guests
Williams Hall C

The United States has always been a nation of immigrants. But in the 21st century the combination of technology, a global economy, and political and economic dislocation outside the borders of the US is bringing in new immigrants representing more diversity than in the past. Over the course of the class, a number of topics will be explored by outstanding speakers. They include the values of the Founding Fathers, the patterns of immigration in the US, common values shared by Christians and non-Christians, fear of “the other”, and how Christians and non-Christians, Caucasians, Blacks, Hispanics and Asians might come together in a truly multicultural society.

PERSPECTIVES ON LITERATURE, ARTS, SCIENCE, AND FAITH

A History of Christian Art
Teacher: Kay Summers
B110

This class will cover 2000 years of Christian art beginning with the earliest artworks currently known to have been produced. We will discuss the changes and developments in architecture, painting, and sculpture, and how their styles have evolved with the passing of time, and in response to changes of external influences. Works from all across Western Europe will be explored, learning how they interacted in their progression.

MISSIONAL ISSUES

Church of the 21st Century
Speakers: Pam Driesell, Matthew Ruffner, Sara Hayden, and others
B112

Based on last January’s series that defined the issues facing the “church of the 21st century,” this class opens the discussion for Trinity members: “where can we go next?” We will be seeking the opinions of all and in doing so, hopefully open the door for the Holy Spirit. Leaders for this series include Rev. Sara Hayden of Atlanta’s New Church Development Commission, our own Pam Driesell and Matthew Ruffner, as well as several outside speakers who have led successful new church developments as part of their congregational mission.

ON-GOING CLASSES

COMMON GROUND
“Best Practices” from God’s Children
Coordinators: Richard Jones and Kurt Baumberger
B108

We all share the same trials and tribulations – this is our Common Ground. In this class, participants join in lively discussions on “best practices” for handling day-to-day challenges.

ROOTS
Discovering Our Roots
Coordinators: Blair and Krysia Waldron
A116

We’ll start the new year with a new course coordinated by Senior Associate Pastor Craig Goodrich called “Discovering Our Roots.” The course will feature interesting guests and topics - both theological and more practical - that will educate you on our religion and denomination and inspire your own personal faith journey.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Sunday, January 26 - Sunday, February 23
9:45 a.m., Chapel Parlor

If you are interested in learning more about Trinity Church or in becoming a member, you are encouraged to attend one of the new member classes held throughout the year. The class is informal, giving visitors the opportunity to know one another, as well as clergy, staff, and lay leaders who rotate in during the series to highlight different programs and ministries.

For more information about becoming a member, contact:
Gay Gunter, New Member Welcoming Committee Chair | (770) 432-1090

CHURCH SCHOOL

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America’s Healthcare System

This series will focus on the current status and future trajectory of our healthcare delivery system. Key issues of cost, quality of care, and accessibility of care will be addressed. Each session will provide ample time for discussion.

TRINITY EXPLORES

THE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM: 2014

Thursday January 9 & 23

7:00 pm | B104-106
Dr. Tony Bueschen

Dr. Bueschen is Professor Emeritus of Urology and Surgery at the University of Alabama School of Medicine at Birmingham. He has served as President of the University of Alabama Health Services Foundation, as well as President of the American Urological Association.

Trinity Explores

seeks to nurture the intellectual and spiritual lives of adults both in the Trinity congregation and in the broader community; its series of courses of the highest quality enrich the experience of faith and support Trinity’s larger mission of “encouraging that continual exploration and insight which keeps us open to the new world God is always creating.”

Register online at www.trinityatlanta.org
COMING SOON IN 2014...

MORE CARE FOR TRINITY!

More Care? What do we mean? We mean we have more Stephen Ministers getting ready to enter our midst here at Trinity Presbyterian Church!

On January 26, 2014, Trinity will commission 8 new Stephen Ministers during the 11:00 worship service and expand our ministry from 20 active Stephen Ministers currently in our ranks.

These 8 new trainees have been working hard since last August to complete 50 hours of training to prepare themselves for a 2 year commitment as an active Stephen Minister for our congregation. Sound overwhelming? Ask any Stephen Minister about their training experience and the usual response is that it is one of the most worthwhile and life-changing endeavors you can pursue. Stephen Ministers put in a lot but always get back more than they give, and become a member of a close-knit group of their own. After training, engaging in a meaningful one-on-one relationship with a care receiver is extremely rewarding, but also using your new skills in your own personal life is priceless! So adding more Stephen Ministers to our wider congregation benefits us all.

Stephen Ministry strives to fulfill Christ’s command, “As I have loved you, so you must love one another” (John 13:24 NIV). So who are these new caregivers in our midst?? Stay tuned to your next Trinity Times and you will see.....

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John 13:24 NIV