



# TRINITY PATHWAYS

**JANUARY 2025**  
**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
2125 TOWER DRIVE, WOODBURY MN 55125

## Visiting Pastors In January



**Sunday, January 5th**  
Rev. Cindy Ray

**Sunday, January 12th**  
Rev. Barbara Anne Keely

**Sunday, January 19th**  
Rev. Barbara Anne Keely

**Sunday, January 26th**  
Rev. Bill Peake

## Happy New Year Trinity!

**Greetings in Christ! It's a New Year, and a New Beginning!**

New beginnings can be both exciting and intimidating. They represent a chance to start fresh and make positive changes in our lives, but they also require us to let go of the familiar and step into the unknown.

As Christians, we can find hope and strength in knowing that God is with us in all things, including the new beginnings we face. In Isaiah 43:19, the Lord says, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" God is constantly at work in our lives, creating new opportunities and possibilities for us.

## Thank You to Trinity!

### 2024 CHRISTMAS JOY

Trinity collected the Christmas Joy offering on Sunday, December 22nd. Thank you to each of you who made an offering to the special PCUSA offering. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

## Thank You

Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we come together to support past, present and future leaders, embodying God's perfect gift to us, Jesus Christ.

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**Join Us! Congregational Townhall Meeting - Sun., Jan 12th, 11AM** (see p. 4)

## Thank You to Pastor April - 7 Years of Leadership with Trinity!



On Sunday, December 29th, Pastor April led her final worship service at Trinity. Afterward she was celebrated in the fellowship hall with a congregational potluck. She led Trinity for seven years and will be greatly missed. Well wishes to you with your newest adventure Pastor April!

*Dear Trinity, Many thanks for the lovely luncheon and well wishes. Blessings to you and Trinity on your new season of mission and ministry. -Pastor April*



It is with sadness for her passing but joy for her life, that we announce the passing of

**Jean Morris**  
**December 29th, 2024.**



*Into your hands O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Jean. Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Enfold her in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and in the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.*

**Funeral Details:** 10:00AM, Wed., Jan. 8th, Trinity Presbyterian Church. (Contact Trinity to help with the funeral luncheon which will follow the service).



# CLERK'S CORNER

BY JAY WILKINSON

In the wake of Pastor April's departure from our pastoral leadership, a number of things are going to be different, at least for a while. We have arranged for pulpit supply through January and will shortly start arranging for February. We have a recommendation of a pastor that might be able take on the roll of Transitional Pastor (formerly referred to as "Interim") and we are following up to see if this person is a good fit for Trinity and if Trinity is a good fit for this pastor. If this doesn't work out, we will continue to search for such a person while we continue with pulpit supply.

In November the Session created a work group to make recommendations to deal with lower income expected in 2025 and future years. This group has been faithfully meeting each week to discuss various options and has made a progress report to the December meeting of the Session. We would like to invite everyone to stay for this gathering in the Fellowship Hall following worship on January 12, 2025. We plan on coffee and snacks while the work group talks about options they have discussed and what their current thinking is to ensure the future viability of Trinity Church. They want to know your opinions and also hear from the congregation of any ideas that the work group has not discussed. Please plan to attend.

Following the gathering on January 12, the work group plans to meet to finalize their recommendations for suggested changes. One thing that we are sure to need is for each person in our congregation, whether a member of a friend of Trinity, to do two things: (1) reach out to your family, friends, and neighbors to invite them to worship with us each week, and (2) volunteer to assist at Trinity in any way and however much time you can. Our church cannot exist without the faithfulness of volunteers to accomplish all that needs to be done.

If you have any questions or needs, or if you want to volunteer to help, in the absence of pastoral leadership, please contact Amy Sachse in the church office (651-738-0045, admin@trinitywoodbury.org) or Clerk of Session Jay Wilkinson (952-412-2050 (voice or text), j.jay.wilkinson@gmail.com).

As always, the Session appreciates each of our members and friends and encourages feedback on the mission and ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Please keep our congregation in your prayers as we are encountering some significant challenges as we enter the new year.

Jay Wilkinson, Clerk of Session

Trinity Presbyterian Program Financial Summary			Thru month of	Apr-24
	Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Total Program Donations	\$17,894.67	\$179,061.81	\$76,929.90	\$230,789.82
Total Program Expenditures	\$17,608.57	\$177,688.99	\$80,668.30	\$242,191.36
Donations Less Expenses	\$286.10	\$1,372.82	(\$3,738.40)	(\$11,401.54)
Checking Roll Forward Add	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$12,000.00
Income Less Expenses	\$1,286.10	\$5,372.82	\$261.60	\$598.46
Program Mortgage Expense	\$0.00	\$106,655.72	Actual program donations for 2024 thru November: \$285,231 Budgeted program donations through the month: \$211,557 Difference: \$73,674 Program donations with January large donations prorated for 2024 thru Nov.: \$276,068 Budgeted program donations through the month: \$211,557 Difference: \$64,511	
Mortgage Principal Paid	\$0.00	\$106,236.11		
Mortgage Interest Paid	\$0.00	\$419.61		
Mortgage Balance	\$0.00			

## January Events

**1/1** - Happy New Year Trinity & Welcome to 2025!

**1/4** - Saturday Men's Breakfast 8-9:30AM.

**1/5** - 10AM Sunday Worship & Communion with Guest Pastor, The Reverend Cindy Ray. At 11AM, January Birthdays will be celebrated in fellowship hall with special treats.

**1/9** - Ladies Lunch at Andiamo, 11:30AM. RSVP to Jane Williams or Susan Rooney by Jan. 2nd.

**1/9** - Trinity Committees meet at 6PM & 7PM.

**1/10** - Friday Night Game Night, 7PM. Contact Stephanie Hoekstra with questions.

**1/12** - Baptism of the Lord, 10AM Worship Service with visiting pastor, The Reverend Barbara Anna Keely. Fellowship to follow in Fellowship Hall.

**1/12** - **Congregational Townhall Mtg at 11AM.**

**1/18** - Saturday Men's Breakfast 8-9:30AM

**1/19** - 10AM Worship Service with visiting pastor, The Reverend Barbara Anna Keely. Sunday School will follow the Children's Message. Fellowship to follow in Fellowship Hall. ACLO meets in the narthex at 11AM (look for Miriam J.).

**1/23** - Session meets at 7PM. If weather is inclement, a Zoom meeting will occur.

**1/26** - 10AM Worship Service with visiting pastor, The Reverend Bill Peake. Fellowship to follow in Fellowship Hall.

**1/31** - Pastor April's last official day with Trinity. We will miss you, April! Warmest wishes to you as you embark on your new journey.



## Winter Brings Ice! Tips for Winter Walking

The rainy, icy and snowy conditions commonly experienced from November to March make it difficult to safely navigate surfaces and increase the likelihood of injury from slipping, tripping and falling.

Occupational Health and Safety say wearing footwear designed for outdoor winter conditions, such as boots and shoes with deep treads and low heels, is one way one can stay safe this winter.

Smooth-soled footwear can be dangerous to wear when walking in wet and slippery conditions. Many of us change our car tires in the winter so we have more grip, so why not also change our shoes?

### Here are some tips to help avoid injury:

1. Plan ahead by checking the weather forecast and creating extra travel time if snow is forecasted.
2. Take extra care when taking the first few steps getting in and out of a vehicle as ice can form and build up between parked vehicles more than in the aisles.
3. Don't rush or travel too quickly for the walking surface conditions. Slow down and place each step carefully.
4. Pay attention to surroundings and avoid texting and walking.
5. Keep feet planted shoulder-width apart to increase stability.
6. Don't take shortcuts through non-pedestrian/non-designated areas, such as snowbanks or unclear paths.
7. Avoid carrying large objects that reduce visibility and limit the ability to land safely in case of a fall.
8. Brush off debris from pant legs and footwear and shake off water from umbrellas and jackets before entering a building.
9. Wear appropriate winter footwear for outdoor conditions.
10. Consider purchasing winter cleats or tracks ultimate traction. They go on over shoes or boots easily and provide extreme protection from falls.



**Happy  
January Birthday!**

**Join Trinity on Sunday, January 5th, as we gather during fellowship time for special treats!**

Parents: Please submit youth birthdates to the office (Pre-K thru grade 12). Please include current age & school grade as of this fall for youth planning purposes.

Anna A.  
Dorise K.  
Don B.  
Danielle M.

Jim C.  
Emilia E.  
Jane Williams  
Adeline F.  
Virginia C.

Glenn R.  
Scott V.  
Sam F.  
John J.



## Attend The Congregational Townhall Meeting (cont. from pg. 1)

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## Trinity Volunteers Make the Church Shine - Be A Volunteer in the New Year!



As you most likely know, planning 4-5 church services each month can be a challenge, but Trinity is blessed to have many skilled, faith-filled congregants to fill in the gaps when the call arises. Trinity is going through some changes this New Year, and it invites the consistent return of those volunteers, however Trinity is announcing a call for even more leaders; some new faces to shine. Instructions, lesson plans, and faithful friends offer plenty of help for every special position at the church.

Trinity is looking for new and return of the recurrent volunteers to take a consistent, active role in continuously volunteering (filling the gaps) on the worship service clipboards next to the name tag kiosk. Please take a look each Sunday to fill all holes in the boards. The office staff will greatly appreciate your willingness to come forward independently, saving valuable time for service preparations. Again, your volunteering is greatly appreciated and recognized by all of Trinity. You are the body of the church! Sincere thanks to all of you who make Trinity shine. Are you feeling the Holy Spirit's nudge, calling you to volunteer at church? We are always in need of volunteers in the following areas at Trinity: (see below)

**Liturgists:** Please sign up for any open Sunday/s that fit into your schedule. If you can serve as liturgist on an ongoing basis or rotation, that is extremely helpful as well.

**Fellowship:** Every Sunday Fellowship, Trinity needs 1-2 volunteers to set up coffee and snacks. Please sign up clipboard in the fellowship hall if you would like to help out. We have many Sunday slots to fill. Note: There is a supply of snacks at Trinity, but you may also choose to bring something special to Trinity to serve. On the first Sunday of each month, Trinity orders a birthday treat or bagels, or similar item.

**Sunday School Teachers:** Two volunteers are needed the third Sunday of each month. Contact the office to sign up.

**Tech Operators:** Trinity would like to have 1- or 2 more slideshow techs 1x/month & as a substitute.

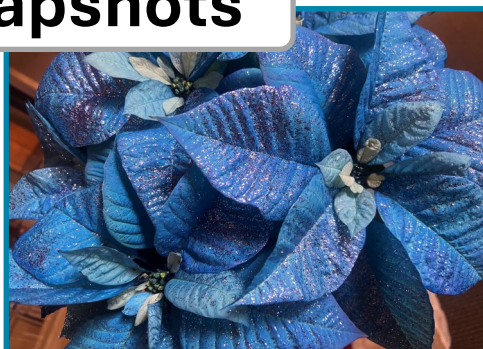
**Communion Servers/Preparers:** Two volunteers are needed on the first Sunday of each month. Communion instructions are located in the yellow binder in the Education Resource Room. Training/shadowing is available.

**THANK YOU to each of you!**

## December Snapshots



The Trimming of the church Christmas tree and the church building.



A dazzling, blue Poinsettia given to Trinity by Gayle S.



Sunday, Dec. 22, Brass Quintet: Edward G., Mike S., Neal S. & John G.