



TRINITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We invite you to come and GROW with us!

This issue of Trinity Times is dedicated to our friends, Mary Krist and Phyllis Scales.

Remembering Mary Krist - Submitted by Kathy Henderson



Mary Alice. That's what all the family in Illinois called her even after she had moved to Michigan and had grown up. Mary Alice was a curiosity to me when I was a child. I never knew Mary Alice, I knew Mom. To us, she was the glue of our family. The matriarch. We spent summer weekends at the cabin, holidays with extended family, and took road trips to family in Illinois and Iowa. We camped in the UP and fished in the early morning on dew cover boat seats. She worked full time and always had time for all of the activities of three busy kids. As a kid, I often wondered how she survived on so little sleep.

Mom was the strongest person I've ever known. She could mix cement, make cup cakes appear after late notice for snack day and get dental work done with numbing. One of her biggest challenges was her foot and ankle problems. It was extremely painful for many years and she rarely even mentioned it. After exhausting all options she made the decision to have her foot amputated below the knee. She chose quality of life for herself. She was determined to be up and walking as soon as she could – and she was!

She was a faithful Christian woman and loved her churches – Bethany Presbyterian and later Trinity United Presbyterian. She had lifelong friends in the church as well as new friends as our 3 churches merged years ago. She truly loved each and every one of you! She also deeply loved her grandkids and 4 great-grandsons, gardening, reading, crossword puzzles, crocheting and sewing, and going on cruises. She supplied hundreds of crocheted hat and mitten sets for children in our community over the years and sewed dozens of masks during Covid.

She served on almost every church committee possible over the years and was usually found in the kitchen doing whatever was needed. She loved being busy, especially when it was serving the church and therefore serving our Lord. I'm forever grateful that we were raised in the church and to know and have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It's the greatest gift! And to know that she has been reunited with Dad and that we will see them both one day makes this grief a bit easier to endure.

In loving memory of my Mom, Mary Alice (Anderson) Krist

Combined Worship Services With Kirkridge Presbyterian

- 6/29 - 5th Sunday at Trinity United
- 7/20 - VBS Wrap Up Sunday at TUPC
- 8/10 - Worship & Picnic at the Park
- 8/31 - 5th Sunday at Kirkridge
- 11/30 - 5th Sunday at Trinity United
- 12/24 - Christmas Eve at Kirkridge

Remembering Phyllis Scales

In March, we lost our friend, Phyllis Scales.

She was a dedicated member for our congregation, participating in choir, the Deacons, Presbyterian Women groups, leading bereavement dinners, and more. We are forever thankful for her joyous presence, and will miss her always.



A Note from Pastor Kate...

Happy Easter everyone!

It has been a while since we have had a newsletter release, and I am grateful to our communications and technology committee for their hard work in helping to release this publication. Thus far in 2025, we have been following much of the lectionary and the assigned readings for the year. Throughout Lent we were able to explore the theme “Lead Us Not into Temptation”, where we delved into some pretty difficult topics like hard-heartedness, remaining hidden, and mocking faithfulness - which our Bible study participants admitted we don’t often think about as actually being temptations. However, as we now move into the Easter season (yes, Easter isn’t just one Sunday, but the entire season leading up to Pentecost), we find ourselves ready to delve deeply into the new life that resurrection brings - the hope of new and wonderful things to come.

The past few years have been difficult for TUPC. We have lost many pillars of this church - congregants who were here since the very founding of Trinity United and helped to grow it into what it is today. These were people who believed that bringing three churches together would work and they had faith that God was guiding the congregations into a new way of being. Though the past few years have been filled with grief at the loss of many of these amazing people, and grief as we continue to assess diminishing resources and funds, the amazing thing is that God continues to breathe resurrection life into the world. The Holy Spirit has continued to live and move and bring us into relationship with other congregations who are experiencing similar situations. New fellowships have been formed as we work closely with Kirkridge Presbyterian Church, and continue to welcome new visitors and guests who have become church members. The Spirit is indeed alive and blessing us upon this sojourn as we continue to seek to follow Jesus’ teachings in our own life and spread his love and grace across Flint, Michigan, and the entire world.

As we look ahead to the summer, our hit summer series will once more be making a return. Starting on June 22nd, “Sermons From A Hat” will begin and I look forward to seeing what you all bring about this year. Start thinking about biblical verses, biblical characters, or topics that you would like to hear preached. The Hat will be just inside the sanctuary beginning on Pentecost, June 8th, as we look forward to the Holy Spirit helping us along our journey to explore the characters and topics that come to our minds.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve as your pastor here at TUPC, and I look forward to an amazing Spring and Summer of growing in faith together.

Live, Laugh, Love
Rev. Kate Morrison

Christmas in July Vacation Bible School 2025

July 15th - July 17th, 2025

Dinner 5pm

VBS 5:30-7:30pm

Trinity United Presbyterian Church
5151 Lennon Rd, Flint, MI 48507

Youth and Adult classes!

To register, scan the QR
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Volunteers needed!

Help us make VBS a fun and
engaging event for everyone!

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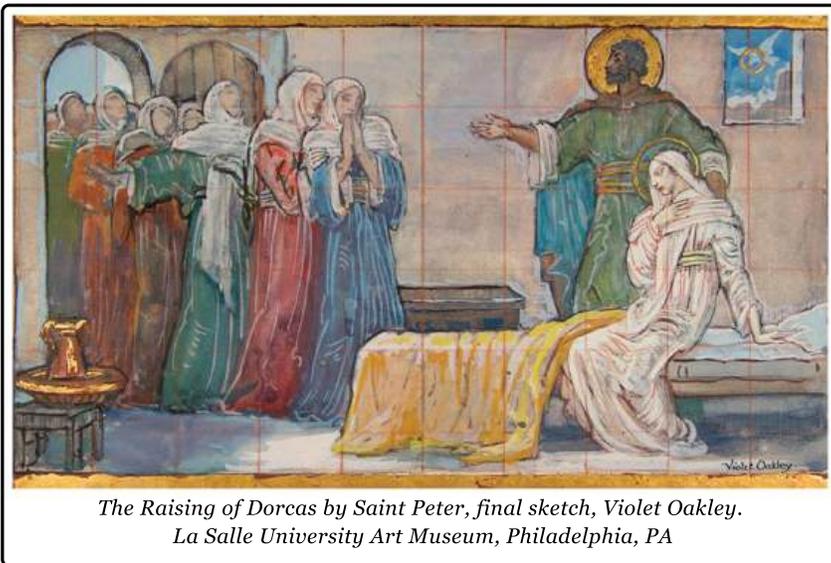
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Celebrating the Gifts of Women 2025 Saints and Widows

Article submitted by Georgia McCall

Each year Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday offers a time to reflect on and rejoice in the ways women enrich the life of the church. And each year, thanks to a partnership between Presbyterian Women and Racial Equity and Women’s Intercultural Ministries, a liturgy and reflection supports this observation.



The Raising of Dorcas by Saint Peter, final sketch, Violet Oakley. La Salle University Art Museum, Philadelphia, PA

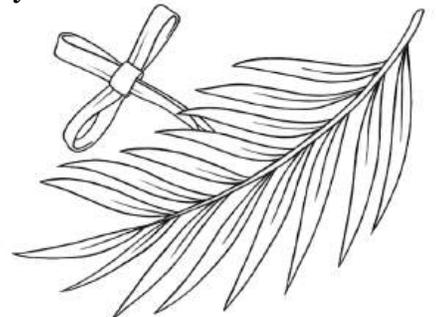
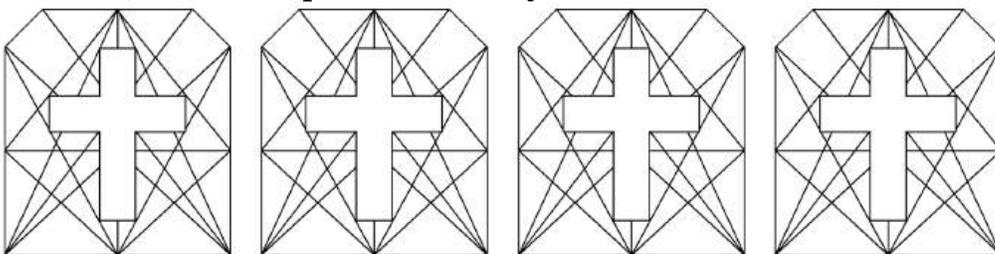
For 2025, Rev. Laurie Kraus focuses her meditation and liturgy on the range and talents and roles of women in the church, drawing on Acts 9 in “Saints and Widows: A Mildly Subversive Reading of Acts.”

When Tabitha rises up, so does Peter. Together they go back to the saints and widows—who now, Peter says, had actually been disciples and saints all along.

In 2025, Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday falls on March 9, but can be celebrated on any date that you choose.

Lead Us Not Into Temptation 2025 Lent Study

For our 2025 Lenten Study, we gathered on Monday evenings (or Wednesday at Kirkridge if we couldn’t make it to TUPC!) to study Luke and the subject of Temptation. Our gatherings consisted of great food and even greater conversations as we worked through the Word. These conversations opened up our minds for deeper thinking on Sunday mornings, when we heard the same scriptures and sermon from Rev. Kate. All are always welcome to these studies, and we hope that all can join when able!



Color these stain glass windows and see the beauty of the world!

HAPPY PRIDE!

June 1st marks the start of Pride Month! We here at Trinity United Presbyterian Church strive to be welcoming to all, and that includes our LGBTQIA+ friends and family. Jesus taught us to love all, no matter their background, and we should all strive to be like Jesus. See below a few quotes from the PC(USA)'s *LGBTQIA+ Inclusion the Church* FAQ document:

“Being the person God created you to be can never be a sin. Your sexual orientation and gender identity are a core part of your being and thus God made you exactly who you are. And being who God made you is never a sin.”

“Led by the Holy Spirit, Christ summarized and showed such love to us. Christ did not have to care for those who abandoned and murdered him. And yet, Christ died for us all regardless of our political positions, racial backgrounds and sexual orientations. Christ knew that diversity is an important part of humanity and the beauty of God’s Creation. We have to be open to welcoming those who may be different from ourselves in the same way Christ, as the Word of God, shows us about welcoming a stranger. Just because you think there are no LGBTQIA+ people around you does not actually mean they do not need your care and love.”

View the document in full here:

https://pcusa.org/sites/default/files/LGBTQIA_FAQ_SinglePages_FINAL.pdfty/lgbtqia-ministry

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