

Pastor's Note for May, 2024

Dear friends,

I'm writing this after just having heard about the death of one of our beloved members, Fannie Quinn, whose faithful life inspired so many. And last night I rejoiced with a member whose family is celebrating a new baby, the Tremaynes. Spring is a time of new birth, even as we never lose sight of the end. A faithful life, well lived, devoted to God, serving others, caring for family (blood related and otherwise), and bringing grace to a graceless world is the way I want to look back when my journey ends. I think we all want that. So we come to church together, we bring our children up in faith, we sing and worship God as a loving community. We help each other on the journey, through easy times and hard ones. And God is glorified.

This coming month of May will bring lots of opportunities to connect to God and each other. Our confirmation students will be returning from their retreat, where they wrote statements of faith and spent quality time together. We will be celebrating their confirmation on Sunday, May 5, as we conclude our series on *Questions of Faith*. The next Sunday is Mother's Day and the youth musical, reminding us that God is with us through *The Storms of Life*. After that will be Pentecost, the birthday of the church, and you are invited to wear red. We have several people joining the church that day, so we can rejoice with them, too! The last Sunday in May is Trinity Sunday, when we look more closely at God's three persons and look for how the trinity relates to our lives.

There are many, many events happening throughout the month, so check the calendar each week for more ways to get involved in mission, art, kids activities, and more. And if you're handy with a sledgehammer, there might be a special opportunity for you to use that gift as we partner with St. James Presbyterian Church to break down some barrier posts between our two cemeteries, preparing for our new peace post project.

As always, reach out to me or Terri if you want to talk about your spiritual life or questions, if you need prayer, or if you're looking for ways to connect. We are always here to help!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tricia L. Petrucci".

Rev. Tricia