

TRINITY TIMES



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OCTOBER 2020

Michael's Musings

October in the life of the church is a time to celebrate God's blessings. One way we do that is by considering what we have been given by God and deciding on how much we will keep and how much we will return. In this time of COVID-19, social unrest, chaos and darkness, *YOU are Christ's Light. Hence our theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign, "Shining Out Light" from the saying of Jesus in Matthew 5:14-15: "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house."*

What does being a light mean? It means placing our hope in God when all around us there are few signs of hope. It means embodying that hope in the world. Genuine hope is contagious. One way we do that is by maintaining our generosity. Hopeful people—people of the light—are generous people. It is why Jesus always focused on the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of God (or the church) to receive.

With all of this in mind, your elected elders encourage all of us to prayerfully respond to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give back in 2021?"

Guest preacher, Dick Ramsey will kick off our Stewardship Season this year on October 11. It will culminate at the end of worship on Dedication Sunday, October 25 by which you are asked to make your financial commitment to our church's ministries either by returning a self-addressed stamped pledge card that you will receive in the mail or by going to Trinity's web site and clicking on "Make a Pledge." The pledge card will be mailed to you with a letter the week of October 12. When you turn in your pledge, our financial secretary, Ann Bouchard, will be the only person to see that pledge. From then on, she will also be the only person with access to that information.

I thank you in advance for the prayerful consideration that you will give to matching engendering hope and letting your light shine in faithful response to Christ's call.

Michael



Together we are building God's household of peace.

MAY THE GOD OF PEACE
GIVE YOU PEACE AT ALL TIMES
IN ALL WAYS.

— 2 THESSALONIANS 3:16



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Building God's Household of Peace

Peace & Global Witness Offering 2020

By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we work to share Christ's peace with one another, beyond our doors, beyond our community

and across boundaries. Together we are building God's house where everyone is welcome; where all can find compassion, peace and justice

25% of this Offering will stay with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. 25% of the money received will be used by Missouri Union Presbytery to support peacemaking work in our region. 50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and justice reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received on Sunday, October 4.

You can give using the Give Now app on the church website (select the fund by that name) or by sending a check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church with "Peace and Global Witness" on the memo line.

October Worship

* Sunday, October 4, 2020 *World Communion Sunday*

Scripture:

Matthew 21:28-32

Sermon: "If You Can't Say 'No,' What Good is Your 'Yes'?"

Theme: When we are assured that our 'no' to God is acceptable, our 'yes' becomes more likely.

* Sunday, October 11, 2020 *Stewardship Season Begins*

Rev. Dick Ramsey Preaching

Scriptures: First Lesson Matthew 5: 13-1

Second Lesson Romans 12: 1-2, 9-18

Sermon Title: "Celebrate Who You Are"

Theme: All things come from God. All things return to God. Let's talk a little about what it means to live in grace and with each other. To be called 'light of the world,' is exciting, but it also carries expectations....ones God might have of us, and maybe ones we might have of others. What do you think about this?

* October 18, 2020 *Stewardship Season Continues*

Scripture: John 12:1-8

Sermon: "A Question of Extravagant Giving"

Theme: Giving to Christ out of one's deep gratitude is never wrong – no matter how extravagant the gift.

* October 25, 2020 *Dedication Sunday*

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

New Testament: John 13:34-35

Sermon: "In Praise of Generosity"

Theme: Those who give generously are always the happiest and most fulfilled among us.

** Services will be live -streamed on Facebook. There will be no in-person services at Trinity in October. Watch for an announcement about future services.*

PLEASE SHARE

Every time you sign onto Facebook to watch our Sunday morning church service, you have the opportunity to invite all of your friends and relatives to join you! It's so easy! Once you sign on, just look for a small button that says "share." Click on it and you're done! Of course, you can always add a personal note like, "We always have beautiful music and inspiring sermons!" Then you have automatically invited all of your Facebook connections to watch our service with us!

TO READ OUR PASTOR'S PREVIOUS WEEK'S SERMON, go to:

<https://www.trinity-presbyterian.org/archives> You can also view the weekly worship service in its recorded version beginning each Sunday afternoon on Trinity's Facebook page or the following week on the church website. The most recent video will be found on the website home page. Past week's service videos can be accessed at the web address above.

God bless our Trinity family. I am overwhelmed with your remembrance of my 90th birthday. The cards from you are a joy to read. I picture each face as I read your warm, kind words. I could never have imagined so many of you contributing to what made a truly special day. It is with a grateful heart that I thank each of you.

Sincerely, June Young



The second best way to celebrate 90 years was a shower of cards and loving notes. Thank you, dear ones, from near and far for the good wishes. I look forward to sharing a cake and hugs when this virus is behind us.

Gratefully, Lynn Storvick

Updated Information Regarding Activities at Trinity Due to COVID-19

All planned events at the church remain cancelled or postponed through October 31st. The Session will re-evaluate the situation, when they meet the third week of October. The focus continues to be on the safety of the congregation, cases in the community, and recommendations for safely opening. Worship services can be seen live on Facebook.

Please invite friends and neighbors to visit Trinity's on-line service.



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*"...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good words and give glory to your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:16*

Stewardship Season begins October 11, and our theme is Shining Our Light. That theme, taken from the fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, speaks to us as individuals and as a community of faith.

Individually, each of us is called to make sure we are letting God's light shine through our work, our friendships, our service and our giving. We are called to be light bearers. It is a powerful calling.

As a faith community, Trinity is called to shine the light of Christ through our worship, welcoming, pastoral care and ministry to the wider community. How we use our time, talents, and treasure determines how brightly we are shining our light.

Rev. Dick Ramsey, Pastor Emeritus of First Presbyterian-Columbia, will preach at Trinity on the October 11 with Rev. Stanfield serving as liturgist. Stewardship materials, including the proposed 2021 budget (in narrative form) and a pledge card, will be mailed to you on October 12. On October 25, we will dedicate our 2021 pledges to God during our livestream worship service.

Due to the pandemic, you are asked to mail your 2021 pledge card to the church office or go to the church website, click on the "Give" button at the top of the page, then complete the online pledge card. All pledges made this way will be sent directly to our Financial Secretary, Ann Bouchard, and your information will be completely confidential.

Please join us in giving thanks for God's light shining in our lives and into our community through the mission and ministry of Trinity.

Need reasons to give to Trinity? Here are just a few:

-Trinity provides a Christian witness unlike any other in Columbia. In a world where religion has become a symbol of division, Trinity is a place of loving inclusion that genuinely welcomes people no matter who they are. Even during this time of meeting via Zoom, members at Trinity are among the warmest Christian hosts of any congregation anywhere.

-Trinity values meaningful worship. When Covid-19 hit, Trinity found a way within a week to worship online. Due to a generous financial gift, that online presence was not haphazardly thrown together, but of high quality, using the most up to date audio visual equipment. Our music director, Steve Yates had recently brought in Joey Belmont, Anthony Blatter, Dani Major, and Michelle Peters, who, along with Amanda Furtick brought us top quality music. Great music and great sermons delivered by trained, practiced and accomplished leaders mark every worship service at Trinity. Steve Yates, Ann Bouchard, the tech crew of Rob Humfeld, Michael Fues, Joe Bogue, Ted Groshong, Bill Kennedy, and Odell Newkirk, along with our pastor, Michael Stanfield, ensure that the services are well prepared and executed.

-Trinity hires and continues to keep excellent support staff without whom, the church would not function. Lily Chan, the face of Trinity for 31 years now will retire at the end of this year. Ann Bouchard, our financial secretary will take over the secretarial duties as well. Lily, Ann and Deborah Newkirk will continue to ensure that we are never without someone to cover the growing demands in the office. Add our custodian Dale Smith and there you have 4 of the finest, most dedicated servants of God anywhere.

-Trinity understands and values being part of the larger church. Trinity is committed to being one of the largest per capita givers to the presbytery, synod and general assembly in the whole Presbyterian denomination! It is one of only a handful of churches in the synod that contributes to all four of the yearly special offerings.

-Trinity values the spread of the good news of God's love beyond the walls of this church giving fifteen to twenty percent of its offerings to local and worldwide ministries dedicated to things like alleviating hunger, caring for neglected children, providing clothing and housing to those without, disaster relief, repatriating refugees, and peacemaking.

We may be a small congregation but God will do amazing things with your dollars here! As you consider the possibility of working toward giving a tithe of your income to God, you can't go wrong giving a large portion of that to Trinity.

The Outreach Committee is hosting:

"Sundays after Worship" through December 13th

It's an opportunity for all of us to gather via Zoom, say "Good Morning" to one another, then break out into small groups to discuss the things going on in our lives and stay connected to one another! The church office will send out reminders in the Friday e-mail blast and in the weekly bulletins.

There is only one requirement to join this group...you must bring your own coffee!



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...more humor from children writing to God.

The following statements about the Bible were written by children and have not been retouched or corrected (i.e., bad spelling has been left in.)

Dear God,
Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter.
There is nothing good in there now. Ginny

Dear God,
Are you a ninja? Is that why I can't see you? Jacob

dear God,
please change the taste of asparagus. It's grass. thanks.
Sarah

Dear God,
Instead of letting people die and haveing to make new ones
why don't you just keep the ones you got now? Jane

Dear God,
If you let the dinasor not exstinct we would not have a
country. You did the right thing. Jonathon

Dear God,
I have scary dreems at night. Where do they come from or
should I ask the devil that? Billy

Dear God,
Please send Dennis Clark to a different camp this year.
Peter

Dear God,
If you watch in Church on Sunday I will show you my new
Shoe. Mickey D.

Dear God,
Thank you for the baby brother but what I prayed for was a
puppy. Joyce

Dear God,
My turtle died. Is she there with you? If so, she likes lettuce.
Susie

-submitted by Cathy Holder.

September Session Meeting Highlights



1. Secretary Lily Chan announced her retirement from Trinity effective December 31, 2020. Lily has served the church for 31 years. Plans to honor her faithful, long-time service are being made. Ann Bouchard will assume Lily's responsibilities and continue managing the church finances.
2. The 2021 Stewardship Campaign begins Sunday, October 11. Rev. Dick Ramsey, Pastor Emeritus of First Presbyterian, will preach that morning. Pledge Dedication Sunday is set for October 25.
3. Rev. Stanfield will lead three officer training classes in October for newly elected elders. The new elders will also attend the session retreat in November.
4. An adult Sunday School class will be offered this fall via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. beginning September 27. The Christian Education Committee is exploring options for resuming the Confirmation Class begun last winter and for providing Sunday morning instruction for younger children.
5. A total of \$775—\$300 from the Operating Budget and \$475 from member donations—was sent to the Festival of Sharing.
6. The Sunday After Church (Zoom) Fellowship gathering is going well. Hosting duties are being managed by 7-8 Trinity members.
7. The church website will be undergoing some design changes in hopes of making it even more user-friendly.
8. This year's session retreat will be held via Zoom on Saturday, November 14, led by Missouri Union Presbyterian, Deborah Boucher-Payne.
9. At a special, called meeting on September 28, session will be reviewing a webinar on COVID-19 and guidelines for church reopening led by Lisa Allgood, transitional Executive Presbyterian of the Presbytery of Cincinnati and trained immunocytochemist.



Free Tables

Do you need a sturdy work table for your garage or basement? The Property Committee is giving away approximately sixteen of the 32" x 32" tables which are being stored on the lower level. If you would like one (or maybe 2) please contact the church office so we can make arrangements for pick up. They can be disassembled, but if you can transport as is, it will be easier. Please let us know by October 15 if you want a table. After that, they will be offered to folks outside the church.

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Trinity Library - Book Highlight

By Marianne Fues

An On-Going Imagination : A Conversation about Scripture, Faith, and the Thickness of Relationship by Walter Brueggeman and Clover Reuter Beal

This book derives from a series of long conversations between Walter Brueggeman and Clover Reuter Beal, his student and long time friend. Edited by Timothy Beal, the Beals believe that the conversations share insights and reflections not found in Brueggeman's written works.

Beal and Brueggeman begin by working through the timeline of Brueggeman's life and development as a scholar and theologian. From the therapy of personal self to interpreting the text and the contradictions in the biblical text are all tensions for a preacher to negotiate in a congregation. Does God act & intervene in history? If not, then what is the point of prayer? Re: Enlightenment – conservatives compartmentalize and liberals mumble. So says Brueggeman. Read and continue learning from their conversations.

Feel free to visit Trinity Library between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Books can be checked out using the three ring binder on the desk in the main library and also in the children's library downstairs in Room 9.



Musical Notes

with Steve Yates, Music Director

We said goodbye to Amanda Furtick and Joey Belmore in September. They will both be missed!

Amanda is now on the staff of Community United Methodist Church here in Columbia, and Joey is still in Columbia finishing his degree at the University.

Our new tenor scholarship singer is Joe Ragone, a freshman at the University of Missouri. Joe attended the same high school as Dani Major, our alto singer. We are blessed to have each of our scholarship singers. They add so much to each week's service.

Thanks to the talents of Bill Daly we have had a smooth transition since Amanda left us. For the foreseeable future Bill and Carol Virkler will take on the instrumentalist responsibilities. We are really blessed with talented people here at Trinity.

Anthony Blatter and Dani Major are both scheduled to offer a solo in the month of October.

You may have noticed our singer's masks, These are proving to be a real blessing and they allow us safety and a freedom to sing. They may look a little silly but they do the job. We have purchased a few extras if we need to add a couple of singers in the future. We are still respecting our social distancing guidelines and keeping our numbers to a minimum.

A special thanks to Janet Krause for her suggestion of the Hymn "Lead Me, Guide Me" that we will be using as the Call to Worship for several of the Sundays in October.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

October 2020

Our circle meetings in October will be held via Zoom. The Evening Circle meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6, at 7:00 p.m. (Lesson Leader: Karen Kennedy; Devotional: Jane Crow), and the Afternoon Circle meeting will be on Wednesday, October 7, at 1:00 p.m. (Lesson Leader: Georgia Morehouse; Devotional: Marcia Lake). ***If you would like to 'attend' either of these meetings and did not receive an invitation to the September meeting, please send your e-mail address to 'marcialake@gmail.com' and indicate which meeting you would like to 'attend'.*** The invitations will be sent in early October.

The study for 2020-2021 is "Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament", by Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller. In October, we will be examining Lesson 2, "Lamenting Together", from the 2020 Horizons Bible Study. The main idea of the lesson is that both individual and communal laments are part of the lament tradition and the focus scripture is Psalm 137.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Synod of Mid-America Second Saturday Synod Circle PW Gathering, October 10th, 10:00-11:00 a.m., via Zoom for all Presbyterian women. The program is "USA Mission Experience: Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women" with featured speakers Cheryl Mayo and Rhonda Frasier. To register for this meeting, please contact Anne Schneider at akrsch@aol.com giving her your name, church, and e-mail address.

The 2021 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, August 5-8, 2021, in St. Louis, MO. More information on this event will follow.

If you have questions about any of the information provided above, please feel free to contact me at 573-474-3494 or 'marcialake@gmail.com'.

Marcia Lake, Moderator, TPC Presbyterian Women



Correction:

New member **Jini Bangert's** phone number is **(501) 282-4561** - not (573) as previously reported.

WAYS TO GIVE: You can make financial gifts to Trinity elec-



tronically by using the GivePlus Church app. It only takes a few minutes to set up your personal, secure account. Download the GivePlus Church app to your phone or tablet from either Google Play or the App Store; or use the "Give Now" button at the top of Trinity's website homepage. Checks may also be sent to Trinity Presbyterian Church,

c/o Ann Bouchard, 1600 W. Rollins Rd., Columbia, MO 65203. Please contact Ann at the church office if you have any questions (573)442-1164, or abouchard@trinity-presbyterian.org.

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Update on Festival of Sharing donation: Payment in the amount of \$775.00 was sent to the 2020 Festival of Sharing on September 14th - \$300 came from the Mission Committee budget and \$475 was from individual contributions. Thank you from the Mission Committee. **Once again, you have proven that Trinity Presbyterian Church is a generous and caring congregation!**

Mission and Service Opportunities



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The Mission Committee will be sponsoring our annual Holiday Food Drive in November. We will be happy to receive physical donations of food as well as monetary donations.

A Food Bank barrel will be delivered to our church on Friday, November 6, and will remain in the Narthex until Monday, November 16. You are welcome to bring food items for the barrel anytime during that period. If we still are not open for in-person meetings, please come during church office hours so that someone can let you in or receive your donations.

The most needed food items are peanut butter, canned tuna, canned chicken, beans, canned fruits and canned vegetables. Please, no glass containers or homemade items.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, you may send a check to the church by Sunday, November 15th, writing Food Drive on the 'memo' line, or make a payment online by that date at the church website.

Please remember that, according to the Food Bank, for every \$10 gift they receive, they can acquire \$210 worth of groceries.

Let's try to make sure that no one goes hungry during the 2020 holiday season!

Wardrobe Now Open: The Wardrobe has re-opened on a limited basis. It is open for shopping and donations on Wednesdays from 11-2 and Saturdays from 9-12 with a crew of five. Donations are accepted Mondays from 9-12. The following precautions must be observed: Everyone must wear a mask while in the building. This includes volunteers and customers. Customers will not be allowed in the door without a mask. Only 20 shoppers will be allowed in the building at any one time. Six feet social distancing will be in place at the checkout desk and on the ramp coming in the building to reinforce this. If you can volunteer please contact Georgia Morehouse.



Trinity Continues to Provide Food for Loaves and Fishes

Due to our congregation's generous response, we have been fortunate to have had funds to purchase friend chicken from HyVee, potato salad, slaw, fruits, and cookies for the sack suppers we have provided to Loaves and Fishes. This has worked well since these dinners have been served outside in the parking lot. As cold weather returns, we will have to move back into the dining room. All over the age of 65 will be unable to serve because of vulnerability to COVID.

Trinity's Brotherhood Fund Provides Financial Help to Others

The Brotherhood Fund was set up by Trinity's elders as a pastor's discretionary fund that is completely confidential. It is dispensed only by the pastor and designed to help out those in our community who may be in the midst of a financial crisis. The Pandemic has created difficult economic circumstances for a large number of people who have never experienced this before, so contributions now are especially welcome. Simply make out your check to "Trinity Presbyterian", and write in the memo line, "Brotherhood Fund" and mail it into the office or contact Ann Bouchard to determine how to contribute online.

OUR PRAYERS

Recent Prayer Requests

Tim Harlan—difficulties recovering from knee replacement surgery

Cathy Holder—recovering from back surgery

Barbara Jarvis—continuing to recover at home after lengthy hospitalization and stay in Acute Care

Paul Johnson—has lung cancer and is in hospice care

Charlotte Larrick—recovering from knee replacement surgery

Merc Mazzocco (Jini Bangert's partner) - recovering from heart ablation procedure

Georgia Morehouse—cataract surgery 9/30

Tom Allen Phillips (diabetic and recovering from COVID-19)

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Dale Abernathy Missouri Veteran's Home, Mexico

Jean Baldwin - now residing in room 105, Cedarhurst, 2333 Chapel Hill Rd. 65203

Patsy Brown - at Mill Creek Village, 1990 W. Southampton Dr. 65203 in the memory care unit

Lee Cary - Lenoir Nursing Home

Paul and Anna Conditt, Sarah Humfeld's parents, who are dealing with multiple health issues

Jim Muench's mother, Esther Muench Plonk, and **stepfather, Dr. George Plonk**, who are dealing with multiple health problems.

Sympathy

To daughters **Meg Crespy and Laura Dillamon and son Thomas A. Phillips** on the death of their father, Tom G. Phillips, who died September 17, from COVID-19.

To the family of **Phyllis Rice** (friend of Elinor Arendt), who died September 28 from COVID-19. Phyllis is the mother of former Trinity member Elizabeth Jordheim.

Please remember and pray for our Missionaries, Mission Causes, and Military Personnel.



GET CONNECTED - STAY CONNECTED

New to Trinity? Text the word "Welcome" to 573-284-8084 to get connected. We'll be in touch soon.

Already a member or a regular attendee? Text "Member" to 573-284-8084 so we can keep you up to date on what's happening at Trinity.

Do you have a prayer request? Text "pray" to 573-284-8084 and our pastor will contact you.

Submissions for Trinity Times?
Email: trinitytimeseditors@gmail.com

The deadline for the November Trinity Times is Friday, October 23rd.
Publishing date is Wednesday, Oct. 28.
Kyle Groshong is our editor.

Matika Wilbur, of the Swinomish and Tulalip tribes of Washington, seeks to photograph within the 574 federally recognized Native American tribes in the U.S. She is quoted in *American Scholar, Autumn 2020*:

"Once I started understanding white supremacy and the impacts of colonization, I started to think: What does it mean to decolonize? I began photographing a lot of activists who are working to rematriate, and I sought out culture bearers who empower our communities. I hope our stories can help to create a new vision that includes an indigenous future."

--So her photography goal is driven by deeper purpose than only capturing today; roots mean more than leaves. ~Ed Coe



October 2020



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| 4 World Communion Sunday 9:30 AM—Sunday School (Zoom) 10:30 AM—Live-streamed worship (Facebook Live, Communion, Peace & Global witness Offering), followed by Fellowship Time (Zoom) | 5 9:30 AM—Sunday School (Zoom) 10:30 AM—Live-streamed worship (Facebook Live, Communion, Peace & Global witness Offering), followed by Fellowship Time (Zoom) | 6 7:00 PM—Evening Circle (Zoom) | 7 1:00 PM—Afternoon Circle (Zoom) 7:00 PM—Scholarship Students Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) | 8 10:00 AM—Congregational Care Committee (Zoom) 4:15 PM—Outreach Committee (Zoom) 6:00 PM—8:00 PM—Pack 2 Cub Scouts Gathering | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Stewardship Season Begins 9:30 AM—Sunday School (Zoom) 10:30 AM—Live-streamed worship (Facebook Live—Dick Ramsey, Preacher), followed by Fellowship Time (Zoom) 5:00 PM—6:30 PM—New Elders Training (Zoom) | 12 | 13 | 14 7:00 PM—Scholarship Students Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) | 15 4:00 PM—Property Committee (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 PM—8:30 PM—Pack 2 Cub Scouts Drive through Event | 16 | 17 |
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| 25 Pledge Dedication Sunday 9:30 AM—Sunday School (Zoom) 10:30 AM—Live-streamed worship (Facebook Live), followed by Fellowship Time (Zoom) 5:00 PM—6:30 PM—New Elders Training (Zoom) | 26 | 27 | 28 7:00 PM—Scholarship Students Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) | 29 | 30 | 31 Happy Halloween! |