



TRINITY TIMES



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SEPTEMBER 2024

Michael's Musings

How do you say what can't be said? I can tell you that it is a strange thing to be leaving a group of people I have loved as deeply as you - who have been at the center of my thoughts and feelings during nearly every waking moment for the last decade. I rotate from waves of grief to being among you as usual, to being anxious about what is ahead, to being, well just plain tired. Letting go is hard but let go, I must. As I do, however, with love, I leave you with the following last words:

1. As individuals, this is not a time to step back to see what is next. It is a time to step up your game. More is required from everyone – especially after a healthy, thriving pastorate. If asked to serve – especially as an elder, you need to agree to serve if it's at all possible. For it is clear that "You were called for such a time as this." (Esther 4:14). To refuse an invitation to serve when you can, could be detrimental to the future of this congregation. Currently there are about four or five families at Trinity that do about 90% of the work that must be done on a regular basis. That family number really could stand to double in the transition period.
2. When things don't run as smoothly as they have, and there is a good chance they won't – even with Ann Bouchard at the administrative helm – instead of griping or looking for someone to blame, pitch in and ask how you can help. I can tell you that Ann's work ethic is greater than that of every hard-working individual I have ever encountered. And not only that, but she is also efficient and gifted in whatever she sets her mind to. She is the sharpest person I have ever encountered when it comes to knowing what needs to happen next in a congregation for the good of all. Think of Ann as the catcher on a baseball team that is Trinity. She is the only one who sees the full action on the field at every moment and as such sees more than any other individual player on that field. Listen to her.
3. Remember who you are, continuing to love one another as Christ has loved you. Give each other the benefit of the doubt. Be kind. If you have to say something, let it be loving and encouraging. Expect to serve rather than to be served.
4. Support the Session and the Pastor Nominating Committee by extending your appreciation, praying for them and asking them what you can do for them.

I guess that's about it. The rest I will leave for my last Sunday. I do love you all, will continue to pray for you and will miss you terribly.

Michael



Trinity's Stewardship and Finance Committee is hosting a *special presentation* following worship on Sunday, September 8

Stefanie Marsden, a representative of the Texas Presbyterian Foundation, will share with us the **Impact of Legacy Giving**. This event will be an important first step in planning for a stable financial future for Trinity. Box lunches will be provided for all participants who pre-register. Please use the form on the kiosk to sign up or contact the church office by next Sunday, September 1st.

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September Worship Schedule

***Sunday, September 1 10:30 a.m.**

Rev. Dr. Michael Stanfield preaching

OT: Deuteronomy 31:45-47

NT: 2 Corinthians 13:11-3

Sermon: "Sleep Loose"

Theme: How do we say goodbye?

***Sunday, September 8 10:30 a.m.**

Rev. Dr. Bill Young preaching

OT: Proverbs 22:1-9

NT: James 2:1-10, 14-17

Sermon: "Faith and Works"

Theme: "What good is it if you have faith but do not have works." James 2:14

***Sunday, September 15 10:30 a.m.**

Rev. Dr. Bill Young preaching

OT: Isaiah 55:6-1

NT: James 1:17-27

Sermon: "Is Anyone Listening?"

Theme: One of the greatest gifts is the willingness to listen to others, including those with whom we most disagree.

***Sunday, September 22 10:30 a.m.**

Rev. Dr. Bill Young preaching

OT: Proverbs 1:20-33

NT: James 3:1-18

Sermon: "The Voice of Wisdom"

Theme: Wisdom speaks. Do we hear her?

***Sunday, September 29 10:30 a.m.**

Rev. Kathie Jackson preaching

Congregational meeting following worship to elect elders to the Class of 2027.

*In person service, **and** live-streamed on Facebook.

Sunday School Classes Resume

September 8

9:15-10:00 a.m.

Classes for all ages,
kindergarten through adult.



We're looking forward to seeing you for another great year!

HERE'S
THE
SCOOP!



Save the Date!
Sunday, October 6
Ice Cream Social
"Back to the Basics"
(ice cream & desserts only)

Outdoor games—corn hole, washers,
and more

4:00 p.m. in the back of the church

Hosted by the Fellowship Committee

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

Congregational worship is a mission of our congregation. For the remainder of 2024, our worship will be led by pulpit supply pastors. We will be blessed and challenged by their interpretation of God's Word. Dr. Bill Young will preach on September 8, 15, and 22. Rev Kathie Jackson will preach on September 29.

Dr. Bill Young will also provide congregational care during September. Please let the church office know if you need pastoral care.

During this transition, we will continue to be blessed by God's Word and share this time of prayer and praise with our congregation.

Carol Virkler, Chair of Worship



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Trinity Library - Book Highlight

with Marianne Fues,
Trinity Librarian

unfettered hope : A Call to Faithful Living in an Affluent Society by Marva J. Dawn

For what do we hope? Many would say peace in the world. Others might express more personal hopes such as happiness, financial security, an easier life. Many have their hopes blocked.

We can become overwhelmed by the quantity of information, by employment uncertainties, by multiple responsibilities, by insecurities, by despair. Dawn says there are three ways to respond to being overwhelmed. We must acknowledge that we are overwhelmed. We must describe it and discover our situation is common. We don't want to drown in what overwhelms us. We want to attend to living.

Community is found in groups who are gathered for a common purpose – exercise, recreation, reading. As we work together, Dawn shows how Christians can arrange their lives and live such that allows loving God and neighbors to reduce despair in lives of self and others.

Check out the **Adult Library** and the **Children's Library!** Feel free to check out books of interest. The three ring binders used for checking out books are available with each collection. Please feel free to ask for help and to recommend books for purchase!



Fall Youth Group Kick-Off

with

First Presbyterian Church
September 8
4:15 – 7:00 p.m.

Meet at the Mud Room on South Ninth Street at 4:15.
After that, we will eat supper downtown.



Save the Date Fall Mission and Movie Day

Children K-5th grade
Monday September 23
First Presbyterian Church
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This is a day Columbia Public Schools are not in session. Look for more information and registration forms coming soon.



Peace & Global Witness Offering

The Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

25% of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25% of this Offering goes to our mid council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region.

50% of this Offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Trinity's Mission and Outreach Committee has selected Mobility Worldwide-Columbia for Trinity's local share. * *The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be*

received on Sunday October 6. Special Offering envelopes will be available beginning Sunday September 29. Checks should be made payable to Trinity with "Peace and Global Witness" on the memo line. Online giving is also available through the church website.

* Mobility Worldwide began in Columbia in 1994. It was previously known as the PET project (Personal Energy Transportation).

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Highlights from the August Session Meeting



The August stated meeting of session was held on Tuesday evening, August 13. At the meeting:

- ◆ session called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 1 at the conclusion of worship for the purpose of concurring with Rev. Stanfield's request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between himself and Trinity so that he may accept a position as a full-time therapist with The Vine in Huntsville, Alabama;
- ◆ received a report from the Clerk that annual personnel reviews with Ann Bouchard, Debbie Newkirk, J. West, and Jim West will be completed before Michael Stanfield's departure.
- ◆ approved a request to designate the remaining \$7,700 in the property improvements fund for another HVAC unit;
- ◆ approved a request from the Property Committee for upgrades to the Memorial Garden;
- ◆ heard a report that the Christian Education Committee was working to spruce up the children's classrooms before the start of Sunday School and to line up teachers for the children's and youth's classes;
- ◆ received the monthly financial report from Ann Bouchard. Income is ahead of expenses year to date by \$51,675.14.

Reverend Kathie Jackson has been appointed by the presbytery's Commission on Ministry to serve as Trinity's session moderator beginning in September.



Fiber Fellowship
Saturday, September 28
10-12 in the Youth Room

All are welcome!

Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, rug hooking or whatever you are working on and enjoy the Fellowship!

**Did
 you
 know?**

The recent General Assembly action for congregations to lovingly and responsibly protect children from gun violence has been augmented by the U.S. Surgeon General's 2024 Advisory Report. It concludes that:

"The increasing number of children and adolescents dying from firearm-related injuries and the reverberating mental health impacts on society make firearm violence an urgent public health crisis in America.

There are many experts and leaders who work tirelessly each day to protect families and communities from the trauma and suffering that have become all too common in our countryBut it will take more—the collective commitment of the nation—to turn the tide on the crisis of firearm violence in America

It is up to us to take on this generational challenge with the urgency and clarity the moment demands. The safety and well-being of our children and future generations are at stake. "

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News for Presbyterian Women



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Seems like we just took our summer break and here it is September and time for us to gather again! Welcome to our new study, [“Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation”](#). Almost everyone has picked up the new study book, but if you haven’t yet, please stop by the church office or pick one up after worship on Sunday. If you need me to deliver one to you, give me a call at 573-447-0552.

Though you have received e-mails from your circle chair, here’s when we meet: [Evening Circle](#) on September 3 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall; and [Afternoon Circle](#) at 1 pm in Room 12 downstairs on September 4. Watch e-mails for any updates. Marcia Lake will attend both circles with the introduction of our new study and a brief report on her attendance on August 9 at the PW church-wide gathering in St. Louis.

Looking forward to seeing you at circle. *If you are new to Trinity and would like to become a part of a circle, please give me a call, we’d love to have you join us.*

In His Love,

Charlotte Larrick, PW Coordinator

Questions? Give me a call at 573-447-0552.

The Presbyterian Women Justice and Peace Book Discussion Group for September



The next meeting of our book discussion group will be on Thursday, September 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing the book [POVERTY, BY AMERICA](#) by Matthew Desmond.

In this landmark book, acclaimed sociologist Matthew Desmond draws on history, research and original reporting to show how affluent Americans knowingly and unknowingly keep poor people poor. If you wish to participate in the national discussion of the book via Zoom on Monday, September 9, at 5:30 p.m., Central Time, you may sign up at www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice. Several copies of this book are available at the Daniel Boone Regional Library or can be purchased from local or online book sellers.

The next book for our book discussion group will be [SEARCHING FOR SAVANNA](#), by Mona Gable. This book is a gripping and illuminating investigation into the disappearance of Savanna LaFontaine-Graywind when she was eight months pregnant, highlighting the shocking epidemic of violence against Native American women in America and the societal ramifications of government inaction.

The national discussion of the book will be on November 11, at 5:30 p.m., via Zoom. You may sign up at www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice. Watch future Friday e-mails and/or TRINITY TIMES for the date of our local discussion at Trinity. There are copies of this book in the Trinity library or at Daniel Boone Regional Library.



All Men Of Trinity

are invited to meet for breakfast on

[Wednesday,](#)
[September 11th, at 8:00 a.m.](#)

JJ’s Café 1712 N. Providence Rd.

Please join us! Reservations are not required.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE - God's Work, Our Hands

There is still time to fill School Kits!

The deadline for turning in your completed Festival of Sharing School Kits is Sunday, September 15th. There is a box next to the table in the Narthex where you can leave your completed kits.

Also, there are empty kit bags with a list of needed items for the school kit on the table in the Narthex if you have not already filled some bags or would like to do more.



CROP Hunger Walk

On Sunday, September 15th, you can be part of a community-wide effort to help combat hunger. CROP Hunger Walks are community based fundraising events held in cities and towns across the U.S. to address the issues of hunger and other residual effects of poverty worldwide.

The 24th annual Columbia CROP Walk participants will raise donations from supporters that will be used to address food insecurity. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised will provide grants to four local programs that specifically address hunger -- including Loaves and Fishes. Seventy-five percent will go to the CROP national sponsor, Church World Service.

There are four different ways you can be part of our Trinity Team:

- 1) During the week before the Walk, you can walk on your own schedule, keeping track of your miles or steps.
- 2) Walk Day you can join other Columbia participants at Stephens Park to walk and enjoy the activities planned for that day.
- 3) Be a SPIRIT Walker by contributing financially to sponsor walking members of our Trinity Team.
- 4) Do both walk and contribute financially.

More information will be provided in the weeks ahead. Please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of Trinity's CROP Team.



The Wardrobe:
Columbia's
all volunteer,
non-profit thrift store

A monthly sign up form for volunteers is on the kiosk in the church narthex, or volunteers can call Anne Seymour.

Trinity's day to work is
Wednesday, September 18th
and volunteers are needed for the
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift.



We are looking forward to serving next on
Thursday, September 12th
4:30 to 5:45.

We will plan for at least 120 meals. **Please use the link sent out in the Friday emails to sign up to donate food items or to serve.** *Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated!*

Donated food items need to be dropped off at Trinity by 2:30 and those helping to serve will need to be at the Ashley Street Center by 3:30 for prep work.

Please call Susan or Bob Winkelmann if you have questions.

Thank you for any support you can provide!

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Prayer Requests

Short Term Prayer Requests

Jean Buck—has shingles; not up to receiving visitors

Sondra Ricketts—still recovering from surgery and having issues with vertigo

Carol Lewis—sister of Georgia Morehouse. Carol, who lives in Rockville, MD, was recently diagnosed with chronic myelomonocytic leukemia.

Anne Stahr—at the Bluffs for rehab after hospitalization.

Long Term Prayer Requests

Lou Boka - father of Samantha George, who is under-going treatment for cancer

Paul Conditt - Sarah's Humfeld's father who has health issues

Rev. Dr. C. W. Dawson, Jr. - serious health issues — heart and lungs

Esther Muench Plonk - Jim Muench's mother, who suffers from dementia

Please be sure and let Ann Bouchard know of other prayer requests or requests for pastoral care.



To my dear, cherished Trinity friends,

The anniversary cards and sympathy cards were much appreciated by this humble person. A church is only as strong as its members and guests. The members at Trinity provided my family a beautiful place to hold Rex's services, with beautiful music, words of wisdom and maybe a bit of comedy.

The cornucopia of dishes arranged so beautifully after the service were much appreciated by my family.

Thank you ever so much,

Sondra Ricketts and Family

Submissions for Trinity Times?

Email: trinitytimeseditors@gmail.com

The deadline for the October Trinity Times is Friday, September 20, 2024.

Kyle Groshong is our editor.

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

<https://www.trinity-presbyterian.org/archives>

Trinity's Brotherhood Fund Provides Financial Help to Others



The Brotherhood Fund was set up by Trinity's elders as the 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.

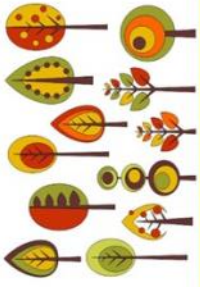
Simply make out your check to "Trinity Presbyterian", write in the memo line, "Brotherhood Fund" and mail it into the office or contact Ann Bouchard to determine how to contribute online.



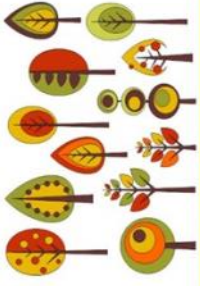
A service of witness to the Resurrection and celebrating the life of Trinity charter member Jackie Blanton will be held in the sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 21st. Following the service, there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Dr. Bill Young will officiate.

Memorial Garden Upgrades

Donations are being accepted for upgrades to the Memorial Garden. A new, paved surface will be added along with a retaining wall and new drainage system to help prevent any further erosion of the creek bank. The landscaping will also be improved. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Bouchard or a member of the Property Committee. A drawing of the plan is posted on the kiosk in the church lobby.



September 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Farewell Luncheon for Michael Stanfield (FH)	2 Church offices closed for Labor Day	3 7:00 PM—Evening Circle (FH)	4 1:00 PM—Afternoon Circle (Rm. 12) 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal	5 7:00 PM—Worship Committee	6 1:30 PM—Mahjong Group (FH) 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	7 1:00 PM—AAUW Book Group (Lib.)
8 9:15 AM—Class for All Ages 10:00 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship 11:45 AM—Stew. & Fin. Luncheon (FH)	9 9:00-11:30 AM—PEO Chapter LM (FH) 12:00 PM—Garden Club Potluck (FH) 7:00 PM—Fellowship Comm. (Z) 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	10 2:30-5:00 PM—PEO 6:00 PM—AAUW (FH) 6:30 PM—Girl Scouts 7:00 PM—Christian Ed Committee (Lib) 7:00 PM—Sacred Harp Singers	11 8:00 AM—Men's Breakfast -J's Café 6:00 PM—Caring Women of COMO (FH) 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal	12 3:15 PM—Loaves & Fishes	13 1:30 PM—Mahjong Group (FH) 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	14 1:00 PM—AAUW Book Group (Lib.)
15 9:15 AM—Classes for All Ages 10:00 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship	16 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	17 7:00 PM—Session (Rm. 12)	18 11:00 AM—Wardrobe 4:30 PM—Love Coffee Board meeting (Rm 12) 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal	19 10:00-11:30—PW Book Discussion Group (FH)	20 <i>Trinity Times deadline</i> 1:30 PM—Mahjong Group (FH) 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	21 2:00 PM—Memorial Service for Jackie Blanton and reception (Sanct.-FH)
22 9:15 AM—Classes for All Ages 10:00 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship	23 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	24 11:00 AM—MO Symphony League (FH) 6:30 PM—Girl Scouts 7:00 PM—Sacred Harp Singers 7:00 PM—Technology Committee (Zoom)	25 10:00 AM—Congreg. Care Committee (Rm 12) 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal	26 7:00 PM—Mission/ Outreach Committee (Zoom)	27 1:30 PM—Mahjong Group (FH) 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	28 10:00 AM—Fiber Fellowship (Youth Rm.)
29 9:15 AM—Classes for All Ages 10:00 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship	30 7:00 PM—Stewardship & Finance Comm. (Z) 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts					