



TRINITY TIMES



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Monthly Musings

World Communion Sunday, celebrated on the first Sunday of October, is like the ultimate potluck dinner where everyone brings their own flavor to the table. It is a time, especially for those of us from the Main Line Protestant tradition, that is all about breaking down barriers and realizing that we're all in this together, even if some of us prefer gluten-free bread.



In a world where people often argue over who makes the best potato salad, World Communion Sunday is a reminder that the real recipe for unity includes a dash of love, a sprinkle of acceptance, and a heaping spoonful of community. It's not just about sharing bread and wine; it's about embracing the delightful diversity of our global family.

Presbyterians see this celebration as a chance to champion social justice and equality. It's like a cosmic call to action to support those who might not have a seat at the table and to work towards a world where everyone gets a fair slice of the pie. By participating in World Communion Sunday, believers are reminded that they have a role to play in making the world a better place, one laugh and one act of kindness at a time.

Ultimately, World Communion Sunday is a celebration of unity in diversity. It's a day to reflect on the shared values of compassion and empathy, and to commit to building a more inclusive and just society for all. So, let's raise our glasses (or communion cups) and toast to a world where everyone is welcome, and there's always room for one more at the table. Cheers!

Jim West



Peace & Global Witness Offering Received Sunday, October 6

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 peace-making 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. 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.

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September/October Worship Schedule

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

Preaching: Rev. Kathie Jackson

OT: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

NT: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Sermon: "Practicing Patience"

Theme: In our fast paced world, the practice of patience seems like a lost virtue, and it is easy to grow anxious as we wait on our God, whose "ways are not our ways." Waiting times may be challenging, but God can use these times to help us grow in faith.

***Sunday, October 6 10:30 a.m.**

World Communion Sunday

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Bill Young

OT: Psalm 30

NT: Luke 7:31-35

Sermon: "Joy Comes in the Morning"

Theme: "Weeping my linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning." (Psalm 30:5b)

***Sunday, October 13 10:30 a.m.**

Stewardship Season Begins

Preaching: Rev. Kathie Jackson

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***Sunday, October 27 10:30 a.m.**

Pledge Dedication Sunday

Preaching: Elder Barbara Chalfant, Missouri Union
Presbytery General Presbyter

**Potluck luncheon following worship in the Fellowship Hall
(see page 3)**

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



**Growing
In
Faith
Together**

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. (2 Peter 3:18)

2025 Stewardship Campaign

As we move into this new season of the year and a new season in our life together at Trinity, it is important that we remember and rejoice in all that was good about the past, but also that we look with hope to what God has in store for us in the days ahead.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee has chosen "Growing in Faith Together" as the theme for the 2025 Stewardship Campaign. The Book of Acts tells us that *together* the first converts devoted themselves to teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayers and *together* they spent much time in the temple "praising God and having the goodwill of all the people (Acts 2:47a). *Together* they grew in faith and God added to their number daily.

We are being called to share our time, talents, and treasure and to come together in worship, in giving and serving, in caring for one another and enjoying one another's company, in learning, so that we might also grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and be led forward by God's Spirit into an exciting new future for Trinity.

On October 13, 2025, stewardship packets will be distributed to those attending worship. Those not present will receive their packets by mail early that week. During worship on October 27 we will dedicate our 2025 financial pledges to God's glory and the ministry of Trinity during the offering time. After the service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck luncheon to celebrate the bounty of God's blessings to us. Meat and drinks will be provided.



Congregational Meeting

The congregation is called to meet on **Sunday, September 29, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing elders to the session class of 2027.** Those whose names will be placed in nomination are Michael Fues, Ted Groshong, Larry Holder, and Cathy Stubbs.

Nominations may be made from the floor by any active member, but individuals must be asked in advance and have agreed to serve, if elected. Please plan on staying for just a few minutes after worship for this very important meeting.

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Update on *Moving Forward*

Friends,

Just a short update on moving forward now that Michael is gone. Our Administration and Personnel Committee has contacted a number of local, retired pastors to inquire into their interest in becoming our Transitional Pastor; however, none of those whom we contacted are at a point in their lives where they could consider this type of position. We are, therefore, continuing our search by using the PCUSA's matching site called the *Church Leadership Connection (CLC)*. A&P has met several times over the last couple of weeks to answer narratives and fill out information on our Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP), which is the profile that the CLC uses to "match" us with those who are seeking a Transitional Pastor position. We submitted our MDP through the CLC site at the beginning of the week and we received 13 potential candidates. A&P is currently going through the information provided to us on each of these candidates to decide which we think might be good matches for us and ask them to then apply for our position. If they apply to our invite, their names will be released to us and we can then contact them personally. Additionally, Barbara Chalfant, our General Presbyter, came to our session meeting this week and outlined further next steps. Once we have identified a Transitional Pastor, they will guide us through a Mission Study, which will be required before we can form a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The PNC will then be charged with searching for our Called Pastor.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this process or our progress – I will do my best to answer questions or will seek out those who can. ~Susan Winkelmann, Clerk of Session



Congregational Celebration Luncheon Pledge Sunday, October 27th

All are invited to the Celebration Luncheon held immediately after the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee will provide a meat course and beverages. *Church members are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share.*

Contact Karen Neely for further information.



Fellowship Meal

Sunday School Classes

9:15-10:10 a.m.

Classes for all ages,
kindergarten through adult.

Please join us!



October Pastoral Care

Meet Dale Stone

Note: During October, Rev. Dale Stone will be on call for pastoral care for Trinity. Here's some information Dale submitted about himself:



I was raised on a small dairy farm in west-central Iowa, one of five sons. Our family was active in our open country church. I attended a church college in northwest Iowa, graduating in 1972.

After several years in and out of seminary, I graduated from Eden Seminary (St. Louis) in 1980. I first served churches in Iowa, then moved to serve congregations in Missouri in 1996, retiring in 2016. I was a United Methodist pastor before moving to the PCUSA a number of years ago.

I have been married to Barbara since 1977. We are parents of 4 children, 3 of whom are living. We have one grandchild and one on the way. We now live in Columbia, MO.

October Worship

We will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 6 and Rev. Bill Young will officiate. On October 13 and 20, we welcome Rev. Kathie Jackson to our pulpit. On October 27, Presbyter Barbara Chalfant will lead us in worship. We continue to be blessed with these interpreters of God's Holy Word. ~Carol Virkler, Chair of Worship

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Columbia Public Schools Foundation Honors

Trinity Member Sue Young

On Wednesday evening, September 25, Sue Young was inducted into the Columbia Public Schools Foundation Hall of Leaders at an event held at the State Historical Society. She was one of this year's four honorees.

Sue retired in 2005 after a 17-year career teaching at Rock Bridge Elementary for the Columbia Public Schools (CPS). She primarily taught fourth grade, with one year at third grade and two years as a Fellows Program mentor. In addition to engaging her students, she served on district committees and led fellow teachers in RBE Teachers as Readers. She also shared her expertise and innovative teaching strategies through professional development workshops and collaborative projects.



Sue has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia. As a senior year on-site clinical faculty/liaison at the University of Missouri-Columbia, she helped lead and prepare the next generation of teachers.

Sue received a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Tulsa as well as a master's and doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Among her honors, she was awarded the Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the Year, grades 3-5, from the Columbia Fund for Excellence.

Congratulations, Sue!

HERE'S
THE
SCOOP!



Ice Cream Social

Sunday, October 6
4:00 p.m. in the back of the church

"Back to the Basics"
(ice cream & desserts only)

Outdoor games—corn hole, washers, and more

Sign up to bring homemade ice cream or a dessert by using the form on the kiosk in the church lobby or contacting Fellowship Committee Chair, Marianne Fues.

Bring a lawn chair if you have one and come enjoy the food and fellowship.



All Men of Trinity

are invited to meet for
breakfast on

Wednesday,
October 9, at 8:00
a.m.

JJ's Café

1712 N. Providence Rd.

Please join us!

Trinity Outreach Event

5th Annual "Trunk or Treat"

Decorate your car, dress up, bring some
candy—enjoy the fun!
Let's fill the entire upper parking lot with cars!



Saturday Evening, October 26—5:00-6:30 p.m.

Let Samantha Boka (George) or the Norris family know you'll have a car for the event. A sign-up sheet will be on the kiosk in the Narthex.

*Invite your family members, friends, & neighbors to come and
"Trunk or Treat" at Trinity*

Donations of candy without nuts will be gladly accepted.

Fiber Fellowship

Saturday, October 26th
10-12 in the Youth Room

**All are
welcome!**



**Bring your
knitting,
crocheting, quilting, rug, or other
needlecraft project.**

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News for Presbyterian Women



October 2024

Supposedly, fall is upon us; let's hope it's cooler by October 1 and 2 when it's time for us to gather again. **The Evening Circle will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday October 1st in the Fellowship Hall, and the Afternoon Circle at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2nd in Room 12 downstairs.**

Please read Lesson 2, "Land Justice" in our study book "Let Justice Roll Down" and be ready to discuss. I hope some of us did our best to pay attention to news stories related to the environment as suggested on p. 21 in our study. I look forward to seeing you at circle. Keep your eyes open for e-mails from circle leaders for more details for what your circle is doing. "Teach us ways to repair and share the land in justice for all". Questions? Give me a call at 573-447-0552.

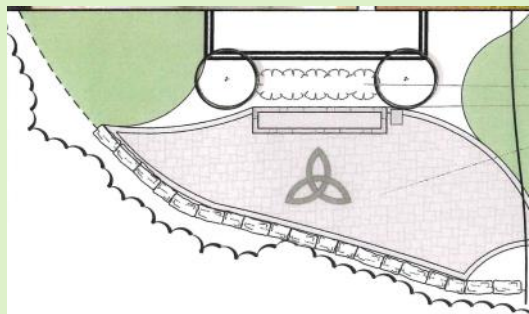
In His Love,
Charlotte Larrick, PW Coordinator

Memorial Garden Project Update

The Property Committee has solidified plans with Rost Landscaping to do the upgrades to the Memorial Garden. It is anticipated that work will begin before the end of this year.

The project will include a paved patio with triquetra inlay which will extend to the south edge of the property. A low stone wall will be constructed along the embankment to help prevent any further erosion. New landscaping will be added and the downspout coming off the east corner of the sanctuary will be extended to prevent any pooling of water in the garden area.

The total cost of the project will be approximately \$24,000. About half of the cost will be covered by funds on hand. Several thousand dollars in donations have already been received for the upgrades. If you would like to make a contribution, please note "Memorial Garden Fund" on your check.



The Presbyterian Women Justice and Peace Book Discussion Group for September



The last book on the 2024 Justice & Peace Book Discussion list is *SEARCHING FOR SAVANNA* by Mona Gable. *SEARCHING FOR SAVANNA* is the story of the murder of one Native American woman and the violence against many others that has occurred since our country's colonization. The PW national discussion of the book will be held via Zoom on Monday, November 11, at 5:30 p.m., Central Time. If you would like to participate in the national discussion, you may sign up at presbyterianwomen.org/justice.

We will hold a discussion of the book at Trinity in November following the national discussion. If you are interested in participating in the local discussion, please contact Marcia Lake or the church office to suggest some days and times that you would be available to attend during the week of November 18-22.

There are two copies of *SEARCHING FOR SAVANNA* available for checkout in the Trinity library, and the Daniel Boone Regional Library has 3 physical books and 1 downloadable audiobook available.

Final Report on Property Improvements Campaign

The remaining funds in the property improvements fund—approximately \$8,000—were recently applied to a new HVAC unit for the Fellowship Hall. Since the cost of the new air-conditioning and heating unit was a little over \$12,000, reserve funds were used to cover the balance of the cost.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee approved repaying the money taken from reserves using interest received from one of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program Mission Market Funds the church has, as well as any other donations which are received for building needs.



Spotlight on Mission and Outreach

Agencies Supported through Our 2024 Annual Budget

Serving others has always been the heart of Trinity. While Trinity has many Mission projects, the Mission and Outreach committee is provided with a budget to specifically identify areas of need. The 2024 Mission budget is \$11,750 and is divided among the following 27 programs.

Agape Fellowship is a congregation of immigrants and refugees primarily from Rwanda, Burundi, and eastern Congo. This community is led by Pastor Aaron Ruvugwa.

Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization urging U.S. decision makers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger.

Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking

Collation's mission is to end and prevent forced labor and sexual exploitation of innocent children, women and men.

City of Refuge equips the refugees and immigrants arriving in our community with the materials they need, as well as deeper friendships they can count on as they navigate a new life in the United States.

Columbia Housing Authority—Low Income Services has 3 goals: Help children be prepared to enter school and succeed in school and life. Support families as they work toward self-reliance. Empower individuals and persons with disabilities to live independently.

Festival of Sharing is an ecumenical response to poverty and hunger in Missouri and beyond. Supports projects and programs that help our neighbors experience healthy and full lives.

Food Bank for Central and NE Missouri is a regional disaster and hunger relief network that acquires and distributes millions of pounds of food annually to partner agencies across a 32-county area.

Frontera de Cristo a Presbyterian border ministry in the sister cities of Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, and Douglas, Arizona, which assists migrants.

Granny's House is a multi-church effort that includes programs for children of all ethnic and religious backgrounds. It has become a bridge between children living in Columbia public housing and a wide range of programs and community opportunities.

Hosean International Ministries' mission is to empower Haitians with the gospel of Jesus Christ through education, life skills training and economic growth.

Jubilee Partners is a Christian service community in rural Georgia. Their primary work is to offer hospitality to immigrants who have experienced violence or persecution.

Loaves and Fishes is a local "soup kitchen" where the hungry are provided dinner. Trinity members contribute, prepare, deliver and serve dinner on the second Thursday of each month.

Love Coffee provides employment training and opportunities for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Love Columbia serves anyone in Columbia who is struggling to provide for their basic needs or to improve their life and wants help to create a path forward. They partner with the Love Seat program to provide free furniture.

Medical Benevolence Foundation was formed in 1963 by a group of physicians to improve the quality of care provided by various Church's medical missions. Their goal was to offer consistent international standards of clinical care while sharing the love of God. They are long-term partners with ministry leaders of multiple denominations in the Caribbean, Africa and the Middle East.

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Presbyterian Children's Home and Services provides Christ-centered care and support to children and families in need.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church to witness the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events.

Rainbow House temporarily houses children who are in foster care; and assists parents who request placement for their children during a family crisis; provides forensic interviewing, advocacy and therapy for children who have been sexually abused and/or severely physically abused.

Room at the Inn provides a safe, warm and dry place to sleep for our unsheltered population during the cold Missouri winter months.

Show Me Central Habitat for Humanity's vision is a world where everyone has a safe place to live. They seek to put God's love into action. Habitat brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

St Francis Catholic Worker Men's House provided overnight accommodations for unsheltered individuals for many years. St Francis House has closed its doors. In 2025 we will be supporting **COMO Mobile Aid Collective** dedicated to providing marginalized citizens of Columbia with resources such as a mobile soup kitchen, pop-up med clinic and pet care.

True North provides safety, shelter, education and transitional support for those who have been affected by sexual and domestic violence.

Vandalia Agape House provides shelter for up to 30 visitors and provides affordable overnight lodging to families of offenders in area state correctional facilities.

Voluntary Action Center provides resources for basic and emergency needs in the areas of health, employment, education and housing.

Voluntary Action Center Fish Fund Since 1981, Columbia area congregations have supported low-income families through the Faith in Service to Humanity (FISH) Fund of Interfaith Council. VAC is the sole administrator of this fund, providing this service at no charge.

Wardrobe sells donated clothing at low prices. Upon annual renewal, referrals from the Voluntary Action Center, local social service agencies, and area churches can receive five complete outfits twice per year. The referrals are also eligible to purchase inexpensive shoe coupons to redeem at a local shoe store. It is operated by volunteers from area churches. Trinity volunteers work every third Wednesday of the month.

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Trinity Library - Book Highlight

with Marianne Fues,
Trinity Librarian

Reverence : Renewing A

Forgotten Virtue by Paul Woodruff

Woodruff describes reverence as a forgotten virtue. He makes a case for the importance of this virtue and how awe for things greater than oneself must be a gauge for other virtues like awe, respect, and shame. One can be in awe of "majesties of nature" - "a great whale, a giant redwood, a range of tall mountains". However, being in awe of one's intellect is arrogant. Society participates in regular ceremonies with church, school, family, and country where awe, respect and humility are important.

Woodruff looked at the ancient poets, Greek and Chinese philosophers and feels that something has been lost in modern times. Reverence fosters leadership and education. It is an ethic for a lifetime.

Visit 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!

LATOYA MONIQUE 2012

"IN *Happy*
MOMENTS,
PRAISE GOD.
IN DIFFICULT
MOMENTS,
SEEK *God.*
IN QUIET
MOMENTS,
trust GOD.
IN EVERY MOMENT,
THANK *God.*"

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE - God's Work, Our Hands



We are looking forward to serving next on

Thursday, October 10th

4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

We are serving approximately 120 meals per month so your support for this mission is greatly appreciated. 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.

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, October 16th
and volunteers are needed for the
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift.

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Prayer Requests

Short Term Prayer Requests

Rev. Dr. C. W. Dawson, Jr. and his wife, Maria are both recovering from COVID. Dr. Dawson was admitted to the hospital, but is starting to feel better.

Sondra Ricketts—still having issues with vertigo

Anne Stahr—now at Lake George Assisted Living on Richland Rd. Webb is staying with her.

Long Term Prayer Requests

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

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

Carol Lewis—sister of Georgia Morehouse, lives in Rockville, MD, and is undergoing treatment for chronic myelomonocytic leukemia.

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.



Our Christian sympathy is extended to Laura Fisher and her family on the death of her mother and long-time Trinity member, Mary Alice Landhuis, who died on September 15. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 28, in Iowa.

During her active time at Trinity, Mary Alice served as Wardrobe Coordinator, chair of the Mission Committee and was an advocate for bringing a Habitat for Humanity affiliate to Columbia. She enjoyed gifting church members with holiday craft decorations during Advent.

Cards and notes can be sent to Laura Fisher at 4500 Salem Dr., Columbia, 65203.

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WEEK'S SERMON OR TO VIEW THE SERVICE VIDEO

go to:

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

Submissions for Trinity Times?

Email: trinitytimeseditors@gmail.com

The deadline for the November Trinity Times is Friday, October 25, 2024.
Kyle Groshong is our editor.

From the Organ Bench

by Jim West

Church music has been an integral part of worship for centuries, serving as a bridge between the congregation and the divine. It encompasses a wide range of styles, from traditional hymns to contemporary worship songs, each with its unique ability to inspire and uplift.

Historically, church music has evolved significantly. In the early Christian church, music was primarily vocal, with chants and hymns being the main forms of musical expression. The Gregorian chant, for example, is a form of plainchant that has been used in the Roman Catholic Church for over a thousand years. As time progressed, the introduction of organs and other instruments added a new dimension to church music, allowing for more complex and varied compositions. In modern times, church music continues to evolve, incorporating elements from various musical genres. Contemporary worship music often features guitars, drums, and keyboards, helping enhance dynamic and engaging worship experiences. This evolution reflects the changing tastes and preferences of congregations, as well as the desire to make worship more accessible and relevant to younger generations.

Regardless of its form, church music remains a powerful tool for expressing faith, fostering community, and enhancing the worship experience. It has the unique ability to convey emotions and messages that words alone cannot, making it an essential component of religious life.

It has been my great honor and privilege to serve this past year as your organist and to work together with our son J. in the Music Ministry here at Trinity.

