



TRINITY TIMES



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Michael's Musings

Our Presbyterian Polity is designed to be governed by representative councils made up of Ruling Elders and Ministers of the Word and Sacrament. The session is the ruling body of a congregation, made up of elders elected by a congregation. It usually meets monthly. The presbytery is the ruling body of a specific geographic area of the country, made up of all Ministers of the Word and elder commissioners elected by each session. It usually meets quarterly. The synod is a supporting rather than a ruling body, the purpose of which is to resource a geographic grouping of presbyteries. It is made up of minister and elder commissioners from each presbytery within its bounds. It meets twice a year. The General Assembly is made up of minister and elder commissioners from every presbytery in the PCUSA, including Puerto Rico. It meets every other year.

This month, the 226th General Assembly of the PCUSA meets in Salt Lake City. Our own Ann Bouchard is one of two commissioners from Missouri Union Presbytery. She has been assigned to the Domestic Engagement Committee which will be considering a number of overtures, from U.S. social policy to curriculum for small churches. She has already spent hours in training and orientation sessions in preparation for her work at the assembly. Ann will be attending all day committee meetings via Zoom from June 25 to June 27. She leaves for Salt Lake City on June 28 and will be there for the assembly until July 4.

Having served as a commissioner from East Tennessee Presbytery in 2012, I know her days will begin as early as 8:00 a.m. and may not end until after 10:00 p.m. It's an arduous, but extremely important service to the church, and I can think of no one I'd rather have as our commissioner! As Ann prepares and embarks on this journey, please keep her and the Assembly as a whole in your prayers.

Michael

June Worship Schedule:

*** June 2, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

Rev. Dr. Bill Young, Guest Preacher

1st Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

2nd Reading: Luke 9:28-36

Sermon: "Mountain Top Experiences"

Theme: Mountain top experiences reveal God's heavenly glory, but also commission us to serve God here below.

*** June 9, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

Rev. Brenda West, Guest Preacher

1st Reading: John 13:31-36

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Sermon: "Back to Basics"

Theme: Putting aside our personal divisions and getting back to the basis of our faith.

*** June 16, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

Father's Day

Rev. Dr. Deborah Boucher-Payne Preaching

We are looking forward to welcoming back to Trinity our former Missouri Union Presbytery General Presbyter. Deborah is now the Synod Executive for the Synod of Mid-America (Kansas/Missouri).

*** June 23, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

Rev. Dr. Michael Stanfield, Preaching

1st Reading: Job 38:1-4

2nd Reading: Mark 4:35-41

Sermon: "Sailing Through a Storm"

Theme: Making it through life's storms.

*** June 30, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

Rev. Dr. Michael Stanfield Preaching

1st Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1

Sermon: "From Earthly Tent to Eternal Home"

Theme: What does it mean to be "at home" – in the world? – in the heavens?

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



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Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly 2024 "Live into Hope" June 25—July 4

Climate change, gun violence, LGBTQIA+ inclusion, race relations, small church ministry, and the unification of key Presbyterian bodies: These are just a glimpse of the crucial topics up for discussion this summer at #GA226. A new stated clerk and new (co)moderators will be elected, setting the course for the denomination's collective journey. (One of those standing for Moderator this summer is the Reverend Cecelia Armstrong from James Island, SC. CeCe was one of our guest preachers in 2022 during Michael's sabbatical.)

The Assembly begins on June 25 with an online opening plenary session followed by three days of online committee meetings. Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory delegates will travel to Salt Lake City on June 28 and 29. You can find more information about the work of this year's Assembly and the full schedule using this link: <https://ga-pcusa.org/>.



Trinity Library - Book Highlight with Marianne Fues, Trinity Librarian

The Cotton Patch Evidence: The story of Clarence and the Koinonia Farm Experiment (1942-1970) by Dallas Lee

Clarence Jordan grew up in the heart of the south. While others of his age went to war in Europe to fight Nazism, he established an experiment in Christian communal living on a farm in southwestern Georgia. Brotherhood, nonviolence, and economic sharing were the fundamental guidelines. He recognized that the religion he aspired to and the life he was a part of did not jibe.

In Georgia, land was found where Jordan's fundamental guidelines could be practiced. Various farming practices were established to help neighbors and the community. Koinonia Farm hoped to make a contribution to the lives of all. Volunteers and workers carried on the projects and new ideas which eventually led to Koinonia Partners and also the establishment of Habitat for Humanity.

The Libraries have been moved! The **Adult Library** has been moved into the former Administrative Assistant's office. The **Children's Library** has been moved into the former adult library space outside the sanctuary. 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.



Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School
for children
ages 3 years - 5th grade graduate
July 8 - 11, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
"Deep Dive into the Bible"

We will once again be cooperating with our friends at First Presbyterian Church.



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Music News with J. West Director of Music

Consider being a summer singer!

This summer, our church choir is adjusting its pace and slowing down its regular activities. We are granting most of our choir members some time off to rest and rejuvenate during the warm season. This change in schedule provides an exceptional opportunity for those who have been contemplating joining our choir. If you have been searching for the right moment to become involved, this summer might just be your perfect chance. We gather for rehearsal every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., a time when the early morning sun bathes our church in a tranquil and inspiring light. Joining us during this period of restful activity could provide a smoother transition for newcomers, offering a more relaxed atmosphere to become acquainted with our choir's routines, members, and the joyous spirit of our song. We warmly extend an invitation to all who have been contemplating this fulfilling endeavor. We look forward to welcoming new voices to our choir this summer.

Beyond the opportunity to learn and grow musically, joining our choir also offers a unique chance to be part of our close-knit community. We believe that our choir is more than just a group of people making music together - it is a family. An integral part of our church community, the choir fosters camaraderie, fellowship, and a deep sense of belonging among its members. Whether you're a seasoned singer or a novice, all are welcome in our choir. No matter where you are on your musical journey, we encourage you to consider becoming part of our musical family.

Our choir's summer schedule affords the perfect balance of learning and leisure. With our regular choir members taking a well-deserved break, newcomers will have ample time and space to learn our routines, familiarize themselves with our repertoire, and truly immerse themselves in the enriching world of choral music. What better way to spend the summer than making music and building meaningful relationships?

We invite you to come and experience the joy of singing in a choir. It's not just about the music - it's about the community, the connection, and the collective joy that comes from creating something beautiful together. We are eager to meet you, hear your voice, and welcome you into our choir family. Come join us on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. This summer could be the beginning of your beautiful musical journey with us.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE - God's Work, Our Hands



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, June 19th** and volunteers are needed for the 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift.*



We are looking forward to serving next on **Thursday, June 13, from 4:30 to 5:45.**

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.

Please use the link sent out in the Friday emails to sign up to donate food items or to serve and call Susan or Bob Winkelmann if you have questions.

Thank you for our support of the mission!

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News for Presbyterian Women



I hope both circles had good “last meetings” and will enjoy your summer respite until we meet again in September .

I have a request for all women of Trinity: **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, TIME, TBA.** First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, has arranged for live streaming of the PW National Gathering, “Do Everything In Love,” in St. Louis on that day and has invited us to join them. We will meet in the Ramsey Center at First Presbyterian; attendees should bring a sack lunch and they will provide coffee and water. We would love to have a group from Trinity attend this special chance to gather. As I receive them, I’ll share more details with you. Questions? Give me a call at 573-447-0552.

Charlotte Larrick, PW Coordinator



Summer is always a special time for worship. We hear different voices delivering God’s word. We offer the opportunity to sing in an ensemble during worship without the obligation of a

Wednesday night rehearsal. During the summer months, our Director of Music will conduct a music rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Show up, rehearse, rejoice, and sing! It is a wonderful opportunity to offer a music offering.

We will have four guest preachers this summer. Rev. Dr. Bill Young and Rev. Brenda West are part of our congregation, and we welcome them to the pulpit in early June. We also welcome another familiar pastor, the Rev. Dr. Deborah Boucher-Payne, the Synod Executive, to preach on June 16. On August 18 we have the special opportunity to welcome the new MUP Presbyter to our pulpit. General Presbyter Brenda Chalfant will begin her duties with MUP on June 24. Storytelling is one of her interests and I look forward to her message that Sunday.

As Chair of Worship, I am extremely grateful to all our members who contribute to worship: the tech crew, the ushers, the acolytes, the liturgists, and the musicians. We are truly blessed at Trinity. ~Carol Virkler

The Presbyterian Women Justice and Peace Book Discussion Group for July



The PW Justice & Peace Book Discussion book for July is ***A Place Called Home* by David Ambroz.**

In this book, the author shares his experiences growing up homeless in New York for 11 years and his subsequent years in foster care and provides a glimpse of childhood poverty and homelessness as it is experienced by many young people today.

Our local discussion of *A Place Called Home* will be in early to mid-July. Please watch for the exact date and time in the July *Trinity Times* or future Friday emails or contact Marcia Lake at marcialake@gmail.com. The National PW discussion of the book will be on Monday, July 8, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Central Daylight Time, via Zoom. To participate in the national discussion, you may sign up at presbyterianwomen.org/justice.

The Trinity library has purchased two copies of *A Place Called Home* that are available for checkout. If you check out a copy from the church library, please read and return the book as soon as possible so that others can check it out and read it prior to our discussion.

The Daniel Boone Regional Library also has two copies of the book available. Also, you can purchase the book from local book sellers or from online book sellers. The ISBN for the book is 9780306903540 (hardcover) or 9780306875212 (eBook).

If you have any questions about the book or the local or national discussions of the book, please feel free to contact Marcia Lake at marcialake@gmail.com.



All Men Of Trinity

are invited to meet for breakfast
on

**Wednesday,
June 12, at 8:00 a.m.**

JJ’s Café 1712 N. Providence Rd.
Please join us! Reservations are not required.

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Prayer Requests

Short Term Prayer Requests

Jackie Blanton - recently hospitalized; now at Columbia Post Acute

Don Fues—recovering from heart surgery at home, doing well

Sarah Grim—being treated for illness caused by a tick bite

Rim Massey – continuing his recovery

Rex Ricketts—has started treatment for melanoma

Sondra Ricketts—still recovering and having issues with vertigo

Steve Yates— fell several times and broke his shoulder

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

Jane Cooper - Sharon Daly's sister, on dialysis and dealing with problems from diabetes

Rev. Dr. C. W. Dawson, Jr. - serious continuing health (lung) issues

Cheryl Gysbers - breast cancer

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

Hugh Williams—Sharon Daly's brother, who has bladder cancer

thank
you!

THANK YOU FROM THE LARRICK FAMILY

Bless you and thank you, dear Church Family, for all your prayers, calls, texts, cards, and caring words during Dean's recent illness and after he went to his Heavenly home. Your love and support helped us get through this heartbreaking time. Thank, you, too, for those who made his Celebration of Life so meaningful; and to the techs who enabled family and faraway friends to attend; and to those who contributed food and served at the luncheon following. We are truly grateful God led us to Trinity when we moved back to Missouri 35 years ago! My church home is surely a blessing to me and my family.

In His Love,

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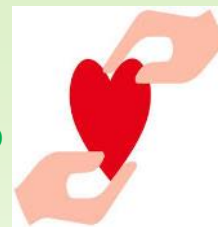
TO READ OUR PASTOR'S
PREVIOUS WEEK'S SERMON,
go to:

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

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

The deadline for the July Trinity Times
is Friday, June 21, 2024.

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.

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



Fiber Fellowship
will not meet
during the summer
months.

We will see you again in the fall!



June 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship Guest Preacher: Bill Young 11:30 AM—Fellowship	3 9:00-11:30 AM—PEO Chapter LM (FH) 7:00 PM—Fellowship Committee (Z) 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	4 2:30-5:00 PM—PEO Chapter "JJ" 7:00 PM—Christian Ed. Comm. (Zoom) 7:00 PM—Sacred Harp Singers (FH)	5 8:00 AM—Men's Break-fast (JJ's Café) 6:00-8:30 PM—Caring Women of COMO	6 3:15 PM—Loaves & Fishes	7 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	8 1:00 PM—AAUW Book Club (Rm 12)
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23 9:30 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship	24 7:00 PM—Session Called Mtg. (Zoom)	25 7:00 PM—Technology Committee (Zoom) 7:00 PM—Sacred Harp Singers (FH)	26 10:00 AM—Congreg. Care Comm. (Rm 12)	27 7:00 PM—Mission/ Outreach Committee (Zoom)	28 10:00 AM—CE Cleanup (Room 10, classrooms) 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	29
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