



TRINITY TIMES



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Mission Study Team Begins Their Work

The Trinity Presbyterian Mission Study Team began their work on Sunday with their commissioning service during worship. Brian Griffith, Cathy Holder (via online), Rob Humfeld, Chris Sheriff, and Susan Winkelmann all responded to their specific call from God by answering in the affirmative that *they accepted this ministry of being on Trinity Presbyterian's Mission Study Team in confidence that it came from God!* And that *they welcomed the responsibility of this service because they are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and join in the mission of Christ.* And you all as members of Trinity Presbyterian Church family confirmed their call and pledged to *support and encourage them in this ministry!*

So, it begins! So why are we doing this and what is it that TPC's Mission Study Team is supposed to do? Well simply stated, this time of pastoral transition is a great time for you all to consider who you all are as a church and to assess your ongoing mission and ministries. As reformed Presbyterians, we are supposed to be regularly examining our lives and practices and asking the Holy Spirit to correct, re-direct, and shepherd us afresh on the mission to which God has called us. A Mission Study is a process and a tool that a healthy church uses to regularly clarify God's call and measure the congregation's fidelity to that call (G-2.0301).



To do all this the Mission Study Team has three primary purposes:

To review the church's current position honestly and comprehensively (e.g., demographics, financials, etc.);

To reflect thoughtfully and prayerfully on the nature of the church's context (neighborhood/city/country), especially how it has changed in recent years;

To hear what the Spirit is saying to us today.

In other words, 1) Who Are We? 2) Who Is Our Neighbor? and 3) Why Are We Here? Or, more precisely, "Why has God chosen to position us in this place, at this time?"

And to help in this process Missouri Union Presbytery has come up with Twelve Questions to answer in our study. The answers will provide a vehicle for the Mission Study Team to review the churches' strengths and weaknesses, and to prioritize what it feels is TPC's actual purpose. Plus, these questions help inform the search process for your new pastor.

To answer these questions the Mission Study team is presently reviewing and designing an all-church survey to begin listening to your thoughts about TPC in her mission and ministry as well as to listen to your dreams for the church and what opportunities the church might do to serve CoMo better. This survey will be available after the *14 Day Exercise in Faithful Listening* that we are asking **EVERYONE** to do. This discernment booklet will be available on Palm Sunday and will begin on Monday, April 21! Then on May 4th the Mission Study team invites **everyone who participated** in the discernment process to gather immediately following the worship service to listen to your thoughts, feelings, and insights.

Why is this important? Because all of the information gathered will be a part of a report to the Committee on Ministry. Also, your input will help the Pastor's Nominating Committee put together the Church Mission Information Form (church resumé) when that Search committee is formed. The Mission Study Team looks forward to journeying with you on this time of discernment.

~Rev. Ronnie Osborn

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April Worship Schedule

* **Sunday, April 6, 2025 10:30 a.m.**

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

* **Sunday, April 13, 2025 10:30 a.m.**

Palm Sunday
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

* **Thursday, April 17, 2025 7:00 p.m.**

Maundy Thursday
Communion
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

* **Sunday, April 20, 2025 10:30 a.m.**

Easter Sunday
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

* **Sunday, April 27, 2025 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Bill Young

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

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

There will be a Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service with communion on April 17 at 7:00 p.m. as we prepare for Easter on April 20.



Sunday School Classes

9:15-10:10 a.m.

Classes for all ages,
kindergarten through adult.
No Classes on Easter Morning



One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering Easter Sunday, April 20

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Special Offering envelopes will be available. Checks should be made payable to Trinity with "One Great Hour of Sharing" on the memo line. Online giving is also available through the church website.



Easter Potluck Breakfast

April 20 at 9 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Join your Trinity family for breakfast on Easter Sunday!

Please bring your favorite breakfast dish to share.
Coffee and juice will be provided.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held immediately following breakfast at 9:30.



Easter Egg Hunt

Join us Easter morning (April 20) at 9:30 a.m.
for an Easter egg hunt.

All children (and grandchildren) toddler –
5th grade are welcome!

Meet us in the elementary classroom downstairs.

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Be a “Joiner”. Build connections by joining one of these small groups:



Fiber Fellowship - Will not meet in April due to conflict with ForColumbia

Geocaching - Delbert Botes and Chris Sheriff are contacts.

Dining Out -Cathy and Larry Holder are contacts.



Men's Breakfast - Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (April 9) at 8 a.m. JJ's Cafe on 1712 N. North Providence Road. All men of Trinity are invited.

Senior Singles - Arranges activities 6-8 times a year. Contact the church office to be put on the email list.

Mahjong Group - Meets every Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Karen Kennedy is the contact.

Women's Coffee Group - Meets the second Friday of each month (April 11) to socialize at Love Coffee on the Business Loop, 9:30 am. All women are invited!



May News for Presbyterian Women



I hope this is no April Fool's joke: Circles WILL MEET IN APRIL! **Evening Circle** will meet at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on, Tuesday, April 1 and will be discussing Lesson 8 “Intergenerational Justice” in our *Let Justice Roll Down* Bible Study.

Afternoon Circle will gather downstairs in Room 12 at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, and, after cancelling the last three months, will have a general conversation on the chapters we missed: Lesson 5, Air Quality, Lesson 6, Climate Change, and Lesson 7, Economic Climate Change. AND decide where we go from here. Hope to see you all at circle.

Watch your e-mails for more info from your circle chairs. Questions? Give me a call at 573-447-0552.

Charlotte Larrick, PW Coordinator

Highlights from the March 18 Stated Meeting of Session:



- ◆ Approved a motion from the Stewardship and Finance Committee to name Trinity's new, general endowment fund the “Trinity Legacy Fund”;
- ◆ Approved continuing the conversation with Como Estás Spanish Language Immersion Program about their request to use classrooms on the lower level for after-school and Saturday classes in May and for the program's summer day camps;
- ◆ Heard a report from Rev. Osborn about his initial meeting with the Mission Study Team—Brian Griffith, Cathy Holder, Rob Humfeld, Chris Sheriff, and Susan Winkelmann;
- ◆ Received the February financial reports from Administrative Assistant Ann Bouchard:

February Operating Budget Income:	\$75,422.34;
February Operating Expenses:	\$28,576.12

 As of February 28, 32% of the operating budget pledges for 2025 had been paid in full.
- ◆ Shared reflections from elders' pre-Lent discernment exercise.



Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS)

Columbia Luncheon – May 14 Waves of Change


PCHAS is excited to share news about an upcoming Columbia luncheon that we hope you will find both inspiring and impactful. It is also an event that benefits the children and families served by Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.

The luncheon will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 16 Hitt St., beginning at noon.

We hope to see you there!

Please RSVP to Aleisha Mulnix at 573.999.9218 or [Aleisha.mulnix@pchas.org](mailto:aleisha.mulnix@pchas.org)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:15am Classes for All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	31 7:00pm Boy Scouts	1 7:00pm Evening Circle (FH)	2 1:00pm Afternoon Circle (Rm. 12) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	3 7:00pm Worship Committee (Zoom)	4 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	5
6 9:15am Classes for All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	7 Election Setup 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Fellowship Committee (Zoom)	8 Election Day 2:30pm PEO Chapter "JJ" 7:00pm AAUW 7:00pm Sacred Harp Singers	9 8:00am Men's Breakfast - JJ's Café 6:00pm Caring Women of COMO 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	10 3:30pm Loaves and Fishes - Ashley St. Center	11 9:30am Women's Coffee Club 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	12 1:00pm AAUW Book Club
13 Palm Sunday 9:15am Classes for All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	14 9:00am PEO Chapter "LM" 1:00pm Garden Club	15 7:00pm Session - Rm. 12	16 11:00am The Wardrobe 4:30pm Love Coffee Board Meeting 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	17 Maundy Thursday 3:00pm Property Committee-Rm. 12 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion	18 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	19
20 Easter 9:00am Easter Potluck Breakfast 9:30am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time 	21 Congregational Discernment Period Begins (thru 5/3) 7:00pm Boy Scouts	22 7:00pm Sacred Harp Singers 7:00pm Technology Committee (Zoom)	23 10:00am Congregational Care Committee (Rm. 12) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	24 7:00pm Mission & Outreach Comm. - Zoom	25 Garden Club Setup 11:00am MUP PW Coordinating Team Meeting 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	26 For Columbia Day of Service Garden Club Plant Sale-FH
27 9:15am Classes for All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	28 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Stewardship & Finance Committee (Zoom)	29 11:00am MO Symphony League	30 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal			3



Opportunities For Service - God's Work, Our Hands



ForColumbia 2025

Please Join Trinity Members, **Saturday, April 26th.**
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Let Your Light Shine Before Others ...

...that they may see your good deeds, and glorify your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:16 NIV

For the second year in a row, Trinity's Mission Committee is offering members an opportunity to participate in a community day of service working side-by-side with Christians from other churches to help others in our community. We will be one of 55 local churches working at 93 sites on Saturday, April 26th. from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Childcare for very young will be provided from 8:30 to 3:30. T-shirts and lunch will be provided for each volunteer.

There will be a wide variety of serving sites such as Camp Hickory Hill, Field Elementary School, Oak Tower, Room at the Inn, and Woodhaven. The work will depend on each site's needs. ForColumbia organizers will match individuals and groups with sites based on the skills, ability, and limitations of participants. There will be a role for young and old and everyone in-between. This would be an excellent opportunity for families with children or groups of youth to serve together fostering fulfillment in serving others.

To register: 1) You may complete a registration form found on the table in the front hallway. Leave it there or return it to the office. 2) Or, go to the ForColumbia 2025 website, click on the Volunteer heading and complete the form. There will be a place for individual, family [which includes couples and parents with children], middle school, and high school sign-ups. **Please note that if you want to serve with others from Trinity you must use our group name: Calvin.*

If you would like more information, do a web search for ForColumbia 2025. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to serve others.

COMO Mobile Aid Collective's New Underwear Drive

You can still donate through the end of March!

A collection container is in the church lobby.



Male-Style (Boxer Briefs preferred)

Sizes (amounts distributed each month)
Small (20 pairs)
Medium (75 pairs)
Large (150 pairs)
X-Large (75 pairs)

Female-Style (Bikini preferred)

Sizes (amounts distributed each month)
Small (20 pairs)
Medium (50 pairs)
Large (50 pairs)
XL (20 pairs)

We are looking forward to serving next on



Thursday, April 10
4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

Please use the link sent out in the Friday emails to sign up

to donate food items or to serve. We are always grateful for monetary donations as well.

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 any questions.

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

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Trinity Library Book Highlight

with Marianne Fues, Trinity Librarian

The Insanity of God: A True Story of Faith Resurrected, By Nik Ripken

As a minister, Nik Ripken served in Malawi and South Africa before traveling to Somaliland to access the resources available to the people. Answers ranged from “not much” to nothing outside of Hargeisa, Somaliland. The people needed everything, so eventually he and his family established a NGO (non-governmental organization). A faith based agency in Somaliland would be a target, so they established their own international NGO in order to provide relief, health, and development projects.

In 1992, the United Nations committed ten military cargo planes to airlift supplies into Somaliland. Previously, supplies had been looted as well as store-housed in airport hangars. With an additional 25,000 U.S. troops sent to spearhead relief efforts, food was distributed to 50 thousand people a day. At distribution centers, people also asked for white cotton cloth so they could bury their children and relatives who had died during the night.

Ripken (not his real name to protect those who helped him) discovered that people desperately needed more than the help than they were prepared to give. They needed someone, anyone, to let them share their stories. Working in Somaliland required learning new languages, working around Somali clan militias, recruiting local staff, and sleeping through the gunfire and explosions.

Prayer Requests

Recent Prayer Requests

Sarah Grim—suffering from vertigo; has started vestibular physical therapy

Dorothy Jane—Karen Neely’s 7-month old great-niece, is having open heart surgery on Tuesday, April 1.

Jim West — continuing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer

Long Term Prayer Requests

Lou Boka - father of Samantha Boka (George)

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

Esther Muench Plonk - Jim Muench’s mother, on hospice

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

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

Congratulations!

to our Director of Music, James J. West, and Dr. Laura Morris, who will be married on Sunday afternoon, March 30. Reverends Jim and Brenda West will officiate at the wedding. J.’s children, Jimmy and Kathryn West, and Laura’s children, Ethan, Lila, and Luke, will be their attendants.

Submissions for Trinity Times

The deadline for the May Trinity Times is
April 25, 2025.

Email: newsletter@trinity-presbyterian.org
Kyle Groshong is our editor.

Memorial Garden Upgrades Completed

Many thanks to all who contributed financially to this project

The Property Committee is pleased to announce that Rost Landscaping has completed work on the improvements to Trinity’s Memorial Garden.

As you can see from the pictures below, a stone retaining wall and expanded, paved surface featuring a triquetra have been added. The benches have been resealed and drainage rerouted. Five oakleaf “ruby slipper” hydrangeas have been planted in the area under the cross.

The total cost of the project was \$23,700. It was funded primarily by memorial gifts and donations from congregational members with the remaining money coming from reserves, which will be repaid if additional donations are received.



When you are at Trinity, please take time to walk back to the garden and see how lovely it now looks.