



TRINITY TIMES



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Legacy Giving: Your Faith Story Beyond a Lifetime

by Reverend Ronnie Osborn

So, what do you think of when you hear Legacy or Planned Giving. Is it this?



Legacy giving isn't about death. It's about discipleship that outlives us. It's about faith that endures, values that take root, and a mission that carries on long after we've sung our last hymn, served our last meal at Loaves and Fishes, or shared our final "peace of Christ be with you."

Legacy giving is grounded in faith, not finance. It reminds us—and all who witness such a gift—that nothing we have is truly ours. Psalm 24:1 proclaims with bold clarity: "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." We are caretakers, not owners. Legacy giving is simply the faithful extension of that truth beyond our own lifetime.

Margaret and I are legacy givers ourselves. In our will and trust, we've designated 20% of our estate to the last church I served (and we may yet divide it among all the congregations I've been blessed to pastor).

We do this because we believe legacy planning and giving is:

An Act of Trust – Trusting God's future even when we cannot see it.

A Confession of Hope – Believing that Jesus and His gospel will continue to show up long after we are gone.

A Witness to Our Values – Declaring to our children, grandchildren, and others what matters most to us.

And here is something I learned as a pastor: most legacy gifts come from ordinary people who simply loved their church. This isn't about wealth. It's about faithfulness.

I invite you to join Margaret and me in being faithful stewards—not only for today, but to bless future generations of the church we love by making a gift to the new Trinity Legacy Fund. Let us carry the light forward into a future we will not see—but trust God to hold.

I leave you with this prayer from Bishop Ken Untener, written in 1979, that reminds me that our work is part of something larger, something enduring, something sacred:

Prophets of a Future Not Our Own...

*It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision. . .
This is what we are about: We plant seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for God's grace to enter and to do the rest.
We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen
"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." — Psalm 24:1*

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Introducing the Trinity Legacy Fund



The Legacy Fund was established in 2025 by Trinity's Session to help ensure that Trinity's mission and ministry can continue long into the future. The Fund was "seeded" with initial gifts totaling \$35,400 from several Trinity members.

Money from the fund may be used for three purposes:

1. Unexpected or unbudgeted expenses deemed necessary by Session;
2. Capital expenses for which there are inadequate resources or resources;
3. Operating budget shortfalls.

Brochures more fully describing the Legacy Fund will be available on the front table in the lobby starting May 3.

Sunday School Classes



The Adult Class will not meet on May 3, but will resume on May 10 at 9:15 a.m. in Rm. 12. on the lower level.

The Youth Class will meet at 9:15 a.m. in their lower level classroom.



**The church offices will be closed on
Monday, May 25.**



Join Us for an
All-Church Birthday Party
Sunday, May 31,
after Worship!

Trinity's Stewardship and Finance Committee will be hosting an all-church birthday party *and* introducing you to the church's new Legacy Fund on May 31.

**Your birthday is a special day that
deserves a special celebration!**

You can celebrate the gift of your life with a birthday donation to the Legacy Fund. During your birth month (or any month!), make a *contribution that represents your age*. *Anyone can participate; it doesn't matter how old you are.* *Turning 50? Then you could give \$5.00, \$50.00, \$500.00—any amount matching your new age.* Each gift, regardless its size, will help the Legacy Fund grow. You can also honor or remember others on their birthdays with a gift to this new Fund.

Mark your calendar and come to our all-church birthday party on May 31 as we celebrate **Trinity's 68th birthday** and all of our birthdays.

May Worship Schedule

* **Sunday, May 3, 2026 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

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* **Sunday, May 17, 2026 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Kathie Jackson
High School Senior Recognition Sunday

* **Sunday, May 24, 2026 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Commissioned Ruling Elder Shonda Galloway
Pentecost Sunday

* **Sunday, May 31, 2026 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn
Communion

* In person services, are also live-streamed on Facebook

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SERVICE VIDEOS

go to:

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

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Mark Your Calendar for These Very Special Opportunities!

For the first time in years, the Co-Moderators of our denomination are coming to Missouri Union Presbytery to spend four days with us! The presbytery has scheduled this event and several others to allow us to get to know the Reverends Tony Larson and CeCe Armstrong, listen to the stories they have gathered over the last two years as they have served our church, and be renewed by their energy, faith, and joy. Rev. Armstrong was with us for a week in the summer of 2022 and preached here at Trinity during Rev. Stanfield's sabbatical!

Presbyterian Women

MEETING AND DINNER WITH THE REVEREND TONY LARSON,
Co-MODERATOR OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

Saturday, May 16—5:30-8:00 p.m.—First Presbyterian—Columbia

All Trinity women are invited to attend on May 16. (You **do not** have to be a member of a Presbyterian Women's Circle.) **The event is FREE, but RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY** and must be received no later than noon on May 6th. You can make a reservation by clicking on the link below or by calling Trinity's office. Ann Bouchard will be attending and has offered to drive 3 or 4 women from Trinity downtown to First Presbyterian. Please contact Ann if you want to ride with her. If others want to carpool from Trinity, we will try our best to arrange that.

“Discernment, Leadership and Call”

WORKSHOP AND EVENING MEAL WITH CO-MODERATORS
REVEREND TONY LARSON AND REVEREND CECE ARMSTRONG

Monday, May 18, 2:00 -7:00 p.m.—Trinity Presbyterian—Columbia

For those interested in another opportunity to meet with and learn from both co-moderators, Trinity will be hosting an event on **Monday, May 18, from 2:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. This will be a workshop led by Revs. Larson and Armstrong and include an evening meal. The cost of this event is \$15.00, payable by cash or check at the door. **RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY NOON ON MAY 6!**

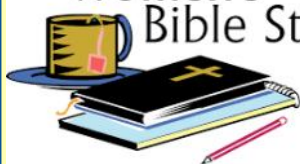
If you have serious dietary restrictions, you are invited to bring your own food to either meal. The hosts cannot guarantee the lack of allergens in the meals.

To reserve your spot for either or both of these upcoming events, just click on the link below (if viewing this newsletter online), or copy and paste the link into your browser, then fill out the form. (DUE BY MAY 6!)

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/MissouriUnionPresbytery/GACoModeratorsEventsForMUP>

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Women's Bible Study



Evening Circle The Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 5, at 5:00 p.m. in Rm. 12 for their Bible study lesson followed by dinner at

Addison's South at 6:15 p.m.

Afternoon Circle The final Afternoon Circle meeting before summer will be held on Wednesday, May 6th. For this last meeting, members will bring food items to share and gather at noon in the Fellowship Hall for an informal lunch. Following a communal meal, the last lesson in our *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* study booklet will be discussed. Sue Young sends out reminders to everyone prior to the meeting.

Circles will not meet during the summer, but will resume in September. New Bible study books will be distributed in August.

Submissions for Trinity Times

The deadline for the June *Trinity Times* is May 22, 2026.

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

Prayer REQUESTS

Since *Trinity Times* is published on our website and accessible to anyone, we are going to make a better effort to protect the privacy of our members by only including names and not personal information in this newsletter. The Friday email, which is sent to a limited mailing list, will continue to include more specific information about our members and friends of Trinity. You can also check on individuals through the church office.

Please pray for these members who are experiencing current health issues: **Bill Daly, Marianne Fues, Sarah Grim, Ted Groshong, Bill Kennedy, Esther Muench Plonk, Susan Winkelmann.**

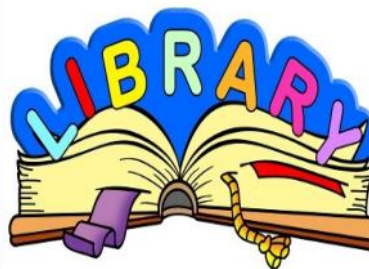
Please pray for these relatives and friends of our members: **Glenn Allen** (Karen Neely's brother), **Lou Boka** (Samantha Boka's father), **Marshal Clark** (Margaret Osborn's sister), **Baby Grace, Paul Conditt** (Sarah Humfeld's father), **Dorothy Jane Greene** (Karen Neely's great-niece), **Peggy Jeffries** (Bruce Jeffries' wife), **Linda Rose** (frequent visitor).

Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by letting the church office know of changes.



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Library Talk
with Marianne Fues,
Trinity Librarian

Where Love Is, There God Is Also

by Leo Tolstoy

Tolstoy was an orphan at nine years old and endured a contentious life. He had a profound sense of morality and knew what righteousness was. For Tolstoy, the struggle was the same, whether it was the people of Russia against their government, or the Negro against his American oppressors. "What is needed for the Indian as for the Englishman, the Frenchman, the German, and the Russian, are not Constitutions and Revolutions, nor all sorts of Conferences and Congresses ... only one thing is needful--the law of love which brings the highest happiness to every individual as well as to all mankind."

Tolstoy began to put his idea of Christianity into practice by trying to serve others as Jesus taught. During the Russian famine of 1891, he sponsored 250 relief kitchens in the Moscow slums. He argued various points of view which influenced his reading of the Gospels and his concept of Christianity. He had a great desire to make things clear and simple.

Three stories are presented as testimony to Tolstoy's beliefs. "Where Love Is, There God Is Also," written in 1885 about a shoemaker, "The Three Hermits," written in 1886 about a bishop who visited three men living on a deserted island, and "What Men Live By," written in 1881 concerns an angel banished to earth until he has learned three lessons.

Feel free to visit the Trinity Libraries between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Materials can be checked out using the three ring binder on the desk in the main library and also in the Children's Library.

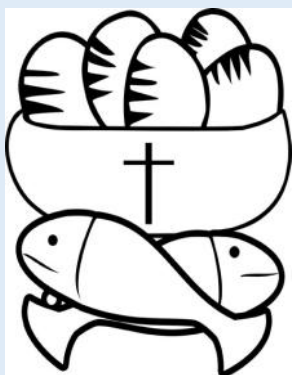
Opportunities For Service - God's Work, Our Hands

A Big Thank You!

As noted on page 3 of this newsletter, Trinity has the privilege of hosting the Co-Moderators of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on Monday, May 18, for an afternoon workshop followed by an evening meal. The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will run from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

We would like to thank volunteers, Karen Kennedy, Carol Virkler, Marge Veum, Cathy Stubbs, Anne Seymour, Debbie Newkirk, and Karen Neely for signing up immediately to help!

LOAVES AND FISHES



We are looking forward to serving next on:

Thursday, May 14

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.

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, May 20** and volunteers are needed for the 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift.

Thank you to everyone who represented Trinity in "Cleanup Columbia"

A dedicated group from Trinity cleaned up trash at West Blvd Elementary School and Again Street Park the morning of Saturday, April 11th.

We did not get everyone in a group photo, but these were the participants:



Jess Newkirk
 Bob Winkelmann
 Sarah Humfeld
 Rob Humfeld
 Benji Humfeld
 Wade Schondelmeyer,
 Kyle Groshong



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Trinity Pastor Search

Your Pastor Nominating Committee (“PNC”) continues meeting regularly to diligently review Personal Discernment Profiles of pastors matched to Trinity’s filed Ministry Discernment Profile with the Church Leadership Connection (“CLC”) or who have self-referred through the CLC. The PNC has conducted online interviews with pastors who have applied for the Trinity pastor position and, in some cases, is conducting second interviews with candidates. The PNC posted Trinity’s open pastor position to the online version of The Presbyterian Outlook and to several PC(USA) affiliated seminary job boards that seminary graduates and alumni use.

Please keep the PNC in your prayers as its members do this important work!

Session Meeting Highlights



Trinity’s Session met on Tuesday evening, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. in Rm. 12. Here’s a summary of actions taken and information from the meeting:

- ◆ Session approved changing the date for the next celebration of the Lord’s Supper from May 24 to May 31.
- ◆ Rev. Kathie Jackson will preach at Trinity on Sunday, May 17, and Commissioned Ruling Elder Shonda Galloway will preach on Sunday, May 24.
- ◆ Concrete parking stops will be installed in the spaces along the west side of the side parking lot and the north side of the back parking lot to protect the landscape stones.
- ◆ Session approved a new reimbursable expense policy for the pastor’s position and a new Legacy Fund brochure developed by the Stewardship and Finance Committee.
- ◆ A request from Scout Troops 4 and 4004 to hold a parking lot sale in the fall to raise money for camping expenses was approved (date to be determined).
- ◆ Sunday worship services will soon be able to be live-streamed either on Facebook Live or via You Tube.
- ◆ Trinity’s 2025 Session minutes were approved by the presbytery without exception.
- ◆ In addition to the non-perishable food items, Trinity members donated \$520 to the Souper Bowl Food Drive.

Build connections by joining one of these small groups.



Fiber Fellowship -
Saturday, May 23th
10 a.m.—noon in the
Youth Room

Geocaching - Chris Sheriff is the contact.

Dining Out - Please contact Cathy and Larry Holder if you are interested.



Men's Breakfast - Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, **May 13th**, at 8 a.m. at JJ's Café, 1712 N. North Providence Road. All men are invited!

Mahjong Group - Meets most Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Karen Kennedy is the contact.

Women's Coffee Group - Meets the second Friday of each month, **May 8th**, at 9:30 a.m. at Love Coffee on the Business Loop to socialize. All women are invited!



**Senior
Recognition
Sunday
May 17th
Jacob Fues**

During the May 17th worship service, the Christian Education committee will recognize Jacob Fues, who will graduate on May 22 from Hickman High School.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service to celebrate his accomplishment with cake and light refreshments. Church members are encouraged to bring a congratulatory card for Jacob to the reception.



Members of Trinity, Trinity Friends: If you have a special birthday, anniversary, accomplishment, family news, special thanks, or acknowledgements you would like to share, this is a new column for just that. We want you to be able to share what is important to you, with your friends at Trinity!

Sharing Our Joys and Gratitude!

- **Chris Bouchard** is one of the two Mizzou Retirees Association, "2026 Retiree of the Year Award" winners. Retired MU staff and faculty are honored with this award for their significant achievements following retirement from the University. He was honored recently at a Chancellor's Reception.
- **Chris and Ann Bouchard** Addy Lilien, their granddaughter who is a junior at Hickman, placed first in the state culinary arts competition, held at State Tech. She will be competing in the national level in Atlanta in June. The first place winner at nationals receives a full scholarship to culinary school! Her teacher is none other than **Brook Harlan**, son of **Tim and Linda Harlan**, who was recently named Secondary Teacher of the Year.
- **Kathleen Brown** Kathleen's grandson Parker's fiancée, Kristie, recently earned her Ph.D. at the University of Iowa, and grandson Henry, who sings with the Tiger Tones, is graduating from Princeton with a B. S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering. **Kathleen** is the author of **Pinky the Goat: A True Story**, and recently wrote **Pinky the Goat and the Lost Hen** inspired by life on her farm. She is donating her most recent book to the Trinity library, where you can also find her first book. Thank you, Kathleen!
- **Jacob Fues** is a member of one of the two teams of students from the Columbia Area Career Center who were regional finalists in a national engineering and technical design program - NASA HUNCH ("High Schools United with NASA to Create Hardware") Design and Prototype. The two teams traveled this week to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston in for the final design review. Jacob is the son of Michael and Amanda Fues, and the grandson of Don and Marianne Fues.
- **Ted Groshong** Ted would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, visits, well wishes, cards, notes, and goodies. They really lifted his spirits after he broke his ankle. Thank you all, for your kindness.
- **Norm Gysbers** A big thank you to Norm for providing the mulch and the 2 Scout troops and other helpers from Trinity for beautifying our grounds by spreading it. Our landscaped areas looks beautiful!
- **Rev. Osborn Margaret** and Ronnie are expecting a new grandson, Sutton Osborn-Reed, to be born July 14.
- **Mark and Carol Virkler** Their son-in-law, Tom Griesgraber, composed the musical score for the documentary film project "Prairie Prophecy." on PBS, highlighting the work of Wes Jackson, a leader in regenerative crop research. Tom is married to their daughter Liz Virkler.
- **J. West** Congratulations! J. is receiving his Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Columbia College.
- **Bob and June Young** They celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary, April 19!



Help Us Help You

Over the past year there were several occasions when single congregational members needed emergency medical assistance. In each case we did not know the name of a family member, or close friend in order to notify them about their loved one. Click on the button to the right, print out the form, and fill in this important information so we can have it on file for your benefit. (Forms are also available on the front table in the church lobby.) It will be kept in confidentiality in the church office and used only if needed. For example: it could be used by the Pastor in a case where they went to the hospital with a congregant until family could arrive. Please return the form to Ann or Ronnie. Thank you.



**EMERGENCY
NUMBERS**

[Emergency Contact Form](#)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1:00pm AAUW State Conference 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	2 7:00am-4:00pm AAUW State Conference (FH)
3 9:15am Church School Classes for Youth & Adults 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	4 9:00am PEO Chapter "LM" 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Pastor Nominating Committee	5 5:00pm Evening Circle in Rm. 12 followed by dinner at Addison's South at 6:15pm	6 12:00pm Afternoon Circle (Fellowship Hall) 4:00pm Rug Guild Social Committee 6:00pm Choir Potluck - Fellowship Hall 6:00pm Yoga Group 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00pm Worship Committee (Zoom)	8 9:30am Women's Coffee Club - Love Coffee 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	9 1:15pm AAUW Book Club
10 Happy Mother's Day 9:15am Church School Classes for Youth & Adults 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	11 11:30am Garden Club 7:00pm Boy Scouts	12 2:30pm PEO Chapter "JJ" 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 71859 7:00pm Christian Education Committee	13 8:00am Men's Breakfast-JJ's Cafe 6:00pm Caring Women of COMO 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	14 3:30pm Loaves and Fishes-Ashley St. Ctr	15 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	16
17 9:15am Church School Classes for Youth & Adults 10:30am Worship 11:30am Jacob Fues' High School Graduation Reception 2:00pm Jane Austen Book Club	18 2:00pm-7:00pm Presbytery Leadership Workshop and Dinner	19 7:00pm Session	20 11:00am The Wardrobe 1:00pm Central MO Judges Council 4:30pm Love Coffee Board Meeting 6:00pm Yoga Group	21 3:00pm Property Committee - Rm. 12	22 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	23 10:00am Fiber Fellowship
24 Day of Pentecost 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	25 Church Offices Closed for Memorial Day	26 11:00am Missouri Symphony League 7:00pm Technology Committee	27 10:00am Congregational Care Committee (Rm. 12) 6:00pm Yoga Group	28 7:00pm Mission & Outreach Committee	29 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	30
31 10:30am Worship with Communion 11:45am All-Church Birthday Party	You can also find Trinity's activity calendar on the church website homepage. It is updated as changes occur.					