TRINITY TIMES

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Releasing God's Blessings

In the introduction to the stewardship devotional booklet Ronnie prepared for us, he writes, "Scripture reminds us that God's blessing is not withheld; it is released in the ordinary paths we walk, in the small acts of generosity, in the quiet choices of love, and in the simple acts of kindness and service." "Ordinary," "small," "quiet," "simple" acts of kindness and service. These abound at Trinity; and in this season of stewardship and thanksgiving, they are reminders to us of how blessed people bless others. We could fill this newsletter with examples (and I hope we will continue to add to my "starter" list below in coming months); but this month, I'd like to lift up to you two groups at Trinity who show us what it means to release God's blessings.

Through the work of those who serve on our Congregational Care Committee, God's blessings are released in deeply personal yet often quiet ways. A phone call, a handwritten card, a prayer, a meal, or a visit may seem like a small gesture, but each one reminds the recipient that they are seen, remembered, and loved. By walking alongside members of the church family during times of stress, grief, illness, or uncertainty, committee members become instruments of God's compassion, mercy, hope, and encouragement. This ministry also reflects Christ's love through attentiveness and respect. Care is offered in the manner each person requests, honoring individual circumstances and privacy, creating a safe space in which words grounded in Scripture can bring strength, courage, peace, and hope, helping those who receive care recognize the presence of God in the midst of their circumstances.

Our Fellowship Committee releases God's blessings through the ministry of hospitality. Setting up a room, preparing refreshments, welcoming people, serving food, and cleaning afterward are ordinary tasks, yet they make meaningful fellowship possible. Because committee members faithfully offer their time and effort, these Sunday gatherings become more than refreshment breaks; they becomes a place where relationships are strengthened, newcomers are welcomed, burdens are shared, and joy is multiplied.

Together, these two committees show that God's blessings often move through everyday acts of faithful service. Congregational Care offers a compassionate presence in moments of particular need, while Fellowship nurtures connection through regular times of conversation and community. Neither ministry depends upon grand gestures. Instead, both reveal how God works through willing hearts and helping hands, transforming small and quiet acts into visible signs of grace. The individuals who serve on these two committees help our congregation live out the truth that God's blessing is not withheld but released along the ordinary paths we walk together.

In Christ's love,

Ann



Stewardship Celebration Luncheon

During worship on **Sunday, November 1**, we will dedicate our financial commitments to the glory of God and the ministry and mission of Trinity in the coming year.

After worship, all are invited to the Dedication Sunday Celebration Luncheon held immediately after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee will provide chicken tenders, beverages and dessert (pie and cupcakes). ***Church members are invited to bring a salad, vegetable side dish, bread, or fruit to share.***

November Worship Schedule

*__Sunday, November 1, 2026__ 10:30 a.m.
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn
Stewardship Dedication Sunday.

*__Sunday, November 8, 2026__ 10:30 a.m.
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

*__Sunday, November 15, 2026__ 10:30 a.m.
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

*__Sunday, November 22, 2026__ 10:30 a.m.
Christ the King Sunday
The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

*__Sunday, November 29, 2026__ 10:30 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent
Guest Preacher: Rev. Kathie Jackson

*In-person services are also live-streamed on YouTube (Trinity Presbyterian COMO) and Facebook (Trinity Presbyterian)

To view Past Worship Service Videos go to
https://www.trinity-presbyterian.org/archives



Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, November 22
4:00 p.m.

Join your Trinity friends in getting our church ready for Advent and Christmas.

There are multiple trees to decorate and many other items to display.

The Fellowship Committee will provide pizza and salad for dinner.



Prayers are requested for Trinity members Don Bay, Ed Coe, Bill and Sharon Daly, Marianne Fues, and Becky Livingston,

Also, please pray for family members and friends of Trinity: Glenn Allen, Dorothy Jane Greene, Baby Grace, Lou Boka, Paul Conditt, Bruce and Peggy Jeffries, Ian Massey, RIM Massey, Linda Rose.

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

The **December *Trinity Times*** will be published on Wednesday, November 25. Please submit items to newsletter@trinity-presbyterian.org. by Nov. 20.



Please join us for the
Annual Mission Supper
Sunday, November 15th at 5pm

Debbie Beal, the Executive Director of the City of Refuge, will be joining us for our Annual Mission Supper. She will inform us of the many ways this impactful organization provides needed resources to many in our community.

Soups and breads will be provided, along with drinks.
Please bring your favorite dish to share.

A free-will offering will be received for City of Refuge.

Pastor Search Update

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. In addition, the PNC plans a direct mailing to pastors in adjacent presbyteries, advising them of the open Trinity pastor position. The PNC has also posted Trinity's open pastor position to several PC(USA) affiliated seminary job boards that seminary graduates and alumni use and to the Synod of Mid-America website under Job Opportunities. Please keep the PNC in your prayers as its members do this important work!

The Church offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, and Friday, November 27.



You Are Invited

Public Witness Movie Showing:

Evicting the American Dream

Monday, November 9th
2 p.m. in Room 12

Evicting the American Dream is an award-winning documentary about practices that lead to families being evicted from their homes and the impact on families.

Come and learn more about this social justice issue.

Church Library

Library Talk
with Marianne Fues,
Trinity Librarian

The Tears of Things: Wisdom For An Age of Outrage by Richard Rohr

Richard Rohr incorporates his fifty years of experience as a Franciscan friar with the overall story arc of the Hebrew prophets, to give us a somewhat philosophical and theological perspective on what the prophets meant. So rather than digging in and seeing what an individual prophet meant in whatever chapter and verse, Father Richard treats each of the prophets as a character that himself undergoes a transformation: return to obeying God's law and justice, caring for the poor and oppressed and hope in God's future of understanding the true nature of God.

You may donate a book to the library or funds for a holiday, birthday, honor, memorial or just because. A book plate can be placed in the book upon request. 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!

Small Groups
Join one today

Fiber Fellowship – normally meets the 4th Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m.-Noon in the Youth Rm. The group will not meet in November.

Men's Breakfast – Nov. 11th at 8 a.m. at JJ's Café, 1712 North Providence Road. All men are invited. No reservations required.

Mahjong Group – meets most Friday's at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Karen Kennedy is the contact.

Women's Coffee Group – meets Nov 13th at 9:30 a.m. at Love Coffee on the Business Loop to socialize. All women are invited!

Public Witness Group – meets Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. in Room 12 for a documentary viewing.



God's Work, Our Hands

Thanksgiving Food Drive

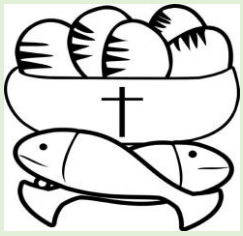
for our neighbors in need



Donation barrels from the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri will be placed in the narthex after November 1st.

Most needed items are **canned meat**, **canned fruits and vegetables**, **beans**, **rice**, **cereal**, **peanut butter**, **soup** and **pasta**! Please bring only non-perishable food items with unexpired "Use by" dates.

Monetary donations are also very impactful due to the Food Bank's purchasing power. Every $25 gift will provide 75 meals! Please make checks payable to Trinity Presbyterian and note "Food Drive" on the memo line.



Loaves and Fishes

Trinity Serves on Thursday, November 12

Recently, we have received several generous donations to our Loaves and Fishes fund. This money will enable us to buy all of the food for the November meal! **However, we still need servers to work that evening from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Please sign up using the link which will be mailed out with the Friday email.

Servers need to be at the Voluntary Action Center Opportunity Campus, 1300 Bowling St. by 4:00 p.m. Contact our Loaves and Fishes Coordinators, Bob and Susan Winkelmann, if you have any questions.



The Wardrobe:

Columbia's all volunteer, non-profit thrift store

Trinity serves at The Wardrobe on

Wednesday, November 18th

Volunteers are needed for the 11:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. shift.

A sign-up link will be included in the Friday email or you can sign up at the kiosk in the church lobby.

October Session Meeting Highlights

The Clerk shared thank you notes from the Food Bank for Trinity's generosity over the past several years, from Granny's House for a $500 donation and Mobility Worldwide for a recent $550 donation.

Session approved the celebration of the Lord's Supper for the November 14 Session retreat.

On the afternoon of World Communion Sunday, October 4, Rev. Osborn shared home communion with Ed Coe and his daughter, Jane, and with Linda Rose.

A large tree recently fell in the area of the Memorial Garden taking part of another tree with it. The debris was removed, and no damage to the Garden was sustained. Additionally, several other trees whose limbs were encroaching on the sanctuary roof were trimmed back.

Session approved updates to the Wedding Policy and the Memorial Service Policy (Guidelines on the Occasion of a Death).

The Outreach Committee recently mailed over 300 postcards to homes in Trinity's neighborhood inviting residents to visit Trinity.

The Ad Hoc Hospitality Committee has met three times and is making good headway in developing a plan for welcoming visitors and expanding the Hospitality ministry of the church. Rev. Osborn shared information with the Session about the theology of hospitality.

In September, expenses exceeded income by $10,183.05; however, year to date income is still running ahead of expenses by almost $31,000. The Trinity Legacy Fund has now grown to almost $50,000!