



TRINITY TIMES



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MAY 2024

Michael's Musings

It's the little things that count. That's what my grandmother used to say. Chances are it's what yours used to say too. Now according to researchers of crime in the big city, it turns out that grandma was right.

A broken window. A single broken window can trigger the downward spiral of a once-proud urban structure.

Researchers in the field of crime and urban decay have discovered that one shattered pane, left unrepaired for a significant period of time, causes area residents and residents of the building to feel a sense of abandonment. They begin to believe that the owner doesn't care about them or the building, or they believe the building has been abandoned, freeing them to toss a brick through another window. Soon there's litter and junk collecting in the doorways. Graffiti appears, and no one cares enough to scrub it off. Serious structural damage begins, and in a relatively short time, the building becomes damaged beyond the owner's desire to fix it. The sense of abandonment felt by the residents suddenly becomes reality.

All because of a single piece of shattered glass.

Jesus said that the Kingdom of God was like a mustard seed and that we must become like children before we can enter it. In other words, it's the *little* things that count.

Sometimes we get so overwhelmed with what we think we should be doing that we do little or nothing at all. But when I think about how I know I am loved, I must admit, it rarely has anything to do with the grand gesture. It has to do with the sum total of all of the little things that are done consistently for me over time. That's what we celebrate on Mother's Day when we lift up those who reared us well. It's also what we celebrate at Pentecost – the birth of the church – all the millions of things that have been done for us simply because we are a part of Christ's Church.

It's the little things that count. But God also does the big things, like die for us and give us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Mother's Day and Pentecost can each be days for remembering both.

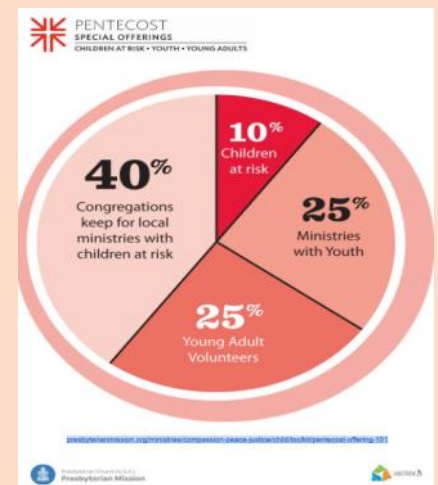
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Pentecost Offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

A foundation of faith established during childhood through young adulthood helps ensure lifelong faith and service.

40% of your offering stays with Trinity to support local ministries with children, youth and young adults. Trinity's Mission Committee will determine the recipient of this local share. **The Pentecost Offering will be received on Sunday May 19.** Special Offering envelopes will be available beginning May 12. Checks should be made payable to Trinity with "Pentecost" on the memo line. Online giving is also available through the church website.



May Worship/Trinity News

* **May 5, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

Old Testament: Psalm 98

New Testament: John 15:13-17

Sermon: "Friendship"

Theme: What does it mean to be a friend of Jesus?

* **May 12, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

Mother's Day

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-3

Sermon: "God's Glory"

Theme: The difference between God's understanding of glorification and ours is what makes for a faithful disciple.

* **May 19, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

Pentecost & Communion Sunday

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-10

New Testament: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: "Is There Any Wind?"

Theme: Do we really believe in the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit?

* **May 26, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

Trinity Sunday

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8

New Testament: John 3:1-17

Sermon: "The Mystery of God in Three"

Theme: What is the meaning of the Trinity? What does it matter?

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



The **children's class** meets on the lower level at 9:15 a.m. May 19 will be the last class for this semester.

The **adult class** meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. (No class on May 5.)



Trinity Library - Book Highlight

*with Marianne Fues,
Trinity Librarian*

Grace Looks Amazing on You: 100 Days of Reflecting God's Love by Amy Seiffert

Have you had a period of feeling that you belong nowhere – to not have a sense of acceptance, comfort, and belonging. You are not alone. Whether in childhood or adulthood, it can feel the worst. One of the greatest graces we are given from God is belonging.

Grace looks like soul care. We often complicate the world by worrying if we are doing the right thing. "Love others as well as you love yourself." We are only asked to do two things: Love God. Love others. Any Seiffert works to change our perspective and accept grace from God in community, faithfulness, strength, trust and contentment.

The Libraries have been moved! The Adult Library has been moved into the former Administrative Assistant's office upstairs. 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.



Fiber Fellowship

Saturday, May 25

10-12 in the Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to come and enjoy this fellowship!

DID YOU KNOW . . .

For over 50 years, our denomination has addressed gun violence through the actions of many General Assemblies. Beginning in the late 60's in response to the assassinations of public figures, and subsequently twelve other times, Presbyterian General Assemblies have passed resolutions on this important topic. These resolutions have called on the church to be involved in education and advocacy at the federal, state, and community levels to prevent gun violence.

The actions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) call for faithfulness, love and moral courage by congregations in ways that can prevent tragedy and save lives. In 2022, the 225th General Assembly launched *The Presbyterian Decade to End Gun Violence*, ten years of concerted effort by the whole church to help our nation heal from the pain of gun violence.



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Recognition of Norm Gysbers



Reception May 5th

After the 10:30 worship service in the Fellowship Hall

On May 5 at the 10:30 worship service, the congregation will thank and recognize Norm Gysbers for his 4 decades of service as Head Usher and Landscape Curator. A reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall and a basket will be available for personal notes and cards of appreciation.

Norm has been a blessing to our congregation. His skillful work as a master gardener has maintained a beautiful property for us to enjoy and share with our neighborhood. He has greeted worshipers almost every Sunday for 40 years. His friendly welcome helped create a comfortable worship environment for all congregants. We are very grateful to Norm! Please join us for this special moment of appreciation.



Music News with J. West Director of Music

Hello, friends. This month, our choir is excited about the upcoming Pentecost celebration. We have a lot of events planned to bring us together and deepen our shared religious experience.

We start with Mother's Day celebrations, a special time to thank and appreciate all mothers. This will be followed by Pentecost, a time for us to pray and remember together, thinking about the importance of the Holy Spirit in our faith. We also have time to recognize some of our respected church members for their dedication and service. We will also see a joyful baptism, a wonderful show of faith, and a reason to celebrate.

We're excited to lift your spirits with our choir's music, a joyful expression of our shared belief. As we welcome the Holy Spirit, we also welcome the beautiful spring season, a sign of renewal that fits well with our spiritual journey.

Looking back on the past year, I am filled with gratitude. Being part of such a friendly and welcoming faith community has been wonderful. Your kindness to me and my family has been moving. I've loved worshipping with you all, and I can't wait to continue our shared faith journey.

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, May, 15 and volunteers are needed for the 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift.



Loaves & Fishes

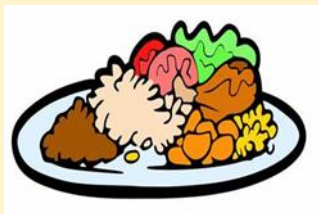
Trinity Serves on Thursday, May 9

Trinity served our first Loaves and Fishes meal at the new location (Ashley Street Center) last month. All went very well and we are looking forward to serving next on Thursday, May 9th 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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Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday Dinner at Claysville Store

May 19 at 12:30 p.m.

Plan now to join the Trinity family for another classic Sunday dinner at Claysville Store on the Katy Trail after worship on Sunday, May 19. The menu has fried chicken, country ham, or both with all the home-made fixings served family style at a reasonable price. **Cash or check only. Reservation deadline is Sunday, May 12.** Make your reservation by signing up at the kiosk, calling the church office, or by calling/emailing Marianne Fues - (573) 445-0344, marfues@hotmail.com. If you wish to carpool or are willing to take others, please make note of that when making your reservation.

All Men Of Trinity

are invited to meet for breakfast on

Wednesday,
May 8, at 8:00 a.m.

JJ's Café 1712 N. Providence Rd.



Highlights from the April 16 Stated Session Meeting

- ◆ Elder Susan Winklemann will chair the planning committee for the August 27th meeting of Missouri Union Presbytery which will be held at Trinity.
- ◆ Elder Carol Virkler will serve as Trinity's commissioner for the May 21 meeting of the presbytery which will be held at Hodge Presbyterian in Trenton, MO.
- ◆ Administrative Assistant Ann Bouchard presented financial information for March 2024:

Operating Income March	\$ 29,894.73
Operating Expenses March	\$ 30,678.51
Income/Expenses March	\$ (783.78)

 First quarter 2024 income is ahead of expenses by \$65,462.45.
- ◆ Session Committees are reviewing all policies in the current Policy Manual. Proposed revisions will be submitted to the Clerk of Session by mid-June and then distributed to session for a first reading. Session will vote on the changes at the July stated meeting.
- ◆ Guest preachers have been scheduled for the first three Sundays in June while Reverend Stanfield is on vacation.
- ◆ A new, high-efficiency heating and cooling unit has been installed. It is one of the units which services the sanctuary.



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News for Presbyterian Women



Where has the year gone? We will have our last meetings for the 2023-2024 Horizon Bible Study on May 1 and 7. Both circles will discuss **Lesson 9 “People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples”** in our *Sacred Encounters* study book.

Afternoon Circle will meet **May 1 at 12 NOON** in the Fellowship Hall to share salads/finger foods we bring and then have our Bible study.

Evening Circle will meet at church on **May 7 at 5:30** for Bible Study and then go out to eat. Watch your e-mails for details of times and place.

We invite all women of the church to join a circle when we reconvene in the fall. Our Bible Study for next year is “Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation.” Let me or one of the circle leaders (Sue Young or Karen Neely) know if you are interested in being part of a circle.

I do hope you have marked your calendars for the **August 8 – 11, 2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women** in St. Louis.

Charlotte Larrick, UPW Coordinator
Any questions? Give me a call at 573-447-0552.

**Pentecost Sunday is
May 19.**

**Wear red to church
that day as we celebrate
God’s gift of the
Holy Spirit.**



The Presbyterian Women Justice and Peace Book Discussion Group



The Trinity Book Discussion Group will meet on **Friday, May 10th**, to discuss the book, ***Transforming: the Bible & the Lives of Transgender Christians***, by Austen Hartke, and the Presbyterian Mission publication, ***LGBTQIA+ Deepening Our Understanding***. The meeting will be from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. The church library has purchased two copies of the book that you can check out if you don’t want to purchase the book and the Presbyterian Mission publication is available in the church library. The Presbyterian Mission publication is also available for download at the presbyterianmission.org website. Go to the website, click on the Mission Resources tab, under “Featured Resources”, click on “LGBTQIA+ Deepening Our Understanding: A Resource in Transgender Identity”, then click on the blue DOWNLOAD PDF button. Anyone is welcome to participate in our discussion. The national Presbyterian Women’s Justice & Peace Book Discussion of *Transforming* will be on Monday, May 13, at 5:30 p.m., CDT. If you would like to participate in the national discussion, you may do so by signing up in advance at ‘presbyterianwomen.org/justice’.

The book that we will be reading for our next book discussion is *A Place to Call Home* by David Ambroz. We have two copies of this book available for check out in the church library. Also, the Daniel Boone Regional Library has two copies. The Trinity Book Discussion Group will meet sometime in late June or early July to discuss this book. If you have a preferred date or time for this discussion, please let Marcia Lake or the church office know.

If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Lake at 573-474-3494 or marcialake@gmail.com

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR



May 15th will be our last opportunity of the 23-24 school year to be Good Neighbors to Russell Elementary! Let's provide them with a nice assortment of cheese, crackers and fresh fruit as they meet after school to review the year and look toward the next.

Please bring food donations to Trinity by 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 15th. A minimum of 8 servings is suggested. Trinity and Russell thank you!

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Prayer Requests

Short Term Prayer Requests

Sharon Daly as she recovers from a severely sprained ankle.

Ed Coe as he travels to Wisconsin for the memorial service for his son-in-law, Allan Wearing

Doug Cornelison and Steve Yates— as they move to Mississippi the first week in May

Rim Massey – continuing his recovery, but he can stand now!

Sondra & Rex Ricketts—Sondra is out of the hospital and a bit better, but will need time to heal. Rex has continuing back pain which causes trouble walking, but he is getting medical help to see what can be done.

Long Term Prayer Requests

Jackie Blanton - continuing heart and kidney problems

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

Submissions for Trinity Times?

Email: trinitytimeseditors@gmail.com

The deadline for the June Trinity Times is Friday, May 24, 2024.

Kyle Groshong is our editor.

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

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

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. Money is disbursed 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 into the office or contact Ann Bouchard to determine how to contribute online.



If you are going through a difficult time and would like a confidential prayer partner, please contact the Trinity office at (573) 445-4469 or trinity@trinity-presbyterian.org

