



Michael's Musings

In this month's article, I want to highlight the fact that the **Session has called a very important congregational meeting for July 16 immediately after worship.** You will soon be receiving a brochure in the mail outlining building projects approved by the Session to begin by summer's end. The cost of the projects will require a capital funds campaign to be initiated later this month.

Trinity's facility is well cared for on a daily basis. However, eventually, as everyone who owns a house knows, a much higher level of maintenance is required. With that in mind, beginning in 2019, the Property Committee began a process of evaluating the current state of Trinity's facilities. Upon the committee's recommendation, and to the Session's credit, we therefore have managed to deal with several of these things already – some quite costly – without having to ask for further financial assistance from the congregation and without taking anything away from Trinity's operating budget. These have included: providing LED lighting in all of the upper-level and in lower-level hallways, painting some of the downstairs hallways, adding a new sump pump to and the renovation of room 12, replacement of basement tiles, work on the chimney, including a new covering to prevent water damage during storms, the installation of two new HVAC units, and even new roofs for both the old and new parts of the building!

At this point, the committee could go no further without a more detailed plan of needs and costs. Thus, in August of 2022 the Session appointed an ad hoc committee made up of two representatives from the Property Committee and two representatives from the Stewardship and Finance Committee who could work independently on needed upgrades and come back with a set of recommendations. Bill Kennedy became the chair of this committee. With Bill's leadership, the committee took the list of projects and estimated the maximum number of years that we had until these items would require immediate attention.

The committee quickly discovered that several of these matters needed to be dealt with post haste. Thus, the time has now come to invite the congregation to participate in securing a part of Trinity's future mission. A brochure will be sent out soon giving a detailed account of what is needed as well as the Session's proposal as to how we can accomplish our goals for maintaining our building well into the future.

I know as a pastor, it was a great gift to me when I began here in 2015, that under Rim Massey's leadership, major renovations were made that meant building maintenance was not a high priority for the church when I arrived. The last thing that most new pastors want to spend their time on is building maintenance! I personally would like for us to leave the same gift for your next pastor (which doesn't mean that I plan on leaving any time soon!).

This is certainly the most generous congregation I have ever served and I am excited to begin this next phase in the life of Trinity with all of you, knowing that, together, God willing, we can do this!

With love,

Michael

Worship at Trinity

July Worship

*** July 2, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

Old Testament: Psalm 106:6-15

New Testament: Romans 8:18-27

Sermon: "We've All Been Shot"

Theme: It's helpful to remember that everyone suffers.

*** July 9, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: Matthew 11:16-19; 25-30

Sermon: "Good Company"

Theme: Who is it we want with us with the chips are down?

*** July 16, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

Old Testament: Genesis 25:19-34

New Testament: Matthew 7:6

Sermon: "Honoring Our Pearls"

Theme: God has given each of us something priceless. What is it and how do we care for it?

*** July 23, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

Old Testament: Genesis 28:10-19a

New Testament: Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Sermon: "The Problem with Evil"

Theme: How do we define evil and how do we best deal with it?

*** July 30, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

Old Testament: Psalm 119:129-136

New Testament: Romans 8:28-31; 5:18

Sermon: "Destiny versus Fate"

Theme: Knowing the difference between fate and destiny can mean the difference between faithfulness and faithlessness.

* Services are also live streamed on Facebook

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

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

Music News from the Worship Committee

Carol Virkler's good organist friend, Chris Cook, wrote that "Artists are people discovering their unique gifts and seeking ways to bring them forth for the good of all." Trinity's worship has been blessed with the musical artistry of **Jack Snelling, Bill Daly, and Carol Virkler**. Jack will depart after July 23rd for the Eastman School of Music. We wish him well in his musical studies and will miss his gift of improvisation. We hope you can join us for worship on Sunday, June 23 as we thank Jack for sharing his musical gifts with Trinity.

Both Bill and Carol have their last scheduled organ services in July. Bill has blessed us with his gift for organ registration and his extensive repertoire. Bill has also shared his gifts with congregations in Jefferson City, St Louis, Fulton, and Mexico. We greatly appreciate his contribution to the musical liturgy. His arrival at Trinity allowed Carol to continue playing despite her travel interruptions. Thank you so much, Bill!

Carol played her first service at Trinity in June of 1979! She appreciates the opportunity Trinity has given her to share her musical gifts. Thank you, Carol for your many, many years of dedicated service.

Both Carol and Bill plan on substituting as needed for **Jim West**. Jim West began his keyboard studies at age 5 and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Music. We welcome Jim to Trinity on July 30. **(See additional information about Jim on p. 3.)**

Trinity News



Game Night Is Back!

Join the Trinity family for fun and games in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, July 29, 2023**
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite games, or join with others. Learn new games or play old favorites.

Bring your family and friends!

You may bring a snack to share.
Lemonade and coffee/tea will be provided.

LET'S CELEBRATE!!



Long time Trinity member and choir member, **Janet Krause**, will celebrate her 90th birthday on July 1.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR JANET!!

Let's help Janet celebrate this milestone birthday with a showering of cards, calls, and notes. Have a wonderful day and birthday celebration and many, many more!

2812 Wild Plum Ct Columbia 65201

Meet Trinity's New Organist and Pianist



On July 30, we will welcome Rev. Jim West as Trinity's new organist and pianist. With the departure of pianist Jack Snelling, who will be leaving to attend graduate school, and organists Bill Daly and Carol Virkler who want to step away from playing weekly, session approved hiring Jim to assume their duties.

Jim is a retired United Methodist Pastor from the Missouri Annual Conference, having retired after 43 years of service. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Arkansas State University and a Master of Divinity degree from St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City.

In 2018 Jim became the Minister of Music at Court Street United Methodist Church in Fulton. He completed his service as there on June 25. Sadly, that church is closing its doors. For the past few months, Jim also preached each Sunday at the Court Street church. Jim also played for Saint James UMC in Fulton and accompanies Dawson Journey Ministries each Friday night at Wilkes Blvd. UMC in Columbia, where his son, Jay, is on staff. Jim has also directed vocal and handbell choirs and sung in a number of choral groups over the years.

Jim is married to Rev. Brenda Goodrum-West—also a retired United Methodist Pastor. They are also the proud grandparents of Kathryn (age 9) and Jimmy (age 6).



The church offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th.

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Trinity Library - Book Highlight

with Marianne Fues, Trinity Librarian

Praying Circles Around Your Children, by Mark Batterson.

News about your children – You'll make a lot of mistakes. Your worst mistakes double as your greatest opportunities. Prayer covers a multitude of sins. Batterson goes on to say that our prayers never die. They live on in the lives of those we prayed for. Your prayers for your children are the greatest legacy you can leave. Prayers are prophecies.

Rather than praying as ASAP; pray as ALAT – as long as it takes.

Find this book on the special shelf for newsletter features in the main library. 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 downstairs in Room 9.

All men of Trinity

are invited to meet for breakfast on
Wednesday, July 12, at 8:00 a.m.
at JJ's Café. 1712 N. Providence Rd.

Please call the church office if you'd like to be put on the reservation list.



All Trinity kids are invited to First Presbyterian Church—Columbia for their summer Vacation Bible School called "Operation Restoration: Mending God's World " **Monday, July 24, 2023 - Thursday, July 27, 2023 4:30-7:30 p.m.** To register, call **Audra West** at 573-615-6675 or pick up a registration form from Ann in the church office.

CHURCH OFFICES MOVING TO LOWER LEVEL



The church offices will be moving to the lower level on July 26. This is being done in preparation for the new, vertical platform lift which will be installed in a section of the central stairwell area replacing the outdated elevator. Part of Michael's office is needed to accommodate the new lift, so his office will soon be located in Room 7 on the lower level. Ann's office will be in Room 9 and a new office workroom will be set up in Room 7. The Children's Library will move upstairs to the main level. We'll keep you updated on our progress!

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION

The Festival of Sharing

This is the 2nd in a series of articles on missions supported by Trinity

“A Cooperative Response to Hunger, Poverty, and Injustice in Missouri and Beyond”

By Marcia Lake

The Festival of Sharing was created as the result of a ‘call to action’ presented at the 1974 Bishop’s Convocation, which was held in Columbia. The ‘call’ was a request that the church take action to address hunger and poverty in our communities, our country, and our world. At first, just the United Methodist Church was involved; but later, it became ecumenical with around 30 different denominations involved.

The Festival of Sharing moved to the Sedalia Fairgrounds in October 1981 and was held there on the third Saturday of the month in October (near World Food Day) until 2017. Activities included at the Festival were a worship service for all participants on Saturday morning; projects for youth groups such as unloading and sorting of kits and boxes, bagging of grains, beans and potatoes, and assisting with the worship service; a big auction in the afternoon of quilts donated by churches and individuals; exhibits from the various agencies who were recipients of the donated items; and a food court with vendors representing different national and ethnic groups.

In 2016, several communities requested to have their own events, in part because of their distance from Sedalia and their desire to pick their own date for the activity. So, in 2016 and 2017, separate ‘Sharefests’ were held in Dexter, Carthage, and Ferguson. The last year that the large ‘Festival of Sharing’ was held at the fairgrounds in Sedalia was 2017.

In 2018, the organization moved to having all ‘Sharefests’ and having them in different locations throughout the state and on different dates. The formats of each of the Sharefests differ. Some just receive the kits and other donations brought to their location and prepare the items to be picked up by the Festival of Sharing trucks. Others have activities such as worship services, volunteer projects, and a luncheon. The locations and dates for the 2023 Sharefests are Republic (September 16), Santa Fe (September 23), Kansas City (September 23), St Joseph (September 30), Dexter (October 6), St Louis (October 7), and Tipton (October 14).

The 2023 Quilt Auction will be held online from Sunday, November 5, to Saturday, November 11. The quilts will be available for viewing one month prior to bidding going live at ‘festivalofsharing.org/quilts’.

Many different kinds of kits are collected and distributed by the Festival of Sharing organization including kits specifically for Missouri residents (examples: Missouri Family Food Box and Hygiene Kits) and kits that are distributed nationally and internationally (examples: School Kits and Clean Up Buckets). In 2023, the donated kits were shared with 84 Agency Partners and distributed to over 44,000 agency patrons per month.

This year, Trinity Presbyterian Church will be collecting School Kits for donation to the 2023 Festival of Sharing. See page 6 for more information on this mission.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE - God's Work, Our Hands



School Kit Bags for the Festival of Sharing

By the end of July, school kit bags (with a list of the items below to fill the bags) will be available in the Narthex – just in time for the Missouri 'back-to-school sales tax holiday', August 4-6. The filled bags will need to be returned to the church by **Sunday, September 10th**.

Please watch for more information, but if you would like to get started this is the list of items for each bag:

- 3 - 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- 1 - hand-held pencil sharpener (remove packaging)
- 1 - pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- 1 - large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- 1 - box of 24 ct. crayons (only 24)
- 1 - 30 cm ruler (12 inch)
- 6 - new unsharpened pencils with erasers (remove packaging)



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 Georgia Morehouse. **Trinity's day to work is Wednesday, July 19 and volunteers are needed for the 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift.**

Trinity Provides Food for the Hungry through Loaves and Fishes

Trinity will serve at Loaves and Fishes on **Thursday, July 13th**. Please watch for an email regarding sign up requests for food donations and servers. More servers are needed now that dishes are being used again. Your donations of money, food and time continue to be greatly appreciated.



Fiber Fellowship

Saturday, July 22—10 a.m.—Noon in the Fellowship Hall



Bring your knitting, crocheting or other fiber creations to work on as we enjoy each other's company.

Please come to knit scarves in honor of Joan Bay for the Assistance League® of Mid-Missouri's Operation School Bell®, or work on a personal project. For more information about Fiber Fellowship contact Chris Sheriff, Susan Winkelmann or Karen Neely.

OUR PRAYERS

Short Term Prayer Requests

Jess Newkirk – recovering from pneumonia and a blood clot in his lung

Steve Yates—recovering from another fall at home; has been moved to Columbia Post Acute

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

Janet Ghio - friend of Kyle Groshong, treatment for multiple myeloma is going well

Cheryl Gysbers - daughter-in-law of Norm Gysbers, has an aggressive form of breast cancer

Bill Lubbert - friend of Bob and Sue Young, recovering from an aneurism.

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

Norma Spurgeon—Prayers for continued healing and strength.

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



GET CONNECTED - STAY CONNECTED

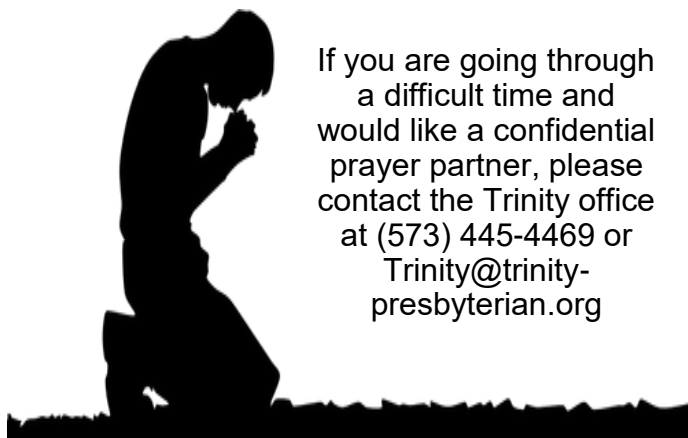
New to Trinity? Text the word "Welcome" to 573-284-8084 to get connected. We'll be in touch soon.

Already a member or a regular attendee? Text "Member" to 573-284-8084 so we can keep you up to date on what's happening at Trinity.

Do you have a prayer request? Text "pray" to 573-284-8084 and our pastor will contact you.

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

The deadline for August Trinity Times is Friday, July 21, 2023.
Kyle Groshong is our editor.




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

When we put *God* first,
all other things
fall into their *proper place.*



July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship	3 9:00-11:30 AM—PEO Chapter "LM" (FH) 11:00 AM—PEO (Library)	4 <i>Offices Closed</i> 	5 	6 	7 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	8
9 9:30 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship	10 1:00 PM—Garden Club (FH)	11 3:00-5:00 PM—PEO Chapter "J" (FH) 7:00 PM—Sacred Harp Singers (FH)	12 8:00 AM—Men's Breakfast (Ji's Café) 6:00-8:30 PM—Caring Women of COMO	13 4:00 PM—Loaves & Fishes	14 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	15 9:00-11:00 AM—Cub Scout Pack 2 (Rm. 12) 10:00-3:00—Big Muddy Rug Guild (FH)
16 9:30 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship	17 	18 	19 11:00 AM—Wardrobe 3:00 PM—Ad Hoc Committee (FH)	20 	21 Trinity Times Deadline 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	22 10:00 AM—Fiber Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
23 9:30 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship	24 7:00 PM—Stewardship & Finance Committee	25 2:00 PM—Small Group Outing to Arrow Rock 7:00 PM—Technology Committee (Zoom)	26 <i>Moving Day for Church Offices</i> 10:00 AM—Congregational Care Committee (FH)	27 2:00 PM—Property Committee (FH) 7:00 PM—Mission Committee (Zoom)	28 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	29 8:30-3:00 PM—State AAUW Board (FH) 4:00-6:00 PM—Game Night (FH) hosted by the Fellowship Committee
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