

# TRINITY TIMES



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## Michael's Musings

Eleven weeks. That is what you so graciously gave me: eleven weeks to travel widely, connect with my passions, to rest and refresh. So first, I want to express my deep gratitude to you, the congregation of Trinity for allowing me that time of renewal. When I arrived at my hotel room at Giesbach on Lake Brienz, Switzerland, I was moved to tears. I was suddenly overwhelmed that all the work and preparation from the previous year and half was over. Here I was at last at an annual conference I had been wanting to attend for fifteen years, located in one of the most beautiful places on earth, with Janet by my side, surrounded by extraordinary individuals from all over the world. And this was only the beginning! Then came, Hamburg, Berlin, Wittenberg, Edinburgh, and Iona, followed by a trip out west to the Northern California Sierras, followed by a visit with extended family in Virginia, a retreat alone at Mammoth Cave Kentucky and finally a week off back in Columbia to allow me to ease back into active ministry at Trinity.

It was magnificent. So, you can imagine that I was clearly surprised and even a bit dismayed at what I discovered in early June as a clear inner resistance to reflecting on the events as they happened. After all, I am a preacher. Making sense out of it all is my bread and butter. Yet, throughout the summer, I found it difficult enough just to record the day's events in my journal, much less to try and interpret what I was experiencing while I was experiencing it in any meaningful way. I thought at the time that maybe there was just too much going on to make such concentrated focus possible; or worse, maybe too much time away from work and forced deadlines was revealing my natural laziness when I was alone and not directly accountable to anyone in any official capacity!

But over the last month since my return to Columbia, I have concluded that a more likely explanation is that something in me was telling me I would ruin the present experience if I was too focused on reflecting on its meaning while it was unfolding. Still, I actually began to worry that I might find it impossible to write another decent sermon or newsletter article ever again! A silly notion really. For, as I have returned and become slowly reacclimated to the work of being your pastor, my remembered impressions of my moments away and my reflections on them have come to me like a great and glorious waterfall.

Perhaps the lesson here is that there are some God-given experiences that are just too big to take in all at once. In fact, trying to do so, diminishes them. No, with some experiences, you just have to take your shoes off because you recognize you are standing on holy ground.

*Michael*

## Trinity News

### September Worship

#### \*September 4, 2022 10:30 a.m.

OT: Exodus 2:11-15

NT: Luke 14:1-6

**Sermon:** "What's Your Story?"

**Theme:** We all have a dominant set of stories that dictate our perceptions. What is yours?

#### \*September 11, 2022 10:30 a.m.

OT: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

NT: II Corinthians 7:8-13

**Sermon:** "Regret and Grace"

**Theme:** Regret can be an instrument of God's grace.

#### \*September 18, 2022 10:30 a.m.

OT: Psalms 79:1-9

NT: Luke 16:1-19

**Sermon:** "Shrewd Saints"

**Theme:** Jesus commends a conniving man for his shrewdness. Where does that leave us?

#### \*September 24, 2022 10:30 a.m.

OT: Psalm 91:1-6

NT: Luke 16:19-31

**Sermon:** "Special Opportunities Taken or Missed"

**Theme:** Jesus teaches there are some opportunities from God which are not to be missed. But we do just that when we decide to play God ourselves.

\*Worship with us in-person in the sanctuary or online via Facebook Live.

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THE  
SCOOP!



*Don't' Miss the Fun!*

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

5:00-7:00 P.M. (Back parking lot)

Fried Chicken \* Homemade Ice Cream \* Drinks

Bring a side dish to share and a lawn chair

**BOUNCE HOUSE FOR THE KIDS!**



**All retired men of Trinity** are invited to meet for breakfast on Tuesday, September 20 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. Thanks, Odell and Debbie Newkirk, for getting this group started again.

## Trinity News



*Sunday* **SCHOOL**  
**ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD**  
*Growing in Faith Together*

Classes Begin September 11

9:15 a.m.—**Children's Class (Rm. 4)**

Teachers: Amanda Fues, Karen Kennedy

9:15 a.m.—**Youth Class (Youth Room)**

Teachers: Joe Bogue, Jay Bryant-Wimp

"What I Wish I Knew at 18: Life Lessons for the Road Ahead"

9:30 a.m.—**Adult Class (Fellowship Hall)**

We begin the fall with a six-session study written by Amy-Jill Levine, "The Difficult Words of Jesus." Jesus provided his disciples teachings for how to follow Torah, God's word; he told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult.

**Happy 90<sup>th</sup>  
 Birthday!**

HAPPY 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO OUR OWN

**NORM GYSBERS**

ON SEPTEMBER 29!!

LET US HELP "USHER IN" THIS SPECIAL DAY BY SHOWERING NORM WITH GREETINGS AND CARDS TO HELP HIM CELEBRATE THIS GRAND OCCASION. Please send special wishes to Norm at 4008 Fall Ridge Drive, Columbia, MO 65203.



## Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

A luncheon event benefiting the children of PCHS will be held

**October 4th at 12 p.m.**

Algonquin Golf Club, 340 N. Berry Rd. St. Louis, MO 63122  
 RSVP to Christi Tennyson 314-497-6296 Christi.tennyson@pchas.org

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

Circles will begin meeting the first week of September.....Evening Circle will meet at church (and hybrid) at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6 in the Fellowship Hall; and Afternoon Circle at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September 7. Please read the first lesson "Sabbath and Celebration" in your *Celebrating Sabbath* study book in preparation for discussion. Also, if you have contributions/donations to be taken to the MUP PW "Grandma's Tea Party" in Mexico, MO on September 8, please bring them to your circle meeting. (See the list in Aug. 19 and 26 Friday e-mails for details.) Looking forward to "seeing you in September". Charlotte Larrick, 447-0552

### Reminders from MISSOURI UNION PRESBYTERY:

On Saturday, September 10- A "Second Saturday Synod Circle" is being planned via ZOOM at 10 a.m.

On Saturday, September 17 - The Annual Horizons Bible Study hosted by Village Presbyterian Church, Mission, KS for the PW groups in our Synod of Mid-America will be held.

## TRINITY NEWS

### SMALL GROUPS

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**SMALL GROUPS ARE BACK IN ACTION!**  
**COME, SEE, AND SIGN UP ON SUNDAYS,**  
**SEPTEMBER 11 & SEPTEMBER 18**

This fall, the Outreach Committee will offer the opportunity to join three groups:

**Bennett: Stories of Humor, Grace, and Hope Bible Study**—Rev. Eugenia Gamble wrote *Bennett*, a collection of heartwarming short stories for adults based on the life of a very special person named Bennet. These touching stories deal with life's most important faith and spiritual issues in a down-to-earth, inviting, and faithful way. **This group will be led by Marcia Lake.**

**Bunco**—hosted by **Larry and Cathy Holder** Bunco is a fun, fast-paced dice game generally played with twelve or more players, divided into groups of four, trying to score points while taking turns rolling three dice in a series of six rounds. A bunco is achieved when a person rolls three-of-a-kind and all three numbers match the round number. There will lots of time, too, for socializing with church friends.

**Mah Jongg**—taught by **Karen Kennedy and Carol Virkler** Come learn this ancient Chinese game played with tiles engraved with Chinese symbols and characters. In China, the game has evolved to represent peace and friendship. Join old friends or makes some new ones as you learn this interesting game.

Group leaders will be available after worship on September 11 and 18 in the Fellowship Hall to provide additional information about their groups and to answer questions.



### Trinity Library - Book Highlight with Marianne Fues

**Chicken Soup for the Soul : Too Funny! : 101 hilarious stories to brighten your days** by Amy Newmark

This Chicken Soup book has ten sections with ten subject areas. The fifth section titled "Not What I Meant" has a story by Wallis Landrum, one of our recent visiting preachers. His story, "This time in Latin," relates to an incident from his Moberly church.

We have four more Chicken Soup books in our library for your reading pleasure:

**Chicken Soup for the Soul : Random Acts of Kindness : 101 stories of compassion and paying it forward;**

**Chicken Soup for the Soul : 101 stories to open the heart and rekindle the spirit;**

**Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul : 101 stories to open the heart and rekindle the spirit;** and

**Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul – 101 stories of courage, hope and laughter.**

Find these books 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.

## TRINITY NEWS

### Highlights from the August Session Meeting



- ◆ joyfully received Dennis M. Grev into membership at Trinity;
- ◆ called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 25 for the purpose of electing one elder to the Class of 2024 and four elders to the Class of 2025;
- ◆ approved a monetary gift for Ann Bouchard in appreciation for the wonderful job she did shepherding the congregation through the time of renewal over the summer.
- ◆ approved establishing an ad hoc committee of two members of the Stewardship and Finance Committee and two members of the Property Committee for the purpose of exploring the feasibility of conducting a capital campaign for building upgrades in 2023;
- ◆ approved the addition of Jay Bryant-Wimp to the Christian Education Committee and Sue Young to the Outreach Committee;
- ◆ received the following financial report from Administrative Assistant Ann Bouchard:
 

Operating Income June/July	\$ 48,843.19
Operating Expenses June/July	\$ 57,870.63
Income/Expenses June/July	\$ (9,029.44)
Year to date Income/Expenses	\$ 39,501.49
- ◆ learned that in response to a claim filed for hail damage a check had been received from Church Mutual Insurance in the amount of \$27,974.23 for replacement of the shingled roof. An additional payment of \$8,000-\$9,000 is expected once the installation of the new roof is completed.
- ◆ approved Elder Odell Newkirk to serve as the commissioner for the August 22 meeting of Missouri Union Presbytery in place of Elder Bill Daly.



August 17—bundles of shingles are being unloaded and sent up to the roof in preparation for the next day's job. We are still hopeful that the flat roof will be replaced sometime in September. A supply chain issue has delayed delivery of the underlayment which will be used.



### We Welcome New Member Dennis Grev

Dennis joined Trinity at the August session meeting after attending worship and other activities since late 2021. He transferred his membership from St. Andrews Lutheran Church here in Columbia.

Dennis was born in South Dakota and attended a one-room school in Minnesota. He is a veteran of the Korean War. Dennis is Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at Columbia College, where he taught for 40 years. His wife, Elaine, died this past April, and Dennis is now residing at the Terrace.

Please add his contact information to your church membership directory:

Address: The Terrace Retirement Community  
Apt.W206  
1408 Business 70 West  
Columbia, MO 65202

Phone: (573) 443-5557 or (573) 256-9298

Email: degrev@aol.com



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE



### 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 serve in is September 21, 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

The next night to serve at Loaves and Fishes is [September 8th.](#) Servers are needed. All food will be purchased thanks to the generous donations received from congregational members.

Use the sign up link sent out in the weekly email.

### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

#### No, it is not time for Trunk or Treat yet!



But.....it is time to start thinking about participating! I know, I know, you may be like me, with grown children, and so glad those Halloween years are behind us! Ted answers the door at our house; I like to .... hide, and occasionally refill the candy bowl! I don't know what got into us, but last year Ted and I decided to participate. It was easy, we just put the Halloween decor from our house in the trunk, and dressed up a bit. Much to my surprise, we had so much fun! Who knew! The families that came were so nice and appreciative of the efforts Trinity made. We had a blast, so I made a special note to share our experience this year. We do need more trunks! If you don't want to do it by yourself, ask a friend, or get a group, or committee together. Let's try and have more cars this year! - Kyle

#### New Addresses for:

**Don & Nancy Mueller**  
512 NE Napoleon Dr.  
Blue Springs, MO 64014

**Harry & Samantha  
George**  
7801 W. Goodson Dr.  
Columbia, MO 65202



**The church offices will  
be closed on Monday,  
September 5.**



## OUR PRAYERS

### Short Term Prayer Requests

**Bill Daly**— suffering with back and leg pain

**Jacob Fues**— COVID long-hauler syndrome-improving and able to attend school in person

**Ken Jarvis** - completed his radiation therapy and has received a good report.

**Don Mueller**— recovering from back surgery

**Norma Spurgeon**—at the Bluffs for rest and rehab after hospitalization earlier this summer

### Long Term Prayer Requests

**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

**Doug Cornelison** - Doug is home from a recent hospital stay, and is doing much better, still recovering from a liver transplant in January

**Tim Harlan**—back rehab at Columbia Post Acute

Jim Muench's mother, **Esther Muench Plonk**, suffering from dementia; now living in Columbia

**David Storvick** - had surgery July 27, and is doing much better

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

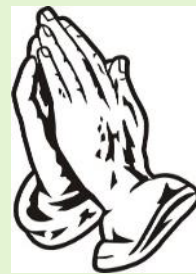
Please remember and pray for our Missionaries, Mission Causes, and Military Personnel.

### 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.



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](mailto:Trinity@trinity-presbyterian.org)

*In A Bigger Table – Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community*, John Pavlovitz chronicles his personal evolution in what a church community should be and makes clear that inclusivity and love and kindness and heart and justice advance the Great Purpose.

--No one ever said it was easy.

~Ed Coe

**Submissions for Trinity Times?**  
Email: [trinitytimeseditors@gmail.com](mailto:trinitytimeseditors@gmail.com)

The deadline for the June Trinity Times is Friday, September 23, 2022.  
Kyle Groshong is our editor.



### The Trinity family expresses its deepest sympathy to:

the family of **Patsy Brown**, who died on Sunday, August 28, 2022. Patsy was a charter member of Trinity. Cards and notes of sympathy may be sent to her son, Patrick Brown, 2826 Melody Ln., Columbia, MO 65203. A memorial service is planned for September 21st at 1:00 p.m. at Trinity with a reception following.

# September 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> 10:00 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship 5:00 PM—Ice Cream Social (rear parking lot)				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	<b>3</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Labor Day</b> Church office closed	<b>6</b> 5:30-8:00 PM—Girl Scouts (downstairs) 7:00 PM—Evening Circle	<b>7</b> 1:00 PM—Afternoon Circle (FH) 6:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	<b>8</b> 10:00 AM—PEO Small Group (FH) 4:00 PM—Loaves & Fishes 4:15 PM—Outreach Committee 7:00 PM—Worship Committee	<b>9</b> 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	<b>10</b>	
<b>11</b> 9:15 AM—Youth Class 9:30 AM—Adult Class 10:00 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship	<b>12</b> 9:00-11:30 AM—PEO Chapter LM (FH) 11:00-12:00 PM—PEO Craft Group (Rm 12) 12:00 PM—Garden Club (FH) 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	<b>13</b> 8:15 AM—PEO Chapter JJ (FH) 1:00 PM—Fortnightly (Youth Rm) 5:30 PM—Girl Scouts 7:00 PM—Christian Education Committee (Zoom) 7:00 PM—Sacred Harp Singers (FH)	<b>14</b> 6:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm) 6:00 PM—Caring Women of COMO Bunco (FH)	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM—Cub Scouts (downstairs)	<b>16</b> 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:15 AM—Youth Class 9:30 AM—Adult Class 10:00 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	<b>20</b> 8:00 AM—Men's Breakfast (JJ's Café) 5:30-8:00 PM—Girl Scouts (downstairs) 7:00 PM—Session (FH)	<b>21</b> 1:00 PM—Patsy Brown Memorial Service and Reception 11:00 AM—Wardrobe 6:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	<b>22</b> 3:00 PM—Property Committee (FH) 7:00 PM—Mission Committee	<b>23</b> <i>Trinity Times</i> Deadline 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:15 AM—Youth Class 9:30 AM—Adult Class 10:00 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers	<b>26</b> 7:00 PM—Stewardship & Finance Committee 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	<b>27</b> 11:00-1:00 PM—MO Symphony League (FH) 5:30 PM—Girl Scouts 7:00-9:00 PM—Sacred Harp Singers (FH) 7:00 PM—Technology Committee	<b>28</b> 10:00 AM—Congregational Care Committee (FH) 6:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	