



Threads of Grace

As I reflect on the threads of grace in my life, I vividly remember the impact of the civil rights movement on my faith journey. Among those who inspired me was an early leader in that movement—Dr. Howard Thurman. Dr. Thurman was dean of the chapel at Boston University and became a beloved mentor and spiritual advisor for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King always claimed that it was Dr. Thurman who introduced him to the theology and strategy of radical non-violence. And that theology and strategy motivated me to participate in civil rights marches and protests while a student at the University of Tulsa and McCormick Theological Seminary in the 1960s.

Dr. Thurman's most highly regarded work was *Jesus and the Disinherited*, which Dr. King said had a profound influence on him and the strategy he and other civil rights leaders employed during the Montgomery Bus Boycott and thereafter. There's a passage in *Jesus and the Disinherited* I would like to share. It's on the theme of hatred and speaks very forcefully to the times in which we live. Dr. Thurman wrote:

Hatred tends to dry up the springs of creative thought in the life of the hater, so that his resourcefulness becomes completely focused on the negative aspects of his environment. ... A [person's] horizon may become so completely dominated by the intense character of his hatred that there remains no creative residue in his mind and spirit to give to great ideas, to great concepts.

As I seek to deepen my faith during this time of renewal I find the following prayer of Dr. Thurman particularly inspiring. I hope you do also.

~ **Bill Young**

Lord, open unto me

Open unto me—light for my darkness.

Open unto me—courage for my fear.

Open unto me—hope for my despair.

Open unto me—peace for my turmoil.

Open unto me—joy for my sorrow.

Open unto me—strength for my weakness.

Open unto me—wisdom for my confusion.

Open unto me—forgiveness for my sins.

Open unto me—love for my hates.

Open unto me—thy Self for my self.

Lord, Lord open unto me! Amen.



Trinity News

August Worship

***August 7, 2022** 10:30 a.m. **Rev. Stanfield returns to the pulpit. Communion Sunday**
Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:1-11
Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-34
Sermon: "A Thread of Grace: Treasures of the Heart"
Theme: Paying attention to where your heart is can convict you or bless you.

***August 14, 2022** 10:30 a.m.
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
New Testament Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4; 7: 11-13
Sermon: "A Thread of Grace: The Faith Race"
Theme: The finish line of faith is important; but if means little if the race is just a race.

***August 21, 2022** 10:30 a.m.

Old Testament Reading: Amos 8:4-8; 11-12

New Testament Reading: Luke 10:38-42

Sermon: "A Thread of Grace: Discovering the Main Course"

Theme: All of life becomes more grace-filled when we discover the main course for our souls and learn how to continually savor that important soul food.

***August 28, 2022** 10:30 a.m.

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 40:1-3;13-17

New Testament Reading: Revelation 3:15-22

Sermon: "A Thread of Grace: Risk, Failure, Disappointment and Brokenness"

Theme: Experiences of Grace find their greatest height when they begin from the lowest points in our lives.

***All services are in person and live-streamed via Facebook Live.**

Let's Celebrate!

Sunday, August 7

10:30 AM—Worship and Communion—Rev. Dr. Michael Stanfield, preaching

5:00-7:00 PM—Celebration Meal & Program in the Fellowship Hall

The Fellowship Committee will provide two meat entrées, dessert, and beverages; please bring a side dish (salad, vegetables, potatoes, rice, etc.) to share.

The program will be led by Rev. Dr. Deborah Boucher-Payne, General Presbyter of Missouri Union Presbytery, and Rev. Stanfield. **Reservations are not required, but if you know you'll be attending, please send an email to the church office or sign up on the form on the kiosk. This information will be very helpful to the Fellowship Committee.**

Please join us as we welcome Michael back to Trinity and celebrate our summer renewal journeys!

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Dear Church Family,

I want to express my deep appreciation for your many prayers for my brother, Glenn Barks, during the last year and a half. Glenn died June 24, and I was able to attend his memorial service in Sikeston, MO.

Thank you very much for all the beautiful sympathy cards!

With love,
Margaret Guthrie



We express our sincere sympathy to:

Becky Livingston, on the death of her brother, Bill Livingston, in Joplin on Wednesday, July 20. Bill had been struggling with multiple health problems;

the **family and friends** of member **Paul Marsh** who died on July 6 at the age of 100.

2022 General Assembly In Review



The 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met June 18-July 9 using a hybrid model. Committee sessions were held in Louisville, KY with plenary sessions online. Missouri Union Presbytery Commissioners were Rev. Angela Madden, First Presbyterian-Jefferson City, and Elder Andy Baker, First Presbyterian-Mexico. Aaron Hughes was the Young Adult Advisory Delegate from our presbytery.

To learn more about the work of this year's General Assembly, pick up a copy of "General Assembly 225 Roundup from the front table in the narthex.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

CIRCLES: I hope everyone has had a good, relaxing, renewing summer; and now you are ready to gather again to begin our Bible Study for 2022-2023, CELEBRATING SABBATH. Sue Young, Karen Neely and I will be distributing study books on Sunday, August 7 and 14 before and after church. Or if you are at church during that time, you may pick one up in the church office. **Evening circle** will hold a hybrid meeting on Tuesday, September 6 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at church and on zoom. **Afternoon Circle** will meet at church at 1 p.m. on September 7. We look forward to seeing everyone in September! If you have any questions about circle meetings, call me at 573-447-0552. *Charlotte Larrick*

NOW FOR NEWS FROM MISSOURI UNION PRESBYTERY :

SAVE THE DATE!! PW-MUP FALL GATHERING, **Grandma's Tea Party**, will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Mexico, Thursday, September 8! Watch for more details on the kiosk in the narthex. We hope we can have several from Trinity attend.

Other upcoming events:

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



Musical Notes with Director of Music, Steve Yates

I hope that both our in-person and online worshipers have enjoyed the music this summer. I want to thank our singers—our regular Trinity singers and our student scholarship singers. I also want to express my gratitude to Carol Virkler, Bill Daly, and Jack Snelling, who have shared their talents on the organ and piano and have kept the music ministry moving ahead.

Thank you, too, for all of your support of me through this rough summer.



All choir members and interested singers are invited to the **Fall Choir Kickoff** at the home of Mark and Carol Virkler, 112 West Burnam Road at 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 28. Subs and ice cream will be served. Steve Yates, Director of Music, will introduce the fall and Christmas choral music. **All interested singers are invited!**

Midweek choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday evening, August 31 at 7:00 p.m.

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord,
all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Psalm 100:1-2*



We bid farewell to **Don and Nancy Mueller** who have moved to the Kansas City area to be closer to family. They'll be living just 10 minutes away from their daughter. Don and Nancy joined Trinity in 2004, and contributed so generously their time and skills to the church. They will be missed! If you'd like to send a note or card, their new address is:

**512 NE Napoleon Dr.
Blue Springs, MO 64014**

Giving to Trinity



For donors who might be interested in transferring stock or shares of other investments to the church in payment of their annual pledge or for another purpose, Trinity has two accounts set up for this purpose: one with Central Bank Investment Services and a second with Edward Jones. Administrative Assistant Ann Bouchard can provide you with account numbers if you want to donate in this way.

Online giving is available for making pledge payments or one-time donations. There are two ways to do this: 1) Download the free Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app to your smart phone or tablet. When you open the app for the first time, you will need to search for Trinity Presbyterian Church, Columbia, MO. You will then follow the prompts to choose how you want your gift used—pledged, non-pledged gift, restricted gift (specify), building fund, special offering—frequency of the gift, and bank or credit card information. You can save your information securely so that the next time you sign in, you don't have to reenter everything. 2) Go to the church website: www.trinity-presbyterian.org and click on the "Give" menu option, then "Give Now." Scroll down a bit and click the "Donate" button, then log in or set up an account. If you have any questions or difficulties, Ann Bouchard will be glad to assist you.

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 August is August 17th, and volunteers are needed for the 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift.

SPECIAL REQUEST:

On Tuesdays, The Wardrobe serves referral clients. They are in need of the following items:

- ◆ Travel size soaps, shampoo, lotion, and toothpaste.
- ◆ New toothbrushes
- ◆ Gently used bath towels and hand towels

If you can provide any of these items, please bring them to Trinity and leave them in the collection containers outside Ann's office. Wardrobe Coordinator Georgia Morehouse will take them to The Wardrobe.



Trinity Provides Food for the Hungry through Loaves and Fishes

The next night to serve at Loaves and Fishes is August 11th.

A sign up form will be sent out soon asking for volunteers to serve the meal. All the food in August will be purchased thanks to your generous contributions.



The Mission Committee is preparing for our participation in the Church World Service/Festival of Sharing School Kit donation program. The program helps provide school supplies to needy children at the beginning of the school year.

We have participated in this program for many years. Last year we collected 48 school kits and over \$500 in financial contributions. The collection this year will conclude with delivery to the Macon United Methodist Church on September 10, 2022.

The school kit bags are available on the front table in the narthex. Please pick up a bag or two and purchase the supplies below: (list is also included in the bag)

- One pair of blunt scissors, round tip only
- Three 70 count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200 pages (no loose leaf)
- One 30 centimeter, 12 inch ruler
- One hand held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new unsharpened pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons
- One canvas bag which we will provide

Fill the bag according to the instructions provided and return it to the church by Sunday, September 4.

Thank you for your consideration of this mission effort. If you should have any questions feel free to ask any Mission Committee member. By supporting Church World Service Kits, you are turning Hope into action.

Bob Winkelmann, Mission Committee Chair

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Trinity Library - Book Highlight with Marianne Fues

Trinity Times Library Talk

Eugenia Anne Gamble, another June visiting preacher, has written two books which she donated to the library.

Words Of Love : A Healing Journey With The Ten Commandments.

Words of love is a substantial study of the Ten Commandments. Her verbal presentation when she spoke at Trinity is extended as she speaks about day-to-day life. She delves into each commandment with modern day examples and questions.

Bennet : Stories Of Humor, Grace, and Hope

Eugenia's story-telling skills brings Bennet to life. We learn about his health issues and how that affects his interaction with those around him.

Find these autographed 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.

Roof Replacement Delayed

The Property Committee had hoped to have a new flat roof installed in July, but the current unavailability of one of the main materials—TPO membrane—has delayed the replacement of the roof until at least September.

The roof will be replaced by Veritas Consulting and Construction, and they are working closely with the church to make sure Trinity does not incur material price increases due to the delay. The cost of the project is just over \$31,000. A deposit of \$10,000 has been made, with another 1/3 due at the time the work begins and the final 1/3 due once the work is completed.

Property is also waiting for a decision by Trinity's insurance carrier, Church Mutual, to determine whether Church Mutual will cover the cost of replacing the shingled roof which was damaged by hail.



The Outreach Committee

Needs You!

The Outreach Committee needs some creative people to bring fresh ideas to the table. The committee usually meets monthly on the second Thursday by Zoom. Please contact committee chair Larry Holder at ljholder@yahoo.com.

Small Groups

The Outreach Committee is gearing up for small group activities. If you have an idea for a small group and/or are able to provide leadership for a group, please let Larry Holder know soon. Outreach hopes to offer a variety of opportunities for members to connect this Fall.

OUR PRAYERS

Short Term Prayer Requests

Bill Daly—suffering with back and leg pain

Jacob Fues – COVID long-hauler syndrome

Ken Jarvis - undergoing treatment for prostate cancer

Don Mueller-in Kansas City rehab facility after back surgery; hopes to go home by the end of July.

Norma Spurgeon—at the Bluffs for rest and rehab after recent hospitalization for an infection.

Steve Yates—recovering from back surgery; starting physical therapy

Long Term Prayer Requests

Patsy Brown - under hospice care at The Neighborhoods, 3003 Falling Leaf Ct.

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 doing well as he continues his recovery from a liver transplant in January.

Jim Muench's mother, **Esther Muench Plonk**, who will be moving to Columbia in early August

David Storvick completed chemo; surgery scheduled for July 27 in Columbus, Ohio at The Ohio State University Medical Center

Judy Wall's brother, **Jerry Davis**, who is dealing with severe health problems.

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.

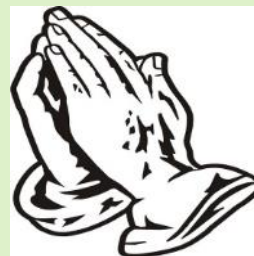
Already a member or a regular attendee? Text "Member" to 573-284-8084 so we can keep you up to date on what's happening at Trinity.

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

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

The deadline for the June Trinity Times is Friday, August 26, 2022.
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



Beethoven's Choral Fantasy preceded Ode to Joy-- Its first and last phrases were a stirring foretaste:

Graceful, charming and sweet is the sound
Of our life's harmonies,
and from a sense of beauty arise
Flowers which eternally bloom.
Peace and joy advance in perfect concord,...

Accept then, you beautiful souls,
Joyously the gifts of high art.
When love and strength are united,
Divine grace is bestowed upon Man.

~High art in Music and Words.

—Ed Coe

Of Faith
Shines Brightest
in the Dark

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:00 PM –Election Day Set Up (FH) 7:00 PM—Fellowship Committee	2 Election Day (Fellowship Hall in use all day)	3	4	5 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery (Rm 12)	6
7 9:45 AM—Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM—Worship & Communion 11:30 AM—Fellowship Time 5:00— Celebration meal and program (FH)	8 9:00-11:30 AM—PEO Chapter LM (FH)	9 2:00-5:00 PM—PEO Chapter JJ (FH)	10 3:00 PM—Property Committee 6:00-8:30—Caring Women of Columbia (FH)	11 4:00 PM—Loaves & Fishes 4:15 PM—Outreach Committee 7:00 PM —Stewardship & Finance Committee	12 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery (Rm 12)	13
14 9:45 AM—Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship Time	15 1:00 PM—Col. Garden Club (FH) 7:00 PM—Christian Education Committee	16 7:00 PM—Session (FH)	17 11:00 AM—Wardrobe	18	19 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery (Rm 12)	20
21 9:45 AM—Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship Time	22 7:00 PM—Nominating Committee (Zoom)	23 Presbytery Meeting (Hodge, Trenton)	24	25 7:00 PM—Mission Committee	26 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery (Rm 12)	27
28 9:45 AM—Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship Time 5:00 PM—Choir Social at the Virkler's home	29 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	30 7:00 PM—Technology Committee	31 10:00 AM—Congregational Care Committee 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal			