



TRINITY TIMES



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November 2025



Stewardship: A Practice of Love

This week I spent some time reading and praying over your heart leaves on our “I Love Our Church” cross in the sanctuary. And not surprisingly, what you all love about Trinity Presbyterian Church has a common theme. Trinity is caring, a family, welcoming, and helpful to the needs of Columbia. There were also numerous posts about loving our choir and there was even one that said they loved the sermons! And surprisingly, since this exercise of putting what you love on hearts for the cross is part of our stewardship campaign, there was only one heart that mentioned money (“I love Trinity’s generous mission contributions”).).

I am so grateful you all understand that stewardship is so much more than a financial commitment—it’s a profound expression of love as you have so wonderfully expressed on your heart leaves. It’s a spiritual practice that calls us to care for all that God has entrusted to us: our time, talents, resources, relationships, and the world around us. Simply put, it’s a way of living that inspires hope, builds community, and deepens our and other’s faith.

When we think about stewardship, it’s easy to focus on the financial aspect. While giving is an important part of this journey, true stewardship goes far beyond that. It invites us to reflect Christ’s love in every part of our lives. It challenges us to let go of the fear of scarcity and self-centeredness, and instead embrace a life rooted in gratitude, generosity, and trust in God’s abundance.

As we close this chapter of our stewardship campaign, let’s carry forward the inspiration and commitment we’ve shared. Let’s continue to give with open hearts, serve with willing hands, and trust in God’s plan for our church and our community.

In our “I Love Our Church” stewardship series, I hope you have been reminded that everything we have is a gift from God and these blessings are all opportunities to share God’s love with others. But I also pray you’ve seen how Trinity has been a testament to the power of love in action. For 67 years, you all have shared with others what it means to be a community rooted in love and service. From volunteering your time to sharing your resources. Together, we’ve come together to build something truly beautiful and wonderful—a church that shines as a beacon of hope and light and LOVE.

Man, I Love Trinity Presbyterian Church,

Rev. Ronnie Osborn

I ♥ MY CHURCH

Congregational Celebration Luncheon Pledge Sunday November 2nd

During worship we will dedicate our financial pledges to the glory of God and the ministry and mission of Trinity in the coming year.
After worship, all are invited to the Pledge Sunday Celebration Luncheon held immediately after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee will provide chicken tenders, potato salad, beverages and CAKE!

Church members are invited to bring a salad, vegetable side dish, bread, or fruit to share.

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November Worship

* **Sunday, November 2, 2025 10:30 a.m.**
 Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn
Pledge Dedication Sunday and Congregational Luncheon

* **Sunday, November 9, 2025 10:30 a.m.**
 Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

* **Sunday, November 16, 2025 10:30 a.m.**
 Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

* **Sunday, November 23, 2025 10:30 a.m.**
 Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn
Communion Sunday

* **Sunday, November 30, 2025 10:30 a.m.**
 Preaching: Rev. Kathie Jackson
1st Sunday of Advent

* Services are also live-streamed via Facebook Live.
Join us in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday after worship for light refreshments and conversation with church friends.

TO VIEW PAST WORSHIP SERVICE VIDEOS go to:
<https://www.trinity-presbyterian.org/archives>

Trinity PNC Update

Greetings from your Pastor Nominating Committee ("PNC")! The PNC continues to meet weekly as it fills out and drafts responses to the questions on the Ministry Discernment Profile ("MDP"). The narrative questions require much thought in drafting responses that are accurate and reflect the broad range of Trinity's ministries. We are very close to completing the MDP. Once completed the MDP will need approval by the MUP's Committee on Ministry before it will be released online by the Church Leadership Connection, a denominational posting that helps match potential pastor candidates to the congregation seeking a called pastor.



All classes begin at 9:15 a.m.

- Adult class meets in Room 12
- High School class meets in the Youth Room
- Younger Youth (grades 6-9) meets in Room 8 (Rooms are all on the lower level.)

All are welcome!

Youth Group Opportunities

Youth (6-12 grades) are invited to participate in the youth group at First Presbyterian Church:

- November 9th 5-7 p.m. & November 23th 5-7 p.m.

MUP Youth Retreat—Saturday, November 8
10-4 FPC Mexico, MO

Recent Prayer Requests

Bill Daly—is continuing his recovery at home and is doing well

Baby Grace— is now off the ventilator and breathing on her own. Parents are Ryan and Elvera. Elvera is the sister of Ronnie and Margaret Osborn's daughter-in-law.

Sarah Grim—continuing therapy for vertigo

Charlotte Larrick—is at Landmark Hospital to continue her recovery. Prayers for continuing progress will be greatly appreciated.

Georgia Morehouse—continuing recovery from a stroke

Cindy Osterling— Debbie Newkirk's dear friend, died October 19 after a major stroke. Please keep Cindy's family and Debbie in your prayers.

Long Term Prayer Requests

Lou Boka - father of Samantha Boka (George), who is under-going treatment for cancer

Paul Conditt - Sarah Humfeld's father, who has health issues

Esther Muench Plonk - Jim Muench's mother, on hospice care

Please let Ann Bouchard know of prayer requests or requests for pastoral care.

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Mission Soup Supper and Opportunity Campus Presentation

Sponsored by the Mission and Outreach Committee

Sunday November 9th
5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

We'll enjoy a variety of soups while being introduced to The Opportunity Campus by Ed Stansberry, Executive Director of the Voluntary Action Center. "For the first time in Boone County history multiple agencies will come together in one place to empower our unhoused neighbors to start anew. The Opportunity Campus will be equipped with a Shelter, a community Resource Center, and a Medical Clinic." (Come hear about where Loaves and Fishes will be located.)

Soup and pie will be provided but you are welcome to bring a crockpot of your favorite soup, bread or dessert to share. We'll have a free-will offering for the Voluntary Action Center.



Fiber Fellowship - **Saturday, November 15th** (Session Retreat is November 22, so the date was changed—normally the 4th Saturday of each month) 10 a.m.—noon in the Youth Room

Geocaching - Delbert Botes and Chris Sheriff are contacts.

Dining Out - Cathy and Larry Holder are contacts.

Men's Breakfast - Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (**November 12th**) at 8 a.m. JJ's Cafe on 1712 N. North Providence Road. All men are invited!



Senior Singles - Arranges activities 6-8 times a year. Contact the church office to be put on the email list.

Mahjong Group - Meets every Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Karen Kennedy is the contact.

Women's Coffee Group - Meets the second Friday of each month (**November 14**) to socialize at Love Coffee on the Business Loop, 9:30 am. All women are invited!



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 23
 following worship

Please join your Trinity friends in getting the church ready as we prepare for the season of Advent and Christmas.

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

Pizza and salad will be provided by the Fellowship Committee.



The church offices will be closed on
Thursday, November 27 and
Friday, November 28
for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

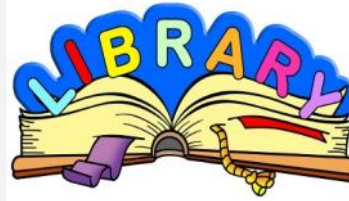


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Last Saturday, October 25th, eighty (80) Church World Service 'Kids' kits and a check for \$170.00 (for shipping costs) were delivered to the Festival of Sharing Sharefest held at the Tipton United Methodist Church in Tipton, MO.

Thank you to everyone at Trinity Presbyterian Church who contributed to this activity by purchasing the required items for the kits, assembling the kits, and providing funds for the shipping costs. The kits were loaded 'on the spot' into the Church World Service van that was at the Sharefest on that day and will be taken directly to children who need school supplies anywhere in the world because of natural disasters, war, economic conditions, and other causes, or they will be taken to one of the Church World Service storage facilities to be distributed in the future when needed. Your continued dedication to help those in need is an example of why we love our church!



**Library
Talk**
with Marianne Fues,
Trinity Librarian

For the Time Being by Annie Dillard

Annie Dillard, a Pulitzer Prize winning author searches for answers in her narrative. Why do we exist? Where did we come from?

This narrative surveys our world. Ten thousand terra-cotta figures fashioned for a Chinese emperor. The natural history of sand. The life story of Teilhard de Chardin, the French Jesuit priest/paleontologist as he crosses the Gobi Desert. The book ponders birth, death, existence, value, God and evil.

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!

Highlights from the October Session Meeting



The stated meeting of Session was held on Tuesday evening, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 12. The Reverend Kathie Jackson served as moderator. Rev. Osborn was on study leave. At the meeting, Session:

- ◆ approved renewing the charters for Scout Troops 4 and 404 and for Packs 700 and 2;
- ◆ approved a 3-month extension of Rev. Osborn's covenant agreement (December 1, 2025-February 28, 2026);
- ◆ approved Chris Sheriff as Trinity's Facebook administrator (Ann Bouchard also has administrator privileges);
- ◆ received a report from the Worship Committee that Rev. Kathie Jackson will preach at Trinity on Sunday, November 30, and Rev. Bill Young will preach on Sunday, December 28;
- ◆ approved \$300 in additional funds for the November 22nd Session retreat and approved the celebration of the Lord's Supper at the retreat;
- ◆ heard a report from Stewardship and Finance Chair Karen Neely that the committee had approved the purchase of new fund accounting software with an integrated data base for use by the Administrative Assistant;
- ◆ received the September financial report: through September 2025 operating income exceeds expenses by \$65,202.62. September operating income was slightly higher than September 2024. Expenses for the month of September were higher than the previous year due to several maintenance projects.

Opportunities For Service - God's Work, Our Hands



Holiday Food Drive

Sunday, November 16 - Sunday, November 30

*Helping the Food Bank Provide
Nourishment for Our Neighbors*

The most needed items are canned meat, canned fruits and vegetables, beans, rice, cereal, peanut butter, soup and pasta.

(Please no glass containers and homemade items)

Donation containers will be in the Church Narthex.

Monetary donations can also be given for the Food Bank to purchase fresh, perishable goods. Your checks can be given to the Church Office with "Food Bank" listed in the memo line

Sponsored by the Mission and Outreach Committee

Volunteers needed for child care during worship

Our congregation has been blessed by the addition of young children to our worship services. To enable parents / grandparents to participate in worship, we need 2 volunteers each Sunday to care for the children in the nursery downstairs. We've created a Sign-Up Genius to make scheduling easier. The link to sign up is below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA8A82CABFAC61-59767000-childcare#/>

Please join our team of care-givers so we can be sure to have volunteers when we need them.

Chris Sheriff can answer any questions you might have.

Thanks so much!



Submissions for Trinity Times

The deadline for the December Trinity Times is November 21, 2025.

Email: newsletter@trinity-presbyterian.org
Kyle Groshong is our editor.



We are looking forward to serving
next on

Thursday, November 13

4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

Please use the link sent out in the Friday emails to sign up to donate food items or to serve. We are always grateful for monetary donations as well.

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 for prep work.

Please call Susan or Bob Winkelmann if you have questions.

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, November 19
and volunteers are needed for the
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Pledge Dedication Sunday 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Pledge Sunday Luncheon	3 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Fellowship Committee 7:00pm Pastor Nominating Committee	4 7:00pm Evening Circle - FH	5 1:00pm Afternoon Circle (Rm. 12) 6:00pm Yoga Group 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	6 7:00pm Worship Committee (Zoom)	7 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	8 1:15pm AAUW Book Group
9 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time 5:00pm Mission Soup Supper	10 9:00am PEO Chapter "LM" 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Pastor Nominating Committee	11 3:00pm PEO Chapter "JJ" 3:00 pm Property Committee 5:30pm AAUW Meeting - FH 7:00pm CE Comm. (Zoom) 7:00pm Sacred Harp Singers	12 8:00am Men's Breakfast-JJ's Cafe 6:00pm Caring Women of CO-MO 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	13 3:30pm Loaves and Fishes-Ashley St. Ctr	14 9:30am Women's Coffee Club 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	15 10:00am Fiber Fellowship (Youth Room)
16 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	17 1:00pm Garden Club 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Pastor Nominating Committee	18 11:00am Missouri Symphony League 7:00pm Session	19 11:00am The Wardrobe 4:30pm Love Coffee Board 6:00pm Yoga Group 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	20 7:00pm Mission & Outreach Committee (Zoom)	21 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	22 8:30am Session Retreat
23 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship with Communion 11:30am Fellowship Time 11:45am Hanging of the Greens (pizza)	24 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Pastor Nominating Committee 7:00pm Stewardship & Finance Comm. (Zoom)	25 7:00pm Sacred Harp Singers 7:00pm Technology Committee (Zoom)	26 6:00pm Yoga Group	27 Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed	28 Church Office Closed	29
30 First Sunday of Advent 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time						