



TRINITY TIMES



1600 West Rollins 65203 573.445.4469 trinity@trinity-presbyterian.org

JANUARY 2023

Michael's Musings

As many of you know, after hiking the Appalachian Trail in 2018 and the Pacific Crest Trail in 2019, this past year, my son, Carl, began hiking with a goal of 10,300 miles – the record for a year of hiking. He would fall short – by about 1850 miles, his body finally protesting so much that he would have to rest it for long periods, eventually making his original goal an impossibility. Even so, his trek has included the Florida Trail, the Appalachian Trail, the Pacific Crest Trail, and the Continental Divide trail totaling 8,451 miles. Beginning in Key West Florida, on January 1, he hiked from the southern border of the U.S. to the northern border three times. It has been quite an adventure and I think his reflections as he finished up that year are worth noting as we begin ours together. The following is from his Facebook and Instagram accounts:

"Five years ago today, the trajectory of my life drastically changed. The same day I left what had been my dream job and moved out of my house in Leavenworth, Washington, my girlfriend broke up with me and my job in Seattle fell through. Within a few hours, 100% of my responsibilities and a significant portion of my identity disappeared.

"Just a little ways into the breakup conversation, an idea exploded into being in the back of my head: I should hike the Appalachian Trail. Even though a small part of me had fantasized about it on and off for a few years, my life (seemingly) had so much stability I'd never seriously considered it. But then the opportunity was thrust into reality. And very briefly after everything around me changed, I had a new project to throw myself into. And while it was, of course, a painful and humbling transition, I still think that was one of the best series of events that has ever happened to me. Things don't need to be enjoyable to be good for us: sometimes we need to get kicked around a bit to be inspired to look inward and make some changes.

"So many things about my life are drastically different from that day I left Washington. I never could have imagined what all that change could have turned into. And yet, I feel like I've just taken the path that's been laid in front of me: none of these decisions felt so crazy at the time. Every step has been clear when the time has come to take one. And at this point, I've taken quite a few of them.

"I don't have much money, I don't have a career, I don't even have any serious job prospects at this point, just days before I turn 30. But I don't think it's possible to have much more wealth in friendships, stories, and the feeling of a life that's been LIVED. And I feel so wonderfully blessed to be here. Happy trails, y'all..."

Carl

As we begin a new year together, Christ calls us all to LIVE – to live out our individual and corporate callings whatever they may be. It's helpful to be reminded that the clearest calls are often soaked in the hardships of life. Happy New Year.

Michael



Annual Meeting and Luncheon Sunday, January 29, 2023

The congregation is called to meet on Sunday, January 29 following worship for the purposes of acting on changes in Rev. Stanfield's terms of call (salary), electing the 2023 Nominating Committee, receiving the year-end financial reports and hearing reports from session committees.

Following the worship service, a potluck luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall hosted by the Fellowship Committee. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish to share—meat and drinks will be provided. The Annual Meeting will begin following the meal.

Please mark your calendar and join us on January 29.

Trinity News

January Worship

***Sunday, January 1, 2023** 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Day, Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Bill Young

OT: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

NT: First Corinthians 1:18-25; Luke 2:15-21

Sermon: "A Time for Foolishness"

Theme: What the world deems foolishness, we know to be the power and wisdom and love of God for all who believe.

***Sunday, January 8, 2023** 10:30 a.m.

(Ordination and Installation of Officers)

OT: Jeremiah 31:7-9

NT: James 1:22-25

Sermon: "Tenders of the Fire"

Theme: How might God be calling you to be a tender of the fires of Christ?

***Sunday, January 15, 2023** 10:30 a.m.

OT: Isaiah 42:1-9

NT: Acts 10:34-43

Sermon: "Do-It-Yourself Everything"

Theme: When institutions begin to fail, do-it-yourself begins to prevail. Where does this leave the church?

***Sunday, January 22, 2023** 10:30 a.m.

NT: Romans 5:1-5

OT: Psalm 40:1-11

Sermon: "In What Does My Hope Lie?"

Theme: Hope has the capacity to turn our tragedies into the defining events of our lives.

***Sunday, January 29, 2023** 10:30 a.m.

Congregational Meeting following worship

OT: Isaiah 9:1-4

NT: Matthew 4:12-23

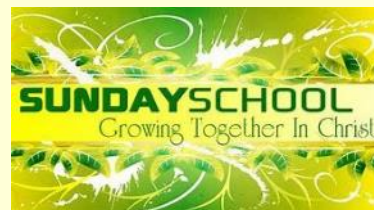
Sermon: "Your Call"

Theme: God's calling may require us to reside in unfamiliar territory.

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

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

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



Sunday School Resumes January 8

9:15 a.m. – Children's & Youth Classes
(downstairs)

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

The adult class will begin a new study called "Short Stories of Jesus." In this six-session study written by Amy-Jill Levine, participants will learn how original audiences understood Jesus' parables and will also learn how new interpretations of the parables continue to challenge and provoke contemporary readers two thousand years later. In short video segments the class will hear the author introduce the weekly story. **The class will be organized so that choir members can participate and get the "meat" of the lesson before rehearsal time.** Please join us!



Musical Notes

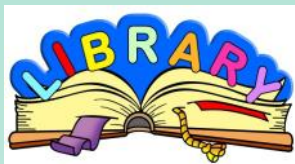
Director of Music,
Steve Yates

Welcome to 2023! I hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas season. I would like to thank everyone involved in the Christmas program. The singers worked really hard to prepare the music. It is so nice to be starting the new year with the full choir. These last couple of years have been challenging. I also must thank so many people for their assistance in making our worship services work each week, sound crew and others working in the balcony, our exceptional accompanists—Carol Virkler and Bill Daly on the organ, Jack Snelling, pianist and choir accompanist; our in-house musicians Bill Kennedy Debbie Newkirk, Barb Miles, Nora Humfeld, and Amanda Fues; and Ann Bouchard and Debbie Newkirk for the support in the church office. Thank you, all!

Steve

TRINITY NEWS

Trinity Library - Book Highlight with Marianne Fues, Trinity Librarian



Faith of Our Fathers: The Churches of Missouri by Linda C. Kerns

Churches in Missouri : how many have you seen? The author, Linda Kerns, features several hundred church photos and stories of many faiths. She begins with the earliest churches of Missouri starting in the 1750's and brings us up to the present. She describes symbols of the churches including beautiful stained glass windows and unique architecture with lots of spires.

Kerns describes people of faith including Alonzo Monk Bryan who is pictured at The Dude Ranch Drive-In Methodist Church in Maryville. He is preaching atop the concession stand in the hot summer of 1952. Monk served at the Missouri United Methodist Church, Columbia from 1957 to 1976 and then later became a bishop of the Methodist Church.

Read about the current Columbia Handbell Ensemble. Also read about Olivet Christian Church and their annual BBQ picnic. Kern's list also features choirs, pipe organs and the glass chapel located at Powell Gardens near Kingsville.

This volume contains a fraction of churches in Missouri. Representing a cross-section of church styles and faiths, the author expects a second volume in the future.

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, January 11th, 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.**

This breakfast will continue to be on the second Wednesday of the month from now on, so mark your calendars!



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 Georgia Morehouse. **Trinity's day to work is January 18, 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, January 12th.** Please watch for an email about what will be needed and volunteer signup. *Your donations of money, food and time are greatly appreciated.*



TRINITY NEWS

2023 Session

Moderator—Rev. Dr. Michael Stanfield; Clerk—Elder Susan Winkelmann

Class of 2023

Larry Holder
Karen Neely
Odell Newkirk
Anne Seymour

Class of 2024

Don Bay
Marianne Fues
Rex Ricketts
Carol Virkler

Class of 2025

Bill Kennedy
Brian Norris
Chris Sheriff
Susan Winkelmann

2023 Session Committee Chairs

Administration and Personnel—**Susan Winkelmann**

Christian Education—**Karen Kennedy**

Congregational Care—**Anne Seymour**

February 15th Fund—**Karen Neely**

Fellowship—**Marianne Fues**

Mission—**Karen Neely**

Nominating—**Odell Newkirk**

Property—**Elinor Arendt**

Session Retreat Planning—**Karen Neely**

Stewardship and Finance—**Karen Neely**

Technology—**Bill Kennedy**

Worship—**Carol Virkler**

Church Treasurer—**Don Fues**



“Undecorating” Party – Can you help?

Saturday, January 7—beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to take down and pack away Advent and Christmas decorations.

Highlights from the December Session Meeting



◆ approved changes in the church by-laws and the Policy Manual concerning quorums for session meetings;

◆ approved communion dates for 2023: February 26, April 6 (Maundy Thursday), May 21, July 30, October 1 (World Communion Sunday), November 19, and December 24 (Christmas Eve);

◆ approved the use of funds from the Building Fund Account to pay for replacing one of the sanctuary furnaces and air-conditioning units;

◆ approved Marianne Fues to serve as Trinity’s elder-commissioner for the February 25, 2023 meeting of Missouri Union Presbytery in Fulton;

Other items of interest include:

◆ The annual “Undecorating Party” will be the morning of Saturday, January 7. Volunteers will be needed to help take down and store the Advent and Christmas decorations.

◆ **November expenses exceeded income by \$6,825.01. Year-to-date income, however, remains ahead of expenses by \$26,428.08.**

◆ Rev. Stanfield will be away on Sunday, March 19 (study leave) and Sundays, June 4 and 11 (vacation).

◆ **A large number of winter hats and gloves plus several scarves and socks were taken to Turning Point for distribution to the unhoused in Columbia. Additional items will be donated the week after Christmas.**

OUR PRAYERS

Short Term Prayer Requests

Joan Bay— in Boone Hospital, Rm. 681 (physical rehab unit)

Sarah Grim—recovering from broken nose and concussion resulting from a fall at home; will be starting physical therapy

Mark Virkler—recuperating at home after severe spinal injuries and broken ribs following a fall from a ladder

June Young - recovering at home from a broken femur

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

Jacob Fues – COVID long-hauler syndrome

Janet Ghio - friend of Kyle Groshong, recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma

Esther Muench Plonk, Jim Muench's mother, suffering from dementia and recovering from a broken hand

Norma Spurgeon—at the Bluffs

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

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

Praise

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Over and around us lies

'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

--John Rutter, 1994

~May you sing Praise in 2023. Ed Coe

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

The deadline for the February *Trinity Times* is Friday, January 20, 2023.
Kyle Groshong is our editor.



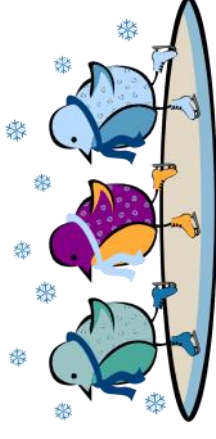
We extend our sympathy to the family of **Jean Baldwin**, who died on December 24 at the age of 89. Jean was living in Michigan at the time of her death. A memorial service is tentatively being planned for Saturday, January 21st, at Trinity. The time of the service will be announced soon.



Be sure and let us know about any changes to your address, phone number, or email. We want to make sure our data base is as up to date as possible.



January 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30 AM—Worship (Rev. Dr. Bill Young) 11:30 AM—Fellowship	2 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	3 7:00 PM—Evening Circle (FH) 7:00 PM—Fellowship Committee (Zoom)	4 1:00 PM—Afternoon Circle (Rm 12)	5 12:00-2:00 PM— Commission on Ministry (MUP) Planning 7:00 PM—Worship Committee (Zoom)	6 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	7 9:30 AM—Undecorating Party
8 :15 AM—Children's/Youth Classes 9:30 AM—Adult Class 10:00—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship (Ordination/Installation of Officers) 11:30 AM—Fellowship	9 9:00-11:30 AM—PEO Chapter LM (FH) 10:30 AM—PEO (Rm 12) 2:15 PM—Garden Club 7:00 PM—Stewardship & Finance Committee (Zoom) 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	10 3:00-5:00 PM—PEO Chapter JJ (FH) 5:30 PM—Girl Scouts (downstairs) 7:00 PM—Sacred Harp Singers (FH)	11 8:00 AM—Men's Breakfast (JJ's Café) 4:00 PM—Ad Hoc Capital Campaign Comm. 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	12 11:00 AM—MUP PW Coordinator Mtg. (FH) 4:00 PM—Loaves & Fishes 4:15 PM—Outreach Committee (Zoom)	13 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	14
15 9:15 AM—Children's/Youth Classes 9:30 AM—Adult Class 10:00—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship	16 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	17 7:00 PM—Session	18 11:00 AM—Wardrobe 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	19 2:00 PM—Property Committee (FH)	20 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	21
22 9:15 AM—Children's/Youth Classes 9:30 AM—Adult Class 10:00—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship	23 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	24 11:00 AM—MO Symphony League (FH) 5:30 PM—Girl Scouts 7:00 PM—Technology Committee (Zoom) 7:00 PM—Sacred Harp Singers (FH)	25 10:00 AM—Congregational Care Committee (FH) 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	26 7:00 PM—Mission Committee (Zoom)	27 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	28
29 9:15 AM—Children's/Youth Classes 9:30 AM—Adult Class 10:00—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Annual Meeting/ Luncheon	30 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	31				