



TRINITY TIMES



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The Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.)'s General Assembly Meets This Month

One Church . . . Governed by Presbyters . . . Gathered in Councils. . . Seeking to Represent the Will of Christ



A Connectional Church

More than one million people call the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) their church home, with a core of beliefs that reflects the authority of scripture and salvation through Jesus Christ. All Presbyterians — including ministers (teaching elders), ruling elders, deacons, and other church members — are called to share the Good News with the entire world. Presbyterians worship, discern, and connect through three levels of councils: the sessions (leadership) of congregations, mid councils (including presbyteries and synods), and the General Assembly.

What is the General Assembly?

The General Assembly is a council of the church, a discernment event, and a worshipping body.

As a council, the General Assembly is made up of commissioners from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s presbyteries, with teaching elders (ministers of the Word and Sacrament) and ruling elders represented in equal numbers. Young adult advisory delegates, theological student advisory delegates, and partner advisory delegates representing global mission organizations, partner churches, and interreligious groups also constitute the assembly. These individuals gather for committees and plenary sessions to discern the direction of the church and make decisions that are implemented throughout the life of the PC (U.S.A.).

As a discernment event, the General Assembly occurs every two years. Commissioners gather for the business meetings of committees and plenary sessions to discern the future of the church and make decisions that are implemented throughout the life of the PC(USA).

As a worshipping body, the General Assembly is a time when people from across the PC (U.S.A.) and beyond gather to celebrate God's work in the world.

What isn't the General Assembly?

The General Assembly is not an agency of the PC (U.S.A.) made up of national staff. It is not a council that makes decisions apart from the rest of the church, as it is made of members from the whole PC (U.S.A.). It is not a meeting set apart from the work and worship of the PC(U.S.A.), but it is fundamentally connected to the identity of the church and seeks to reflect the ways we honor God.

What Is the Impact of the General Assembly on the life of the PCUSA?

The General Assembly's commissioners, with the advice of advisory delegates, vote on issues that guide the work of the church. Decisions made by the General Assembly include, but are not limited to:

- recommendations for changes to the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) [Book of Order & Book of Confessions],
- policies that provide a foundation for how the church lives out its beliefs through public statements and social witness,
- decisions regarding how the church should faithfully invest its time, funds, and personnel,
- and decisions regarding how the church can best organize itself to reflect the will of God.

In many ways, the work of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is directly shaped by the General Assembly —from the hymnals that are used in congregations, to the ways presbyteries resource their ministers, to the agencies that support the ministries of the church at all levels. On behalf of the whole church, the General Assembly maintains relationships with bodies of other faiths and denominations.

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What is the format of the General Assembly?

This year's General Assembly will officially begin with committees gathering online from June 22-24, 2026. Between June 25 and 26, attendees will travel to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. **Missouri Union Presbytery's 2026 Commissioners are Teaching Elder, the Reverend Kati Collins, Pastor of First Presbyterian – Columbia, and Ruling Elder, Sami Shirk, First Presbyterian-Kirksville. General Presbyter and Stated Clerk Barbara Chalfant will also be attending.** The Assembly will participate in a Community Day on June 27, where the whole of those attending will be able to join in public witness opportunities and visit the "Town Square" where organizations will be available to equip attendees with resources and connections for further discipleship and ministry. Finally, the plenary sessions will take place in Milwaukee from June 28-July 2, 2026. New Moderators will be elected on the closing day of the Assembly and serve for two years.



Who can attend the General Assembly?

Anyone! The General Assembly embraces an open meeting policy so that all who are interested in the work of the assembly may observe the assembly's proceedings and participate in public assembly events. For those unable to travel to Milwaukee, the assembly will be livestreamed.

You can learn about some of the important issues this year's Assembly will be considering by picking up a copy of the *Presbyterian Outlook's Guide to GA227*. Printed copies are available on the front table in the lobby. We'll also have updates about decisions made and actions taken following the end of the Assembly.

May/June Worship Schedule

- * **Sunday, May 31, 2026 10:30 a.m.**
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn
Communion
All-Church Birthday Party immediately following church
- * **Sunday, June 7, 2026 10:30 a.m.**
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn
- * **Sunday, June 14, 2026 10:30 a.m.**
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn
- * **Sunday, June 21, 2026 10:30 a.m.**
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn
- * **Sunday, June 28, 2026 10:30 a.m.**
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

In person services are also live-streamed on YouTube (Trinity Presbyterian COMO) and Facebook Live.

TO VIEW PAST WORSHIP SERVICE VIDEOS
go to:

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

Prayer List

Please pray for these members who are experiencing current health issues: **Bill Daly, Marianne Fues, Esther Muench Plonk, Anne Seymour.**

Please pray for these relatives and friends of our members: **Glenn Allen** (Karen Neely's brother), **Lou Boka** (Samantha Boka's father), **Marshal Clark** (Margaret Osborn's sister), **Baby Grace, Paul Conditt**, (Sarah Humfeld's father), **Dorothy Jane Greene** (Karen Neely's great-niece) **Peggy Jeffries** (Bruce Jeffries' wife), and **Linda Rose** (frequent visitor).

Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by letting the church office know of any changes.



Library Talk
with Marianne Fues, Trinity Librarian

Happy Father's Day from the Crayons
by Drew Daywalt

Red Crayon loves his dad because he draws the most perfect hearts. Green Crayon loves his grandad, who has a real green thumb. Purple Crayon appreciates his mom on Father's Day, even if she colors outside the lines. This is a celebration of all kinds of families. The Crayons show just how much they love celebrating their dads, as well as single mothers, step and adopted fathers—and other family members—on Father's Day. Trinity Libraries have available materials for all types of families.

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.

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How Will the Trinity Legacy Fund Be Used?

1. For unexpected or unbudgeted expenses deemed necessary by Session.
2. For capital expenses for which there are inadequate reserves or resources;
3. For operating budget shortfalls.

Presbyterian Woman Summer Gathering

**Sunday, August 9 through August 11, 2026
(Registration Deadline July 3)**

The Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Mid-America are planning a Summer Gathering in Branson, MO, from Sunday, August 9 through August 11, 2026. The activities will include worship, workshops, a 'hands on' mission activity, a Murder Mystery Dinner show (optional, extra fee), and time to meet Presbyterian Women from our Synod, which includes churches in Missouri and Kansas.

More detailed information is available in the church office in the Presbyterian Women mail box. You can also e-mail newsletter@trinity-presbyterian.org and we will e-mail it to you.

I am planning to attend and hope that some of you will join me (I need a roommate! :). Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. We have some travel funds available for use, too.

Marcia Lake
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All-Church Birthday Party Sunday, May 31 after Worship!

Don't miss this special occasion to celebrate Trinity's 68th Birthday and your own birthday (whatever month it is in) and to learn about Trinity's new **Legacy Fund** established by Session in 2025.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee will be providing **special, hearty, birthday treats** for everyone in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We'll also have a display of some of Trinity's archives. Remember what you looked like in that 1990 directory? Come and see!

You can get information about the Legacy Fund and consider making a financial gift to help it grow so that Trinity's mission and ministry can continue far into the future. You can donate in honor of your own 2026 birthday, honor someone else on their birthday, or give a "Happy Birthday, Trinity" gift. One creative way to do this is to take your age this year and make a donation equal to your age (50 yrs. = \$50) or if you'd like to give more, you could multiply the amount by 5—50 yrs. = \$250; or 10 — 50 yrs. = \$500, and so on!) All gifts will be greatly appreciated and will be invested carefully by the Stewardship and Finance Committee. Donations to this new fund may also be giving in memory of a loved one.

Brochures are available on the front table in the lobby, and more information about legacy giving will be provided on May 31.

Join us as we celebrate Trinity and the gift of our lives!

Following the "Footsteps of Paul"



Don't miss Ronnie and Margaret Osborn's presentation highlighting their 10-day trip to Greece.

Sunday, June 28
following worship in the Fellowship Hall. A lite lunch will be provided.



Trinity's Brotherhood Fund Provides Financial Help to Others

The Brotherhood Fund was set up by Trinity's elders as the pastor's discretionary fund that is completely confidential. Money is disbursed by the pastor and designed to help out those in our community who may be in the midst of a financial crisis.

Simply make out your check to "Trinity Presbyterian", write in the memo line, "Brotherhood Fund", and mail it to the office or contact Ann Bouchard to determine how to contribute online.

Members of Trinity & Trinity Friends: If you have a special birthday, anniversary, accomplishment, family news, special thanks, upcoming children's events/concerts, or acknowledgements you would like to share, this is a new column for just that purpose. We want you to be able to share your joys with others at Trinity!

Trinity Shares Its Joys

- **Karen Neely**, charter member of the Assistance League of Mid-Missouri, was recently awarded the Ada Edwards Laughlin Award for outstanding service in many capacities across all committees. Congratulations Karen!
- **Shelli Stotts**, daughter of **Bob and June Young** had successful surgery for cancerous thyroid on April 30th.
- **Jo Norris**, daughter of Brian and Jessica Norris, has completed her junior year at Rock Bridge High School, and will spend her senior year in Antofagasta, Chile, as a Rotary Exchange Student. Antofagasta is a large port city known for its copper production and mineral mining and is located between the Pacific Ocean and the Atacama Desert.
- Addy Lilien, granddaughter of **Chris and Ann Bouchard**, received the Columbia Area Career Center's Culinary and Baking Capstone Award for 2026 recently at a ceremony at the Missouri Theater. Addy is completing her junior year at Hickman and will compete in a national, high school culinary competition in Atlanta next week.
- **Jacob Fues** graduated from Hickman High School and will be attending the University of Missouri, studying mechanical engineering. Congratulations Jacob!
- **Meagan Moreland**, daughter of Sara and granddaughter of Rim and Judy Massey, graduated from Northeast Missouri State University with degrees in Elementary Education and Special Education. She has accepted a position with the Independence School District and will be teaching 5th grade at Three Trails Elementary. Congratulations, Meagan!
- **Delaney Moreland**, daughter of Sara and granddaughter of Rim and Judy Massey, graduated from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro last August and is working at The Museum of Science and Innovation in Tampa, FL as a Lead Outreach Coordinator. Best Wishes in your career, Delaney!

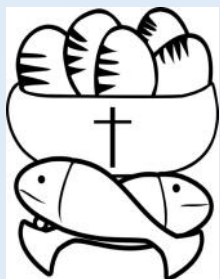
God's Work, Our Hands

Thank you, Cathy Nelson!

ForColumbia was founded to bring Christians together to freely share the love of God by serving our community, side-by-side. By organizing volunteers from Christian churches throughout mid-Missouri, assistance is provided to individuals, non-profit organizations, and other public venues in an annual city-wide day of service.

Cathy Nelson was the only one who represented Trinity this year. On April 25th as part of ForColumbia, she helped an organization called **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**. She made wood components to build beds for children who do not have beds to sleep in! What a

LOAVES AND FISHES



We are looking forward to serving next on:

Thursday, June 11

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

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Trinity Pastor Search

Your Pastor Nominating Committee (“PNC”) continues meeting regularly to diligently review Personal Discernment Profiles of pastors matched to Trinity’s filed Ministry Discernment Profile with the Church Leadership Connection (“CLC”) or who have self-referred through the CLC. The PNC has conducted online interviews with pastors who have applied for the Trinity pastor position and, in some cases, is conducting second interviews with candidates and checking references. The PNC posted Trinity’s open pastor position to the online version of The Presbyterian Outlook and to several PC(USA) affiliated seminary job boards that seminary graduates and alumni use.

Please keep the PNC in your prayers as its members do this important work!

Build connections by joining one of these small groups.



Fiber Fellowship - meets Sept.-May on the 4th Saturday of the month.

Geocaching - Chris Sheriff is the contact.

Dining Out - Please contact Cathy and Larry Holder if you are interested.



Men's Breakfast - Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, **June 10th**, at 8 a.m. at JJ's Café, 1712 N. North Providence Road. All men are invited!

Mahjong Group - Meets most Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Karen Kennedy is the contact.

Women's Coffee Group - Meets the second Friday of each month, **June 12th**, at 9:30 a.m. at Love Coffee on the Business Loop to socialize. All women are invited!



Highlights from the May Stated Session Meeting:

Session met on Tuesday evening, May 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in Rm. 12, welcoming the Rev. Kathie Jackson as Moderator in Rev. Osborn's absence. The agenda was light, and it was a short meeting. Actions taken/information presented include:

- ◆ approval of a 3-month extension of Rev. Osborn's Transitional Pastor covenant (June 1– August 31);
- ◆ acknowledgement of thank you notes from COMO Mobile Aid Collection (\$500 donation) and True North (\$300 donation) from this year's operating budget;
- ◆ report from Technology that we are now live-streaming worship to YouTube as well as Facebook. Information about accessing the live-stream from YouTube will be sent out in the Friday email and in *Trinity Times*.
- ◆ received the April financial report from Ann Bouchard:

April Operating Income	\$ 29,076.04
April Operating Expenses	\$ 27,946.08
Excess Income/Expenses	\$ 1,129.96
Year-to-date Income/Expenses	\$ 47,848.78

Year-to-date income for the first 4 months of the year is about \$2,000 less than for the same period last year; expenses are approximately \$8,000 more. Increased utility and insurance costs, as well as 2026 salary increases, are the primary reasons for the additional operating expenses. Through the first third of the year, 47% of the 2026 operating budget pledges have been received. A new Money Market Account has been opened with the Texas Presbyterian Foundation.

Sunday School Classes

9:15-10:10 a.m.

The Adult Class will meet on May 31 and June 7 to complete its study on the Holy Spirit. The Youth Class will resume in the Fall.



THANK YOU!
SO MUCH

Many thanks to those who helped us host the Missouri Union Presbytery workshop with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Co-Moderator, Tony Larson, on May 18: **Karen Kennedy, Karen Neely, Debbie Newkirk, Cathy Stubbs, Marge Veum, Carol Virkler, Susan Winkelmann.** We were also well-represented with workshop participants **Ann and Chris Bouchard, Cathy and Larry Holder, Karen Kennedy, Karen Neely, Debbie Newkirk and Marge Veum.**

Nine Trinity women also attended the Presbyterian Women's Dinner on Saturday evening, May 16, with Co-Moderator Larson at First Presbyterian: **Ann Bouchard, Karen Kennedy, Marcia Lake, Karen Neely, Cathy Nelson, Cathy Stubbs, Marge Veum, Carol Virkler, and Susan Winkelmann.**

We are so grateful for the excellent participation we had in these special events. Susan Winkelmann and Ann Bouchard also had the pleasure of reconnecting with the other Co-Moderator, the Rev. CeCe Armstrong, at the presbytery meeting on May 19. CeCe preached and taught at Trinity in the summer of 2022.



June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:15am Adult Sunday School Class (Rm. 12) 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Worship with Communion 11:45am All-Church Birthday Party (FH)	1 9:00am PEO Chapter "LM" 7:00pm Fellowship Committee (Zoom) 7:00pm Pastor Nominating Committee	2	3 6:00pm Yoga Group	4 7:00pm Worship Committee (Zoom)	5 1:30pm Mah-jong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	6
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14 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	15	16 7:00pm Session (Rm. 12)	17 11:00am The Wardrobe 4:30pm Love Coffee Board Meeting 6:00pm Yoga Group	18 3:00pm Property Committee	19 1:30pm Mah-jong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	20
21 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	22 7:00pm Stewardship & Finance Committee (Zoom)	23 7:00pm Sacred Harp Singers 7:00pm Technology Committee (Zoom)	24 10:00am Congregational Care Committee (Rm. 12) 6:00pm Yoga Group	25 7:00pm Mission & Outreach Committee	26 1:30pm Mah-jong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	27
28 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Worship 11:45am Footsteps of Paul Presentation & Lunch (FH)	29	30				

Please help us keep the church calendar up-to-date by contacting Ann Bouchard about any changes as soon as you know about them.