



TRINITY TIMES



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LIVING IN THE ORDINARY TIMES

You've probably heard of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter in our church calendar. And hopefully you know the significance of Epiphany and Pentecost to the church! These are all the seasons in the church of what is traditionally called the church's liturgical calendar.

In **Advent**, we remember Jesus's first coming as a baby in the manger and look ahead to his second coming. **Christmas**, of course, celebrates his birth. **Epiphany** marks the revealing of God's love to the world through Jesus. **Lent** is forty days of reflection and repentance to have God shape our hearts and reminds us of our need for a Savior. **Easter** celebrates Christ's resurrection and the good news that because of Christ sin and death do not have power to separate us from God. Then on **Pentecost** we remember Jesus's ascension and the Holy Spirit empowering the church to live out his mission until he returns again.

And between Pentecost and Advent lies a long stretch called **Ordinary Time**. It may feel less dramatic, but it speaks most directly to everyday Christian living—learning to follow Jesus in the steady, ordinary rhythms of life.

It's important to note that the name Ordinary Time doesn't mean "ordinary" as in dull. It comes from ordinal—numbers that mark sequence. These Sundays are simply the "counted weeks" outside the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons. Its liturgical color is green, symbolizing growth, life, and steady, ongoing discipleship.

This is the "in-between" season, the space between the major celebrations. In other words, the holy days are the mountaintops, whereas Ordinary Time are the slopes, valleys and flatlands. All are beautiful — and necessary.

Much of life, when we are honest, is profoundly ordinary. Living is hard work: raising children, caring for aging parents, navigating financial stress, managing health concerns. Living is also deeply joyful: celebrating graduations, a spouse's promotion, the birth of a child, or a long-awaited reconciliation. Nearly everything we experience could be called ordinary, not because it lacks meaning, but because it is shared human ground. These moments are not insignificant; they form the necessary structure of our lives, marking time with peaks and valleys that shape who we are becoming. The ordinary is where life actually happens.

Rev. Lauren Gully in a Presbyterian Foundation article, "Pastoring in Ordinary Time" profoundly puts it this way: *It is striking, then, that so much of the church year is spent in Ordinary Time. During this season, the church is not dressed in the fancy colors of purple, white, or red. There are no major festivals to anchor the calendar, no clear narrative arc like Advent's waiting or Lent's studious reflection. Yet "ordinary" in the church's usage does not mean unimportant or plain. The word comes from ordinal—the counting of time: first, second, third. Ordinary Time is how the church measures the long stretches between high holy days. It quietly proclaims that life continues after the big moments, after Christmas and Easter, after the mountaintop experiences. And it is precisely in this long middle — most of the year, most of our lives, and most of Jesus' ministry — that faith is formed.*

That's why the Scripture readings during this season focus on the daily life of Jesus and the practical work of following him. During this season, we see him teaching small groups, sharing meals, listening to the overlooked, and even napping in a boat. Ordinary moments that reveal extraordinary grace.

You see, Ordinary Time invites us to recognize that in Christ our everyday lives are filled with grace, forgiveness, and hope. We live as new creations not only on Christmas and Easter, but in the long stretch of days where most of life actually happens.

So, during this season of growth, and steady ongoing discipleship may we spend some time to know God's Word, engage with God's people, and live in God's Way.

Rev. Ronnie Osborn



Please Join Us on Sunday, June 28

Following the "Footsteps of Paul"

Don't miss Ronnie and Margaret Osborn's presentation highlighting

their 10-day trip to Greece.

following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

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June/July Worship Schedule

* **Sunday, June 28, 2026 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Timothy Morehouse

* **Sunday, July 5, 2026 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

* **Sunday, July 12, 2026 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

Communion

* **Sunday, July 19, 2026 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

* **Sunday, July 26, 2026 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Kathie Jackson

*Worship services are also live-streamed on YouTube (Trinity Presbyterian COMO) and Facebook (Trinity Presbyterian). Videos of the past seven weeks' worship services are posted on the church website with the most recent on



Home Communion To Be Offered in July

The *Book of Order* provides for the celebration of Holy Communion with those who are homebound, hospitalized, or otherwise unable to attend in-person worship. Session will begin offering this extended service of communion on Sunday, July 12, the day the sacrament is next celebrated in worship. Elders on Session received training from Rev. Osborn at their last meeting.

Our Congregational Care Committee will be reaching out soon to some of our members to see if they would like a home visit with communion. However, you do not need to wait for a call from the committee. If you would like to receive the Sacrament on the afternoon of July 12 or shortly thereafter, please contact Ann at the church office by phone—(573) 445-4469—or email—abouchard@trinity-presbyterian.org—to coordinate a time. Others in your household will be welcome to join in receiving the Sacrament.

Prayer List

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

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** (visitor).

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

Please watch Friday e-mails for details.



Legacy Fund Update

The Stewardship and Finance Committee gratefully acknowledges the recent donations received for the new Legacy Fund. Since the All-Church Birthday Party on May 31, the church has received \$6,672.00 for the Legacy Fund, bringing the fund total to \$42,289.13. The money is invested in an interest-bearing account and will be increasing in value each month. Thank you for celebrating Trinity's 68th birthday, our charter and long-term members, and your birthdays by making a gift to the Legacy Fund.



The church offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, for the Independence Day holiday.

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Join us on Thursday, July 16,
from 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

to tour CCUA's
new Welcome Center and Urban Farm
located at 1769 W. Ash St.

Meet by the entrance to the new
Welcome Center
Parking available nearby

Please let Fellowship Chair
Debbie Newkirk know if you plan to attend.

COLUMBIA CENTER FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE



Build connections
by joining one of
these small groups.

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



Men's Breakfast - Meets
the 2nd Wednesday of the
month, **July 8th**, at 8 a.m. at
JJ's Café, 1712 N. North
Providence Road. All men
are invited—no reservations needed.

Mahjong Group - Meets most Fri-
days 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, **July
10th**, at 9:30 a.m. at Love Coffee on
the Business Loop to socialize. All
women are invited!

Submissions for *Trinity Times*

The deadline for the August *Trinity Times* is
July 24, 2026.

Email: newsletter@trinity-presbyterian.org

Kyle Groshong is our editor.



July Fellowship Event— July 25!



“You’re a Good Man,
Charlie Brown”

Maples Repertory Theater in Macon, MO

&

Dinner at the Pear Tree

Please contact

Debbie Newkirk by July 10 for ticket
information and to make a reservation.

Trinity Scholarship Singer and MU Student

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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 what is important to you, with your friends at Trinity!

Trinity Shares Its Joys

- **Brad Calder** recently biked the entire length of the KATY trail in MO from Clinton to St. Charles!
- **Bruce and Peggy Jeffries** just celebrated 45th wedding anniversary.
- **Addy Lilien**, granddaughter of **Chris and Ann Bouchard** won the silver medal plus a scholarship and kitchen items at the Culinary Arts national championship in Atlanta. Her teacher is Brook Harlan, son of **Tim and Linda Harlan**. Addy will be a senior at Hickman.
- **Rev. Ronnie and Margaret Osborn** had a safe and successful tour of Greece and Turkey as they retraced the footsteps of Paul. We are looking forward to their June 28 presentation to the congregation.
- **Wade and Martha Schondelmeyer** recently celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary.
- **Anne Wagner**, Lenoir resident, will celebrate her 93rd birthday on June 26.

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 checked references.

The PNC will soon conduct an in-person interview with a candidate. 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!

Reminder: 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.

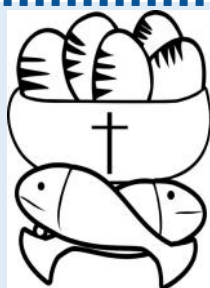
More detailed information is available in the church office in the Presbyterian Women mail box.



- ◆ Approved a nominee for one of the 2026 Evelyn Bedell awards given by Missouri Union Presbytery to older adults who have provided exceptional service to their respective churches and/or the work of the presbytery.
- ◆ Received training from Rev. Osborn for serving home communion to those who cannot participate in Trinity's in-person worship services.
- ◆ Heard a report from the Technology Committee that they are exploring the purchase of another camera and looking at options for remote control and Zoom capabilities to enhance the online viewing experience.
- Received the monthly financial report from Ann Bouchard:

May Operating Income: \$ 28,720.25	May Operating Expenses: \$ 29,579.90	Excess Income/Expenses: \$ (859.65)
YTD Operating Income: \$198,438.08	YTD Operating Expenses: \$151,448.95	Year-to-date Income/Expenses: \$ 46,989.13
- \$6,672 has been received for the new Trinity Legacy Fund.
- ◆ Learned that three new holly bushes have been planted in the Memorial Garden and the wooden bench is being repaired. A new Japanese maple tree has been planted on the east side near the office entrance.
- ◆ Voted to remove the following individuals from the active membership roll: Dennis Grev (living in Minnesota), Alex Yount (living in New York), Eric Yount (living in New York), Angie Meisenheimer Dolliver.

Opportunities For Service - God's Work, Our Hands



LOAVES AND FISHES

Thursday, July 9

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.

Important information:

- ◆ Donated food items need to be dropped off at Trinity by 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ Servers need to be at the [new Voluntary Action Center Opportunity Campus, 1300 Bowling St.](#), by 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Meal service will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Please call our Loaves & Fishes Coordinators, Susan or Bob Winkelmann, if you have questions.



The Wardrobe:

Columbia's all volunteer, non-profit thrift store

Volunteers are needed!

Please sign up using the Sign Up Genius link in the Friday newsletter or the form on the kiosk in the church lobby.

Trinity's next day to work is **Wednesday, July 15** and volunteers are needed for the 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift.



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Library Talk

with Marianne Fues, Trinity Librarian

I hope this letter finds you well ...

by Rev. Dr. Clanton C.W. Dawson, Jr.

The Rev. Dr. Clanton C.W. Dawson Jr., (1954-2024) trained as both a philosopher and theologian who explored profound questions about humanity, race, and community throughout his life: What does it mean to be human? How do we live well with one another? And what do we really mean when we speak of race and color? He spoke and wrote about ethics, race, religion, and moral responsibility, to audiences in classrooms, churches (including Trinity), public forums, and academic conferences across the country. This book is based on a series of articles first appearing in the Columbia Missourian (2016-2024). His work continues to inspire discussions on these important topics.

CW's book is available to check out in the Trinity Library 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.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING SCHOOL KITS 2026

The Mission Committee will be collecting school supply kits this year for the 2026 Festival of Sharing which is a "cooperative response to hunger, poverty and injustice in Missouri and beyond, [the] hope is to support projects and programs that help our neighbors experience healthy and full lives."

The bags for the kits will be available on the table in the narthex starting in July. Inside each bag there will be a list of school supplies to purchase for the kit. The completed kits need to be returned to the church by Sunday, August 30th.

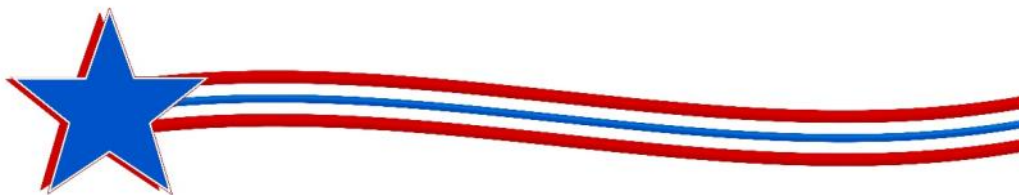
This is a worthy cause, and we hope you can participate!!

If you want to take advantage of Missouri's Back to School Tax Free Weekend for 2026, it is August 7-9, 2026.

For more information, please contact Cathy Nelson at 816-237-9164 or the church office at 573-445-4469.

Brotherhood Fund Provides Financial Help

The Brotherhood Fund was set up many years ago by Trinity's Session as a confidential pastor's discretionary fund. It is designed to help individuals who may be in the midst of a financial crisis. Donations to the Brotherhood Fund may be made at any time. Simply make out your check to "Trinity Presbyterian", and write "Brotherhood Fund" on the memo line or contact Ann Bouchard to determine how to contribute online.



July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00pm Yoga Group	2 7:00pm Worship Committee (Zoom)	3 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	4 Happy 4th of July!
5 9:30am Music Rehearsal 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	6 9:00am PEO Chapter "LM" 7:00pm Fellowship Committee (Zoom)	7	8 8:00am Men's Breakfast-JJ's Cafe 6:00pm Caring Women of COMO 6:00pm Yoga Group (Rms.2-4)	9 4:00pm Loaves and Fishes-VAC Opportunity Campus	10 9:30am Women's Coffee Club - Love Coffee 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	11 1:15pm AAUW Book Club
12 9:30am Music Rehearsal 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	13 1:00pm Garden Club (FH)	14 2:30pm PEO Chapter "JJ" 7:00pm Sacred Harp Singers	15 11:00am The Wardrobe 1:00pm Central MO Judges Council 4:30pm Love Coffee Board Meeting 6:00pm Yoga Group	16 10:00am Urban Ag Tour (1769 W. Ash) 3:00pm Property Committee	17 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	18
19 9:30am Music Rehearsal 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	20	21 7:00pm Session	22 10:00am Congregational Care Comm. (Rm. 12) 6:00pm Yoga Group	23 7:00pm Mission & Outreach Committee (Zoom)	24 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	25 Maples Repertory Theatre / Pear Tree Restaurant
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