



# TRINITY TIMES



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## 2026 Stewardship Sermon Series “I Love My Church”

I believe that God wants us to love the church. Not love what we see in the news sometimes or maybe have experienced emotionally in the past but to love the church as God, through Jesus Christ, intended it to be. That’s what this stewardship series is going to be about—that we’d learn to be the community God intends us to be.

John 13:34-35 proclaims: <sup>34</sup> But I am giving you a new command. You must love each other, just as I have loved you. <sup>35</sup> If you love each other, everyone will know that you are my disciples.”

This verse is a prelude of the church to come. The church will start in Acts, but here we find Jesus meeting with His disciples, telling them how His followers should be known, what the reputation will be of this community He is creating. They will be a people known for their love for one another.

Church people are meant to love one another. It’s not optional, not an elective—it’s a command from Jesus. We are to love one another. But what does that mean? What does it mean to love one another?

Taking that further, when we say we want to love the church as God intended it and us to be, what do we mean by that? What does it look like to intentionally love the church? To be in community with one another as God intended it to be? Well, that’s what the rest of this series is about! Let me give you an overview of what we’ll be looking at:

♥Love by connecting. Being in community—in fellowship, in relationship—with each other is more than knowing people’s names and where they sit on a Sunday morning. We love one another when we stand alongside one another. Being connected with one another is ensuring no one stands alone.

♥Love by serving. God has given each of His followers supernaturally empowered abilities to encourage and help one another and the community. Did you know you have superpowers? We’re going to talk about that.

♥Love by giving. Yes, we’re going to talk about giving. But probably not in the way you’d expect. In fact, in my sermons I won’t talk at all about tithing. We won’t even try any ill-planned guilt trips to get you to give more. We’ll simply talk about giving as an indicator of love.

♥Love by sharing. The love that Jesus gives to us and that we can have for one another isn’t to be hoarded within the walls of the church. The love that we are to have for one another is also meant to show our community what the love of Jesus looks like. If we aren’t sharing the love of God with our words and deeds, then we aren’t truly loving. We’ll talk about this as well.

I invite you to stick with us for the next four weeks as we look at various ways that we can intentionally love the church as we see what it is God intended for the community of faith.

*Pastor Ronnie Osborn*



## Trinity News

### September/October Worship Schedule

\* **Sunday, September 28, 2025 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

\* **Sunday, October 5, 2025 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

**World Communion Sunday/Peace & Global Witness  
Offering**

\* **Sunday, October 12, 2025 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

**Stewardship Sermon Series Begins**

\* **Sunday, October 19, 2025 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Elder Barbara Chalfant

\* **Sunday, October 26, 2025 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

\*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.**



### Sunday School

All classes begin at 9:15 a.m.

- Adult class meet in Room 12;
- High School class meets in the Youth Room;
- Younger Youth (grades 6-9) meet 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:

October 12th 5-7 p.m.

October 26th 5-7 p.m.

### Sunday Refreshments

If you can help provide and/or serve refreshments following worship on a Sunday this fall, please sign up on the form on the kiosk. Fellowship Committee members will greatly appreciate your assistance. Contact Debbie Newkirk, Fellowship Committee Chair, with any questions.

## Peace & Global Witness Offering

Received October 5th



Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. **We will receive the offering on October 5th.**

**25%** of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

**25%** of this Offering goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region.

**50%** of this Offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

The Mission and Outreach committee has selected City of Refuge to receive the local portion of the offering. When refugees are first placed in Columbia, Missouri, they rarely have much more than the clothes they wear. For years after their arrival, our newest neighbors have to navigate situations such as: finding housing, employment, school enrollment, healthcare, taxes, insurance, cultural nuances, and more! The City of Refuge team is able to come alongside them to provide access to resources and meet tangible needs (like toiletries, clothing, and food) in the context of a trusting relationship.

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### Please join us

4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 12

for

**Sarah Humfeld's presentation** on her recent experiences in Northern Thailand and the Elephant Nature Park in Chaing Mai



Following Sarah's talk, we will enjoy a

**Chili Cook Off**, which will include tasting and judging of several chili recipes. A prize will be awarded to the winner! Toppings will be provided.



Please contact Debbie Newkirk by October 5th, if you can help by providing your favorite recipe!

### Highlights from the September Session Meeting



- ◆ Session approved three policies presented by the Stewardship and Finance Committee: the Enduring Gifts Fund Management Overview Policy; the Trinity Legacy Fund Policy; and a new Policy on the February 15 Fund.
- ◆ Session approved an Antiracism Policy for Trinity. This policy is required by the *Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- ◆ The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on October 5, World Communion Sunday. Missouri Union Presbytery's Transitional General Pastor, Elder Barbara Chalfant, will be our guest preacher on October 19.
- ◆ The Session retreat will be held off-campus this year at the Waters House (a Columbia Parks & Recreation facility) on Saturday, November 22nd, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Wally Landrum will be the guest presenter.
- ◆ Administrative Assistant Ann Bouchard presented the financial report. In August, expenses exceeded income by \$3,735.35. Year-to-date income is still running ahead of expenses by almost \$77,000. Ann anticipates that any surplus at the end of the year will need to be used to help fund the 2026 Operating Budget. The bill has been paid for the new siding.
- ◆ The 2026 Stewardship Campaign will begin on Sunday, October 12. Stewardship packets will be distributed to those in attendance on October 5 and mailed to others the following week. Pledge Dedication Sunday is scheduled for November 2nd.
- ◆ The Congregational Care Committee is working on two new initiatives to help our senior members in case of health or other emergencies.
- ◆ Elder Groshong volunteered and was approved to serve as Trinity's commissioner for the November 15 meeting of Missouri Union Presbytery at Bethel Presbyterian in Mexico, MO.

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### *The work has begun!*

Trinity's Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) had their first training session on Tuesday evening, September 16, with Elder Barbara Chalfant, Stated Clerk and Transitional General Presbytery for Missouri Union Presbytery. The PNC chose Wade Schondelmeyer to be their Moderator. Brian Griffith will serve as the PNC Clerk and Chris Bouchard as the Personnel Discernment Profile Clerk.

The PNC will meet regularly on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. One of their first tasks will be to complete the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP). The MDP is a tool to assist in the discernment process for selecting a new pastor. It serves as a "snapshot of the church," providing information such as the church's mission and ministry, its vision for the future, and information on what type of pastor is needed. When it's complete and approved the MDP will be uploaded to the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.'s *Church Leadership Connection* website which is P.C. (U.S.A.)'s internet based national matching and referral system.

It's going to take some time to complete the MDP because of its importance. This document will serve as the primary source of information pastoral candidates will use to learn about Trinity. Once the MDP is ready, the PNC will have a second training session with our General Presbyter. During this first month of work, the PNC will also be discussing other means of getting the word out about our pastoral search and will reach out to referred pastors about this position. Please keep our PNC members—Chris Bouchard, Brian Griffith, Karen Kennedy, Fran Muench, Wade Schondelmeyer, and Sue Young in your prayers. They will have many decisions to make over the next few weeks, and your prayers and encouraging support will be greatly appreciated.

## 6th Annual Trunk or Treat



Join the Fun on Saturday Evening October 25  
from 5:00—6:30 p.m.

Decorate your car, dress up, bring some candy—enjoy the fun!

*Let's fill the entire upper parking lot with cars!*

A sign-up sheet will be on the kiosk in the Narthex.

Invite your family members, friends, & neighbors to come and  
"Trunk or Treat at Trinity"

**Fiber Fellowship** - Saturday, September 27, and October 25 (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 (October 8) 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 (October 10) to socialize at Love Coffee on the Business Loop, 9:30 am. All women are invited!

Build connections by joining one of  
these small groups.



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### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS—October



Welcome to Fall! I hope you all had a good time learning new things about Mary Magdalene, The Tower, at your September meeting. In October, [Afternoon Circle will meet first...on Wednesday, October 1, at 1 pm in Room 12.](#) [Evening Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7 pm on Tuesday, October 7.](#) Both circles will do Lesson Two, Mary "of a Certain Village", in our *Finding Resilience, Joy...* study book. Watch for an e-mail from your chair for details. I hope we will all have a good discussion about Mary, the quiet one. Charlotte Larrick, PW Coordinator, 573-447-0552

### Spotlight on Mission and Outreach Donation Recipients Supported through Trinity's Operating Budget

Serving others has always been the heart of Trinity. While Trinity has many Mission projects, the Mission and Outreach committee is provided with a budget to specifically identify areas of need. The 2026 Trinity Mission budget will be divided among the following 23 programs.

**Bread for the World** is a Christian-based organization that aims and fights to end world hunger, focusing both at home and abroad. Their organization includes thousands of churches and organizations across the country of all denominations.

**Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Collation's** mission is to end and prevent forced labor and sexual exploitation of innocent children, women and men.

**City of Refuge** serves and empowers refugees by helping with immediate needs, building relationships over time and helping them acclimate to the Mid-Missouri area.

**Columbia Housing Authority—Low Income Services** has 3 goals: Help children be prepared to enter school and succeed in school and life. Support families as they work toward self-reliance. Empower individuals and persons with disabilities to live independently.

**COMO Mobile Aid Collective** is dedicated to providing Columbia, Missouri's citizens experiencing homelessness with resources, care and respect.

**Festival of Sharing** works as a cooperative and ecumenical response to hunger, poverty and injustice in Missouri and beyond. Their hope is to support projects and programs that help our neighbors experience healthy and full lives.

**Food Bank for Central and NE Missouri** is a major hunger relief network that partners with over 140 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other agencies to provide food at no cost to those in need. Its multi-faceted program also includes Senior Boxes, VIP Veterans Packs, Buddy Packs to students in 200 schools every weekend during the academic year, and emergency food assistance.

**Frontera de Cristo** is a Presbyterian-sponsored border ministry in the sister cities of Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, and Douglas, Arizona, that provides such services as migrant shelters, assistance for recently deported individuals, after-school centers and a cooperative fair trade coffee business.

**Granny's House** is a multi-church effort that includes programs for children of all ethnic and religious backgrounds. It has become a bridge between children living in Columbia public housing and a wide range of programs and community opportunities.

**Hosean International Ministries'** mission is to empower Haitians with the gospel of Jesus Christ through education, life skills training and economic growth.

**Loaves and Fishes** is a soup kitchen that has been serving evening meals seven nights a week for over 40 years. The meals are prepared and served by volunteers from various community groups. Trinity members contribute, prepare, deliver and serve a hot dinner on the second Thursday of each month.

**Love Coffee** provides employment training and opportunities for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

**Love Columbia** serves anyone in Columbia who is struggling to provide for their basic needs or to improve their life and wants help to create a path forward. They partner with the Love Seat program to provide free furniture.

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**Medical Benevolence Foundation** was formed in 1963 by a group of physicians to improve the quality of care provided by various Church's medical missions. Their goal was to offer consistent international standards of clinical care while sharing the love of God. They are long-term partners with ministry leaders of multiple denominations in the Caribbean, Africa and the Middle East.

**Mobility Worldwide- Columbia MO Project** is a faith based, volunteer run organization which builds adult hand crank carts, child carts, adult pull carts as well as recycled wheelchairs, canes and walkers for people who live in impoverished countries and are immobile due to injury, war or disease. They also repair used sewing machines and form sewing kits for people in impoverished areas. The goal is to help them earn a living for their family.

**Presbyterian Children's Home and Services** provide Christ-centered care and support to children and families in need in Missouri and Texas. There is a branch in the First Presbyterian Church with Social Workers who help foster youth in our area who are aging out of the Foster Care system.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** responds to natural and human-caused disasters around the world by providing immediate and long-term support.

**Room at the Inn** provides a safe, warm and dry place to sleep for our unsheltered population 365 nights a year and all-day Saturday.

**Show Me Central Habitat for Humanity** helps people who struggle find affordable housing to achieve lasting stability through home ownership. Selected applicants complete a minimum of 250 work hours, working alongside volunteers to build their new home. Habitat sells homes at no profit and provides interest free mortgages.

**True North** provides safety, shelter, education and transitional support for those who have been affected by intimate partner and sexual violence.

**Vandalia Agape House** provides shelter for up to 30 visitors. The shelter provides affordable overnight lodging to families of offenders in area state correctional facilities.

**Voluntary Action Center (VAC) Fish Fund** Since 1981, Columbia area congregations have supported low-income families through the Faith in Service to Humanity (FISH) Fund of Interfaith Council. VAC is the sole administrator of this fund, providing this service at no charge. VAC provides resources for basic and emergency needs in the areas of health, employment, education and housing.

**Wardrobe** sells donated clothing at low prices. Upon annual renewal, referrals from the Voluntary Action Center, local social service agencies, and area churches can receive five complete outfits twice per year. The referrals are also eligible to purchase inexpensive shoe coupons to redeem at a local shoe store. It is operated by volunteers from area churches. Trinity volunteers work every third Wednesday of the month.

## Opportunities For Service - God's Work, Our Hands



We are looking forward to serving  
next on

**Thursday, October 9**

**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.

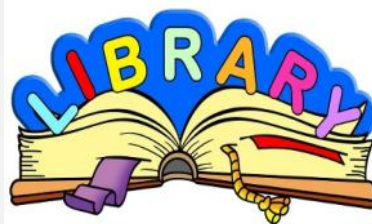
*Trinity's day to work is  
**Wednesday, October 15**  
and volunteers are needed for the  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift.*

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### 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. It is dispensed only 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.



### Library Talk

with Marianne Fues,  
Trinity Librarian

### Preaching In The Purple Zone : Ministry In The Red-Blue Divide by Leah D. Schade

Leah Schade contends that congregations and congregational leaders can have grace-filled conversations about topics that divide us and divide our society. These conversations can help us carefully consider each other's viewpoints and may build truth and empathy in our churches.

The process allows participants to become more knowledgeable about particular issues, and to learn about other members viewpoints. The process helps people "feel heard, engaged, empowered, and inspired to take action." As they engage respectfully with each other, it can help to transform a church from a culture of "fight or flight" to one of healthy engagement with the issues that matter to them and their community.

The author covers the foundation for the sermon-dialogue-sermon model, the model itself and how to lead it, as well as four case studies.

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!

## Prayers, Please

### Recent Prayer Requests

**Laura Cooper and her husband**—recovering from COVID.

**Baby Grace**— 2 month old who has been in the hospital since birth, recently put on a ventilator. Parents are Ryan and Elvera. Elvera is the sister of Ronnie and Margaret Osborn's daughter-in-law.

**Linda Harlan**—doing well, but still recovering from knee replacement surgery

**Charlotte Larrick**—hospitalized with breathing difficulties; undergoing tests.

**Odell Newkirk**—recovering from hernia surgery

**Anne Seymour**—broken elbow and collar bone, having surgery 9/24

### Continuing Requests

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

**Sarah Grim**—ongoing issues with vertigo

**Georgia Morehouse**—ongoing therapy for stroke recovery

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

**Sondra Ricketts**—several health issues, has home health assistance

**Anne Stahr**—at Lake George Assisted Living



### Submissions for Trinity Times

The deadline for the November Trinity Times is  
October 24, 2025.

Email: [newsletter@trinity-presbyterian.org](mailto:newsletter@trinity-presbyterian.org)  
Kyle Groshong is our editor.

# October 2025



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