



The Bridge

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"Diverse in Backgrounds, United in Faith"

Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, the T.I.G.E.R.s Youth Group kindly invited me to go see *The Lego Movie* with them and several of their parents. We had a great time, and at the end of the day we all had the movie's theme song stuck in our head. It goes: "Everything is awesome! Everything is cool when you're part of a team! Everything is awesooooome!" (If you have not seen the movie or heard the song, I recommend that you think twice before looking it up; it will be stuck in your head...for days. For those of you who have heard the song and I have just gotten it stuck in your head, my deepest apologies). The song is used to illustrate how living into your creative, individual self is better than following the crowd. Ironically, the shows heroes use their creative, individual selves to create success as – you guessed it – *a team*.

Of course, seeing this movie with our wonderful Youth made me think of ways in which those of us reading this newsletter are a team. More than just a team, we are the church – the body of Christ. We are connected with our brothers and sisters from all times and places, and most of us have been a part of this body long enough to know that everything is not always "cool when you're part of a team." Sometimes we get worn out. Other times we may have our feelings hurt. Most often, we get pulled away by life's other commitments. In short, life happens.

But *then*, friends, we come to the renewal of Easter! Resurrection! God's promises for a future where all things are made new! And in the face of the risen Christ, the disciples don't relax and take a break. Instead, they "ran to tell" the good news (Mt. 28:8). They spread the good news of the gospel and did it very often in communities, churches, partnerships – in other words, as a team.

As we approach the Easter season, I invite you to renew your faith and your commitment to the Trinity "team." If you are one of our most active members, keep up the good work! If you haven't been able to attend in a while, welcome back! If you are one of our friends reading this newsletter far away, increase Trinity's presence in your prayers. Find ways to live into *your* creative, individual self. There is a place for you at Trinity, and always room at the table. Come and see our *awesome* God.

Blessings,
Elizabeth





WEATHER CLOSINGS

When the weather is bad do you wonder if Trinity is opened? Now you can turn to your local television stations to find out. We will be listed on WDAF Channel 4, KMBC, Channel 9, and KSHB Channel 41. We will **NOT** be listed on KCTV Channel 5.

2014 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT

Trinity will again be paying our assigned per capita assessment in 2014 by asking members of the congregation to donate their own \$32.95 per active member. This will help to ease our budget.

WE GRIEVE WITH THOSE WHO GRIEVE...

Trinity sends its love and sympathy to Sondra Tivis and her family following the death of her father on Friday, March 14.

Trinity also sends its sympathy to Glen Clark's family following his death on March 19. His funeral service was held on Sunday, March 23, 2014.

Trinity also sends its sympathy to Helen West, former member, and her family upon the death of her dear mother, Dorothy Hughes.

WE REJOICE WITH THOSE WHO REJOICE...

Congratulations to Madeliene Lyons who had been selected to go to France next year in an exchange program.

Olivia Mills who was born with cataracts and blind, has had cataract surgery and now can see.

Congratulations to Keith & Stacia Martin upon the birth of their daughter, Michaela Kristine. She was born February 28th at 7:59 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz and measured 20 inches with blue eyes and strawberry blond hair. Her proud grandmother is Jan Privett.



From the Women's Morning Circle...

Thank you, Trinity, for collecting the Best Choice Bar Codes. We turned in the bar codes for 2013 and received a check for \$180.00.

We have already collected 1212 for 2014. Please keep saving!

From the Sew & So's...

The sewing group needs used bed sheets to use as filling for their quilts. If you have extra to donate, they would be so grateful.

INVITATION TO AN OPEN HOUSE

Hope you can attend . . .

Event: Sanctuary Restoration
Date: April 13th
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Given by: Calvary Presbyterian Church
Address: 2911 Blue Ridge Blvd.
Independence, MO 64052
Please R.S.V.P. *Norma Boydston*
Phone: 816-313-5941

T.I.G.E.R.s' Corner

Here's the update of the T.I.G.E.R.s for the last few months. In the past months we've enjoyed many events that have included a lock-in where some were brave enough to go ice skating at Crown Center, dinner at Fritz's and watched movies. Evenings where we were at the Lyons' house watching movies, making the ribbon bookmarks that the new hymnals are sporting, eating popcorn and even an impromptu salad dinner that Mr. & Mrs. Lyons provided. We've had outings to Pizza Street, the Legos movie (with Elizabeth and some youth from Grain Valley Methodist church) and the GOD'S NOT DEAD movie. Elizabeth was able to join us for a meeting shortly after she came to Independence, talked with the kids and was there for elections. New officers are President - Candice, Vice President - Madeliene, Secretary - TJ, & Historian - Faith. Elizabeth will be joining us again March 30th for a discussion regarding the GOD'S NOT DEAD movie. We have watched multiple movies like Tangled, Grace Unplugged, Planes, and more. And of course the selling of Price Chopper coupon books.

Some upcoming events for T.I.G.E.R.s in addition to our regular weekly meetings in April will be:

- April 18-19 a 30 Hour Famine lock-in
- April 19 assist with the Easter Egg Hunt
- April 20 Son Rise Service
- April 25-26 Heartland Presbytery Youth Retreat.

Apr. 6: 6:15 p.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s
Apr. 13: 6:15 p.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s
Apr. 20: **NO T.I.G.E.R.'s today**
Apr. 27: 6:15 p.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s

T.I.G.E.R.'s questions call
Becky Layman at 830-4066.



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

This list of members at Trinity has been organized for the purpose of being lifted up in prayer during the week. We look forward to God's blessings as we pray for one another. During the month please pray for these:

Apr 6: Christi Trober
Dorothy Vader
Orville & Christine Walker
Apr 13: Rich & Donna White
Brian, Julie, & Danielle
Wildshuetz, & Alyssa Morris
Joann Wyman
Apr. 20: Gary, Susan, & Amanda
Wysocki
Maggie Allen
Rob & Lara Anderson &
Grant Allen
Apr. 27: Julie Atkins
Sandra Atkins
Sandra Bellew

Computer Users:

Please bring in your printer cartridges when you come to church. There is a box to place them in by the Session members mailbox.

Questions—See Sondra Tivis

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

The season of Lent is half over and the CE committee hopes you are preparing your hearts and minds for the resurrection of our Lord.

Sunday School classes are available for all ages. Diane Miller is working with our Nursery group, Kerry Ellis is teaching the Youth class grades 1-12 upstairs in the Youth room, and Evelyn Richards is teaching our Adult group meeting in the Conference room. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30.

We need your help: Since the Youth Room is being used for Sunday school and T.I.G.E.R.s., space is a premium. In the past this room has been used as a place to put things you don't know where they go. Please do not store things in this room without permission from Becky Layman or Lucy Berry. We are trying to keep this room organized for both groups to use. Thank you for your help with this.

Upcoming CE Easter Events:

Palm Sunday April 13. The Youth of our church will process with palms

Easter Egg Hunt, April 19, 10:00 a.m. ages birth to 5th grade.

Son Rise Service, April 20, 9:00 a.m. (note new time) in Founders Hall

Easter breakfast, April 20, 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. This will include muffins, fruit, coffee, and juices.

Any CE questions or concerns please contact any member of the CE committee.

In Christ,
Lucy Berry



ALUMINUM COLLECTION

For several years this congregation has recycled aluminum cans. Proceeds are given to help our youth activities expenses. This has yielded \$200 - \$300 a year.

There have been some clarifications from the buyer. they **only** want beverage cans, clean, dry, & empty. The current price is 58 cents per pound.

NO pet food cans.

NO foil or pie pans

NO paper of any kind

NO plastic except the sack

Put them in the black box in our parking lot.

At special times we could benefit from collecting old aluminum cookware, aluminum guttering, and old aluminum storm windows.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Apr.	1	Lucy Berry
	2	Ruth Murray
	3	David Thieme

- 8 Pat Rich
- 11 Ann Rich
- 12 Dorothy Vader
- 27 Jennifer Robinson

APRIL ANNIVERSARY

- Apr. 15 Clark & Amy Riddle
- 19 Dave & Daleen Lyons
- 21 Brian & Julie Wildschuetz
- 22 Rick & Diane Norman

PASCHAL SEDER
Maundy Thursday, April 17
6:30 p.m.

All are welcome to our Maundy Thursday Service & Pot Luck Dinner. We will celebrate with a **Paschal Seder** - a worship service during which we will share a meal, the Lord's Supper, and words of Scripture.

Please bring a dish to share. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend.

EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday, April 19, 2014
10:00 a.m.

All kids through 5th grade are invited to attend. Please bring your children, grandchildren, and neighbors to this fun event.

Coffee, juice, and doughnuts will be provided. Please bring your own basket to collect your eggs in.

Any questions, please contact Lucy Berry at 816-456-2235

EASTER "SON RISE" SERVICE
Sunday, April 20, 2014
9:00 a.m.

The Youth will present the service that morning. Come and celebrate our Risen Lord with your friends!

EASTER BREAKFAST
Sunday, April 20
9:30 a.m.

A continental breakfast consisting of muffins, fruit, coffee, & juice will be served following the SON RISE service.



April 13, 2014
 10:30 a.m.

On the first Day of the Week
"The people came together..."

Worship Services:

Mar. 2	.....Snow/No Service
Mar. 9	.....73
Mar. 16	..... 57
Mar. 23	..... 72
Mar. 30	.....Not Available

"and the people gave . . . "

Mar. 2	.....Snow/No Service
Mar. 9	.....\$6,692.96
Mar. 16	.....2,698.80
Mar. 23	.....2,280.00
Mar. 30	.....<u>Not Available</u>
Total	.....\$11,671.76

Budget information: (as of January, 2014)
 Weekly Bgt. Requirement\$ 2,823.96

Mar. Average Weekly Giving\$2,917.94

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Mrs. Mary Zoe Shelley
Mr. & Mrs. Richard White
Rev. Elizabeth Meador
Mrs. Mary Zoe Shelley
Stephen Emrick Family