

# THE BRIDGE

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*"Diverse in Backgrounds, United in Faith"*

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Dear Friends,

Over the next two months, let's do some Random Acts of Generosity!

Every fall since I've been at Trinity, we've talked about Stewardship. This fall will be no different! I always relish the opportunity to reflect on the abundance that God has given to us, as well as to dream with you about how we might go forward.

This year, my Stewardship sermons will focus on the theme of generosity. In a nutshell, I'm hoping to discuss how Stewardship is an opportunity to be generous alongside God (who has already been so generous with us!). In late October and early November, we will tell stories from the Bible and our own lives about how generosity impacts us spiritually.

To accompany this theme, there is now a **Random Acts of Generosity** bulletin board at the north/office entrance to the church. The concept is simple – choose a slip of paper, which will give you a Random Act of Generosity to do for the week. You may choose from five categories: generosity to self, friends & family, church, strangers, and the community. There is also a sixth batch with Random Act of Generosity that kids can do with minimal parental help.

Very few of these Random Act of Generosity require money (and the ones that do only require a modest amount). Some of them are actions, some of them are conversations, and a few of them are mental exercises. I hope that by engaging in Random Act of Generosity this fall, we'll begin to expand our understanding of generosity and stewardship as a spiritual discipline rather than just a financial practice.

I ask you to take at least one slip of paper between October and November – and I encourage you to take one a week if you're able! This fall, let's be intentionally generous together, and see what God teaches us.

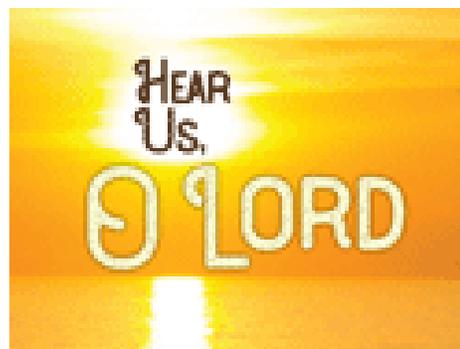
Blessings, Elizabeth





Trinity sends its love and sympathy to the family of Marian Hall Carr. She was a faithful member of the Sew & So's, making quilts to donate to charities.

A memorial service will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Trinity.



## 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 richest blessings as we pray for one another. During the month please pray for these:

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| Oct | 3  | John & Teresa Chapman         |
|     | 5  | Steven & Kristina<br>Shineman |
|     | 17 | Dennis & Stacy Graham         |
|     | 25 | Chris & Sara Williams         |

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| <b>Oct.</b> | <b>7:</b>   | Dorothy Vader<br>Dr. Orville Walker<br>Marilyn Walter & River<br>Jordan & Harley Preator         |
| <b>Oct.</b> | <b>14::</b> | Dan Washburn<br>Mary Weldon<br>Rich & Donna White  |
| <b>Oct.</b> | <b>21:</b>  | Brian, Julie, & Danielle<br>Wildschuetz & Alyssa<br>Morris<br>Steve & Mary Winfry<br>Joann Wyman |
| <b>Oct.</b> | <b>28:</b>  | Rev. Robert Wyman<br>Gary & Susan Wysocki<br>Rev. James Adams                                    |

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| <b>Oct.</b> | 2  | Steve Burns                       |
|             | 9  | Jennie Richards                   |
|             | 11 | James Seward                      |
|             | 12 | Howard Rich                       |
|             | 14 | Aiden Shireman<br>Charles Strobel |
|             | 17 | Betty Goetz                       |
|             | 20 | Joe Daniel, Jr.                   |
|             | 21 | Mary Daniel                       |
|             | 23 | Bridget Shireman                  |
|             | 26 | Eland Ellis                       |
|             | 28 | Richard Shineman                  |
|             | 30 | Susan Matthews                    |
|             | 31 | Beth McPike                       |
|             |    | Jordan Richards                   |

## SEW 'N SO'S

Thank you Trinity, for saving the Best Choice Bar Codes for us. We have received 1,096 bar codes far this year. Please keep saving.





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

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| Sept. 2  | ..... | 52          |
| Sept. 9  | ..... | 55          |
| Sept. 16 | ..... | 66          |
| Sept. 23 | ..... | 66          |
| Sept. 30 | ..... | Unavailable |

*"and the people gave . . . "*

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| Sept. 2  | ..... | \$3,027.84         |
| Sept. 9  | ..... | 2,143.26           |
| Sept. 16 | ..... | 1,458.00           |
| Sept. 23 | ..... | 1,555.00           |
| Sept. 30 | ..... | <u>Unavailable</u> |
| Total    | ..... | \$8,184.10         |

### SANTA-CALI-GON EARNINGS

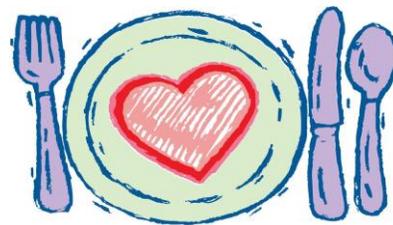


Thanks to all of your hard work, we had a successful year at Santa-Cali-Gon, selling well over 3,000 funnel cakes! Our gross profit was \$13,924.89 – our net profit after expenses is around \$7,300. That’s a whole lot of money to support the church and God’s mission for us! Great work, everyone!



**FALL FUN FEST  
October 20, 2018  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Our annual Fall Fun Fest is almost here! Games, hot dogs, and s’mores will be available to anyone who wishes to stop by. We also plan to have the zoomobile, touch-a-truck, and hayrides! Please invite your friends, and see Kim Miller if you are able to volunteer.



### Trinity Table

Formerly known as the Community Lunch, Trinity Table is a monthly effort to provide a hot meal to anyone who needs or wants it. The next Trinity Table is scheduled for Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. We have plenty of cookies this month thanks to your generosity. If you would like to donate monetary support or your time as a volunteer, please see Kyle Palmer.



Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for the prayers, texts, phone calls and cards during my recent illness. It certainly was a comfort to me to know that you were praying, and that I was in your thoughts.

Cathy Ruppert

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### CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

**PLUMB LINE** - In the writings of the prophets Isaiah and Amos a plumb line is a symbol of Gods judgment of Israel: "I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line" (Isaiah 28:17, NIV); The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in His hand.... Then the Lord said, "Look I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer" (Amos 7:7-8, NIV). When Jesus is portrayed as Judge of the world, He is sometimes shown holding a plumb line.



**Lace up your walking shoes ~  
It's Crop Walk time again!  
Join in on Sunday, October 14 at  
11:45 for a Congregational Spaghetti  
Lunch followed by the Walk at 2 PM**

Trinity Walkers will step out with others from the metropolitan area to fight hunger throughout the KC metro area; aid in relief for those affected by natural disasters; and provide food, water and resources that empower people around the world to meet their own needs. This year's 3.3 mile (apx.5K) Church World Service (CWS) CROP Walk will begin and end at Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak, Kansas City, MO. Registration begins at 1:00 PM and the walk at 2:00 PM. Walker packets are available at church on Sundays so you can collect donations from your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Even if you aren't able to make it on Walk Day, you can still get a packet and raise funds to help fight hunger! Just be sure to have all of your donations collected and ready to turn in on Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Congregational Spaghetti Dinner. Walkers will be first in line so they can be ready to step out.

Folks can help by donating directly to a specific Trinity walker with cash or a check, or visit <http://www.crophungerwalk.org/donate>. Choose **Donate** then choose **Walker** or **Team**. Our team name is Trinity Presbyterian Church or you can pick your favorite walker if they are signed up online. You can then use your debit card, charge card or Pay Pal account to make your donation.

By working together with CWS we can help fight hunger locally and globally! Contact Mari Shineman (816)803-8796 to get your walker packet, with questions or for more information.



## 2018 Nominating Committee

There will be a meeting of the Church Nominating Committee following worship on Sunday, October 7. This year's committee is comprised of Troy Berry, Norma Boydston, Cathy Ruppert, Mari Shineman (Moderator), David Thieme, and Julie Wildschuetz. The task before us is to prepare the slate of officers for the Session Class of 2021. Members of the congregation will be contacted by a member of the committee prior to the December Congregational Meeting if they are being considered for a position in church leadership. If you have any questions please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

## A DOSE of HUMOR



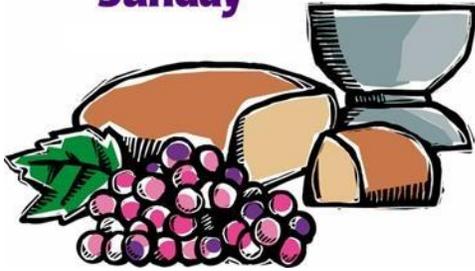
From a church newsletter:  
 GOSPEL READING  
 Jesus is tempted by Stan  
 Matthew 4:1-11  
 That's an interesting new name for Satan.



## HARVEST TABLES OPEN

Share your harvest with people who fight hunger in Jackson County. Harvest Tables will be at the front of the sanctuary for the month of November. In December, your offerings of food will be taken to the local Salvation Army.

## World Communion Sunday



On October 7th we will celebrate World Communion. The Worship committee plans to have a "tasting" table again in the Tower Room after worship for fellowship, and to taste some breads from around the world. If you bake a particular type of bread, or would like to purchase something for the tasting table it would be very much appreciated. Last year we had challah, falafal, Armenian bread, Naan, sourdough, French, tortillas..... Just a great variety of different breads to sample and enjoy. Some folks also brought spreads, butter, olive oil, tzatziki, hummus, jams, what ever you might want to share would be fun!

See you at the Tasting Table Oct. 7th after worship!



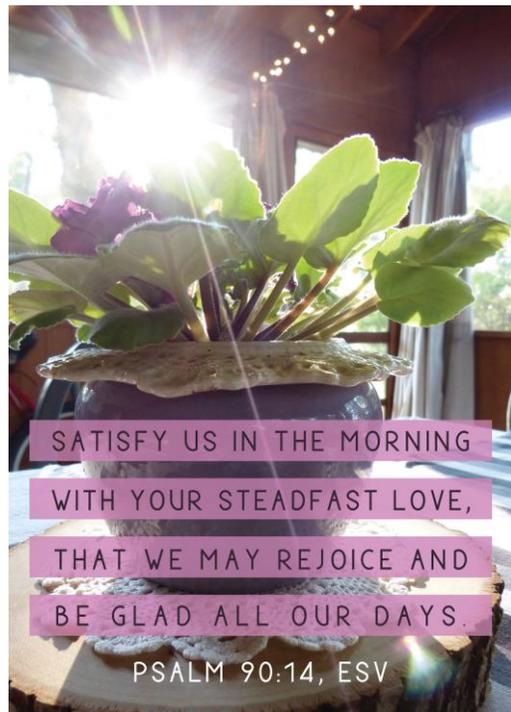
## Weekly Collections

In the narthex, Trinity has collection spots open every week for:

- canned and dry goods
- elementary school supplies
- gently used eyeglasses
- aluminum can tabs
- keys



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SATISFY US IN THE MORNING  
WITH YOUR STEADFAST LOVE,  
THAT WE MAY REJOICE AND  
BE GLAD ALL OUR DAYS.  
PSALM 90:14, ESV

Don't Miss the



The deadline for items submitted for the October Bridge is Friday, September 21st.

Information for the weekly News Sheet is due each week on Wednesday by 1:00 p.m.

