

THE BRIDGE

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"Diverse in Backgrounds, United in Faith"

Dear Members & Friends of Trinity Presbyterian Church:

This fall we have a lot for which we are thankful. First, we have obtained our pledge goal for the Capital Campaign. Our church has begun the work of renovating and repairing our building: there is new flooring in the Founders Hall and the worship wing, as well as a new sound system which includes Founders Hall, the Fellowship Hall, and the Nursery. Repairs to our building exterior are now underway, and our sanctuary renovations will begin in 2019. Secondly, we have reached out to our community in new and successful ways. For the first time in many years, Trinity hosted Vacation Bible School, which was attended by about 30 children. Trinity Table, our new program of free Saturday lunches, has helped feed those in need in our community. In the next few months we will have many activities with members of Trinity participating in the Thanksgiving Dinner, Breakfast with Santa, Handel's *Messiah*, and our Christmas Eve traditions. All of these activities have been to the glory of God - reaching out in mission to our community and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

Through God's guidance and his blessings, we are able to do this. Each one of us must consider how God has blessed us this year. As John Calvin stated, "We are surrounded by God's benefits. The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude." Ask yourself: Are we giving enough as a congregation? Am I giving enough? Our stewardship should be a response to God's creative, redeeming, and sustaining grace. The implications of our giving touch all aspects of our lives. We shouldn't hesitate to give more because we know others give less. Also, we shouldn't feel that our giving is not enough just because others give more. Our giving is a measure of faith.

Making financial commitments makes many of us uncomfortable, but when we consider prayerfully where the church is located in our own list of priorities, it can be a renewing and liberating experience. As Christians working together, we must be accountable to one another in lifting up our stewardship commitment as evidence of new life in Jesus Christ. This is a voluntary commitment between you and God. We need more people giving more. For some of us that just isn't financially possible. For some it may mean an adjustment in our priorities. For others we can do it at any point we choose. We need to invite more people to share the mission of this congregation. They will find a loving fellowship and an opportunity for commitment of their time, talent, and giving.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the past. Just as there have been accomplishments in the past, 2019 offers new possibilities as well. May God continue to bless our congregation in the coming year.

In ministry together,

Dennis DeLong
Stewardship Committee Moderator



November

ANNIVERSARIES

- Nov. 8 Charles & Rev. Elizabeth Strobel
 22 Bob & Jane Cooper
 24 Bob & Susan Sorensen



November

BIRTHDAYS

- Nov. 1 Jerry Schmitt
 3 Jenna Zakrajsek
 5 Kristopher Taylor
 9 Jean Babcock
 13 Jean Riddle
 15 Woody Bradshaw
 16 Kyndal Robinson
 20 Zoey Shireman
 25 Christine Hanes
 Jess Layman
 26 Jim McPike
 29 Susan Sorensen



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:

- Nov. 4: Lara & Rob Anderson & Grant Allen
 Julie Atkins
 Jean Babcock
 Nov. 11: Sandra Bellew
 David & Lucy Berry
 Kevin Berry
 Nov. 18: Megan Berry
 Troy Berry
 Shirley Beshore
 Nov. 25: Gale & Norma Boydston
 Terry & Vickie Brock
 Marilyn Burkett

SEW 'N SO'S

Thank you Trinity, for saving the Best Choice Bar Codes for us. We have received 1,143 bar codes far this year. Please keep saving.





On the first Day of the Week

"The people came together..."

Sept. 30	90
Oct. 7.....	65
Oct. 14.....	78
Oct. 21.....	56
Oct. 28	71

"and the people gave . . . "

Sept. 30	\$2,921.00
Oct. 7.....	\$2,655.00
Oct. 14.....	\$2,014.29
Oct. 21.....	\$1,194.00
Oct. 28.....	\$1,387.81
Total.....	\$10,172.10

A heartfelt thank you to those who have so lovingly and generously contributed to Trinity's memorial funds:

- Lorna K Anderson*
- Lee & Dottie Carr*
- Russell L Honley & Robin D. Gibbons*
- Jerry E & Gerogia L Robb*
- James & Elizabeth McPike*
- Robert & Jane Cooper*
- Billie M. Cross*
- Betty Lou Goetz*
- Jackie & Jessamine Layman*
- Betty J. Miller*
- Mary Zoe Shelley*
- Rev. Elizabeth Meador Strobel*
- Gary M. & Susan E. Wysocki*
- Jan Privett*
- Ann H. Rich*
- Richard & Marilyn Shineman*
- Kathleen D. Horan*

THE JOASH CHEST

"Joash was seven years old when he began to reign; he reigned forty years in Jerusalem...The king gave command, and they made a chest, and set it outside the gate of the house of the Lord. All the leaders and all the people rejoiced and brought their tax and dropped it into the chest until it was full... So they did day after day, and collected money in abundance."



-from 2 Chronicles 24

The Joash Chest will be open to receive your 2019 Pledges at our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 16th. The Joash Chest can then be found in the sanctuary every week beginning on Sunday, November 18th.



CROP WALK WRAP UP

Thank you Trinity for another wonderful response to our walkers! Seven persons/teams collected a total of \$1,107 this year! Our top collector was the Privett/Martin team with a total of \$335. Dave Lyons, Sr came in second place with \$330. The Trinity Walkers braved the nasty cold rain to show their dedication to helping others.

Thanks also to the Fellowship Committee for providing a delicious spaghetti luncheon following worship that day!

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

Sun of Righteousness

The sun is often used as a symbol for Christ, especially during church-year seasons that use prophetic imagery and focus on Jesus' second coming. Malachi 4:2 — "But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings" (ESV) — is echoed in the Christmas hymn "Hark, the Herald Angels sing":
Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.



Harvest Table



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.



**Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 4, 2018**



A Feast of Gratitude

Friday, November 16

6:00 p.m.

Please join your Trinity family for Thanksgiving Dinner. Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, and rolls will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Any questions, please call Beverly Thieme at 719-5473.

A STANZA FOR VETERANS DAY

As we remember America's veterans on November 11, we would do well to read again the third stanza of Katherine Lee Bates' *America the Beautiful*.

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self
Their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!



To Elizabeth, the Men's Chorus and the "Kitchen Ladies" of Trinity Presbyterian:

Thank you all so very much for the beautiful music, the delicious food and the very touching words—all in loving memory or our Mother and Grandmother. Marian loved the people here and it was a wonderful memorial in her honor. Thank you all.

The Hall Family



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, November 10th. If you would like to donate monetary support or your time as a volunteer, please see Kyle Palmer.



Trinity,

This is a special thank you to all of my Trinity family for your donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.

My granddaughter and I put together 53 small baskets for the Community Service League in Maysville, MO.

We are using other items donated to put in the Christmas stockings for children in Maysville.

Thanks for your donations. Keep saving, I am working on next year for Independence Community Service League.

Diana Miller



Mark Your Calendars for **DECEMBER**



DECORATE THE CHURCH

Saturday, December 1st
9:00 a.m.

We will be having a time of fun and fellowship while decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 1st, 9:00 – noon. Come and help and enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 8
8:00 a.m. – 11:00



INDEPENDENCE MESSIAH

Saturday, December 15
7:00 p.m.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 16
10:30 a.m.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 23
10:30 a.m.



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS!

How do you tackle your Christmas list when there are folks who seem to already have everything? A gift from the heart is the perfect gift!

Trinity has received the 2018-2019 Presbyterian Giving Catalog that lists a variety of small gifts with a big impact. You can give families in need the gift of livestock to help improve their food security and/or as a source of income, you can help a whole community with safe drinking water, you can help provide school supplies for a displaced student, or a sewing machine that can help a single family with their clothing needs or help launch a business in a community... Doing it all in honor of your hard to buy for loved one. There are so many possibilities, some for as low as \$25! Check out the catalog on the Mission Spotlight bulletin board in the Narthex.

You can also send a donation to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund in their honor. That gift would help those affected by hurricanes like Florence and Michael, and earthquakes and other natural disasters throughout the world. More information on this can be found at www.PCUSA.org

Our sanctuary will be decorated for the 2018 holiday season with beautiful poinsettias.

If you would like to provide a poinsettia in honor of someone you love, we invite you to do so by filling out the form below and returning it to the church office with your check for \$8.00 by November 25th. Make your check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office.

A list of donors, as well as the person(s) in whose honor/memory/celebration the gift is given will be printed in the News Sheet.

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Celebration of _____

Given by: _____

I will pick up my flower(s) following worship Christmas Eve

I wish for my flower(s) to be delivered to a shut-in.

Please name the shut-in, if possible.

If you have any questions call the church office, 252-5893 or Karol Palmer at 769-1930.

#GIVING TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 27, 2018

Black Friday...Cyber Monday...Giving Tuesday! Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. This year, be sure to remember your favorite charity and your church family in your giving!



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.

From a worship bulletin:

Important news:
 We want to give you a head's about
 an upcoming change.
 Soon you'll notice extra activity in the

What's up with that wording?



Don't Miss the



The deadline for items submitted for the December Bridge is Wednesday, November 21st.

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