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“Diverse in Background, United in Faith”

Friends,

Happy Summer! Even though it has been a few years since my calendar was dictated by a school schedule, there is still something about late May and early June that feels like *freedom!* The days get warmer, fun activities seem to increase – of course, this may all mean that your calendar is much busier in the summer. Many of you will take trips, be reunited with family, and take your children and grandchildren to camp. The opportunities seem limitless!

Here at Trinity, we slow down during the summer and allow ourselves some Sabbath time. Attendance and giving is often lower, we take a break from Sunday School, we schedule fewer activities. Some might anticipate these summer slow-downs with dread or worry, but I approach them with great joy – they are evidence to me that you are all out in the world, enjoying God’s creation and goodness! While I miss all of you when you’re not able to be in church, I am always delighted to hear about the wonderful times you have traveling and with family. God is good, all the time!

I encourage you, though, not to forget about the many wonderful things happening at Trinity this summer. As your schedule changes over the next few months, remember that many of our homebound members still desire your visits and cards, some members may need your care during a hospitalization, and there are many opportunities to volunteer with our children. VBS and the Strawberry Festival are coming up quickly, as are a number of fellowship activities. And as always, we will gather together weekly to worship and catch up with one another.

God is good, all the time – and all the time, no matter our schedules, God is good! Join us this summer as we enjoy a different pace of worshipping and glorifying God!

Blessings,
Elizabeth

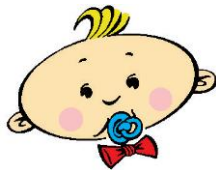


Women's Circle



From the Women's Morning Circle:

Thank you, Trinity, for saving the Best Choice Bar Codes for us. We have already collected 1260 for 2015. Please keep saving!



Congratulations to John & Mary Sloan upon the birth of a grandson, Vincent Alan Dodd. Vincent was born May 11 and weighed 7 lbs. 8oz and measured 20 inches.



Meeting Dates

June 14 11:30 a.m.
June 28 11:30 a.m.

The TIGERs will continue to meet every other Sunday during the summer. Plans are being made for an in house mission trip this summer. The youth are looking forward to participating in some local community service projects.

We may be asking for adult volunteers to help with some of our activities. Dates and details of activities are to be announced as soon as they are finalized.

Becky Layman



Musicians Needed

As the choir takes a much-deserved Sabbath from weekly anthems this summer, all musicians of the church are invited to offer solo or small group pieces for special music in worship. If you feel the Spirit moving you to serve in such a way, please call Jack Palmer at 728-6646.



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:

- June 7:** Clark, Amy, Lauren & Lindsey Riddle
Clayton Riddle
Jean Riddle
- June 14:** Ruth Riddle
Jason, Jennifer, & Kyndal Robinson
Todd & Cheryl Rose
- June 21:** Cathy Ruppert
Peter, Jini, Emily, & Sarah Sachse
Rev. Larry Satorius
- June 28:** Jerry & Irene Schmitt
George & Brenda Scott
Bob & Allison Seed
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Many thanks to everyone for your cards and prayers. Special thanks to Elizabeth for all her warmth and tender care. Our love to everyone and God bless.

Frances & Steve Buck

Thanks to everyone who brought items for Mother's Day. We collected 114 items that were taken to Salvation Army.



- June 3 Charles & Frances Buck
- 9 Tim & Becky Layman
- 10 Dave & Deborah Hatton
- 12 Jack & Jess Layman
- 14 Jerry & Irene Schmitt
- 25 David & Julie Lyons



Sunday, June 7, 3-5pm

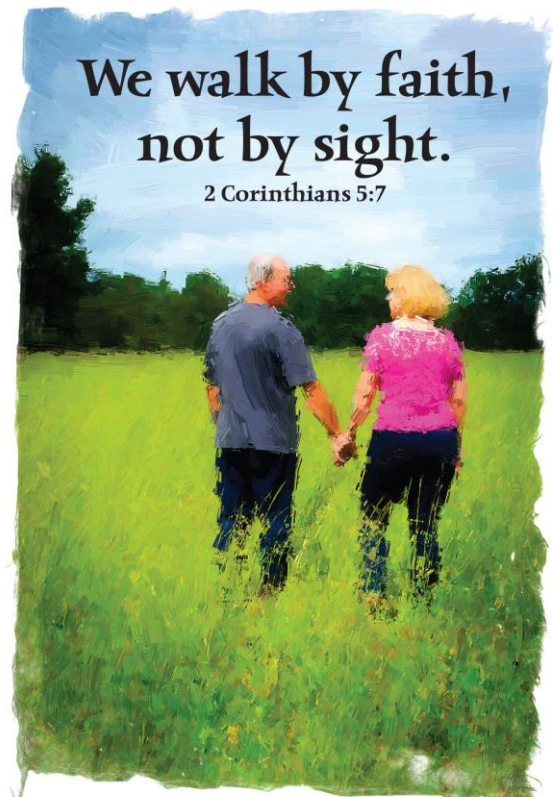
Come and bring your friends to enjoy fresh strawberries and all kinds of delicious strawberry desserts. Sign-up sheets are available. Any questions, please contact Jan Privett, 419-9405.



Trinity hosts a canned food collection every time we have Communion so that we may better serve the hungry in our community. Don't forget to bring your canned goods! Communion dates for the rest of the year are: August 23, October 4, November 22, and December 24!



- June 2 Jennifer Piper
- 3 Paul Carr
Brenda Scott
- 7 Phillip Tivis
- 8 Lynda Hansen
Tim Layman
- 9 Vickie Brock
- 4 Natalie Anderson
- 15 Billie Cross
Betty May
Faith Nickens
- 18 Jan Privett
- 19 Kerry Ellis
Jack Palmer
- 27 Chris Walker
- 28 Daleen Lyons
- 29 Sondra Tivis



Independence Day Picnic!

Help us celebrate the Fourth of July...a few days early! Our friend Ivana from the Czech Republic will be our honored guest as we eat, have a patriotic singalong, enjoy each other's company, and celebrate our country!

Hamburgers, hotdogs, and fixings will be provided. **Please bring a side dish to share.**

Monday, June 22

6:30 PM

Picnic Pavilion

(inside if the weather is uncooperative)



WHY DO WE PASS THE PEACE?

“I believe that appreciation is a holy thing - that when we look for what's best in a person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what God does all the time. So in loving and appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something sacred.”

- Mr. Rogers

Passing the Peace is a wonderful part of our church service. We believe that when we are reconciled to God we are also reconciled to each other, and so extending signs of peace to each other is a tangible sign of our Christian unity. It is also an excellent time to appreciate friendships, extend hospitality, and mend fences. It is a time full of sacred moments.

The challenge at Trinity has always been balancing our desire to greet everyone present with our need to save time for all the elements of worship. Passing the Peace is important, but it is not our central purpose when we gather around the Word. It is, in fact, a response to the forgiveness and fellowship that we find in that Word.

So that we are able to experience the fullness of worship together as well as have as much time to greet each other as we need, we have decided to now hold the Passing of the Peace after the Benediction. This way, we may spend as much time as we like exchanging signs of peace as we accompany each other and the Word into the world. Our hope is that this will enhance worship for all in the congregation while still respecting the necessary time constraints of church life.

We will begin this new tradition on Trinity Sunday, May 31. Peace be with you!



“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
(Acts 20:35).

As your family makes plans for this summer, consider scheduling a visit to one or more of our homebound members! Many of our members who are homebound would love to receive a card or brief visit from other Trinity folks. Please contact the church office for our homebound list, which is filled with opportunities for visitation! If hospital visits are more your style, let us know and we will add you to our list of members to call when hospital visitation is needed.



SNAPSHOTS FROM LAST MONTH



TJ Layman's Eagle Court of Honor
May 2



Trinity's Choir Volunteers at a Local Homebound High School Graduation
May 17



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

Worship Services:

May. 3:	67
May. 10	71
May 17	84
May 24	72
May 31	

“and the people gave . . .

Apr. 26	\$1,901.83
May 3	4,997.60
May 10	2,611.13
May 17796.00
May 24	2,191.00
May 31	<u>Not Available</u>
Total	\$ 12,497.56
9,497.56	

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

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| Mrs. Jean Riddle | Mr. & Mrs. Don Combs |
| Mrs. Billie Cross | Mr. & Mrs. Bob Cooper |
| Mrs. Jean Riddle | Mrs. Cathy Ruppert |
| Mr. & Mrs. Paul Tivis | Mrs. Betty Goetz |
| Mrs. Beverly Campbell | Mr. & Mrs. Scott Matthews |
| Mr. & Mrs. Jack Layman | Mr. & Mrs. Jim McPike |
| Mr. & Rev. Charles Strobel | Roberta Ferguson |
| Diana Malan | Janet K. Bryan |
| Ramona Bullington | Mark & Traci Menke |
| Mid-America Chapter of
the Coca Cola Club | Roy & Kathleen Hutchinson |
| Leslie & Jeffri Rimmer | J. Brian & Tona Hill |
| Rolland & Joan Shover | Brian & Rachel Miles |
| Mrs. Jan Privett | Mrs. Betty Miller |
| Mrs. Claire Ann Sprick | Mrs. Mary Zoe Shelley |
| Glenn & Dorothy Emis | James & Cynthia Cress |
| Dale Ginny Wolgemuth | Scott & Iris Harris |
| | Mr. & Mrs. Rich White |
| | Mr. & Mrs. Dave Lyons, Sr. |



**C.E. COMMITTEE SEEKING DONATIONS
FOR NEW STUDY BIBLES**

Since we do not have the funds in our budget, the Christian Education Committee is asking for your help! Session has given us approval to request monetary donations from the congregation. We need to purchase 20 new NRSV student Bibles for our youth and adult Sunday school classes. Each Bible costs \$24.99 which includes free shipping. Checks can be made payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church with “Bible donation” noted in the memo space. Your name will appear on the inside bookplate as donor. The committee asks that you give this matter prayerful consideration.

I would like to make a donation of \$ _____
to help purchase study Bibles for our classes.

Donor: _____



THANK YOU TEACHERS!!!!

Thank you for another wonderful year of teaching. We enjoyed our lessons presented by Diana Miller, Nursery; Susan Matthews, Youth; and Evelyn Richards, Adult. We couldn’t have done it without your tireless love of teaching.



Help us celebrate Father's Day by taking our dads fishing. We'll fill our "pond" located in the entry way with "fish" (cans of tuna, salmon, or other non-perishable food items). Please bring your "fish" by Sunday, June 21. Any questions, please call Jan Privett, 419-9405.

Donuts With Dad

Join us on Father's Day, June 21, before and after worship in the tower room to enjoy Donuts with all of Trinity's Dads as we thank them for all of the wonderful things that they do!



Sonora Dodd, the Mother of Father's Day, pictured with two Boy Scouts and a Civil War Veteran in Spokane.

CHURCH ORIGINS OF FATHERS' DAY

To all you dads out there: While you're relaxing in your recliner and watching sports on June 21, and your kids are on their best behavior to honor Father's Day, don't forget to thank a United Methodist.

In 1909 in Spokane, WA, Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a Mother's Day sermon at Central Methodist Episcopal Church. Dodd's own mother

had died 11 years earlier, and her father had raised their six children alone. Dodd felt moved to honor her father, and fathers everywhere, with a special day as well.

She proposed her idea to local religious leaders, and gained wide acceptance. June 19, 1910, was designated as the first Father's Day, and sermons honoring fathers were presented throughout the city.

When newspapers across the country carried the story about the observance, the popularity of Father's Day spread. In 1972, Richard Nixon established it as the third Sunday in June.

If you thought you celebrated the centennial of Father's Day in 2010, you were actually two years too late.

You see, the year Spokane was observing its first Father's Day, almost 2,000 miles away in Fairmont, WV, another church was on its third.

On July 5, 1908, a Father's Day sermon was preached at Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, South, thanks to the efforts of Grace Golden Clayton.

In December 1907, a terrible mine explosion in nearby Monongah claimed the lives of more than 360 men. Most of them had families, and the tragedy left 1,000 children fatherless.

Clayton was distraught by the thought of all those children growing up without a father's guidance, and wanted to do something to honor the importance of fatherhood. She asked her pastor to set aside a special day to commemorate fathers. She chose the Sunday closest to the birthday of her late father, also a Methodist preacher.

However, unlike the Spokane service, the Fairmont event drew little outside attention.

Fairmont historians concede that Sonora Dodd deserves credit for bringing the holiday to national prominence, but want it known that they did beat her to the idea.

"We don't claim popularizing the day, but we have proof we were the first to have a church service," said the Rev. D.D. Meighen, retired pastor of the Fairmont church, which is now also known as Central United Methodist. Seriously, what are the odds of that?

Coincidentally, the first Mother's Day was observed on May 10, 1908, at Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton, WV.

Source: Adapted from "Father's Day has Methodist Ties" by Joey Butler, <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/fathers-day-has-methodist-ties>.



VBS 2015
June 28 – July 1
6:00-8:00PM

Are your kids ready to sing their teeth into BIG fun? That's just what they'll do at Crocodile Dock, where fearless kids shine God's light! Join the swamp full of kids from the First Christian Church, Trinity Presbyterian Church, and First Presbyterian Church of Independence.

Crocodile Dock is an exciting way for kids to learn more about God's love through hands-on Bible adventures, songs, games, crafts, and more. Your kids will even participate in a mission project for Heifer International. We will be collecting money to buy farm animals for impoverished people who benefit greatly from these donations.



Crocodile Dock is great for children ages 3 through eighth grade. **High school youth and adults are needed to serve as leaders and helpers.**



Each of the four nights will begin with a light dinner for the children at 6:00pm followed by activities loaded with fun until 8:00pm. A **\$1/night donation** is requested to help with food costs.

Please contact **Stacia Martin or Jan Privett** to register your child (with the form below) or volunteer. Get ready to rock the dock!

REGISTRATION FORM: 2015 Vacation Bible School

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Last School Grade Completed _____
In Case of Emergency, Contact: _____
Mother: _____ Father: _____
Other: _____
Allergies or other medical conditions: _____
HomeChurch: _____
I found out about VBS through _____



I, Parent/Guardian of _____ hereby consent that photographs, video tape or audio recordings made may be used by the joint churches of Crocodile Dock VBS in Independence, MO, in publications, websites and other church-related publicity and materials and not for any commercial or any other use.

Signature _____ Date _____

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From a church sign in Denver, Colorado:

You are invited to a
Musical Celebartion!

Monday at 7 p.m.

That must've been quite a celebration!



WANTED

A few good people to teach the members of our congregation during Sunday School. If you have the love of teaching and find it in your heart to accept this challenge please let Susan Matthews or Lucy Berry know of your desire.



Now Recruiting!

It's about time for Trinity to make a new Photo Directory! Session is seeking a volunteer coordinator for the directory, which we are hoping will be photographed around Thanksgiving, with directories available in January. If you are organized, vaguely comfortable with a computer, and willing, please talk to Elizabeth for more information!



FREE TO A GOOD HOME!

The Martin Family is looking for a new home for an antique Cumberland Player Piano that came with their house. We hope to find someone that wants to restore or repurpose the piano - we just don't want it to end up in the dump! Please contact Stacia at 816-878-5176 with any questions.

