

# THE BRIDGE

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*"Diverse in Backgrounds, United in Faith"*

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Friends,

One of my seminary professors referred to summers in the church as the “great green growing season,” referring to the length of the season, the liturgical green of Ordinary Time, and the slow pace it takes to spiritually grow. I have always loved that image - it reminds me of childhood summers in Mississippi when we would lay in the grass under the shady oak and maple trees, escaping the heat and examining how the plants grew. We were intentionally lazy, irrepressibly curious, and full of imagination. That kind of relaxed inquiry into the world and into ourselves can only take place at times like the “great green growing season” of summer.

So, at Trinity, we do two specific things during the summer: we slow down and we experiment with different (sometimes even untraditional!) ways of worshipping and fellowshiping. It’s great fun! We begin every summer with the Strawberry Festival, and we will close the summer with an outdoor Rally Day and picnic in early September. Of course, we’ll also throw in some funnel cakes and some wonderful fellowship dinners! Also, be sure to mark VBS on your calendars, and sign up to be a guest musician as the Spirit leads you.

This summer specifically, we’ll have a Christmas in July sermon series. The Mission Committee has a couple of new special offerings coming up, and the Christian Education Committee has planned some fun events. We’ve got recommended summer reading and a “Flat Jesus” campaign going on. Your summer bulletins will feature coloring sheets (with crayons in the pews for kids *and* adults). We’ll also celebrate our churches officially uniting with a special service and party. All of these events will have further details either in this Bridge or in future editions this summer.

In other words, even though we slow down, Trinity has lots of great opportunities for you to delve into a “great green growing season” this summer! Enjoy the different pace and the different activities. Growth takes time, variety, rest, and intentionality. My prayer is that you would find all of those things at Trinity this summer.

I am looking forward to worshipping with all of you!

Blessings, Elizabeth





### 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:

- June 4:** Sylvia Livingston  
Catherine Lynch  
Colby Lyons
- June 11:** David & Julie Lyons  
David & Daleen Lyons  
Madeliene Lyons
- June 18:** Keith, Stacia, & Michaela Martin  
Brian, Rachel, Lincoln, Celestine Matthews  
Erica & Emmett Matthews
- June 25:** Scott & Susan Matthews  
Betty May  
Jim & Beth McPike



David & Beverly Thieme have a new great-grandson, Ronon James Strickland, born May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Sydney Thieme and Travis McWilliams, who were married on May 27<sup>th</sup>.



- June 8** Klaus & Claudia Grunewald  
**9** Tim & Becky Layman  
**10** Dave & Deborah Hatton  
**12** Jack & Jess Layman  
**14** Jerry & Irene Schmitt  
**25** David & Julie Lyons



- June. 2** Jennifer Roberts  
**3** Paul Carr  
Brenda Scott  
**5** Kay Dickinson  
**6** Felicidad DeLong  
**7** Kellon Robinson  
**8** Lynda Hansen  
Tim Layman  
**9** Vickie Brock  
**11** Justus Rodgers  
**13** Peggy Washburn  
**15** Billie Cross  
Betty May  
Faith Nickens  
Ruth Washburn  
**18** Jan Privett  
**19** Kerry Ellis  
Jack Palmer  
**21** Hailey Garnett-Washburn  
**24** Mary Snyder  
**28** Daleen Lyons  
**29** Sondra Tivis



**Sunday, June 4, 2017  
3-5 p.m.**

Come and bring your friends to enjoy fresh strawberries and all kinds of delicious strawberry desserts. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Privett at 419-9405.



**IT'S BACK---**

**TRINITY'S UGLY TIE CONTEST!**

Dig deep in your closets and drawers for that great tie you can enter in Trinity's Ugly Tie Contest. Members will get to vote on their favorite entry for Father's Day, June 18, with proceeds going to Stepping Stones, a local program that provides services to youth who are aging out of foster care.

Kansas City Steppingstone is a transitional living program working with young people ages 16-21 that helps them transition safely and successfully into independence. The program is based on positive youth development strategies and provides housing, employment services, education counseling, life skills training, and permanency planning.

Please bring your contest entry tie(s) to church by June 4!



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**  
**Sunday, June 18**  
**Following Worship**



*On the first Day of the Week*

*"The people came together..."*

*Worship Services:*

May 7.....	91
May 14.....	96
May 21.....	86
May 28.....	69

*"and the people gave . . . "*

Apr. 30.....	\$2,385.55
May 7.....	2,658.00
May 14.....	1,787.00
May 21.....	1,649.00
May 28.....	1,048.00
Total.....	\$ 9,527.55



**Remember Our Homebound Members**

*"It is more blessed to give than to receive."  
 (Acts 20:35).*

As your family makes plans for this summer, Consider scheduling a visit on 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.



## SUMMER MUSICIANS NEEDED

As the choir takes a much-deserved Sabbath from weekly anthems this summer, all musicians on 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.

## CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



**Bee**---The bee symbolizes various traits across cultures and faiths, including community, industry and resurrection. Its sting may represent judgement, while its honey calls to mind the sweetness of divine riches. Multiple times in the Old Testament, the Promised Land is described as “flowing with milk and honey” (e.g., Exodus 3:8), and the Psalms declare God’s words “sweeter than honey” (19:10;119:103).



### New address for Sylvia Livingston:

1524 SW Birch Lane  
Topeka, KS 66615  
Phone: (785)-273-3449

**V.B.S**  
**June 25-28**  
**5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**First Pres. Church**  
**Westminster Hall**

**Registration Forms**  
**are in the narthex**  
**and can be turned**  
**into the office or to**  
**Kim Miller.**

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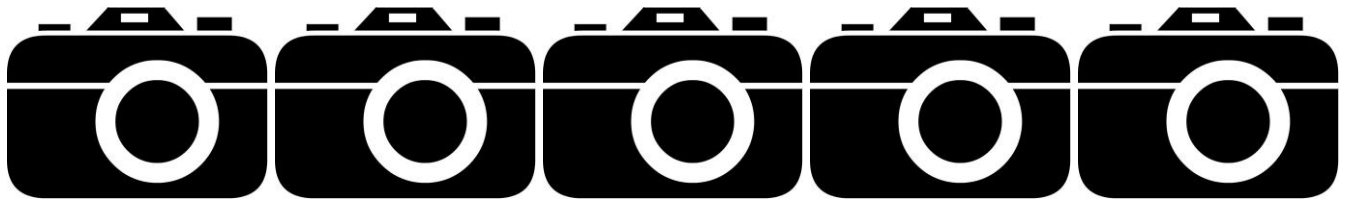


## Weekly Collections

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

You may drop off these items at any time.  
Thanks for helping out our community



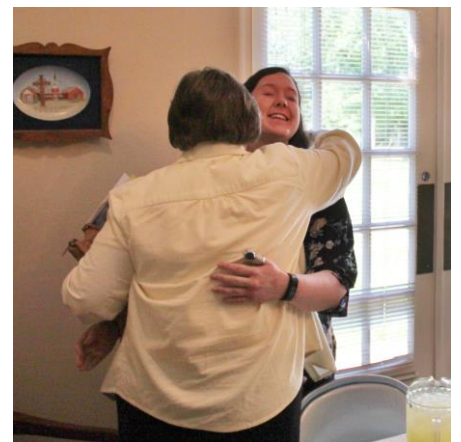
**PHOTOS FROM MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>**



**Teacher Recognition**



**Choir Sunday**



**Graduate Recognition**

# Trinity Sunday



Having successfully sold the Calvary Property, the Sessions of Trinity and Calvary have requested that Heartland Presbytery unite us as one congregation. Therefore, as (finally!) one congregation, you are invited to a

## Unity Celebration on Trinity Sunday June 11th

We will have a special worship service at 10:30 a.m. welcoming all who are transferring their membership from Calvary to Trinity, followed by a celebratory lunch in Founders Hall at 11:30 a.m.

**The Fellowship Committee will provide chicken and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.**



## T.I.G.E.R.s CORNER

June 11 11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s  
 June 25: 11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s

T.I.G.E.R.s questions call  
 Becky Layman at 830-4066

## A DOSE of HUMOR



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From a church bulletin:

Prayer of the day

Envelope us with your love

Help us show your love to others

What a sticky way to *envelop* someone!



## SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Have you ever wanted to know more details about the Christmas Story? Do you have questions? You're in luck! Beginning June 25<sup>th</sup>, Elizabeth will preach an 8 week sermon series on the nativity narratives in both Matthew and Luke. During the month of June, there will be a jar in the sanctuary where you can drop off any questions about the birth of Jesus – Elizabeth will try to cover as many of them as she can!

- June 25 – John the Baptist
- July 2 – Mary
- July 9 – Joseph
- July 16 – The Manger
- July 23 – The Magi
- July 30 – The Shepherds & Angels
- August 6 – Herod
- August 13 – Presentation in the Temple



## SUMMER READING



Check out the bulletin board by the white exterior door to the Christian Education wing for some (totally optional!) summer reading with spiritual depth. Recommendations include non-fiction (for older teenagers and adults), Young Adult fiction (with recommended ages – great for adults, as well), and illustrated books (great for all ages).

# Submit Your Recipes




Recipes are still needed for the Presbyterian Women's cookbook. We are looking for all kinds of recipes and especially from our youth. Any questions please contact Lucy Berry at 456-2235.



## DONATE YOUR CARDS

The Congregational Care & Evangelism Committee needs cards for their card ministry! If you have extra greeting cards or envelopes – particularly birthday, anniversary, and get-well-soon cards – please consider donating them to the church! You may drop off your cards at the church office or give them to Carolyn Rich. Thank you!

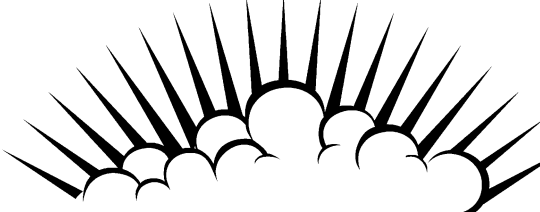


## PUZZLE

### Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

*Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.*



"H\_ w\_ll c\_ll \_ \_ t t\_ m\_,  
 'Y\_ \_ \_ r\_ m\_ F\_th\_r, m\_  
 G\_d, th\_ R\_ck m\_ S\_v\_ \_ r.'"

Ps\_lm 89:26, N\_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV



## SEW 'N SO'S

Thank you Trinity, for saving the Best Choice Bar Codes for us. We have received 784 bar codes for this year. Please keep saving those bar codes.

The deadline for items submitted to the **July Bridge** is **Friday, June 23.**



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