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"Diverse in Backgrounds, United in Faith"

Friends,

On August 21st, the sun will disappear.

Ok, not really. But, we *will* experience a total solar eclipse that day – the first to cross the continental United States in 99 years. The moon will cross between the earth and the sun, causing total darkness in the middle of the day. I will be at a family reunion in Nashville that weekend, but both Nashville and Kansas City are in what’s called the “path of totality,” so we will hopefully all be able to view this rare occurrence. (Even if you are not on this path of totality, you’ll be able to see at least a partial eclipse from most of the U.S.).

In ancient times, eclipses were thought to be divine omens and harbingers of doom. And, you know, if I lived before modern astronomy and one day the sun just went black, I’d probably think God was trying to get my attention, too. We now understand that this eclipse is simply the way that God created our solar system and is predictable down to the second. On that day, though, thousands of people will look up at the sky with special eclipse glasses, and – even though we understand the science – will be filled with awe at the strange beauty of nature. I believe that God will be in that moment.

Ecclesiastes tells us that “What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun” (1:9). Eclipses are new for most of us, but they are not new to our world. Far from making such events boring, I find them more meaningful. When I look into the sky that day, I will think of people who have marveled at creation for thousands of years; I will think of the many blessings God has given us through the earth and our responsibility to care for it; I will wonder in that moment (as in every moment) what God might want me to know and do.

There is nothing new under the sun. And yet, for just a bit, that predictable sun will disappear and reappear before our eyes. I pray that for people of faith, it will be a holy moment of remembering God’s faithfulness and provision to us, and of appreciating the beautiful world that God has long entrusted to us.

Blessings,
Elizabeth



Sending Our
SYMPATHY

Trinity sends its love and sympathy to the family of Sylvia Livingston a long time member of Trinity. Sylvia passed away on Wednesday, July 5th and her services were held on Monday, July 10th at McGilley & Sheil.

In Our
Hearts &
Prayers

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:

- Aug. 6:** Janice Parish
Leslie & Bonnie Piper
Keith & Barbara Ploeger
- Aug. 13:** Jan Privett
Laurie Rasmussen
William & Martha Reynolds
- Aug. 20:** Ann Rich
Carolyn Rich, Faith, Daniel,
& Max Nickens
- Aug. 27:** Patrick Rich
Steven Rich
Mike & Evelyn Richards

**AUGUST
ANNIVERSARIES**

- Aug. 6** Gary & Ruth Murray
9 Jack & Karol Palmer
14 David & Lucy Berry
17 Keith & Stacia Martin
20 Terry & Vickie Brock
Howard & Joyce Rich
24 Erick & Bridget Shireman
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**AUGUST
BIRTHDAYS**

- Aug. 2** Beverly Thieme
Donna White
5 Ally Garnett-
Washburn
6 David Lyons, Sr.
12 Jane Cooper
14 Stacia Martin
17 Daniel Nickens
18 Betty Miller
24 Max Nickens
Yoly Snell
25 Joyce Rich
26 Marian Carr
Keith Martin
27 Colby Lyons
29 Lara Anderson
30 Sandra Bellew



On the first Day of the Week

"The people came together..."

Worship Services:

July	2.....	62
July	9.....	84
July.	16	84
July	23	54
July	30.....	Not Available.

"and the people gave . . . "

July	2.....	\$3,319.96
July	9	4,495.96
July	16	2,632.00
July	23.....	1,355.00
July	30.....	<u>Not Available</u>
Total.....		\$11,802.92

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

Charles & Elizabeth Strobel

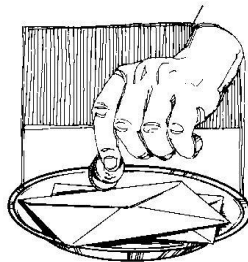
Jack & Jess Layman

Mary Zoe Shelley

Ann Rich

**2017 PER CAPITA -
\$41.96 Per Member**

This year's Heartland Presbytery Per Capita assessment is \$41.96. If you have not already contributed your Per Capita, please do so as soon as possible.



**A TIME FOR
GIVING**



**Friday, September 1 through
Monday, September 4**

Sign-up sheets will be available
beginning August 6.

If you have any question, please call
Jan Privett at 419-9405.



SUMMER

OFFICE HOURS

For June, July and August, the church office will be open from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday – Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays.





TOY DRIVE FOR CHILDREN'S MERCY HOSPITAL

To compliment our Christmas in July Series (which runs through August 13) Trinity's Mission Committee is sponsoring a toy drive for Children's Mercy Hospital. Children's Mercy transforms the lives of children in need by providing world class medical care for all children in our area regardless of the family's ability to pay.

When a family arrives at Children's Mercy, they don't always know when they'll leave. That's where we can help. We can provide comfort and care to children and their families by contributions of new games toys, books, and art supplies. These contributions can make a family's hospital stay easier by relieving stress and allowing parents to focus on their child's healing. All items must be new and in original packaging.

Suggested games:

Monopoly, Sorry, Connect 4, & Trouble

Suggested toys:

Rattles, teething rings, stacking toys, board books, action figures like Superheroes, Star Wars, Ninja Turtles, PAW Patrol, My Little Ponies, Disney Princesses, small Lego sets, stuffed animals (with tags attached)

Suggested art supplies:

Sharpies, crayons, colored pencils, sketch books, coloring books (including adult), Play Doh.

Every gift is a gift of love, healing, and hope for children in need by providing a better chance for a happier and healthier recovery!



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Join us for our first choir rehearsal of the season. If you have never sung in the choir before, now is a great time to get started! Returning members, please bring a snack or dessert to share as we look at a whole new season of music!



THANK YOU to all who helped make the first annual Craft Fair at Trinity a success! Whether you organized, baked, bought, worked a booth, or just held our endeavor in prayer we thank you!

As of the writing of this article we have netted just over \$875.00. This figure represents funds received from raffle ticket sales, Trinity's bake sale and craft table proceeds, and the crafters' fees for their booth space. The Fair was organized and run by Trinity's Tuesday Group (Circle 2) and the monies will be added to the Trinity Presbyterian Church Women's funds.

Congratulations to our three raffle winners Megan Berry, Dennis De Long, and Karol Palmer, all of whom got to take home a beautiful handmade item.

We'll see you at the Craft Fair next year!

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.

Submit
Your
Recipes





BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

August 13, 2017

Students of all ages will receive a special recognition and blessing during worship. Teachers and school employees will also be recognized. Come worship with us!

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BACK TO SCHOOL ALREADY?

Yes, we see ads for “Back to School” sales nearly everywhere to remind us that the new school year is right around the corner!

Our partnership with Procter Elementary School last year was a fully appreciated success, which the Mission Committee would like to continue. So often the cost of needed supplies puts an undue burden on families. A community’s “Free and appropriate education” is not always free!

Please consider making a much needed donation for our neighborhood students! The following is an abbreviated list for Procter’s K – 6 students:



Rally Day,
September 10th at 9:30 a.m.

First Day of Sunday School
September 17th at 9:30 a.m.

- ◆ Classic washable markers (broad tip set of 8)
- ◆ Blunt/semi-sharp/sharp point scissors
- ◆ Package multicolored construction paper
- ◆ 4 pack dry erase markers
- ◆ Soft pink erasers
- ◆ 8 oz washable glue
- ◆ 16 ct. crayons
- ◆ Colored pencils
- ◆ Pens: blue, black, red
- ◆ 24 count crayons
- ◆ 2 pocket folders
- ◆ Wide-lined paper
- ◆ School box
- ◆ Glue sticks
- ◆ Tissues
- ◆ Spiral notebooks
- ◆ Backpack



Hot Chicken Salad Casserole

What You'll Need:

- 3 cups cooked, cubed chicken breast
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- ½ cup finely shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
- 1 (10-3/4 ounce) can reduced-sodium cream of chicken soup
- 1 (6-ounce) plain low-fat yogurt
- 2 scallions, chopped
- ¼ tsp. ground ginger
- ¼ tsp. black pepper
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds

What To Do:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Coat a baking dish with cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, combine chicken, celery, bell pepper, cheese, soup, yogurt, scallions, ginger, and black pepper. Spoon into baking dish. Sprinkle almonds on top.
3. Bake, uncovered, 35 to 40 minutes, or until brown and heated through.

With lighter ingredients and fresh veggies, this is an easy low carb recipe that everyone will enjoy.

Ann Rich



NURSERY ATTENDANT

Church Nursery Attendants: Trinity Presbyterian Church of Independence, MO, is seeking two warm and courteous individuals to provide Sunday morning care for children, ages Birth to Kindergarten. They will be responsible for cultivating a safe environment in which children are provided faith development activities such as crafts and games. Age appropriate care such as diaper changing and feedings will also be included, as well as cleaning after such activities. The Nursery Attendants shall follow Trinity's Sexual Misconduct Policy and be willing to submit to a background check. Experienced care providers ages 18 and over will be considered. Regular hours will be Sundays from 9 am to noon, with optional special events and holidays offered. Compensation will begin at \$10 an hour. To apply, please send a resume with 3 references and cover letter to trinitypresbypastor@gmail.com.



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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are putting together a new photo directory! Photography appointments will be available October 5-7. We will have many more details in the September Bridge!



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

Aug. 6 11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s
Aug. 20: 11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s

The Youth Group is collecting vegetable seeds for Festival of Sharing.



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!

To our church Family,

With a world of thanks! No words can express our love for our church family and friends. Over 40 years we have made new friends and lost many. The caring you showed us Sunday, the cards and lunch were greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Paul and Sondra



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The deadline for items submitted to the
July Bridge is
Friday, August 25.

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