

THE BRIDGE

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"Diverse in Backgrounds, United in Faith"

Dear Friends,

In my work with Heartland Presbytery's COM, I have the opportunity to meet a lot of our sister churches in the area. I often ask this question: "Tell me about your church. What compels you to attend here and keep coming back." The answer is always this: The people and the sense of family. I think that Trinity is like that, too! Ours is a church that is truly welcoming, warm, and loving. Thanks be to God there are lots of other churches like that! But I often wonder, in a world full of welcoming churches, how Trinity can continue to reach out in growth and mission.

I recently read* about a sign that posted on the door of the Coventry Cathedral in England. This is an historical church, which was bombed and nearly destroyed during World War II. In recent years, they have made a point to be a community of reconciliation and radical hospitality. These words don't originate with the church (the pastor got them from a friend who heard it from a friend, etc.) – but still, the meaning is powerful. Here is what they say:

"We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-heeled or down-at-heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers. We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been to church since Christmas 10 years ago. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians, junk food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like organized religion. We offer welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because Granny is visiting and wanted to come to church. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both, or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids, or got lost and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters, and you."

Certainly much of what we do in worship attempts to be "visitor-friendly," including name tags, greeters, and detailed announcements that don't assume everyone knows everything. I have seen our church be radically welcoming. But I read the words above and hear a delightful challenge. I know that I am not always as welcoming as the above. I'd like to be.

Do you think this sounds like Trinity? If not, let's work toward that end. If so, let's spread the word!

Blessings, Elizabeth

* <https://www.npr.org/2017/01/15/509937021/english-cathedral-welcomes-visitors-with-unexpected-message>



- 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



- 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
- 25 Yoly Snell
- Joyce Rich
- 26 Marian Carr
- Keith Martin
- 27 Colby Lyons
- 29 Lara Anderson
- 30 Sandra Bellew



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:

- Aug. 5: Peter & Jini Sachse
- Jerry & Irene Schmitt
- Lavon Schnakenberg
- Aug. 12: George & Brenda Scott
- Bob & Allison Seed
- Matt & James Seward & Woody Bradshaw
- Aug. 19: Mary Zoe Shelley
- Rick & Mari Shineman
- Richard Shineman & Katie Otterman
- Aug. 26: Steven, Kristina, Austin & Aubrey Jo Shineman
- Erick, Bridget, Zoey, & Aiden Shireman
- Mary Sloan

SEW 'N SO'S

Thank you Trinity, for saving the Best Choice Bar Codes for us. We have received 754 bar



codes far this year. Please keep saving.



On the first Day of the Week

"The people came together..."

July.	1	.....	71
July	8	.....	72
July	15	.....	78
July	22	.....	53
July	29	.....	68

"and the people gave . . . "

July	1	.....	\$ 4,815.00
July	8	.....	1,959.86
July.	15	.....	1,350.12
July.	22	.....	2,051.85
July	29	.....	<u>Unavailable</u>
Total		.....	\$10,176.83



2018 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT

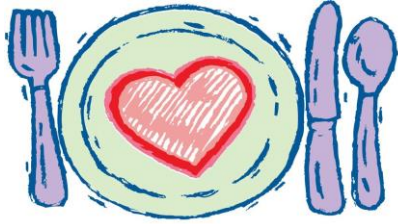
Trinity will again be paying our assigned per capita assessment in 2018 by asking members of the congregation to donate their own \$43.29 per active member. This will help to ease our budget.

**Friday, August 31 through
Monday, September 3**

Sign-up sheets are available
in the Narthex now!

**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.



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, August 11th. 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.



Funeral Meals

We are gathering names of volunteers that are willing to help provide food (on a rotation basis) for funeral meals. We will need people to provide potato dishes, vegetables, salads, and desserts. We also need people to help with set up, serving, and clean up. If you are willing to be one of the volunteers, please call Beverly Thieme, 719-5473.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

For the months of 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.



CHOIR *practice*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29
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!

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

August 19, 2018

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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CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



SEVEN-BRANCHED ANDLESTICK

The seven-branched candlestick represents the Holy Spirit and its seven gifts in the listing from Isaiah 11:2-3: wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of the Lord, and delight in the Lord. (By contrast, the Hanukkah menorah is a nine-branched candelabrum lit during the eight-day Jewish holiday.)



BACK TO SCHOOL 2018

"Back to school" is right around the corner! Our partnership with Procter Elementary School is a successful Trinity mission impacting the community. So often the cost of needed supplies puts an undue burden on families of our neighborhood students. During future shopping trips please consider making a much needed (and appreciated!) donation for Procter's K - 6 students. Here is a list of needed supplies for the 2018 - 2019 school year:

24 regular pencils

dry erase markers (black preferred)

washable colored markers (broad tip set of 8)

8 oz. washable glue or glue sticks

blunt/semi-sharp/sharp point scissors

notecards: 3"x5" or 4"x6"

school boxes

quart sized baggies

large pink erasers 4 pack

pens: blue, black, red

colored pencils

tissue boxes

wide-ruled spiral

notebooks

sanitizing wipes (like

Clorox)

girl backpacks

girl socks

A DOSE of HUMOR



From a church newsletter:
 The music ministry needs you.
 Calling all inspiring musicians!
 Join us at our first rehearsal on Wednesday.
 It helps when *aspiring* musicians also try to inspire!

SUMMER SERMON SERIES: WHAT IT MEANS TO BE PRESBYTERIAN

Please note that the schedule has been slightly amended since July:

- August 5 Being Presbyterian: Communion
- August 12 Neutral Pulpit
- August 19 Presbyterian Creeds: A Brief Statement of Faith
- August 26 Presbyterian Creeds: Apostle's and Nicene Creeds



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

SCRAMBLED TITLES NEW TESTAMENT

1. STU IT
2. NOR SAM
3. MY IT HOT
4. IN THIS ACORN
5. LEAVE IT ON R
6. SHE TAILS NASON
7. LATIN SAGA
8. CANS IS SOLO
9. PIN A SLIP HIP
10. SHE IS NAPE

-Lillian Skeele



The deadline for items submitted to the September Bridge is Friday, August 24th.

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