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"Diverse in Background, United in Faith"

Friends,

We are about to embark on an exciting season of new activities at Trinity! Our beloved Wee Kirk Director, Kerry Ellis, has decided to retire from Wee Kirk in order to serve God through other avenues of her life in the church. We are so grateful for Kerry's work with our children and continued hard work in our church!

In discerning what next steps to take in light of this change, your pastor and Christian Education committee were struck by two realizations: 1.) Most of our children stay in the sanctuary for the duration of the service already, and 2.) Both our children and our congregation as a whole benefit from their presence in worship. In reading our *Book of Order*, we affirm that "children bring special gifts to worship and grow in the faith through their regular inclusion and participation in the worship of the congregation" (W-3.1004). As an opportunity for new ideas presented itself, we had many fruitful discussions regarding the presence of our children in worship.

And so, with session's approval, we have decided to embark on a season of intentional inclusion. Kerry's last day overseeing Wee Kirk will be August 31. The following Sunday, September 7 (Rally Day), we will not have Wee Kirk and will invite all children of this church to worship every week. Nursery will still be provided for children Kindergarten aged and younger during the service, although children of that age are always welcome in worship, as well. It is of great value to raise our children in church, and particularly to raise them as full participants in morning worship. In doing so, we hope to create a fuller worship experience for all and raise up lifelong church members.

What does this mean for our worship service? Well, it is likely that participants may get a case of the wiggles, speak out of turn, need to take short breaks, and sing over-enthusiastically – and that's just the adults! Our children may ask questions, dance in their seats, and move around to see everything going on – all of which is just evidence of the Spirit forming their interest and participation in church. We will evaluate our progress around Christmas as we continue to review the most effective ways of facilitating worship for all of God's people. In the meantime, you are invited to join us in exuberance and patience as we try this new thing and continue to praise God!

Blessings,
Elizabeth

From the Sew & So's...

The sewing group needs used bed sheets to use as filling for their quilts. If you have extra to donate, they would be so grateful.



2014 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT

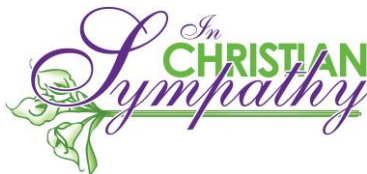
Trinity will again be paying our assigned per capita assessment in 2014 by asking members of the congregation to donate their own \$32.95 per active member. This will help to ease our budget.

From the Women's Morning Circle...

Thank you, Trinity, for saving _the Best Choice Bar Codes. We have already collected 2182 for 2014. Please keep saving!



Come one, come all to church on August 31 as we wrap up our summer of hymns with a Hymn Sing Service. We will take hymn requests from our *Glory to God* hymnal.



Trinity sends its sympathy to the family of Eileen Brown who died on July 29. Eileen had been a long-time member who moved to GrainValley to be near her children after her husband, Jack, died.

Thanks to everyone who generously donated items for our school supply drive. The following items were taken to the Salvation Army.

- 17 pkgs. filler paper
- 5 composition notebooks
- 61 spiral notebooks
- 6 boxes colored markers
- 3 boxes colored pencils
- 10 calculators
- 2 water color paints
- 9 pencil boxes
- 12 scissors
- 28 glue sticks
- 11 bottles of glue
- 8 pkgs. erasers
- 11 pkgs. pens
- 13 backpacks
- 7 pkgs. index cards
- 14 pkgs. pencils
- 6 pkgs. highlighters
- 2 pkgs. dry erase markers
- 52 pocket folders
- 7 pencil sharpeners
- 40 boxes crayons
- 1 protractor
- 1 bottle hand soap
- 2 bottles hand sanitizer
- 5 notebooks
- 332 sheets construction paper

Jan Privett



September anniversaries

Sept. 2 Paul & Sondra Tivis
 7 Joe & Mary Daniel
 Bill & Lynda Hansen
 9 Rick & Mari Shineman



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:

Sept. 7: Rick & Diane Norman
 Jack & Karol Palmer
 Kyle & Jenna Palmer

Sept. 14: Jennifer Piper
 Leslie & Bonnie Piper
 Jan Privett

Sept. 21: Laurie Rasmussen
 Dorothy Reynolds
 Ann Rich

Sept. 28: Howard & Joyce Rich
 Patrick Rich
 Mike & Evelyn Richards



Sept. 1 Madeliene Lyons
 3 Megan Berry
 Candice Brock
 5 Beverly Campbell
 7 Tom Haggard
 9 Kyle Palmer
 12 Elijah Ellis
 17 Marilyn Burkett
 19 Troy Berry
 20 Rick Shineman
 23 Diana Miller
 27 Madelyn Hansen
 30 Steven Gordon
 Bill Hansen



Be sure to go to Santa-Cali-Gon on the Independence Square and eat a funnel cake or two. The funnel cake booth is open Friday, Saturday & Sunday until 11:00 p.m. and Monday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



September 7, 2014

**Kick off the new Sunday School year with us at
Rally Day!**

Rally Day for the 2014/2015 year will be September 7th at 9:30 a.m. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to share a continental breakfast and a rousing game of BIBLE JEOPARDY! God's children of all ages are encouraged to attend this fun, family-friendly event as we celebrate a new year of growth and fellowship. Our first actual Sunday of classes will be September 14.



Trinity will have many different work days to get our property ready for Embracing Hope. We will need everyone's help so when you are asked to help please do so.

Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

September 20 – 9:00am – 12:00pm

October 25 – 9:00am – 12:00pm

ALUMINUM COLLECTION

For several years this congregation has recycled aluminum cans. Proceeds are given to help our youth activities expenses. This has yielded \$200 - \$300 a year.

There have been some clarifications from the buyer. they **only** want beverage cans, clean, dry, & empty. The current price is 58 cents per pound.

NO pet food cans.

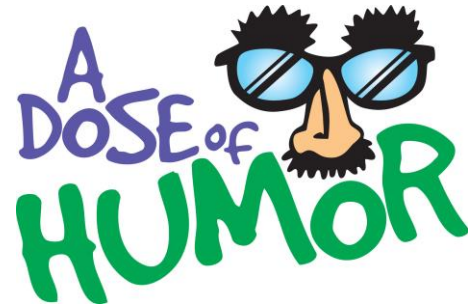
NO foil or pie pans

NO paper of any kind

NO plastic except the sack

Put them in the black box in our parking lot.

At special times we could benefit from collecting old aluminum cookware, aluminum guttering, and old aluminum storm windows.



People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven.."

Happy Birthday!



CANDICE'S SWEET 16
BIRTHDAY PARTY

September 6, 2014

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

1400 W. Sheley Road
Independence, MO

RSVP: Vickie Brock (816) 808-5397



2014 CROP WALK
October 12th

Packets for those wanting to walk and raise funds will be available from Beth McPike and Donna White.

We will be meeting at Central Methodist Church at 5144 Oak Street in KC again this year. The 3.5 mile walk will start at 2:00 p.m.

The Fellowship Committee is planning to have a potluck dinner to send the walkers off with a meal prior to the walk.



On the first Day of the Week

"The people came together..."

Worship Services:

Aug. 3.....	77
Aug. 10.....	71
Aug. 17.....	71
Aug. 24.....	61
Aug. 31.....	Not Available

"and the people gave . . . "

Aug 3	\$ 5,133.06
Aug. 10	1,091.00
Aug. 17	1,138.05
Aug. 24	1,785.12
Aug. 31.....	Not Available
Total.....	\$9,147.23

Budget information: (as of January, 2014)

Weekly Bgt. Requirement	\$ 2,823.96
Aug. Average Weekly Giving	\$2,286.80



Come to the picnic on September 14 in the pavilion, weather permitting.

Tableware, meats, buns, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish and lawn chairs.

We will shuttle folks who are unable to walk down to the picnic area.



Snapshots from Events in August



Funnel Cake Booth at Wayne's City Landing



Flat Trinity at Osceola Cheese



Scaling a mountain of funnel cake mix!



The Christian Alternative to Yoga

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led by certified PraiseMoves® instructor Renee
Grainger

11:30am Thursdays

August 7 – September 25

\$10 per class *or* \$64 for 8 classes

For more information, please see the brochures
outside the sanctuary or call the church office.

To register, please contact Renee Grainger at
barleyfirstfruits@gmail.com

or

816-308-8971 (24hr voicemail)

www.praisemoves.com

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Trinity is so thankful for all of the volunteers who worked our funnel cake booth at Wayne's City Landing Days! We raised over \$1,300, had a great time working in fellowship, and learned a lot about our many talents and future fundraising opportunities. A special thank you to Bob Sorensen and Larry Clark for keeping us organized and working through the weekend. See you all at Santa-Cali-Gon!

OCTOBER 18, 2014

FESTIVAL OF *Sharing*

GOD

A chain is no stronger than its weakest link,
and life is after all a chain.

-William James

573.474.3332

On the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, MO
Festival of Sharing, 3009 David Drive, Columbia, MO 65202

Festival of Sharing www.FestivalOfSharing.org festival@socket.net

T.I.G.E.R.'S are collecting the following
items for the Festival of Sharing.

GARDEN SEEDS:

Packets of vegetable seeds no more than a year
old.

PAPER PACKS;

3 packages toilet tissue (4 double rolls)

2 rolls paper towels (good quality)

2 boxes facial tissue (large regular boxes)

- Cash donations are also accepted and will help to cover shipping expenses and to purchase seedlings, plants, and fertilizer.

TIGER's MEETINGS

Sept. 7 - 6:15 p.m.

Sept. 14 - 6:15 p.m.

Sept. 21 – 6:15 p.m.

Sept. 28 – 6:15 p.m.

T.I.G.E.R.'s CORNER

In July the T.I.G.E.R.'s enjoyed playing in the water. One meeting we had a water balloon toss & another having fun swimming at the Bridger pool, when the weather turned too cold and rainy for Adventure Oasis. In August, the kids taught some newbies to TIGERS the workings of the funnel cake booth, by working a couple shifts at Santa-Cali-Gon. And they enjoyed a quiet evening watching a movie at Mr. & Mrs. Lyons' house. They are currently working on collecting items for Festival of Sharing that they will be attending in October. The Session approved the selection of Madeleine Lyons and Hailey Garnett as Trinity's high school and middle school representatives to the Heartland Presbytery Youth Council.



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

September 14

9:30am

Join us as we begin another exciting Sunday School year at Trinity! Starting the week after Rally Day, the Adult class will be taught by Evelyn Richards, the Youth and Children will be taught by a rotation of teachers, beginning with Susan Matthews, and Pre-K and Kindergarten will be taught by Diana Miller. Be sure to thank all of our wonderful volunteer teachers and come ready for a year of learning and growth!



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for all your love and support during the beginning of my journey with breast cancer. I have enjoyed the cards. They have been very uplifting. Tim, TJ & I have appreciated the meals. The positive thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. I know with all the love, prayers and good doctors everything will go well with God's will & blessing.

Becky Layman

PARTY TIME

My mother's 100th birthday party was definitely an occasion to celebrate. We invited relatives and neighbors, prepared favorite foods and helped her pick out an elegant outfit. After all, she'd been anticipating this milestone for a long time.

Mom was excited about her party, yet not much else interests her anymore. When I visit, I notice that her daily routine has slowed to a crawl. It's lackluster and tedious. She waits for someone to call, for dinner or bedtime. The details and problems that were once a big part of Mom's life are no longer important.

There's one thing, though, that Mom does anticipate; her homecoming with God sometime soon. She knows an amazing celebration will occur when she arrives. She'll wear another lovely outfit, too. This time it will be a garment of salvation and righteousness that Jesus purchased for her. It will be the best party of her life.

-Mary Ann Sundby

