

THE BRIDGE

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"Diverse in Backgrounds, United in Faith"

Dear Friends,

When I first moved to Independence and started meeting people, those outside the church would ask, in that small talk kind of way, why I had relocated. I'd tell them I was here to be your pastor, and I could see their mental gears turning as they tried to place Trinity. Then I'd see the lightbulb go off. "Oh! You're the new pastor of the funnel cake church!" Why yes, I am!

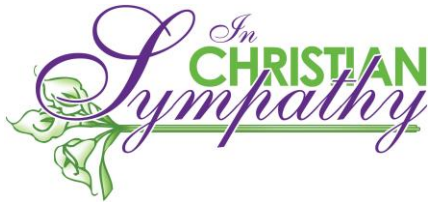
Even now I have conversations with people in our community who have no idea where our church is located, but when I proudly tell them that I'm the Pastor of The Funnel Cake Church, they say (in one, excited breath), "Oh! You're the funnel cakes on the corner and you moved corners but yours are still the best and I won't eat any others!" Yes, that's us!

While the fundraising is wonderful, I always remember that this is one of our biggest moments of "presence" in our community. People may not know where our church building is tucked away, but they absolutely know where to find our funnel cakes (and the Scouts' Walking Tacos!). People who see you out and about in your daily lives may not know you're a member of Trinity, but when you walk around the square in your Trinity t-shirts, then they know exactly who you represent. Being "The Funnel Cake Church" gives us a tremendous opportunity to show Independence who we are. It's a fundraiser, yes, but it's also an opportunity for outreach.

As we encounter so many people from our community at Santa-Cali-Gon this weekend, remember that you are telling them about our church (whether you directly talk about the church or not). Be kinder than necessary. Small talk in a way that shows you care. Be patient with the crowds and encouraging to the individuals you meet. Most people who come to Santa-Cali-Gon will have heard about Jesus; what they might be hearing for the first time, though, is how Trinity embodies the love, hospitality, and compassion of Christ. What an opportunity!

Blessings,
Elizabeth, Pastor of The Funnel Cake Church





Trinity sends its sympathy to the family of Roger Williams who passed away on Sunday, August 7. Roger was a former member of Westminster and Trinity.



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. 4:** Mary Sloan
Rob, Julie, & Peyton Sloan
Julie Smith
- Sept. 11:** Michael & Haley Snell
Mary Snyder
Bob & Susan Sorensen
- Sept. 18:** Brett Sorensen
Katie Sorensen
Carol Southerland
- Sept. 25:** Ron & Karen Spader
Claire Ann Sprick
Jim, Joan, Jacob, & Jordan Sprick



**Friday, September 2 through
Monday, September 5**

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



- 1 Paul & Sondra Tivis
- 7 Joe & Mary Daniel
Bill & Lnda Hansen
- 9 Dennis & Jewel Lawson
Rick & Mari Shineman



- 1 Madeliene Lyons
- 3 Megan Berry
Candice Brock
- 5 Beverly Campbell
- 7 Ellen Chrisman
Tom Haggard
- 9 Kyle Palmer
- 11 Joe Wilper
- 12 Elijah Ellis
- 16 Dennis DeLong
- 17 Marilyn Burkett
- 18 Bob Jones
- 19 Troy Berry
- 20 Rick Shineman
- 23 Diana Miller
- 26 Nancy Tyler
- 27 Madelyn Hansen
- 30 Steven Gordon
Bill Hansen



Thanks so much for all the calls and concerns, and cards from the church family! I know it helped my shoulder heal!

Marilyn Burkett

Many thanks to everyone for their cards and prayers sent following the sudden death of my sister, Becky Clayton Smyth. We appreciate them very much. Your prayers are the only thing getting us through this sad time. Please continue praying for our family, especially Becky's husband, Dean, and children, Rachel & Emily, as we all try to figure out life without Becky.

Jan Privett, Stacia & Michaela Martin

Thank you, Trinity, the July school drive was successful due to the generous response from our congregants. Supplies were counted, boxed, and delivered to Procter Elementary on Monday, August 8 by Susan Matthews, Beth McPike, Marilyn Burkett with great grandchildren Dalton, Madison, and Braden (who attends Procter as a 2nd grader and provided a guided tour!)

The supplies are a much appreciated ongoing need and will be collected throughout the year on Communion Sundays (along with our Salvation Army food donations). We like choices! Procter supplies netted for school use included over 200 packaged items!

The CROP Walk is on Sunday, October 9th this year. Beth McPike will be picking up packets and have them available on Rally Day, September 11.

Susan Matthews



On the first Day of the Week

"The people came together..."

Worship Services:

Aug.	7	.....	89
Aug.	14	.....	77
Aug.	21	.....	109
Aug.	28	.....	116

"and the people gave ... "

July	31	.....	\$3,887.00
Aug.	7	.....	1,858.68
Aug.	14	.....	1,414.99
Aug.	21	.....	2,382.35
Aug.	28	.....	5,125.90
.Total			\$14,668.92



WHO'S WHO?

Can you guess the church member who

- 1....was born in Yakima, WA
- 2... is a movie "Addict"
- 3... A.K.A. "Blackbead"

Answer is on the Last page!



TRINITY OUTDOOR SUNDAY

Sunday, September 11, 2016



Dress casually, bring your folding chairs or picnic blankets, and be ready for a great day filled with fellowship and worship! All activities will be at our Picnic Pavilion. There will be no formal nursery, but we will have toys and lots of space for kids – everyone is invited to enjoy this day together! If weather does not permit, then we will meet in Founders Hall.



9:30 a.m.
Rally Day

Kick off the new Sunday School year! We will have coffee, cupcakes, and juice for all. This year we will be playing “Where is it in the Bible?” Do you know where to find the Beatitudes or how about “the fruits of the Spirit”? Study up as we will buddy up adult with youth to find these gems in our bibles.



11:00 a.m.
Church Picnic

Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share and a folding chair if you have one. Any questions, please call Jan Privett at 419-9405.



Outdoor
Worship
Service

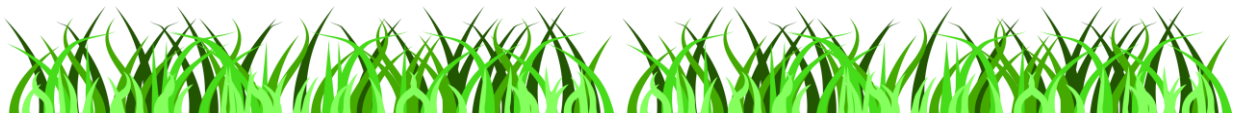
10:30 a.m.
Worship Service

We will enjoy the beauty of God’s creation as we worship. This will be a short, informal service with no bulletins and only a short homily. We will have an a cappella hymn sing, as well – be thinking of your favorite well known hymns!



12:00 p.m.
Games for Kids

Following lunch, we will once again have water balloons, squirt bottles, etc., for the children to enjoy. Come ready to have fun! Come prepared with swim suits, towels, and/or extra clothes.





MOVING FORWARD!!

All women are invited to join on Sunday, September 18 following worship (11:45 AM) for the election of officers who will make up the PW Coordinating Team and to organize our circles. We will meet in Founders' Hall and snacks will be served.

Circles are our "small groups" that will meet for Bible Study, support and fellowship according to the desires of those meeting together. We are beginning with three circles. Each woman may choose the timeframe that works best for their personal situation. The days/times are: Circle 1 ~ the second Wednesday of each month at 10 AM (our current Women's Morning Circle), Circle 2 ~ the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM, and Circle 3 ~ the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. Childcare will be available for each evening circle and may be arranged for the morning circle with prior notice. Each circle will be responsible for creating their own leadership team and once they begin meeting, may change their meeting dates and times according to the wishes of the majority of the group. Remember, this is the organizational stage! The fine tuning of each group is open to the ideas and discussion as they get to know each other.

Within the next year we will have programs around the different purposes of the Presbyterian Women organization: Prayer and Bible Study, Mission, Social Justice, and Building Community or other topics expressed in the surveys. We are also hoping that, in time, more groups will form around shared interests among the women of Trinity.

We invite your prayers and participation as we journey together in this new and exciting ministry. As always, you may contact any of us with your questions, comments or concerns.

~Mari Shineman, Karen Spader, and Bev Thieme



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

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

September 4: 11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s
September 18: 11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our first Sunday of actual classes will be September 18 at 9:30 am. This year our adult class will be led by Evelyn Richards, Youth class for middle school to high school will be led by Susan Matthews. The nursery will have a short lesson each Sunday morning. All children are encouraged to worship with the congregation; for our youngest members (birth – kindergarten), we will provide a Nursery following Time with Young Disciples.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Join us Friday evening September 23rd at 6pm to watch *Ice Age* and have fellowship. Bring snacks and join in the fun.

A DOSE of HUMOR



"Anything about leash laws?"

From a bulletin:

Today's Sermon

How to Spend Eternity With Cod

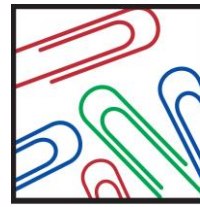
Hymn of the Day

That sounds a bit fishy!

Pray For Our



SCHOOLS



Office Hours

Regular office hours resume in September.

The Church office will be open Tuesday – Friday, 8:30am – 1:00pm.



WHO'S WHO?

ANSWER

You guessed it! The answer is

Larry Clark!

Don't Miss the



The deadline for items submitted to the **October Bridge** is **Friday, September 23.**

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