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"Diverse in Backgrounds, United in Faith"

Friends,

I have always loved Halloween, and I absolutely love the tradition of trick-or-treating. I can't think of anything better than dressing up and getting free candy! As a child, I would plan my costumes in detail for months. As an adult, I revel in handing out candy from my front door and seeing all the kids have fun – and I enjoy trunk-or-treat events just as much! I always look forward to Halloween.

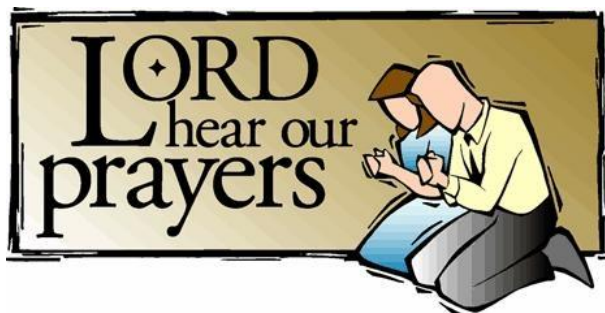
A few years ago I heard about "The Teal Pumpkin Project." The idea is simple: you put a teal painted pumpkin on your doorstep to advertise that you offer non-food treats as well as candy. This allows children with allergies or other dietary restrictions to fully participate in Halloween. I must confess to you that my first reaction was an eye roll – I do *not* like my traditions changed! My second, and almost immediate, reaction was a mix of surprise and chagrin that I had never considered food allergies as a trick-or-treating hurdle before. The reality of our world is that there are many people for whom allergies are a life or death issue, and many more for whom food can cause unnecessary difficulties. It pains me that there might be children in our community who can't participate in the fun of Halloween because of serious allergies. I have been a fan of The Teal Pumpkin Project ever since, and I now try to offer a variety of "treats" at home.

Trick-or-treating is not a Christian discipline, nor is Halloween a distinctly Christian holiday (although it has its roots in the celebration of All Saint's Day). Part of being a Christian in our world, however, is engaging in secular activities in a Christian way. So, if we are to participate in trick-or-treating, then the Christian way to do that is to be as hospitable, inclusive, and intentional as possible. "Let the little children come to me," Jesus told us, "and do not hinder them" (Matthew 19:14). You don't have to put out a teal pumpkin, but I encourage you to have a few non-food treats available this year alongside your candy – stickers, bubbles, glow sticks, crayons, temporary tattoos, and whistles are all readily available in stores. Think of other ways that you can most show the welcome and love of Christ without even using words – and share those great ideas!

More importantly than just Halloween, we are to embody God's love for people in all that we do. Maintaining Christian practices as we engage with the world is the most basic part of the walk of faith. As we enter into this October, my prayer is that we would approach all of our fall activities knowing that they are an opportunity to show the joy and grace of God.

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:

- Oct. 1: George & Brenda Scott
Bob & Allison Seed
Matt & James Seward &
Woody Bradshaw
- Oct. 8: Mary Zoe Shelley
Rick & Mari Shineman
Richard Shineman
- Oct. 15: Steven, Kristina, & Aubrey
Jo Shineman & Austin
Sinclair
Erick, Bridget, Zoey, &
Aiden Shireman
Dani Sloan
- Oct. 22: Mary Sloan
Rob, Julie, & Peyton Sloan
Julie Smith
- Oct. 29: Mary Snyder
Bob & Susan Sorensen
Bret Sorensen



- Oct. 3 John & Teresa Chapman
- 5 Steven & Kristina Shineman
- 17 Dennis & Stacy Graham
- 25 Chris & Sara Williams



Trinity sends its deepest sympathies to the family of Bob Jones, especially his wife Patsy. Bob passed away on August 28th.

Trinity sends its deepest sympathies to the family of Bridget Byrd, who passed away on September 11th. Bridget was the mother of Terry Chapman, grandmother to Bridget Shireman, and great-grandmother to Zoey and Aidan. Our prayers are with the whole family, including John and Erick.



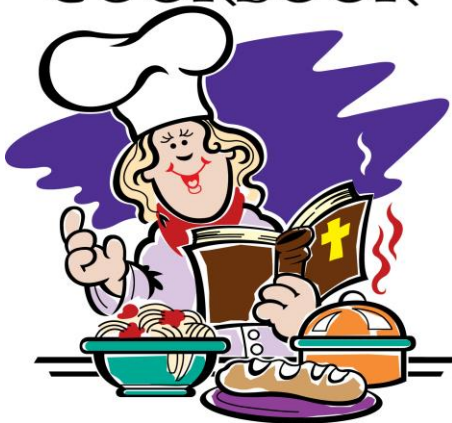
- Oct. 2 Steve Burns
- 6 Virgie Owens
- 8 Alaura Miller
- 9 Jennie Richards
- 11 James Seward
- 12 Howard Rich
- 14 Aiden Shireman
Charlie Strobel
- 17 Betty Goetz
- 20 Joe Daniel, Jr.
- 21 Mary Daniel
- 22 Janice Parish
- 23 Bridget Shirman
- 26 Eland Ellis
- 28 Richard Shineman
- 29 Shelby Eagan
- 30 Susan Matthews
- 31 Beth McPike
Jordan Richards

CARDBOARD TUBE COLLECTION



Trinity's Frontier Girls Troop is planning to make a float similar to the one above for the 2017 Halloween Parade in Independence. To help us out, please bring all of your cardboard tubes to church – toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, wrapping paper rolls, you name it! Give donations to Julie Lyons or Susan Matthews.

OUR CHURCH COOKBOOK



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.

WELCOME TO OUR WORLD!



Keith and Stacia Martin were delighted to welcome their son, Johnathan Michael, on September 17, 10:35a.m., at 7 lbs. 8 oz. and 19.5 inches long. Big sister Michaela is very excited he is finally here, as is proud grandmother Jan Privett. Welcome Johnathan!

CONGRATULATIONS!



Tony Pinto, son of Carolyn Rich, and Peggy Russell were married on September 2nd. Congratulations to the happy couple!



SEW 'N SO'S

Thank you Trinity, for saving the Best Choice Bar Codes for us. We have received 1006 bar codes for this year. Please keep saving



On the first Day of the Week

"The people came together..."

Worship Services:

Sept. 3	57
Sept. 10	55
Sept.. 17	71
Sept. 24	69

"and the people gave . . . "

Sept. 3	\$2,365.00
Sept. 10	1,287.25
Sept. 17	3,926.00
Sept. 24	<u>1,486.00</u>
Total	\$9,064.25



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

Oct. 1	11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s
Oct. 15:	11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s
Oct. 29	11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s

SANTA-CALI-GON EARNINGS



Thanks to all of your hard work, we had a successful year at Santa-Cali-Gon, earning \$17,253.31 in our booth, with \$276.27 from our tip jars going to hurricane relief. That's well over 3,500 funnel cakes sold! Great work, everyone!



**Ketchup Sunday
October 22nd**

Our giving always slows down during the summer, so it's time to ketch-up! Bring ketchup and other condiments to restock our food drive supplies, and also catch-up with your pledge during worship on October 22nd. Quarterly statements will go out between now and then so you know whether or not you're behind. For those of you all caught up and those who will catch up in October – thank you!



You are invited to

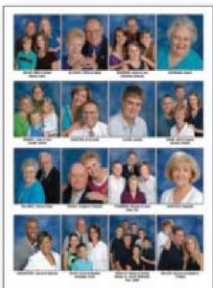
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Capture Memories for a lifetime

Be a part of our new family directory program. We need YOU to make our new family directory complete!



Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait & directory for participating



We will partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our families and tell our story.

Portraits are treasured keepsakes

Photos will be taken at Trinity on October 5th-7th

Convenient

Lifetouch will photograph at our location.

In your one-hour session you will:

- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase portrait gifts



Exclusive products for your cherished memories



Thanks to all for the cards, calls, visits and prayers during my recent accident. Special thanks to Jan and Diana for taking care of my car, and Elizabeth for taking care of me that night.

Barb Burnett



**Sunday, October 8
following worship**

Let's join together in a meal before we send our CROP Walkers on their way.

Any questions, please call Jan Privett at 419-9405.



Help with Trinity's first-ever Community Lunch on Saturday, Nov. 4, starting at noon. We will be preparing and serving food to the needy in our community. You can cook, clean, serve, or just be a loving presence.



Sunday, October 8, 2017

Through the years the Trinity congregation has generously supported the Church World Service (CWS) CROP Walk. We have raised money to help provide grants to anti-hunger agencies throughout the KC metro area; relief for those affected by natural disasters; and provide food, water and resources that empower people around the world to meet their own needs. This year's 3.3 mile (apx.5K) CROP Walk will begin and end at Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak, Kansas City, MO

Registration is at 1:00 PM and the walk begins at 2:00 PM. Walker packets are available at church on Sundays so you can collect donations from your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Even if you aren't able to make it on Walk day, you can still get a packet and raise funds to help fight hunger!

Folks can help by donating to a specific Trinity walker with cash or a check, or visit www.crophungerwalk.com/kansascitymo/trinity and donate to the Trinity team with a charge card or Pay Pal account. You can also sign up there to join the Trinity team to receive online donations and share through social media

By working together we can help fight hunger locally and globally! Contact Mari Shineman (816)803-8796 with questions or for more information.



FALL FUN FEST
October, 21, 2017
1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Our annual Fall Fun Fest is almost here! Games, hot dogs, and s'mores will be available to anyone who wishes to stop by. We also plan to have the zoomobile, touch-a-truck, and hayrides! Please invite your friends, and see Kim Miller if you are able to volunteer.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
OFFERING, OCTOBER 1

A gift to the Peace and global Witness Offering enables the entire church to collaborate in our proclamation of Christ's peace. It not only helps other Presbyterians work for peace in troubled places around the world, but also builds bridges of reconciliation in our community. By expressing your commitment to a more just and peaceful world, it is one way we can follow in the of Jesus!

500TH
Anniversary
OF THE REFORMATION
OCTOBER 31ST

October 31, 2017, marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther posted his “95 Theses” on a church door in Germany. This wasn't an unusual act at the time; Luther was simply welcoming scholarly debate. But his ideas opposing certain teachings and practices of the church led to a monumental shift in Christianity.

Along with other reformers, Luther taught that Scripture is the supreme authority for the believer; that salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone; that only Christ (not the church) mediates between humanity and God; and that all glory is due to God.

Although the names most often associated with the Reformation are male, like Luther and Calvin, women also played key roles in maintaining the integrity of the church. Women who made notable contributions include:

- Katheryn Parr, the final wife of Henry VIII, who translated the Psalms and published two devotional books in English;
- Argula von Grumbach, a Bavarian noblewoman who published letters and debated with university faculty;
- Olympia Fulvia Morata, an Italian scholar who lectured on the teachings of Luther and Calvin — and was persecuted and imprisoned;
- Marie Dentière, a Belgian aristocrat and abbess who left her convent to speak in public — even on street corners! — about church reform.



One Day. One Community. One Mission.

INDEPENDENCE PROJECT CONNECT

The Independence Hungry and Homeless Coalition will host a one day, one stop service provision day for underserved and uninsured area adults on **Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 9 AM – 2 PM in the lower level of the Community of Christ Auditorium**, 1001 W. Walnut, Indep., MO. All services are provided FREE that day from more than 65 service providers and will include dental extractions, mental health screenings, Veteran's services, haircuts, smoke alarms and other needed resources.

Volunteers are needed to help the guests access the services that day and will be trained at 8AM before starting. All you need is the will to serve others! Donors are also needed to help provide services to folks. For more information or to volunteer please contact Amber Bauer, Community Services League (816) 912-4498, bauera@cslcares.org or Bob Vickers, Health Care Collaborative of Rural MO, (660) 251-0523, bob.vickers@hccnetwork.org.

If you or someone you know is in need, please share this information and be sure to access this opportunity in our community!

A DOSE of
HUMOR



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From a school newsletter:

JOIN us on OCTOBER 6:
... participation in the Field Day
obstetrical course ...
sign up on our website

There seems to be no *obstacle* to starting medical school early!





PHOTOS FROM SEPTEMBER



Santa-Cali-Gon: Labor Day Weekend 2017



Outdoor Rally Day: September 10, 2017



OCTOBER

When the weeds by the roadside
are colored with yellow

The fruit of the fields is ripened
and mellow

The leaves on the trees are
gloriously red

With a wonderful blue sky over
your head.

When with silver grey smoke
each valley is filled

And the air is like wine
deliciously chilled

You know without naming the
season or days

It's the month of October you see
through the haze.

~Alma Hahn



Margaret Edwards has a new room number -
her address is:

Mrs. Margaret Edwards
Wilshire at Lakewood Center
600 NE Meadowview Drive,
Room 212 A
Lee's Summit, MO 64064



OCTOBER 29TH Reformation Sunday

Children are invited to wear their Halloween
costumes to church.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



Cornerstone – A
Corner-stone harkens
back to God's
pronouncement in
Isaiah 28:16 that He
"has laid as a

foundation in Zion... a precious
cornerstone." Ephesians 2:20 declares that
Jesus the cornerstone of the household of
God. The letters IHC and XP are
abbreviations for "Jesus" and "Christ" in
ancient Greek.

Don't Miss the



The deadline for items submitted to the
November Bridge is
Friday, October 27th.

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