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"Diverse in Background, United in Faith"

Dear Trinity Friends,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your constant love and support, and my appreciation of you as a congregation who encourages and supports your musicians and the music for your liturgy every Sunday. The 'icing' is how wonderfully you sing and participate and make the liturgy 'come alive' each week.

I have enjoyed 17 wonderful years as Chancel Choir Director. I was so reluctant to even temporarily take the position, but between George Barth, Jack Palmer, Betty Miller, & Alison Seed, I was convinced to 'try it out'! Nelda Atkins was such a great music librarian, choral anthem resource, and personal/ professional support to me in those early days. Sally Burns, Ann Rich, Debbie Wade, and Jess Layman would offer encouragement/supportive comments to me during and after rehearsals and Sunday Services. The tenor men and Lyons men (the boys in the back row) were irresistible. How could I not stay?!

I have learned so much musically, professionally, and personally. I had a huge learning curve to overcome, but Jack Palmer, Ann Rich, Nelda Atkins, Debbie Wade, and Jess Layman coached me expertly. I watched and listened as you prayerfully joined with Westminster Presbyterian. I mourned the losses of wonderful choir members over the years: Stan Gray, Barbara Gordon, Debbie and Judy Wade, Doc McConchie, & Nelda Atkins.

You have supported me in my personal joys and sorrows, too: Births of grandchildren, support of my children in their religious development and educational goals, marriage to Greg, personal & family illnesses, & loss of relatives, esp. my mother and husband Gregory. I am so grateful for your generous time off to enjoy or endure all of these life events. Not only have I been enriched spiritually by the anthems/ cantatas we have learned, but also by the gifted Trinity pastors/ homilists during my tenure: Allison Seed, Ron Galvin, & now Elizabeth Strobel. You have been truly blessed to have such Spirit-filled, compassionate, learned & wise leaders of your congregation!

When my home sells, I will be heading to Los Angeles, CA. All of my children and grandchildren and two of 5 sisters live in California, half in the Bay Area and half in Southern CA. I will be leaving Independence after 60 years of developing personal and professional friendships in music education and music liturgy & ministry. Beginning a new and yet last phase of my life is exciting and yet intimidating.

Thank goodness for modern technology (of which I'm sooo challenged!). I look forward to keeping in touch with any of you who'd like to keep in touch with me! Perhaps I'll become more Facebook savvy and even learn to Twitter! Otherwise, I hope text and email will suffice! For now, I hope you will 'wait it out with me' and allow me to continue as the Chancel Choir Director until my home sells. I am so grateful for my time at Trinity Presbyterian and to have experienced your kindness, generosity, and hospitality.

May God continue to bless and keep you always.

Catherine Lynch





Trinity sends its love and prayers to the family of Wilma Chambers who passed away on Monday, October 5. Her service was held on Friday, October 9 at the Mt. Washington Mausoleum Chapel in Independence, MO.



- Nov. 8 Charlie & Elizabeth Strobel
- 22 Bob & Jane Cooper
- 24 Bob & Susan Sorensen



Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, **November 1st**. Please set your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening, October 31st.



Can you guess the church member who is...

1. ... I love to bake
2. ... I like Nascar
3. ... I'm from Iowa

Answer is on the last page!



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:

- Nov. 1:** Troy Berry
Kevin Berry
Megan Berry
- Nov. 8:** Shirley Beshore
Crystal Brock
Terry, Vicki, & Candice Brock
- Nov. 15:** Frances Buck
Marilyn Burkett
Barbara Burnett
- Nov. 22:** Brandon, Sharon, Brian,
Cameron, & Marek Burns
Steve Sally Burns
Jesse & Nancy Butler
- Nov. 29:** Beverly Campbell
Paul & Marian Carr



- Nov. 3 Jerry Schmitt
Jenna Zakrajsek
- 9 Jean Babcock
- 13 Jean Riddle
- 15 Woody Bradshaw
Brett Sorensen
- 16 Kyndal Robinson
Paul Tivis
- 20 Zoey Lynn Shireman
- 25 Christine Hanes
Jess Layman
Jim McPike
- 26 Keith Martin
- 29 Susan Sorensen

Welcome to the Family



Congratulations to Mike and Kerry Ellis on the birth of their son. **Eland David** was born on October 26th at 7lbs, 11oz, and 20 1/2 inches long. He is the younger brother to both Elijah and Emmalyn.

Congratulations to Erick and Bridget Shireman on the birth of their son. **Aiden Bradley** was born on October 14th at 5lbs, 5oz, and 18 inches long. He is pictured here with his big sister, Zoey. Aiden is the grandson of John and Terry Chapman.



Congratulations to Catherine Lynch on the birth of her new granddaughter! **Oliva Rose** was born on October 5th at 7lbs, 10oz, 20 inches long, and with red hair! She is pictured here with father Dan.

We Gather Together

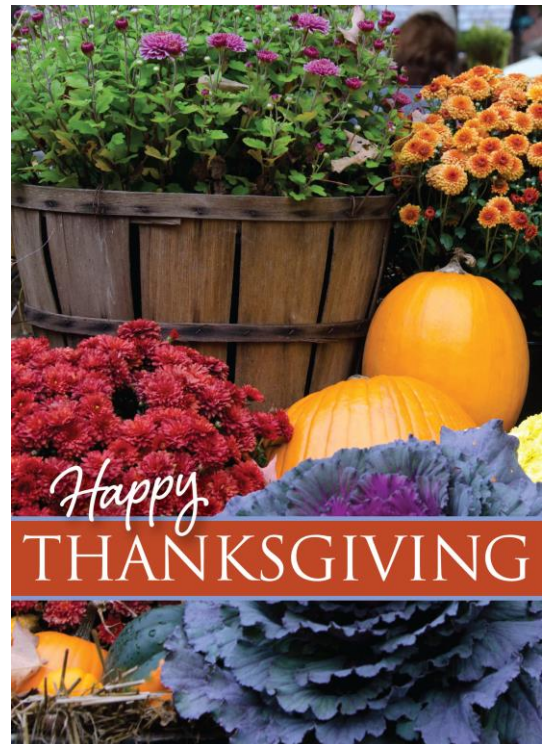


Thanksgiving Dinner
Friday, November 20, 2015
6:30 p.m.

Please join your Trinity family for Thanksgiving Dinner. Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, and rolls will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Any questions, please call David Thieme at 719-5437, or Jan Privett at 419-9405.





*On the first Day of the Week
"The people came together . . .*

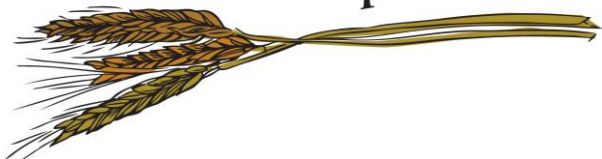
Worship Services

Oct. 4	.....	74
Oct. 11	.....	63
Oct. 18	.....	62
Oct. 25	.....	76

and the people gave . . .

Sept. 27	.....	\$1,983.00
Oct. 4	.....	4,389.62
Peace Offering	.....	250.00
Oct. 11	.....	4,074.10
Oct. 18	.....	1,315.00
Oct. 25	.....	<u>2,672.00</u>
Oct. Total	.....	12,700.72

Stewardship News



The Joash Chest will be open to receive your 2016 Pledges beginning on November 20th.

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS

As you make your holiday goodies the CE Committee is asking that you save your egg cartons for us. We are in need of 30. We appreciate your helping us with this endeavor. You may bring them to church and give them to Lucy Berry.



Women's Circle



Thank you, Trinity, for saving the Best Choice Bar Codes for us. We have already collected 1,828 for 2015. Please keep saving!



VETERANS DAY

November 11, 2015

On Veterans Day this year, let us remember and honor those men and women who gave of themselves, and let us continue to pray for our men and women currently serving in the military.

TIGERs Corner

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Nov 1: 11:30 a.m.

Nov. 15: 11:30 a.m.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING

The TIGERs went to Youthfest at Festival of Sharing in October. They enjoyed the music of the Glory Revival band at Youthfest on Friday. Saturday they worked hard packaging meals at the festival. They also got to try out the climbing wall and view some beautiful quilts that were being auctioned off. See pictures to the right.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- We're working with the Community Service Center to help with their upcoming Thanksgiving & Christmas meals. We don't have dates & times right now because the center is in a transition period with getting a new volunteer coordinator, so that info is TBA once we get the call from the new coordinator.

- Rent the youth fundraiser is coming back. The youth are going to be available Saturday, November 14th for rent to do yard work.

- Plus mark your calendar kids for our get together with Elizabeth & Charlie on December 20th.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Due to Becky Layman's surgery in September, adult supervisors are needed for all November activities. If you are available to help for even one event, please contact Becky Layman or Julie Lyons.



A DOSE of HUMOR



oops!

From a worship bulletin in Portland, Maine:
 THIS YEAR'S FEAST INCLUDES:
 turkey, gravy, masked potatoes ...
 Please RSVP by NOV. 22
 We'd love to know the secret behind this *mashed* dish.



The weather may be abominable,
 The skies may be cloudy and murky,
 but everybody will have a good time ...
 everybody, that is, but the turkey.

MORE PUNS FOR EDUCATED MINDS!

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

Jokes about German sausages are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

With all my heart

This Thanksgiving — and every day — let's thank our heavenly Father for all he has done.

Directions: Write the capital letters in order on the lines below to complete Psalm 9:1, NIV.

I	a	W	I	d	L	d	L	G	e
I	f	v	g	h	E	c	T	H	v
A	a	g	N	K	c	m	S	n	T
h	O	g	Y	O	b	U	e	L	O
P	R	e	D	W	a	I	T	H	A
h	L	L	f	M	b	Y	d	H	E
A	R	B	T	d	I	W	I	I	L
g	L	T	E	b	L	G	L	O	I
F	Z	A	L	V	L	Y	O	G	U
H	W	d	O	N	f	B	E	f	H
F	U	s	L	D	f	E	E	D	S

“ _____ ”

PSALM 9:1, NIV

Answer: "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1, NIV

Thankful Hearts

Make table decorations that serve as Thanksgiving conversation-starters.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cloth or felt
- Needle and thread
- Sewing machine (optional)
- Fiber fill, cotton balls or rice
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Cut out a heart pattern (any size) on paper. Allow 1/4" for a seam if you'll be using a sewing machine.
2. Cut out material hearts, placing pieces right sides out if sewing by hand and right sides together if using a machine.
3. For hand-sewing, use a running stitch or an overcast stitch. Leave an opening for stuffing.
4. With a machine, sew along a 1/4" seam, allowing a 1" opening so you can turn the heart inside out and insert stuffing. Trim close to seam but don't cut stitching.
5. Fill with stuffing. Sew the opening shut by hand.
6. Put a heart at each place setting. Before dinner, have guests pick theirs up and say why they have a thankful heart.



He makes me as
surefooted as a deer,
enabling me to **stand**
on **mountain heights**.

PSALM 18:33, NLT

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



Scepter and crown – The scepter and crown are symbols of a king's authority. In Christian tradition, they represent Christ's triumphant rule over all. The final Sunday of the liturgical year—November 22 this year—is Christ the King Sunday, when we celebrate this very thing. Hebrews 1:8 (NIV), echoing the book of Psalms, reads: "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of Your kingdom."



WEATHER CLOSINGS

When the weather is bad do you wonder if Trinity is opened? Now you can turn to your local television stations to find out. We will be listed on WDAF Channel 4, KMBC Channel 9 and KSHB Channel 41. We will NOT be listed on KCTV Channel 5.

grat·i·tude

[grat i tood]

noun

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

THE POWER OF GRATITUDE

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

-Melody Beattie



Don't Forget!

Sunday, November 22, 2015, is **Christ the King Communion Service** and you'll want to bring your food donations for Salvation Army and the hungry of Eastern Jackson County. Barrels will be in the lobby for your convenience.



Advent Fair

The Christian Education Committee invites the congregation to our Annual Advent Fair on Sunday, December 6, 2015, 9:30 AM in the Founders Hall. There will be activities for all ages; cards to make for the shut-ins, encouragement notes for those having chemo treatments, and a craft for the kids. We are asking for your help by bringing your favorite holiday goodie to share at the Tasting Table. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

TROOP 226 OVERNIGHT AT LARSON FARM



ANSWER

You guessed it! The answer is Jewel Lawson!

Inserts and Items for the Sunday News Sheets are due **no later than the previous Wednesday morning.**



All submissions for the December Bridge are due on

**Friday
November 20**