

# THE BRIDGE

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*"Diverse in Backgrounds, United in Faith"*

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Dear Friends,

I like politics. I always have. I remember going with my mom to volunteer for political campaigns when I was in elementary school. I worked in campaigns during high school and after college. My favorite TV show is *The West Wing*. I even enjoy watching presidential debates. And while I appreciate that every election season is history in the making, I must admit that this one has me a little nervous. Many of you have shared with me that you're experiencing varying levels of anxiety, fear, and anger over our current election season. This is often par for the course, especially in a presidential race, but this year feels different – more intense. There is a lot of hurt in the world right now.

So, let's remind ourselves of some good news: Christians do not need a political candidate to be our savior. Christians do not depend on public servants to give us hope for the future. Christians do not rely on one winner to unite us all. Jesus Christ does all of those things for us – yesterday, today, and tomorrow. That's not to say that politics aren't important, nor is it to say that we should be uninvolved in the governments of our world. That *is* to say, however, that Jesus has got this. Even if the election does not turn out the way you hope, God holds our future. In Matthew 6, Jesus reminds us with his gentle good humor, "Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?...Therefore do not worry...But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Striving for the kingdom of God, let us choose hope during this election season. Let's choose unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ (no matter how they vote), and let's encourage rather than tear down those with whom we disagree. Let's pray for all people, even those we might believe to be our enemies. Let's choose to focus on thankfulness this month. Most of all, let's be the people of God who can meet a world of stress and division with grace, forgiveness, and hope. Let's proclaim the good news with how we respond to this election.

The election will be over quite soon – let's make the most of the next days to show the love and peace of Christ to the world in a time where it will most stand out. What an opportunity!

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:

- Nov. 6:** Dan & Ruth Washburn  
Mary Watters  
Carol, Jessica, Allison, Albert, Jr., & Elizabeth Weeks
- Nov. 13:** Mary Weldon  
Rich & Donna White  
Brian, Julie, Danielle Wildschuetz & Alyssa Morris
- Nov. 20:** Joe & Sara Wilper  
Steve & Mary Winfry  
Joann Wyman
- Nov. 27:** Rev. Robert Wyman  
Gary & Susan Wysocki  
Rev. James Adams



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Michelle Jones
- 3 Debra Gabel  
Jerry Schmitt  
Jenna Zakrajsek
- 5 Kristopher Taylor
- 7 William Washburn
- 9 Jean Babcock
- 13 Jean Riddle
- 15 Woody Bradshaw  
Brett Sorensen
- 16 Kyndal Robinson  
Paul Tivis
- 20 Zoe Shireman
- 25 Christine Hanes  
Jess Layman
- 26 Jim McPike
- 29 Susan Sorensen



**SO 'N SEWS**

Thank you Trinity, for saving the Best Choice Bar Codes for us. We have already collected 851 for 2016. Please keep saving,

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 6, 2016. Please set your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening, November 5<sup>th</sup>.



**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

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



*On the first Day of the Week*

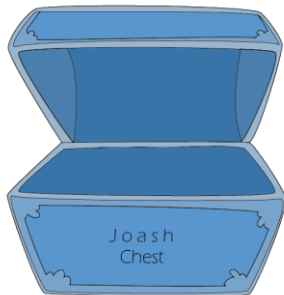
*"The people came together..."*

*Worship Services:*

Oct. 2	.....	86
Oct. 9	.....	78
Oct. 16	.....	85
Oct. 23	.....	99
Oct. 30	.....	Unavailable

*"and the people gave . . . "*

Oct. 2	.....	\$2,972.09
Oct. 9	.....	2,883.00
Oct. 16	.....	1,518.92
Oct. 23	.....	3,769.71
Oct. 30	.....	Unavailable
Total	.....	\$11,143.72



“Joash was seven years old when he began to reign; he reigned forty years in Jerusalem...The king gave command, and they made a chest, and set it outside the gate of the house of the Lord. All the leaders

and all the people rejoiced and brought their tax and dropped it into the chest until it was full... So they did day after day, and collected money in abundance.”  
*-from 2 Chronicles 24*

The Joash Chest will be open to receive your 2017 Pledges at our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The Joash Chest can be found in the sanctuary every week beginning on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.



## Turkey DINNER

**Friday, November 18**

**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 Jan Privett at 419-9405 or Kim Miller at 591-7314.



**Saturday  
November 26**

**9:00 A.M. –  
Noon**



### WHO'S WHO?

Can you guess the church member who ....

1. ... Graduated from a Jesuit College.
2. ... is family historian.
3. ... Attended 1980, 1985, 2014, & 2015 World Series.

Answer on the last page.

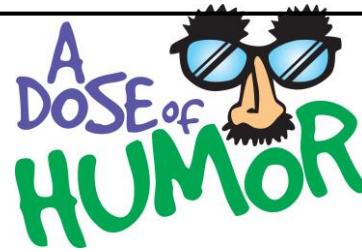
The **PW Coordinating Team** is busy working on the formation of our By-Laws and the other administrative tasks that need to be attended to as our new organization is born. Watch for more news as decisions are made by them. Circles 2 and 3 are together and developing their groups!

**Circle 1** will continue meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 AM. Their study this year will be the Horizon's study "The Faces of Jesus". All ladies are welcome to join this group that is led by Irene Schmitt.

**Circle 2** will meet on the second Tuesday each month at 6:30 PM with leadership provided by Kerry Ellis and Rachel Matthews. The eight ladies who met to begin this group have chosen to study a book entitled "Hope Unfolding: Grace-Filled Truth for the Momma's Heart" by Becky Thompson. You would be welcome to join the group but please obtain the book, read the introduction and be ready for discussion on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Circle 3** will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. During their initial meeting, many things were discussed and groundwork was laid for leadership and study options. The two study options are "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton and "The Value of Doubt" by Bill Tammeus. The six ladies who met are exploring both books and will come together to make a decision on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to join this group, you'd be welcome and please come prepared to be part of the decision-making process regarding which book to study.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Trinity's Presbyterian Women's organization, please contact either of the Co-Moderators Lucy Berry or Karen Spader.




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From a church newsletter:

~~holiday concert tickets on sale!~~

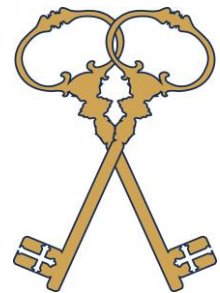
~~Reserve seats now; a big crowd is expected.~~

~~Cost is only \$5 per person.~~

This is sure to be an interesting crowd.

## CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

**Keys** - A key symbolizes the church's authority to forgive sins in Jesus' name. In Matthew 16:19 (ESV), Jesus says to Peter, who would come to represent the Christian church "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."





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

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

November 13: 11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s  
November 20: 11:30 a.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s

The Youth Group of Trinity and friends had a successful and productive trip to this year's Festival of Sharing in Sedalia, MO. We had 9 youth and 4 adults that attended the festival on Friday-Saturday, October 14-15. This year's Christian Band that performed all weekend was Lee Roessler and they were awesome! Thanks to our wonderful church for sponsoring us, and thanks to all the Youth for their hard work, and energy with this heart-felt weekend. The fun didn't stop there. We then visited the Liberty Corn Maze on Sunday, October 16 The girls competed against the boys, on who could finish first. The girls of course won!! The boys still won also, as they accumulated a family with two little ones, who wanted to follow and tag along. The Youth Group had a blast doing this! We are blessed with awesome youth in our church and community!

David and Julie Lyons



On Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, Elizabeth will preach at New Horizon Presbyterian Church in Odessa while New Horizon's pastor, Paula Isgrig, will preach at Trinity. This is a wonderful opportunity to share in ministry with one of our sister churches in Heartland Presbytery! Please give a warm welcome to Pastor Paula and continue to pray for the meaningful ministry of New Horizon.



## CROP WALK SUCCESS

Thanks to the walkers who raised \$763.00 for the 2016 CROP walk. This group of 12 walkers included two families with three generations: Evelyn Richards, Julie Wildschuetz, & Alyssa Morris; and Jan Privett, Stacia Martin, & Michaela Martin.

Since 1999, Trinity has raised \$27,917.00 for the CROP Hunger Walk.



## HARVEST TABLES OPEN

Share your harvest with people who fight hunger in Jackson County. Harvest Tables will be at the front of the sanctuary for the month of November. In December, your offerings of food will be taken to the local Salvation Army.



The CE and Fellowship committees would like to thank all who participated and donated to the Fall Fun Festival. This was a huge cooperative effort from the Fellowship committee for the food, the Scouts for help with set up and running the games, and the CE committee for spearheading this project.

## PHOTOS FROM OCTOBER

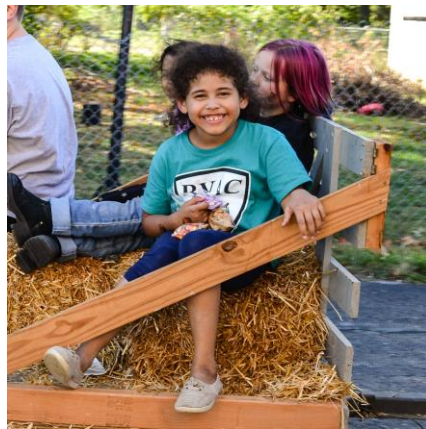


T.I.G.E.R.s at Festival of Sharing, October 14-15



T.I.G.E.R.s at Liberty Corn Maze, October 16

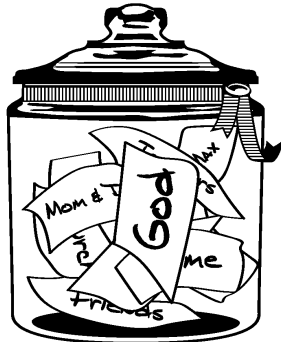
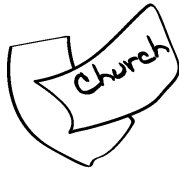




Fall Fun Fest, October 22

# BLESSINGS JAR

Thanksgiving reminds us of our many gifts from God. Count your blessings all month long with this craft.



## What you need:

- Jar
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue
- 3 sheets of paper (different colors)
- Marker or pen



## What you do:

1. Measure and cut enough ribbon to wrap around the jar's neck, below the lid. Glue in place and let dry.
2. Fold each piece of paper in half three times, resulting in eight rectangles per sheet. Cut along the fold lines, and you'll have 24 rectangles.
3. Each day in November until Thanksgiving, write down one blessing from God. Then place that blessing in the jar.
4. On Thanksgiving, open the jar and read all your blessings to your family and friends.



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.



**WHO'S WHO?**

**ANSWER**

You guessed it! The answer is  
**Barbara Burnett!**

Don't Miss the

**DEADLINE!**

The deadline for items submitted to the **December Bridge** is **Friday, November 26.**

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