

TRINITY TIMES

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Pastor's Pen

Making an Impact

"... let your light shine before all people, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

What does it take to be a person of influence? Fame? Fortune? A following? Many times we consider these, and other things, as the necessary conditions to be a person of influence. What about being a parent or a teacher, are they people of influence? Certainly! Do we have influence as an employee? As an employer? Yes! Might we consider ourselves as Christians to be influential people? Absolutely! **A person of influence is far more than what they have or what they do; it is about who they are.**

I once heard the idea of influence illustrated by the difference between thermometers and thermostats. Consider the difference between them. A thermometer merely tells what the temperature is in a particular area. If your thermometer reads seventy degrees and you place it in a room that is currently eighty degrees, the thermometer will change to register whatever the room temperature is. It won't be long before the thermometer reads eighty degrees. **A thermometer always conforms to its environment.**

The thermostat, on the other hand, alters the temperature of a room. If the thermostat is set at seventy degrees and the room is eighty degrees, the temperature of the room changes to conform to whatever the thermostat is reading. The room will become seventy degrees. **A thermostat always transforms its environment.**

We all live our life as either a thermostat or a thermometer. We can either blend in with the crowd, or we can change the crowd. We either influence others, or they are influencing us. Jesus calls us to become thermostats. Actually, since they didn't have thermostats in Bible times, Jesus used the terms "salt" and "light" to communicate that we are to be agents of change in the world. (See Matthew 5:13-16)

Which do you want to be, a thermometer or a thermostat? Just one of the crowd, or an person of influence? Come join us and find out how you can be a person of influence, an agent of change, as we worship, walk, and work together for the glory of our Savior.

In the love of Jesus Christ!

Pastor Steve



Fall festival...



You're invited to the
Trinity Presbyterian Church

FALL FESTIVAL!

**Enjoy Live Music, Free Food
(hot dog and chips combo),
Free Popcorn, Games, Inflatable,
Cornhole Tournament, Bake Sale, and more!**



Where: Trinity Presbyterian Church
10200 Shelbyville Road

When: Sunday, September 20th

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Apparel featuring tpc logo...

The Evangelism Committee will be taking orders for TPC apparel on September 13th during the Fall Kickoff and before and after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Orders will also be taken on September 20th before and after both Sunday School and the 11:00 a.m. worship service and also during the Fall Festival. The clothing will include crew-neck sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, men's and women's polos, and short- and long-sleeve t-shirts. Items will be available in both adult and youth sizes in either red or blue and will feature Trinity's logo.

Worship attendance...

	2015	2014
07/05:	130	129
07/12:	110	126
07/19:	110	143
07/26:	136	128



Mark your calendars for the start of a new year of study at TPC!
 We will have a gathering on September 13th during Sunday School to
 "kickoff" our new Sunday School lessons, Bible Studies and programs.
 We will serve a light breakfast and have lots of information to share with you.
 We look forward to seeing you!!!



Please join us for a Back to School Bash!!! Friday, August 14th @ 6:00pm
 10104 Ledbury Way in Plainview (Linda's House)

Bring a blanket to sit on or some lawn chairs and be ready to play games
 and have some fun! We'll be serving fried chicken and watermelon.

Please bring a summer dish. (Something easy!)

We look forward to seeing you!!

It has been a busy summer with 3 weeks spent as a guest artist in Montreat and a summer camp for Dreams with Wings.

The Center will be a part of the new Block Party on Frankfort opening on August 1st.

All of our fall classes will start August 18th. The Center is looking forward to some new art classes starting in September and some new open studio hours as well.

Summer Hymns a Hit!

I have so enjoyed receiving and singing your favorite hymns. Many of you have spoken to me regarding your favorites and have voiced your positive opinions on having this segment in our worship service during the summer. Sadly, there is not always time to sing everyone's favorites but we have a few weeks left and will do our very best to squeeze in as many as possible.

Our hymnal is a wealth of information including; an Index of First Lines (for those of us who can't remember the title but can sing the first line), a Topical Index for pinpointing a hymn to go with a specific subject etc., and my favorite, the Metrical Index. The Metrical Index organizes hymns by the number of syllables in each phrase. For example Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God Al-Migh-ty=11. Continue this throughout the hymn and you get 11, 12,11, 10 Look this up in the Metrical Index and you will find other hymns with the same pattern of syllables and you can interchange the words and melodies. Okay, I can get a little carried away with that and maybe it is not so exciting to you but you have to admit.....it IS kinda cool.

Several of you have asked about tune names. Hyfrydol, Nicaea, Duke Street etc. Many of the tunes we use for our hymns were written/composed long before the words were added. Or sometimes visa versa and it just took a while for someone to put the words and the tunes together. This past week we sang Amazing Grace which is an American Tune a folk tune that somehow was passed down and no one knows who to give credit to for making it up. John Newton chose this tune for his words. A couple of weeks ago we sang, It is Well With My Soul. The tune name, very touchingly, is titled for the ship, Ville Du Havre that sank while carrying many passengers including Horatio Spafford's 4 daughters. Spafford was the writer of the words to this wonderful hymn.

Hymnody can be an amazing journey into history and the faith of many who have come before us. I encourage you to research and discover for yourselves some of the stories behind the Hymns of our faith.

Music Ministry News

Music ministers in so many ways. My sister-in-law, who is walking the Chemo treatment path with her mother, has discovered anew the therapeutic value of music at the Markey Cancer Center in Lexington. She has known the Eagles song, I've Gotta Peaceful, Easy Feeling for a long time but has been amazed at the application of this song to the patients at the cancer center.

Our worship is enhanced by music. When you listen to a beautiful Prelude played expertly by Shelley or the intricacies of an Oboe solo offered by Doug Harville or an anthem by the choir speaks directly to your heart, you are prepared to receive the word and the message and the spirit of our worship. The folks who come faithfully week in and week out to prepare music for Sunday worship and high holy days in our church year are blessed by the fellowship of other choir members but it is a big responsibility. Because our choir is small when 2 or 3 are absent it affects the rest of the group's ability to provide for our worship service. The Bell Choir is incapacitated if one or two are missing due to illness or family issues. It is tough to prepare for weeks to present glorious music and then be handicapped in presenting it because someone cannot be there at the last minute on Sunday morning.

I love this choir and they do wonderful work but our work can be made more effective with more people singing. Many will say, "but I don't have a good voice" others will say, "I just don't have time", some might say, "I can't read music.", or, "They sound pretty good without me." All of these reasons, believe it or not, are reasons any regular choir member could say too but they come to choir anyway.

Please consider:

We rehearse for about an hour on Wednesday evening-7:15-8:15 We have moved to 7:15 to enable folks to attend Bible Study.

We rehearse 4-5 weeks ahead so that those who might have to be away on a Wednesday will have gone through pieces well in advance of when we will sing them in worship.

There are no auditions or tests!!!

We love and care for (and carry) all members when they need it. You don't have to be a trained musician.

There is wonderful expert child-care. I took 5 children to church every Wednesday night for 25 years and they turned out pretty good (if I do say so myself) *and they got their homework done.*

We need you and maybe you need this fellowship too.

BELL CHOIR

New rehearsal time. 3:15-4:15 Sunday afternoon. Go to church, go to lunch, go to bells, go home!!! See how easy it is!

Our wonderful bell ringer Kathy Schuler must take a leave of absence from the Bell Choir. If you have ever watched Kathy play, she handles about 6-8 bells at one time. We will miss her and hope she will be back but this means **you** can have a spot in the bell choir. DON'T PANIC.....you will not be expected to handle 8 bells but we truly need folks to step up and be part of the bell choir. It is fun and all the reasons for joining are already listed above. However, we have a new rehearsal time. **3:15-4:15** Bells are fun and unique in that you are only responsible for ringing your individual notes (usually 2). This fact however creates an issue. Without enough hands there is no bell choir music. The music is not complete without the 2 or so notes a member plays. We cannot simply do without those notes. Each member can only handle a certain number of bells and without hands the Bell music stops. Think about it.....please. You can do this.

Newsletter Deadline—August 20th. . .



The deadline for the September Trinity Times is August 20th. Please email articles to tpclouisville@att.net or leave them in the secretary's mailbox.

Mission . .



Trinity is partnering with Middletown Elementary School for the Blessings in a Backpack program.

It cost approx. \$80 to supply each child with food during the school year. It also takes volunteers like **YOU** to fill the backpacks each Friday.

If you are interested in volunteering at Middletown Elementary School, 218 N. Madison Ave.

STARTING DATE TO BE DETERMINED

Check-in at the School Office.

If you would like to volunteer please sign-up on the Mission bulletin board so we can notify you when we get the Start Date.

The Family Resource Counselor ~ Casandra Swift Crowe 253-9043

You may volunteer every week, once a month or whatever fits your schedule we just need to keep the school advised.

We have sponsored 10 children for the coming year, if you would like to make a donation to help sponsor a child, make your check out to Trinity marking it for Blessings in a Backpack.

Even if you cannot volunteer or contribute we ask that you support this program with prayer.

MISSION DATES TO REMEMBER

Additional information will be forth coming

September 9th:	Recycle Event @ The City of Plantation
October 7th:	Stand Down Project Homeless Connect
November 8th-15th:	Thanksgiving Baskets for EACM
November 16th-23rd:	Operation Christmas Child

august anniversaries...

08/03: Dan & Darlene Lamaster
08/12: Larry & Carol Hartmann
08/15: Clarke & Marty Johnson III
08/17: James & Jane Kurfees
Max & Sheryl Oyler
08/20: Vic & Doris Peo
08/31: Skip & Betty Wilborn



august Birthdays...

08/01: Kyle Mullin	08/18: Jacqueline Ludwick
08/02: Jacob Koukola	08/20: Mary Charnes
Keira Brooke Smith	08/21: Jenny Graham
Marc Bushue	08/23: Mary Ann Genet
08/03: Judy Shanahan	08/29: Mary Corum
08/06: Chris Schuler	Amber Walker
08/09: Marty Johnson	
Grace McDaniel	
08/12: RoseMary Hambleton	
08/13: Elizabeth Latham	
Anna Marie Redcorn	
Shelley Shumate	
08/14: Jane Jenkins	
Kylee Mullin	
08/16: Robin Williams-Neal	



august Nursery volunteers...

08/02: Sandy Koukola and Mary Charnes
08/09: Jay Charnes and Glenna Ogle
08/16: Kathy MacDonald and Kay Nolan
08/23: Elizabeth Latham and Steve Kratt
08/30: Jennifer Hacker and Kathy MacDonald



august Collection Counters...

08/02: Bill & Janet Husband
08/09: Roger Harvell and Betty Wilborn
08/16: Cathy Dawson and Deb Kelly
08/23: Tom Dawson and Jack Kelly
08/30: Bill & Janet Husband



MEN'S STUDY GROUP. . .

Where: Wild Eggs at English Station Road

When: First & Third Tuesdays of the Month

What Time: 8:30 a.m.

What: Bible Study and fellowship

Who: All men of all ages connected in any way with Trinity Presbyterian Church



All men are invited; come informally, come as you are,
come for one Tuesday, come for them all.

In August, we will meet on the 4th and 18th.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Trinity's Vision Statement

"We are a welcoming church family, developing disciples who
joyfully minister to others in the name of Christ."