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Pastor's Pen

**Made for More than Me**

*Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness..." (Genesis 1:26)*



THE BIG QUESTIONS OF LIFE

Right there, in the opening lines of the Bible, God answers the big questions of life. Is there a "god"? Where did everything come from? Does life have meaning and purpose? And so on. Whatever big question we can conceive of, the answer originates in these opening lines of the Bible.

Of the many big questions of life that are asked and pondered and fiercely debated, one essential question is ignored or overlooked. It is such an obvious question, one that is fundamental to who we are, and one whose answer expresses in many ways who God is.

One form of the question has been asked this way: "What is the chief end of man?" Answer: "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever." Perhaps the way this question is asked and answered is too distant or technical or religious sounding. Put another way, the question might be asked this way: what is our purpose, why are we here, what does it mean to be human? The answer to this question requires three things: 1) God, 2) you, and 3) me.

I know I might be on the verge of losing you, so let me get to the point. You and I, as those purposefully made by God, are made to live in community. We are made for more than just me. We are made for God, for others, and for ourselves. And the basis of this design for community is God's very self.

Gilbert Bilezikian, expert on the principles and practice of Christian community, describes it this way:

"...community finds its essence and definition deep within the being of God. Oneness is primarily a divine mode of being that pertains to God's own existence, independently from and prior to any of his works of creation. Whatever community exists as a result of God's creation, it is only a reflection of an eternal reality that is intrinsic to the being of God. Because God is eternally one, when he created in his image, he created oneness." (Community 101, p. 16)



Not only do you and I not have to be alone, we were made not to be alone...but to be in community, in God's community expressed through the church. We were made for more than just "me". God wants you and me. God gifts us with one another. And in this community, in relationship with God through Jesus Christ, we also discover who God made us to be.

We, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, invite you to discover who God is through His church, that you also might discover who God created you to be....for you were made for more than "me".

Welcomed in the name of Christ,

Pastor Steve



Thank you



The children of Clyde Muse: Sally, Betty and David, would like to express our gratefulness for the support of the Trinity family during this time of grief and celebration of his life. Special thanks to the deacons and all those who helped with the visitation. We are overwhelmed by your kindness.

Middletown festival and craft show



**Please plan on visiting Trinity's Booth at the Middletown Family Fun Festival and Craft Show!**

Autumn-themed hand crafts, pottery, & information about our ministries will be on display.

**Friday, September 8th: 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 9th: 10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.**  
**Fireworks to follow!**



TRINITY'S FALL FESTIVAL



*You're invited to the Trinity Presbyterian Church*

**FALL FESTIVAL!**

**Enjoy Free Hot Dogs, Chips, Popcorn, Cotton Candy, Dilly Bars, Music, Games, Inflatable, Cornhole Tournament, Pottery & Bake Sale, & much more!**

**Children are encouraged to wear costumes!**

**Where:** Trinity Presbyterian Church  
10200 Shelbyville Road  
**When:** Sunday, October 22  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Trinity Presbyterian Women** is gearing up for another good year of study and service as we wind down our summer hiatus.

**Tuesday Morning Circle** will commence on **September 12th** at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor, followed by a brown bag lunch for those that have the time to fellowship.

Our Bible study this year will be facilitated using a guide called ***Zechariah: On That Day***. We will be delving into the last period of Old Testament history when an Israelite remnant has returned from exile in Babylon to resettle the Promised Land. God is calling His chosen back to Himself through Zechariah while encouraging them with reflections of future splendor, including the coming day of the Lord. We will uncover Scripture that Jesus exemplified or quoted during His earthly life as well.

A sign-up sheet is on the TPW bulletin board in the hallway so that we can know how many study guides to purchase. Then watch Sunday bulletins for our first reading assignment. In the meantime, take a glance through Zechariah to whet your ideas.

**Sew ‘n Sews**, our crafty ladies, have been meeting weekly for much of the summer in preparation for the busy autumn and winter season. For the second time we will be participating with Evangelism Committee in a booth at the **Middletown Family Fun Festival on September 8th and 9th**. We will be sharing about our ministry of making Best Buddy dolls, healing blankets and pillowcases for needy charities in the area (like Wellstone Behavioral Hospital) as well as selling lovely autumn themed gift items. We are praying for improved weather over last year’s incredible storm!

To learn more about TPW, please contact the church office. We’d love to hear from you!

## DEACON’S LEMONADE STAND

Everyone is invited to stop by the Deacon’s lemonade stand. It will be available each Sunday after the 11 a.m. worship service June 4th through August 27th. Look for our table on the east side of the Narthex. We will be serving “treats” and lemonade. There may also be some fresh veggies to take home. Please stop by for refreshments as you visit with others.

If anyone has “extra” veggies, fruit, herbs or flowers from their gardens to share with the congregation, please drop them off on the table before going in to worship.

The lemonade stand is the Deacons only fundraiser and source of income so donations are welcomed.

## MISSIONS OF TRINITY

### Faith & art

*We wanted to share this beautiful letter from a student and parent of Candy’s. This just confirms that Candy, her volunteers and the Faith & Art Center have a special and amazing ministry going on here at TPC.*

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
10200 Shelbyville Road  
Shelbyville, KY 40223

June 21, 2017

Dear Church,

A few years ago, I coaxed my adult autistic son into attending the “Art as Memory” open house your church hosted. We were greeted warmly the minute we stepped into the fellowship hall. I kept being told, “You have to meet Candy! You need to speak with Candy!” As I was encouraging Sam to visit each artist’s area and sample their style, some kind soul found Candy and brought her to us.

All those people were absolutely correct. We DID need to meet Candy! Little did we know we were about to enter a time of almost hell on earth and that Candy (through the studio, initially) would hold onto us.

The studio provides Sam with such a place of acceptance, refuge, artistic outlet, friendship, and interest. Actually, it does me as well!

I count myself a verbally adept person, but the studio is such a spiritual place for us that I am finding it difficult to express how incredibly important it is and what an anointed ministry your church has established and supports. We feel safe and cared for and listened to. There is a group of us who have been safely sharing our hearts with one another and being tender and healing. Safe spaces are a rare and blessed place!

And if I were to tell you the blessing that Candy has been to me, you would be swimming in my tears like The Mouse in Alice in Wonderland!

Our lives have been immeasurably blessed and enriched by our involvement with your church’s pottery studio. Thank you for supporting and sharing this artistic/spiritual ministry with us.

In Him,



Melody and Samuel Knopf



Minute for mission



**THANK YOU**, to everyone that participated in the EACM-Back to School Drive & Food Pantry. The loving support that our Trinity Family gives to EACM throughout the year is Greatly Appreciated.

**Coalition for the Homeless:** On **Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>** @ 11:30 a.m., Trinity will be hosting the quarterly Good News Luncheon for the Coalition. This a wonderful opportunity to come and hear from some of the organizations who faithfully serve the homeless & underserved population of the Louisville community.

We are also looking for some volunteers who would be willing to make a salad for the luncheon. Please see the sign-up on the Mission Board to either attend the luncheon or make a salad.

**Burrito Riders** – Time to stock the freezer again, target date is **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If you need the recipe, we have copies

**Operation Christmas Child:** It is hard to believe that in just 3 short months it will be time to prayerfully & lovingly pack the shoeboxes for God’s children around the world. We once again are planning to have a Packing Party: **Nov 1<sup>st</sup> @ the WOW Mission Night;**

We need your help; supplies are low and we need donations of items to make the Packing Party a huge success as it has been in the past: **Items Needed:** **toys** (for all ages 2-14): **clothing items:** t-shirts, dresses, shorts, underwear, socks & shoes. **hygiene items:** toothbrushes, deodorant, reusable sanitary pads (for the older girls): **school supplies:** Pencils, pens, colored pencils, crayons, coloring books, scissors, and solar calculators. **miscellaneous items:** Plastic cups, small bowls & plates.

You will notice a few items are not shown above: **toothpaste & candy are no longer allowed due to custom restrictions.** Also, we have a good supply of notebooks, pencil sharpeners, soap & wash cloths, tennis balls & silverware. If you see a good deal on appropriate items PLEASE consider donating to our Packing Party supplies.

Another change: **the \$9 per gift is a suggested donation.** This donation makes it possible for Operation Christmas Child to transport each box from the person who packed it to a child who will receive it thousands of miles away. PLUS Collection & Processing cost; Training of Local Churches & International Partners, The Greatest Gift Gospel Booklet, that is given to each child & The Ministry Partner Guide.



August birthdays

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| 8/1  | Kyle Mullin         | 8/24 | Jan Bloom            |
| 8/2  | Jacob Koukola       | 8/28 | Collin Williams-Neal |
|      | Marc Bushue         | 8/29 | Mary Corum           |
| 8/3  | Judy Shanahan       |      | Nathan Lankford      |
| 8/6  | Chris Schuler       |      |                      |
| 8/9  | Marty Johnson       |      |                      |
|      | Grace McDaniel      |      |                      |
| 8/12 | RoseMary Hambleton  |      |                      |
| 8/13 | Elizabeth Latham    |      |                      |
|      | Anna Marie Redcorn  |      |                      |
|      | Shelley Shumate     |      |                      |
| 8/14 | Kylee Mullin        |      |                      |
| 8/16 | Robin Williams-Neal |      |                      |
| 8/23 | Mary Ann Genet      |      |                      |



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Trinity Presbyterian welcomes all visitors who are seeking to find Christ in their lives! Our regular Sunday morning services are at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Nursery and Children’s church provided!