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Pastor's Pen

“Would You Be My Neighbor?”
Fred Rodgers

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” Luke 10:29



For the last two weeks, I have been fulfilling the civic duty known as jury duty. The dreaded jury duty! The perception, and often the reality is that this is an inconvenient waste of time. I must admit, this was the expectation I had when I received the summons, returned the juror form, and arrived that first Monday morning. God had other plans, however. God has imbedded a heart-changing lesson imbedded in my experience at jury duty.

Too often and too easily, we live with an abstract knowledge of the world's problems. We observe from afar stories of suffering, heartache, and crime on our flat screen televisions from the safe confines of our homes. We speed past traffic accidents glad we weren't impacted by the injuries or insurance claims or interruption to our well planned itinerary. We avoid the stranger on the street, hoping they don't ask for help or a handout. We know people are living through unimaginable pain and problems, but few of us are touched by the depth of this pain or the magnitude of these problems. God used my time serving as a juror to tenderize my heart again to the tough and trying realities of my neighbors all around me.



A man, curious about how to be a good person and live a life acceptable to God, asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” “Who are those whom I must love and serve and care for and so show that I love God?” Summarizing Jesus's response, our neighbor is anyone who is not us; all other people on the earth, near and far, likeable and annoying, kind or begrudging, pleasant and unpleasant, all are our neighbors.

My heart has been opened again to God's call to love others as I love myself. Jury duty was a tool God used to teach me this lesson. May God graciously soften your heart again to love others (to love our “neighbors”) as we love ourselves.

Graciously in Christ,
Pastor Steve

P.S. Consider reading and reflecting on Luke 10:25-37

WHY AM I GETTING THIS NEWSLETTER?

We are sending you our Newsletter because we are your neighborhood church. We hope you will enjoy getting to know us better, and invite you to join us for worship so we can get to know you! We are a mid-sized, friendly and caring church with much to offer for people seeking deeper spiritual meaning in their lives through Jesus Christ. Please come visit us and see what we are all about!

SUMMER Worship & FELLOWSHIP Opportunities

FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY JUNE 19, 2016:

Trinity will have its 9:00 am and 11:00 am Worship Services this Father's Day, June 19, 2016. Honor your earthly father and your Heavenly Father by joining us for worship that morning!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND U OF L CONCERT BAND SUNDAY JUNE 26, 2016:

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and join us for an ice cream social on Sunday, June 26th at 4:00 on the lawn outside the church. There will be a special concert performed by the University of Louisville Concert Band. This is a fun family event. All are welcome to join!

MOVIE NIGHT JULY 22, 2016: Join us for movie night at 7:00 pm on July 22 in fellowship hall for the movie “War Room.” Separate activity/movie for children also provided. All are welcome! Look for more details and a sign up sheet as the date gets closer.



LOUISVILLE BATS OUTING AUGUST 20, 2016: Please join Trinity members on Saturday, August 20 for a night at the ballpark. The Louisville Bats will take on the Indianapolis Indians with a game time of 6:05. Look for more details in the upcoming weeks regarding sign ups and pricing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- **Adult II Sunday School** - Meets in the Library, currently studying *The Present Word*. Led by Betty Muse.
- **Children's Sunday School** - For children in preschool & 1st grade. Meets in the preschool room downstairs in classroom #3. Currently exploring how God created the world, the Ten Commandments, Jonah and the Big Fish, and why helping others is important! Led by Mary Charnes.
- **Children's Church** - A special time of worship for children ages 3-6 during the 11:00 a.m. service. They are greeted by a leader after Children's Time and escorted to the preschool classroom.
- **Elementary Sunday School** - For children in 2nd-6th grade. Meets downstairs in classroom #1. Currently learning Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments and participating in activities that reflect the message from these Bible stories. Led by Jennifer Hacker, Ann Douglas, and Tim Barnum .
- **Koinonia Sunday School** - Meets in the parlor. Drawn from a spectrum of Trinity members, this class meets to discuss a certain book of the Bible and explores Scripture. Currently studying the Book of James. Taught by Reverend Bob Williams-Neal & Judith Bloor.
- **Maranatha Sunday School** - Meets downstairs in the “Sew & Sews” room. Group discussion-led class that studies Christian books about various topics. Currently studying *Prayer* by Timothy Keller.
- **Men's Sunday School** - Meets downstairs in the youth room. Currently studying the series *Dust to Glory* by R.C. Sproul. Led by Jay Charnes
- **Women's Sunday School** - Meets downstairs in classroom #6. Currently studying *The Story*. Led by Jeannette Priebe.
- **Young Explorers** - After Children's Time our elementary age children leave the 11:00 a.m. service and go to Library. Designed to teach the children about the Bible in a new and exciting way and develop a more personal relationship with God. Led by a variety of awesome teachers!

WE WANT TO BE YOUR CHURCH HOME!
PLEASE JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR WORSHIP!



Kids' Club - A Summer Sunday School Experience

Who: Kids Preschool through 5th grade. Led by Pastor Steve, along with great helpers!

What: We will sing and learn and pray and play together, as we grow in our love for Jesus.

When: Beginning June 5th, during the Sunday School time (9:45-10:30). Our class will continue throughout the Summer, ending on August 28th.

Where: Kids' Connection will meet the Fellowship Hall.

Why: Let's try something new and exciting! This will be a great learning and growing experience for our children! Different from a classroom experience, the kids will seek and study together through energetic and active Bible lessons!



MISSIONS OF TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Faith & art ~Candy Wheat

Creation Art Camp Coming!

Have you always wanted to work with clay? Bead? Silk paint? Or maybe, paint with shaving cream (no kidding!)?

There will be ample opportunity to exercise your 'inner artist' while studying the Genesis creation story during Creation Art Camp, from Sunday July 17 through Thursday, July 21.



Creation Camp Registration Form

Sunday July 17th – Thursday July 21th
Sunday starting with dinner at 5:00 p.m.
Monday – Thursday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Name

Age

Address

Home Ph.

Work Ph.

Parent/Guardian

Emergency Contact

Phone#

Birth date(M/D/Y)

Grade Completed

Allergies/Medical Information

May we have permission to photograph your child?

Yes

No

May we have permission to use your child's photograph for the purpose of promotion?

Yes

No

There will be offerings for everyone – Trinity members and non-members, preschool to adults 'of a certain age'. Sunday evening we'll gather over dinner, followed by a brief presentation of the creation story by Pastor Steve. Then the preschool and kindergarten-aged children will go into groups to make creation books and experience soft foam clay and shaving cream painting.

The school-aged children and adults who want to do 'hands on' art will enjoy different stations including several pottery creations, glue painting on canvas, church banners, silk painting, and beading.

Since the Creation Art Camp extends over five days there will be time to dive into a variety of art forms.

For those who prefer a more traditional Bible study of the Genesis creation story, Pastor Steve will offer such an experience.

Something for everyone in the family – so, bring yourselves, your children and grandchildren, your friends. Just sign up by completing this form and turning it in at the church office. Questions? Call Candy, Center for Faith and Art director, at 245-5515.

Presbyterian women

Sandra Hollensead organized a “Meet & Greet” coffee in April where PC/USA missionaries shared about their work. Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer are working with the women’s organization of the National Presbyterian Church of Guatemala. An opening fellowship time gave attendees the opportunity to chat with Sandi and Brian before their presentation. The couple is in the US until July to share about their work against domestic and sexual violence, prevalent in Guatemala. Training Guatemalan women in leadership and other workshops are underway as a means to improve the status of women. As part of fund raising, Sandi and Brian sell hand-crafted items from villages in Guatemala, as they travel in the US to bring the message of need to our congregations. We thank the Mission Committee for providing coffee and refreshments.

TPW’s Sew ‘n Sews group heard positive remarks from Anthony Aemmer, head of nursing, when our items were gladly accepted by Wellstone Behavioral Health Hospital in Jeffersonville, IN on April 27. Anthony said that since the soft dolls, pillowcases and blankets are uniform in construction, though different in pattern and color, they are an equal gift to all patients, while also being unique to each patient. Since the items are donations, patients are reassured that they are not forgotten while undergoing in-patient mental treatment. When shown the Sew ‘n Sews “Prayer for Wellstone” used in the worship service to dedicate the items to God’s work, Anthony responded that he would ask Wellstone staff to pray for the Sew ‘n Sews and Trinity in return.



The Ladies Birthday Luncheon, May 14, was a time to experience a message of God’s Love, given by Lynne Wood, to hear a beautiful solo performed by Ainsley Herrick, to enjoy a specially prepared lunch, and to take advantage of fund raising through the sale of Sew ‘n Sew crafts and Guatemalan hand-woven scarves.



Each lady took home a hand-made ceramic heart party favor, lesson materials, and a copy of the program. Many of the attendees wore something red to commemorate Pentecost and our own birthdays, and gave a donation to PW Birthday Offering grant recipients. The Birthday Offering is an annual collection in which all PC/USA churches participate. Since its conception in 1922, the offering has generated over 29 million dollars for mission projects throughout the world.

Sew ‘n Sews is making more gift items than ever as we prepare to participate with the Evangelism Committee at the Middletown Festival on September 9 and 10. Autumn holidays and Christmas themes are a key focus. If you would like to participate by crafting or help in our booth in September, please contact the church office. One of our women will be back in touch with further information.

Tuesday Morning Circle is on summer break. Information about the next Bible study will be provided in August, via Trinity Times and the Sunday bulletins.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

~Carol Hartmann



God is the Source of Generosity. 2 Corinthians 9:8

One Presbyterian minister and missionary who at retirement found himself in an economically advantageous position urges us to take out our Bibles and read 2 Corinthians chapters 8 and 9. He points out that the two chapters end with the words, “Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.” Many people take that to mean the gift of Jesus, who died on the cross for us. This minister would like to push that understanding a bit further. If we read those two chapters together, we see that it is God giving us the *privilege* to share in the work of God by our contributions and out of our resources.

While many of us are holding on tightly to what we have, this man of God is looking for ways to use his assets for the work of God. When writing his will he thought, why am I holding on to these assets and paying tax on them when my intention is really to give them away? Why not start now while I am here to enjoy the fruits of the giving. He leaves us with this thought to ponder. It has been a great blessing to share these good things that came to me. I am very fortunate, to be able to share, and so I do.

“He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever.”

Gracious God, please open our eyes to giving opportunities that you present to us. Reassure us when we become anxious over not having enough resources to be comfortable. Remind us that it is you who supplies everything we shall ever need, and to live without worry or fear. Forgive us for not always trusting in your overwhelming generosity. AMEN

Minute for mission



The month of June will be dedicated to prayer for missionaries, Rev. David Cores-Fuentes and Josey Saez-Acevedo and their service in Matanzas, Cuba. David and Josey sensed a strong call to help people gain a deeper understanding of Christ.

David was invited to teach New Testament and Greek at the seminary. Josey will be using her Christian Education and Ministry to further their call in Cuba. David and Josey says their work in Cuba will be guided by a sense of purpose they find in 1 Peter 3:15 “but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you.”

David and Josey prayer cards will be given out the first Sunday in June. Please see Mission bulletin board for more information on these dedicated missionaries.

EACM Backpacks: Missions Committee will also be purchasing backpacks for the EACM’s Back-2-School drive. We will have the backpacks in the narthex with a list of needed supplies for our Trinity family to fill. If you prefer, you can purchase a backpack of your choice and fill with needed supplies.

A list of school supplies will be posted on the Mission bulletin board and in the Sunday bulletin. We will have a collection container in the narthex to receive the filled backpacks during the month of July. EACM will be distributing the backpacks in early August.



Tpc Softball I team SCHEDULE

~Elizabeth Latham

Take me out to the Ball Game!



Come and cheer on Trinity’s softball team! This year Trinity joined the Watkins Memorial Methodist Church coed league. Our team is made up of church members of all ages. All games will be held on Wednesday nights at Watkins (9800 Westport Road). A tournament will follow the regular season. Our league promotes Christian fellowship and sportsmanship. We are looking forward to friendly competition with other believers, to grow closer to one another and most importantly to God. Please come out to our games and support us!

Softball Schedule :

5/18 @8:30 vs First Baptist of Middletown	6/15 @ 6:30 vs Watkins UMC
5/25 @6:30 vs Harvey Browne Presbyterian	6/22 @7:30 vs Beargrass Christian Red
6/1 @ 6:30 vs Beargrass Christian Blue	6/29 @ 6:30 vs Harvey Browne Presbyterian
6/8 @7:30 vs Christ Church UMC	7/6 @7:30 vs Beargrass Christian Blue

CHURCH PET of the month

Name:Maddie
Human Mom/Dad: Tom/Cathy Dawson
Age: 3
Breed: Australian cattle dog (blue heeler) on mom's side; dad's ? may-be lab
Favorite word: Basement (where we play ball)
Favorite activity: Ball chasing!
Favorite time of day: Evening, when I beg my humans to play with me



WOW Recipe OF THE MONTH

From the Kitchens of our chefs from Worship on Wednesday (WOW):

Dottie Watson's Chicken Casserole:

- Small box of regular spaghetti (7 oz.) cook and drain
- Take 1 can of cream of mushroom soup, 1 can cream of chicken soup, and 1 stick of melted butter, and 1 cup of sour cream and combine in saucepan on stove until heated through. Sautee fresh mushrooms with a little butter and minced garlic and combine in. (you can substitute a can of mushrooms, but isn't as good.)
- Mix with drained spaghetti and then add 2 cups of cooked diced chicken
- Put in baking dish sprayed with non stick spray
- Top with parmesan cheese
- Cook at 350 degrees for around 30-45 minutes or so until nicely browned.



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Trinity Congratulates its Graduates!

High School Graduates:

Phyla Alderette
Kaycee Morgan

Ben Bird
Mark McDaniel

Megan Barnum
Adam Ray



College Graduates:

Thomas Douglas

Doug Harville

Stephen McCreary

JUNE & July Birthdays. . .

6/3	Kayla Hacker	6/28	Hana Duzdar		Ruth Hof
6/4	Chris Mullin	6/29	Kathy MacDonald	7/20	Ann Moorman
	Douglas Oyler			7/22	Cathy Conn
	Diane Tinsley	7/1	Sandy Koukola	7/24	Lila Hayden
6/5	Phillip Young		Leslie Koukola		Brenda Miller
	Walter Ray	7/4	Cathy Dawson	7/25	Mary Harville
6/7	Heather Oyler		Jeanette Priebe		Lynne Wood
	Sabrina Oyler		Sean Moorman	7/27	Sharon Roy
	Mike Porter	7/5	Camille Williams-Neal	7/28	Judith Bloor
	Skip Wilborn		Brooklyn Hacker		Marilyn Davis
6/9	Kayson Goodknight	7/6	Nisha Joseph	7/29	Ray Genet
6/12	Jim McDaniel	7/7	Elizabeth Bodine		Jacob Sappenfield
	Susan Dawson	7/8	Bob Phillips	7/31	Logan Fulmore
6/16	Dottie Watson		Jennifer Petty		
6/17	Sandra Hollensead, MD	7/9	C.R. Redcorn		
6/18	James Ray		David Schuler		
6/21	Philip Strohmeier	7/10	Irv Ottman		
	Andrew Petty	7/11	Diane Jewell		
6/22	Susan Bauer	7/12	Connie Levy		
6/26	Mike Conn	7/13	Barb Gabbard		
	Elizabeth Ray	7/14	Jack Wheat		
6/27	Norma Pennington	7/17	David Brandt		



THIS birthday



Dorothy Southard's 100th Birthday

Trinity's own Dorothy Southard celebrated her 100th birthday party on May 11, 2016! Attending were (left to right): Virginia Kozak, Elizabeth McDaniel, Lois Bringhurst, Jim McDaniel, Dorothy Southard, Malcolm MacDonald, Barbara Keyser, Kathy MacDonald; also, Betty Muse (not pictured).



INTERESTED IN COMING TO TRINITY? CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH?
WATCH OUR 11:00 AM SERVICES ON OUR LIVESTREAM CHANNEL:

[HTTP://LIVESTREAM.COM/TPCLOUISVILLE](http://livestream.com/tpclouisville)



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

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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!