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Pastor's Pen

Unwind, It's Summertime!

"Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him..." (Psalm 37:7a)



Summertime! That celebrated season when we rest and relax (or at least that is the childhood ideal of summertime). Often, summertime stirs the memory of vacations, leisure, love won and lost, or just the chance to be still and do nothing. Where have the good 'ole days of summertime gone?



Back in the day (1991... 😊), DJ Jazzy Jeff & the Fresh Prince released an epic summertime tune by the same name. This is the chorus:

*Summer, summer, summertime  
Time to sit back and unwind.*

For many of us, summertime does not give us the opportunity to sit back and unwind. Work goes on. Demands still pile up. Responsibilities don't just melt away. Summer seems as busy and hectic, if not more so, than the rest of the year. Unwinding can become a source of stress not unlike trying to undo a knotted necklace or phone cord. The harder we try to relax the less relaxed we become. Simply put, summer can stress a person out!

Perhaps summertime stress results from missing something far deeper than the invitation of sunshine, sweet tea, and savory BBQ. Taking time to "sit back and unwind" isn't just a summertime activity, it is an opportunity given us each and every day. Rest is found and enjoyed by resting in God. Untying knots of stress is God's work. Peace is a gift God gives our heart. Each of these (and more) are not things we achieve; they are things we receive from the kind and good and loving hand of God. As the Psalmist said in Psalm 37, "Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him." We must learn to place ourselves in a waiting position before God.

I offer you five ways we can put ourselves in a waiting position before God, five ways we can learn to rest in God, five ways we can experience the goodness of God as we "sit back and unwind".

**Cast your cares on God.** (see Psalm 55:22) Tell God what's getting you worked up, what overwhelms and wears you down. God is always listening, and delights to hear from and help His children.

**Lay your burdens down.** (see Matthew 11:28-30) Give God the things that concern you, cause you stress, and rob you of peace. We can't carry what concerns us AND what God gives us at the same time. It has to be one or the other. Which will you choose?

**Surrender your will** (see Luke 22:42) What overwhelms and overburdens is just that...they are "over us". They are over our heads, above our pay-grade, beyond our ability. But there's nothing "over" God.

**Know you are loved** (see John 3:16) Too often, we fall for the lie that we are loved for what we do, not for who we are. God's love for us does not hinge on our success or achievement. You are loved simply because God made you. Hear this...know this!

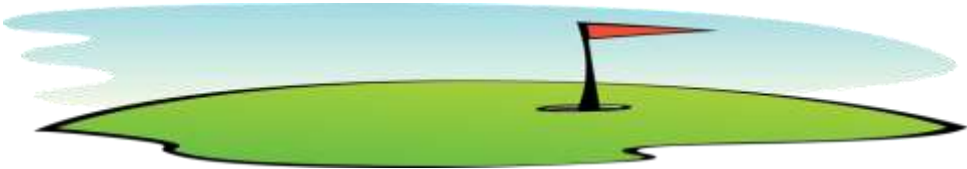
**Rest in hope** (see Psalm 39:7) God invites us to do numbers 1-3 because of number 4. Then, we are able to rest, unwind, breathe deeply (enjoy number 5). We rest because of hope's assurance. God will not disappoint, let us down, or forget you or me. God is faithful, God is good, God is our hope.

This summer, I invite you to learn what it means to rest in God. I encourage you to experience God as your rest (Hebrews 4:9-11). Take some time, this summertime, to "sit back and unwind" with God.

Peace through Jesus Christ,  
Pastor Steve

fellowship

The Fellowship Committee invites you to participate in the  
TPC Annual Golf Outing  
Saturday, June 24, 2017



Weissinger Hills Golf Course  
2240 Mt. Eden Road Shelbyville, KY 40065 (502) 633-7332  
(off Shelbyville Road)

Shotgun Start – 8:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$40 each (includes cart fee) .... **16 Tee Times Reserved**  
Last Day to Sign-up: May 28<sup>th</sup>



**Don't want to play Golf?**  
The Fellowship Committee invites women to join us at  
**Sister's Tea Parlor**  
Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:40 a.m.



4765 Fox Run Road ☕ Buckner, KY 40010 ☕ 502-222-6420  
Cost: \$15.95 for 3-tier tray  
(additional cost for beverage, taxes & gratuity)

We have limited reservations, so please sign-up as soon as possible on the sign-up sheet posted on the Fellowship bulletin board. The last day to sign-up is June 18<sup>th</sup> or earlier if reservations are filled.



Minute for mission



TRINITY WILL BE COLLECTING SUPPLIES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

New Backpacks need to be filled and ready to distribute.

Please include the following:

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|---|-----------------------------|
| 1—Pencil box or pouch                   | <b>One package of each:</b> |
| 4—1-subject <b>WIDE</b> ruled notebooks | Pens            Glue sticks |
| 1—Pkg. <b>WIDE</b> ruled filler papers  | Pencils        Crayons      |
| 6—Two-pocket folders                    | Colored pencils             |

Trinity has purchased a limited number of Backpacks ~  
Please take one a fill & return ~ OR ~ Purchase a Backpack to fill & donate.

Return by Sunday, JULY 30, 2016



Mission committee is collecting grocery bags for the homeless. The grocery bags are used to make mats for the homeless. It takes 800 bags to make one mat for the needy to sleep on. There is a collection can in the hallway by the janitorial closet (across from the restrooms).

We are still collecting the burritos for the Burrito Riders to distribute to the homeless. The recipe and bags are in the Narthex. We are asking that you make the burritos and bring them to church by June 4<sup>th</sup>. They need to be placed in the kitchen freezer and labeled Burrito Riders.

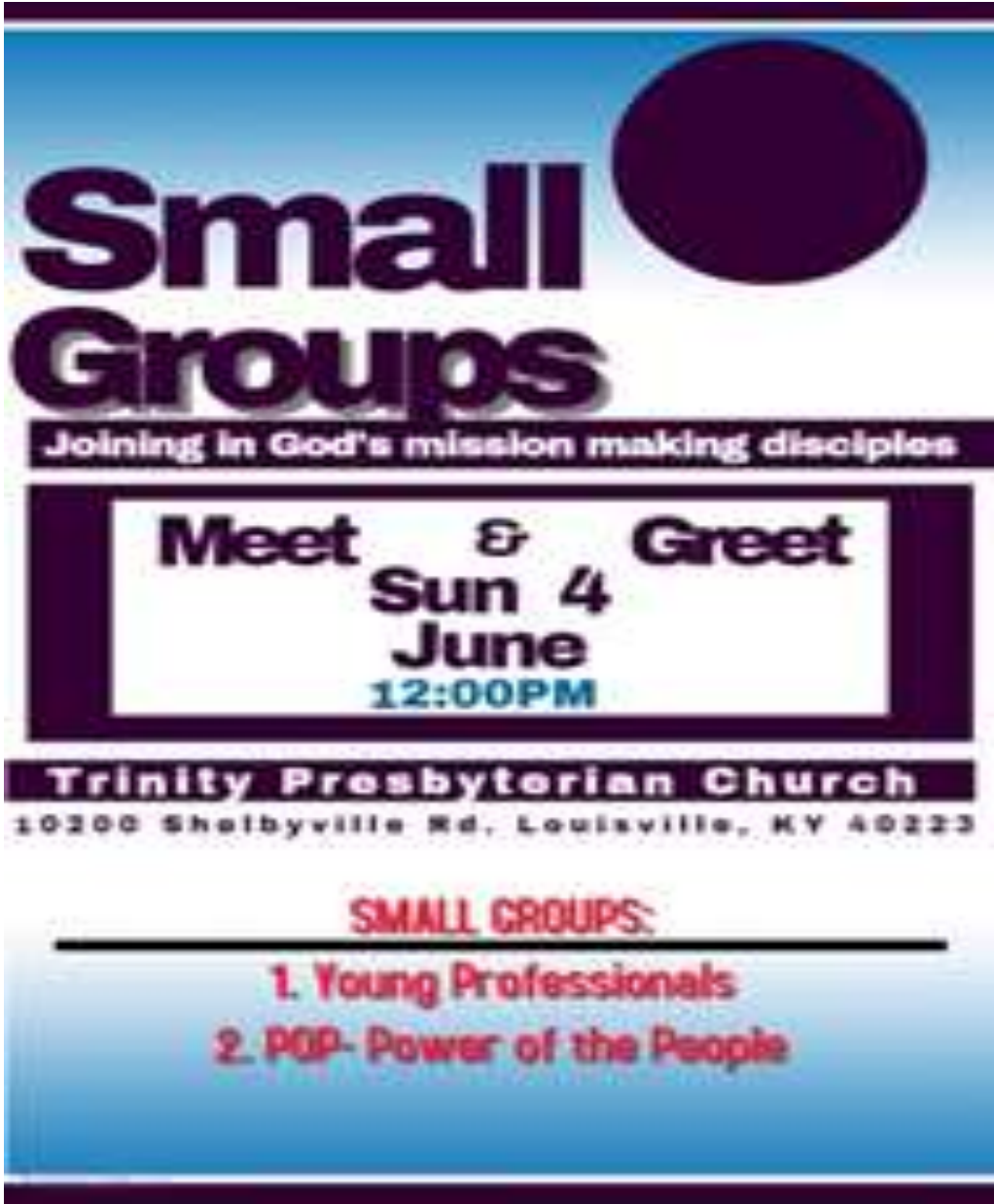
MISSIONS OF TRINITY

Faith & art ~Candy Wheat

The Center is excited as there will be 5 people from TPC attending the Fall Craft week at Montreat in North Carolina. You can go to their website at: <http://www.montreat.org/fall-craft-week/> to get more information and to see all the classes offered. This is a wonderful week of crafts, relaxing and worship. There is still time to sign-up.

Candy will be at Montreat to volunteer as a host for 2 weeks in July.

The Center is excited to be able to be a part of Vacation Bible School again this summer. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!



New and Exciting Small Group Opportunities

As exciting new learning and growing ministries begin at Trinity, is God stirring you to get involved? One new thing taking place is the start of a few small study groups! God calls us into an authentic relationship with one another in the body of Christ. If you'd like to grow your faith and get connected deeper to our church family, please consider one of the following groups:

**1. The Quest-** Seeking young adults and those young at heart who seek to grow in Christ. We invite young professionals, college students, single/married couples, young parents, and those who are young at heart that would like to be mentors for the younger generations.

**2.Power of the People (POP):** A prayer ministry group - to engage in prayer as Jesus taught his disciples and us to do; learn about and do praying for our disciple-growing, our church, the Church, and the many other areas the Holy Spirit will bring to our attention. 90 minutes weekly, at a time best determined by the group, where we will hear God's Word about aspects of prayer, learn about conversational prayer and most of all, spend the majority of the time in prayer together, talking to and listening to God about the concerns of our hearts for Trinity and our people.

Please come to our SHORT Meet & Greet session on **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm.** Meet with your group and greet one another.



**WORSHIP  
LAUGH  
DANCE**

**GAMES  
MOVE  
PLAY**

**ARTS  
CRAFT  
MISSION  
PROJECT**

**COME JOIN OUR  
VBS  
Go Fish  
VICTORY**

**DATE: JUNE 4-7  
TIME: 6-8:30PM**

**WHERE: TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
10200 SHELBYVILLE RD.  
LOUISVILLE, KY 40223**

**Come and learn God's Victory through Praise & Worship, Games, Arts & Craft, Mission Project, Story Telling, Inflatable, Adult Hand-Building sessions, and many more exciting filled time!**

Come join our VBS on June 4-7 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 pm. Come and learn God's Victory through Praise & Worship, Games, Arts & Craft, Mission Project, Story Telling, and many more exciting filled time. Furthermore, on June 7<sup>th</sup>, our last day, come celebrate with a potluck dinner and a water-slide inflatable. Bring a dish to share and bring your swim wear.

\*\*Adults will have a Hand-Building session in the art studio during the Children's Program. If you are interested, there will be a sign-up sheet posted on the CE Bulletin Board. You may also contact Janice at (206)817-9199 or [jkim@presbypub.com](mailto:jkim@presbypub.com) to reserve your space.\*\*

## flowers

**June Brides:** Are there any June brides out there that would love to celebrate your June Anniversary? We have a few Sundays in June that you can order flowers for the worship services to honor that special day! Psst husbands...what a great way to show your bride some extra love :-)) and remember, it doesn't have to be just for anniversaries...you can order flowers to celebrate birthdays, honor someone's graduation day, remembering a loved one, just to name a few. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway. There are still plenty of dates available for the rest of the year as well.

## SEW 'N SEWS

Due to the many generous donations, Sew'n Sews has an ample supply of cross-stitch patterns available to anyone that would use them. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact a Sew'n Sew member to look through the box.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Member assistance

Irv Ottman has a voice to text program that he is trying to get operational and needs some help. The program is called "Nuance Naturally Speaking" and needs to get it up and running. If anyone uses this program and would be willing to help and/or answer a few questions about it, please contact Irv.

## Foster parents needed



**DO YOU HAVE LOVE TO GIVE?  
IF NOT YOU, THEN WHO?  
FOSTER THE FUTURE –  
GIVE A CHILD A HOME**

For more information: Contact Lisa Barber Atwell  
[Lisab@sjkids.org](mailto:Lisab@sjkids.org)  
or (502) 893-0241 ext # 208  
[www.sjkids.org](http://www.sjkids.org)



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 2016-2017

**CHILDREN...**

- **Children's Sunday School** - For children in preschool – 4<sup>th</sup> grade: Meets in the preschool room downstairs in classroom #3. Currently exploring through the *Faith Alive* curriculum. For children in 5<sup>th</sup> and up: Meets downstairs in classroom #1. Currently studying through the *Feasting on the Word* curriculum under the leadership of Tim Barnum.
- **Children's Church** - A special time of worship for children during the 11:00 a.m. service. Parents with children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to have your children join us for a special time of worship during the 11:00 a.m. service. Children begin with Children's time each Sunday in the sanctuary. During the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, Children Grades 1-5 are encouraged to attend the Young Explorer's Class in the Library. Nursery is available for younger children every Sunday. During this time, children will continue with praise & worship, learn about God's Word, and engage in related activities.

**ADULT...**

- **Adult II Sunday School** - Meets in the Library, under the leadership of Betty Muse. Studying *The Present Word*, Uniform Series published by the PCUSA. The study involves a direct Bible Study, understanding the Bible in relation to our lives and life experiences and developing an awareness of God's love through his son, Jesus Christ.
- **Koinonia Sunday School** - Meets in the parlor, under the leadership of Reverend Bob Williams-Neal. Study in *Galatians* through *Paul for Everyone: Galatians and Thessalonians* by N. T. Wright. Drawn from a spectrum of Trinity members, this class meets to discuss a certain book of the Bible and explores Scripture. This is a Seminary/Discussion formatted class.
- **Men's Sunday School** - Meets downstairs in classroom #4. This men's only class has open discussion about God's Word. This class is designed to reach out to men and to effectively help grow through the grace and knowledge of God's Word. We study the Bible to find strength and courage in supporting one another in our daily walk with God. Seeking in prayer and fellowship, we seek to pursue true Biblical principles regarding our leadership as men in the home, church, and the community. Currently, study is in R.C. Sproul's series on Interpretation Standards of the Bible.
- **Men's Study Group**- On the first and third Tuesday of each month, the men of Trinity gather together for coffee, fellowship, and an appetite for the Bible. We meet at Wild Eggs restaurant off of English Station Rd. at 8:30 a.m. Our study and time together will be a tremendous encouragement to grow as a godly man. Study is in the Life of David through 2 Samuel.
- **Women's Sunday School** - Meets downstairs in classroom #6, under the leadership of Jeanette Priebe. The purpose of this class is to bring women together to support one another in building their faith in Jesus Christ. Through our discussions and our prayer time together, we have developed a real love for each other and would love to have you join in as we journey together. This is a fun-loving group of Women who empowers and encourages each other. They will be studying Acts of the Apostles using a DVD and "Acts: The Spread of the Gospel" by John MacArthur beginning Sept. 18.

Office hours


During the months of June and July only, the office will mostly be closed on Mondays (there will be someone answering the phones on a shortened schedule) and the Church & Financial Secretary will be off. If you should need anything from Deanna, please contact her Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We will resume our normal Monday schedule from 9:00 a.m. to noon in August.

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)



June & July birthdays

JUNE			
6-03	Kayla Hacker	6-26	Mike Conn
6-04	Chris Mullin		Elizabeth Ray
	Douglas Oyler	6-27	Norma Pennington
	Diane Tinsley	6-28	Hana Duzdar
6-05	Phillip Young	6-29	Kathy MacDonald
	Walter Ray	JULY	
6-07	Heather Oyler		
	Sabrina Oyler	7-01	Sandy Koukola
	Skip Wilborn		Leslie Koukola
6-09	Charlie Ball	7-04	Cathy Dawson
	Kayson Goodknight		Jeanette Priebe
6-10	Gwen Tomblin		Sean Moorman
6-12	Jim McDaniel	7-05	Camille Williams-Neal
6-16	Dottie Watson		Brooklyn Hacker
6-17	Sandra C. Hollensead,	7-06	Nisha Joseph
MD		7-07	Elizabeth Bodine
6-18	James Ray	7-08	Bob Phillips
6-21	Philip Strohmeier		Jennifer Petty
	Andrew Petty	7-09	C.R. Redcorn
6-22	Susan Bauer	7-10	David Schuler
		7-11	Irv Ottman
			Diane Jewell
		7-12	Connie Levy
		7-13	Barb Gabbard
		7-14	Jack Wheat
		7-17	David Brandt
		7-20	Ann Moorman
		7-22	Cathy Conn
		7-24	Lila Hayden
			Brenda Miller
		7-25	Mary Harville
		7-27	Sharon Roy
		7-28	Judith Bloor
			Marilyn Davis
		7-29	Ray Genet
		7-31	Logan Fulmore



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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!