

TRINITY TIMES

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Pastor's Pen

The Strength of Joy

"For the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:10

What brings gladness and satisfaction to your life? Is it work, or retirement? Perhaps traveling, or curling up to a good book? Children, grandchildren, friends? What brings joy into your life?

- What do you depend on and draw from for joy in your life?
- What give energy to and drives joy in your life?
- What is the goal and purpose of joy in your life?

Joy is vitally important to our lives, perhaps equal to or exceeding even food or water or our very breath. Joy, according to Nehemiah, is the source of strength in a believer's life. Isn't interesting that strength, according to Nehemiah, does not create joy? Usually strength, strength of finances, position, relationships, and so on create an environment where we feel happy, maybe even joyful. Typically we think of joy as the fruit of having "strength". But here, we are told (and I think rightly so) that God's joy in us is strength for facing the most tender, triumphant, or tragic of circumstances. Joy in God is strength of the believer.

Joy, God's joy once implanted deep in our hearts, transcends all the up's and down's of our lives. It is like the joy a newly married couple knows. Consumed by love they make some pretty incredible vows...in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, in joy and sorrow... Do they even know what they are saying! Yet, unflinchingly they say 'yes' to one another.

Friends, God has unflinchingly said 'yes' to you and me. He is the source of our joy. He is the one who drives our joy. He is the goal and purpose of our joy. In a world competing for our ultimate allegiance, be reminded of the powerful words of King David in Psalm 20:7:

*"Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God."*

May the Lord our God make our life together, our worship, our fellowship, our discipleship, our ministry, and our outreach be consumed by and reflective of His deep and abiding joy in our lives. And joy is contagious! As our lives are infused by God's joy, so will the lives of others in our hurting and hungry city.

Strong in the joy of Christ,
Pastor Steve



Faith & art. . .

~Candy Wheat

Peace & Grace to all!

We have had a busy September. The Center donated 25 bowls to Highland Community Ministry for their empty bowls. All classes have started up again.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events...

- October 14th: Candy will do a Hook Rug class in Sew 'n Sews room at 10:00 a.m
- November 6th: Art as Memory Show at Weber Gallery
- December 4th: The Nativity—Gallery Show at Block Party
- December 6th: Advent Fair

Worship attendance. . .

	2015	2014
09/06:	108	135
09/13:	128	108
09/20:	144	139
09/27:	137	133

New directory. . .

The new 2015 pictorial directory is available. Copies can be picked up in the narthex or if you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact Deanna Smith at tpclouisville@att.net or you may call her at 502-245-5515.

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 October, we will meet on the 6th and 20th.



Hot Dog

Please join us for a special
Children's Fall Luncheon



Sunday, October 25th

Immediately after the 11:00 service in the Fellowship Hall
 We will be serving chili, hot dogs and yummy desserts.
 (Please bring a simple side or dessert)

We will be playing games, eating lunch and decorating pumpkins.
 Feel free to dress your child in their (positive themed)
 costume that day!



Mission:

How do YOU live your faith?

Is it a closely guarded secret, or is something you shout from the roof tops? Or do you quietly go about following God's Biblical principle: of feeding his sheep; caring for the widow and orphans; offering hospitality to the lonely and the friendless; spreading His Word throughout the happenings of your everyday activities; making disciples of all nations?

Serving on the Mission Committee is a great opportunity to serve and meet many of these Biblical Principles. We are looking for faithful stewards who would be willing to explore ways the Trinity Family can serve God through the work of the Mission Committee. Many programs are in place, and well supported, other opportunities exist, but due to time constraints and already existing stretch on time and resources they fall by the wayside.

Please prayerfully consider joining the Mission Committee so we can continue to grow and live our faith in the Service of the Lord.

FEARLESS *Generosity* - Living Generously

Your Finance/Stewardship Committee has been meeting and planning a stewardship season to explore together what it means to live generously. We have created a meaningful theme – “FEARLESS *Generosity*”. The “FEARLESS *Generosity*” logo on the right will appear in many familiar places around the church.



On Consecration Sunday, October 18, 2015, we will celebrate God’s generosity toward us, and honor God’s invitation to bless those who are eager for the good news of Jesus Christ. At that time, we will present our personal commitment cards as an act of worship on that day. At the same time we will “grow” a tree together, filling its empty branches with colorful paper leaves that identify Trinity’s commitment to living with FEARLESS *Generosity*.

Please pray especially during our stewardship season for the enhancement of Trinity’s present ministries, and for the design of its future ministries. With the addition of Pastor Steve, we have a unique opportunity to listen for God’s message to each of us as we begin this exciting time of growth and giving together!

Stewardship Committee

Brad Harville, Tom & Cathy Dawson,
Carol & Larry Hartmann, Mike Stevens



Surprise God!

Jessica had been given a dollar bill by her grandmother. She was very proud of the bill as she was seen sitting on the steps holding it in her hands turning it over and over. Her mother asked, “What are you going to do with your dollar bill?” Jessica replied, “I’m going to give it to God, he will be as surprised as I am to get something besides pennies.”

WoW and WoW Jr.

If you have not tried WoW before, this is a good time to begin. Join us for fellowship, food and activities for all.

5:45 p.m.—WoW and WoW Jr. Dinner

6:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.—Youth Choir

6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.—WoW Adult Program

7:00 p.m.—7:15 p.m.—Children's Choir

7:15 p.m.—8:15 p.m.—Adult Chancel Choir

6:30 p.m.—WoW Jr. Program—activities, plays, crafts and a snack!



Join the fun! If you haven't tried WOW before, this is a great time to begin. Come enjoy the fellowship, food and activities for all. We begin with a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m.. Each week we have a different theme so no meal is the same. Please bring a dish; side, salad, dessert or main dish that will serve 8 to 12 people. You do not have to bring something that fits the theme, bring whatever you like. No time to cook?? Pick up something at the store on your way here. There will be a special children's food table with more of their favorite things. Beverages always provided.

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

- October 7th: Committee Night—No WoW.
- October 14th: Celebrate National Dessert Day! Fellowship Committee will provide a variety of desserts. Please bring a salad, side or main dish to share.
- October 21st: Celebrate National Button Day! Wear something with buttons. Bring your favorite potluck dish: side, salad, dessert or main dish.
- October 28th: Celebrate Halloween a bit early! Costumes are optional. Food suggestion: Bring your favorite fall dish: side, salad, dessert or main dish.

BE SURE TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE AT THE TABLE!!!

Please sign up each week on the WOW sign up sheet located on the Fellowship bulletin board in the hall, or call the church before each Wednesday.

TPW & SEW 'N SEWS. . .

Dear Friends;

TPW welcomes all women to participate in the TPW Circle. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 10, at 10:30 a.m. We are studying "The Wisdom of God" by Nancy Guthrie where we will see Jesus in the Wisdom books of the Bible!

We would love for everyone to be thinking about our upcoming Christmas Sale! Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 5, 2015. We hope you are thinking about how you might be able to contribute to make this year successful!

The Sew N' Sews have been busy! They have contributed 143 Boo Boo babies and 57 pillow cases to the Wellstone Behavioral Hospital in Jeffersonville, IN. They were blessed Sunday morning before delivery. The pillow cases are loved by all and the Boo Boo babies are used to calm children having blood drawn, for comfort and to cuddle with. The Wellstone allows family to bring in a stuffed toy for their child, but most families do not. The older children and adolescents appreciate them as well. Many are emotionally young for their age and may come from difficult home environments.

Rejoice with us as we were able to send \$290.00 generated by your support and the sale of the beautiful scarves at the Trinity Birthday Celebration. These scarves were created by women of the Pala Village Weavers in Guatemala. Sandra Hollensead's brother, Barney Hale made a visit to Pala in August. He reported that overall, the children are receiving better nourishment, wearing better clothes and shoes and receiving education. The money the women generate from the sale also provides them with a better position in the village and are more appreciated by their husbands. The residual despair after the devastation of coffee plants from Hurricane Stan is lifted and replaced with hope and deeper Christian faith.

The Sew N' Sews wish to thank all who have donated fabrics and sewing materials and for purchasing the items we sell on behalf of women, children and those suffering with behavioral health problems. Romans 10:15 . . .How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!

Newsletter Deadline—OCTOBER 21st. . .



The deadline for the November Trinity Times is October 21st. Please email articles to tpclouisville@att.net or leave them in the secretary's mailbox.

october Birthdays...

- 10/01 Steve Kratt
- 10/02 Emily Hacker
- 10/07 Martha Warrick
- 10/09 Melissa Weaver
Killian Mullin
- 10/11 Richard Hof
- 10/12 Devon Keith Williams-Neal
- 10/14 Mike Stevens
- 10/15 Bhakta Chetty
Deb Kelly
Marjorie Malzahn
- 10/18 Carol Hartmann
- 10/20 Greta Bushue
Jack Kelly
- 10/21 Melissa Porter
- 10/22 Neil Houser
- 10/25 Kathy Graham
Deanna Smith
- 10/28 Dennis Miller
Larry Watts
- 10/30 Emily Elizabeth Latham
Paul Hollensead



october anniversaries...

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| 10/01 Brandon & Kayla Hacker | 10/25 Walter & Ruth French |
| 10/10 Herb Kallweit & Martha Warrick | Bob & Camille Williams-Neal |
| 10/15 Josh & Elizabeth Latham | 10/26 Gary & Dottie Watson |
| 10/20 Andy & Madison Cannava | 10/29 Jerry & Janet Pender |
| 10/22 Phillip & Jessica Young | 10/30 Larry & Glenna Ogle |
| 10/24 Jessica & Jeremy Mingus | |



october Collection Counters...

- 10/04: Tom Dawson and Jack Kelly
- 10/11: Janet Husband and Carol Hartmann
- 10/18: Bill Husband and Larry Hartmann
- 10/25: Lois Bringhurst and Betty Muse





TPC KIDS

Don't miss out on all the fun this fall!!

On Sunday...

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:20 Children's Church (preschool and K)
- 11:20 Young Explorers (grades 1-5)
- 3:15-4:15 Youth Group (grades 5-8)
- 4:15-5:00 Jr. Handbell Choir (grades 2-8)

On Wednesday... **WOW, Jr.**

- 5:45 Dinner
- 6:30 Intermediate Choir (grades 2-8)
- 7:00 Beginning Choir (grades 1 & below)
- 6:30-7:15 Stories/Activities (all ages)

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Trinity's Vision Statement

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