



TRINITY TIMES

"Your Neighborhood Church"

June/July 2018

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Pastor's Pen

Love Where You Live

*Wanting to justify himself, an expert in the Law asked Jesus,
"And who is my neighbor?"*

(Luke 10:29)

For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement:

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

(Galatians 5:13-14)



Famously and with Biblical clarity, perhaps the most notable statement about neighboring in popular American culture comes from the theme song of Mr. Roger's Neighborhood. Beginning in 1963 and running for 31 seasons, each thirty-minute episode began with the same simple and iconic jingle:



It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood, a beautiful day for a neighbor.

Could you be mine? Would you be mine?

It's a neighborly day in this beauty wood, a neighborly day for a beauty.

Could you be mine? Would you be mine?

I've always wanted to have a neighbor just like you.

I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you.

Let's make the most of this beautiful day.

Since we're together, might as well say,

"Would you be my, could you be my, won't you be my neighbor?"



Neighboring, as taught by Jesus and sung by Fred Rogers, is at the center of what it means to be a Christian. For this reason, throughout the summer, we will learn about what a neighbor is, why neighboring is so essential, and how we can be a good neighbor to those near us and to those among the nations. In the end, I hope and pray that we will awaken to the centrality of neighboring, that we will embrace neighboring as a means of making the love of Christ known, and that we will enjoy the fruit of faithful neighboring...that is, the drawing in of new friends and new followers of Jesus.

May our lives be an embodiment of Jesus' teaching, as well as the closing line of Mr. Roger's song, "Would you be my, could you be my, won't you be my neighbor?"

Neighboring in the name of Jesus,

Pastor Steve



devotional ~ Barbara Sheeler

Psalm 71:1 "In you, oh Lord, do I take refuge, let me never be put to shame"

Psalm 25:2 "Oh my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me."

Years ago, my husband was laid off from his job. The company he was working for was cutting back and every department had to let one person go. As the saying goes, last one in is the first one out. Well, he was the last person hired in his department. (He had been there 11 years.) Although I was an RN, I was working part time as Director of Christian Education at our church. My husband and I felt that the Lord was calling me to this ministry, so we decided I would not quit to get a job as a nurse. My salary at the church did not come close to making up for his lost income. It was two years before Wayne was able to find full time employment again.

Many times during those years, I prayed these words to God, "In you I put my trust, let me not be put to shame." At the time, I was praying that we wouldn't go through the shame of losing our house, or car, or need to go to family members for money. I remember once I even prayed this prayer as I tried to find an inexpensive dress for a family wedding. God faithfully, in His mercy, answered those prayers, those pleas, and provided for all our needs during those two years.

When my husband finally got a full-time job, I was praising God for his faithfulness and his provision for us. I thanked him that we had not been put to shame. But as I prayed, a small voice within asked, "What really, truly, would put you to shame, Barbara?" I spent several days asking myself that question. Would losing my house bring me shame? Would having to walk or take the bus bring me shame? Would asking for financial help bring shame onto me? The answer was no. What would put me to shame was this: if I walked away from God because of the lack of these things. If I only loved and trusted God for those things He could and would provide for us. It brings God pleasure to protect and provide for us. But He is much more concerned with our relationship with Him, he desires that we love him with all our hearts, not because He can give us things but because He loves us.

What would bring you shame if you lost it, or didn't achieve it, or experienced it?

If you lost everything you hold dear, would you still be able to love God? Would you continue to trust Him?

Lemonade Stand

The Deacons will open the Lemonade Stand after the morning worship service in June, July, and August.



Stop by to enjoy some yummy treats and share in the vegetables and herbs provided by members in the congregation. This allows everyone to socialize with each other while they enjoy a treat.



Mission



Back 2 School 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 | One package of each: |
| 4 1-subject WIDE ruled notebooks | Pens Glue sticks |
| 1 Pkg. WIDE 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.
(if you purchase a Backpack please consider a Boy's Character Backpack)

Return by Sunday, JULY 29, 2018

PLACE DONATIONS IN CONTAINER IN THE NARTHEX

Tpw—The Furlough Home 65th anniversary

The Furlough Home, established and operated by Presbyterian Women, offers housing to our global mission partners while they are stateside. 2018 is the 65th year of service to our mission partners and we invite you to join us in the celebration on Sunday, June 10 from 2-4 p.m. The Presbyterian Women are hosting an Open House. Please join us for refreshments and the chance to view the living space provided to our mission partners. We will have a two bedroom open for visiting. For those who can walk upstairs, a three bedroom may be toured as well. The Furlough Home building is located at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road.

FAITH & aRT ~ Candy Wheat



Artist of the Month Fred Strauss

Fred, age 66, has been coming to the center for 10 years. Fred loves everyone, he loves making his pottery and working cross word puzzles. When given a choice he always chooses pottery over any other outings at Dreams with Wings .

- The Center will be closed for the Month of June Candy will be Teaching in Montreat for 2 weeks . Then the Center will get a deep cleaning.

Christian education ~ Janice Kim

Youth Summer Mission Trip

Our youth will be serving a community in need! Serving on mission will have a powerful impact in our youth. There will be a combining of worship, discipleship AND service together. Our group will grow closer to the Lord than ever before.

Big Creek Missions is a Christ focused Mission center in Southeast Kentucky. They are serving our community throughout the year - not just during the summer!

What makes Big Creek Missions different?

They are committed to the community! They don't just pick a town randomly and send a few "out of town" staff to lead mission teams. They know their residents and they know their community. Their community knows them. They research every ministry project. They have staff on site year round, making connections and meeting needs.

What will our group do on this mission trip?

- 1) Worship! (Daily worship opportunities with a full band or worship leader)
- 2) Serve! Your team members will choose one of three ministry areas:
- 3) Construction: They roof houses, build ramps, paint, repair foundations, and much more.
- 4) Children: We lead VBS style daycamps at various locations throughout three counties. Typically, these last 2 hours and are repeated twice per day. New for 2018: we are asking all our groups to take part in summer daycamp planning. If your participants want to assist with daycamps, please plan to prepare materials in advance. The group leader will need to appoint a children's ministry "pro" so we can communicate details regarding the day camps. More info coming January 2018 at this link:
- 5) Community: We mow lawns, visit nursing homes, serve the schools, serve in food pantries, and more! We encourage you to come up with ideas to make our community teams more interactive! Come with ideas and supplies for ministry.

Home Repairs

Home Repairs are a big part of our ministry at Big Creek. They do their very best to serve as many residents as possible. All funding for supplies comes from volunteer donations. They do not receive any government support for our home repair ministries.

Homes that receive the highest priority for repairs are:

- Homes with elderly, disabled, or children
- Homes with accessibility issues
- Homes with dangerous living conditions



How to help?

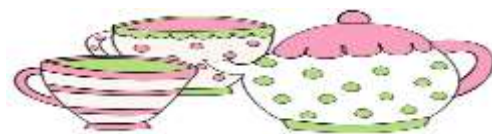
Big Creek summer mission camps are for all age and group types! Designed for families and students, these life-changing missions give our youth an opportunity to live out the gospel: "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." John 13:35.

Please join with us in fulfilling the love of Christ by **Praying** for our Youth, especially those who will be serving on this mission trip, volunteering as an adult chaperone, and/or donating supplies to the camp (more info. can be found here: <https://www.bigcreekmissions.com/wishlist>). For questions or more information, please feel free to contact Janice at jkim@presbypub.com or (502) 600-0811.

Don't want to play Golf?

The Fellowship Committee invites
women to join us at

The Sword & The Scone Tea Parlor
Saturday, June 23rd at 12:00 noon



1915 Blankenbaker Pkwy  Louisville, KY 40299 
502-907-0018

You may order off the menu, posted on the Fellowship bulletin board, or you may order the Afternoon Tea or High Tea. Each person attending MUST SIGN UP and check one of the choices offered. You will NOT be able to order the special Teas on the day of the event.

The last day to sign up: Sunday, June 17th

Questions?
Contact Kay Nolan at 254-2735 or stenolan@att.net

Sunday Summer Fun - Come Join a Great Time!!

Have you been longing for the chance to show off your talent to your Trinity Church Family and friends? Do you sing, dance, play the harmonica, oboe, violin, tuba or other instrument? Are you a secret poem writer with something special to read? Have you been wishing your acting ability might get you recognized as the next Jennifer Lawrence? Do you juggle, do amazing stunts or magic tricks? Maybe it's something not mentioned, but you know the audience would love to see!!

Here is your chance!!!

Worship Committee is sponsoring Sunday Summer Fun, July 15th at 4pm. Come to Fellowship Hall and be prepared to dazzle the audience! Following the amazing and breath-taking performances, sprinkled in with some favorite hymn-singing, there will be brownies, ice cream and lemonade for your snacking pleasure!

Come join us, invite a friend or 10, and have fun enjoying the talents God has given us all! Where else can you get to see the stars up close and get a great dessert too?

**Talent Show participants: please sign up on the sheet on the
Worship Committee Bulletin Board in the hallway.**



tpw

~ Virginia Kozak

CHANGES TO TPW BOARD

The time is finally here when two long-term TPW Board members are stepping away from their longtime committee duties -- Brenda Miller and yours truly.

For the last four years, plus 2008-9, Brenda has been Treasurer. She also served two years as Secretary. I have served as Moderator for the past two years, plus four years beginning 2008. Three interceding years I was on the Board as Secretary or Publicist.

I want to be forthright. **Trinity Presbyterian Women is in need of an individual to step up to take on the Treasurer's responsibility.** The role involves balancing the checking account, drafting payments for a few expenses, collecting pledges and other offerings and forwarding to Treasurer of PW Presbytery, disbursing funds when benevolences are determined, preparing a monthly report for the TPW Board. It would be ideal if the individual could attend TPW Board meetings the second Tuesday morning of each month – but that is not essential. Participation in TPW Circle is also not mandatory. We have exhausted our search for a treasurer from among our Circle members and 'the usual suspects'. **Please, we are asking one or two in our congregation to step up to offer their skill and time to take on in this important role.**

As a note of encouragement, Brenda Miller has kept beautiful, orderly papers for the next Treasurer. She is available to a) answer your questions about the role, and b) give insights (training, if needed). Please call her at 502.254.3697, or see her in the halls of Trinity.

GENERAL BUSINESS

At the May 8, 2018 Board meeting, benevolences were disbursed, \$200 to each of the following: Family Community Clinic, Family Scholar House, Healing Place, LifeHouse, Supplies Over Seas, Wayside Christian Mission. Part of our focus was to assist those groups in our area that minister to people being affected by drug abuse and related health issues.

NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

TPW Board – For the next school year, September 2018 through May 2019, the TPW Board members are Mardi Crosser and Jan Larsen, along with input from the Tuesday Moring Circle!

Circle Bible Study – A year ago the TPW Board chose a study on Zechariah, which we have just concluded. Revelations were realized during our studying and discussions. The prophet's desire was to prepare God's people Israel for the coming of the Messiah. Equally it calls us to prepare for Christ's coming again "on that day".

A year ago the Board also selected the 2018 – 2019 study, and confirmed that choice in our May meeting. The study is ***Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews*** published by Horizons for PW. The author happens to be a resident of nearby Versailles, KY. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the TPW bulletin board for those wanting a copy later this summer.

Christmas Sale, Middletown Family Fun Festival, et al

With my departure from the TPW Board, I am also resigning my role heading up the annual Christmas Sale and related fund raising opportunities afforded by the crafty Sew 'n Sews (a subset of TPW). If you are not aware, even today Sew 'n Sews has many lovely items perfect for selling at craft fairs to earn money for TPW's Benevolence funds, as well as many ideas of new things to make. Taking items to craft fairs and putting on our traditional Sale requires commitment and work. Equally, the benefit associated with our mutual effort is dramatic for the ministry recipients, and is enjoyed by our 'customers.' In the dozen years I have led the Christmas Sale, over \$47,000 have been raised! Our women have always asked for our Lord's blessing in our work, and He has always answered! So please, should there be a call for assistance from the ladies, step up!

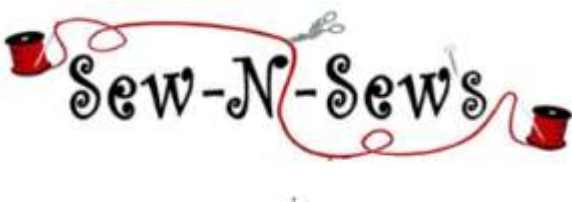
I have been blessed to be of service to the ministries TPW has supported over the years, and so very grateful for the many sisters I have worked beside in our desire to 'be the hands and feet of Christ.'

Respectfully,

Virginia W. Kozak

At the Sunday Hour in Guatemala (March 2018), greeting cards made by Trinity children and youth were provided for attendees to sign. The cards were filled with encouraging words and praise for Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer, Presbyterian USA missionaries to Guatemala. Sandi and Brian work with Presbyterian Women of Guatemala to improve the status of women in Guatemala, and to provide education and leadership training to the women through the Presbyterian Churches of Guatemala. The cards were hand delivered by the Missionary Coordinator for Presbyterian Church USA to Sandi and Brian while missionaries from Latin America were gathered in Peru. A donation was also collected during the Sunday Hour presentation that will be used by Brian and Sandi to help fund there expenses while living in Guatemala.

We give praise and thanks to God for all missionaries who make sacrifices and take personal risks to spread the good news of God's love for us, and salvation through Jesus Christ.



In April, Sew 'n Sews items made for Wellstone Behavioral Hospital in Jeffersonville, IN were blessed during a Sunday morning service. Pastor Steve gave a children's sermon using the Best Buddy dolls that comfort children who are patients in the hospital. These children often have few possessions, and the Buddies may be the only personal item they have when discharged from the hospital. The Trinity children were then offered a Best Buddy to select for their own.

Sew 'n Sews delivered baby blankets to Westport Teen Age Pregnancy Program, 30 adult bibs are on their way for use by disabled residents of Galilean Homes ministries in Liberty, KY and contributed chemotherapy hats to the Center for Blood Disorders and Cancer in Louisville. Materials for each of these hand made items are lovingly selected by the group, and construction is carefully undertaken as way to honor the recipients We welcome new members to our group and can find a way to involve any interested sewer in our crafts.

June & July birthdays

6/3	Kayla Hacker	7/1	Sandy Koukola
6/4	Chris Mullin		Leslie Koukola
	Douglas Oyler	7/2	Hanna Nelson
	Diane Tinsley	7/4	Cathy Dawson
6/5	Phil Young	7/5	Camille Williams-Neal
	Walter Ray		Brooklyn Hacker
6/7	Heather Oyler	7/6	Nisha Joseph
	Sabrina Oyler	7/7	Elizabeth Bodine
	Skip Wilborn	7/8	Bob Phillips
6/9	Charlie Ball		Jennifer Petty
6/10	Gwen Tomblin	7/9	David Schuler
6/12	Jim McDaniel	7/10	Irv Ottman
	Susan Dawson	7/11	Diane Jewell
	Jill McCullough	7/13	Barb Gabbard
6/17	Sandra C. Hollensead, MD	7/14	Jack Wheat
6/18	James Ray	7/17	David Brandt
6/21	Philip Strohmeier	7/22	Cathy Conn
	Andrew Petty	7/24	Lila Hayden
6/22	Susan Bauer		Brenda Miller
6/26	Mike Conn	7/25	Mary Harville
	Elizabeth Ray	7/27	Sharon Roy
6/27	Norma Pennington	7/28	Judith Bloor
6/28	Hana Duzdar		Marilyn Davis
6/29	Kathy MacDonald	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!