



TRINITY TIMES

"Your Neighborhood Church"

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Pastor's Pen

Ordering Our Lives in Thirds

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a person sows they will also reap.
(Galatians 6:7)

There's an impulse in all of us that wants to make a difference. Environmental consciousness is motivated by the desire to make a difference in the natural world. Social consciousness is driven to impact society for the better. Religious consciousness longs to touch and transform lives in an eternal way. And yet, we can't seem to shake the narcissistic tendency to prioritize ourselves.

From a very early age we were taught, and it was rigorously reinforced, to stand in line...and do not cut! Any more, line cutting...thinking about and acting for one's self first...is widespread. Haven't you been abruptly cut-off in traffic? Has someone cluelessly (or defiantly) stepped in front of you at the check-out line? Does it stiffen your dander when the waiter serves the table that was seated well after you? We seem to be caught in a yo-yo existence where we want to make a difference, but only when it's most convenient and comfortable and cost-friendly to our own whims and wishes.

It may be helpful if we see our lives as summarized in three general categories: rest, work, and leisure. We will spend roughly a third of our life sleeping (resting), a third of our life working (fulfilling responsibilities), and a third of our life in leisure (doing what we want). Unless the work you do is overtly oriented to "making a difference", for most of us only a third of our life is available to invest in impacting the world for "good".

The authors of the book *The Simplest Way to Change the World* reach this challenging conclusion about the leisure third of our lives: "For many of us, a great deal of that last third winds up being spent in our homes—eating, relaxing, enjoying hobbies, and entertaining ourselves. So if you divorce God's mission from your home and see your home essentially as a refuge *from* mission, you've just knocked out two-thirds of your life from any missional possibility."

God's Word firmly reminds us of the inseparable link between an investment and its return, between planting and harvesting. "...the person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously." (2 Cor. 9:6) In our desire to make a difference, could we...will we "sow generously"?



Graciously in Christ,
Pastor Steve



2019 Lenten devotionals

It seems far too early to be thinking about the next Lent and Easter season, but a Lenten Devotional is planned with a personal selection for each of the 40 days of Lent. Please consider writing a daily devotion (or two or three) and submitting them to Jude Bloor no later than December 15th, via email at ijbloor@att.net.

Choose a Scripture passage, write your thoughts and include a short prayer at the end. It can be a way Jesus met you at a recent place in your life, something the Holy Spirit is laying on your heart related to God's amazing grace in giving us our salvation through Jesus' death on the cross, or whatever the Holy Spirit leads you to write. For those of you would kept you Trinity Lenten Devotional booklets from years past, perhaps there was a devotion that touched you that you would like us to use again. It can be one of your own or one that someone else wrote that was particularly meaningful.

Thank you for doing this. Having these personal reflections from our church family that God leads us to on our way with Jesus to the cross on the days leading to our glorious Easter resurrection celebration is a true gift.

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls and visits when we lost our grandson, Brent. We greatly appreciate our church family.

Many thanks, Bill & RoseMary Hambleton

A great big thank you to all you wonderful people here at Trinity who have helped through my shoulder replacement. How fortunate I am to belong to such a loving, caring church whose people joyfully minister to each other.

I love you all, Carol Redd.

Church software

TPC has a NEW church-wide software that can be accessed by all members. Please join us for an after-church software demonstration on Sunday, September 9th following the 11:00 a.m. service.

Flowers—a gift that multiplies

A Gift That Multiplies

It's someone's birthday or your anniversary. You want to honor that special day to God's glory. Someone you love has passed away, recently or maybe long ago. You want to do something in their memory and to bless others in the process. You can do that! Consider donating Sunday sanctuary flowers to enhance the beauty of worship.

Here's the simple process:

- 1) Sign up on the prepared sheet on the bulletin board just to the left of the library door.
- 2) Choose the Sunday (or many Sundays) you want to provide the flowers. Check off the type you want and if you want to dedicate them, write the dedication in the space provided.
- 3) Write a check for the cost of the flowers you choose.
 - a) make the check out to Trinity Presbyterian Church
 - b) Note in the memo line on the check that this money is for "Flowers" and the date of the Sunday the flowers are provided.That's it! Easy as 1-2-3!

The Flowers Coordinator on Worship Committee orders the flowers and sets them up in the sanctuary upon delivery. The Church Secretary notes your gift and dedication in the appropriate Sunday bulletin.

And here's another way your flower gift can be multiplied. After the 11:00 a.m. worship service, you can take the flower arrangements with you. You can enjoy them at your home. You can divide them up and make smaller arrangements to pass along to home bound TPC members, a friend, a neighbor you've been meaning to meet. Many people could be blessed by your decision to donate a Sunday of flowers. What a lovely way to spread the love and fragrance of Jesus.

Sign up this Sunday!

Mission

We're so excited to announce that EACM is a recipient of a Pyramid Award this year!



The Pyramid Awards are given by the Center for Non-Profit Excellence, and sponsored by PNC Bank—incredible community partners. The Pyramid Awards are designed to recognize the contributions made by nonprofit organizations in six areas: Collaboration, Governance, Inclusion, Leadership, Social Innovation, and Vision. Each of the recipients receives a commemorative award and is recognized during a luncheon presentation at CNPE's Annual Conference.

EACM is being recognized with a Pyramid for our commitment to Inclusion, specifically in these areas:

- Longtime commitment to English as a Second Language programming and the rapidly increasing diversity of languages
- Staff diversity and the understanding that lends to assisting families from other cultures
- Efforts to have our Helping Hands Participants included in our planning and programming.

On September 8th, Exit 0 will be hosting an event at the Dream Center, 22th & Portland Ave., from 11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.. They will have their Shower/Laundry Trailer, supplies and will also have entertainment. Looking for people to come to extend the hand of friendship to our brothers and sisters in Christ.



STAND DOWN/PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

Each year, community leaders and homeless service providers hold a one-day event called **Stand Down/Project Homeless Connect** to help the homeless access a myriad of services all in a single setting, Salvation Army, 900 S. Brook Street. Again in 2018, over 600 people will have an opportunity to sign up for housing and job training, access health checks and eye exams, sign up for a state ID, get a flu shot and sign up for many other local services.

For the fifth year, Stand Down/Project Homeless Connect will include **foot washing**. Many homeless people have major concerns with their feet due to diabetes, frostbite and other exposure. Foot washing helps the homeless clean their feet and provides an opportunity to make referrals to those with needs to local podiatrists. But after participating, I learned it also allows those doing the foot washing to serve in a powerful and meaningful way I can't even put into words.

There are two ways you can show compassion in the Stand Down/Project Homeless Connect foot washing:

- 1) We need new socks to offer to those who have their feet washed. If your group is interested in collecting socks prior to the October 3, 2018 event, please contact Natalie Harris of The Coalition for the Homeless at nharris@louhomeless.org or 592-636-9550 x 212 to coordinate pick up.
- 2) We need volunteers to fill and dump water buckets and help wash feet on October 3rd from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Salvation Army Brook Street. We are looking for an ecumenical and caring group to help our homeless neighbors. You can sign up to volunteer any portion of this period. Again, please contact Natalie Harris to volunteer at nharris@louhomeless.org to give your name, contact and time you wish to volunteer.

But, maybe foot washing isn't your thing and you still want to volunteer at Stand Down/Project Homeless Connect on October 3, 2018. No problem, just call Melinda Collett at the Robley Rex VA at 502-287-4175 or email Melinda.Collett@va.gov.

Thank you for helping to make our compassionate foot washing a success!!!!



tpw

The **TPW Circle** will resume September 11th, at 10:30 a.m. to begin the study of Hebrews. All women of our congregation are members of TPW and invited to attend and participate in all our functions as you are able.

SEW 'N SEWS



Please visit Trinity's booth at the **Middletown Festival**, in Celebration Hall, Friday September 7th, 6-9 p.m. and Saturday September 8th, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Handmade fall inspired crafts will be for sale, and information regarding our church activities will be available.

A visit to Galilean Homes, Liberty, KY

On August 1st, members of the Sew 'n Sews made the drive to Liberty, KY to visit residents of the Blessing House of Galilean Home Ministries, Liberty, KY. The purpose was to deliver over-sized bibs to disabled adults who are permanent residents of the community. The first stop was the Angel House, where babies are cared for when mothers are in prison or undergoing rehabilitation for drug addiction, then a visit to the office to gain more information. On arriving at the Blessing House, the Trinity group was warmly greeted. Once inside, the bibs were received with excited smiles and laughter by residents who were able to leave their rooms. The House has 17 adults, and 10 would need the bibs. Since 20 were delivered, each designated person would have two each. The complex also has living quarters, a kitchen, laundry, gift area to purchase crafts made by residents, and school. On the return to Trinity, RoseMary, Marty, Ghyll and Sandra stopped for lunch at the Bread of Life Cafe and associated gift shop. The ministries are financed through donations and fund raising. Trinity has an on-going relationship with Galilean Home in that donations have been provided to them for several years through TPW fund raising events.



Members of the Sew 'n Sews and residents of the Blessing House display the new bibs, made of absorbent terry cloth and lined with cotton. The bibs cover chest, lap and upper legs when seated for meals.

Cocoons for Stillborns



On Valentine's day, the Sew 'n Sews enjoyed seasonal treats while listening to a presentation by Carolyn McKee, a nurse affiliated with Clark Memorial Hospital. Carolyn told us about her ministry, Heaven's Angels, which provides clothing and burial wraps for premature babies and stillborns. Carolyn testified to her calling in that she does not sew herself, but is active in contacting sewing groups about the special needs of families who experience premature and stillborn births. The Sew 'n Sews looked through several patterns and ideas provided that day, and decided to concentrate on sewing cocoon style burial wraps for stillborn babies. The wraps are used to present the baby to the parents for holding and grieving, may be used for burial, or can be taken home as a keepsake. The wraps are made from donated wedding dresses, and Carolyn provided our group with several.



First came deconstruction of the dresses, and next cutting the dress fabric, embellishing it with lace and jewels from the dresses, and final assembly of the cocoon. Each of the 26 cocoons was unique and fitted with a pillow and blanket to secure the little one in a garment truly suitable for a little angel.

Sunday, August 19th, the cocoons were displayed and blessed at Trinity worship services. They will be taken to Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville, IN for use by the nurses of the labor and delivery department. Carolyn provides a white keepsake box which is labeled by nursing with length, weight, and date of birth.

Prayers, and important part of the ministry, accompanied the creation of the cocoons: for the woman donating her wedding dress, for the baby going to heaven, and for the grieving families to be served.

STEWARDSHIP

Abundant Joy-Overflowing Generosity

Don't you just love the warm, smile-y feeling you get when you give someone a gift? Perhaps you've shopped ahead, looking for just the right thing for just the right person. You've got those items tucked away in that special gift closet or shelf waiting for just that special, gift-giving moment. And then there are times when the gift shelf looks pretty empty - then what?

In the weeks ahead we are going to be talking about gift giving here at Trinity. Yes, our financial resources, and as importantly, our time and skills resources. We will go to our heart's gift closet as we choose what gifts to give to further God's work in our community and the world. You might be thinking "what's in my gift closet that God can use?" Or maybe, "Is my gift closet pretty empty right now?" Take heart, friends. In our physical gift closets, it may be true that things are a little empty at certain times. But in our spiritual and heart gift closets, we have the assurance from God Himself that our gifts are never lacking! God's gifts to us every day are given to us in abundance.

First, we have Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior - given by God the Father to save us from our sin and make us free for all eternity. In addition, God has filled each one of us with skills and abilities, with time enough to do His Will, and financial resources to share with those in need. God's gift closet is never empty!! There is great joy, that warm, smile-y, this-is-so-right feeling as you give to others out of the amazing grace and mercy God has given you.

So when you get the stewardship letters in the next few weeks, please consider what gifts you've been waiting for just the right time to give - time, talent and treasure. Abundant joy is God's promise to each of us as we give ourselves to grow God's Kingdom in a world that needs Him so much.

FAITH & aRT

~ Candy Wheat

The Art Center's fall classes have started back.

The Center will be making bowls for Empty Bowls for Highland Ministries.

The Center will also be working an art show with the Disability Council in 2019.




September 9th, 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service

Join us for worship on our **Fall Kick-Off Sunday!** Learn about the different ministries and serving opportunities that are offered through the body of Christ at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

On Sunday, September 9th, during our 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, we will get to know the leaders and explore the different programs and small groups offered at Trinity. If you have any questions, feel free to call the church office at (502) 245-5515, or email at tpclouisville@att.net. We look forward to worshipping with you and growing our faith together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Invite, Involve, and Ignite your faith.
The Christian Education Committee



Youth Group will be every **Wednesday** beginning September 5th. If you are in middle or high school, please join us from **6:00 p.m. –8:00 p.m.** to learn and share about the love of Jesus Christ.

Our goal for the youth group is to know our identity as God has created us to be. We will express our individual identity through Christ in relation to the world and discover who we are through the study of God's Word. Snacks, Fun, Fellowship, and most importantly, the Love of Christ will be provided. We meet in the youth room, classroom #4.

W.O.W.
Fall 2018
Summary Schedule



09.12.18	W.O.W. Worship	11.07.18	W.O.W. Mission
09.19.18	COMMITTEE NIGHT	11.14.18	W.O.W. Worship
09.26.18	W.O.W. Worship	11.21.18	COMMITTEE NIGHT/ THANKSGIVING WEEK
10.03.18	W.O.W. Mission	11.28.18	W.O.W. Worship
10.10.18	W.O.W. Worship		
10.17.18	COMMITTEE NIGHT		
10.24.18	W.O.W. Worship		
		No W.O.W. during the month of December as we celebrate the birth of our glorious Savior.	

We Want to be Your Church Home!
Please join our church family for worship!



TPC Church-Wide Yard Sale!

Saturday, September 15th
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

1) Donate items to sell - Time to declutter!

Jewelry, Accessories, Linens/towels, Furniture, Children's stuff (toys, etc),
Dolls, Pet Supplies, Dishes, Pottery, Household Items, Office Supplies, Sports
Equipment, Comics, Baseball Cards, Musical Instruments, Books,
DVDs, Video Games, Tools



NOT ACCEPTED: Clothes (except athletic gear, children's clothes),
Electronic Appliances (except flat-screen TVs), Microwaves (unless new),
Shoes (unless new)

2) Let your friends know about the sale

3) Volunteer to work the day of the sale
Free unlimited tasty lemonade for all volunteers!!!

Donated items can be stored in Fellowship Hall.

THE SALE,
Saturday, September 15th, 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
See you there!

FALL FESTIVAL



You are 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 21st**
Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

September birthdays



9/21 Annalise Kim
9/22 Linda Strohmeier
9/23 Emily Mullin
9/26 Vito Simoneschi
9/27 Chris Niemann
Steve Nolan

9/1 Brandon Hacker
Avery Koukola
9/5 Tom Dawson
9/10 Nick Schuler
9/15 Becky Douglas
9/16 Maggie Jewell
9/18 Tim Barnum
9/20 Aileen Lucas



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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!