

# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Loving God | Growing Together | Serving the World

## Trinity Presbyterian Church

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## Sharing Life Together

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*  
(Hebrews 10:24-25)

### The Mood of the Month

It's fascinating how certain seasons of the year stir within us various moods. The euphoric energy of summer. The cabin-fever of winter. The promise and potential of spring. The fear and anxiety of fall. Yes, you read that right. Let me explain.

Far more than the time when school resumes or the autumn leaves begin to turn, September, as the start of the fall season, has become synonymous with the terror attack on the World Trade Center in NYC on September 11, 2001. As a result, even after nearly two decades, the lingering affect of this horrible event still looms large over our lives, our culture, and our world. Not only was the facade of our innocence shattered on that day, but our awareness of the terror and touch of evil was reawakened in us. Since that day, an emerging sense of anxiety and dread seems to hang over us like a dark cloud. Is there any way that this sense of hopelessness can be removed?

### Dispelling the Dark of Dread

Each of us craves meaning and clamors for significance through deep connection with others. However, when we experience hardship, suffering, or tragedy this craving and clamoring often only intensifies. This is so because pain tends to further isolate us, which makes hope and



## September Birthdays

Brandon Hacker	9/1
Avery Koukola	
Tom Dawson	9/5
Nick Schuler	9/10
Becky Douglas	9/15
Maggie Jewell	9/16
Tim Barnum	9/18
Aileen Lucas	9/20
Annalise Kim	9/21
Linda Strohmeier	9/22
Emily Mullin	9/23
Ben Bird	9/27
Steve Nolan	

## September Anniversaries

Paul & Sandra Hollensead	9/5
Ron & Susan Dawson	9/8
Sean & Ann Moorman	9/24
Scott & Leslie Koukola	9/25

healing all the more elusive.

Even though we live in close proximity to thousands of other people, such loneliness and isolation continues to hover over us. Even with instant means of communication literally at our fingertips with Facebook and Instagram, texting and Twitter, these forums for social interaction actually strangle and starve us of deep and meaningful connection. Will anything finally dispel the dark of dread over us?

### *Made for More than Me*

What we really need is community. Community isn't just nearness to others or sharing a common name or system of beliefs. Community is the outflow of a life captured by Christ where we freely sacrifice ourselves for the good and enjoyment of others. This involves time together, trust developed, and the vulnerable sharing of our whole self with others. Community is the cure to our unrest, the remedy to our loneliness, the antidote to the despair that weighs heavily on us.

The church, those who by faith display lived trust in Jesus Christ, is the community through which God's answer to human helplessness and hopelessness comes. And the church, with all its glory and faults, is the realm in which God vows to renew the weary, give hope to the hopeless, and ease to the anxious of heart.

This is who we are at Trinity Presbyterian Church. We are those who share ourselves in a community of life lived together under the Lordship of Christ. We would love for you to be part of our life together, so that we encounter, experience, and enjoy the goodness of God together.

- Pastor Steve



## Why I Love to Sing in the Choir

By Sheri Bushue

I listened to my grandparents sing all the time growing up, both in church and at home watching shows such as *The Grand Ole Opry*. They were constantly breaking out in song, and could sing to anything. So, I always wanted to sing.

My life has had many ups and downs, especially in the last few years with the loss of a second baby and many family members. The most recent loss was my father-in-law whom I miss terribly! The realization of just how fragile life is has really struck me. So, I often turn to music for strength and wisdom and hope. Life is so hard at times. And I do not know how I could have gotten through so much without my faith and this church family.

When standing in front of the church singing Anthems on Sunday's, I hope and pray this will speak to others through my voice. This is a way that helps me try to show love, the love I feel through music.

One of my favorite songs is *God of All My Days*, by Casting Crowns. These are pretty powerful lyrics.



## *God of All My Days* Casting Crowns

I came to You with my heart in pieces  
And found the God with healing in His hands  
I turned to You, put everything behind me  
And found the God who makes all things new  
I looked to You, drowning in my questions  
And found the God who holds all wisdom  
And I trusted You and stepped out on the ocean  
You caught my hand among the waves  
'Cause You're the God of all my days

### Chorus

Each step I take  
You make a way  
And I will give You all my praise  
My seasons change, You stay the same  
You're the God of all my days

I ran from You, I wandered in the shadows  
And found a God who relentlessly pursues  
I hid from You, haunted by my failure  
And found the God whose grace still covers me  
I fell on You when I was at my weakest  
And found the God, the lifter of my head  
And I've worshiped You  
And felt You right beside me  
**You're the reason that I sing**  
'Cause You're the God of all my days

### Chorus

In my worry, God You are my stillness  
In my searching, God You are my answers  
In my blindness, God You are my vision  
In my bondage, God You are my freedom  
In my weakness, God You are my power  
**You're the reason that I sing**  
'Cause You're the God of all my days

### Chorus

In my blindness, God You are my vision  
And in my bondage, God You are my freedom  
All my days

## **The Center for Faith & Art**

The Faith & Art Center has been very busy this August. Here's just a few of the highlights of all that God is doing among us:

- ♦ Bowls were made for the HCM (Highland Community Ministries) Empty Bowls campaign, as well as pottery for the TPW and Sew 'n Sews sale later this year.
- ♦ The Presbyterian Hunger Program will be holding their "Team Building Retreat" in the F&A Center on August 23.
- ♦ We had a good visit to Apple Patch for their talent show.
- ♦ Starting in September, Open Studio on Wednesdays will welcome residents of The Forum.



Please keep the Center in your prayers as all the Fall Programs are starting up again.

Thank you,  
Candy

## **Join us in prayer!**



Prayer is not passive!! Prayer is on the frontline of faith, and will be the most exciting and interactive thing you will ever do as a believer in Christ.

Please join us on Friday mornings at 10 AM to pray for our church family and the Louisville community.

*"I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone."*

1 Timothy 2:1



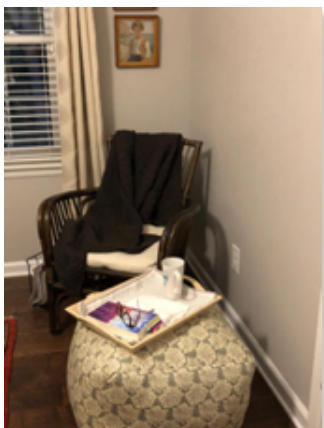
## Sew 'n Sews in the Home

At fund-raising markets, shoppers often comment on the quality and beauty of the Sew 'n Sews hand-made domestic items, as well as expressing gratitude for our efforts to provide funds for local charities and missions. Although striking when displayed for public events, the true beauty of the Sew 'n Sews' work is shown when used in the home, where our items add a special touch to the comfort and love provided through hospitality.

Whether you are hosting a small family function or a large neighborhood get together, our selection of placemats, napkins, runners, pillowcases and other items are sure to express the joy we feel in making them for your use or gift giving. Please plan to attend our upcoming markets:

- Sept 6-7: Middletown Fall Festival at First Baptist Church, Historic Main Street
- Oct 20: Trinity Presbyterian Fall Festival on church grounds
- The Annual Christmas Sale, the Trinity Fellowship Hall, in early December


For more information or to get involved in the Sew 'n Sews ministry, please call Sandra



Here are some examples of the many Sew 'n Sews creations:

*(clockwise from the top left)*

- ♦ A bed scarf and matching pillow add sparkle to a neutral palette.
- ♦ A Derby runner graces a dining table.
- ♦ Embroidered towels hanging from a rolling cart for convenient use.
- ♦ A cube cushion holds items to create a quiet space.



## A Reflection on Stewardship

By Cathy Dawson

*For All These Things, I Give You Thanks...*

When I stop to really think (and feel), whether it's during my morning prayer time, moved by a choir anthem, or – most often – walking with my dog, Maddie, in the beauty of nature... I can be almost overcome with God's overpowering, ever-present love and mercy for me. It is a wave of, a surge of love back to Him. I can count so many blessings... sharing my life with Tom, being deeply understood by friends, seeing the joy on the faces of my children when they were young, and my grandchildren now... the list seems endless.

It often leads me to a yearning, a surge of emotion because I want to put a tender smile on God's face the way a three-year-old puts the same on mine. There is so little I can do for my Heavenly Father in return for all He has done for me. But when a young child hands me a carefully picked clover or dandelion; when they show me with pride a picture they have drawn of the two of us together, my heart swells with love at their humble offering and I treasure it.

Love received isn't complete until it is returned. And, although I'll never, never be able to give God anything wonderful or grand, I know that He treasures what I do give Him. That is true for gifts of listening to another of His children who is suffering; introducing or sharing what His presence in my life has meant to mine, or giving/sharing monetary gifts to carry out His work.

Although I don't always take advantage of these opportunities, I want to...and I want God to be delighted with my humble offering, whatever it might be, because He loves me and loves to see me experience the joy of returning some small aspect of His amazing gifts to me.

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On Sunday, September 22 at 11 AM, we will have the opportunity to worship outside in God's creation. In addition to Pastor Steve's message, there will be special music and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

There will be enough chairs available. However, you are welcome to bring your own chairs and/or blankets for this casual setting.

Please join us as we worship the Lord amidst the splendor of nature in the wooded glen right beside the sanctuary. FYI, the early service will still take place inside at 9 AM. We hope to see you on this joyous morning.

**SERVE ONE**  
ANOTHER  
**IN LOVE**  
GALATIANS 5:13

Over the years, Trinity has been blessed with so many who have offered themselves in the service of others. Most recently, we recognized Midge Goeth for her investment in beautifying the church grounds.

If you sense the Lord's leading to take up the mantle of this "labor of love", you need not ask permission, nor even tell anyone. Just feel free to come by and start pulling weeds.

And as always, thank you for serving Christ by serving one another.



Dear Trinity Family,

We are just a few short months away from electing a new class of Deacons and Elders to serve our congregation. It is time to begin prayerfully considering who amongst us God is calling to serve in these very important leadership positions.

It is a great honor and truly a privilege to be able to represent the members of this congregation as a Deacon and/or an Elder. While there is much responsibility there is also much joy and great reward in serving.

In the coming weeks and months, let each of us commit to be in prayer, seeking God's help for us as a congregation, to discern who it might be that He is calling. Please prayerfully consider whether God is placing it on your heart to serve His church in this way. Feel free to speak with any of our current Elders or Deacons to learn how God has equipped them to serve Trinity Presbyterian Church!

The Nominating Committee,

Ann Douglas, Jude Bloor-Brandt, Cathy Conn,  
Lucie Fulmore and Jerry Pender



As Christ's disciples, we are made for community.  
 This community is where our love for Christ is deepened,  
 our faith in Christ is grown,  
 and our lives are given in sacrificial service of our neighbors and the nations.  
 Consider "doing life together" by joining one or more of the following study  
 and small group opportunities.



### Opportunities for Children

#### *Wee Care*

Families with infants and/or young children may receive care through our wonderful volunteers in the nursery room during both Sunday School and Sunday morning worship.

#### *Children's Sunday School*

Designed for young children Pre-K thru 5th grade, students are invited to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM downstairs in Classroom # 3.

#### *Children's Church*

Children are encouraged to join us for worship at the 11 AM service. During the service, children are invited forward for their own special children's message. Afterward, they are invited to continue in children's worship downstairs in Classroom # 3.

### Opportunities for Youth

#### *Middle & High School Sunday School*

A Sunday school class uniquely designed for Middle & High School youth gathers in the Pastor's Study each Sunday at 9:45 AM.

#### *Youth Group*

Youth ministry is more than programs and events. Our desire is to reach out to the young people of our church and community to know the grace and love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We meet every Friday at 6:30 PM.

Along with their weekly gathering to worship and study God's Word, the youth are also encouraged to engage in community service activities. There are also many other exciting events for the youth, such as lock-ins, citywide fellowship, and mission trips to draw these young people closer to Jesus Christ.

Adult Sunday School Opportunities*Adult Sunday School Class*

By working through *The Present Word* curriculum series, this class encourages one another to grow as children of God built on Christian community and hope. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in the Library.

*Koinonia Sunday School Class*

If you are interested in exploring your faith within a group of inquisitive and energetic people, this is the class for you. Utilizing various study materials this group studies, prays, and grows together in *koinonia* (Greek for “community”). This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in the Parlor.

*Women's Sunday School Class*

The purpose of this class is to bring women together to support one another in building their faith in Jesus Christ. This is a fun-loving group of women who are currently studying *Esther: A Woman of Strength and Dignity* by Charles Swindoll. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM downstairs in Classroom # 6.

*Men's Sunday School Class*

This men's only class has an open discussion about God's Word, so that they are better equipped to reach out to and help others grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM downstairs in Classroom # 4.

Small Group Opportunities*The Quest*

Those who are young, and young in heart, are invited to join in the quest of growing in Christ through the study of God's Word and the fellowship of mutual encouragement. This group gathers downstairs in Classroom # 5 on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM.

*Intercessory Prayer*

The Intercessory Prayer Group gathers every Friday morning at 10 AM in the Parlor. All are welcome to join in this vital time of prayer and drawing closer to the heart of God.

*Men's Study Group*

On the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month, the men of Trinity gather for food, fellowship, and feasting on God's Word. They meet at Wild Eggs off of English Stations Rd. The study begins at 8:30 AM.

*WOW - Doing Life Together*

Gathering weekly on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM, this group practices the three core commitments we embrace as God's people at Trinity: Love, Grow, Serve. Love envelops us in the worship of God. Grow strengthens us as disciples of Christ. Serving expands our sacrificial service of others. By doing “life together” we regularly share in a meal, Bible study, and practical acts of service.





On Sunday, August 18, a group of 17 Trinity members went to the Maryhurst home for girls campus on Dorsey lane to refurbish their gazebo. Maryhurst is a facility where girls from pre-school to high school can come to live when their home living circumstances become too difficult. This could stem from an abusive home to if parents are incarcerated or simply abandon the girls and there are no other family members to take them in. They have living quarters and have a school that is part of the JCPS system on campus. They rely on the community to help them with special projects such as the one we did on the 18th. We had a great response to this opportunity and were able to clean the gazebo, replace the entire roof skirt, put down new pine bark mulch, seal all of the wood, and even sealed the picnic tables that the girls had adorned with their own artwork. With the great response and hard work of the Trinity team we were able to do all of this in about two hours!!! The girls of Maryhurst now have an updated and clean outdoor venue where they can talk, eat and share their lives. Thank you Trinity for your time, effort and Love in this Mission project. The girls of Maryhurst are eternally grateful. In fact they plan to have about 20 of the girls come to the Fall Festival in a few weeks. Please keep an eye open for other opportunities like this as your Mission Committee will plan to do this type of outreach again in the near future.







# UPCOMING EVENTS



September 8	Celebration Sunday Worship Service at 11 AM
September 11	Fall W.O.W. gatherings begin at 6 PM
September 15	Church 360 Training after the 11 AM worship service
September 22	Outdoor Worship Service at 11 AM Teacher Workshop after the 11 AM worship service
September 27	Mid Kentucky Presbytery Youth Gathering
September 28	Men's Breakfast for guys of all ages from 7:30-9 AM
November 9	Women's Fall Retreat



Beginning on Sunday, September 15, all Middle and High School students are welcome to attend the new Confirmation Class. This class will meet in Pastor Steve's Study every Sunday at 10 AM.

The aim of this exciting study is prepare young people for membership in Christ's church by exploring and engaging them in the beliefs of the Christian faith. If you or your student is interested, please let Janice Kim or Pastor Steve know.



On August 9-10, the youth group shared in another lock-in adventure, as well as a trip to Holiday World.

This was a fun way to bring the summer to a close as the Lord prepared these students to return to school.



Youth group is going again! Middle & High School students, come on out for times of delicious food, dynamic worship, and deep Bible study...all to encourage you in your walk with Christ. The youth group gathers every Friday evening from 6:30-8 PM.



## Trinity Presbyterian Church.

**This is who we are. This is what we want. This is what we do.**



Trinity Presbyterian welcomes all visitors, and especially those eager to encounter and enjoy the presence of Christ in their lives!

Our Sunday morning services are at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:45 a.m.

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