

# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Loving God | Growing Together | Serving the World

## Trinity Presbyterian Church

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### The Session

<u>Class of 2020</u>	Ann Douglas Sandra Hollensead Betty Muse
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<u>Class of 2020</u>	Judith Bloor-Brandt Bill Husband Brenda Miller
<u>Class of 2021</u>	Jill McCullough Rebecca Perry Carol Redd
<u>Class of 2020</u>	Kay Hardy-Hines Sandy Koukola Marty Johnson

### The Staff

Pastor	Rev. Steven Jewell
Christian Education	Janice Kim
Faith & Art Center	Candy Wheat
Music Ministry	Melissa Weaver
Secretary	Sherry Pritts
Financial Secretary	Deanna Smith
Pianist/Organist	Won Joo Ahn
Youth Handbells	Doug Harville
Preschool	Elizabeth Bodine

## Pursuing Everlasting Joy

*They shall have everlasting joy.*

(Isaiah 61:7)

### Moments of Tremendous Joy

We've all had moments in our life when we experienced amazing and indescribable joy. Here are a few from my life to which you hopefully can relate...

✦ I remember the relief I felt as a child when my lost cat, who was presumably gone forever, mysteriously returned after a long, harsh winter. UNBELIEVABLE!



✦ I remember the rush of joy that overwhelmed me as I stood at the front of the sanctuary and caught the first glimpse of my beautifully dressed bride making her first steps toward our life together. CAPTIVATING!

✦ I remember the feeling complete inadequate and profound protective when I held each of my amazing children for the first time. INCREDIBLE!

✦ I remember my shameful feeling of unworthiness, which became dwarfed by my profound gratitude, when I surrendered to Jesus who suffered for my forgiveness and rescue. MIRACULOUS!

What moments in your life have gripped and moved you with tremendous, nearly indescribable joy?

### The Fleeting Quest for Joy

For all the good and glorious things within God made in this world, none of it was intended to give us lasting joy. Instead, there is a fluctuating arbitrariness to the worth and value and longevity of the good and glorious things “under the sun”.



## February Birthdays

Michael Kratt	2/3
Lois Bringhurst	2/4
Betty Wilborn	
Janet Husband	2/6
Garrett Bushue	2/8
Taylor Mullin	
Olivia Petty	
Susan Smith	2/9
Matt Perry	2/11
Andrew Kratt	2/12
Kate Kratt	
Donovan Maslowski	2/13
Anuji Abraham	2/25
Natalie Hayden	2/26
Barbara Keyser	

## February Anniversaries

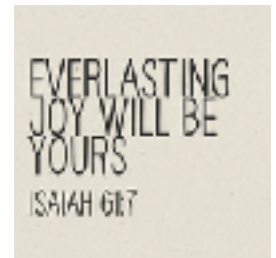
If you notice a birthday or anniversary missing from our list, please let us know by contacting the church office. Thank you.

Precious things like jewelry or iPhones or rare collections of artifacts vary in value because of demand (our desire for them), supply (their availability to us), and worth (the happiness we draw from them). We value things because we draw happiness from them. These things become the source of our joy. These things also make us vulnerable, because losing them means we lose our source of happiness.

The permanence of our joy is inseparably linked to the permanence of what we most enjoy. We are designed to desire and delight in God. We are made to savor supremely the Savior. As St. Augustine wisely observed, *“You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”* That’s why our quest for joy in anything or anyone other than God is fleeting and futile. *“The heart’s hunger is infinite, which is why it will ultimately be disappointed with anything merely finite. Humans are those strange creatures who can never be fully satisfied by anything created—though that never stops us from trying.”* (James K.A. Smith)

### The Enduring Experience of Joy

By designing us to be supremely satisfied in Him alone, God is not a killjoy, a bore, or even anti-pleasure. To the contrary, God is absolutely pro-pleasure. He is an advocate for us in our ambition to experience as much happiness as possible. Here’s the point: God knows, and we need to trust, that He alone is the source of true and lasting joy. Only in Christ will we ever be supremely satisfied and experience everlasting joy. So then, we must pursue enduring happiness, not in stuff, but in the Savior alone.



*“Let your door stand open to receive Him,  
unlock your soul to Him,  
offer Him a welcome in your mind,  
and then you will see the riches of simplicity,  
the treasures of peace,  
the joy of grace.  
Throw wide the gate of your heart,  
and stand before the sun of everlasting light...”*  
(St. Ambrose)

Pastor Steve

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

Opportunities for Youth

*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.

*Middle & High School Sunday School*

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

*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.

*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. The youth group meets every Wednesday at 6 PM.

*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.

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.



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 Station Rd. The study begins at 8:30 AM.

*WOW*

Gathering on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays of the month 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. Loving envelops us in the worship of God. Growing strengthens us as disciples of Christ. Serving expands our sacrificial service of others.

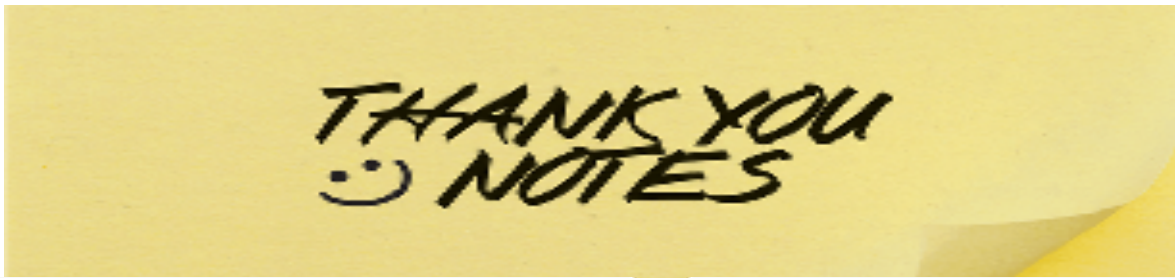
**Join us in prayer!**

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



On behalf of the Trinity family, we would like to thank the following outgoing leaders who faithfully fulfilled their ministries:

*Elders Max Oyler, Jennifer Petty, & Mike Stevens*

*Deacons Anuji Abraham, Susan Bauer, & Sheryl Oyler*

We are also grateful for those who heard and responded to God's calling to step into the new class of leadership this year:

*Elders Ron Dawson, Amy Elder, & Carol Hartmann*

*Deacons Kay Hardy-Hines, Sandy Koukola, & Marty Johnson*

To the whole Trinity family,

You have shown such amazing support, kindness, and generosity to all of us staff members. We are thankful for you, and we truly appreciate the Christmas gift given each of us.

We all count it as an honor and a blessing to be part of the ministry God is doing among and through our Trinity family.

Gratefully in Christ,

The Trinity Staff

## TPW Mission & Fundraising Report

Trinity Presbyterian Women have reviewed our fund raising for missions, and are rejoicing with praise to God for a successful year. This success could not have been achieved without the full support of the Trinity congregation with donations of craft items, volunteer hours, and shopping purchases.

Total funds raised were \$5,593.00, with \$3,803.46 coming from our Annual Christmas Sale, and \$817.64 from Middletown Fall Festival at the First Baptist Church, Middletown.

Each of our 8 supported agencies have now received \$400.00:

Dare to Care Food Bank, Family Community Clinic, Home of the Innocents, LifeHouse Maternity Home, St. John Center, Supplies Over Seas, The Healing Place, and Wayside Christian Mission.

In addition, Sew 'n Sews provided the following items:

- 1) Wellstone Hospital, Jeffersonville, IN: 208 Best Buddies (Total Best Buddies 2014-2019= 1,004), 112 Pillowcases, 8 Blankets, 1 Drawstring Bag, 57 These Days Devotional Books
- 2) 8 Prayer Blankets to members of our congregation, and joined with Missions to provide Hygiene kits for the Presbyterian Church (USA) disaster relief fund.

A surprise service adventure has been collecting empty pill bottles for reuse in the St. John Center Healthcare programs, which totaled 1,350 in the 2019 year alone.

Please join us in giving God all the glory for this service in His name.

Much love, TPW



## Sunday Lunch at the Jewell's

Sign up and join the Jewell's for a home cooked meal at their home. Get to know Pastor Steve and become part of our family. Space is limited so sign up early. The sign up sheet is in Pastor Steve's office for the following dates:

February 16  
March 1  
March 15  
April 19  
April 26



The Adult Bell Choir is in need of one more member. We cannot play with notes missing, so we are hoping someone will step into this empty slot and help us "complete" the music.

Music reading knowledge is needed, but you will be given loving support all along the way. Former instrumentalists are perfect for this.

We meet on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 AM in the bell room across from the nursery.

Please prayerfully consider joining this devoted group who needs your help making joyful music unto the Lord.

Gratefully,

Melissa Weaver and the Adult Bell Choir

## Encountering God: The Holy Spirit

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

We are excited to announce our next Encountering God gathering taking place on February 22.

Come join us as we sit under the teaching of Dr. Gregg Allison and Pastor Steven Jewell. This looks to be an encouraging and engaging time in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Spread the word.

And be sure to let us know you plan to attend by signing up in the church office.

## W.O.W. Spring 2020

Gatherings begin at 6 PM

During our Spring gathering of W.O.W., rather than having a meal every week, we will share in a catered meal on one Wednesday each month. At the other gatherings, desserts or light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Remember, each Wednesday is a rich time of carrying out our commitment to LOVE, GROW, & SERVE. We hope you'll join us.

01.15.20	EMBRACING SIMPLICITY: Intimacy	03.04.20	<i>Committee Meetings</i>
01.22.20	EMBRACING SIMPLICITY: Rest	03.11.20	EMBRACING SIMPLICITY: Presence
01.29.20	No W.O.W.	03.18.20	EMBRACING SIMPLICITY: Sight
02.05.20	<i>Committee Meetings</i>	03.25.20	Catered meal and Mission Presentation
02.12.20	EMBRACING SIMPLICITY: Breath	04.01.20	<i>Committee Meetings</i>
02.19.20	EMBRACING SIMPLICITY: Solitude	04.08.20	EMBRACING SIMPLICITY: Move
02.26.20	Catered meal & Ash Wednesday Service (7 PM)	04.15.20	EMBRACING SIMPLICITY: Peace
		04.22.20	Catered meal and Mission Presentation

W.O.W. will begin again in September.

**love. grow. serve.**



This powerful, haunting, challenging, and beautiful piece of music was written to honor the victims of Kosovo.

The combined choirs of Eastern, Ballard, and the Youth Performing Arts School, along with the Youth Performing Arts School Orchestra, under the direction of Noel Weaver, will present this amazing piece in concert on Feb. 24 & 25.

For tickets and additional information, go to [www.kentuckyperformingarts.org](http://www.kentuckyperformingarts.org)



## Preschool News

It has been so much fun working with the children in music class! Since I didn't begin teaching at Trinity Presbyterian Preschool until mid November, my main focus was on Christmas music for the Hat and Mitten Parties. I did teach them our "Hello Song" that we sing at the beginning of each music class, and our "Goodbye Song" that we sing at the end of each music class! We were able to work with some hand drums a little bit on the song, "Little Drummer Boy". I was very proud of how the children performed at the Christmas program!

Now that we're in the new year, we've been doing many different things in music class! The children have been learning about different instruments each week, and even learning about the different parts of each instrument, and how they work. They are also able to hear how each instrument is played! Some instruments they will listen to me play, while others they get to play themselves while we talk about, and learn the specific sounds of each instrument!

We have been learning about musical words such as tempo, flats, sharps, piano and forte and what each word means! Even the 2 year old groups have been able to remember these words! We have also played some musical themed games together and the children certainly have had a lot of fun with those!

Moving forward, we will continue to learn about new instruments, musical terms, and of course, new songs that we can sing and dance too! I really look forward to the end of the year Derby program as well!

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

All classes are now back in full swing.

There are a few exciting and new things going on around the center. First, we have picked up a couple of new students on Wednesday afternoons. The Center will start classes for Maryhurst in March. And, the Center is working with the chaplain from Norton's on a retreat for residents in April.

And, of course, we can always use volunteers to help out. Please see Candy if you are interested in helping or would like to learn more about the exciting things God is doing in the Center for Faith & Art.



## Serving God ~ Serving Others

*Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,  
and who waters will himself be watered.*

*Proverbs 11:25*

Can we serve God and others and still be joyful?  
Can we serve without sinking?  
What does it mean to be a Servant Leader?

LOVE GROW SERVE



Come. Worship. Learn.

Women's Spring Conference

April 25, 2020

9 am - 3 pm

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Sign-ups are on the Christian Education Board  
or can be emailed to [djewell35@gmail.com](mailto:djewell35@gmail.com)



February 22	Encountering God Seminar: The Holy Spirit
February 26	Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM
March 8	Daylight Savings time begins
April 5	Palm Sunday
April 12	Easter Sunday
April 25	Women's Spring Conference

## 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!

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.

Nursery and Children's church is provided!

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