

Trinity Tidings

Trinity Presbyterian Church



From the Pastor's Pen

June 2016

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A few days ago a member of the congregation told me, "Pastor, I love the way you walk to the baptismal font and put your hands in the water before saying the morning prayer." Praying with you all in morning worship is one of the most treasured acts I do as your pastor. To center on God is why we come to worship, and prayer allows us to focus in one moment together as the one body of Christ. Prayer is one way we can put aside all the many distractions we try not to bring into the sanctuary. I believe, fervently, that when we pray God listens.

To communicate with the holy is a necessary part of being a Christian. We all pray. But, like everything else in our distracted lives, more often we pray on the fly or at a moment of calamity. Before becoming a pastor, when I worked downtown, my convenient TOD to pray was in my car alone driving down the Broken Arrow Expressway. I justified by calling it 'my little conversations with God.' Today, I'm not really sure I should be very proud about that! I had sincerity of heart, but not the singularity of focus.

Henri Nouwen, a greatly admired spiritual leader, in his book *The Only Necessary Thing* (Doubleday, 1999, p. 37) gives us some profound advice for our prayer life when he writes: *There are many ways to pray. When we are serious about prayer and no longer consider it one of the many things people do in their lives but, rather, the basic receptive attitude out of which all of life can receive new vitality, we will, sooner or later, raise the question: "What is my way to pray, what is the prayer of my heart?" Just as artists search for the style that is most their own, so people who pray search for the prayer of their heart. What is most profound in life, and therefore most dear to us, always needs to be properly protected as well as expressed. It, therefore, is not surprising that prayer is often surrounded by carefully prescribed gestures and words, by detailed rituals and elaborate ceremonies.*

In reflection, I realize I have my own gestures and words. In worship at prayer time I do go to the baptismal font (a ritual), and swish my hand through

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Pastor's Pen cont.

the water (a gesture), and often begin prayer with 'Good and Gracious God' (words). All take away from distractions and allow us to focus on God. Surely we do this in our private prayer time, too. Do you have a prayer palette – place, time, gestures, words, and rituals? What helps you express the prayers of your heart?

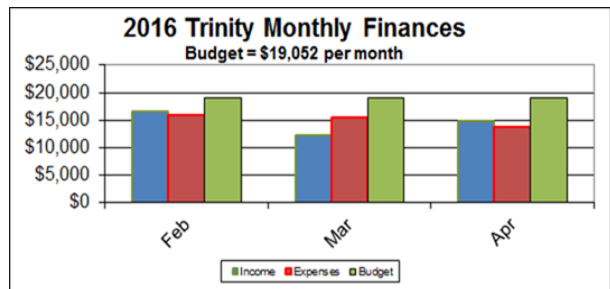
As I encouraged in worship, I do hope you will singularly focus your prayers on the work of the Pastoral Nominating Committee members: Debbie, Nancy, John, Katie, Valerie and Scott. As they continue their daunting task of finding our new pastor, let us find our personal ways to put our distractions aside and focus on God. Dare to pray boldly for that yet-to-be-known person to hear the heartbeat of God telling him/her to come our way that we may receive the new vitality God wants for this worshipping family.

Blessings,

Pastor Judy

Finance/Stewardship randy smith

2016	Income	Expenses	Budget
YTD	\$ 61,914	\$ 56,440	\$ 76,208



Worship vicky adams / liz powell

Calling all Musicians!!! Our wonderful choir will begin their summer vacation after Memorial Day. So we are looking for those with musical talent(s) and a willingness to share their gifts during the worship services in the summer. If you are interested please contact Erik Collins, Vicky Adams or Liz Powell.

Thanks to all who spoke during the Trinity Sunday worship service. It was good hear about our Trinity's journey as a congregation, all the different ways and places we hear God's voice and how Trinity responds to God's call.



Communion will be served this summer on:

June 5th July 10th August 7th

Evangelism brenda cunningham

The Trinity Café banner is finished and should be placed on the soffit above the television once the decision is made about interior painting. The four new chairs for the café have shipped and will should arrive in the next few days. The new signs are in place above the baskets for Backpacks for Bixby and Bixby Outreach Center in the entryway.

We will begin placing member biographies in our Trinity Tidings Newsletter starting with the September addition. Each month, we plan to ask a member to reacquaint us with their bio or if they would rather, write something about Trinity's history.

While those kids are in town for the summer, let's get the family pictures updated for the pictorial directory! When you are ready, see Joe or me.

Thanks to everyone who attended our "Everyone is a Greeter" meeting May 22nd. We had a good discussion with talk and suggestions that will help all of us be better at welcoming visitors.

Respectfully, Brenda Cunningham

Congregational Care margot ries

As you know, Congregational Care has asked the congregation to contribute to the 2016 Scholarship Fund in May. These monies are taken from the "Loose Change" during the month of May. The Scholarship Application is sent to those graduating from High school and planning to attend college, as well as those who are in college now and would like some assistance for the coming year. It will be announced during Sunday Services.

Also, we will have our Third Sunday Lunch Bunch on June 19th, with the location determined and announced prior to that date.

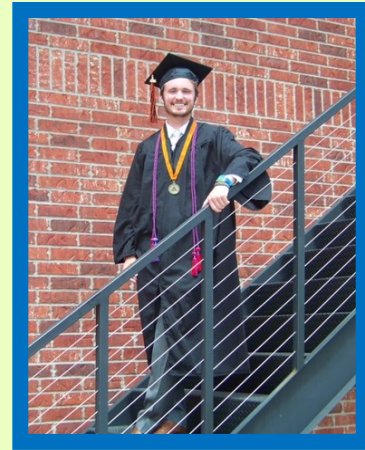
We have continued to call and send cards to those who have been ill or in the hospital. Don't forget to let the church know if you need any assistance or a meal is needed.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD AND CONGRATULATIONS!!

Jack and Lynn Sanstra welcome their adorable new granddaughter, Chesney Cheyenne Sanstra, born May 20, 2016 at 3:39 pm. She weighed in at 7 pounds 3 ounces, and is 19-1/2" long. The proud parents are Robert and Tabitha Sanstra.



Jill & Bob Eckert are very proud of their son, Trevor Eckert, as he graduated from Oklahoma State University on May 7th with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He is employed by Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In the fall Trevor will return to OSU to begin his studies toward a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. **Way to go, Trevor!! You're Trinity Family is proud of you too!!**



TRINITY SUMMER READ

Attention Everyone: Find your favorite reading place in the sensational summer outdoors or cool cozy indoors...and get ready to settle in for the "Trinity Summer Read." You're invited to order the book, "same kind of different As me," by calling Sue, Kim (church office,) or signing the sign-up sheet in the office, by noon on June 12. This is a stunning nonfiction work by Ron Hall and Denver Moore written in 2006 and we can be purchased for \$10.00 each. "In his letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul wrote, "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.' *Same Kind of Different as Me* is the story of the faith hope and love of one woman, Deborah Hall. Her faith in God, her hope for a better world, and her undying love forever changed the lives of two men: her husband Ron, a wealthy international art dealer, and Denver Moore, a homeless man for whom living on the streets was a "step up in life.' Telling the story in their own words, Ron Hall and Denver Moore regularly alternate warming and wrenching your heartstrings. The unique two-author style, and the open and candid way in which these men write, add up to an engaging, emotional, and life-changing experience...As mayor of Fort Worth, Texas, where much of this story takes place, my resolve to address homelessness strengthened dramatically as a result of this book. An important read for anyone with a heart for his or her fellow man," Mike Moncrief

Both Sunday and Wednesday discussion times in August and/or September will be offered, to share our insights on this beautiful story. Be looking for details in the weeks ahead.

Mission News john clawson

Camp Trinity:

It is hard to believe that summer is here!! Camp Trinity will have 4 sessions this summer on Tuesdays from 10 to 2.

Below are the themes we will explore this summer:

June 21st – Deep in the Summer Sand

June 28th – Deep in the Swirling Sea

July 19th – Deep in the Dazzling Dirt

July 26th – Deep in my Imagination

Each day at Camp Trinity will include; play, art, science, music, and lunch.

All are welcome, so bring your kids and the neighbor kids too!

There is no charge for Camp Trinity.

*****Volunteers: As always Camp Trinity cannot happen without Volunteers*****

Please let Sue Chancellor, John Clawson, Dana Clawson or Liz Powell know if you can volunteer for Camp Trinity. You need not sign up for every session! Volunteers work in the kitchen, shepherd children, and assist in art, science and at play.

Thank you for your support!!



Submitted by Liz Powell,
on behalf of John Clawson

Christian Education sue chancellor

Let's Sing On...

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;
and with gratitude in your hearts, sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

Colossians 3:16

"We sing not alone but with our brothers and sisters through the ages." Dorothy C. Bass

I love this verse, and it speaks to me both literally and figuratively! Singing with love and heartfelt gratitude is an uplifting and energizing act for which we should all aspire! Sharing our "song" with others in community is an important part of discipleship and simply put, pure joy! During these summer months ahead, let us be mindful to care for and serve one another with a song in our heart! And let us appreciate the amazing "songs" that God's beloved children share with us both here at church and beyond these doors!

Hear the "singing" this summer beginning at 9:15 am with Summer Sunday School

Sunday Morning Possibilities

Child Care Childcare with Donna Bridenstine actually begins at 9:00 am for our infants through toddlers, so they can be happily settled before all 9:15 Sunday School classes begin. Our little ones experience God's unending love through songs, stories, games, age-appropriate creative experiences, and play! Preschoolers and kindergarteners can join Donna after Sunday School or "Time with Children," and stay with her until the close of Worship.



****Parents needing childcare during choir practice or team meetings can let Sue or Donna know in advance and Donna will be in the nursery during those times.****

Richard Spencer continues in June with an intriguing look into the book of Exodus. This class is off to a rollicking start and is plunging deeper into the book as they more through the chapters. Each class is a separate entity and so you can join in whenever you are able with ease and enthusiasm. Be ready to get hit with some very thought-provoking and riveting questions created by Richard (and his sources :). You can easily find them in the classroom off of Churchill Hall!

Bill Reynolds' amazing legacy continues on with his adult Sunday School class! This class didn't miss a beat or a class while continuing Rodney Newburg's book, "Journeys with the Celtic Christians." They'll continue to meet and share stimulating conversation on this compelling book at least through June. Then they'll take a summer break and join another adult class through Labor Day weekend. New folks are warmly welcome any Sunday in June as each class offers diverse clever insight on the Celtic Christians. **Our precious memories of Bill's passionate, wise, and generous leadership will live on forever with our Trinity Family!**

Tweens/Youth (The Tween/Youth Class (Fifth Grade and up) The tweens/youth will begin their Summer Theme, "Journey to a Deeper Understanding," on June 5 upstairs in their room with some lively conversation, and activities led by one of their fine teachers, Royce Chancellor. They will kick off June with scripture/projects centered on **"Promises from A Peacemaker."** Many summer lessons will incorporate short Rob Bell DVD lessons. In the following four weeks the terrific teachers and fun focus will be:

June 12:	John Clawson	"Journey to the Calm"
June 19:	Sue and Katy	"Marvelous Movie Sunday" (combined classes)
June 26:	Bob Eckert	"What's in a Name"
July 3:	Sue & Vicky	"There's Room for Everyone". (combined classes)

Multi-age Teaching Schedule

The children's wing will be alive with a new theme just in time for summer: **"Deep in My Heart...there is Jesus!"** Be on the lookout for lots of singing, moving, cooking, drama, painting, etc! The extraordinary teaching team will be teaching beloved stories of Jesus through a variety of engaging experiences; and from time to time, the tweens/youth will be leading our youngsters as well!

June 5:	Sue Chancellor	"Peace of Mind and Heart"
June 12:	Millie Spencer	"Jesus Calms the Storm"
June 19:	Katy & Sue	"Marvelous Movie Sunday" (combined classes)
June 26:	Vicky Adams	"The Best Picnic Ever"
July 3:	Vicky & Sue	"There's Room for Everyone" (combined classes)

FAMILY/YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to Logan Wagner for his wonderful words on Senior Sunday! What a joy celebrating his past memories and accomplishments as well as learning of his future plans and aspirations! We hope to see Logan some this summer before he heads off to Colorado Mesa University!

CE is hosting an exciting "Trinity Family Zoo Day" on Sunday, June 12 following worship service. We'll picnic on the zoo grounds; families can purchase food there or bring a picnic lunch. We'll enjoy the sunshine and spend the afternoon together admiring and appreciating "All God's Creatures, Great and Small." Bring your family/friends and be ready to enjoy awesome fellowship at the terrific Tulsa Zoo.

Kids and youth: Remember to join in the Sunday school fun every Sunday this summer at 9:15. Our first marvelous movie morning is Father's Day, June 19 at 9:15 in the youth lounge! Lots of scrumptious popcorn will be on hand!

Attention All Kids: Check out the fun worship bag goodies and be on the lookout for joyful new surprises in the summer months ahead!

We're looking forward to seeing all the kids and youth at Camp Trinity and VBS this summer! Come as a treasured participant if you're "younger than a sixth grader" or attend as a very appreciated helper, if you are in sixth grade or beyond! We are extremely grateful for your unique presence with us during our summer programs! Don't forget the VBS Worship Service and Family Fun Picnic on Sunday, July 17.

Looking ahead into August: Cool plans are in the making for a "never before" Trinity Family excursion to a most interesting adventurous Tulsa site! We'll journey there on one of the last two Sunday afternoons in August! Be on the lookout for fascinating forthcoming details!

Wonderful Volunteer Possibilities at Trinity: Please consider sharing your gifts and talents with us this SUMMER 2016.

Tweens, youth, and adults of ALL ages are needed.

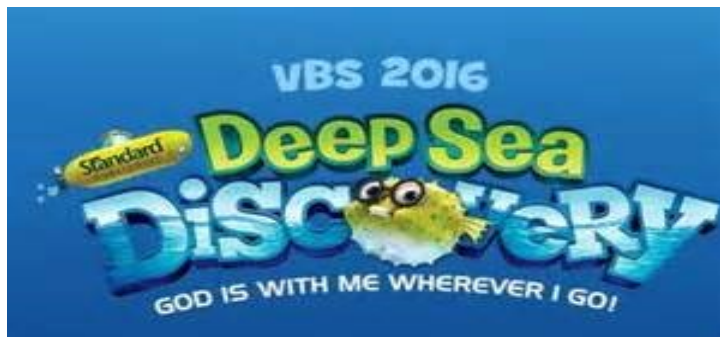
If you would like to volunteer in any way for exciting Camp Trinity, please call/text/email Sue Chancellor, Liz Powell, or John Clawson. We can use your help in a variety of ways for any amount of time you can spare on June 21 and 28, July 19 and 26, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Sue Chancellor, John Clawson, and Cathy Hanson will appreciate any VBS help during the week of July 10 and on July 8 for hanging decorations. Please let them know if you're willing to volunteer any amount of your time with this fun endeavor July 10-17, 5:30 until 8:10. **Also Sue and Katie Hanson will be creating some fun decorations and art activities in June, and would appreciate extra help from our creative Trinity family.**

The Fellowship team provides dinner during VBS week and a picnic following VBS worship service. Please contact Debbie Straabe or the church office if you'd like to help in the kitchen.

Also, fellowship treats are needed during all the summer months and you can simply call the church office if you can help provide treats between Sunday School and Worship.

CAMP TRINITY



EXPLORING THE DEEP

FOR CHILDREN PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THOSE ENTERING 5th GRADE.

Activities will include

- MUSIC ● GAMES ● ARTS/CRAFTS
- PLAYS & STORIES ● COOKING & GARDENING

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

TUESDAYS

June 21 & 28 and July 19 & 26

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Lunch provided

There is no charge for Camp Trinity!

Call 918-369-3690

for reservations and information.

Come join us on a week filled with all sorts of discovery!!!

Get on Board for a Deep Sea Adventure and discover God's deep unending love for you...

Theme Verse: "God is with me and will watch over me wherever I go." Genesis 28:15

Kids will join the Deep-Sea Diving Crews and dive into some Amazing Discoveries of God's Love with a big SPLASH! Be ready to explore places like: Celebration Reef, Breakaway Bay, Tide Pool Playland, ECHO Sea Sub, Pelican Pier, Curiosity Cavern, and SS Discovery! There will be joyful songs, incredible science experiments, uplifting stories, rollicking games, expressive art creations...and ...MORE!

For Age 3 to 5th Grade SCHEDULE

5:45—8:10 pm

Sunday, July 10 - Thursday, July 14

Family Dinner at 5:45 PM

Singing Begins at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary

VBS Worship Service for Families

Sunday, July 17, 10:30 AM

Call 918.369.3690 or email trinity@olp.net

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Camp Trinity Leadership Team: Liz Powell, John & Dana Clawson, Sue Chancellor

VBS Leadership Team: John Clawson, Cathy Hanson, Lynette Kraft-Lindsey, Sue Chancellor

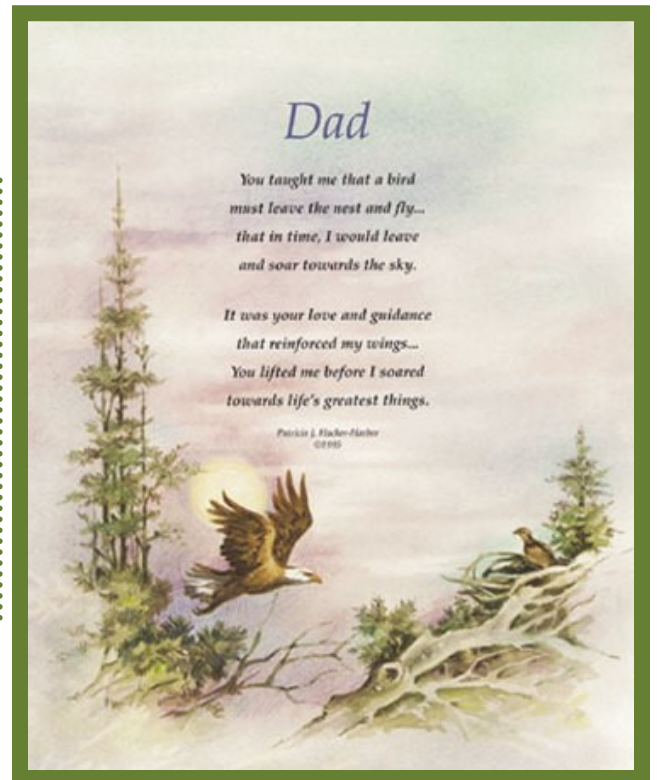
Thanks to those who are already participating in these awesome adventures reaching out into our Bixby/Tulsa community! Please contact the church office to register your children for either/both programs, or to help in any area of your interest! Exciting fun is just ahead!



An Anniversary Celebration for one of our
dearest church couples!
Congratulations, Howard & Evelyn, on 60
years of marriage!
The two of you are truly an inspiration for us
all..



*Happy Father's Day to
all of our Trinity Dads!!
Our children wouldn't be
the people they are
today without you!*



Fun Times at Trinity



Liz Powell and
John Clawson making sure
everything runs smoothly!

Logan entertaining the Trinity family
with his beautiful guitar playing!!



Little helpers passing out the
Pentecost flames before the
service.

May 22, 2016

Pentecost Sunday and Senior Sunday

We celebrated our Senior, Logan Wagner, and wished him all
the best for the future! Time for you to soar, Logan!



June Lectionary Readings

Third Sunday after Pentecost—June 5

1 Kings 17:8–16 [17–24]
Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11–24
Luke 7:11–17

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—June 12

1 Kings 21:1–10 [11–14] 15–21a
Psalm 5:1–8
Galatians 2:15–21
Luke 7:36–8:3

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost—June 19

1 Kings 19:1–4 [5–7] 8–15a
Psalm 42 and 43
Galatians 3:23–29
Luke 8:26–39

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost—June 26

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14
Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20
Galatians 5:1, 13–25
Luke 9:51–62



In Memory of Johnny McDonald

James & Barbara Shaw
Raymond & Susan Welch
Royce & Susan Chancellor
Donald & Linda Gregory

In Memory of Bill Reynolds

Linda Herchert
Joyce Powell
Brasseler USA

Happy Birthday June babies!

Katy Reed 6/2
Maverick Sanstra 6/2
Beverly McComb 6/8
Jack Sanstra 6/10
Royce Chancellor 6/16
Sue Chancellor 6/17
Amelia Austin 6/21
Ben Haughey 6/21
Craig Hanson 6/27



Howard & Evelyn Fenton 6/1
Jim & Tomye Mainer 6/5
Leslie Haughey 6/6
Jackie Ballew 6/12
Joe & Brenda Cunningham 6/13
Ted & Vicky Adams 6/23
Craig & Cathy Hanson 6/24
Richard & Millie Spencer 6/25
Liz Powell 6/26

Thank You Notes

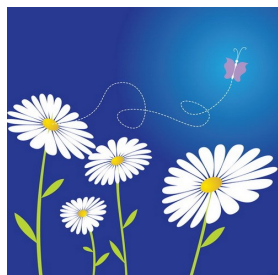
Dear Trinity Family:

Thank you for the Starbucks gift card! The extra boost will really come in handy when I could use the pick me up during studying. It is always nice to know so many people. ~Love, Trevor

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Thank you so much to Pastor Judy and the members of Trinity Presbyterian. On behalf of the family of Johnny McDonald, please accept our sincerest appreciation. May God Bless.

~Sandy McDonald



June 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 EOP Presbytery Meeting
5 Fenton 60th Anniversary Party 12:00 noon Churchill Hall	6 Yoga Class 10:00 am Banner Making 11:30 am Turning Point 7:00 pm	7	8 Team Mtgs. 6:30 pm (6:00 Dinner)	9	10	11
12	13 Yoga Class 10:00 am Banner Making 11:30 am Turning Point 7:00 pm	14 Session Mtg. 6:30 pm	15	16	17	18
19 Lunch Bunch	20 Yoga Class 10:00 am Banner Making 11:30 am Turning Point 7:00 pm	21 Camp Trinity 10:00—2:00	22	23	24	25
26	27 Yoga Class 10:00 am Banner Making 11:30 am Turning Point 7:00 pm	28 Camp Trinity 10:00—2:00 Election Day	29	30		

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