



From the Pastor's Pen

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PASTORS VISITING HOURS AT CHURCH

The Pastors will have regular visiting hours at the church, as follows:

Monday 10:00—11:00 am
Wednesday 12:00—1:00 pm
Thursday 5:00— 6:00 pm

Pastor Lucus & Pastor Elana will be in the office at other times during the week as well, and are happy to meet people at their convenience, by calling or texting 248-845-8287.



At the Session retreat this month, our attention was drawn to the mosaic cross that hangs in the window of the Trinity Café. One of the elders pointed to a colored glass chip, and said, "that one's mine!" It was then that I learned another important story of our church, the creation of the mosaic cross – that many of our church had placed "their" chip of colored glass into the mix, preserving its color and shape while being linked into the overall shape of the cross.

What a beautiful metaphor for the church!

Each of us individually are like the chips of glass – uniquely formed, with our own beautiful perspective and shape. But we also are part of something greater than ourselves – we are a part of the body of Christ. Like the mosaic cross, we find ourselves in times of light, in times of shadow, and in times when the darkness falls for longer than we'd like. But through it all, we too are held closely by the love and care of God.

Before the mosaic cross hardened into its current shape, each chip of glass was immersed into the clear resin, just as each of us have been spiritually immersed in the triune God through our baptism.

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Pastor's Pen cont.

Think of Jesus' baptism, when John immersed him in the water of the Jordan river, and as he arose from the river, God spoke out: "This is my beloved Son, who brings me great joy!" (Matt 3:17) Whenever we remember our baptism, we remember that as a part of the body of Christ, we too are beloved children of God, who bring God great joy.

Now, as the mosaic cross hangs in the café, we see that the light that shines through it bursts into a riot of color, reminding us of both the rainbow of God's promise to the world through Noah (Gen 9) and, with a little imagination, the tongues of flame that appeared with the disciples fifty days after Jesus' resurrection. On that Pentecost, the tongues of flames showed that the disciples were able to speak the tongues of humanity – everyone gathered heard their own language, whether the disciples spoke it or not. (Acts 2) Likewise, the light that passes through the mosaic cross changes to the color of the chip it passes through – it "speaks" to the chip of glass in its own "language." When we celebrate Pentecost later this month, we remember that God speaks to us too in our own way, calling us to God's redeeming grace.

Together, we are the body of Christ – a picture of unity in diversity.

~Pastor Lucus

Evangelism

Would you put a Trinity Presbyterian Church yard sign in your front yard? Well, Pastor Lucus gave us that great suggestion after he saw some John Knox yard signs and thought this would be a fun project for Evangelism. Joe Cunningham is looking into the cost and will keep you posted with our progress.

Help! We need Greeters for the rest of the year! Cindy Strasheim is heading up this project and will be tapping you on the shoulder soon to see if you would be willing to Greet our members and visitors as they arrive at the Church on Sunday Mornings! On the job training is available if you have never greeted. We also have printed information that give suggestions of dos and don'ts available. Please add your name to Cindy's list as one of the most fun volunteer spots at Trinity.

Respectfully, The Evangelism Team

Christian Education sue chancellor

Compassion gives life to the giver as well as the receiver, because it fills the giver with wonder, the wonder of the unknowable power of love. Compassion transports us beyond ourselves, rescues us from the hell of our own worries and self-preoccupation. Compassion has the power to dethrone our own egoism and frees us to walk the way of wonder, to live and breathe in the realm of what can not be measured, predicted, or controlled. Compassion delivers us from the tendency to think in silos. We think in silos when we associate with people just like us, in our personal lives, our work environment, our neighborhoods, our politics, our religion. Compassion liberates the mind from our self-constructed silos, opens the spirit of fresh air and sun.

~Ralph L Underwood

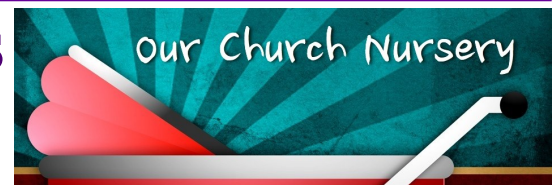
During this busy time as the school year winds down and we look ahead to summer and changes in schedules/routines, let us be mindful of the opportunities we each have to reach out to others in true compassion. May we feel the liberating energy of compassion as both the giver and the receiver.

"The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made." Psalm 145:9



SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES

(SUNDAY SCHOOL IS 9:15-10:15)



Donna Bridenstine is available for infants through preschool from 9:00 a.m. through the close of worship. Pre-kindergarteners and kindergarteners can join Donna and an adult helper (when necessary) following Sunday School, for fun learning experiences and nurturing care.

Donna is also available during 8:10 a.m. choir practice on Sundays, and for Wednesday evening team meetings. Just let Donna and/or Sue know when she's needed.

9:15—10:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Pre-kindergarten through 5th graders are enthusiastically invited to the Sunday School room by Donna this month for fabulous lessons focused on a special scripture each week! Lots of experiences will be ready to ignite all the senses as we all joyfully learn exciting stories and verses!

May 6	Cindy Strasheim	"Included in God's Love"
May 13	Valerie Wagner	"A New Apostle"
May 20	Sue Chancellor	"Fireworks on Pentecost"
May 27	Melinda Carver	"Holy Encounter"

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEEN CLASS:

Teens from Sixth through Twelfth grade are all invited upstairs to the room by the tech room for innovative spiritual discussions under the guidance of a grand team of teachers! Confirmands are warmly invited any week they are not in confirmation class. We look forward to having you all in class after May 20 as newly confirmed members of our Trinity family!

May 6	Sue Chancellor	"Using Technology Wisely"
May 13	Sue Chancellor	"A Mother's Love"
May 20	Royce Chancellor	"The Very First Pentecost Service"
May 27	Liz Powell	"Let us Serve One Another"

TEEN CONFIRMATION CLASS:

Confirmands are winding down their classes as their last one will be on their Confirmation day. Pastors Lucas and Elana have been meeting with them about twice a month since September 24 and there are two remaining classes in May. There's been lots of positive feedback from both the pastors and the confirmands as all have enjoyed this journey.

May 13	"Working on Your Statement of Faith"
May 20	"Last questions/wrap up; Confirmed at Pentecost Service; Reception honoring confirmands in Churchill Hall following worship"

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:

The adult class led by Richard Spencer continue to meet through May, and is enjoying the stimulating DVD series/discussion "Living the Questions 2" in the classroom off Churchill Hall. It is never too late to join in super conversation focused on Richard's excellent questions and clips from the DVD. Please pop in whenever you can.

Coming in June...a very interesting and engaging 3 week course led by our very own Liz Powell! Details to follow.

MID-WEEK BOOK STUDY

Midweek Book Study will continue meeting in Trinity Cafe through May, and finish their thought-provoking book, "Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt," on Wednesday May 30. New folks are welcome to try out the group and extra books to use are available if you can make it in May. We'll take a break in the summer, but be looking for upcoming information on our summer read book...to be announced in the weeks ahead. The book study group will be packing backpacks on May 16 and May 23 at 10:30 in Churchill Hall.

ATTENTION TRINITY FAMILY**TWO VERY SPECIAL MAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

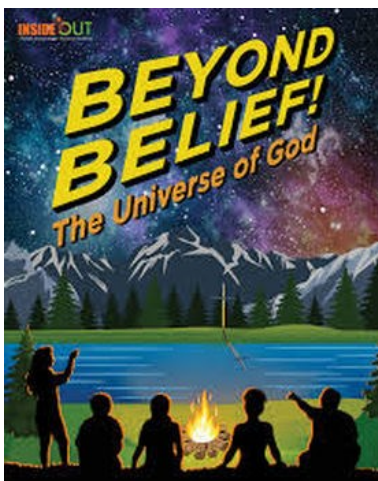
Senior Sunday, May 13 is on Mother's Day! We'll be honoring Alec Wigton graduating from Broken Arrow High School on May 15. Alec will be attending Tulsa University in the fall, and plans on majoring in Cyber Security. Please plan on joining us at 10:30 a.m. for an uplifting worship service and stay for Alec's reception, hosted by the fellowship team, following worship.

Confirmation Sunday, May 20, is on Pentecost Sunday! We'll be celebrating the confirmands, Seve Smith, Leah Wagner, and Matthew Sanstra, completing their class this year. We'll be welcoming them in as new members along with other special folks joining Trinity that day. The confirmands will be honored at a reception in Churchill Hall following worship service.



The Dwight Mission Summer Camp 2018 Schedule is up on the church front door and bulletin board across from the kitchen.

This summer's theme is "Beyond Belief! The Universe of God." Please check the web site at dwrightmission.org for more details. Teachers receive a 50% discount.

Family Camp - May 25 - 28 (All Ages)

Session I - June 10 - 16
Elementary Camp I (3-5)
Jr. High Camp I (6-9)
LIT (10-12)
CIT (12-Grad)

Session II - June 17 -23
Elementary Camp II (3-5)
Jr. High Camp II (6-9)
LIT (Week 2) (10-12)

Session III - June 24 -30
Dwight Institute (6-12)

Session IV - July 8 - 14
Elementary Camp III
Night Owl Camp (6-9)
Senior High Gathering (10-12)



**DWIGHT
MISSION**
CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

C.E. and Book Study Group are proud and excited to host the first ever
TRINITY INTERGENERATIONAL ART-AFTERNOON

on May 12 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Churchill Hall

"Our Imaginations Ignite"

"The best place to go with a child is in their imagination"

All "kids" from ONE to ONE-O-ONE are enthusiastically invited to come (bring friends and family too) and set your creative energies free. Folks can partner up with "kids" of different ages and create clever exquisite masterpieces from a variety of choices and mediums at various imagination stations! You can choose from stations such as: Puppet-mania, Fanciful Box-Construction, Glass Painting, Clay Creations, Collage-Collaborations, Sensational Sand Designs, Simply-Beautiful Banners, and the list goes on... Bring A fun snack that can help create "Edible Masterpieces"



Also...Save the summer dates, July 8 through July 12...
 for an adventurous thrilling 2018 VBS!!

VBS Sunday Worship Service and Family Picnic: July 15

Prepare yourselves for the excitement that awaits kids and volunteers this summer.
 We'll have a blast as we explore more ways to trust God and deeply feel his presence...

"Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride!"

Please call the church office to register your children and/or volunteer



YOUTH/KIDS/FAMILY NEWS

Thanks to everyone who helped with and participated in the Easter Egg Hunt. Wonderful fun was had by all and our children donated a total of 180 eggs to our backpack kids!

Our Trinity bike ride was a huge success too! It was a beautiful day for a wonderful ride along Riverside Drive. Seve Smith and Leah Wagner also got in some vigorous rock climbing along the way! Go Team!

Intergenerational Art Afternoon, "Our Imaginations Ignite" is Saturday, May 12 in Churchill Hall from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Thanks to those of you who are helping with a specific station and everyone of all ages is invited to come and explore your creative energies.

May 13 is Senior Sunday with a special worship service honoring our High School senior, Alec Wigton; a reception in Churchill Hall follows and everyone is invited!

May 20 is Confirmation Sunday! Congratulations Leah Wagner, Seve Smith, and Matthew Sanstra! A reception follows their special worship service too! And again, all are invited and bring family/friends!

Tuesday, June 12 marks the beginning of Camp Trinity, "Let's Open the Door To..." Kids, from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade: Please plan on coming and enjoying the adventurous fun in June/July. Sixth graders and up are all invited to volunteer their time and talents any Tuesday they can.

June 12:	"Outrageous Outer Space"
June 26:	"Mysterious Times of Long Ago"
July 17:	"The Incredibly Fantastic Future"
July 24:	"Exciting Underwater Adventure"

All Camp Trinity dates begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 pm.

And looking ahead to June 24...Get ready to visit Lifelight in Jenks following worship. This will be an exciting opportunity for everyone of all ages! Be looking for details to follow.

Congregational Care brenda cunningham

As the group talked during our April Team Meeting, I was so moved by the compassionate folks that comprise the Congregational Care Team. These are the people that volunteer to be Greeters, to visit those in the hospital or homebound, to cook and take food when needed, to call and send cards of concern, to support family members in times of need, and to pray for those not in our midst. It is such a pleasure to be part of this group.

As our minds turn to Spring (and hopefully the weather does too!), we begin to think about the end of the semester for our College Students. We will be sending them gift cards to use during May as they prepare for their semester finals. We will also ask that our congregation contribute cash donations during May for the Trinity Scholarship fund for the fall/spring semesters. We will be sending out letters to our current and new college bound students to inform them of the opportunities offered through our Trinity Scholarship Fund.

The Lunch Bunch ate at the new Royal Dragon (101st and Sheridan) on April 15th and had a great turnout of 18 folks. We have talked about First Watch, Bravos Mexican, and Red Lobster for our next event, depending on reservation and table options. If you have a suggestion, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Respectfully, Brenda Cunningham

Fellowship News dwayne strasheim

The Fellowship Team would like to thank everyone who contributed food, kitchen labor, and/or just moral support to the success of the brunch on Easter Sunday, April 1. Team members sincerely appreciate the willingness of Trinity members to step up and become involved in the life of the Church. It is easy to foster good fellowship in such a positive environment.

Fellowship events during the month of May will include two receptions: a graduation reception for Alec Wigton May 13, and a Confirmation reception for Trinity confirmands May 20, both following worship in Churchill Hall.

Finally, be sure to check the signup sheet in the Trinity Café for openings to bring Sunday morning treats during May and June.

Thank you, Dwayne Strasheim



TRINITY PHOTO ALBUM



Monthly Liturgy

6th Sunday of Easter—May 6

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

7th Sunday of Easter—May 13

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

Pentecost Sunday—May 20

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Trinity Sunday—May 27

Isa. 6:1-8

Psalm 29

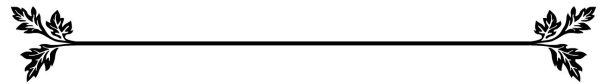
Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17



May

Ben Austin	5/2
Kim Campbell	5/11
Leah Wagner	5/11
Ann Frazier	5/15
Mitchell Sanstra	5/28
Scott Wigton	5/31



Trinity Graduate News:

Trevor graduates from OSU with his Master's of Science Degree In Electrical Engineering on May 11, 2018. He will be moving to Albuquerque, NM in mid-May, being hired by Sandia Nat.'l Lab., Working with the US Dept. of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration. Sandia's enduring mission is to provide engineering and science support for America's nuclear weapons.

His new address is 1405 Dartmouth Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106. Congratulations, Trevor—WELL DONE!
Proud parents, Bob & Jill Eckert

"Thank you so much for thinking of Luke.
I cannot believe he is graduating college in 2 weeks."
You can send mail to: 712 Marshall Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119.
John & Dana Clawson

Kelsey Johnson is finishing up her Junior year; she is at the University of Arkansas. She will be applying for Veterinarian School this fall. Kelsey will be coming home next week, for the summer. Thanks again and we will see you all this summer!
Home Address: 11719 S 94th E Ave, Bixby OK 74008
Corinne Johnson

Darby Campbell is graduating soon!
She will have her apartment in Fayetteville, but is moving to Dallas in June. You can write to her at:
6620 E 113th St S
Bixby OK 74008

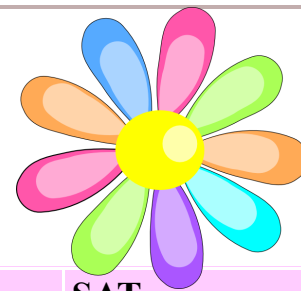
Thanks for thinking of her, Kim & Jack Campbell

Logan is going to move into another Hall in 2 weeks, just for the summer and then into another Hall in the fall. He will be a Sophomore at Colorado Mesa. Currently, he can be reached at:
1115 Texas Ave #216
Grand Junction, CO 81501
Then, in the fall:
936 North Ave #A226
Grand Junction, CO 81501
Larry & Valerie Wagner





MAY 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 10:30 am Pack backpacks 11:00 am Mid-Wk Bk. Sdy. 12:00 pm Sack Lunch Fell. 1:00 pm Sewing Group	3	4	5 Session Retreat 9-2 pm
6 Communion Sunday	7	8	9 9:45 am Presbyterian Wm. 11:00 am Mid-Week Bk. Sdy. 12:00 pm Sack Lunch Fell. 1:00 pm Sewing Group 6:30—Team mtgs.	10	11	12 2:00—4:00 pm Intergenerational Art Day!!
13 Senior Sunday Mother's Day	14	15 6:30 pm Session Mtg.	16 10:30 am Pack Backpacks 11:00 am Mid-Week Bk. Study 12:00 pm Sack Lunch Fell. 1:00 pm Sewing Group	17	18	19
20 Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday 11:30 am Lunch Bunch (Location TBA)	21	22	23 11:00 am Mid-Week Bk. Sdy. 12:00 pm Sack Lunch Fell. 1:00 pm Sewing Group	24	25	26
27 Baptism	28 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	29	30 11:00 am Mid-Week Bk. Study 12:00 pm Sack Lunch Fell. 1:00 pm Sewing Group	31		

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