

Trinity Presbyterian Church

# Trinity Tidings

September 2020

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## From Our Interim Pastor

Grace and peace to you!

One of the great opportunities that we have been celebrating in the midst of the challenges associated with the corona virus is using technology to proclaim the Good News in new ways!

First off I want to thank all of those who have helped us upgrade what has become our portable sound system. This is the equipment that we have been using on Sunday mornings when we gather to worship on the lawn. We had the speakers, but the mixer and the wireless microphones are new. The system is fairly portable, in that we can move it to the gym or outside around the property.



We also made some significant investments in video equipment that we are bringing online now. There is a new broadcast quality camera in the Sanctuary, and a smaller portable camera that we can use wherever we need to. This system is controlled by a new laptop that livestreams the video to our YouTube channel. Our internet capabilities also needed to be upgraded, and all of this should be completed early in September.

Thank you for making all of those upgrades and improvements possible.

I will begin teaching a Bible study on Paul's letter to the Romans on Monday night September 14, at 6:00 pm on Zoom. We will also continue to meet on Tuesday evening, September 15, for a prayer gathering on Zoom at 6:00 pm. I will be sending out invitations to these events the week of the meetings on the church email list.

The daily devotionals will continue to go out as well.

Peace,

Chris

## Upcoming Events at Trinity:

### Sunday Church Services

*Watch your emails and/or social media for the latest updates on how our church will be worshiping each week.*

*Services will still be available on YouTube each week.*

**Wednesdays beginning September 9 via Zoom  
WNL Children's Program  
6:30 p.m.**

**Sundays beginning September 13 via Zoom  
YWE  
Middle School at 5 pm  
Senior High at 7 p.m.**

**Mondays beginning September 14 via Zoom  
Roman's Bible Study  
6 p.m.**

**Tuesdays beginning September 15 via Zoom  
Weekly Prayer Meeting  
6 p.m.**

**October 3  
Tentative  
Tag Sale**

## Join Pastor Chris via Zoom in September

**Roman's Bible Study**  
Monday Nights  
Beginning September 14  
6 p.m.

**Weekly Prayer Meeting**  
Tuesday Nights  
Beginning September 15  
6 p.m.

Chris will email the Zoom invitations each week. If you are not currently receiving emails from the church please contact the church office at [trinity@trinitytr.org](mailto:trinity@trinitytr.org) or 864-834-9897.

## Thank you

My thanks for the prayers, cards and rides to doctors and Physical Therapy appointments during my recovery of the reverse shoulder replacement. I have a ways to go with therapy and being able to drive, but feel so blessed having my Trinity family. Thank you everyone,

*Michele Purdae*



Dear Trinity Family, Please know that you have my grateful appreciation for the beautiful plant, the cards and the prayers . *Esther King*

Dear Trinity Friends, thank you for the beautiful flowers. I am home from the hospital and feeling some better. *Kelda Welch* (Terri's Mom)

## Stewardship Corner



September 2020

**Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (James 1:17)**

Yet again, it is the pleasure of Team Stewardship and the church leadership to thank each of you for your continued financial support of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Your generosity over these last few difficult months has been truly amazing. You continue to show your support of Trinity and our many missions by giving faithfully and lovingly.

We also know that you are giving by keeping our church in your prayers. Without this, we know that all the monetary support given would not be enough to spread God's love in the numerous ways that Trinity does. James so aptly reminds us that "every good and perfect gift" is a gift from God, and He never varies or shifts His love for each of us. We give because He has blessed us in ways beyond measure. We lift up our prayers of thanks, because of His goodness and love poured out for us.

We are particularly thankful for the gifts that have enabled the church to improve its audio/video equipment, so that we can better share God's love and His word in our local community and around the world. The new camera will greatly improve our video quality on YouTube, as will the new mixer board and portable microphones. Thanks to all who have made this possible.

As we enter into the pledge season at Trinity, we ask that you continue to pray for our church and for what your role in it might be going forward. As you begin to pray about your monetary commitment for the year ahead, ask God to help you discern where it is that you might plug in to the life of the church. Ask Him to make clear to you where the "good and perfect" gifts with which He has blessed you might be put to greatest use in furthering His kingdom. Many thanks again for your steadfast support.

***Team Stewardship***

## From Our Director of Christian Education and Youth

*And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."  
And immediately they left their nets and followed him.  
Mark 1:17-18*

**Flexibility.** The dictionary defines this word as the quality of bending easily without breaking, the ability to be easily modified, and a willingness to change or compromise. That is sometimes easier said than done, but scripture is filled with examples of how God called on people to be flexible. From Abraham who was asked to leave everything he'd ever known, to Jonah who was sent on a dreaded mission, to the magi who changed their route home, and disciples who walked away from their careers to follow Jesus, it is clear that being flexible can be an important Christian discipline. God has plans that far exceed our wildest imaginations. While we may feel inconvenienced or even angry by the continued disruption of our lives and plans, we must continue to trust that God's got this.

In our continued effort to remain flexible and open to God's will and His plan, we will be grateful for what we can do rather than focus on what we cannot do. We will recognize our children and young people who are entering new programs, gift our third-graders with Bibles, and celebrate fall together—all in good time. Be flexible. Be strong. Be safe.

In Christ's Service,  
Terri

## Presentation of Bibles

As is the tradition at Trinity, we will present Bibles to our third graders in the fall. (The date and details have not yet been set thanks to the pandemic.) If you have a third-grader in your family, please contact Terri Luzynski at [terri@trinitytr.org](mailto:terri@trinitytr.org). We want to make sure that all third-graders are included!



## Youth News!

# YOUTH

It has been a long time since I have been able to announce any plans, but finally (drum roll, please!) there is something to announce: our **2021 Mission Trips!**

**Middle School Youth:** We wanted to go to West Virginia in 2020, but couldn't get in, so we went for Savannah. Well, 2021 will be in Charleston, WV the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>!

**Senior High Youth:** We aren't giving up on Bubba Gump! We are registered for Bayou La Batre, Alabama for the week of July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Let's get these marked on calendars now before vacation plans are made so that we can all go. I need to submit a tentative headcount and initial deposit by September 7<sup>th</sup>, so please let me know by September 6<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend. You do not need to pay a deposit at this time.

We will resume our Youth meetings via zoom on September 13, 2020. Middle School Youth will meet at 5:00 pm and Senior High Youth will meet at 7:00 pm. As soon as the Covid situation improves enough for us to meet in person, we will.

May your start to school be successful, satisfying, and safe!

Peace & prayers,  
Terri

## Trinity Tag Sale New Date: October 3

The tentative date for the Trinity Tag Sale is October 3, 2020. We planned this date to avoid home games at both Clemson and USC; then the game schedule changed! And so goes 2020 . . .

We are still accepting donations for the sale. You can bring items to the church, deposit them inside the door, and we will make sure that they are taken to the storage room. We can accept anything legal to sell except used mattresses, old model televisions and aquariums.

THANK YOU for your continued support of our Tag Sale. All proceeds benefit our youth mission trips and we can't wait for the summer of 2021!





## Children's Worship Experience and Wednesday Night Live

We sure had a lot of fun at WNL in August expressing our God-given creativity as we learned about God's amazing creation!

We are currently taking a short break from WNL, but will resume our WNL Zoom meetings on September 9, 2020. We will return to the usual 6:30 pm time slot for the academic year. Please make sure to check your emails on Tuesday for the invitation to the meeting.

Our CWE experience will continue online for the time being. I will send the Bible Story videos on Thursday of each week for your at home use. If you have not been receiving these emails, please contact me at [terri@trinitytr.org](mailto:terri@trinitytr.org) so that I can add you to my list.

Our theme for September is Block Party: Everyone's Invited! The life application for August is FRIENDSHIP: Using your words and actions to show others you care. The lessons will include Two People are Better than One (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12), David and Jonathon (1 Samuel 20), Elijah and Elisha (1 Kings 19:14-21 and 2 Kings 2:1-15), and Jesus Forgives Peter (John 21: 1-19). The memory verse for the month is Proverbs 17:17 NIV: "A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes."

The children loved having Show & Tell, so we have some new themes for our first two meetings! Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> will be "Favorite Pair" night. Show us your favorite combination—it can be food, colors, clothing, activities, whatever! Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> will be Best Friend night. Show us a picture of you and your best friend. Better yet: Invite your best friend to join us for WNL!!

I hope to see lots of smiling faces at our WNL Zoom Meetings!



## Financial Review—July 2020

Below is a detailed view of the April 2020 budget approved by the Session. In keeping with transparency of Trinity's financial position, this view provides more information than the Sunday bulletin version. It will always be two months in arrears due to the fact that the newsletter is always published before the Session meets.

<b><u>OPERATING FUND</u></b>	<b>2020 <u>Budget</u></b>	<b>2020 <u>July</u></b>	<b>2020 <u>Year to Date</u></b>
<b><u>DEPOSITS</u></b>			
Contributions	418,164	23,116	236,049
Mother's Morning Out	4,200	-	-
Interest Income	750	19	809
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>423,114</b>	<b>23,135</b>	<b>236,859</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
Benevolences	17,626	-	6,803
Evangelism & Spiritual Development	3,350	-	180
Stewardship	940	-	-
Mission Outreach and Oversight	1,000	-	-
Worship	12,185	-	3,077
Discipleship	4,430	737	1,607
Youth	9,700	(1,159)	1,844
Fellowship	2,075	-	107
Personnel	266,791	20,614	138,273
Church Administration	37,382	3,945	19,614
Facilities	67,635	4,823	32,791
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>423,114</b>	<b>28,960</b>	<b>204,297</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(5,825)</b>	<b>32,561</b>
<b><u>BUILDING FUND</u></b>	<b>2020 <u>Budget</u></b>	<b>2020 <u>July</u></b>	<b>2020 <u>Year to Date</u></b>
<b><u>DEPOSITS</u></b>			
Contributions	158,971	20,615	98,502
Step-up Challenge		-	-
Mother's Morning Out	9,800	-	-
Interest Income	1,000	18	712
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>169,771</b>	<b>20,633</b>	<b>99,215</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
Mortgage Payments	167,731	13,978	97,843
Accountant Fees	2,040	170	1,190
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>169,771</b>	<b>14,148</b>	<b>99,033</b>
	<b>-</b>	<b>6,485</b>	<b>182</b>
<b>Mortgage Balance</b>			<b>1,996,554</b>

## Staying in Touch!

### Do you have a need or something to share with your church family?

We may be practicing social distancing, but we can still help one another and share news and other information. Do you need help getting groceries or medicines? What's going on in your life? Are family or friends having a baby, is someone getting married or celebrating milestone anniversaries or birthdays? Do you have some tips you'd like to share for surviving these difficult days? Have you been blessed in a special way? Do you need prayer for someone in your circle.

Please email [trinity@trinitytr.org](mailto:trinity@trinitytr.org), or call the office at 864-834-9897 and let Karen know your needs, news and prayer requests.

## Tithes & Offerings

For tithes, offerings, gifts, etc. you can mail them to the church, drop them off at the church, or go to our website at [www.trinitytr.org](http://www.trinitytr.org) and click on GIVE located along the top of our home page for several other options.

## Contact Information Needed



Please be sure to let the church know of any changes in your address, phone and/or emails.

We want to be sure to be able to stay in touch during this difficult time.

- You can call 864-834-9897 or can email [Trinity@trinitytr.org](mailto:Trinity@trinitytr.org)
- You can use snail mail to 405 Trailblazer Drive, Travelers Rest SC 29690

We don't want you to miss any of the news so please let us know if you have dropped your land line, changed your phone number, added a phone number or email, or moved.

If you would like to update your picture in the online directory please email it to [trinity@trinitytr.org](mailto:trinity@trinitytr.org)

Thank you. You are an important part of the Trinity family.



# September 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion Online Anytime Worship via YouTube	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 9:30 am Staff Meeting via Zoom 6:00 pm Prayer Check In via Zoom	9 6:30 pm WNL for Children via Zoom	10	11	12
13 9:00 am Worship Outside 9:00 am Live Stream Online Anytime after 9 a.m. Worship via YouTube 5:00 pm Middle High via Zoom 7:00 pm Senior High via Zoom	14 6:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom	15 6:00 pm Weekly Prayer Check In via Zoom 7:00 pm Finance Mtg. Via Social Media	16 6:30 pm WNL for Children via Zoom	17 7:00 pm Session Mtg. Via Zoom	18	19
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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 3 Ashley Turner | 10 J.P. Stephens   |
| 4 Kim Cole      | 12 Katie Coleman   |
| 5 Ava Awtrey    | 13 Hugh Cunningham |
| 6 Kevin Loftis  | 14 Gretchen Snow   |
| 7 Jessica Clark | 15 Laurie Staples  |
| 8 Bill McHaffie | 20 Ethan Cole      |
| 9 David Smith   | 21 Keith Plyler    |
|                 | 22 Tom Tiffany     |
|                 | 23 Garrett Stokes  |
|                 | 24 Kim Silvers     |
|                 | 25 Brad Pochard    |
|                 | 26 Jerry Bumgarner |
|                 | 27 Lark Waldrep    |
|                 | 28 Polly Reese     |
|                 | 29 Lillian Weikle  |
|                 | 30 Sharon Burdsal  |
|                 | 31 Jack Kozic      |
|                 | 32 Joseph Pace     |
|                 | 33 John Clark      |

*If you don't see your name or the name of someone you love on the birthday list, please call the office so we can update our list! Email [trinity@trinitytr.org](mailto:trinity@trinitytr.org) or call 864-834-9897.*

## Online Church Services

If you missed any of our online services click on the links below:

- August 23 service [click here](#)  
 August 16 service [click here](#)  
 August 9 service [click here](#)  
 August 2 service [click here](#)  
 July 26 service [click here](#)  
 July 19 service [click here](#)  
 July 12 service [click here](#)  
 July 5 service [click here](#)  
 June 28 service [click here](#)  
 June 21 service [click here](#)  
 June 14 service [click here](#)  
 June 7 service [click here](#)

If you are reading this from a printed copy, please go to YouTube.com, and search for Trinity AV.

## Church Office Hours

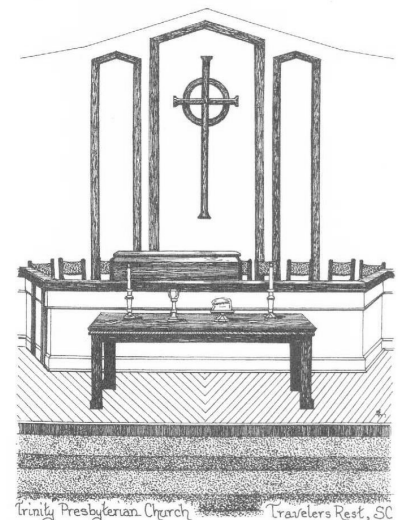
The church office is open 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. However, there may be times when the office may not be able to be covered. During those times the voice mail system and our [trinity@trinitytr.org](mailto:trinity@trinitytr.org) email will be checked during the day. Please call the office before making a trip down.

## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for newsletter information is the 25th of each month.

Please send all information to the church office (834-9897). If you are able, **please E-mail info to: [Trinity@trinitytr.org](mailto:Trinity@trinitytr.org)**

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