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Trinity tidings is a publication of Trinity Episcopal Church. Our purpose to encourage fellowship among Trinity members and visitors and to announce upcoming events and activities.

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God bless you
with enough courage
to overcome the small things,
that you may know that greatness
comes not in the mastery of the great
but in the beauty of the overlooked.
Amen.

Trinity Tidings

In his book *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis noted a difficulty some people have with prayer that is illustrated by the following statement a man had made to him: "I can believe in God all right, but what I cannot swallow is the idea of Him attending to several hundred million human beings who are all addressing Him at the same moment." Here is how Lewis addressed this concern:



Now, the first thing to notice is that the whole sting of it comes in the words at the same moment. Most of us can imagine God attending to any number of applicants if only they came one by one, and He had an endless time to do it in. So, what is really at the back of this difficulty is the idea of God having to fit too many things into one moment of time.

Well, that is of course what happens to us. Our life comes to us moment by moment. One moment disappears before the next comes along: and there is room for very little in each. That is what Time is like. And, of course, you and I tend to take it for granted that this Time series—this arrangement of past, present and future—is not simply the way life comes to us but the way all things really exist. We tend to assume that the whole universe and God Himself are always moving on from past to future just as we do. But many learned men do not agree with that. It was the Theologians who first started the idea that some things are not in Time at all: later the Philosophers took it over: and now some of the scientists are doing the same.

Almost certainly God is not in Time. His life does not consist of moments following one another. If a million people are praying to Him at ten-thirty tonight, He need not listen to them all in that one little snippet which we call ten-thirty. Ten-thirty—and every other moment from the beginning of the world—is always the Present for Him. If you like to put it that way, He has all eternity in which to listen to the split second of prayer put up by a pilot as his plane crashes in flames.

That is difficult, I know. Let me try to give something, not the same, but a bit like it. Suppose I am writing a novel. I write "Mary laid down her work; next moment came a knock at the door!" For Mary, who has to live in the imaginary time of my story there is no interval between putting down the work and hearing the knock. But I, who am Mary's maker, do not live in that imaginary time at all.

Between writing the first half of that sentence and the second, I might sit down for three hours and think steadily about Mary. I could think about Mary as if she were the only character in the book and for as long as I pleased, and the hours I spent in doing so would not appear in Mary's time (the time inside the story) at all.

This is not a perfect illustration, of course. But it may give just a glimpse of what I believe to be the truth. God is not hurried along in the Time-stream of this universe any more than an author is hurried along in the imaginary time of his own novel; He has infinite attention to spare for each one of us. He does not have to deal with us in the mass. You are as much alone with Him as if you were the only being He had ever created. When Christ died, He died for you individually just as much as if you had been the only man in the world.

When we pray to God, let us be thankful that He loves us as individuals, and has infinite attention for each of us.

"He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure."

PSALM 147:4-5 (ESV)

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, Touchstone: New York, 1996, pp. 146-148.

Trinity Church Activities

Summer WORSHIP SCHEDULE

One Service: 9:30 AM

8/4/24: Rite II

8/11/24: Rite I, with Healing

8/18/24: Rite II

8/25/24: Rite I

Upcoming topics for the Lunch and Learn

**Aug 11: Mysteries of the
Prayer Book**



Choir Rehearsal Resumes!

Wednesday, August 28

6:30 PM

ABOUT OUR PARISH FAMILY



August Birthdays

Chris Nichols	8/06
Chris Heupel	8/07
Leslie Hebert	8/10
Alex Williams	8/14
James Darrow	8/12
Jack Gibbs	8/12
Avril Arthurton-Brudy	8/13
Jeffrey Miller	8/21
Emily Craine Greene	8/26

August Anniversaries

Bix & Jane Fisher	8/07
Jeff & Tara Leitch	8/19
Jacob Taylor & Nalani Harlow	8/19
Rick & Jane Lackey	8/20
Chris & Michelle Heupel	8/21
Gary & Gale McKiddy	8/21
David & Doris Westfall	8/21
Anna & Jim Crutchfield	8/28



Sunday ONLINE

We offer live stream services every Sunday! If you are not joining us in person, You can "sign in" to the service in any one of the following ways:

Link in through the Trinity Website at

<http://www.trinity-stcharles.org/worship>

(On this website, you can also download the pdf file of the service bulletin)

OR....

Use the Zoom app to sign in

Meeting ID: 881 1873 4703

Passcode: 633013

One tap mobile

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+13092053325,,88118734703#,,,,*633013# US

OR....

Enter the following url into your browser:

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Baptismal Anniversaries

You mark a place in your journey of formation today. Celebrating the anniversary of our Holy Baptism reminds us, challenges us, and encourages us to follow Christ Jesus.

*Sarah Horning, Sibony Voss, Adam
Hansen, Benisha Brudy, Thomas Vogel*

God Bless you as you celebrate your baptismal anniversary!





News from Small Group Ministry

Beginning the first week of October and running for 4 weeks, we will be offering our parishioners a program called:

“BEYOND WORDS – BRINGING SCRIPTURE ALIVE”

We will learn how to Pray the Scriptures under the headings of **LOVE, HOPE, FAITH, and JOY.**

LOOK FOR our Poster with further information and a Sign-up sheet at the end of August. We plan to have both day-time and evening groups. Our goal as a Small Group Ministry is to get to know each other as we meet in groups to share and deepen our faith. ALL are welcome!

Planning Team: Carolyn, Lori, Val and Betty

News from The Beloved Group

After spending time in Walmart and Target, several of the Beloved Group met on Saturday, August 3 to pack all the school supplies they purchased for 14 children in need from Kindergarten to 4th Grade. The backpacks were Blessed at Worship on August 4th and will be delivered to Blackhurst Elementary School on Wednesday, August 7th.

Thanks to Gale McKiddy, Millie Oberlin, Lana Tumbarello, Barbara Parks, Eleanor McCune, Rev Tamsen and Bonita Tracer (forgive me if I omitted any other names), who shopped, packed all the backpacks and will deliver them to Blackhurst.

Trinity continues to reach out to help where needed in the St Charles Community.



News from The Giving Garden

Harvesting is now well on its way. We are picking zucchini, yellow squash, cucumbers, okra, and beans as we patiently await the ripening of the tomato. On Wednesday, July 24th we were again blessed with 20 young Missionaries from the Church of the Latter-Day Saints who worked tirelessly in the Garden for 90 minutes. They totally weeded the entire garden, built a fence around the watermelons, and tied up the tomato plants. What a gift!

And we give Thanks to our faithful Gardeners - **Sarah, Eleanor, Emma, and all the Methodist ladies for their work in The Giving Garden.** We continue to pray for rain, sunshine and willing hands!



News from the Prayer Ministry

PRAYER is an integral part for us to have as we maintain a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Our Catechism, page 856 in BCP, says, “Prayer is responding to God, by thought and by deeds, with or without words.” We pray in Church as a Community together as the Body of Christ; we pray away from Church at home, at work, when we are in crisis, or thankful, and all through the day and night. Prayer gives us contentment as it brings us Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

SAVE THE DATE: This Ministry will be sponsoring a PRAYER VIGIL on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.
WHAT IS A PRAYER VIGIL: It is a set time to be watchful and awake for the purpose of prayer. We do this every Maundy Thursday Night as we pray with Jesus before he goes to the Cross.

During this September Vigil, we will be offering up prayer for several issues, which we will name on the Poster Sign-up which will be available at the end of August. We will have slots of half-an-hour each for people to sign up for, and you may pray in the Church or at home. We invite each person to prayerfully think about joining us on September 28th.

Please continue to place your Prayer Requests in the Prayer Box, and/or visit one of our Prayer Ministers at the end of Worship each week for private prayers.

God Bless each of us as we journey to getting closer to God through Jesus.

Prayer Ministers: Lori, Christy, Lana, Bob, Sandy, Donna, Carolyn, Betty

Upcoming at Trinity

Happening in August:

Celebrate Liberian Flag Day with our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson

AND

The Rt. Rev. John Harmon, new Bishop of Arkansas!

We will gather for worship at **11 AM, Saturday, Aug. 24, right here at Trinity Church!** Bishop Harmon will preach. We will welcome members of the Liberian Episcopal Church community, many of whom were present at the funeral of Grace Dennis, mother of Lucinda Dennis-Itoka and Henry Dennis, grandmother of Patrice, ten years ago. John Harmon, then Rector of a church in Washington, DC, presided at that service. We will learn something about Liberian history and enjoy lots of good food at a luncheon reception after the service. **Mark Your Calendars! Further details to be provided SOON! Stay Tuned!**

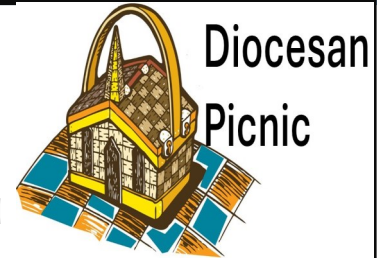


Bishop Deon is inviting the Congregants of the Diocese of Missouri to a

PICNIC at CAMP MoVAL in Union, Missouri

Lunch will be provided as well as various activities. While the Diocese will be funding a good portion of the Picnic, they are asking those who wish to participate to contribute \$20.00 per person, \$50.00 families.

More information to follow. Please think about participating in this First Time Fun Event, and we can carpool from Trinity.



Diocesan
Picnic



Coming in October!

The Return of *The Priceless Sale!*

Saturday, October 12

“Turn your trash into treasure!”

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

LAUNDRY LOVE MINISTRY CONTINUES!

This Outreach Ministry provides laundry products and money for the washing machines to help those in need **ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. Next Date: August 27, 4 PM**

This Ministry provides this help for free. We ask no questions but if they approach us for help we will offer what we have. Anyone interested in this Ministry please see, Deacon Betty. It is an easy Ministry and very fulfilling as we reach out to help those in need with funds and supplies to do their laundry.



FISH WISH LIST for August (*Items are out of stock)

- *Yams
- *Oatmeal
- *Helper, hamburger and tuna
- Canned tomatoes
- Pasta sides
- Broth and Gravy
- Jello



CALENDAR**AUGUST 2024****REGULAR BUILDING USE**

Mon 10 AM
Mon 7:00 PM
Tue 7:00 PM
Every Other Tue 7:15 PM
Wed 10 AM
Second Wed 6 PM
Wed 7:30 PM
Thu 7 PM
Fri 10:30 AM
Fri 6 PM
First Friday 6 PM

AA Group #496
Boy Scout Troop 763,
NA (Narcotics Anonymous)
Little Hills Toastmasters
AA (This is the Solution)
SCC Historical Society
CODA
Alanon Climbing Higher
AA Group 228
AA Living on Higher Ground
Night Owl Quilters

All Floors
 Parish Hall
 St. Hilda Room (SHR)
 Parish Hall
 St. Hilda Room
 Library (L)/(SHR)
 Parish Hall (PH)
 St. Hilda Room (SHR)
 St. Hilda Room (SHR)
 Parish Hall

For more detailed descriptions of events this month, see the Announcements page

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II <i>In-person & on-line</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM HE Rite I, w/healing <i>In-person & on-line</i> 11 AM Mysteries of the Prayer Book	12	13 10 AM Staff Meeting	14	15 Vestry Meeting	16	17 The Beloved Group 10:30 AM St Hilda Room
18 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM HE Rite II <i>Pastoral Care Meeting</i>	19	20 10 AM Staff Meeting	21	22	23	24 11:00 AM Lyberian Flag Day Celebration Bishops Deon K Johnson and John Harmon
25 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I	26	27 Laundry Love Starcrest Laundry 4:00 PM	28 Choir Rehearsal Resumes	29	30	31



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The Ferguson Uprisings: Ten Years Later

This year the St. Louis region and the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri remembers the 10th anniversary of the killing of Michael Brown and the Ferguson Uprisings.

Ten years ago, civil unrest erupted in the city of Ferguson after a police officer shot and killed 18-year old Michael Brown. The incident ignited a national conversation on race, policing, and the persistence of structural racism in our society. A decade later, we are called to reflect on our progress together and remember how Ferguson challenged us to build a more just society for all.

The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri and the Commission for Dismantling Racism encourages all members of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri during the week of August 5-9 to join the nation in remembering this significant moment in history and to pray for the work of racial reconciliation and healing in our region and in our nation.

For a listing of vigils, services, and other reembraces planned for this week, go to <https://diocesemo.org/connect/news/the-ferguson-uprisings-ten-years-later>

YET ANOTHER SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 15 & 16 MISSOURI DIOCESAN CONVENTION AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL IN CHESTERFIELD

Every year a different Church in the Diocese is asked to be the Host for Convention, and this year it is Trinity St Charles' turn to be the Host!

This means that we prepare gift bags for each Convention Delegate, we greet the Delegates and Guests as they arrive at Convention, we show people where to go, and there will be further information as to our duties.

In the meantime, we are asking you to think about whether you would like to play Host/Hostess at Convention this year. You will get to hear some of what happens at Convention, meet new people, and have a fun time. What a way to be of service to the Diocese!

Humor Corner

