

September 2024

Trinity Tidings

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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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Dear Friends,

Summer draws to a close and the program year of the Church begins, still in the long, green Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. The term, Ordinary Time, in the sense of regular and consistent, is assigned to the green seasons of the church--the Season after the Epiphany and the weeks of summer and fall that begin after the Day of Pentecost and end on the Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Feast of Christ the King, the Sunday before the Season of Advent begins the New Year of the Church.

In The Season after the Epiphany, the word about The Word spreads. Jesus calls his disciples and begins teaching and healing. More and more people begin to notice and respond to him.

In the Season after Pentecost, the second half of the Church Year, we study the teachings of Jesus and watch the disciples grow in their understanding of who he is and how he points to God and the Reign of God. We begin our "program year" in September, right in the middle of the Season of after Pentecost, right in the middle of the Ordinary Time.

We begin with excitement--our Sunday Forum returns!! On Sep 8, the day we return to two services, we also begin the Forum, returning after some fits and starts in 2023 and mostly non-existent in 2024. Our first Sunday starts with Be Smart, a presentation on gun safety in our homes and with our families. The next two Sundays, we will host Br. Sam Kincade. He will introduce us to the diocesan Rule of Life, explaining what it is and inviting us to begin a spiritual practice that can guide us, personally and collectively, for years to come. On Sep 28, as Saturday, we will participate a Prayer Vigil. On Sunday, Sep 29, we will enjoy a video presentation with action and discussion, featuring our retiring Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, "How to Be a Crazy Christian."

As we conclude the summer, we say goodbye to two long-time parishioners, Bill Cramer, whose memorial service is Aug 30 in Wentzville, and Mary Gibbs, whose service will be held Sep 21 in Salem, MO. We continue to feel their loss, and the loss of all those who have gone before us into the larger life in God. . This fall also involves more focus on the transitions we all face as I approach retirement and as Trinity Church moves into its new future. We will participate in a diocesan program called "Requiem or Renaissance," which begins with a retreat in October. You will hear more and more as time goes on.

Blessings to all as we begin the second half of the long green season of the Church Year together! --TEW

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



PICNIC At CAMP Mo-Val Union, MO

SATURDAY, SEP 14/Noon - 4 pm

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 per person **OR** \$50 (total) for families three or more.

Use this link to reach the diocesan website to register:

[Bit.ly/diomopicnic](https://bit.ly/diomopicnic)



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

Diocesan Picnic

Join us for food, games and connection!

September 14
12.00 PM - 4:00 PM

Camp MoVal
2659 Camp Mo-Val Rd,
Union, MO 63084

Registration ends September 1

bit.ly/diomopicnic



Liberian Flag Day Celebration, August 28, 2024



Erika Essiem-Jackson's Last Day of Celebrating with Trinity



YOUTUBE.COM

Erika Jackson-Essiem sermon at Trinity Episcopal Church August 25, 2024

To hear her last sermon, go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1SCcwhOxis>

Upcoming at Trinity

SEPTEMBER



The Return of the Sunday Forum **"Be SMART about Gun Safety"**

September 8/9:00 AM



Secure all firearms in your home and vehicles

Model responsible behavior around firearms in other homes

Ask about the presence of unsecured firearms in other homes

Recognize the role of firearms in suicide

Tell your peers to be S-M-A-R-T

September 15 & 22, 9:00 AM
Rule of Life, Br. Sam Kincade

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Returns September 4

"The Big Picture"

10 to 11:15 am, St. Hilda Room

Honoring St. Francis

From Sep 1—Oct 6, we invite you to bring in pet food—all kinds, all sizes—and other supplies for pets, so that we can donate to local animal shelters.

On Sunday, Oct 6, Come back to church at 4 PM with your pets on leashes or your shoulders, in crates or in your arms! We will bless pets in "fur-son," as well as stuffed animals and photos of your furry, scale-ly, or feathery friends!

Humans will share human treats, such as apple juice or cider, hot or cold as the weather dictates, hot chocolate, and cookies or apple cake. Pets will be served appropriate animal snacks, as their humans permit.



OCTOBER



Coming in October! **The Return of The Priceless Sale!**

Saturday, October 19
9 AM—1 PM

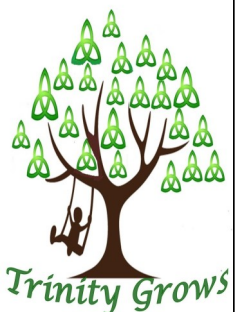
"Turn your trash into treasure!"

Trinity Grows Volunteers!

Be sure to be in church Oct 6! We're going to celebrate our Volunteers! We will recognize "official" ministry groups, Like Altar Guild, Choir, Acolytes, Ushers, LEMs, LEVs, TBG, Giving Gardeners, and live-streamers!

But wait—there's MORE! We're finding the "mystery ministers!" The ones who slip in and out unnoticed or hide off in the Shadows! They do things most of us do not see them do, but which "magically" get done—delivering donations to FISH weekly, trimming hedges, trees, dead-heading roses, pulling weeds, washing tablecloths, towels, dishes, moving furniture, making coffee, getting Doughnuts ...

If you know a mystery minister, tell us who.
And be ready to celebrate Oct 6!



Worship Schedule



FINAL WEEK OF SUMMER SCHEDULE
9/1/24: Rite II, One Service, 9:30 AM

RETURN TO REGULAR SCHEDULE
Sunday, Sep 8
8 AM Rite I
10:15 AM Rite II

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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ABOUT OUR PARISH FAMILY



September Birthdays

9/1	Kyle Bax	9/19	Lee Paul
9/3	Judy Hodge	9/20	Ryan Lappin
9/6	Janey Jones	9/21	Michael Nichols
9/7	Trenton Nichols	9/22	Stephen Westfall
9/10	Ralph Bruns	9/24	David Horning
9/11	Bill Cramer	9/24	Chris Van Mierlo
9/12	Kristin Miller	9/25	Jackie Halter
9/15	James Gigliotti	9/28	Margaret Conroy
9/16	Jerry Aehele		
9/16	Alexandria Lee		
9/18	Ruth Eggers		

September Wedding Anniversaries

Steve & Jackie Halter	09/19
David & Erin Shetler	09/03

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.



Ralph Bruns

God Bless you as you celebrate your baptismal anniversary this month!

Trinity Groups Activities



News from Small Group Ministry

TRINITY GROWS is the theme for the Church this year and it is hoped that everything we do will help us all to Grow in various ways.

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**, and through the generosity of Lori and Sandy, we will all have beautiful journals to use.

LOOK FOR our Poster with further information and a Sign-up sheet at the end of August. We plan to have both daytime and evening groups.

Our goal in having Small Groups is to **GROW** as we get to know each other, and as we share and deepen our faith. We invite you to come and **Grow** with us! ALL are welcome!

Planning Team: Carolyn, Lori, Val and Betty

News from TBG — The Beloved Group

As October 19 approaches for our **PRICELESS SALE**, the Beloved Group is inviting people who like to do various crafts or bake goodies to start thinking about contributing something to sell at the Priceless Sale. Part of the proceeds from The Beloved Group Table will be donated to the Church.

The Backpacks were delivered to Blackhurst Elementary School, and the staff were very thankful for the gift of 14 backpacks, filled with all the supplies, to be given to the children who really need the help.

We grow through our love for one another as we reach out to those in our community who need help.

News from The Giving Garden

Harvesting is now well on its way. We are picking zucchini, yellow squash, cucumbers, okra, beans, tomatoes, and the watermelons will soon be ready.

We continue to give Thanks to our faithful Gardeners - Sarah, Eleanor, Emma, and all the Methodist ladies for their work in The Giving Garden. We give Thanks 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. The Prayer Ministry will be sponsoring a

**PRAYER VIGIL on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
for the Trinity Community and beyond.**

WHAT IS A PRAYER VIGIL: It is a set time to be watchful and awake for the purpose of prayer, which we do together in Community. **"Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."** **Matthew 18:20**

We will be offering up prayer for several upcoming 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-hour each for people to sign up, 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

Requiem or Renaissance?

What? A) Music for a funeral? B) Lectures in art and literature? C) A new understanding of R&R?

No—None of the above!

Requiem or Renaissance is a diocesan program for congregations invite by the Bishop to dig deeply into who they are, where they've been, and where they're going—all in response to God's call to share God's mission in the world.

Trinity Church in St. Charles is one of five congregations invited to form "Cohort #3" in this process. To participate requires attendance at a retreat with all five congregations Oct 121 & 12, meetings on our own turf on dates already set this fall and next year, and a concluding retreat with the five congregations in Sep 2025. Commitment, hard work, and open minds are required. See Vestry for more information.



REQUIEM or RENAISSANCE

"Graceful Exit"

As you know our beloved Rector, Tamsen Whistler will be retiring after the first of the year. To help support Tamsen and our Church Family we have developed a Graceful Exit Team. We took a group of our family that has been supporting Tamsen for quite a few years now and expanded it so we can better support Tamsen and support you, our Church Family through this upcoming transition period.

We will be communicating more in the very near future, so stand by!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask either myself, Donna Oseicki, Gary McKiddy, Erin Shetler, Rebecca Jones, David McCune or Barbara Parks.

Sincerely,
Phil Jeffery
Senior Warden

Are you interested in being a greeter?



Please talk to either Phil Jeffery or Lucinda Dennis-Itoka

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: Sep 24**

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

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

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II <i>In-person & on-line</i>	2	3 10 AM Staff Meeting	4 Bible Study 10:00 AM	5	6	7
8 16th Sunday after Pentecost Rite I: 8:00 AM <i>In person only</i> Rite II: 10:15 AM <i>In-person & on-line</i> Both services will include the Healing Liturgy	9	10 10 AM Staff Meeting	11 Bible Study 10:00 AM	12 Vestry Meeting	13	14 Diocesan Picnic (See description/Page 4)
15 17th Sunday after Pentecost Rite I: 8:00 AM <i>In person only</i> Rite II: 10:15 AM <i>In-person & on-line</i>	16	17 10 AM Staff Meeting	18 Bible Study 10:00 AM	19	20	21 The Beloved Group 10:30 AM St Hilda Room
22 18th Sunday after Pentecost Rite I: 8:00 AM <i>In person only</i> Rite II: 10:15 AM <i>In-person & on-line</i>	23	24 10 AM Staff Meeting	25 Bible Study 10:00 AM	26	27	28 Prayer Vigil
29 19th Sunday after Pentecost Rite I: 8:00 AM <i>In person only</i> Rite II: 10:15 AM <i>In-person & on-line</i> YOUTH SUNDAY	30					



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YET ANOTHER DATE TO SAVE!

NOVEMBER 15 & 16
185TH CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

DOUBLE-TREE 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!

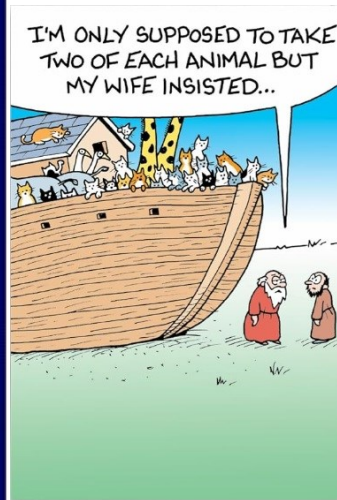
This means that we prepare gift bags for each Convention Delegates; we greet the Delegates and Guests as they arrive at Convention; we show people where to go—and there will be further information as to our duties.

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!



Guard us, O God,
against the falsehoods of fear,
against the fallacies of division,
against the fevers of hate.
In loving kindness keep at bay
our need to be right,
our want to be wanted,
our desire to be unyielding.
All for your Love's sake. Amen.

Humor Corner



WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT.



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

YES,

OUR DESTINATION DEPENDS ON GOD'S PROMISES, NOT ON OUR CIRCUMSTANCES.



OH, I GET THAT. I'M JUST WONDERING IF I CAN CATCH A RIDE.



2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-17