



The Trinitarian

*Trinity welcomes all to a community in Christ;
serving others, growing in faith,
living in hope, and reaching out in love.*

July & August 2016



Hearing the Call of God . . . in some new way.

What! You expected God to call you . . . in the same old way? Like, when you were twenty years old? Not very likely, because that's like saying in a round about way, you have been out of God's reach for a very long time!

What God wanted from you at twenty, forty, or sixty years old was probably not the same at all. It's surely not the same ol' thing. More likely, it fits who you were at each stage along the way, with the level of energy, wisdom, knowledge and resources, a more appropriate fit and therefore more personal call. Would we expect less from God?

One Christian tells another that he was about to retire. His friend reminded him that as far as he knew, scripture never proposed "discipleship retirement." So the big question is, what is God calling you to now? What new thing does God have in mind, appropriate for you? What new way is God going to have you involved in showing his love, in sharing his care and doing his loving service. It's one thing to say you believe, but it's more difficult to allow God to change our lives. Quite honestly, that's harder.

The God whose only Son is referred to as "the Servant Lord" is not about to let go of you and surely is not yet finished with you. Using the time, talent, treasure model, I'd be willing to hazard a guess that God has something new and exciting in mind for you – just for your – and his ministry.

Give it a thought! Consider the possibilities!

David P
Pastor

*Note: Pr. B is on sabbatical leave through 1. Sept. He is walking the Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James). You can follow his pilgrimage at:



www.ontheway2santiago.wordpress.com



July through Labor Day

8:15 am and 10:00 am

Trinity's Vacation Bible School

Sundays 26. June
17. July
21. August



This year, Trinity's Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held on three (3) Sunday afternoons, one (1) Sunday per month throughout the summer. When will the awesomeness happen? 26. June, 17. July and 21. August. The fun begins at 3:00 pm, dinner served at 5:45 pm and conclude at 6:15 pm. We will use the Youth Room and Sunday School Rooms for fun, games, and learn about how God Calls Us to do God's work wherever we go. Come join us for as many as you can! For more information, please contact Anita S.



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General Funds as of 30. April

	2015	2016
Income	\$187,232.81	\$107,564.52
Expenses	\$174,479.07	\$110,753.77
Over (Under)	\$ 12,753.74	(\$ 3,189.25)

Pledging for Mission as of 19. June



Trust in the Promise – 65 families have pledged \$290,443 to our annual stewardship campaign.

BIGGER than a Building! – 63 families have pledged \$481,000 to our 3 year mission appeal. Total amount received to date for BTAB! is \$160,729.

Thank you for your generous support.



The Trinity Men's Group July meeting will be held Wednesday 6. July at Dick J's house starting at 1:00 pm.

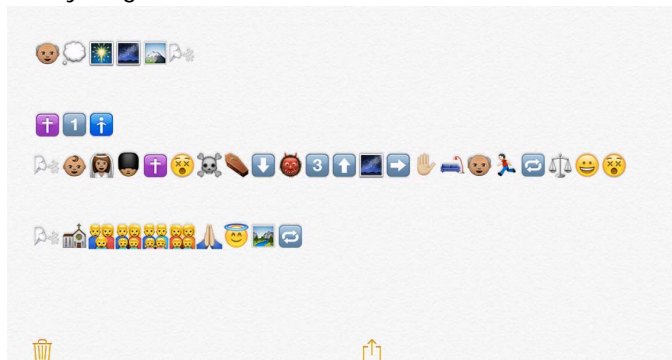
Please let Dick know if you are planning to attend.

The Trinitarian deadline is always the 15th of the month.

The deadline for every Sunday bulletin is 9:00 a.m. on the preceding Tuesday.



Throughout the year, the youth Sunday School Class "interpreted" various things into emoji. Earlier in the year, their version of the 10 Commandments were printed in the Trinitarian. Can you guess what this is?



And the answer is . . . on page 7.

Blessing of the Backpacks!

Blessing of the Kindergartners!




On 28. August at both services, as part of our Milestones Ministry, Trinity will be blessing all Backpacks (laptop cases, instrument cases, briefcases, messenger bags, tote bags) and our youth who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall. If you have questions, please email Anita at aksmallin@gmail.com. See you then!

Volunteers for A Wider Circle Saturday 2. July

On 2. July, come join us as we head over to A Wider Circle to volunteer in their warehouse. ALL members of Trinity, along with family and friends are invited. We will meet at Trinity at 9:15 am to carpool, or meet us there at 10 am. Please RSVP to Anita S at aksmallin@gmail.com. This is also a great SSL hour opportunity! See you then!






Lutheran World Relief School Supplies Drive

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) needs school kits to distribute in many countries around the world. The school kits can make the difference between children getting an education or not; even a few required supplies, like pens and paper, can be more than many families can afford for their children.

Beginning in July and continuing throughout the summer, Trinity will collect these specific school supplies to make 125 kits. We will assemble the kits on September 11 as part of God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Please put donations in the bins in the social hall.

Number needed	Item
500	70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper;
125	30-centimeter rulers or rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other;
125	Pencil sharpeners;
125	Blunt scissors;
625	Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers;
625	Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink);
125	Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons (1);
125	2½" erasers

Please note: LWR asks that all kit items be new and have no religious symbols, messages, or patriotic or military symbols. Please contact Kathy T with any questions.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven.

Lesson Psalm 96

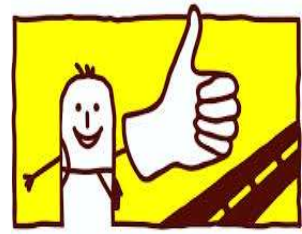
Prayer Lord, our God, just as you have set us apart and called us holy, so shall your name be hallowed among us. Guard us from profaning your name or calling upon your power to accomplish our selfish acts. Help us to live always in harmony with your will. As you have invited us, we pray. Amen.



14. June 2016

- ! The following update was given about the Columbarium: Margaret F spoke to Declan regarding a July delivery of the Columbarium. The recent rains have set back his schedule; however, he anticipates that they will be at Trinity on 16. or 17. He is coordinating with Miss Utilities and he will call for inspection of the depth of the footings.
- ! A motion was made, seconded and passed to try to obtain another bid and reviews of contractors by July to repair a leak in the roof by the cupola, have a council vote and request the scheduling of a special congregational meeting in August.
- ! Pastor Pe said that Pastor B had a bout of the flu, but he was feeling much better now. He flew to Spain and he is staying with the S's before he starts on his walk on the Camino de Santiago, the Way of Saint James. Pastor P shared his plans to have an open-ended discussion between the services on various topics including the role of baptism in our daily and weekly lives.

Susan S, Secretary



Have you missed Trinity events because you lacked transportation? Trinity has missed you too and the following members would like to provide you with a ride to Trinity events:

Need a Ride to Church?

- 20886 Carol B
- 20850 Marilyn C
- 20850 Margaret F
- 20854 Peggy & Dick J
- 20854 Miriam M
- 20853 Nancy N
- 20866 Len S

Zip codes are provided to aid in finding a driver close to you. Do not hesitate to call. If you would like to volunteer to drive, call Dick J.

In the Mail



Dear Trinity,
Thank you for the Mission Endowment Fund donation of \$679.59. It is your support that will enable us to give children in the county's child welfare system an array of opportunities and experiences.

Sincerely, **Leslie S**, President, Montgomery Kids

Dear Friends of Trinity,
Your food gift makes a difference – it enables us to continue to feed our hungry neighbors. In order to continue providing needed services in our community, we count on you and people like you for support. Thank you so very much.

Best wishes from everyone at Bethesda Help.

Dear Trinity Members,
Mid-County United Ministries (MUM) gratefully acknowledges the donation of \$679.00 to benefit MUM. Your gift makes possible emergency assistance in the form of eviction prevention, utility cut-off prevention, prescription assistance and food from our Capt. Joseph A Mattingly, Jr. Food Pantry. We are grateful for this support

Sincerely yours,
Larry W, Executive Director

Sponsoring a Refugee Family



We had a great turnout on 5. June for an initial meeting about sponsoring a refugee family. You can view and download the sponsorship materials by going to Trinity's website and click on the documents under the heading LSS Refugee File Documents.

Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church has recently sponsored a refugee family, and they have kindly offered to meet with us to share their expertise. We will keep the congregation informed as we learn more about the process and begin necessary preparations for the family's arrival.

Please contact Kathy T or Robert M if you are interested in helping with this new and exciting project.

Remember in Your Prayers

... the church
our synod & bishops
Bishops Elizabeth Eaton & Richard Graham
our missionaries
Stephen Deal & Marta Giron, *Cent. America*
our congregation
Trinity Church

... the nations
Afghanistan, Belgium, Ctr. African Rep., Congo, Egypt, Haiti, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Liberia, Libya, Myanmar, Namibia, Palestine, the Philippines, Somalia, Sudan(Darfur), Syria, Ukraine, the United States, and Zimbabwe

... the sick and suffering
nursing/rehabilitation center
Margaret B, *Aarondale Living*
Dottie B, *Villas at Suffield, Warrenton, VA*
Elaine D, *Potomac Valley*
home

Fred K June L
Ani S G Don T Rob W

family and friends*
Jim A, *friend of Bud B*
Georgette B, *friend of Marilyn C*
Dick B, *brother-in-law of Len S*
Patricia C, *sister-in-law of Len S*
Liz C, *friend of Leslie C*
Irene F, *friend of Nancy M*
Ricki H, *friend of Peggy & Dick J*
Rachel H, *friend of Anita S*
Jack R, *friend of Marilyn G*
Isabel S G, *sister of Ani S G*
Noble S, *cousin of Miriam M*

... in the Middle East
Alexander L, *son of Ione & Brian L*
*For family and friends, *prayer requests will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. After 4 weeks, please complete another card. Thank you.*

Where will you be this summer?
Jesus is with us wherever we go!



Again this year, the Children and Youth Team is sponsoring Flat Jesus. Flat Jesus cut outs will be available in the Social Hall. Please take one with you throughout the summer... near and far, snap a photo and email it back to Trinity (aksmallin@gmail.com). *When traveling, we challenge you to go to church and take a picture of flat Jesus at a church you may visit, with the pastor at a church you are visiting, or take a picture with Flat Jesus that speaks to what your faith means to you.*



When I was about four years old the Roy Rogers Show was on NBC Television every Sunday night from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. There was no internet or cable TV in those days. There were only three networks and most of the nighttime offering were either "Comedies," "Dramas," "Variety Shows," or "Westerns." The Roy Rogers Show was a "Western." The basic theme of the show was good vs. evil. The two main characters were a married couple, Mr. Roy Rogers, and Mrs. Dale Evans. They owned a ranch and kept running into people who needed help. The two almost always carried side arms – Colt 45 revolvers – that could be used to stop whatever bad was happening. However, most of the time Mr. Rogers used his fists to "settle the score."

The television show had a different story every week. I remember one story was about a widow living in an isolated valley who had discovered Gold on her property. She told the town assay office about her Gold. "Larry" overheard this conversation and followed the widow to her ranch, tied her up, and stole her Gold. When Roy & Dale got wind of this there was a "showdown" and Roy "settled the score" and held "Larry" for the authorities. At the end of the show Roy and Dale would ride off singing "Happy Trails."

At four years of age, besides watching television Sunday night, I attended Sunday School on Sunday morning. In Sunday School we learned about David and Goliath, good vs. evil. We heard that God said to Moses: "You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another." There was a connection to what we were hearing in Sunday School and what I was watching on television Sunday night.

At the end of the Roy Rogers Show Roy and Dale would ride off singing "Happy Trails to you, until we meet again." Like the story in the Bible the television show was about good vs. evil, and good won. One of the lines of the song is: "...It's the way you ride the trail that counts." The song and the Sunday School lesson had a message for me. Along the "Trail of Life" there may be trouble, but you can overcome trouble if you follow what God said to Moses. On Sunday mornings and Sunday nights there was a lesson about good vs. evil. This influenced My Faith at an early age.

Steve S

Stephen Ministers: The "After People"

Stephen Ministry has been in place at Trinity since the year 2000. Stephen Ministers take 50 hours of training from Stephen Leaders so that they can walk alongside and listen to another person who is going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, loneliness, loss of a relationship, or any type of loss. A Stephen Minister begins a caring relationship when he or she is matched with a person experiencing a life crisis. It is a one-to-one relationship. The Stephen Minister then meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts as long as the person is in need of care. The relationship between a Stephen Minister and a Care Receiver is completely confidential.

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the "After People." Stephen Ministers are there:

...after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
...after the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
...after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
...after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
...after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
...after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
...after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
...after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
...after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
...after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the "After People." They are ready to be with you and walk alongside you—or one of your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed. Read more about Stephen Ministry at www.stephenministries.org.

If you would like to have a Stephen Minister walk beside you or know someone else who could use the help of a Stephen Minister, please contact Trinity's Stephen Leaders: Angela B or Miriam M.

Opportunities to Serve in July 2016

Serving As	3 Pentecost 7	10 Pentecost 8	17 Pentecost 9	24 Pentecost 10	31 Pentecost 11
8:15 Acolyte 10:00	Joshua B	Linnea S	Anders S	Joshua B Anjali A	
8:15 Assist. Min 10:00	Joshua B Robert M	Nancy N Sarah G	John B Nalini A	Nathan L Robyn K-V	Carol B Sabrina R
8:15 Children's Ch. 10:00	Margaret F Jessie M	Donna S	Margaret F Anita S	Anita S Anita S	Donna S David C
8:15 Greeters 10:00	Dan & Rob S Kathy H	Donna & Steve S Peggy J	Tom M Christine B & Jane	Tamara R Susan Sm	Joan E Tina & Hagen S
8:15 Lector 10:00	Tom M Nathan L	Nancy N Miriam M	John B Sabrina R	Matthew B Hagen S	Jerry B Susan Sm
8:15 Ushers 10:00	Joan E & Mike J Peggy & Dick J	Nancy & Thor N Margaret & Greg F	Nancy & Tom M Patricia S & Rich G	Mike J & Ross A David C & Henry C	Joan E & Mike J Peggy & Dick J
8:15 Coffee Hr. 10:00					
Altar Custodian	Jill L & Carol B				
Bulletin Assembly Prior Thurs	30. June Dick J	7. July Dick J	14. July Trinity Singers	21. July Nancy M	28. July Dick J
Tellers	Lynn & Bud B	Lynn & Bud B	Julie N & Thor N	Annie A & Mina	Peggy & Dick J

Opportunities to Serve in August 2016

Serving As	7 Pentecost 12	14 Pentecost 13	21 Pentecost 14	28 Pentecost 15
8:15 Acolyte 10:00				Joshua B Anusha A
8:15 Assist. Min 10:00	Carol B Sabrina R	Nancy N Nathan L	Jerry B Nalini A	Joshua B Jim Krake
8:15 Children's Ch. 10:00	Donna S Jessie M	Anita S Anita S	Margaret F	Anita S Anita S
8:15 Greeters 10:00	Nancy J Margo W	Lily & Keith C Diana M	Nancy & Thor N Susan Sm	Dan & Rob S Peggy J
8:15 Lector 10:00	Kathy L Margo W	Nancy J Christine B	Tom M Carol Bruno	Nancy N David C
8:15 Ushers 10:00	Nancy & Thor N Anya N & Mark P	Ross A & Mike J Margaret & Greg F	Donna & Steve S Peggy & Dick J	Mike J & Ross A Angela B & Julie N
8:15 Coffee Hour 10:00				
Altar Custodians	Carol B & Christine B			
Bulletin Assembly Prior Thurs	4. Aug. Trinity Singers	11. Aug. Nancy M	18. Aug. Nancy M	25. Aug. Dick J
Tellers	Peggy & Dick J	Margaret & Greg F	Annie A & Mina	Julie N & Thor N

Birthdays



- 1 Mary Ellen D
Mikael N
- 3 Bruce S
- 5 Grace G
Michael J
- 6 Kristin G
Kimberly Ru
Amelia Sz
- 7 Robert Mo, Jane R
- 8 Olivia R
- 10 Cathy Li
- 11 James T
- 12 Susan D, Karl M
- 19 Henry C
- 20 Esther M
- 24 Petra T
- 27 Joseph B
- 30 Mary Mills D
Yasue R
- 31 Jerry B

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Mary & Ray H
- 3 Robyn K-V & James V
- 4 Casey & Sarah B
- 7 Karen & Chris T
- 15 Miriam & Karl M
- 25 Laurel C & Rob M
- 17 Sabrina R & Mark L
- 27 Rob & Dan S
- 31 Scott M & Meredith S

Summer Music 2016

Do you sing? Play an
instrument?

Or have a son, daughter, friend who does?

Solo? Duet? Trio? Ensemble?

We would love to hear you (or yours) during worship – during the offering or during the Communion – at 8:15 am or at 10:00 am – or at both! Sing or play your favorite piece, hymn, or anthem. If you (or yours) can play or sing at one of the services, please sign up on the sheet located on the Bulletin Board near the Social Hall Kitchen for one or more Sundays this summer.

Birthdays



- 2 Carol B
- 6 John W
- 7 Joe G
Luis H
Kristina S
- 8 Kari-Elise C
- 9 Bud B, Wes O
- 10 Sydney R
- 11 Laura S
- 12 Aidan L
- 15 Robert C
Philip T
- 16 Colin L, Ray H
- 17 Erna B
- 18 James F
Steven F
June M
- 19 Carter M
- 22 Jeffrey B
- 23 Cristina G
- 24 Lia G, Jill H
- 26 Mary W
- 27 Stella B-Al
Richard J
- 30 Kathleen B
- 31 Cooper G
Grayson D
Eric S

Wedding Anniversaries

- 3 Nancy & Thor N
- 5 Inna & Jeff S
- 12 Barbara & Jeff B
- 20 Sharon M-H & Filbert H
- 21 Diana & Bill B
- 22 Carolyn L & Jim L
Kristina & Hagen S
- 24 Laura & Sankar K
- 29 Mary B & David K

Ordination Anniversaries

20. August Pr. Robert M

Director Update:

Call the church office for info.
James F

Answer to the Youth emoji question:
The Apostles' Creed.

3. July Pentecost 7
Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

10. July Pentecost 8
Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

17. July Pentecost 9
Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15 (1)
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

24. July Pentecost 10
Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

31. July Pentecost 11
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14;
2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21



7. August Pentecost 12
Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22 (22)
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

14. August Pentecost 13
Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82 (8)
Hebrews 11:29—12:2
Luke 12:49-56

21. August Pentecost 14
Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

28. August Pentecost 15
Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

July & August Highlights

5. & 19. July Stephen Ministry Supervision

17. July Bethesda H & R - Parish Life
Vacation Bible School, 3 pm

31. July - 4. August Mid High Mission Trip

5. August National Philharmonic High
School Strings Concert, 7:30 pm

12. August National Philharmonic Middle
School Strings Concert, 7:30 pm

21. August Bethesda H & R-Worship & Music
Vacation Bible School, 3 pm



11. September God's Work, Our Hands Day,
School Kits for LWR

18. September Rally Day (first day of Sunday
School for all ages)