



Farewell to Deacon Moderator, Joan Nichols

Nineteen and a half years ago, our family left southern California to move to Minnesota to be closer to extended family. We left sunny weather and arrived April 19th to sleet.

While I grew up in Minnesota and enjoyed winter sports and even shoveling, over the ensuing years, the very cold weather has become problematic for my sinuses and face. As a consequence, the more moderate climate of the Northwest, where our daughter lives and Nathan lived during four years as a young adult, seem to be a good direction to go. As I write this, we have just spent two days in the Denver area with our son and Nathan's father and wife. We plan to leave tomorrow morning and head northwest.

We have a two bedroom apartment reserved in Vancouver, WA and hope to find a home to make our own during this next year. As of November 1, 2022, our address will be 1600 E. St. Unit B413 Vancouver, WA 98663. Our contact emails and cell phones remain the same.

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Worship

11/6 - Communion Sunday
10AM - Sanctuary & YouTube
11AM - Fellowship
11:30 - Confirmation Class



Daylight Saving Time Ends 11/6

11/13 - Sunday Worship
10AM - Sanctuary & YouTube
11AM - Fellowship
11:30AM - Confirmation Class

11/20 - Sunday Worship
10AM - Sanctuary & YouTube
11AM - Fellowship
11:10AM - Sunday School
11:30AM - Confirmation Class

11/27 - Sunday Worship
1st Sunday of Advent
10AM - Sanctuary & YouTube
11AM - Fellowship

Trinity's Introduces Pew Welcome & Prayer Cards

Take a peek at Trinity's new double-sided pew cards. The "welcome side" greets our visitors and gathers useful data. It is also useful in maintaining current household info.

Welcome Thank you for visiting with us today. Let's get acquainted.

Please check any that apply:

First-time visitor Returning visitor
 New resident Would like a visit
 Would like to know more about this Church
 Would like to know more about being a Christian

Invited by: _____

I learned about the Church from _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Age Group
 13-18 19-25 26-35
 36-45 46-65 66+

Children
 Name _____ Age _____
 Name _____ Age _____
 Name _____ Age _____
 Name _____ Age _____



The "prayer request" side offers a layer of privacy or total anonymity. It is also an option for a highly detailed prayer request and can also aid those who are unable to verbally communicate their request. Please place prayer requests in the offering basket. Trinity's prayer chain will receive your request as written, and will lift you up in prayer and praise as you desire and indicate on the card.

Prayer Requests We are pleased to join you in praying for specific needs

Please write your request(s) here and place this card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Today's Date _____

Please pray for _____

Confidential

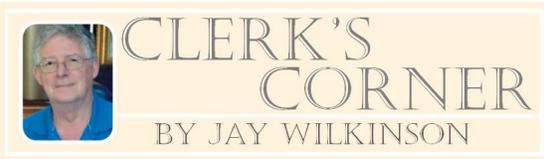
Let us know when God meets your needs so we may rejoice with you!

Christmas Joy Offering 11/27-12/18

The Christmas Joy, Special Offering campaign begins this November 27th, and will lead up to the offering at Trinity on Dec. 18th, the fourth Sunday of Advent. Information about this year's offering is displayed at Trinity and will be shared with you in the coming weeks. Please collect a purple giving envelope and consider giving to "Christmas Joy-2022!"



When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future — who point us to God.



Highlights of Session activities:

- Trinity has been received the Clergy Renewal Grant by the Lilly Endowment and a work group has been begun to plan for the first part of the Sabbatical, which will be February and March 2023.
- The Session has been studying a book, The Sailboat Church, and is using that as a guide to make some plans for the next two years. These are the primary ways that the Session hears the call of the Holy Spirit for service: Congregational Growth and Engagement, Multigenerational Events, and Nurturing Relationships with God. You will be hearing more specifics in the coming months.
- The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area has set the Per Capita Apportionment for 2023 to be \$37.50 per member. The \$1.00 increase is the first increase in several years. Most of this increase will be used by the national offices of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Per Capita Apportionment is designed to collect an equitable amount from each member to support the essential activities of governing bodies (Presbytery, Synod, and the General Assembly) such as meeting expenses and essential office activities.
- The Community Outreach Committee proposed, and the Session approved the use of the church building for piano concert by the piano teachers that rent space in our building on November 12 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. A free will offering will be collected and will benefit Trinity.
- The Worship Committee plans the holiday service schedule: Since Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year, we are planning a Christmas eve service (7:00 p.m.) and a pre-recorded service for Christmas Day. Watch for details on how you can participate.
- The Generosity Campaign is currently underway asking members and friends of Trinity to estimate their financial support of Trinity to be received in 2023. Generosity Sunday is scheduled for November 13. Please respond as generously as you are able to assist with Trinity’s operating expenses and mission in the new year.
- We need volunteers to help with the Sunday School programs. Please contact Marty Danielson with questions or to volunteer.

As always, the Session appreciates each Trinity member and encourages feedback on the mission and ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Please consider joining one of our committees.

Jay Wilkinson, Clerk of Session

Trinity Presbyterian Program Financial Summary

Trinity Presbyterian Program Financial Summary		Thru month of		Sep-22
	Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Total Program Donations	\$17,778.54	\$183,947.25	\$204,370.47	\$272,493.96
Total Program Expenditures	\$22,940.00	\$200,053.25	\$210,862.93	\$285,367.37
Donations Less Expenses	(\$5,161.46)	(\$16,106.00)	(\$6,492.46)	(\$12,873.41)
Checking Roll Forward Add	\$1,100.00	\$9,900.00	\$9,900.00	\$13,200.00
Income Less Expenses	(\$4,061.46)	(\$6,206.00)	\$3,407.54	\$326.59
Program Mortgage Expense	\$4,344.90	\$39,104.10		
Mortgage Principal Paid	\$3,765.52	\$33,528.83		
Mortgage Interest Paid	\$579.38	\$5,575.27		
Mortgage Balance	\$164,518.42			

Actual program donations for 2022 thru SEP: \$183,947
 Budgeted program donations through the month: \$204,370
 Difference: (\$20,423)

Program donations w/JAN prorated for 2022 thru SEP: \$178,697
 Budgeted program donations through the month: \$204,370
 Difference: (\$25,673)



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When the Deacons honored me with a special fellowship time on October 2nd, I had the opportunity to share a few thoughts related to my time at Trinity. At this point, I want to let you all know that Trinity has helped form and make me who I am today. The opportunities to learn, exercise my gifts and develop new ones, be spiritually and socially nourished, and challenged by my interactions in the context of this community, have forced me to become a different person than the one that arrived in 2003. There have been times that have not been easy, but I have learned the value of staying committed while being challenged by different members' ideas and ways of being.

I want to encourage you all to: be regular in attendance; be ready to exercise and develop your gifts; if you find something missing, seek to work with others to bring it into being; be a student of God's Word and of God's World; seek and expect God's Spirit to speak to you; and be willing to listen, be challenged, and change. I believe that in that way, the Trinity community of faith can be more than a building or group of people, but it will become a manifestation of Jesus' presence in the lives of its members and those around it.

Thank you for your friendship over these many years. All the best, Joan

(Kathie Wilkinson is now serving as Deacon Moderator.)

October 14, 2022

Trinity Presbyterian Church
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Dear Clerk of Session,

In writing his second letter to the church of Corinth, the Apostle Paul penned, "The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:6-7, NRSV).

Your congregation may invite members to make a financial pledge for 2023 during October. You may also include a Consecration Sunday, giving thanks for the generosity of commitment. These tangible acts of generosity are both a response to and a reminder of God's grace and gifts we receive, even in challenging times.

On behalf of Presbyterian Mission, please convey our appreciation to your mission committee, pastor, session, and congregation for your gracious and faithful support. On September 28, 2022, we received \$1,255.07 for OG999999 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering; on September 28, 2022, we received \$303.00 for PC999999 Pentecost Offering; on September 28, 2022, we received \$565.00 for PG999999 Peace & Global Witness Offering.

Your support, dedication, and partnership make it possible for Presbyterians to be engaged in God's mission around the world. You are a valued partner in mission. As always, please let me know how I can support you in your mission efforts.

Yours in Christ,
Bill McConnell
Mission Engagement Advisor - Office of Mission Engagement and Support

Thank You to the Crockery Cooking Ministry!



Vanessa Schmitt contacted Trinity to share her family's great appreciation for all of the wonderful meals that were delivered to them after the birth of their daughter, Katerina Sage Schmitt, who was born on July 28th, 2022.

Vanessa and Tristan express their gratitude to everyone who brought delicious meals to them at their home in Woodbury. Thank you to Jane Willison, Kathie Wilkinson, Jane Williams, Sue Bergeron, Brad Wright, and Pastor April. Thank you also to Deacon Joan Nichols for arranging the meal ministry!

"We really appreciated the help and support during this big event in our journey!"

-Vanessa & family

Would you like to be a part of your church's cooking ministry? Simply contact the office to be placed on the call list. Participants on this list would be contacted when the need arises for an individual or family due to a life-changing event. When the need arises, your meals help greatly! Thank you for your ongoing generosity of time and nourishment.

-Trinity Crockery Cooking Ministry

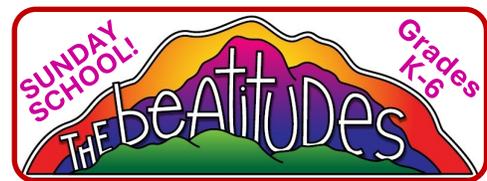


Confirmation Class

Meets: Nov. 6th, 13th, & 20th

11:30-12:30 (Grades 7-12)

The confirmation class schedule has been posted on the education board at Trinity. Please take note of all dates that class meets. We look forward to seeing everyone!



Sunday School - "The Beatitudes"

Next class meets: Nov. 20th

11:10 - 12:10 (Grades K-6)

Sunday School class meets once per month (on the 3rd Sunday of each month). Lesson # 2 of the Beatitudes will be given on November 20th.

Please contact Pastor April with questions or if you would like to volunteer to help with lessons.

Elders August Visioning Retreat Yields Focus Areas for Next Year

In preparation for the retreat, the elders of Trinity read the book, ***Sailboat Church: Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice***, by Joan S. Gray.

The goal of the retreat was for visioning purposes. The outcomes of the retreat are shown below.

Trinity 2023 Focus Areas:

1. Congregational Growth & Congregational Engagement

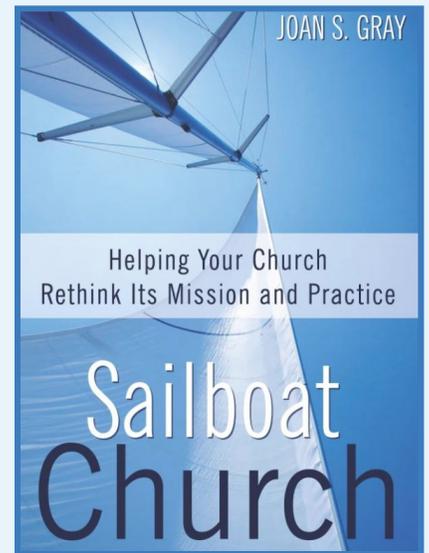
1. Clergy Renewal Grant (CRG) - Afghani Speaker/Meal
2. Woodbury Days Parade, Woodbury Community Expo, and Candy & Caring Event

2. Multigenerational Events

1. CRG - Bake Bread for Communion
2. Quarterly Family Dinner Party

3. Nurturing our Relationship with God

1. Intentional Study of the Trinity
2. CRG - Soul Feast



Sunday, 10/9 - The Animals Were Blessed!

On Sunday, October 10th, Trinity held a “Blessing of the Animals” worship service with a potluck meal afterward. The Blessing of Animals service allows us to express the bond we have with all animals, both domestic and wild, so that we might make them an integral part of our worship life and relationships.

Individuals and families brought their pets and pet symbols, to receive God’s blessing. Pets arrived, as well as photos, drawings, any symbol that represented special creatures of God. The service recognized pets, as well as endangered species, fish, creepy crawlies and feathered friends!





Candy & Caring 2022



On Sunday, October 30th, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Trinity hosted their 2nd Candy & Caring Event/Food Drive! Trick-or-treaters from the community attended, donating countless, non-perishable food items for entry to the event. Trinity was visited by approximately 150 guests, and collected many donations for the local food shelf! Thank you to all of Trinity's marvelous volunteers who graciously hosted a station to share their "Trunk-of-Treats!" Again, the volunteers make this event possible. Thank you to our 2022 Candy & Caring Crew! You are appreciated so very much.



Thank you to Trinity's amazing volunteers: Neal, Kelsey & Peter Strand, Leslie & Greg VanderVeer, Angela Roesler, Pastor April, Emmett & Solomon, Brad Wright, Debbie Espe, Doug & Evie Ryden, Jay Wilkinson, Rita & Sara Thomas, Lynn Bahta, Jan Bostrom, Nicki Danielson, Edlyn & Adeline Fonteh, Emilia Effiom, Shu-Mei Hwang & Jane Miller, Stephanie Hoekstra & Kathleen Segó. Thank you for the candy donations: Darryl & Jane Willison, and the Mosisa Family!

Trees For Life - September 2, 2022



A Letter from Jed and Jenny Koball, serving in Peru - Summer 2022

Dear friends, Fasten your seat belts and prepare for take-off! Once again, planes are lining

up on tarmacs and racing down runways throughout the world as people travel the globe, reconnect with others, and return to business (somewhat) as usual. Following an 18-month grounding of my own here in Lima, I, too, have found myself back in the friendly skies. In the 12 months prior to the pandemic, I took 26 flights (mostly for work). In these past 12 months, since receiving my first round of vaccines, I have taken 20 flights (both for work and personal reasons). The frequent flier miles are adding up. So are the carbon emissions.

One travel venture of particular importance was a two-flight trip from Lima to Louisville this past June for the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). I had the honor of serving as a Missionary Advisory Delegate and was assigned to the Environmental Justice Committee. I encourage you to read about some of the important decisions that came from this committee and were approved by the larger assembly, such as divestment from five major fossil fuel companies, investment in a green future, and creation of the Presbyterian Tree Fund. Learn more by visiting OGA.PCUSA.ORG

The Presbyterian Tree Fund was of special interest to me because it was born conceptually in Peru. In 2014, our global partner Red Uniendo Manos Peru, hosted an international conference on climate change that ran parallel to the 20th Conference of the Parties (COP-20) that was hosted that year by the city of Lima. From across the United States, dozens of Presbyterians traveled to Peru to learn from our global partners about the impacts of climate change and the strategies needed to adapt to it and to mitigate global warming. In jest, a colleague of mine pointed out the irony of people jet-setting across the world and generating carbon emissions in the interest of slowing down global warming.

Of course, many a truth is said in jest, and I took these words of irony to heart. In the subsequent years, I wrestled with my own personal carbon footprint attributed to my air travel as well as the footprint of the many Presbyterians who travel to Peru to visit our partners. During that time, our partners began supporting a reforestation project in the central Andes that serves both to address the impacts of climate change in the high mountains as well as the contamination from nearby mining activity. Presbyterian visitors took great interest in this work and got their hands dirty planting trees. But even then, something felt amiss that such good-intentioned and thoughtful people would travel so far to accompany our partners in this work without taking into account the carbon emissions they were generating to get there. It was in one such visit that our partners and Presbyterians planted the idea of creating a carbon offset program in which Presbyterians could contribute to a fund that would provide grants for global and domestic partners of the PC(USA) who are engaged in tree-planting and other carbon sequestration projects.



Dozens of Presbyterians have traveled to the central Andes of Peru in recent years to participate in ongoing tree-planting and conservation projects orchestrated by global partner Red Uniendo Manos Peru. (Photo credit: Jed Koball)

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Jed Koball speaks before the Environmental Justice Committee during the 225th General Assembly held in Louisville, Kentucky. Jed served as a Missionary Advisory Delegate. (Photo courtesy of Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri)

In the Fall of 2019, the Peru Mission Network – a collaboration of Presbyterians from across the U.S. who are engaged in God’s mission in Peru – gathered outside of Houston, Texas, along with invitees from Peru to discern how they might work together more collaboratively with one another and hold each other accountable. On their agenda was the carbon offset program first envisioned in Peru. Together they articulated the objectives and concept of the program, which they named the Presbyterian Tree Fund, and in the early months of 2020, just prior to the start of the pandemic, they brought the proposal to their respective presbyteries as an overture to go before the General Assembly. To have participated in the very General Assembly in which the Presbyterian Tree Fund overture was finally approved was indeed nothing less than a very special honor.

In the coming months, you will hear more about this fund – how you can contribute to it and how global and domestic partners will benefit from it (or, more accurately, how we will all benefit from it). Beyond the pandemic that impacted all corners of the globe, there is no singular issue that threatens humanity more today than climate change. While the Tree Fund itself is far from a solution to the world’s woes or even our own behaviors that contribute to global warming, it is meaningful and faithful action that reflects prayerful partnership rooted in solidarity and accountability.

I am grateful to each of you who have supported such partnership over the years through your generous donations, bold actions and courageous voices. And I confess that I look forward to your visits here and/or our travels there since God seems closest when two or three are gathered together in the Spirit of God’s love and hope.

On that note, I end this letter to say that Jenny, Thiago and I continue to be encouraged and comforted by your prayers, as the way is still not clear for us to visit the U.S. together as a family. We pray for your continued patience and understanding. As soon as we have travel documents in hand, we will be quick to let you know!

In the Spirit that binds us,
Jed (on behalf of Jenny)

Link to the original article: [Presbyterian Mission Agency Trees for Life | Presbyterian Mission Agency](#)

November Trinity Birthdays!

Ethan Aborungong

Gifson Aborungong

Sara Finn

Val Spahr

Glen Heckmann

Pastor April

Rick Wasiluk

Doug Ryden

Mary Jaros

Josh Anderson

Solomon Campbell

Samuel Mosisa

Lee Houck

Kathie Wilkinson

To be included in Trinity’s birthday section, please contact the office. Trinity does not currently have birthdates/birth months recorded for every person of Trinity. Age and year of birth are optional.

Announcements - Events - Opportunities

Food Shelf/Delivery Volunteer Needed - Trinity is looking for someone to deliver the food donations from Candy and Caring to the local food shelf (by Best Buy). Please contact the office to help!

Confirmation Class Schedule is Posted - The schedule has been emailed and is posted outside of the education room. Class meets Sundays from 11:30-12:30pm. Please refer to schedule for precise dates. Some Sundays, class does not meet. This class is for youth in grades 7-12.

Sunday School Schedule
The Beatitudes #2 Lesson is scheduled for Sunday, 11/20. Sunday School meets the third Sunday of each month. Class members will gather in the classroom approximately 10 minutes after the worship service. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer to give a lesson or a few lessons.

A Call for Teachers - Please consider signing up to lead or assist with a Sunday School class (or multiple class lessons). Please contact Pastor April with any questions you have! Thank you.

Please Maintain Current Household Info in Church Directory - Please Contact Trinity with any household updates for the church directory. Be assured, all directory information is password protected and is used only by Trinity.

Select a Sunday - Be a "Welcomer" at Trinity!

- Welcome as guests arrive.
- Show visitors where to hang their coats.
- Offer a bulletin (a few printed copies are reserved for visitors).
- Point out restroom location.
- Invite visitors to fellowship.
- Ask them, "Any questions?"
- Present visitors with a Trinity welcome bag (yellow gift bags are located on "greeter shelf").

Please Subscribe to Trinity's Weekly News Source! Everyone needs "The Friday Blast" & "Sunday Worship Blast!"

Subscribe to Trinity's weekly news email to be sure to get important Trinity news, announcements, worship schedule, Trinity photos, etc... all in one place! Contact the office to subscribe. You will receive one weekly news blast for Friday news and Sunday worship news.

There is always a need! Liturgists, Children's Message, Communion, Fellowship & more!

Trinity always has openings for volunteers in the following areas: Children's Message (prerecorded or live), Liturgists, Welcoming/Greeting, Coffee Fellowship, and Communion Prepare & Serve. Please feel free to call and speak with Pastor April about these areas of need.

Next Game Night Meets Friday Nov. 11th @7PM. All Welcome!

Join your Trinity friends for Game Night! This group meets on the second Friday of the month. If you have favorite games, bring them! Note: Full vaccination is required.

Would you like to give a Children's Message?

We would like to return to having a regular Children's Message in worship and we are looking for Children's Message volunteers to speak live or in a pre-recorded message. Resources are available (scripture lesson is provided to you). Speak to Pastor April if you have questions and to let her know what date works for you. Thank you for your support of the ministry to Trinity's children and their families!

Trinity's News Source: The Friday Blast

Subscribe to Trinity's weekly news email *The Friday Blast!* Get all of your Trinity news in one place, including holiday announcements, special services, upcoming events and more! Sign up through the office. You will receive one email Friday news blast per week.

Trinity Text Alerts

Trinity utilizes 'SK Notify' to send important text announcements. When you subscribe to SK Notify, you will receive no more than one text per week. Please contact the church office if you would like Trinity text alert messages sent to your mobile phone. If phone numbers change, contact the office.

"Tuesdays @ 2" Bible Study If you are interested in joining the next study, please contact Pastor April.

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*Growing in Christ,
Sharing God's Love.*

TRINITY CARES FOR:
*Creation, Community,
Family & Christian Growth*

TRINITY STAFF:

Pastor Rev. Dr. April Davis Campbell
Amy Sachse - Office Administrator
Director of Music - Jane Wasiluk
Choir Director - Neal Strand



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