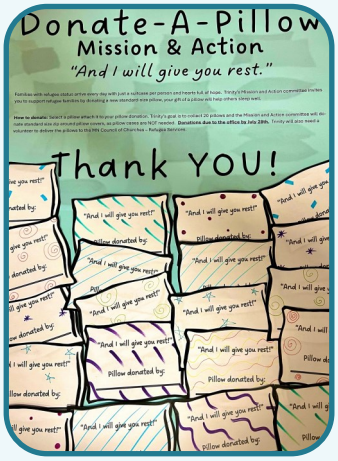
PATHWAYS

JULY 2022
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Donate a Pillow - Trinity Mission & Action Committee

"...and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28



Donate-A-Pillow: Families with refugee status arrive every day with just one suitcase per person and hearts full of hope. Trinity's Mission and Action committee invites you to support refugee families by donating a new standard-size pillow. Your gift of a pillow will help others sleep well.

How to donate: Select a paper pillow from Trinity's "Mission & Action Pillow Board" and attach it to your purchased pillow. Trinity's goal is to collect 20 pillows and the Mission and Action committee will donate standard size zip around pillow covers, as pillow cases are NOT needed. Donations are due to the office by 5pm on July 28th. Trinity also needs a volunteer to deliver the pillows to the MN Council of Churches – Refugee Services in MPLS.

Update: Thank You to Adopt-A-Bucket!

Kathryn Berger (Volunteer & Outreach Specialist: Refugee Services, Minnesota Council of Churches) wrote a letter of thanks to Trinity and stated the following, "Thank you Trinity for your generous 2021 donation of nearly $1500.00 worth of cleaning, laundry and household supplies which welcomes those fleeing persecution around the globe into new lives of freedom, hope and opportunity here in MN".

We thank you for your generosity and your demonstrated care for our refugee clients. With gratitude for your partnership in the ministry of welcoming refugees.

For more info, see the MCC Refugee Services Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/mcc.refugeeservices

9/11/22 - Festival of Cultures

On Sunday, September 11th, North Presbyterian Church will host the Festival of Cultures. There will be inspiring worship, delicious food, robust fellowship and games. The Festival of Cultures is a joint ministry of El Shadai New Hope Ministries, Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Life Presbyterian Church and North Presbyterian Church. We will gather for worship at 10:30. We will praise God with Hymns, Latino Praise Band, Western Praise Band, Western Choir and African Choir. There will be three short sermons on a parable that highlight Latino, African and Western insights. Parts of the service will be in Spanish and parts in Hausa, both will be translated into English. After worship, at approximately noon, enjoy Latino, African and or Western food. There will be also games and fellowship!

Worship

Sunday Worship, 7/3
with Communion
Graduate Recognition
10AM - Sanctuary & YouTube

Sunday Worship, 7/10
New Members Recognition
10AM - Sanctuary & YouTube

Sunday Worship, 7/17
Robert Hamilton Preaching
10AM - Sanctuary & YouTube

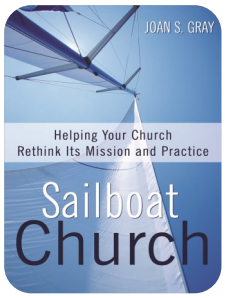
Praise from the Patio, 7/24
10AM - In Person Only -

Sunday Worship, 7/31
Roderick Oji Preaching
10AM - Sanctuary & YouTube

Coffee & Refreshments
Sundays @ 11am

Sunday, 6/5 - Pentecost! Trinity's **RED** Pentecost banners were made by DeLaura Anderson & Kathy Wilkinson. Trinity's congregants recognized Pentecost by wearing RED attire, including Pastor April in her **RED** sneakers!

Trinity News



Trinity Session Retreat - 8/27

A Session retreat is scheduled for Saturday, August 27 from 9 to 1 pm at the church. Session members are requested to read the book Sailboat Church: Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice by Joan S. Gray in preparation for the retreat.

Please note: The one extra book that was ordered has been spoken for.

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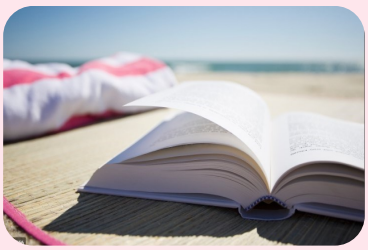


Tues @ 2 Study Group Needs Your Input! Tuesday @ 2 is looking for ideas and input as to what would inspire you to participate in our next Zoom discussion. Is a thematic study appealing or would you rather read a book? Are you interested in diving deep with an Old Testament prophet or one of the Epistles (letters) in the New Testament? Please let Pastor April know if there is something you have always wanted to discuss. The next discussion will resume late summer. If you would like to join the group, please let Pastor April know. Thank you! Pastor April: trinitywoodburypastor@gmail.com, 651-738-0045

Staying Connected

There are a multitude of reasons as to why the entire Trinity body is unable to attend Trinity worship in person in these difficult times. If this is you, please know that your church family cares and also misses you. Did you know that you can join us in worship electronically using YouTube?

Sunday Worship Streaming: Trinity is now streaming worship services with YouTube! YouTube provides high quality audio & video for your viewing pleasure! Just use the YouTube application on your phone or visit YouTube on your device! Join us 10AM on Sundays!

Outdoor Sunday Services: Trinity will again be hosting Drive-In worship and Praise from the Patio on certain Sundays. These services allow attendees to be in person while spaced according to needs or desires! Don't forget to bring your lawn chair or a blanket, and enjoy! These services are in person only, but if inclement weather occurs, we will move worship in doors , and YouTube will then become available for streaming.

Post-worship Fellowship Time (11AM, Fellowship Hall): If you have already returned to in person worship, WELCOME BACK! Be sure to join your church family for Fellowship time with coffee, refreshments & treats after worship. We look forward to seeing our entire body of families at Trinity when the timing is right. Until then, we encourage you to please see page 7 of this Pathways Newsletter to see **8 Ways to "Plug In" to Trinity** via activities, friendships, missions, news, group discussions and studies, special announcements and more**!** Please contact the church office if you need assistance with getting connected in any way! Trinity is happy to help you with your technology needs.

Trinity's YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQTthQ_ERA1b-2eCvdmPxtw

CLERK'S CORNER

BY JAY WILKINSON

Highlights of Session activities:

A Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, Jun 26 to elect officers and to consider amending the By-laws.

Our May 31 financial statements indicate a moderate surplus due largely to annual payments of some pledges early in the year. All members and friends are encouraged to continue their donations during the summer when cash flow is often slower than other times during the year. Thank you for all of donations to the mission and work of Trinity Presbyterian Church!

Pastor April has continuing education time scheduled July and will be on vacation July 31 – August 11.

Session approved participation by Trinity in the Woodbury Days Parade to be held on August 21.

The Mission and Action Committee will be conducting a collection of new pillows for the basic needs of new immigrants. Watch for details of this collection in the Friday Blast and announcements during worship.

Session committees and the Session will not be meeting during July.

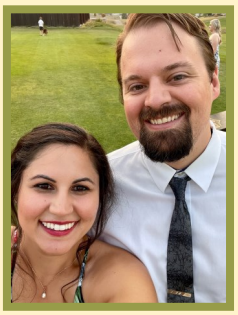
As always, the Session appreciates each Trinity member and encourages feedback on the mission and ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Jay Wilkinson, Clerk of Session

Trinity New Member Reception 7/10 - Join Trinity in welcoming Vanessa Schmitt (Spouse: Tristan) of Woodbury , and Samuel, Adeline & Edlyn Fonteh of Cottage Grove (Edlyn, Gr. 12, Deron, Gr. 8, Samuel, Pre-K). New members will be recognized in worship and at a new member reception on Sunday, July 10th at 11:00 in Trinity's Fellowship Hall. Please remember to wear name tags as they get to know their new church family!

Fonteh Family

Schmitt Family



Trinity Presbyterian Program Financial Summary			Thru month of	May-22
	Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Total Program Donations	$19,664.44	$119,537.99	$113,539.15	$272,493.96
Total Program Expenditures	$23,509.30	$117,261.92	$116,193.01	$285,367.37
Donations Less Expenses	($3,844.86)	$2,276.07	($2,653.86)	($12,873.41)
Checking Roll Forward Add	$1,100.00	$5,500.00	$5,500.00	$13,200.00
Income Less Expenses	($2,744.86)	$7,776.07	$2,846.14	$326.59
Program Mortgage Expense	$4,344.90	$21,724.50		
Mortgage Principal Paid	$3,734.30	$18,525.14		
Mortgage Interest Paid	$610.60	$3,199.36		
Mortgage Balance	$179,522.11			

- Actual program donations for 2022 thru May: $119,538
- Budgeted program donations through the month: $113,539
- Difference: $5,999

- Program donations with January prorated for 2022 thru May: $107,288
- Budgeted program donations through the month: $113,539
- Difference: ($6,251)

Stay Connected

Volunteer Opportunities
Trinity has openings for volunteers for the following areas: Children's Message (prerecorded or live), Liturgist, Welcoming/Greeting, Coffee Fellowship, and Communion Prepare & Serve.

Be a "Welcomer" for Trinity! Choose a Sunday!

- Welcome people when they arrive on Sundays.
- 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 after worship.
- Ask if they have any questions.
- Give visitors a yellow visitor bag (on greeter shelf).

*Please sign up on the kiosk if you would like to choose a specific Sunday to serve!

Would you like to give a Children's Message?
We would like to return to having a regular Children's Message time 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!

Prayer-Full Pause on Pause
For your listening pleasure, the Prayer-Full Pause is currently being transformed into a podcast! Please stay tuned for more details.

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Singing - No Masking Required
Effective April 3rd, singing in worship will not require a mask, although still permitted if you choose.

Subscribe! The Friday Blast
Subscribe to Trinity's weekly news email *The Friday Blast!* Get all of your Trinity news in one place; holiday announcements, and more. Contact the office to You will receive a Friday news blast every Friday morning.

Cooking Ministry
The Trinity Deacons have organized the Crockery Cooking Ministry to provide support for congregation members in need of meals. Members would provide a simple main dish and no sides. Simple meals such as soups, chilis or other simple meals that you are already making for your own families will be encouraged. Other options might include a frozen entree from a store, or takeout fare. Please contact Judy Houck, Deacon Moderator, with questions or if you would like to sign up to help.

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.

Trinity Directory
Please contact Trinity with any household updates for the church directory.

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

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5/29 Trinity Worship at Stonecrest - Trinity leads worship at Stonecrest Senior Living Community in Woodbury the 5th Sunday of the month at 1pm.

Trinity Has A New Look!

The front doors of Trinity are adorned with new glossy black letters spelling out Trinity Presbyterian Church. It looks fabulous!

Coming soon: Trinity Church Apparel Orders!!!

Stay tuned. Details will be announced soon!

Thankful - A Letter from Tyler Holm - Serving in Malawi, Spring 2022

Dear friends, We are so thankful to be able to say that we have returned to Malawi after two years and nine days of living in the United States as requested by Presbyterian World Mission. We arrived back in Malawi on April 6 and quickly started to resettle. On April 19, Tyler started back teaching with the University of Livingstonia Faculty of Theology Master's students. Twelve students are in this new cohort studying Theology and Development or Theology and Gender Studies. These students are already committed practitioners working in their communities or with Government and Non-Government Organizations. It is exciting to see the University's vision expand of bringing a thoughtful Christian perspective to help develop society to individuals whose vocations extend beyond those traditionally served by the Faculty of Theology. Undergraduate students are also well through their semester, which will end on May 20. Tyler was warmly welcomed back to celebrate with the fourth year (senior undergraduate level) students this week who will soon graduate from their studies. Fourteen ministers and three lay leaders are about to begin their next stage after graduation; we are thankful for their time and studies at the University of Livingstonia and wish them well.

Mphatso also has returned to school, resuming classes with many of the same classmates. She is very happy to be reconnecting with friends but adjusting again to differences in teaching methodology.

Photo above: Tyler with the soon to graduate fourth year Faculty of Theology Students.

Photo at right: The Holms with Rev. Levi Nyondo

While Tyler is back to teaching in class, we continue to limit our interactions as COVID-19 remains very much a concern. Currently, 8% of the Malawian population has received at least a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. While we are hearing the Omicron peak of December/January is now at the tail end, there has been a recent uptick of cases in South Africa in the last few weeks.

Please continue to support our ministry and the work of the University of Livingstonia. The ministry of the PC (USA) partnering with the CCAP would not be possible without your generosity, and we thank you for your continued support. To support my position with the University of Livingstonia through E132192 (Congregations D500115) and the growing programs of the Faculty of Theology through E052124. Article info: Published through Presbyterian Mission.org: Home › What We Do › Where We Work › Co-workers › Thankful

-Tyler Holm

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
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A Letter From Jed & Jenny Koball, Serving In Peru-Spring 2022

"...when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them..." Matthew 14:13-14

Dear friends, We had each been asked to bring a handful of soil from the land we represent. When it was our turn to introduce ourselves, we were to say our name, the place we come from, and a hope we had for our time together, and then we were to add our handful of soil to a small mound in the center of our circle. There were about thirty of us in total, representing churches and indigenous communities from Mexico to Argentina. We were gathered in Lima for a weekend-long retreat of the Churches and Mining Network of Latin America – people of faith united in confronting the destructive impacts of the extractive industry. This was the first in-person gathering for most of us in over two years, so perhaps we should have anticipated that the 30 minutes we were given for this ritual of introductions would not suffice. Indeed, three hours later, the mound of soil was still growing.

What was clear was that each one of us had a story to tell. More precisely, each one of us had experiences to lament. After a long winter of social isolation, we needed someone to hear what we had endured. For many, it was the loss of loved ones to COVID-19, often coupled with the anguish of not having access to health care, vaccines or even oxygen. For others, it was the economic strain to keep food on the table. And yet, for others, it was the violence that flooded the lands. Domestic violence. Social violence. Political violence. We learned that in Peru alone, over a dozen indigenous leaders had been assassinated during the pandemic because they never ceased in the defense of their lands from a mining industry that also never ceased in its destruction.

The world has been traumatized these past couple of years. Some for the first time. Others for the umpteenth time. The bad news continues to be relentless and leads many of us to escape and isolate. This is not necessarily wrong; in fact, it is what Jesus did. He escaped, if only for a while. Upon hearing the traumatizing news that his cousin John the Baptist had been killed and his head served on a platter to King Herod (Matt. 14:10-12) – the same king who tried to have Jesus himself killed as an infant (Matt. 2:16) – Jesus withdraws to a deserted place by himself. Like Jesus, sometimes we just need to be alone to begin the healing. But only for a while.

From across the continents, church and indigenous leaders receive a blessing at a gathering in Lima of the Churches and Mining Network of Latin America. (All photos taken by Javier Jahncke) Koball's serving in Peru.

When the crowds followed him, Jesus did not run. He did not rage. He did not resent. From his place of suffering, he saw the pain and trauma in others, and he embraced them. He had compassion for them. And he fed them—all five thousand plus (Matt. 14:21).

I confess that I have wrestled with and harbored much anger and resentment these past two years. In the early weeks of the pandemic, I actually felt a sense of solidarity because across the world; we were all learning to cope together. Even when it became quickly apparent that many were going hungry because of a paralyzed economy and others were suffering because of a depleted health system, I still felt hopeful and impassioned by those who rallied to help start community kitchens and fundraise to buy oxygen tanks. But, I started to become bitter by the end of the first year, when vaccines became available in the northern hemisphere while much of the global south had none. Jenny and I lost over two dozen friends and colleagues to COVID-19, many of whom I believe would not have died had they had access to vaccines in time. The bitterness only seemed to grow over the following year as not all nations appeared to be taking the pandemic with the same seriousness. So many seemed ready to forget it ever happened.

And yet, we do need to move forward. We cannot live in isolation and separation forever. We need to come together, physically, spiritually, and with purpose, lest the bitterness destroy us in ways that no virus or violence could ever do. We need to do as Jesus showed us. From our places of pain, Jesus invites us to see the pain of others and to have compassion on them. This is the way forward – the only way forward that will sustain our life together on this one Earth we share.

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(continued from previous page) When it was my turn to introduce myself, I did not have a handful of soil to place on the mound. I explained that I did not know what soil to bring because I am not from this place and that it would feel colonialist to claim it as my own. My sentiments were appreciated in the moment, but after our time in the circle came to an end, an indigenous woman from the Amazon approached me and said, ¨No one can claim the land as our own. The land claims us. We merely proclaim our intention to live in harmony with the Earth and with one another, wherever we find ourselves.¨ And then she invited me to place my hand in the soil as if to say, you are where God wants you to be.

I realized that underneath the bitterness I was harboring was guilt: guilt that perhaps I am not where I should be nor doing what I need to be. Such thoughts can fester and deepen wounds when we spend too much time alone. The healing can only continue when we create sacred space for telling our truths and listening prayerfully to the truths of others. Like the masses who followed Jesus, we are fed by the grace we find in one another.

With deep gratitude for the grace, I know in you,

Jed (and on behalf of Jenny)

Original article: Presbyterian Mission Agency Jed and Jenny Koball | Co-Workers | Presbyterian Mission Agency

8 Ways to "PLUG IN" to Trinity!

Trinity brings church news to the congregation through various platforms. If you would like more information or need assistance with technology or connecting in any way, please contact the church office. Additionally, to keep your current church subscriptions, announcements emails and newsletters coming, be sure to update the office with any changes to your contact information.

1. **Friday Blast** - Subscribers get 1 email per week for both *Friday Weekly Blast* & *Sunday Worship Blast*.
2. **Pathways Newsletter** - Pathways is emailed each month and also posted to Trinity's website.
3. **Website** (www.trinitywoodbury.org) - Church current events & announcements are updated weekly.
4. **Worship Slideshow** - Slides announcements & reminders of upcoming & ongoing events.
5. **Email** - Congregational "worship materials" plus important information (sent weekly on Thursday)
6. **Text Messaging** - Text message announcements through Servant Keeper Notify (approx. 2x per month).
7. **Facebook Page** - Events, announcements, invitations, church photos, news & more are posted on FB.
8. **Trinity Phone/Address Directory** - Have you ever needed a church friend's phone number or address? Congregational information is always available to you in the church directory! It is available in a printed version (in church office) or electronic form on the website (www.trinitywoodbury.org). The password for the online directory remains unchanged. Please keep Trinity updated with any new household data. Also, if you have not done so, please contact the church with your **birth month and day** (year is not needed/ optional). Trinity sends out occasional notes and even birthday cards during your birthday month!

Trinity JULY Birthdays!

Anna Barker
Wendy Carpentier
Chris Betten
Arlene Cook
D.C. Breckle
Betty Hall
Martin Mbu
Robin Mayfield
Angela Roesler
Kathleen Sego
Julia Theiss
Darryl Willison

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TRINITY MISSION STATEMENT:

Growing in Christ,
Sharing God's Love.

TRINITY CARES FOR:

Creation, Community, Family & Christian Growth

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