

Trinity Tidings for October, 2022

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The Good Fruit of Trinity

We are rolling into October full throttle pumpkin spice, wool cable-knit sweaters, and warm campfires as we look forward to Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas (Advent, too). There is always an excitement in the air as we pass from one season to the next—particularly this time of year. Though fall brings with it its own sense of fun, it is also a reminder of things slowing down and coming to a close.

Summer days have passed, pools are closed, flowers have succumbed to the first frost, leaves have fallen, and animals are moving into hibernation or migrating. But most importantly, the harvest has been brought in! And Trinity is bearing some excellent, good fruit here in the vineyard of God's kingdom.

Immediately after worship on October 9th Trinity is inviting together all the new faces who have been coming to Trinity recently and over the last couple of pandemic years. There will be goodies and activities for kids while the adults meet for fellowship and sharing as they learn something about Trinity, and we learn something about them.

Thank you, Trinity family for opening your hearts to those who are new to Trinity and to all those guests who have yet to come through the doors. Thank you for sharing a word of welcome, conversation, and relaying to others a sense that they belong.

We are bearing other good fruit as Mission Possible prepares to travel to Western Kentucky to repair homes destroyed and damaged by the December 2021 tornado that ripped a 200-mile swath through the lives of so many. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER TO GO!! As of this writing we still have 15 spots open. Don't worry that you "don't have the skills." All it requires is a willing heart to learn and follow directions. Our work week is October 17-21. We will be staying in Princeton, KY. Let Pr. Julie know if you are interested.

How else is Trinity growing and bearing fruit? Our new church musician, Carla Seidel, has begun her tenure here at Trinity. And in partnership with pastor and the Worship and Music Team together they will be planning for—and reintroducing—more sung liturgy into worship (post-covid) as well as offering communion every Sunday beginning most likely in November.

And there's more. After a two-year hiatus during covid, our women's Bible study groups will be starting up again. A lot has changed over two years—schedules and life-styles. So, there will be a sign-up in the Narthex for daytime and evening Women's Bible Study groups. These lists will give us a sense for who is interested and at what times.

Trinity grows and bears fruit because the Spirit is in, with, and under us. Trinity grows and bears fruit because you are a part of the Spirit—loved, blessed, and empowered for the ministries of God's mission in the world.

The Apostle Paul wrote of hope in Jesus Christ to the church in Colossus, "You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God." (Col. 1:5b-6 NRS)

It is because of this hope in Jesus Christ that we, too, might grow and bear fruit.

Blessings, Pr. Julie

Women's Bible Study

...will begin again this Fall for the first time since Covid! Please stay tuned for dates and times! There is a sign up sheet on the center doors into the church sanctuary. Already 14 people have expressed an interest. We are looking at having an evening and a daytime group which would meet once a month.



ENJOY AN EVENING OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship bingo Sat. Oct 15 @ 5:30. Refreshments, game, prizes. Sign up sheet in narthex. Remember to bring a wrapped prize. You don't have to go out and buy something, We all have things sitting around our houses that would make the perfect Bingo prize.

Council Highlights

- Congregational Meeting to elect Council Members and approve 2023 budget has been scheduled for 12/11 following worship.
- We will be looking for 2 new council members.
- Plan to move out of garage and into shed by end of October.
- Continue discussion about narthex renovation.
- We discussed our financial situation.

Next council meeting will be Tuesday, October 18th.

How are We Doing?

Trinity's Financial Summary for August

Average Weekly Giving in August, 2022: **\$2,606.38**

Average Weekly Giving in August, 2021: **\$3,111.00**

Total income to date in 2022: **\$105,667.10**

Total income to date in 2021: **\$126,228.00**

Total expenses to date in 2022: **\$126,060.19**

Total expenses to date in 2021: **\$124,688.41**

Total income in August: **\$10,425.50**

Total expenses in August: **\$14,306.11**

Percentage of Mission Support for 2022: to Synod: **67%**, to Mission District: **67%**

generosity.

Thank you for your

Please remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick or recently hospitalized: Bonnie Giamotti.

Members who are homebound or in care facilities: Joan Kava, Diane Klinger, Carolyn Kurtz, Rosalie Putt, Betty Reber, Pat Sickles, and Kay Weatherholtz.

The Military: Rena Butcavage, Natalie Ketner, Justin Klinger and John Kurtz.

Family and Friends: Shirley Kerchner, Nathan Kline, Tom Koerner, Donald Long, Michelle Nordstrom, True Portalatin, Tom Reppert, Stefanie Steffy, and Wendy Wolfe.

Special Ministries: Our missionary in Tanzania-Stephen Friberg and his Family,

Please let us know when our prayers are answered so we can keep our prayer list current.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Plan to be a part of this "parking lot outreach ministry" to the community on **Monday October 31, 2022, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**. We will need spooky decorated cars, treats, and greeters.



Through our participation in the Ecumenical Committee of Wernersville (ECOW) we are coordinating with Hain's Church who plan to have their Trunk or Treat on the parking lot next to the Train Station.

Future ECOW assisted events are The Thanksgiving Service on Sunday November 20 at 3:00 pm, this year hosted by Trinity, and Christmas Tree Lighting on December 3, 4:00 —5:30 pm in downtown Wernersville.

Presently, Pastor Julie and Betty Lou Franzen represent Trinity on ECOW made up of the clergy and preferably two lay persons from each Wernersville area church. We are looking for another Trinity person who would be interested in helping keep this interchange of faith outreach a part of our community.

Thank You

FFTP FOOD FOR THE POOR
United in God's Work

6401 LYONS ROAD, COCONUT CREEK, FL 33073

Dear Friends at Trinity!
Thank you so much for welcoming Food for the Poor back! It was my honor to be with you & we appreciate your continued support. God bless you in all you do to welcome all to

"We love because He first loved us."
1 John 4:19, NIV

To:

the table. Peace, *Renee*

I am currently recruiting volunteers in the community to assist students with reading in the Conrad Weiser Elementary Schools. This [Ready.Set.READ!](https://readysetreadberks.org/comm/ArticleArchive.jsp?ArticleType=RSRHome) program is in approximately 30 elementary schools across Berks County <https://readysetreadberks.org/comm/ArticleArchive.jsp?ArticleType=RSRHome>

Thank you for your consideration.

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Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

The cost of sponsoring the flowers is \$40.00. The cost of sponsoring the bulletins is \$15.00. If you are sponsoring the flowers or bulletins, please note that there are blank envelopes in the narthex below the sign up lists. Please put your check (payable to Trinity) or cash in the envelope (be sure your name is on the envelope) and place in the offering plate.

Altar Flower Sponsors for October: 10/2-Pamela Moyer in memory of her father, 10/9-Cindy Hassler-Schappell in memory of her father's birthday, 10/16-Scott & Betty Lou Franzen in honor of Laura's and Kara's birthdays, 10/23-Hummel Family in memory of Dick, 10/30-Anne Marie Rinehimer in memory of her husband and brother.

Bulletin Sponsors for October: 10/9-Cindy Hassler-Schappell in memory of her father's birthday, 10/16-Cindy Hassler-Schappell in honor of Tini's birthday, 10/23-Hummel Family in memory of Dick, 10/30-Martin and Amy Strunk in honor Shane's baptism.

Helpers for October

Altar Guild: Laura Krick

Communion Assistant: Kathy Lawry

Acolytes: 10/2-Jacob Shappell, 10/9-Bob Bashore, 10/16-Quentin Light, 10/23-Betty Lou Franzen, 10/30-Barbara Debiec.

Lay Readers: 10/2-Ed Evans, 10/9-Cindy Hassler/Schappell, 10/16-Kelly Light, 10/23-Mary Nace, 10/30-Bob Bashore

Ushers: 10/2-Lawrys, 10/9-Bashores, 10/16-Kurtzes, 10/23-Givens, 10/30-Shoumliskys.

Sound System: 10/2-Stephanie Kurtz, 10/9-Scott Franzen, 10/16-Wendell Byler, 10/23-Scott Franzen, 10/30-Stephanie Kurtz.

Counters: 10/2-Hummel/Jarsocrak, 10/9-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 10/16-Debiec/Rinehimer, 10/23-Franzens, 10/30- Rapley/Pirl-Roth.

Bulletin Assemblers: 10/5-Linda Weiss, 10/12-Kathy Lawry, 10/19-Laura Krick, 10/26-Kathy Bashore, 11/2-Barb Debiec.

Newsletter Assembly: Kathy Lawry

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Cindy Hassler-Schappell 610-451-6131

Happy Birthday

Birthday Milestones in October

Marjorie Stine will be 81, Albert Pfennig will be 85, John Stine will be 83, Eleanor Brossman will be 85, and Daniel Hoppman will be 92. Happy Birthday to all of you.

volunteer or volunteers needed



We need an additional volunteer to be trained to operate the sound system. More than one person is welcome to learn. Please see Scott Franzen or call the office if you would be interested.

An added benefit is you get to sit in the balcony