



HELLO TRINITY FRIENDS!

News for the week of August 30, 2020

THE TIME HAS COME Our 9:45 a.m. Sunday worship was a temporary addition in response to COVID-19 limitations on worship attendance. We believe it served that purpose but based on current numbers it doesn't appear to be needed any longer. **Starting Sunday, Sept. 6**, we will return to 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship on Sunday along with our Saturday night service. 9:45ers: We look forward to seeing you back in one of our other three services. Please continue for now to pre-register, wear masks and spread out in the Sanctuary. We also want to thank the ushers, elders, altar guild, musicians and PowerPoint volunteers who have worked those extra services to assist all of us during the last three months.

CONFIRMATION MEETING

- For families that are planning on starting the Confirmation Program and those that are continuing in the program, there will be an information meeting on **Sept. 13 at 12:30pm**. It is being planned to be done via Zoom at the moment. Please call/email the Church Office or Pastor Potts to request the Zoom link.
- For families that are concluding the Confirmation Program and are planning on being confirmed this October, there is an information meeting schedule for **Sept. 13 at 1:30pm**. It is also being done via Zoom for the time being. Please call/email the Church Office or Pastor Potts to request the Zoom link. Information was sent out via the Remind App as well.

RE-CONNECTING: GOD'S ANSWER TO THE COVID-19 BLUES The common thread with the pandemic is this sense of being disconnected. We look at people differently. We look at gatherings differently. Some have said that the biggest problem of the pandemic has not yet been realized—the mental/emotional stress this has caused.

God has an answer for the COVID-19 blues!

- Sept. 12/13 Disconnectedness is a SIN issue – Reconnecting Comes by Grace
- Sept. 19/20 Fear Divides – Grace Unites
- Sept. 26/27 Jesus is BIGGER Than COVID-19 – That's the Truth!

SEE THE FINISH LINE This is the one race where the joy is crossing the finish line TOGETHER! Stay tuned for more information on how you can be part of bringing everyone together to complete phase 3—TOGETHER!

RE-CONNECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTEMBER We are working to create opportunities for you to come together with several others for SAFE social and/or service events. It may be a conversation on your patio or pulling weeds for a neighbor—but it is TIME to reconnect!

ENDOWMENT FUND REQUESTS The Endowment Fund is now accepting requests for funding. All requests must be in writing and turned in to the Church Office, attention Endowment Fund, no later than Oct. 1.

LIKE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION? If you have not been able to join us for worship at Trinity, please contact the Church Office if you would like one of the pastors to serve communion to you.



Renea Bunkelman and Dar Weisbecker get ready to deep clean the Gym kitchen!

ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS The Board of Directors is seeking nominations from the congregation for the upcoming term. If you would like to nominate a member to serve on the Board, please notify the church office or contact Laura Strube at (734) 755-8238. Thank you.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR Provided by **Brent & Cheryl Havekost** in thanksgiving to God for 40 wonderful years of marriage on August 29. **Open dates to place flowers on the altar:** Oct. – Dec. To sign up or for information, contact Karen Brown at (734) 344-7150.

LIFT UP IN PRAYER!

- Jan Hunter on hospice
- Jerry Bunge was on hospice care; currently at Toledo Promedica for possible treatment
- Jan Groves – now at home; pray for wound to heal
- Mark Matteson recovering from shoulder surgery
- Rose Bork – now at home recuperating

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL GIFTS

- In memory of **Don & Helen Sieb, Pastor Ray Malotky** for Trinity Work Program from Dick & Marge Sieb
 - In memory of **Stanley Walentowski** for Trinity Work Program from Stan & Ellen Diroff
 - In memory of **Dan Donahue** for Trinity Work Program from the Kusinski Family Foundation; for *Here We Stand...Too!* from Marilyn Kemmerling
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WORSHIP – PLEASE PRE-REGISTER It's great to get together again! Pre-registration is GREATLY appreciated *although we usually have several seats open*, so please join us! Just be sure to register with the person checking attendance. We ask that you wear a mask especially as you enter and leave, and during the service for those who can. We all continue to observe social distancing. Use our website or these links to register:

[August 29 & 30](#)

[September 5 & 6](#)

[September 12 & 13](#)

How to Watch / Worship / Join Us!

Worship –

- In Trinity Sanctuary Times: Sat. 6pm and Sun. 8:30 & 11am
- Facebook LIVE - Sundays at 10 a.m. (or later on our Web site)
- Recorded services can be watched on cable TV –
- Xfinity (Comcast) channel 21 or Spectrum (Charter) channel 187 / Wed. 5 p.m. and Thur. 9 a.m.

Bible Studies – <https://www.tlcmonroe.org/online-bible-studies>

- Philippians
- Gospel of Mark
- Two Citizenships: Conversations with Christians in the secular arena. Listen to interviews with Christian public servants: Troy Goodnough ([Goodnough Conversation](#)); Joe Bellino ([Bellino Conversation](#)); Randy Richardville ([Richardville Conversation](#)).
- “What if I am Hesitant to Go Outside” – dealing with fear: [Hesitant to Go Out](#)

Blessings from all of us at Trinity!

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