

# Trinity Tidings

*An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life*

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## Beginnings

*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.*

### Psalm 122:1

Beginnings can bring all kinds of emotions: happiness, anxiety, hope, dread. For me, the beginning of our congregation's program year has me feeling excited and hopeful. Being together for worship and mission, education and fellowship are some of the very best things in my life. I hope you feel the same way.

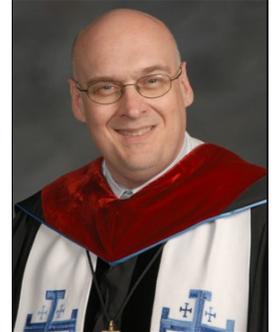
**Sunday, September 26th will be our Rally Day.** We missed the fun of this special day in 2020, so this year's traditional kickoff to our church year holds a good deal of expectancy and joy. I hope you will use the 26th as the day to renew worshipping in our sanctuary. I pray that Rally Day will show our congregation rallying to start all of our ministries. I anticipate that this autumn, we will be seeing more of each other as we pray and serve together.

We know that this church year will offer us happiness, hope and joy—of that, I have no doubts. This joy and hope and happiness will all be the outcome of our being the church together. Of course, I know there will also be some anxiety and uncertainty as we navigate the new normal, but I am assured that together we will realize Christ Jesus is with us and that he will bless us each step of the way.

I will be glad to see you at Rally Day on September 26. As our church year begins, I'm feeling hopeful and excited because as we worship and serve together this year, we all have every reason to keep...

Hoping Big,

Gregory



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## News & Notes

### Congratulations:

*Congratulations* to **Brian and Becky Kain** on the birth of their son, **Jack Arthur Kain**.

Please keep baby Jack in your prayers, as well as the Kain family.

### Sympathies:

*We extend our sympathies* to **Karan and Rusty Sieh** on the death of **Karan's mother, Francis Henry**. Please keep the **Sieh and Badskey** families in your prayers during this difficult time.



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## Music News



### Hello Trinity Music Friends!

I realize it has been a while since we have been able to actively make music together in person. I am hopeful that we will be able to be together

in some fashion this fall after Rally Day. Be on the lookout for more info about Trinity's choirs, bells and bands.

“My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music”

~ Psalm 57:7

If you have any questions, please contact Director of Music Lisa Marcelli – [lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org](mailto:lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org) or 856-428-2050.



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

# RALLY DAY!

SEPTEMBER 26TH,  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

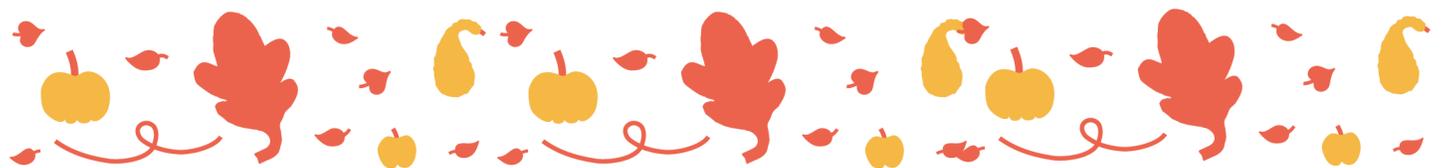
**Join us on Sunday,  
September 26th!**

Let's kick off the 2021-2022 program year!

Sign-ups for activities will take place in the **Community Room**.

The Membership Committee will provide individual snack bags; **Mr. Softee will be there too!**

Watch the website and eblast for more details as the date approaches.



## Children's Ministries

We are looking forward to the return of in-person Church School, beginning on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> (Rally Day). We have some new and exciting Church School programs planned for this year!



Keep an eye out for details to be provided soon on Trinity's website, and via direct email to our Church School families. Of course, you will also be notified of Covid protocols that we'll be following as we resume in person Church School. In the meantime, be sure that we have your up to date email and contact information. If you have had any changes, please notify Reverend Sarah at [sarah.craven@trinpres.org](mailto:sarah.craven@trinpres.org).





## Care 'n Share

**CARE N SHARE will be opening for business on Tuesday, September 14th at 10 am.** We are working hard to get the many summer/fall clothes out on the racks. We will begin with a 1/2 price sale on clothing in order to make room for winter!

We will be accepting donations of **only winter** clothing & housewares on Sundays following the 9:30 worship service and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 1pm.

We will most likely be requiring masks in the shop and our volunteers will be coming in different days to mark our items.

As always, please make sure your donated items are serviceable; clean, no tears, no missing buttons or missing parts. Please, do not leave items outside on the steps or at the bottom of the ramp.

Thanks to all for your continued support of Care 'n Share's mission. Stay safe and God Bless.—Eileen

## Library Committee

HELP WANTED!! The library committee is very small and at risk for extinction. We need your help! We typically meet the 1st Monday of the month at 10:30am in the church library, but since covid, we have stayed in touch via letters, phone calls, and emails. Assistance is needed with covering the books, reshelving, and general library maintenance (most can be done at your convenience). If interested, please email Michele Strobel at [kndlkaill@comcast.net](mailto:kndlkaill@comcast.net) or call 856-649-4087.



## School Supply Drive Continues this Month!

Do you remember the excitement of starting a new school year and having fresh school supplies? Having fresh crayons, notebooks, erasers, and sharp pencils do a lot to put young scholars in the mood to learn! The next time you are in the store, please think of that and pick up some supplies for today's students.

**The deacons will be collecting school supplies during the month September** for use by the students at Urban Promise.

**Collections in September will take place on Mission Thursdays (2nd, 16th, 30th) from 10am-2pm, outside Witherspoon. Collections bins are also located in Fellowship Hall for use on Sundays.**

Any contributions you can make will be greatly appreciated by the students and teachers at Urban Promise. Let's get the year off to a good start! If you have any questions regarding the drive, please contact Pete Desjardins (856) 649-8145.

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# Urban Promise School Drive Supply List:

Below is a list of the items specifically requested this year by our faculty and staff. We are always in need of office supplies as well as school supplies.

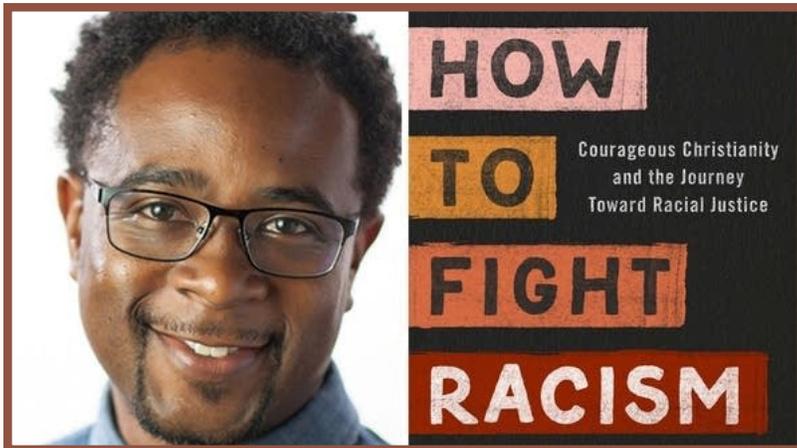
- **Lysol spray (or any kind of disinfecting spray)**
- **Lysol wipes (or any kind of disinfecting wipes)**
- Individual supply boxes
- **Whiteboard erasers**
- **Whiteboard markers**
- **Whiteboard Cleaner (by the gallon)**
- Small dry erase boards
- Backpacks
- K-5 Themed Book Bags (i.e., Batman, Mickey Mouse, Capt. America, LOL, Minnie Mouse, Frozen, etc.)
- **Pencils**
- **Pens (black and/or multicolor)**
- Colored pencils
- Bottled water
- Non-perishable healthy snacks (NO PEANUT BUTTER, 100% pure juice pouches, etc.)
- Sheet protectors
- **Stapler/staples**
- Desk tape dispensers
- **Scotch tape rolls**
- **8 ½ x 11 white copy paper**
- 3in. white binders
- **Boxed tissues**
- Duct tape (multicolored)
- Neon multicolored post-it notes (not accordion, if possible)
- Small glue sticks
- White-out

The bolded items are the ones for which we have the greatest need, because they are used so much! On the other hand, **we request that our donors do NOT provide the following** (as we have more than enough):

- Children's masks
- Notebooks
- Crayons
- Hand sanitizer

Our teachers would also very much enjoy certain comfort items like hand lotion and room fresheners (linen or cotton scented).

# **HOW TO FIGHT RACISM:** A ONE CHURCH/ONE BOOK Study Project *at Trinity Presbyterian Church*



Join our ONE CHURCH ONE BOOK study project for the 2021-2022 program year by reading Jemar Tisby's book **How to Fight Racism.** We are also offering two ZOOM opportunities each month for small group discussion and response planning to this compelling text. We will read one or two chapters each month according to the schedule presented below.

You have your choice of participating in a monthly small group discussion on each assigned reading EITHER on a Wednesday morning OR a Thursday evening, depending upon your schedule. During the small group time we will exchange our reactions to the text, engage in some additional activities to further explore the topics raised and prayerfully consider some potential responses to the challenges Tisby presents. After all, the book is entitled How to FIGHT Racism; we hope Tisby inspires us to some life-giving individual and church-wide responses to this systemic issue.

Begin this journey by picking up a copy of Tisby's book on the tables outside the church office. The book is available free of charge so that no one faces any barrier to participating in this program. If, however, you are able to purchase your book, a donation of \$15 will be gratefully accepted. When you pick up your book, please remember to note your name and email address on the sign-up sheet provided so that we can send you the ZOOM links for the small group meetings.

This is our proposed schedule.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Small Group Options</b>
September 2021	Read chapter 1	Wednesday September 15 at 10 am Thursday September 16 at 7 pm
October 2021	Read chapters 2 & 3	Wednesday October 20 at 10 am Thursday October 21 at 7 pm
November 2021	Read chapter 4	Wednesday November 10 at 10 am Thursday November 18 at 7 pm
January 2022	Read chapter 5	Wednesday January 12 at 10 am <i>(see next page)</i>

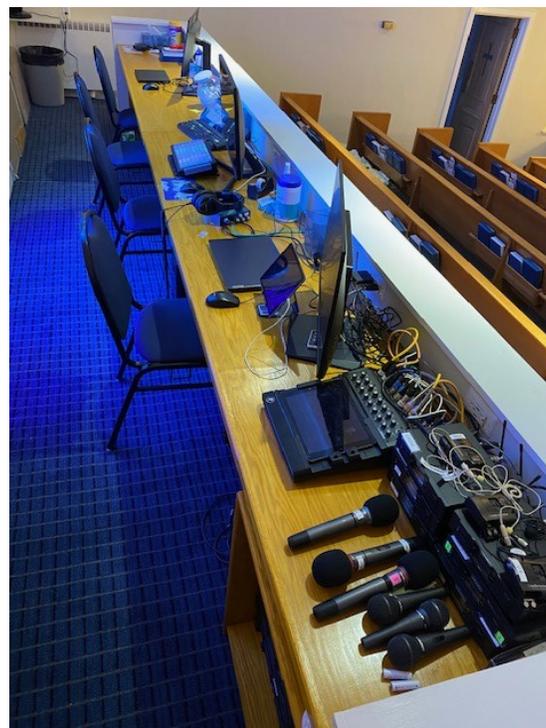
February 2022	Read chapter 6	Wednesday February 9 at 10 am Thursday February 17 at 7 pm
March 2022	Read chapter 7	Wednesday March 9 at 10 am Thursday March 17 at 7 pm
April 2022	Read chapter 8	Wednesday April 13 at 10 am Thursday April 21 at 7 pm
May 2022	Read chapters 9 & 10	Wednesday May 11 at 10 am Thursday May 19 at 7 pm.

We feel strongly that this book is important and potentially transformative. As we read, discuss, pray and grow together, we hope Tisby will inspire us to continue our journey by preparing an EQUITY ACTION PLAN for Trinity Church. We look forward to where the Spirit might lead us, together. Come and be part of this restorative work!

- The Racial Equity Committee

## COVID, WORSHIP, AND THE TRINITY PRODUCTION TEAM (TPT) – a Match made in Lockdown!

When the Lockdown went into effect on March 13, 2020, the Trinity pastoral staff began scrambling for a way to provide a virtual worship experience for our members and friends. Greg, Sarah, Barry, Lisa, and Brian turned to **Alene and Burt Bowen, and Susan Bastnagel**. Together, they had skills in technology, filming, and editing, and they stepped up to the plate and hit it out of the park for all of us who were floundering at home, desperately needing the connection to our fellow Trinity members and pastors. Alene is now Chair of the Production Team Committee of Session. She and Burt and Susan did the bulk of the work, starting that first Sunday in March (the 15<sup>th</sup>) when Lockdown began. Burt and Alene figured out how to do the initial recordings, and Susan joined in and edited those recordings into a coherent worship service. That first week, Burt and Susan worked on uploading the worship service to YouTube until after 2:06am! *(continued on next page)*



Thanks to them, Trinity's members were never without an opportunity to worship. How blessed we've been!

Over the course of the 15 months of Lockdown, the job evolved, and more help was needed. Alene recruited others to join the **Trinity Production Team (the TPT)** and she and Burt trained everyone to use the camera keyboard and text computer (called Open LP and Xkeys keyboard)—the tools needed to live stream our worship service to our YouTube channel. In alphabetical order they are **Joe Azevedo, Pam Dougherty, Jenny Leitinger, Mike McBride, Georgeanne Moore, Andrew Nieradka and Ben Rieth.**

**Doug Nork and Joe Azevedo** were also handling the Sound desk when Lockdown began, and it soon became apparent that the Sound desk should be moved to the balcony along with the rest of the production equipment. Joe devoted a minimum of 100 hours for sound and cameras alone, plus more time helping to move the wiring to the balcony. When the Production Team got up and running in the fall of 2020 in preparation for live streaming, Burt and Alene spent many hours training all of us to run the cameras and the text computer. Burt **wrote** the computer program that allows us to input and display the prayers, scripture and hymns that appear on our screens. **Lisa Marcelli** now obtains licensing for all the music that is performed during our services, and she types the words to all hymns and sends them to **Sue Nork**, who inputs the text into the computer program that the TPT uses to build the text portions of the service on Sunday mornings.

Burt also ran miles and miles of cable and wire to the balcony with the help of **Joe Azevedo** and **Walt Steinle**. Walt spent many solo hours on the project, having been involved in both the construction and the wiring. In the beginning, **Paul Paulson** (Kristi's husband) was also helping run wires and trouble-shooting glitches before he landed a full-time job with another church. **Clay Payne** (Sarah's husband) built 2 different tables for us to house the equipment. **Rick Fletcher** and the P&B Committee (**Walt Steinle, Dave Large, Jay Reinert and Rich Fletcher**—who isn't an official member of P&B, but is related to the Chair, LOL!) designed and built the permanent home of the TPT at the top of the balcony. **Brad Ritchie** routed the trim piece that frames the production desk. Finally, **Greg, Sarah, Barry, Lisa, and Brian** spent many hours planning and recording those services. **Melanie Faulkner** helped with candle lighting each week and communion set-up whenever it was celebrated.

**Burt** has spent innumerable hours researching different technologies, reading manuals and programming keys; meeting with the Ad Hoc Committee on streaming (**Sarah Payne, Steve Talbott and Susan Bastnagel**); attending Presbytery meetings on streaming technology—even reaching out to his high school friend, Peter Wiley, who is a minister for the United Church of Christ in Hudson, Ohio (he and his staff were very helpful); figuring out YouTube Studio; even acting like a silly lawyer trying to figure out copyright laws for music. Burt, Alene, and Susan regularly experienced a pattern of *start/stop/go in a different direction*, because what they implemented didn't work. All of it was an iterative process (meaning they had to keep doing it again and again, in hopes of improving it). There is simply too much to document.

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When **Burt** was asked to quantify his hours spent on the project, he said: “If we go back to March 15th last year, I estimate I have spent **a minimum of 1,200 hours** taping, editing, researching, programming, moving equipment, pulling wires, installing, testing, training, coordinating desk and command center stuff, and talking about church streaming. I’ve been in places in the church nobody wants to see! And we’ve spent countless late nights at church...twenty of them were after 1:00am!”

**Susan Bastnagel** didn’t keep track of her hours and she’s very humble about her contribution, saying, “every single thing that makes Trinity’s livestream so outstanding comes from Burt and Alene conceiving it, and Burt figuring out how to make it happen.” But Burt reminds us that “Susan edited almost **every** video from March 15th until we began live streaming in November. She was instrumental in delivering a quality product!”

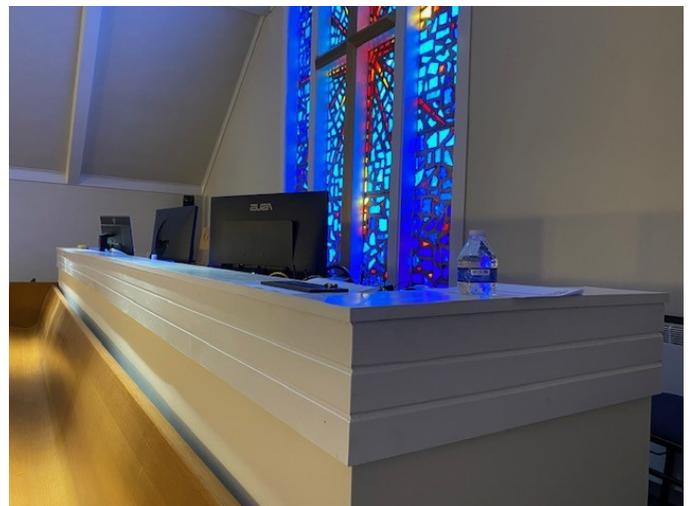
**Alene** added: “I wish I kept track of the hours I put in. During the first year, it was a lot of planning, research, meetings with Susan and Greg, endless discussions about the best way to do things, trial and error, prayers and even some tears. Covid made things even more frustrating and difficult due to lockdowns and safety concerns. Also, we formed a new Session committee and sought Session approval for funding. Recruiting and training the TPT members has been a very rewarding process—I am so very grateful to have become closer to my Trinity brothers and sisters, made new friends and of course acquired a lot of new skills. The team members are constantly teaching me about what it means to have open hearts and willing hands. They are simply the best! I guess if I had to put a number on it, eleventy billion!!”

Eleventy billion hours may not be a real number, but it helps us understand how truly monumental the task was, and it’s still not 100% finished. Burt plans to fine-tune some of the wiring at the production desk, then P&B will complete the interior drywall and the desk will be officially DONE sometime in October.

Friends, please remember that worship doesn’t happen magically; it’s carefully planned. Greg & Sarah & Barry choose the scriptures, write the sermons, choose the hymns, and design the service. Lisa and Brian research, choose and practice the music—which they perform themselves (most of the time), recruiting others whenever possible. Sue produces the 2 Orders of Service and inputs the text. And the TPT is on site every week, running the equipment that live streams our worship to your home.

The expertise of these teams kept us connected during Lockdown and will continue to keep us connected for the foreseeable future. Each week, they show us the true meaning of stewardship of time and talent.

*Thank you, one and all!*



# PW September Circles

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

MIRIAM CIRCLE

9:30am- Trinity Anteroom & Virtual

Circle Leader: Carolyn Kramer



## MONDAY, Sept. 20, 2021

DEBORAH CIRCLE

TBD

Circle Leader: Doris Sapp

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

1pm- Virtual

Circle Leader: Jenny Stark

RUTH CIRCLE

7:30pm Nancy Roberts' home

Circle Leaders: Nancy Roberts & Susan Bastnagel

## TUESDAY, Sept. 21, 2021

SHIPRAH CIRCLE

7:00pm-place TBD

Circle Leaders: Sue Nork & Patti Baechler

REBEKAH CIRCLE

7pm. – TBD

Circle Leader: Louisa Coffin-Tilsner

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

ESTHER CIRCLE

TBD

Circle Leader: Linda Craven

*\*\*Please confirm with your circle moderator on time, and place\*\**

## PW Moderators Message

To all of the Sisters of Christ at Trinity,



As we begin to come together again; we want to welcome you all to participate in our programs for the coming year. To continue on last years' theme of "Staying Connected" (which you did so amazingly and creatively well), we hope we can challenge ourselves to "Get More Connected". More connected to our Trinity family who are not in Circles. More connected to our Presbytery and National PW Organization. More connected to Mission opportunities locally, nationally and internationally.

With our wonderful PW Coordinating Team, we will be able to strengthen our Faith and come together for meaningful learning, worship and mission in Jesus' name.

Looking forward to seeing as many as possible of you on Rally Day on September 26th. We are here to help serve you, if you have ideas or suggestions or need anything please reach out to me ([CarolynHKramer@comcast.net](mailto:CarolynHKramer@comcast.net)).

Keeping you all in our prayers,  
Carolyn Kramer

# Stay Connected!



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## *Ways of Connecting with Trinity*

**Virtual Worship**– Check our website every Sunday for our Virtual Worship services.

**Phone Calls & Email**– We are here for you! Call or email the Church Office, Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm. Pastors will also be making calls and reaching out to you.

**Website**– Visit our website to stay up-to-date with all happenings at Trinity, the scrolling web banner at the top of the page will link you to our most important information.

**Eblasts**– Check your inbox (and spam folders) for up-to-date Trinity news.

**Facebook**– Our Facebook site will also keep you informed. This is also where you can post comments and share photos!

**YouTube Videos**– Check out our Virtual Worship videos but also videos of past musical performances and congregants sharing what makes Trinity such a great place to worship!

**Instagram**– Trinity now has an Instagram page! Follow us in this new venture on Instagram at [@trinpres](https://www.instagram.com/trinpres).

**Prayer Wall**– Do you know you can post prayer requests to our website? Look for more information to come on just how to do this.

**Zoom Groups**– Many groups at Trinity are connecting through zoom– it's like a giant FaceTime session for a whole group of people! It can be done through a computer or phone– check with your group leaders to see if they are offering this.

**\*Please check with your group leaders to see if any Trinity groups will be meeting online or in-person September\***



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***Next Tidings deadline is September 15th for October Issue***

SEEK  
**First**  
the  
KINGDOM

In-Person &  
Virtual  
Worship:  
9:30am  
Sunday  
Mornings  
in September

Then all things will be given to you. | **Matthew 6:33**

The graphic features a textured, parchment-like background with a large, stylized red and green 'First' in the center. A yellow and orange maple leaf is positioned to the left of the word 'First'. The text 'SEEK' is above 'First', 'the' is below it, and 'KINGDOM' is at the bottom. A quote from Matthew 6:33 is at the very bottom.