

Trinity Tidings

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

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Lord, Teach Us To Pray

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray

Luke 11:1

It's quite the amazing request, isn't it? Teach us to pray! Instruct us how to talk with God! And that is what Jesus did. He taught them to pray. That must mean that *we can learn to pray* and if that is the case, I'd say we are all life-long learners in this school of faith.

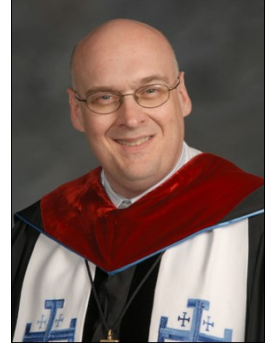
Thankfully, a truly wonderful teacher will be here to inspire us through her incredible gifts of story-telling and spiritual insight. Stephanie Saldaña, the award-winning author of *Bread of Angels* (2010) and *A Country Between* (2017), will be leading a Spiritual Renewal Weekend next month. The theme of our weekend will be based on the faithfulness of Mary, the mother of the Lord. Stephanie will help us read the Biblical passages associated with Mary as a way to deepen our lives of prayerful discipleship. I want to strongly encourage you to avail yourself of our Spiritual Renewal Weekend. If you do, I believe you will have learned more about what it means to be in conversation with the Living God.

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Friday evening, October 29 and Saturday morning, October 30 as Stephanie teaches us through story, Biblical teaching and times of prayer. Registration will begin this month and both of Stephanie's books will be available soon for purchase during coffee hour.

I hope you will help me welcome Stephanie Saldaña as she comes from Jerusalem to spend a weekend with the family called Trinity. If you do, you will have even greater reason to be...

Hoping Big,

Gregory



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News & Notes

In Memoriam:

Marie M. Willem

United with Trinity, February 10, 1985; Died July 15, 2022

Sympathies:

We express our sympathies to John, Barbara, Valerie and Julia Wilson on the passing of John's mother, Mary Jane Rhodes Wilson.

Baptisms:

We rejoice this on the occasion of the following baptisms:

Sara Amaral Schmitzer

daughter of Joanna and Gabriel Schmitzer

Benjamin Liam Waraas

son of Cheryl and Eric Waraas

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Jenny Leitinger and Brian Foley who were married in our Sanctuary on August 13, 2022.

Congratulations to Walter III and Felicia Steinle on the birth of their son, Walter Stephen Steinle, IV. And congratulations to proud grandparents, Walter and Kathy Steinle!



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For everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose
under the heaven:

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Shari's Designs Exclusive

COME HOME TO TRINITY!

Rally Day 2022

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Worship, 9:30 AM, followed by signups for the 2022-23 Program Year.

And our Rally Day Picnic is back! Hot dogs and drinks provided.

Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share! Fellowship, food, fun...and Mr. Softee!

Reconnect with your
Trinity family!

Spiritual Renewal Weekend

October 29-31, 2022

Registration is happening at each coffee hour for this inspirational weekend with noted-author, Stephanie Saldaña.



Stephanie Saldaña is a writer, teacher and journalist who specializes in religious diversity in the Middle East, with a focus on refugees. She first traveled to the region over twenty five years ago on a Thomas Watson fellowship, where she became fascinated by conversations between local Christians and Muslims. After starting her career as a journalist at the Lebanon Daily Star in Beirut, she returned to the United States to pursue a Masters in Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School, where she focused on Muslim-Christian dialogue and Arabic. In 2004, she moved to Syria on a Fulbright Islamic Civilizations Initiative Grant to study the Prophet Jesus in Islam. Her year there became the basis of her first book, *The Bread of Angels*. In 2006 she moved to Jerusalem, where she has

lived till moving to Bethlehem this year. Her articles and essays have appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, America, Plough, and other publications. In 2016, as an Abraham Path Fellow, she launched The Mosaic Stories to tell the stories of disappearing cultural heritage in the Middle East, particularly among refugees fleeing Iraq and Syria. Her second book, *A Country Between*, was released in 2017. Stephanie, and with her husband, Fr. Jonah (Frederic) Masson and their three children live in Bethlehem, where Fr. Jonah is the priest for the Syriac Catholic Church.

Trinity's Music News

YOU CAN MAKE MUSIC AT TRINITY!



Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm



Adult Bell Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 6:45pm

Children's Rehearsals

Cherub Choir – Pre-K and Kindergarten;

Thursday 4:30-5:00pm

Carol Choir – 1st and 2nd grade;

Thursday 5:00-5:30pm

Team Choir – 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade;

Thursday 5:30-6:00pm

Team Bells – 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade; Thursday 6:00-6:30pm



Youth Rehearsals

Youth Choir – 6th -12th grade; Sundays 10:45am-11:15am

Youth Bell Ensemble 6th -12th grade; Sundays 11:15am-11:45am

Youth Instrumental Ensemble 6th -12th grade;

Rehearsal Dates to be Announced

Trinity Band and

Mahalo Ukulele Band

Rehearsal Dates to be Announced



Please call the church office at 428-2050 or e-mail Lisa Marcelli,
Director of Music, at lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org for more
information.

Mission & Outreach

Peacemaker—Jonathan Drake Vumu at Trinity

The Mission Committee is once again excited to host a Presbyterian Peacemaker! We hope you will join us on October 2nd to hear from our 2022 Peacemaker Jonathan Drake Vumu from Malawi! We will meet at 11 AM after church- stay tuned for more information.



Jonathan Drake Vumu is the Executive Director of the Livingstonia Synod AIDS Programme (LISAP), a department of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP), Synod of Livingstonia in Malawi. Jonathan holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Master's in Business Administration. He has over ten years' experience in program management especially in HIV and AIDS, Nutrition, and Early Childhood Development.

MISSION THURSDAY CONTINUES

After consulting with Cathedral Kitchen regarding their need for food donations during the fall, the Mission & Outreach Committee has decided to continue Mission Thursday through the end of the year. Since we started this mission at the beginning of the pandemic, Trinity has donated almost 30,000 sandwiches, 12,000 bottles of water, 1,000 bags of fruit and 400 bags/boxes of snacks. On many occasions, Alex Wills, Community Relations Director for CK, has expressed her gratitude for our congregation's tremendous support of Cathedral Kitchen. The dates for mission Thursday in September and October are: September 8th and 22nd, October 6th and 20th.

VOLUNTEERING AT CATHEDRAL KITCHEN

Many of you may recall that before the pandemic, Trinity had a group of people that volunteered once per month at Cathedral Kitchen. The volunteers worked in the kitchen/dining room plating food, waiting on tables, cleaning up, etc. We are considering restarting this practice in the fall. If you are interested in volunteering at CK, you can sign up at the M&O table during Rally Day or contact Hersch Craven at herschcraven@aol.com.

Care 'n Share

The Care n Share Thrift Shop will be open again this Fall! Our opening date is Tuesday, September 13.

Our hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays & the first Saturday of the month from 10am to 1 pm. Donations to the shop can be brought in during those hours and also Sunday mornings following the 9:30 worship services.

Visit our table on Rally Day, September 18. Sign up to volunteer on a regular basis or “whenever you can”. Come in when convenient for you for a “training session”.... Not that hard! Join us for fun & fellowship & a rewarding experience.. we donated over \$14,000 this past year to local missions!



Care 'n Share



BookSmiles

Mission & Outreach Committee is grateful to acknowledge the congregation's support of the **BookSmiles** collection. We collected 400 books (100 more than last year!) that will be distributed by **BookSmiles** to children in local communities who have limited access to literary resources.

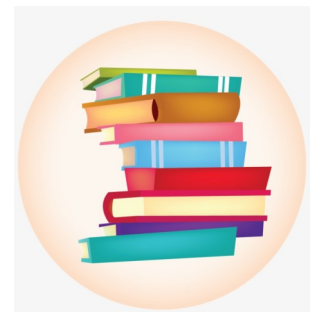
To learn more about **BookSmiles** and how to make monetary donations, please visit their website at www.booksmiles.org

Watch for more updates in Tidings as we establish a permanent BookSmiles collection station here at Trinity!



Trinity Library Corner

The Library Committee will have a table at Rally Day! There will be all kinds of books for you to purchase that everyone can enjoy. We'll have children's books, adult fiction, youth fiction, and adult non-fiction available to look at. A memorial plaque will be placed in each book you buy.



Children's Ministry

NEWS FROM CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:



There will be no childcare on September 4th. September 18th is Rally Day and we will start our rotation schedule that we used last year.

The First Sunday of each month the school aged children will have a brief lesson and then they will work on a Mission Project. Last year, to name a few, the children made sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen, made table decorations for Cathedral Kitchen, Hygiene Kits for the Disaster Fund and decorated cards for our members that are not able to attend in person.

The second week the children and their families will meet downstairs in the Community Room with Pastor Sarah. There will be a lesson and then they will all work on an art project.

The third Sunday the children will participate in a traditional class setting.

The fourth Sunday the children will attend church with their parents so they can become familiar with our worship service.

The fifth Sunday, when there is a fifth Sunday, they will again participate in regular classes. We are very excited to start a new year with our children.

On Sunday, September 11th the school age children, (PRE-K-GRADE), will meet in the Community Room for a pancake breakfast.

Also we would like to thank the following members who helped with the Sunday Nursery coverage over the summer: Lydia Burgess, Meghan Craven, Willemijn Don-Goetz, Selena Bandi, Carol Parsons, Lauren Parsons, Camrynn Curl, Karen Kain, Jenny Leitinger, Dipal Willoughby, Linda Wilson, Jen Dukelow, Liz Nieradka, Margaret Gammie and of course Linda Craven. Thank you for taking the time to be with our young children.

Please Save these Important Dates!!!!!!

- **September 11th- Pancake Breakfast**

The children are invited to join us during church on September 11th for pancakes and games. Children will meet in the community room this Sunday to reconnect and kick off the start of our year together!



- **September 18th- Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks**
Help us kick off the school year with a blessing for the year ahead. **We invite all school age children (preschool through high school) and teachers to bring their backpack/ totes to church this Sunday.** We will bless the bags during the start of the service and pray together for a successful school year!



PW September Circles

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

DEBORAH CIRCLE (Circle Moderator is Doris Sapp) TBD

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

MIRIAM CIRCLE (Circle Moderators are Georgetanne Moore & Melissa Smith)
9:30am Anteroom (In-person)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

PRISCILLA CIRCLE (Circle Moderator is Jenny Stark-Carboni)
1pm Virtual Meeting

RUTH CIRCLE

Circle Moderators are (Donna Vasik & Audrey Azevedo)
7pm. Home of Eileen Rankin

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

SHIPRAH CIRCLE (Circle Moderators are Lis Digneo & Meagan Mackerer)
7pm Community Room (In-person)

REBEKAH CIRCLE (Circle Moderator is Judy Spotto)
7pm Virtual Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

ESTHER CIRCLE (Circle Moderator is Linda Craven)
Circle will meet, following church service



PW: Moderator's Message

To all of the Sisters of Christ at Trinity,

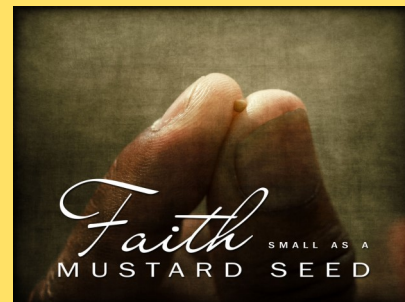
As we come together again at the start of a new program year, we want to welcome you all to participate in our programs for the coming year. As we come out of the Pandemic phase of COVID-19, we are all hoping that life will get back to "normal." What will that look like? The uncertainty of the path forward could be discouraging, but I think we need to challenge ourselves to be encouraging.

The theme for this year is Mustard Seed Moments where we will take time to celebrate and grow the many small things we do that when put together in the context of our Faith Community have a super-sized impact on the lives of others and ourselves.

I hope you will consider attending a PW Gathering and/or joining a Circle this year. Please stop by the PW Table at Rally Day on September 18th for more information. Also, please **HOLD THE DATE** for the **Fall Gathering** which is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 4, 2022** at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and will include a boxed supper. The tickets will be sold on Rally Day and also on 9/25/22 and 10/2/22.

With our wonderful PW Coordinating Team, we will be able to strengthen our Faith and come together for meaningful learning, worship, respite, and mission in Jesus' name. We are here to help and serve you. Please feel free to reach out to me (sparky11142@verizon.net).

Keeping you all in our prayers.
Barbara Clarke



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 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? Simply click the connect tab on the top of our webpage. Then click prayer request to type and submit a prayer.

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 option of meeting.

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