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*Don't ask yourself what the world needs.
Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that,
because what the world needs is people who have come alive.*
Howard Thurman

*I hope you come alive when you are travelling to beautiful and far-off destinations,
and I hope you also come alive in living rooms and heartfelt conversations,
because I promise you: Light is shining there too.
In all that is subtle and all that is grand,
I hope you come alive, fully present whenever you can.*
Morgan Harper Nichols

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

The long season of Pentecost, the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, is beginning. This is the season of growth, the season when our worship spaces are dressed in green, a season that honors all the life, new growth, and change that surrounds us. It's a time to become more rooted, more present, more aware of Christ's peace and love in our lives. It's a time to come alive, to discover new people, new interests, new passions, new faith, new hobbies...all the things and people and places and experiences...that make you come alive.

What makes your spirit come alive? What makes you feel joy? What stretches your boundaries of knowledge and understanding? What gives you energy, strengthens your faith, restores your resolve, ignites your passion, helps you return to yourself over and over again? Is it placing your feet in the sand at the beach, starting a new book, watching a rain shower, meditating, exploring a new city, reading poetry, writing poetry, stepping out of your comfort zone to learn something new, standing up for others, working for justice, speaking truth to power, sharing a meal with the people you love? This is the season, the time in the church year, the time in the calendar year to come alive.

May God bless you and our beloved community with new life, new growth, and new hope during this Season of Pentecost. May the Holy Spirit give us everything we need to come alive, to bloom and blossom, to bless the world with love.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

COUNCIL NOTES

At the May meeting of the Congregation Council, the council..

---received a report from the Treasurer noting that expenses for April were \$15,680 below projections;

---learned that the First Fruits Sunday and Congregational Lunch will be held on Sunday, October 6;

---regretfully received a report from the Executive Committee noting that the requirements and facility changes needed in order for Trinity's facilities to be used to address the childcare crisis in Greenville were too invasive and expensive for Trinity to participate; and

---agreed by consensus not to meet in June or July unless a need arises that requires a meeting.

GIVING TO TRINITY



Trinity is grateful for all the prayers, contributions, and displays of support from members, friends, and guests. Financial contributions can be placed in the offering plates during worship, mailed to the church, or given electronically by going to trinitylutheran.ws, by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



SABBATICAL TIME AWAY FOR PASTOR JIM PARHAM AND DEACON AMY BROWN

Pastor Parham will be away on sabbatical during the months of June and July and Deacon Amy Brown will be away from Monday, May 20 to Friday, July 19 for sabbatical. Please hold Pastor Parham and Deacon Amy in your thoughts and prayers as they step away from the daily demands of ministry and enjoy these weeks of rest and healing.

NURSERY FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



A nursery is available during the 10:00 am worship service on Sunday morning, whether the congregation is worshipping in the Sanctuary or the Gym. Practices and protocols follow all DHEC recommendations for daycare centers. All staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated and are trained and approved in Trinity's Child Protection Policy. A copy of the updated guidelines can be obtained through the Church Office.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir will be on summer break for the months of June, July, and through the middle of August. Information about the fall rehearsal schedule will be coming in the August Tidings.



Martin Luther called music the “Servant of the Gospel,” and the goal as singers is to offer music that draws our minds, bodies, emotions, and imaginations to experience God’s word more deeply. Everyone with a love of singing is invited to join this community of musical mission partners. There are no auditions. If interested in singing with the group when rehearsals begin in the fall, please e-mail Pastor Parham at the beginning of August at jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws.

Handbell Choir is on summer break until the fall. Ringing handbells is a unique and especially satisfying kind of precisely coordinated human community. The group is, in effect, a single percussion instrument with many hands. If interested in joining this unique kind of musical community, please contact Pastor Parham in August at jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws.

AN ORGAN UPDATE FROM PASTOR PARHAM

In September of 2020, our failing pipe organ was removed from the Sanctuary balcony and trucked to Louisville, KY, to be rebuilt into a vastly improved instrument by D. C. Schroth Organ Builders. The plan at that time was to reinstall the rebuilt instrument during 2021. The unforeseen happened. Covid cases surged, supply chains shut down, builders of important organ components went out of business, and those that survived fell years behind in manufacturing components. We are blessed that our builder persevered against these almost impossible challenges, so that, on April 24 of 2024, the installation of the organ began.

Between April 24 and May 4, the first of the two case towers that will ultimately frame our Hope window was erected, windchests were installed, and the almost 900 pipes for that division, including some that are a full 16 feet tall, began going onto those chests. On May 4, the builders took a two-week pause, returning on May 20 to install, tune, and voice the remaining pipes in the North Tower. The beautiful new console was moved up from Room 11 by the Gym and into the Balcony. The wiring of the console was completed, and it was connected to the organ. Work on voicing and tuning the pipes is expected to continue into early June.

We have no established start date for the installation of the South Tower, but the builders have already made significant progress on the pipework, casework, and facade. The next major step is the design and fabrication of the two large and complex windchests.

JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 2

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym

Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Thursday, June 6

Queer-led Worship at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Hot dogs served following worship on the front lawn

Sunday, June 9

Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Refreshments and fellowship to follow on the front lawn

Sunday, June 16

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym

Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Sunday, June 23

Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Refreshments and fellowship to follow on the front lawn

Wednesday, June 26

Pride Worship service 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Greenville Gay Men's Chorus Singing

Refreshments to follow on the front lawn

Sunday, June 30

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym

Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

CONGREGATION LUNCH AND INDOOR INFLATABLE

All members and friends of the Trinity family (adults, youth, and children) are invited to gather in the Multipurpose Room following worship on Sunday, June 9 to enjoy a baked potato bar followed by some fun on an indoor inflatable attraction in the Gym. Please reach out to the Church Office to register for this event.

YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Trinity youth and adult chaperones will gather on Sunday, June 9, for a final time together before heading to the Youth Gathering in July. Participants will meet in the Youth Room, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. These monthly events center around the youth gathering theme, *Created to Be*, and provide the opportunity for all youth to build relationships and grow in faith. The theme is centered on Psalm 139:14 - "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well."



JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

Pridefest is back at Trinity! On Saturday, June 8, from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, Trinity will host the Fourth Annual Pridefest. This will be the second time Trinity has hosted this exciting event. Pridefest is a collaborative community event seeking to better the overall health and well-being of the local LGBTQIA+ community by partnering with local organizations to strengthen queer youth and young adults. This event will take place in the Activities Building and will feature a wide array of activities, vendors, and fun! Over 400 people are expected to attend. If you'd like to volunteer at Pridefest, please contact Patrick Preacher.



Queer-led Worship will celebrate Pride on Thursday, June 6. As is tradition, Trinity's Pride month Front Lawn display will be blessed following worship. Please plan to join in this worship, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Hot dogs will be served on the front lawn following worship.

Worship at Trinity will once again be a featured activity for Pride Week! On Wednesday, June 26, Trinity will sponsor the fifth Annual Pride worship service along with the Greenville Gay Men's Chorus. This service is publicized as an official event of Upstate Pride's Black Pride Festival. Please plan to attend this meaningful worship service with Holy Communion.

Upstate Pride's Black Pride March and Festival is Saturday, June 29 from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm. Trinity has been a powerful faith-based presence at this event since its inception. Taking over Greenville's Main Street, the march and festival features live music, a celebratory march, vendors, non-profit exhibits, food trucks, and an abundance of queer joy! If interested in volunteering at Trinity's booth, please contact Patrick

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The South Carolina Synod of the ELCA will gather remotely for assembly on Saturday, June 8 under the theme *Like Good Stewards*. Lay voting members from Trinity include Mike Boliek, Greg Hamluk, Donna Potts, Peggy Schotsch, and Lani Wise.

GOAL/GREENVILLE ORGANIZED FOR ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP

GOAL network members are invited to gather at the Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1135 State Park Road, Greenville for a Celebration Event and Investment Drive on Monday, June 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. At this event where the accomplishments of the past year will be celebrated, all network members will be asked to make an investment in the ministry. Financial contributions to GOAL may be made by bringing a check to this event, mailing a check to GOAL at P.O. Box 757, Greenville, SC 29602, or by writing a check to Trinity and marking it for GOAL. Thank you for supporting this ministry that is helping to make Greenville a more fair, just, and equitable community for all people.

SUMMER FAITH FORMATION

This summer the entire congregation is invited to come together for fellowship, learning, and faith formation each Sunday morning before worship. Join the group for *Wisdom From the Hebrew Scriptures*, an intergenerational series for folks of all ages. Adults, children, and families are encouraged to join the group in re-visiting some cherished Old Testament stories including Moses, Jacob and Esau, Esther, and Daniel in the lion's den. Each Sunday at 9:00 am, everyone is invited to the Multipurpose Room in the Activities Building for coffee, juice, a pick up breakfast, and fellowship. This will be a great chance to reconnect and meet new faces. Leaders for the group are Nell Orscheln, Lindsay Hawkins, and Penny Bostain. All ages, young and old, are needed to learn from each other and form bonds and grow in faith in this place.

HISTORY READING GROUP

Please join the Trinity Lutheran Church History Reading Group to discuss selected topics based on historical nonfiction books. The group will meet Sunday, June 23 (one week later than usual) at 3:00 pm in Rooms 12 and 13. *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. Lindsay Hawkins will lead the discussion. New comers always welcome. Contact David Hill at jdhillnc50@gmail.com or (704) 307-0520 or Don Todd at dktodd47@gmail.com or (803) 517-8129 for more information. Participation via Zoom will be available.

MISSIONARY VISIT TO TRINITY

Pastor Sarah Wilson, an ELCA missionary to Tokyo, will visit Trinity on Monday, July 22 at 6:00 pm in Rooms 12 and 13. The topic of discussion will be *Ministry in Tokyo: Learning from the unique challenges of mission work in Japan*. Please contact Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws with any questions.

PEACE CAMP AT TRINITY

"In the beginning, before there was anything, there was love..."



but many believed a lie, that some people are better than others..."

Join us for Peace Camp at Trinity!

With the theme, "Tell Me the Truth About Racism," **adults and children** will learn about racism in ways that will help to faithfully combat racism in our community.

Three evenings of programming include a meal and activity centered around the evening's story.

June 16, 17, and 18 5:30 - 8:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room.

All children must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or caring adult. Childcare with themed activities will be available for infants through age four.

Meals are themed with each night and provided free of charge!

Sunday: White, sweet, and purple baked potatoes with toppings, Chili, Salad, Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Monday: Jollaf Rice Bowls with topping bar, Salad, Sweet Potato Pie

Tuesday: Celebrating a black-owned business: Hill's Catering will serve Fried Chicken, Mac 'n Cheese, Collards, Yams, Cornbread, Sweet Tea.

Sign up at the Peace Camp table following worship or by calling the Church Office.

CELEBRATING A NEW BABY AT TRINITY

Please join the Trinity Family
for a Celebration in honor of

Chris ad Sarah Jo Harmon

as they anticipate the arrival of their 4th child

Sunday, July 7, 2024

Following worship in the Gym

If you would like to support the Harmon family,
please consider bringing a purchased or homemade
frozen casserole or a meal gift card.



JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 2</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:30 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</p>
<p>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 9:30 SECOND SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 16</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM RECEPTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES</p> <p>5:30 - 8:30 PEACE CAMP</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:30 - 8:30 PEACE CAMP</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30 - 8:30 PEACE CAMP</p>
<p>FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 23</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p> <p>3:00 HISTORY READING GROUP 5:30 YOUTH MINISTRY</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 30</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p>		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>6:30 QUEER-LED WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <hr/> <p>11:00 - 3:00 PRIDEFEST 8</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>6:30 AM MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP</p> <p>11:30 WELCOME TABLE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>2:00 PERIOD PARTY</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>6:30 LOVE WINS 7:00 BOOK GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>6:30 PRIDE WORSHIP - SANCTUARY</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>11:00 - 6:00 BLACK PRIDE MARCH AND FESTIVAL</p>

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Thanks to all who continue to contribute to the Food Pantry. In addition to regular items, the pantry is in special need of canned meats, toilet paper, and canned vegetables. All are encouraged to bring donations to worship. A volunteer will be stationed at the Red Canopy Door from 9:30 to 10:00 am on the second Sunday of each month to assist in unloading donations. Upcoming date is June 9. The following items are most needed: dried beans (16 oz), peanut butter (16 oz), cereal, canned fruit, rice (2 lb bag), pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned vegetables, individually packaged snack items, and toilet paper. Your support and love is greatly appreciated. If interested in volunteering to collect items during the Sunday Food Drives, please contact Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws



BOOK GROUP

The Trinity Book Group, which is open to all readers, meets in the Parlor on the third Thursday every other month at 7:00 pm to discuss books of all genres. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 20. The group will discuss the book *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. Other book selections for the year include:



August 15: *The Bell in the Lake* by Lars Mytting

October 17: *Stories for Punjabi Widows* by Balli Kaur Jaswai

December 19: *The Echo of Old Books* by Barbara Davis

February 20, 2025: *North Woods* by Daniel Mason

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH



All adults are invited to enjoy lunch together after worship on Sunday, June 23 at Copper River Grill, 775 Haywood Road, Greenville. Mary Brown and Suzanne Rudisill will be hosting the event. If interested in joining the group for lunch, please call or text Mary at 864-991-1882 or Suzanne at 864-905-4119 so that a space can be reserved for you. The group will gather again for lunch on Sunday, July 21.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

In an effort to stay connected, please consider extending birthday greetings to the following members. If you would like the church to know your birthdate please contact the Church Office to submit this information through Realm.

Carl Brune - June 19
Naomi Campbell - June 21
Vicki Charlotte - June 12
Suzanne Delap - June 12
Madelyn Fagala - June 29
Megan Finnern - June 24
Mark Godfrey - June 5
Brian Goodlett - June 17
Thomas Harmon - June 14
Will Harmon - June 2
Melanie Helling - June 22
Deirdre Hixson - June 19
Ali Landreth - June 6
Cathie Landreth - June 16
Amanda Mast - June 7

Christ Mast - June 7
Michael McArver - June 15
Megan McDuffee - June 2
Andrew McFadyen - June 25
Richard Moose - June 5
Cathy O'Neill - June 11
Nell Orscheln - June 15
Mary Beth Ridenhour - June 9
Jake Sawyer - June 14
Abby Sease - June 4
McKinsey Threlkeld - June 12
Mary Valenti - June 30
Cathy Westbrook - June 11
Lance Wilcox - June 23



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Women's Bible Study



The Women's Bible Study Group meets monthly for fellowship and Bible study. The group usually meets on the first Tuesday of each month. All women are invited to attend on June 4 at 10:30 am in Rooms 12 and 13. The group is discussing the book *Falling Upward: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr. Contact Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com for additional information.

and Fellowship Group

MEN'S REFLECTION AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Men's Fellowship

A Reflection and Fellowship Group for men meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 am to 7:30 am in the Church Parlor. Calvin Harmon leads and facilitates this group with the intent of providing a brave, safe space for mutual sharing and encouragement. The morning includes a light breakfast as well as time for devotions and prayer. Up-coming meeting dates include June 12 and July 10.

PRAYING FOR POSSIBILITIES

Praying for Possibilities is a program at Trinity dedicated to praying for the ministries of the congregation. Members and friends of the congregation are invited to sign up for a specific week during the year when they are encouraged to pray through the written prayers one time during the course of the assigned week. This ministry requires a small commitment of time with the possibility of tremendous blessing. To ask questions about the ministry or to sign up to participate, please reach out to Beth Bennett-Hill at bethbhnc@yahoo.com or 704-307-0521 or to Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com or 864-230-6252.

June Prayer Volunteers

June 2 - 8

Elizabeth Thompson

June 9 - 15

Gail Moose

June 16 - 22

Mary Beth Ridenhour

June 23 - 29

Zerle Hubbard

June 30 - July 6

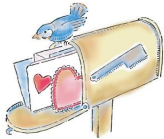
Bobby Smith

THE WELCOME TABLE

The Welcome Table is so grateful to be partnering with Feed & Seed Company of Greenville to continue serving and connecting with our neighbors. On Wednesday, June 12, the Welcome Table lunch will be served at 11:30 am in the Multipurpose Room. If you aren't a regular attendee of the Welcome Table, this is a great day to try out this fun and fulfilling ministry. All are always welcome to attend! Please contact Patrick Preacher at pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws with any questions.



TLC4TLC



TLC4TLC is for anyone who would like to write notes and cards for members who are ill, grieving, or unable to attend worship, as well as for those who are celebrating joys. Interested participants may contact Debbie Farstad at deb fars@att.net.

BOOK COLLECTION

The Greenville Literacy Association is sponsoring the *Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale*. Book collection will continue through the month of June. The collection box is located in the Breezeway. Books may also be taken to the GLA location at McAlister Square. For more information, go to the GLA website at greenvilleliteracy.org



QUEER - LED WORSHIP ROAD TRIP

Queer-led Worship is going on the road for the month of July! Worship will take place at the Wild Goose Festival in Union Grove, NC on Friday, July 12 at 5:00 pm. The Wild Goose Festival is a gathering of people and organizations grounded in faith-inspired social justice. The festival includes workshops, lectures, worship, music, storytelling, arts and crafts, and so much more. You can find out more at www.wildgoosefestival.org. A group of Trinity folks will be traveling Thursday, July 11 to stay at an Airbnb Thursday night, enjoy the festival all day Friday, including Queer-led Worship at 5:00 pm, before traveling back to Greenville. Please contact Angie McCormack if you would like to be part of this group. Angie McCormack and Patrick Preacher both have a link to get free tickets, so the cost will just include your portion of the Airbnb. Contact either staff member to get the link before purchasing a ticket.



LET'S HAVE A PERIOD PARTY

In celebration of the end of the Pink Tax in South Carolina, let's have a Period Party on Thursday, June 13 at 2:00 pm in the Assembly Room to pack period packs for local women and girls living in poverty who do not have access to feminine hygiene products to manage their monthly menstrual cycle. Participants are encouraged to bring tampons, pads and liners for the project. Refreshments will be provided. Please reach out to the Church Office to register for this event.

FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCT COLLECTION

In preparation for the Period Party on Thursday, June 13 feminine hygiene items are being collected (tampons, pads, and liners) to create Period Packs for local women and girls in poverty. Donations may be brought to worship on Sunday mornings or placed in the basket in the breezeway.

WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

Deaths

the brother of Greg Hamluk

HOSPITAL Patients

Javi Hager - Discharged from Levine Children's Hospital, Charlotte

ATTENDANCE FOR MAY

Sundays	5/5	5/12	5/19	5/26
Online devices	586	446	454	407
In Person	<u>149</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>116</u>
	735	618	594	523

Queer-Led Worship May 2 - 32 in person, 383 online devices

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR MAY

DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM MAY 26

	<u>MAY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$ 93,834	\$ 469,169
Given to Budget	<u>\$ 44,898</u>	<u>\$ 490,770</u>
Difference	\$ (48,936)	\$ 21,601
Given to World Hunger	\$ 170	\$ 11,580

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First Fruits Stewardship Campaign

Looking ahead to Trinity's Fall Stewardship Campaign, let us be reminded of our beloved hymn *As Saints of Old*:

*As saints of old their first-fruits brought
of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;
so we today our first fruits bring:
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.*

We are called to give our First Fruits of time, talent, and treasure back to God. As faithful stewards, we continue to experience the bounty of these First Fruits lived out in ministry here at Trinity. Please join the Stewardship Committee in discerning how God is calling us to best give your First Fruits in service to God and neighbor.

First Fruits Sunday

Commitments of time, talent, and treasure will be given back to God and celebrated with a community meal following worship. The Rev. Jackie Utley will be our guest preacher. Please mark your calendars.

Sunday, October 8

**Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
Catered Lunch at 11:30 am in the Gym**