

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

June 2023

From the Pastor's Desk:

“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

-A.A. Milne

This month, unsurprisingly, I am thinking about beginnings and endings—about what they mean and about how we do them.

Beginnings are usually fun. They're exciting. They are full of hope and possibility. We like beginnings because they imply the opportunity for positive change that can lead to new ways of living, working, or being.

Endings are typically hard. They are characterized by reflection and sorrow. We don't usually like endings because they mean saying goodbye to the familiar and entail changes in the way we relate to people or things. They're even more painful when the thing that is ending has been fundamentally good.

Beginnings and endings are a necessary, if challenging, part of life.

I'm once again drawn to the text from Ecclesiastes that became part of a very famous song from by Pete Seeger:

“To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven... a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to dance.” – from Eccl. 3:1-4

Yes, there is a season for all things. Some seasons are long and some are not. As I reflect on my time as your pastor, the time feels both long and short. I feel my family have become an integral part of this community and we do not

relish leaving behind familiar faces and the loving, open hearts of everyone in this community.

And, at the same time, the time has felt far too short. There is more work and celebration in store for Trinity and I would have loved being a part of all of that.

But, God, it seems, has other plans for us and for you. In Winnie the Pooh, A.A. Milne wrote the quote at the beginning of this column, one that has been on my heart since I wrote the pastoral letter announcing my resignation. How lucky I truly am to have served this community formed around the love of God and the love of others. How lucky I truly am to have worked and visited, laughed and grieved alongside you. How lucky I truly am that, even our family's dreams come to fruition “across the pond,” I feel a very real tug at my heart directly in the direction of 3229 York Street. Saying goodbye is hard because our time together really has been good.

The book of Ecclesiastes reminds us, however, that amidst this big ending and the tears that accompany it, is the guiding hand of God, who never abandons us even as we are tossed about in the waves of life's overwhelming ocean. There is a season for everything, but there is also a purpose and for that purpose, we give thanks.

Our celebrations together these two years may be ending, but our service—to God, to one another, and to the world—continues. Go forward always in hope, in love, and in peace.

Every blessing,

Pastor Jessica



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6/02 – Bonnie Greenholtz
- 6/03 – Sarah Krawczyk
- 6/05 – Lucy Brady
- 6/08 – Nathan Krawczyk
- 6/09 – Kelsey Hemlock
Donna Powell
- 6/14 – Shirley Wood
- 6/16 – Ralph Keeney
- 6/19 – MariBeth Brainerd
- 6/26 – Cammeron Williams
- 6/30 – Harper Hemlock

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/08 – Sam Brainerd
- 7/10 – Sherry Rivera
- 7/14 – Weston Townsley
- 7/15 – Kenneth Ludwig
- 7/19 – Tyler Marchand
- 7/20 – Erica Price
- 7/22 – Hannah Matthews
- 7/24 – Gavin Larson
- 7/28 – Jamie Price
- 7/31 – Nick Garmer
Izzy Garmer



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/08 – Jamie and Chadd Schneeman
- 6/15 – Sandy & Wayne Sanders

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/07 – Don & Jen Garmer

Church Communications Submission Dates

- Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
- July/August Newsletter– Monday, June 19

Contacting the Pastor and the Church Office

To reach Pastor Jessica in an emergency, please call her at 240-285-9357 (cell). She can also be reached by email at pastortuccmd@gmail.com.

DAYS OFF SCHEDULE: Pastor Jessica is off on Friday (Sabbath day) and Saturday. She plans to be in the church office as needed, working from home on whenever possible for the next three weeks. Please contact her if you would like to set up a visit.



Meeting Dates - Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday, May 10 @ 7pm
Worship Comm – TBA
PPR – TBA



HELPING HANDS JUNE

Greeters for the month of June:

- June 04 – Deb Persinger/Sandy Sanders
- June 11 – Leslie Brooks
- June 18 – Amy Schultz
- June 25 – Belva LaMotte

Ushers for the month of June:

- June 04 – Deb Persinger/Sandy Sanders
- June 11 – Deb Persinger
- June 18 – Deb Persinger
- June 25 – Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

- June 04 – Sue Myers
- June 11 – Robert Miller
- June 18 – Marge Bailey
- June 25 – Robert Miller

Media Operator

- June 04 – Worship in the Park
- June 11 – Sue Myers/Sandy Sanders
- June 18 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
- June 25 – MB Brainerd/Elwin Wagner



Worship in the Park June 4

The service begins at **10:45 am**, followed by the annual church picnic Pot Luck Meal "Bring a Dish - Share a Dish"



Our last coffee hour with Pastor Jessica will take place outside at Christmas Tree Park before "Worship in the Park" @10am June 4.



Summer Worship Hours Begin on **June 11 @10:00 a.m.** (No Children's Church in the summer. Children's church will resume **Rally Day September 10th. @10:45 a.m.**)



Fellowship would like to invite you to a "See You Later" luncheon for Pastor Jessica and her family. Please mark your calendars and plan to stay after the church service on **Sunday June 11th**. We will be serving a make your own Salad, Homemade Breads (and the best part) a Red Velvet Vegan Cake.

Worship Schedule June

Fruit of the Spirit Worship Series



June 4, 2023 – Trinity Sunday

Scriptures: Ephesians 4:31-5:2; Matthew 28:16-20

Theme: Kindness

June 11, 2023 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: 1 John 4:7-21; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Theme: Love

Pastor Parish Relationship Committee

The committee will resume in the future.



Get Involved in Worship

As COVID numbers continue to decline and we feel safer in worship, we are seeking more volunteers to serve in various roles.

If you are interested in serving as a **lay reader, media operator, greeter, usher, or helping with children's church**, please let Pastor Jessica know.

- Even if you are unable to make it to worship in person, there are ways you can **serve as a reader from home**. Many hands make much lighter work for everyone!

May 2023 Consistory Meeting Highlights

Treasurer's report: Sue advised investment gains up by \$15,000 as of the end of March. Sue transferred another \$3,000 from fundraising to the general account.

Pastors report: Planned and led worship, April 9th, 23rd, 24th, and 30th. Lucy Brady led worship on April 16th

Coffee Hour this month is Sunday, May 21st

The last coffee hour will be Sunday, June 4th, B.Y.O.C. (Bring Your Own Coffee)... Pastor Jessica will be arriving early to Worship in the Park on Sunday, June 4th at 10:00 am if persons want to come by and talk with her before the service begins, as this will be her next to last Sunday serving Trinity.

Planning Worship in the Park Service, Sunday, June 4th and Goodbye Service, Sunday, June 11th, reminder summer hours (10:00 am service) begin Sunday, June 11th

Committee Reports

Property: Doug Myers fixed the rainspout that was pushed out. The shed has been repaired, also still awaiting parts for the boiler system. Doug Rhoten advised the sanctuary beam was out of alignment causing the alarm to beep, this has been realigned.

Finance: Sue advised we have received recognition for 5 for 5 our \$4,000.00 to other churches.

Personnel: No Report

Evangelism: Belva is planning a goodbye luncheon on June 11th after Sunday Worship.

Christian Education: Amy reported activities are being planned for June 4th Worship in the Park. Children's church will stop after Worship in the Park and will resume in September beginning with Rally Day.

Fundraising: Sue advised Christian Ed shred event raised \$341.00
Leslie advised bingo is coming along well, many raffle baskets have been made, and church members will be preparing baked goods for sale.

Worship: Easter Season – "Fruit of the Spirit" there are 9 messages, but only 8 Sunday's until Pastor Jessica leaves. She will combine two of the messages, Patience and Gentleness. The children's sermon will match each week's message.

Confirmation – Pentecost Sunday – May 28th, providing the teens are able to meet with Pastor Jessica on May 7th, the Service of Confirmation will be held on Pentecost, and communion will be served.

Worship in the Park – June 4th, we will not have communion during the service.

Caring Ministry: No report

PPR: No planned meetings until we have a new pastor.

Unfinished Business / Updates

Deb Miller will pick up carnations to be given out on Mother's Day, Sunday May 14th

Newsletter articles due to Diane on or before Monday, May 22nd

New and Continuing Business:

Worship in the Park: Due to liability, the gates into the park will no longer be unlocked; we need to limit equipment we bring to worship.

Summer Hour: Begin on Sunday, June 11th, at 10:00 AM

Ant Control: Due to the problem we had last year with ants, we ask that food package items only be disposed in the kitchen trash can.

Next Meeting – Wednesday – June 07, 2023 at 7:00 via Zoom



Bingo

The BINGO was a great success! We had a wonderful time with friends, neighbors, bingo pros, and 1st time players. The volunteers from MVFD were a huge help with the games and providing a delicious meal. And our community vendors were very supportive as well! Thank you to all that attended, donated their time, made baked goods, filled baskets, and donated money!

Gift Cards

Summer is here! Did you know that Raise Right (Scrip) also sells gift cards for Southwest, Delta, airbnb, Hotels.com, Carnival Cruise Lines, Marriott, Embassy Suites, Hilton, Wawa, Sheetz, Exxon, etc. So if you are planning on a trip or just a day drive to see a favorite relative or historical site, consider purchasing gift cards to pay your way. You pay no more than the denomination of the gift card and Trinity will earn a percentage provided by the retailer.

See Sue Myers if you would like to place an order or have any questions. Orders are taken the 1st Sunday of the month and your cards will arrive by the following Sunday.

Committed to Community

We collected \$380 in our Lenten Offering. As reported in April these funds will be donated to the relief efforts for the Turkey/Syria earthquakes and to NESAP in Hampstead. Thank you to all that donated to both of these causes.



Christian Education May Newsletter

Winding down a fun-filled year for all ages with our Picnic in the Park on June 4.

Christian education will be on summer vacation until Rally Day this fall. We hope to have some activities for all ages this summer.

Love and Grace to all our youth and family.

Amy and Leslie



Food Bags for Backpacks & Snack Packs

May marked the end of our Food Bags for Backpacks Program for Manchester Elementary School for this school year.

Trinity UCC Congregation has been very faithful in donating food supplies to this program since it started 9 years ago.

The Food Bag/Snack Packs Program will begin again in September for the new school year.



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Receipts and Disbursements

	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Jan - Apr 23</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Childrens' Church	0.00	40.00
Communion Offering	80.00	140.00
Loose Offering	145.00	235.00
Miscellaneous	162.00	1,104.55
Regular Offering	6,145.25	23,922.25
	<u>6,532.25</u>	<u>25,441.80</u>
Total Income	6,532.25	25,441.80
Expense		
Educational Ministries	244.30	484.85
Evangelism	102.72	399.78
General	3,781.05	12,061.36
Personnel	5,673.91	29,062.07
Property	500.00	1,321.85
Music	300.00	1,209.67
Worship	171.44	597.71
	<u>10,773.42</u>	<u>45,137.29</u>
Total Expense	10,773.42	45,137.29
Net Ordinary Income	(4,241.17)	(19,695.49)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Cemetery	(808.50)	(808.50)
Interest/Dividend Income	0.03	406.27
Memorial Fund	0.00	900.00
Fundraising	471.09	2,011.63
Special Offerings Received	450.00	1,196.90
	<u>112.62</u>	<u>3,706.30</u>
Total Other Income	112.62	3,706.30

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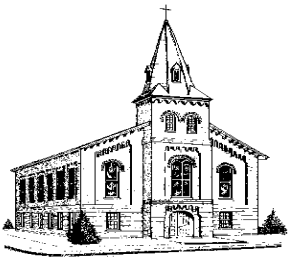
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church office: Open 9am – 1pm Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Always subject to change.				1	2	3
4 Trinity Sunday Worship in the Park 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour 10am w/Pastor Jessica Children’s Church	5	6	7 Consistory 7pm	8	9	10
11 Second Sunday after Pentecost Worship Summer Hours start today 10 a.m. Today is Pastor Jessica’s last day!	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Third Sunday after Pentecost Pastor Lucy Brady Father’s Day 10 a.m. Blessing of the Prayer Shawls	19 July/August Newsletter articles due	20	21 1 st Day of Summer	22	23	24
25 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10 a.m. Pastor Lucy Brady	26	27	28	29	30	

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