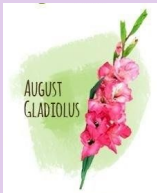


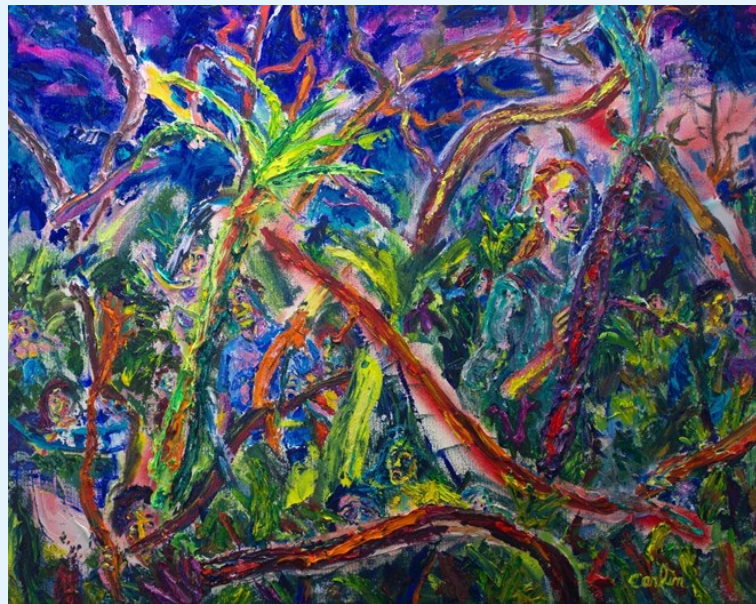


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## From the Pastor's Pen



("A Painting about Scared People Hiding in the Wood,"  
by Judith Carlin, 2016)

"I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you...for God did not give us a spirit of fear, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of prudence."  
– 2 Timothy 1:6b-7

Fear flows so freely these days – and that's not such a surprise. There's a lot to be afraid of and, depending on your philosophical beliefs and which news sources you consume, you're probably afraid of something different. There's the specter of the corona virus and its death toll, the protests against police brutality and violence that is arising, the mounting unemployment numbers and businesses shutting their doors – sometimes forever. By the time this newsletter is published, the number of things that might go on that list will, undoubtedly, be longer.

Some are debilitated by fear and others brazenly claim that they have

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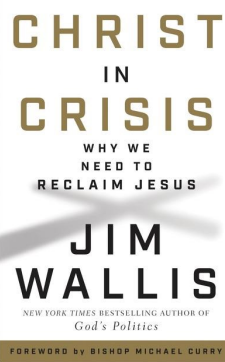
none. Our question is – how do we remain faithful when there truly is much to be afraid of? There are those who would look at the scripture verse quoted above and claim that when the Bible says, “God did not give us a spirit of fear” that means that any time we are fearful we are automatically faithless, doubting, sinful. They might say that real Christians are above fear because Almighty God is on our side. It strikes me that when people make claims like that, they ended up covering others with shame in order to present themselves as being above fear. That does not sound like real power, love, or prudence to me.

Pretending that there is never anything to be afraid of is to shut our eyes to the world and to our own instinctive reaction to it. We are not called to pretend, but to hold onto our faith as we figure out how to move forward through fear. If we live in fear, if we feed it, we’re inclined to panic, to shut down, to lash out, to make erratic decisions. If we make fear our home, it unravels our lives, whether slowly or violently. But, our faith offers us the saving grace of prayer and Bible study and time with loved ones. When we step back, find quiet moments, and reach out for God, we can offer up our fear as part of the sacrifice of prayer. When fear looms too large, it seems to dictate, control, distort, or destroy whatever we hold dear. When we pray and study and reach out in faith, we find a loving God who holds all creation together with grace and mercy. Fear tells us to never stop and challenge its power. Faith tells us that God’s power abides.

When we are panicking, taking a few moments to breathe and connect with God can seem impossible. Yet, this is exactly how we live beyond fear. As we trust in God more and more, we do not find a fearful spirit, but one with the power to make choices that matter. We find a spirit of boundless divine love that flows through us and shows us how to be loving. We find a spirit of prudence that calms our fretting, frenetic minds and helps us to see next steps, new possibilities, and the ever-present hope of the saving love of Jesus Christ.

Don’t let the world wind you up and leave you breathless all day every day. Breathe in the Spirit of power and breathe out the spirit of powerlessness. Breathe in the Spirit of love and breathe out the spirit of hate and indifference. Breathe in the Spirit of prudence and breathe out the spirit of fearful recklessness. God is with you – do not be afraid, but live in love. Amen.

~ Pastor Elana



## Midweek Book Study

This month, we continue with our book, “Christ in Crisis”, by Jim Wallis. Books are \$18.00, and can be ordered for you if you are interested in joining! We continue to have our meetings via Zoom, so if you want to join in, let us know and we can send you the link information! It’s always available in the This Week at Trinity as well, so we hope to “see” you all each Wednesday morning in August at 11:00 am!

## Monthly Liturgy

### 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time —August 2

Gen. 32:22-31;  
*Psalm 17:1-7, 15;*  
Romans 9:1-5;  
Matthew 14:13-21

### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 16

Gen. 45:1-15;  
*Psalm 133;*  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32;  
Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

### 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 30

Exodus 3:1-15;  
*Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c;*  
Romans 12:9-21;  
Matthew 16:21-28

### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 9

Gen. 37:1-4, 12-28;  
*Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b;*  
Romans 10:5-15;  
Matthew 14:22-33

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 23

Exodus 1:8-2:10;  
*Psalm 124;*  
Romans 12:1-8;  
Matthew 16:13-20

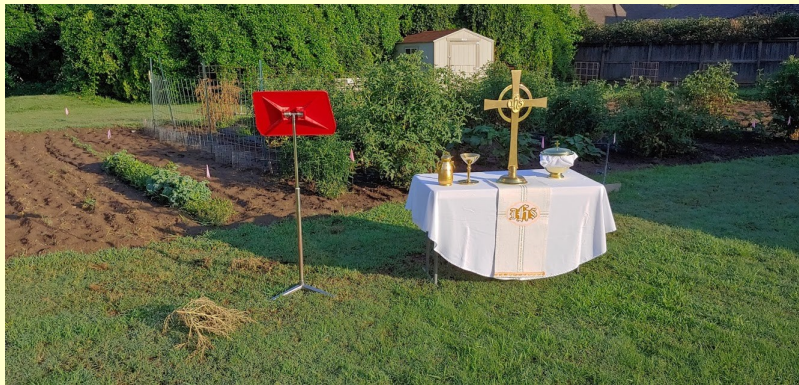


## Trinity Presbyterian Church Phase 2 Guidelines



- If you feel sick or have had a fever in the past 48 hours, please do not enter the building.
- Vulnerable members (65+ and those with underlying conditions) should (not must) continue shelter in place. However, we welcome all who feel comfortable to attend in person gatherings.
- Gatherings of 50+ should be avoided.
- Please enter the building through the front doors.
- All who enter must wear a mask while in the building.  
Cloth and disposable masks are available if you need to borrow one.
- Temperature checks will be done during Phase 2. If you are found to have a fever greater than 100.4, you will be asked to shelter at home.
- Social distancing and regular hand washing are expected during this time.
- Children are asked to stay home during Phase 2.  
Check Facebook and our website for child-based activities.
- Outdoor worship continues at 8:30 am every Sunday morning. During this service, when seated, mask wearing is optional. Worship is the only gathering approved for meetings of more than 10, but less than 50 at this time.
- You are encouraged to hold small group meetings in the fellowship hall and use appropriate social distancing.

## 8:30 Sunday Morning Outdoor Worship



Join us every Sunday morning at 8:30 am near the community garden for an outdoor prayer service. We will also continue streaming our full worship service at 10:30 am every Sunday morning!

## Just So You Know.....

If you are asked for a password for a Zoom meeting, it is 3690.  
All zoom activities can be accessed by calling (346) 248-7799, or by clicking the links.

**Book study** meets at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday

We are reading "Christ in Crisis" by Jim Wallis.  
If you want a physical copy, the church can order them for you, \$18.00

**[Wednesday Book Study](#)**

- Zoom ID: 574 918 100

**Wednesday Evening Prayer Group @ 5:30pm\*\***

**[Trinity Prayer Concerns](#)**

- Zoom ID: 981 134 942

**Outdoor worship @ 8:30am on the back patio!**

Every Sunday morning

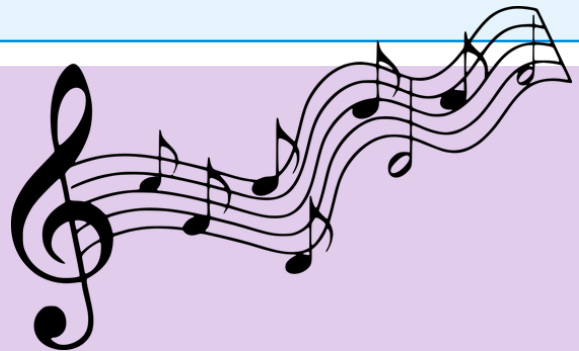
**[Sunday School](#)** @ 9:15am – Zoom ID: 949 009 659

**[Sunday Worship Service](#)** @ 10:30am

- Zoom ID: 461 099 161

**[Virtual Coffee Hour](#)** @ 11:30 am

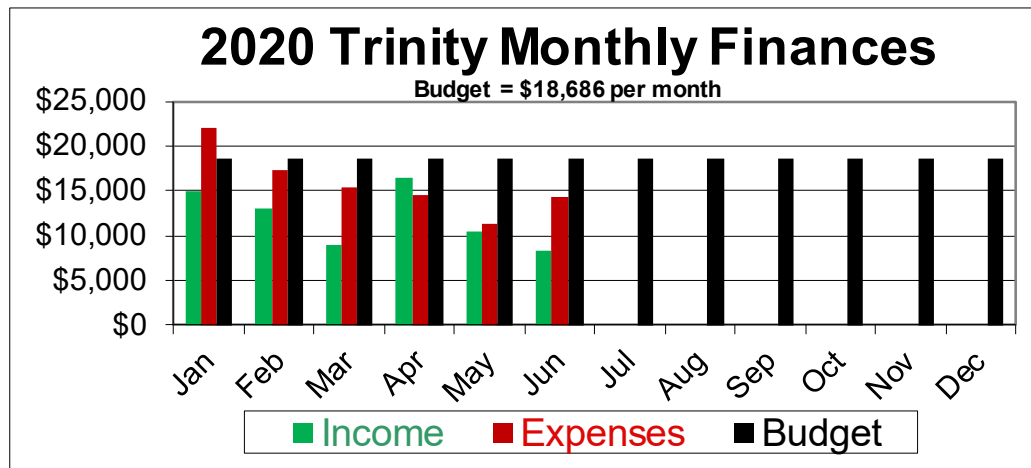
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The Trinity Bell Choir is hard at work practicing for some new ensemble presentations, once we can worship in person again. Looking forward to that!

# Stewardship & Finance

Grant Kessler



## 2020 YTD

Income

\$72,401

Expenses

\$94,815

Budget

\$224,226



- Florence Churchill 8/1
- Jack Campbell 8/3
- Grant Kessler 8/4
- Jonna Adams 8/7
- Elana K. Levy 8/8
- David Barnard 8/9
- Darby Campbell 8/15
- Lynn Sanstra 8/17
- Ted Adams 8/19
- Ruby Morain 8/25
- Kate Hanson 8/26
- Logan Wagner 8/27
- Cindy Strasheim 8/29
- Millie Spencer 8/30

Don't forget about our Blessing Box located at the front entrance of the church! "Give what you can and Take what you need."

## Trinity Garden

Come out and see what our Community Garden has to offer! Bring a sack and take what you need!

Thanks to all who continue to care for and nurture this wonderful community garden!



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