

Trinity Tidings



Trinity Presbyterian Church

From the Pastor's Pen

June 2017

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Ants and Badgers, Locusts and Lizards!



[Photographs by: (Ant) Jo Lally, (Rock Hyrax/Badger) Bjørn Christian Tørrissen, (Desert Locust) Christiana Kooyman, (Roughtail Rock Agama Lizard) Klara Matusevich]

Many of you may have grown up hearing the Aesop's Fable, "The Ant and the Grasshopper." The ant worked hard all summer long storing up food for the winter, but the grasshopper sang and danced each day away. When winter came around, the grasshopper was hungry and had to beg for food. Versions of this fable have appealed to many generations all over the world and it certainly caught hold in America with our commitment to the Protestant work ethic. But...did you know that this story may have been inspired by two passages in the book of Proverbs? Here's one of them:

"Four things on earth are small,
yet they are exceedingly wise:

²⁵ the ants are a people without strength,
yet they provide their food in the summer;

²⁶ the badgers are a people without power,
yet they make their homes in the rocks;

²⁷ the locusts have no king,
yet all of them march in rank;

²⁸ the lizard can be grasped in the hand,
yet it is found in kings' palaces."

-Proverbs 30:24-28

In summer, when it's not too, too hot, we gaze outside, we explore, we embrace the wonders of nature. Often, scripture guides us to pay attention to the creatures all around us – to listen and learn from them.

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Pastor's Pen cont.

You might have noticed that the ant in the Bible is storing up for summer instead of winter. In Israel, they have, mainly, a wet season (winter) and a dry season (summer). June is the main harvest time, but after that, the land is bare and sun scorched. It isn't planted again until late September or early October when the rains come again. So, a lush summer for us is a time of slim pickings for the animals in Israel. Still, like the ant from our well-worn fable, it is small, but wise. Compared to the loads we can bear, the ant seems weak. But each colony diligently works to store up what is needed, what is most important.

The badger, pictured above in all of its fluffy majesty, only weighs about 4-13 pounds. Sure, they live in colonies of 10-50, but they hardly seem significant or clever enough to build their homes in the rocks. Though they don't seem powerful or threatening, they claim the strength of the refuge they choose.

Swarms of locusts, though they can be quite destructive, still fascinate scientists today. When a drought finishes and plant life returns, something gets switched on in their brains: they breed more rapidly and are overcome by an instinct to migrate where they join up with other smaller groups of locusts to become a full-fledged swarm. Their growth in numbers and coordination of flight is astounding! How do they know? How do they grow together without a queen bee/locust?

And the lizard seems to be within our reach. It scurries at our feet and is so small. And yet...with its powerful legs that can cling to almost any surface, it can even scale the walls and enter the kings' palaces where the average person cannot go.

This Summer, as you look out your window, as you go outside, listen for God speaking through the flurries of life all around. They are small, but wise. The ant's diligence in small matters produces great abundance. The badger's powerlessness does not stop them from standing firm in the protection of the rock that God has provided. The locust's impossibly large numbers do not stop them from working together for a common purpose – even better than we often do despite our reason and earnest efforts. And the lizard may be easily caught, but it knows where to find the cracks and crevices and footholds to go to the most amazing and exciting places it can find. Well, check it out: what's outside your window?

May the wisdom of the smallest creature enrich you in your walk of faith and lead you closer to God! Amen.

Blessings, *Pastor Elana*

Evangelism brenda cunningham

Wow – June already – the summer kickoff begins!

The focal points of the Evangelism Team this year cover Visitor Hospitality, New Member Assimilation, and Member Retention. We are planning to have the New Member Information revised and ready by Rally Day in September. Then our plan for the fall is to dive into the four main points of Member Retention: Expectation, Ministry Involvement, Relationships, & Group Involvement.

Please keep our Pictorial Directory current – send Kim Harvey, Trinity Admin, any changes of name, address, e-mail, or telephone numbers. You can leave this on her desk in the office, call her or email her. If you want a new pic for the directory, please contact Joe Cunningham.

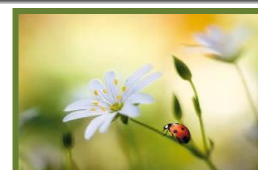
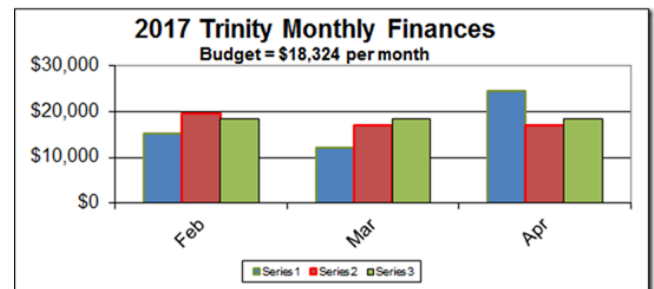
The Team also wants to give a heartfelt thanks to Laura Van Newkirk for all her time and dedication to the Evangelism Team for many, many years. We appreciate her ideas, her talents and most of all the laughter (that we occasionally get in trouble for doing).



Respectfully, Brenda Cunningham

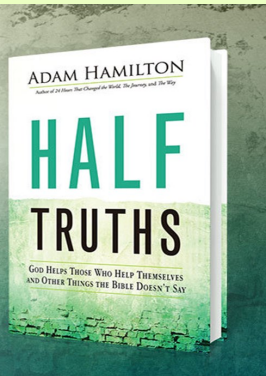
Finance/Stewardship randy smith

2016 YTD	Income	Expenses	Budget
	\$ 55,028	\$ 53,283	\$ 76,208



TRINITY SUMMER READ

**GO BEYOND
EVERYDAY SAYINGS
AND EXPERIENCE THE
FULL MESSAGE OF JESUS**



Feel free to order your own book on-line, or purchase at a book store, or, if you prefer, Sue C. can order for you! Please let her know by June 18th if you would like for her to order for you.

Mission News craig hanson

Camp Trinity

It is hard to believe that summer is here!! Camp Trinity will have 4 sessions this summer on Tuesdays from 10 to 3.

Below are the themes we will explore this summer:

June 27th – On Our Own 2 Feet

July 18th – On Wheels Galore

July 25th – Up, Up & Beyond

August 1st – Way Out on the Water

Each day at Camp Trinity will include; play, art, science, music, and lunch.

All are welcome, so bring your kids and the neighbor kids too!

There is no charge for Camp Trinity.

*****Volunteers: As always Camp Trinity cannot happen without Volunteers*****

Please let Sue Chancellor, John Clawson, Dana Clawson or Liz Powell know if you can volunteer for Camp Trinity. You need not sign up for every session! Volunteers work in the kitchen, shepherd children, and assist in art, science and at play.

Thank you for your support!!



Submitted on behalf of Craig Hanson

Christian Education sue chancellor

"We are told that one of the things that impressed Jesus' listeners was that he spoke plainly,
not quibbling and quoting like the religious scholars.

He just put his beliefs and teachings out there
and was ready to withstand some debate.

You can be open minded and still know what you think.

You can be accepting of other people's ideas
but still wanting to articulate your own.

You can rejoice in the many diverse paths to God
and still invite your neighbor to church.

Just say it."

~Lillian Daniel

"Invite your neighbor to church"; I've done it and I need to do it again and again. "Be accepting of other people's ideas but still wanting to articulate your own." We each have probably done this as well and...we need to do it again and again. This summer, more than ever, we can speak clearly, love freely and pray without ceasing. Now more than ever we can be a good neighbor to those close in proximity and those not so close to us; we can be a good neighbor to those whose faith is similar to ours and those whose faith is different from our own. With Jesus as our guide, we can love one another as he has loved us. I happily anticipate what the summer will unfold for me, my Trinity family, and my neighbor. May the spirit move each of us in glorious wondrous ways!

Sunday Morning Possibilities

Child Care Childcare for infants through preschool is available on Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. through the close of Worship; Donna Bridenstine offers a nurturing engaging atmosphere for our very youngest. Pre-kindergarteners and kindergarteners can join Donna and an adult volunteer after their Sunday School class and through Worship.

****Parents needing childcare during choir practice or team meetings can let Sue or Donna know in advance and Donna will be in the nursery during those times.****



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More Sunday Morning Possibilities

Children in Pre-K-Grades 4: Please join us this summer for a most energizing time as we ignite all our senses exploring the theme "Living the Joyful Journey with Jesus." Stories of Jesus will jump off the bible pages as we experience scripture with a potpourri of first-hand activities.

June 4	Katy Orrell	"Happy Birthday Church"
June 11	Vicky Adams	"On the Road"
June 18	Sue and Royce	"Marvelous Movie Morning"
June 25	Melinda Carver	"Where is Jesus?"
July 2	Millie Spencer	"Jesus says Come Follow Me"

All Tweens and Teens are enthusiastically invited to join their cool team of teachers for introspective conversation focused on "Questions Along our Journey of Faith," this summer. Insightful and timely bible scripture will be shared each week with a variety of engaging activities to help us connect to the words in meaningful ways. It's going to be a fun summer schedule with lots of joyful fellowship/sharing, and each of you bring something special to the friendly group!

June 4	Sue Chancellor	"The Loving Power of the Holy Spirit"
June 11	John Clawson	"Believe"
June 18	Sue & Royce	"Marvelous Movie Morning"
June 25	Royce Chancellor	"Why Did You Make that Decision?"
July 2	Sue Chancellor	"Starbucks Coffee Discussion--"Stepping Up for..."



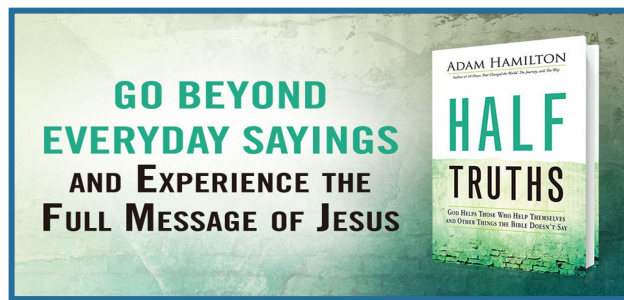
Attention Adults:

Richard Spencer's class, "Living the Questions 2" is taking a break for the summer. It will resume some time in late summer; we'll confirm the actual date as the summer continues. Many thanks to Richard, as he's such an enlightened educated and inclusive leader for us here at Trinity. Enjoy your well deserved summer break, Richard, and we look forward to continuing the stimulating conversation with you on "Living the Questions 2."

Also, "The Presbyterian Journey" class, with Pastor Lucus, continues through the Summer. **June 11** - John Knox, Scots' Confession, and Unity in the Church" Then, Part II - "New World" Reformation begins on **June 18** with a look at the Westminster Confession, General Assembly, and the divide over Slavery in the church. Then, **June 25**, we'll examine the function of the Presbytery, and the history of the Old School/New School controversy. **All are welcome, so please join us!**



Thanks to everyone who participated in our spring book study of "My Neighbor's Faith." The conversations shared with one another were so meaningful, honest and heartfelt. This summer, the group is hosting the Third annual "Trinity Summer Read" with Adam Hamilton's book, "Half Truths." "In this engaging and deftly-argued book, Adam Hamilton takes on some of the most pernicious half truths of our time, helping the reader establish faith on a more solid, life-affirming foundation." Eric Elnes. Everyone's invited to read the book this summer. Your welcome to order your own and begin reading, or email/text Sue and they will be ordered on June 11. Be looking for dates we'll be discussing highlights of the book in late summer/early fall.



CAMP TRINITY

LET'S GET GOING!!



For children Pre-Kindergarten through those entering 5th grade.

Activities will include

- MUSIC ● GAMES ● ARTS/CRAFTS
- PLAYS & STORIES ● COOKING & GARDENING

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

TUESDAYS

June 27, July 18 & 25, Aug. 1

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

There is no charge for Camp Trinity!

Call 918-369-3690



VBS 2017

God's Word comes alive through engaging interaction with Bible history!

For ages 3 to Entering 5th Grade

5:45 to 8:10 pm

Sunday July 9 - Thursday July 13

Family Dinner at 5:45 pm

Singing begins at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary

VBS Worship Service and Family Picnic with games for Families
Sunday July 16, 10:30 AM



All Interested Adults: Please join us The VBS planning team in the Youth Lounge on Monday June 5 at 11:15 a.m. as we watch the VBS decorating video and get inspired to turn Trinity into a Roman Marketplace and an underground Church on July 8.



Calling Adults and Teens: Come join in the fun and help us decorate for VBS 17 on June 8 at 10:00 a.m. You can come and go as needed and we'll appreciate as many hands as possible. Plenty of donuts, juice, and coffee will be on hand! It's such a joy for the children to see the church transformed for VBS week when they come in the sanctuary on that Sunday VBS begins!



Attention CE Team: Our June meeting will be on Sunday June 11 in the parlor following Worship.



Friendly Reminder to all Interested Folks: Lunch Fellowship continues this summer every Wednesday at noon. Please try to come and dine with fellow Trinity friends whenever you can in the Trinity cafe. Remember, where 2 or 3 are gathered there can be lunchtime fellowship.



The VBS Wish List is now up on the wall by the choir room door. We have some wish items on it now and will be adding some more in the days ahead. There is a variety of need ranging from gift coupons to craft/drama items, along with donated items found around your house. Please consider taking a sticky note from the board of the item you wish to purchase or donate. You can place the items on the counter in the work office or Sue's office, at your convenience. We'd like the items by July 3, if possible. We appreciate your help!

Teens/Kids/Family News

Thanks to all volunteers/participants for a most enjoyable successful Parent's Night Out on May 19. The church was truly filled with joy as we played, danced, ate, and enjoyed fellowship with one another!

Attention kids, teens, and parents: It's Coming Friday Night, June 23, "The Neverending Story," free garden movie hosted by Philbrook Museum of Art. Families will meet at Philbrook at 7:15 p.m. and be settled in for the 7:30 showing. Please bring your friends and be ready for a most delightful evening.

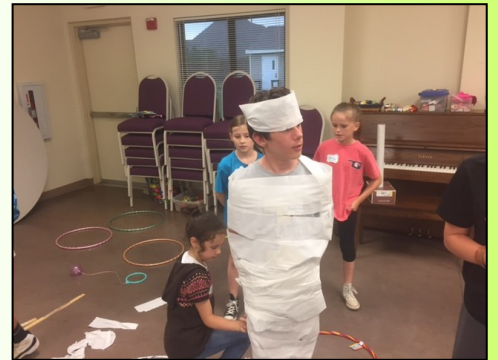
Calling ALL Sixth through Twelfth Graders: You're invited to join your pastors and adult volunteers for lunch at Señor Tequila's (91st & Mingo) following Worship on June 25 for friendly conversation. We'd love to hear how your summer's going and hear your ideas for future discussions, activities, and service projects.

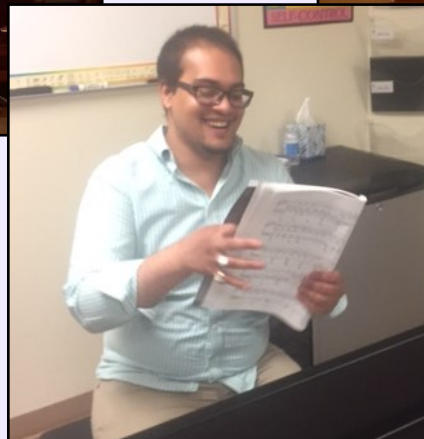
All 6th through 12th graders are invited to share their time and talents with our children who participate in Camp Trinity and VBS. If you can help on any Camp Trinity Tuesday, 6/27, 7/18, 7/25, and/or 8/1, please call the church office or let Sue or John know. Also let us know if you'd like to help with VBS the week of July 9-13. Some wonderful teens are already signed up!! Yay!



Fun Times at Trinity

Parent Night Out 2017





June Lectionary Readings

Day of Pentecost—June 4

Acts 2:1–21
Psalm 104:24–34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b–13
John 20:19–23

Trinity Sunday —June 11

Genesis 1:1—2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11–13
Matthew 28:16–20

Second Sunday after Pentecost—June 18

Genesis 18:1–15 (21:1–7)
Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19
Romans 5:1–8
Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9–23)

Third Sunday after Pentecost—June 25

Genesis 21:8–21
Psalm 86:1–10, 16–17
Romans 6:1b–11



Katy Orrell	6/2
Maverick Sanstra	6/2
Sally Bright	6/7
Beverly McComb	6/8
Jack Sanstra	6/10
Lee Adams	6/14
Royce Chancellor	6/16
Sue Chancellor	6/17
Amelia Austin	6/21
Ben Haughey	6/21
Otis Buttress	6/25
Craig Hanson	6/27

June 18th, Let's honor
all those dads out
there!



Thank You Notes

From Logan Wagner:

“Trinity Congregation: Thank you for thinking of me while I was away at college. It was very much appreciated to receive mail and encouragement to trudge through my school work. It must have worked, because I finished the year strong. Thanks again for your generosity. ~Sincerely, Logan Wagner.”

Logan wrote this note on a beautiful ink drawing he did of Monument Canyon, which you can view on the bulletin board!

Our children wouldn't
be the people
they are today
without you!



June 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
					EOP Presbytery Meeting Enid, OK	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
PENTECOST Communion Wear Red to Church !	Yoga Class 10:00 am Banner Making 11:30 am Turning Point 7:00 pm					Session Retreat 9:30 am—1:30 pm Trinity Pres.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
TRINITY SUNDAY CE Team Meeting Following worship	Yoga Class 10:00 am Banner Making 11:30 am Turning Point 7:00 pm		TEAM MEETINGS 6:30 pm (dinner at 6:00)			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Lunch Bunch	Yoga Class 10:00 am Banner Making 11:30 am Turning Point 7:00 pm	SESSION MTG 6:30 pm			7:30 pm Philbrook Movie Night "The Neverending Story"	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Sr. Tequila's Lunch Following worship For 6-12th graders	Yoga Class 10:00 am Banner Making 11:30 am Turning Point 7:00 pm	10:00—3:00 Camp Trinity				

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