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Monthly communications from Trinity Presbyterian

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Message from Pastor Deb

Dear Trinity Friends,

June is shaping up to be a very exciting month! By the time this newsletter hits the press, you may have received a brochure in the mail introducing the person which the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has recommended to become Trinity's next pastor. Many thanks to our PNC, which has worked prayerfully and carefully over the past year, seeking the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Please plan to attend on Sunday, June 11 to meet and welcome the pastor candidate who will preach during worship. The congregation will then vote upon the PNC's recommendation during the congregational meeting following the service.

You may have also heard that Trinity was awarded 20,000 in funding for a new ministry initiative designed to encourage the leadership and engagement younger generations in the life of the church. Session identified three strategic priorities for the next three to five years, the first of which is to "increase the involvement of younger generations into all aspects of church life, and grow the committed core of our congregation." Trinity's grant proposal to the presbytery focused on this priority and the funding will allow us to pursue a multifaceted "Growing Young" ministry initiative.

Ground-breaking research has been recently conducted into over 250 innovative churches which successfully engage younger generations in ways that breathes life into the whole church. This next year, Trinity will engage in study, planning and leadership training based upon this research. Elders and key leaders will study *Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church*. We plan to take an in-depth assessment, engage a Growing Young consultant and send four key leaders to two Growing Young cohort training sessions at Fuller Youth Institute in Pasadena, California.

New audio-visual equipment is also being installed to update and improve our media capabilities with the hope of adding a contemporary worship service in the future. Upgraded audio capability and video projection of lyrics and scripture will help create an exciting and welcoming worship environment for younger worshippers.

You will hear more about the "Growing Young" ministry initiative in the year ahead. It will involve the whole church, so please be in prayer as we look forward to welcoming the future.

My prayers are with you as the winds of change begin to blow through the Trinity's sails!

Pastor Deb

JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE



June 4-Pentecost	"Investing Well"	Deb K. preaching
June 11	"Building Together"	Pastor Candidate
June 18	Spiritual Formation	Joa S. preaching
June 25	"A Future Hope"	Deb K. preaching

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JUNE 11, 2017

The session has called a special meeting of the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 11, 2017, immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing officers (deacons and ruling elders) and hearing the report from the Pastor Nominating Committee, and acting on their recommendation.



New Directories on the Horizon!



stay connected
church directory

Your new temporary Trinity directory will be printed and available for pick up in early June.

Why temporary? Two reasons.

FIRST, we would like you to take a look at it and make any corrections and updates to the information you find - including your address, email, phone numbers and family members. Please let the office know what needs changing in June.

SECOND - the deacons have agreed to lead the charge on a new photo directory! You will hear more about this in the upcoming month. They will ask you to come ready to have your photo snapped before or after worship on particular Sundays. You will also be given a print out of what we have in our new database regarding your profile. You will be asked to smile for the camera and also update your information so we have accurate data.

Our hope is to have a photo directory in the hands of our new pastor as soon as possible. Photos and accurate information regarding members are incredibly helpful. Kim, our administrative assistant has been diligently working on populating and correcting information in the database to make it more accurate, so we greatly appreciate your help with this.



MISSION OF THE MONTH: W A T E R

"But whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:14,

"I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink. Ex.7:6

"Now the Lord God planted a garden in the east, in Eden... A river watering the garden flowed from Eden... The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." Gen. 2:8, 10, 15.

Surely, God has provided us with that most basic, life sustaining gift: WATER. We have received both spiritual water, the Holy Spirit, and that precious liquid that nourishes us and provides beauty in our surroundings. But we have also been called by God to be good stewards of His gifts.

As we head into warm summer months, we encourage you to prayerfully consider your own water stewardship and learn about ways to conserve. There are also some interesting water related programs happening in Woodbury. Soon there will be two new rain gardens on Trinity's grounds, awarded to us by the Ramsey/Washington County Metro Watershed. Stop by the table in the Welcome Room to learn more.

June's Mission of the Month offering will go for home water filters for Flint MI, jerry cans, or a share in an overseas garden well or sand dam, depending on how much is collected. Our purchase will be through the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

From the Mission and Action Committee



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office hours are:

Tuesday - Thursday,

9:00 am - 4:00 pm



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