

October 2014 **Trinity Press**

Join Us For



October 31st

Sunday Worship Services

- 9:00 am Family-Friendly Contemporary
- 10:30 am Spanish Language
- 11:00 am Blended/Traditional

Child care at all Worship Services
Nursery & Preschool
Room 10

Sunday School Classes
Grades K—6 Rooms 4, 5, and 6

**Journey in Christian
Commitment**

Begins Wednesday, October 1, at 6:30 pm

World Communion Sunday

October 5 at 11:00 am

**Trinity Threads Together
Craft & Bake Sale**

Saturday, October 11, at 9:00 am

Out-of-the-Box Food Packing

Sunday, October 12, at 12:30 pm

Out-of-the-Box Food Distribution

Thursday, October 16, at 6:30 pm

Trunk-or-Treat

Friday, October 31, at 6:00 pm



E-Mail*

Jesus According to Mark

There is one Jesus, one Son of God, one Messiah, one way to God, which is through him. But there are also four stories about Jesus in the Bible. Why? Is the story of his life so good it needed to be told four times? Well, it is known as the greatest story ever told!



We started a new sermon series a few weeks ago. In the past we have explored who Jesus is: his historical existence, who he claimed to be, who others claim him to be and who he is to us in our personal lives. Now I want to swim to the other side of the theological pool and discuss who he is according to Mark and compare his story with the other three gospel authors: Matthew, Luke and John. Not a deeper or more shallow end of the pool, just another side to give us a different view of the theological world we're swimming around in.

I am not looking for contradictions in the stories of Jesus. All four stories are God-breathed and reveal who Jesus is. But imagine this: four different singers write and perform a song about Jesus. Their songs will have different styles, different melodies, rhythm, words, and may even highlight different stories about Jesus. The artists may sing about their personal experience or attempt to interpret a Scripture passage about Jesus. They will each reveal Jesus through their music in a way that God has gifted them. One might be country, another pop, and yet another easy listening, but they will all be singing about one Jesus.

This is much of what we have in the four Gospels. Four different men wrote about Jesus Christ. They wrote in their style, and they wrote from their experience, but they all write about the same Jesus.

When we share the story of Jesus with others, we often share out of our experience with him. Everyone has different experiences, but that doesn't mean there is more than one Jesus! It means we share who Jesus is with others based on how he has impacted our lives.

I'm looking forward to exploring how Mark presents Jesus. I hope you are too.

Blessings,

Pastor Eric

*Eric's mail

Session Highlights

At the regular meeting of the Session on September 16, 2014, the following reports were heard and actions taken:

- Heard a report that the Deacons will be hosting a coat drive during the months of October and November with coats to be distributed in those months.
- Heard a report that the Children's Ministries will be sending newsletters to children about the new quarterly Sunday school program, and that a children's lending library will be available in the near future.
- Heard a report that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has completed Rooms 7, 8, and 9; and that heating and cooling units have been installed in Rooms 7 through 11.
- Approved replacing an electrical panel for the building.

Buildings and Grounds Church Remodel Update

We are pleased to report that rooms 7, 8 and 9 are completed, and that Pastors Tina and Eric have moved into them. The total cost for these rooms was \$21,337. In addition, rooms 7 through 11 had new individual heat and air conditioning units installed. The total cost for this was \$18,352. We appreciate every dime and dollar you have contributed to the Building Fund, and we hope you like the improvements so far!

In late October we will meet with the contractor to get estimates to convert rooms 1 and 2 into the new Youth room and to provide new flooring, ceiling and windows for rooms 4, 5, and 6. In addition, we will put individual heat and air conditioning units in rooms 1 through 6. The savings in PG & E costs with these individual units should be substantial.

We appreciate your support and sincerely hope it will continue as we move forward on this exciting path of renewal. Any thoughts or comments are welcome and appreciated.

Linda Brooks

Chair, Building and Grounds

World Communion Sunday

“All who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.” (1 Cor. 11:29)

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (1 Cor. 11:21). This is scandalous behavior opposed to the Way of Christ. Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual [Peacemaking Offering](#) as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need. ¹



¹ www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/world-communion-sunday/

Behind the Scenes Workers: Thank You!

Do you ever wonder how it all gets done; from the newsletter to the church being decorated? There are many behind-the-scenes-warriors who faithfully perform many tasks to ensure our church and ministries remain viable. The names of the individuals and some of the many tasks they perform are provided below.

Newsletter Folding: Kaleena Mercado, Barbara Leach, Kami Rasmussen, Russell King, and Barbara Amick

Church Decorating: Jill Whitney and Judi Chiboucas

Out of the Box Shopping: Nancy and John Henrikson, Jane Gentry, Jesse Schlunegger, Kevin Hansen, Lighthouse Ministries Church members, and Ken and Kathy Trott

Rides to Church: Ed Metcalf

Church Remodeling, Cleanup and Organization: Don and Linda Brooks, Carol Davis, Cliff Hayes, Nola Goeden, Sue Goodwin,

Church Maintenance and Gardening: Carol Davis, Don and Linda Brooks, Errol Summy, Cliff Hayes, Jill Thom, and Terri Young

Sunday Morning Hospitality and Kitchen Cleanup: Kaleena Mercado, Jane Gentry, Karen Metcalf, Bret Egbert, Barbara Amick, Lina Jimenez, Pastora Tina Torres

And a whole host of still-to-be-named behind-the-scenes-warriors and prayer warriors. Thank you all!

Trunk or Treat is coming!

October 31st, 6-8PM

More than 300 families attended Trinity's *Trunk or Treat* last year, and we are looking forward to even more this year as Halloween is on a Friday! There is something for EVERYONE to do to support this wonderful outreach event. Examples are provided below for your convenience.

- Find a friend and decorate a trunk together.
- Donate some candy.
- Help set up or break down.
- Hang signs at the businesses you frequent (with their permission, of course!)
- Pass out flyers

Please sign up and help Trinity make this event a huge success.





Fall is an Exciting Time for Kids' Ministries!

Hopefully, all of the kids have received the Children's Newsletter that was mailed in early September. Please contact the church office if you didn't, and we'll be glad to get you one! We plan to do a mailing quarterly, and we want to include all of the kids on our mailing list.

We are looking forward to resuming **Sunday school** on September 28th **at the 11:00 worship time!** Kids in preschool through 6th grade will be studying the superheroes of The Old Testament. Grades K-2 will meet in room 4, and the 3rd-6th will meet in room 6 immediately following the Children's Message. Please come join us! Kids who attend worship at 9:00 are invited to pick up a "Kid Kit" on the way into worship so you can sit with your families and work on a special Children's Bulletin that corresponds to the scripture being preached. *We would love to offer Sunday school at both worship times, but at this point, we don't have enough willing teachers. If you feel God tugging at your heart about working with kids, give me a call and let's talk!*

Trunk-or-Treat is coming! Plan to join us for a night of fun in the church parking lot on Halloween night. Everyone can join in the fun – even your CAR can get dressed up, so start planning now! Watch for announcements and sign-ups and be sure to tell your friends!

In the book of Mark, Jesus is quoted as saying, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." My prayer is that Trinity would be a truly welcoming place for kids. Please pray about how we can do that better and let's talk! The Kids' Ministries team welcomes ideas, feedback and help!

In His Service,

Sue Goodwin, Kids' Ministries Coordinator

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Little Lending Library Project –

Help a Child Become a Better Reader!

We're excited to share with you a new project to help kids improve their reading – it's called "The Little Lending Library." The idea is to have a small moveable bookcase at Trinity with a variety of books in it. There will be a sign on it that says, **"Take a Book, Leave a Book, or Both."**

We know that kids who read are more successful students. Research shows that there's a critical window where a child either becomes a reader or not – for life. Between the ages of 7 & 9 is when that decision is made. We want to encourage our kids to read (or be read to) for at least 20 minutes a day. To help with that, we are now collecting children's books to start our "Little Lending Library." If you have books at home that you no longer need and would like to donate to this project, please bring them to church (watch for a basket in the lounge or drop them off in the church office). Books for preschoolers - middle school students would be appropriate. (We could also use a small bookcase if anyone has one they're not using.)



**LENDING
LIBRARY**

SAVE THIS DATE!!!

October 11, 2014

Trinity Threads Together (TTT) will be holding a craft sale in the Trinity Café on this date. We are very excited about this event and hope to raise a significant amount to add to the Building Fund. In addition to the craft items we had at the Bazaar: table runners, aprons, pillowcases, cross-stitched art work, knitted scarves and hats; we will also have paintings, some antique items, picture frames, pet bedding, and a large selection of jewelry.

We are hoping you will save and donate your no-longer-wanted or used jewelry, picture frames, embroidery hoops and even sewing material to our cause. If you have a dinner-sized-plate, in good condition, we could use that too.

We will also have some items for sale in Room 2, so please drop by to see if there is something for you to buy! Many of these items are items that have been removed from other rooms during the church remodel.

Also on October 11, we will have a bake sale, so dig out your favorite recipes. Any questions? Please feel free to talk to any of us. Volunteers to help sell on that day would be much appreciated. In the meantime, sort your jewelry!

Carol Davis, Cora Hocker, Gayle Andrade, Ethel Hayes, Jane Gentry, Myrna Summy, Rhonda Hensley, Pat Fritchie, and Linda Brooks

Recycling at Other Presbyterian Churches

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana



Recycling bins at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church

Caring for Creation at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, began with recycling. First, we started bringing our newspapers and magazines to church and received monies for our “trash.” (We like those revenue generators.) Next, it was recycling soda cans and water bottles consumed at church. Then, we placed recycling bins in our kitchen and office for plastics and cardboard. And just recently, we constructed a recycling and mission center, asking the congregation to save shoes for Haiti, food for a local food pantry, corks, inkjet cartridges, cell phones, etc. Some of the recyclables generate revenue; others do not. But all of the items collected demonstrate Orchard Park’s care for God’s creation.²

Something for Trinity to think about!

² <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/church-earth-care-stories/>

Coat Drive



Deacons will host a coat drive!

Trinity's Deacons would like to collect new and gently-used coats for children and adults who may need one this winter. Please begin checking those closets and bring in any winter coats that your family is no longer using. Coats can be brought in any time between October 1 and November 20. We will be distributing the coats at Out of the Box food distribution nights on October 16th and November 20th.

October Birthdays



Barbara Vickery	4	Nola Goeden	19
Carol Davis	5	Jacob Cypress	20
Mickie Stinson	5	Samuel Small	20
Tucker Massello	6	David Perez	21
Fran Shriver	6	Chuck Caudle	22
Al Maich	9	Steve Fonbuena	24
Lori Custodio	10	Andrew Singh	24
Linda Davis	10	Citlalli Jimenez	25
Pat Fritchie	11	Amanda Lute	25
Addy Armijo	12	Samantha Massello	25
Anna Perrine	13	Barbara Madsen	26
Barbara Maich	16	Barbara Leach	27
Margaret Sasere	16	Judi Chiboucas	29
Martin Barrett	18	Karen Metcalf	29
		Sauteauna Muck-Sasnett	30



Mark 1: 9-15

The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

⁹At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

¹⁰Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

¹²At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted⁶¹ by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

Jesus Announces the Good News

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

¹⁵"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

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The mission of Trinity Presbyterian Church is to invite people into the family of God to share the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

