



**August 17, 2020**

## **The Good News from Trinity PC**

### **Onsite Trinity Worship Services**

Trinity is now worshipping on Sundays in the sanctuary.

Session understands that not everyone will be comfortable returning to the building for worship. Therefore, we continue to offer recordings of the worship services.

We also have the capability to provide a video recording of the worship service, that will be live streamed at 10:15 AM or played later at your convenience. (see page 3 for details)

### **An Encouraging Word**

The Bible repeatedly “encourages” Christians to “encourage one another.” How can you tell when someone needs encouragement? The answer is easy, said Chick-fil-A founder Truett Cathy: if they’re breathing! He quipped, “I get a lot of encouragement, but I never got an overdose.”

Offering encouragement is an easy way to have a big impact. In fact, two esteemed Christian writers call encouragers angelic and godly. George MacDonald said, “If, instead of a gem or even a flower, we could cast the gift of a lovely thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels give.” And G.K. Chesterton said, “If I can put one touch of rosy sunset into the life of any man or woman, I shall feel that I have worked with God.”



Hear the  
*“Still Small Voice”*  
of God

**Office Open**

**9:00-2:00 Monday-Thursday**

**Prayer Requests can be emailed to:  
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## Prepare for Worship 12th Sunday after Pentecost

### Matthew 16:13-20

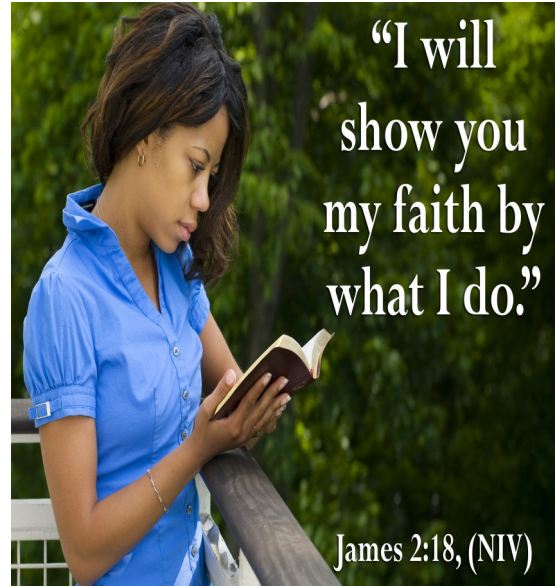
“Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.”

### Reflection

When have you succeeded in resisting the forces that seek to conform us to the world? How has that felt like “spiritual worship”? What are the ways you most readily answer Jesus’ question: “Who do you say that I am?”

### Morning Prayer

Today, O God, help me receive your revelation that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. It is in his name I pray. Amen.



### Serving with Love

When we try to focus on too many things at once, sometimes we end up doing nothing well. During a visit to their house (see Luke 10:38-42), Jesus tells Martha that only one thing is needed and that Mary has chosen rightly. Surely Jesus doesn’t mean that quiet devotion is needed while serving others is not. But when we let ourselves get “worried and distracted by many things,” we may lose sight of the one crucial thing: love.

St. Francis is credited with the following quote: “God came to my house and asked for charity. And I fell on my knees and cried, ‘Beloved, what may I give?’ ‘Just love,’ God said. ‘Just love.’”

And in Galatians 5:6 (NRSV), St. Paul writes, “For in Christ Jesus ... the only thing that counts is faith working through love.” Amid all the worthy pursuits that fill your days, remember to choose rightly – by choosing love.

***Lord, may we receive you eagerly  
however you reveal yourself.***

## Sermons Online and on YouTube

For those that do not attend in person, Trinity will be offering on-line services live streaming at 10:15 on YouTube. To watch the video live, click on the link below which will direct you to the Trinity YouTube channel, and then click on the video in the displayed list with the LIVE box illuminated. We strongly encourage you to click the "subscribe" link on that page.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn4Bfx9UtjiaWsrXObnly6g>

On Sunday afternoon, the recorded live service will also be available via link through the Trinity website at the link below:

<https://www.trinitypresbyfairfield.org/sermons/>

## Women's Picnic Lunch

The women's picnic will be on Wednesday, **August 19 at noon at Trinity**. Everyone is asked to wear a mask and bring your own lunch and drink! We will eat under the portico and enjoy each others company—socially distanced of course! All women invited!

## School Supply Collection

Fairfield schools start on August 19. Once again we will be collecting supplies to help a first grade class. Here is a list of supplies needed for a first grader:

2 boxes of standard 24 count, Crayola crayons, 1 pack of markers, 1 pair fiskar scissors, 8 glue sticks, 4 low odor dry erase markers, folders with pockets and fasteners (colors: red, orange, blue, yellow, and green), 1 three ring binder, 12 pencils with erasers, 1 pink eraser, 1 school box, 2 boxes of tissues. We appreciate your bringing in any or all of the items for one child **by August 17**.

## Thank you, Bakers!

Trinity thanks our bakers for providing brownies and cookies for the sack meals handed out by Community Meal Center in August. The desserts were appreciated and enjoyed by all.

**Sandwiches for the Homeless**—We will once again be **making sandwiches on August 27 at 9:30 AM at the church or you can drop off your sandwiches by 11:00 AM**. The mission committee will provide the packages of mayo/mustard to add to the sandwiches.

Please note the instructions for making the sandwiches:

- *place sandwiches in zipper sandwich baggies and label with type of sandwich.*
- *Meat Sandwiches: We usually only put bread, meat and packaged mayo/mustard in each baggie. If you can provide cheese and/or lettuce on the sandwich that is a bonus, but we don't put on anything that will make the bread soggy. Any type of bread or meat is accepted, but our guests tend to prefer white bread over wheat and turkey, pepperoni, and bologna over other meats like ham or roast beef.*
- *PB&J Sandwiches: No rules really except making sure not to overload the bread with jam/jelly so the bread doesn't get too soggy.*

**We appreciate your help in reaching out to meet the growing need of the homeless at food banks.**

## Bulletins on Thursday

On Thursdays, you will receive a bulletin via email for the Sunday service. Davis will be playing the hymns in the video service on the web page. Lyrics will be included in your bulletin. Please check your emails on Thursday and be prepared to sing along on Sunday. If you are planning on attending

**Fall Flower orders must be in by Sunday, August 23.  
Please see page 5 for details.**

## General Reports

- Mission - We have made 1,200 sandwiches for Our Daily Bread. School supply collection for Compass Elementary begins. Work has started on dresses for Appalachia. Fall flower sale begins July 26.
- Stewardship of People - August 2 is the congregational meeting to elect elders. Staff will receive a 2% increase for the September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021 year. The Office Administrator will return to normal hours of 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM as of August 1, 2020.
- Stewardship of Property - The air conditioning will be ON during worship services.
- Memorial - The lectern Bible has been recovered and is back in the sanctuary.
- Communications - Recording the services has gone well. Marty Reese is seeking additional people to be trained on the system to provide backup. We are reminded of the new prayer wall on the website and ask members to use it.
- **Fall Craft Sale has been cancelled due to COVID-19.**

**Cards for Dee—Dee Burkhardt has a new address.** She is in Chesterwood Village in West Chester. Her address is: Chesterwood Village, 8073 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069, Room 110. With the COVID regulations no visitors are admitted. However, a card would brighten her day.

If you know of someone who lives alone, call, email, or send a note of encouragement. It will be a gift to them and you will be blessed by doing so. We all need interaction with others!



## With God's Help

God is not looking for the best qualifications, best ability, best charisma, best prospects type of people — not that he would turn down these sorts automatically, because it's also true that some of the most gifted people in our society have also been some of God's best servants. But that is a coincidence and not a requirement. I think that is because God knows that the vast majority of men and women fall into the "I am only" category. But only is enough with God's help, and it would amaze you what God can make of them. — Alastair Symington

## Hand Sanitizers Recalled:

Born Basic,  
Scent Theory  
Shine & Clean  
Optimus

—Gina Anaple



## Fall Flower Sale

The Mission Committee is having a fall flower sale this year. We will be selling mums and ornamental cabbage plants. These plants are from Berns Garden Center.

The mums are in quart and 9 inch containers as well as hanging baskets. Please see the order form for the colors available.

Kale and cabbage plants will be sold in 4 inch containers and 1 gallon containers.

Gift Cards for Berns Garden Center are available for \$25, and would make great gifts for the fall and holidays.

### Prices:

Mums: Quart—\$6.00, 9 inch pots—\$9.00

11 inch hanging baskets—\$15

Ornamental Cabbage and Kale (assorted)

4 inch pots-\$4.00, 1 gallon pots-\$9.00

Berns Gift Cards-\$25

Please **return the order form** with your check make out to Trinity Presbyterian Church with “flower sale” in the notation mail to the church **by August 23**. Plant **pick up** will be at the church on **September 10 between 11:00-1:00** or phone Debbie Johnson @ 874-8958 or Kathy Kessler @ 863-2621 for pick up arrangements if different than above.

If you have questions contact Kathy or Ginny Kramer @829-4658

We appreciate your support for this Mission sale.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

	Selection	Qty	Price
	<b>Quarts</b>		
	Orange		
	Pink/Purple		
	Red		
	Yellow		
<b>Mums</b>	Sub Total		
	<b>9"</b>		
	Orange		
	Pink/Purple		
	Red		
	White		
	Yellow		
	Sub Total		
<b>Hanging Baskets</b>	<b>11"</b>		
	Orange		
	Pink/Purple		
	Red		
	Yellow		
	Sub Total		
<b>Kale &amp; Cabbage</b>	<b>4"</b>		
	Assorted		
	Sub Total		
	<b>1 Gallon</b>		
	Assorted		
	Sub Total		
<b>Berns Gift Card</b>	Bern's Gift Card		
<b>\$25 Each</b>	Convenient locations in Middletown and Beavercreek		
	<b>Combined Total</b>		

## Onsite Worship Protocols

Trinity has begun Onsite Worship. Below are the preparations and changes to the worship service that have been made:

### Preparations for the Trinity building include:

- Thoroughly cleaning on a regular basis, with frequently touched surfaces being sanitized.
- Church front entry doors, as well as the middle and side entry doors to the sanctuary, are propped open and will remain open for the entire worship service. (minimizes contact with the door handles and increases ventilation within the church building.
- Bottles of liquid hand sanitizer will be available for use in the narthex, and you are encouraged as well to bring your own personal hand sanitizer. The water fountains outside the restrooms will be unplugged and covered on Sunday morning. Please bring your own personal water containers or bottles. No food or beverages will be offered. The sacristy room will be closed.
- When utilizing the restroom on Sunday morning, note whether another person is already using the room, and wait outside until that person exits the restroom before entering. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water prior to exiting the restroom.
- While inside the church building, **we are strongly encouraging that each person wear a face covering or mask.** A limited number of surgical masks will be available if you forget your own personal face covering.
- If on Sunday morning you are experiencing a fever (in excess of 100.4° F), coughing, shortness of breath or other symptoms potentially indicating COVID-19 infection, please refrain from attending worship on that morning and seek medical assistance.

**The worship service itself will, not surprisingly, be a little different than what we are accustomed to. Some of the worship service modifications will be:**

- We anticipate that attendance at the initial services will be quite modest, so the ushers should easily be able to assist individuals and family groups to find seating in the pews with appropriate social distancing.
- No printed bulletins will be distributed by the ushers. Everyone will receive an electronic version of each week's bulletin by email, and you are encouraged to print out the bulletin at home and bring it with you on Sunday morning. A limited number of printed bulletins will be available in the narthex. The bulletin will include the hymn lyrics.
- Hymnbooks, Bibles, pencils and attendance pads will be removed. Prayer request forms will be displayed on a table in the narthex, that can be filled out prior to the service, which can then be deposited in offering baskets located at the sanctuary entry doors.
- There will be no choir performances, and congregational singing of the hymns will be discouraged. Singing of the hymns in our minds, or possibly light humming, will be our means of expressing our musical worship.
- There will be no children's sermon or children's Sunday school classes, so children will remain with their families during worship. **No nursery attendants will be provided**, so use of the nursery room will be limited to parents and their children, if necessary.
- There will be no collection of offering during the service. Offerings will be deposited in the offering baskets located at the sanctuary entry doors when departing the sanctuary at the conclusion of the service.
- On Communion Sundays (first Sunday of the month) servers will not be distributing the communion elements. Trinity has purchased a supply of prepackaged communion "sets", each with a wafer and sealed juice cup, which will be placed on a table at the front of the sanctuary, to be picked up by individual worshippers at the appointed time during the communion service.
- Following Rev. Dunlap's benediction, he, or the preacher of the day, will immediately proceed outside the church building, to greet and chat with the worshippers in the safer, fresher outdoor environ (no rain please!). All of the attendees will be encouraged to proceed to the outside as quickly as possible. It's outside, in the fresh air, that we can really practice being the Trinity community of faith - socially distanced hugs, catching up on all our quarantine stories, etc.!

# THE GOOD NEWS

As of August 16

## Keep in your Prayers

Virginia Williams, Connie's mother	Healing/hospitalized/prayers for the family
Sandy Thien, G. Kramer's niece	Healing/chemo treatment
Debbie Hess	Healing/recovery from surgery
Marta Mojzer and family	Bereavement/loss of her brother, Michael
Louise Mojzer, Glenn's mother	Healing/A fib and fluid concerns
Susie Ward, K. Kessler request	Healing/broken hip/ 97 yrs. old
Madison, C. Postell request	Improving/continues rehab
For parents selecting school options	God's Guidance
Linda North and children B. Pratt request	Bereavement/loss of ex-husband/father
Dick Weingartner	Healing/knee replace surgery Friday
Alayna, K. Kessler request	Healing/3 year old/COVID
Jhon Marshall, Debi Hess request	Healing/recovery from surgery
*Bond Hill Presbyterian Church	Peace/recovery from break-ins
*Debbie Johnson's co-worker	Healing/kidney transplant
*Carol Geiger, D. Johnson request	Healing/injuries from a fall
Jean Parsley	Continued healing
Pam Harring	Continued healing/guidance with treatment
George Liles	Continued healing/home recovering
Dee Burkhardt	Continued healing/Chesterwood Village rehab
Gerald Reese, M. Reese's father	Continued healing/swallowing problems
Margie, Fran Thomas' sister	God's peace and comfort
All peoples in the Middle East	Peace and reconciliation
All Elected Government leaders	Wisdom/support/enlightenment
Support for all our military	Strength/discernment/God's protection
For all missionaries (Especially for S. and B. )	Protection/blessings/fruitful mission work

*Names that have been on the Prayer List for more than 4 weeks are marked with an asterisk (\*).  
If you would like them to remain on the list, please contact the office by Tuesday.*

### Financial Information

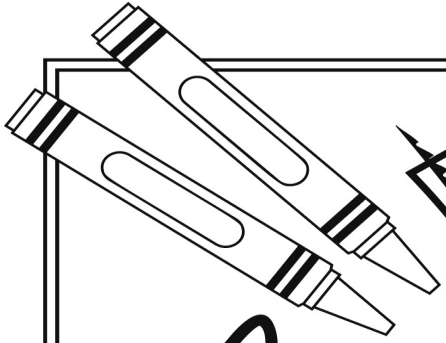
Donations Received as of 8/16 \$1,740  
Combined on-line giving for July \$1,075  
Per Capita 2020 Donations \$825  
Property Fund Giving 2020 \$3,500  
Property Fund Goal 2020 \$5,000

Per Capita for 2020 is \$33

### Worship Schedule

Aug. 23	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Aug. 30	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Sept. 6	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Sept. 13	Elder Cindie Postell

The Presbytery of Cincinnati publishes a weekly newsletter called "The Cincinnati Sampler."  
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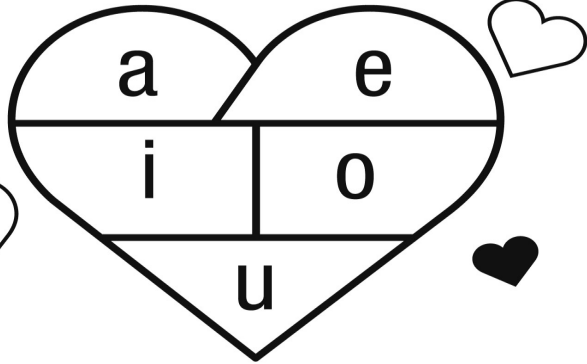
# PUZZLE

## A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.



*Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.*



“Y \_ \_ r \_ my fr \_ \_ nds \_ f

y \_ \_ d \_ wh \_ t \_ c \_ mm \_ nd. ...

Th \_ s \_ s my c \_ mm \_ nd:

L \_ v \_ \_ \_ ch \_ th \_ r.”

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

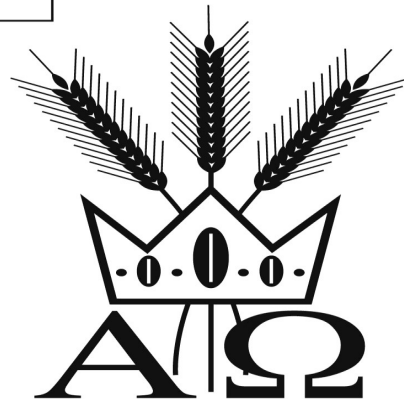
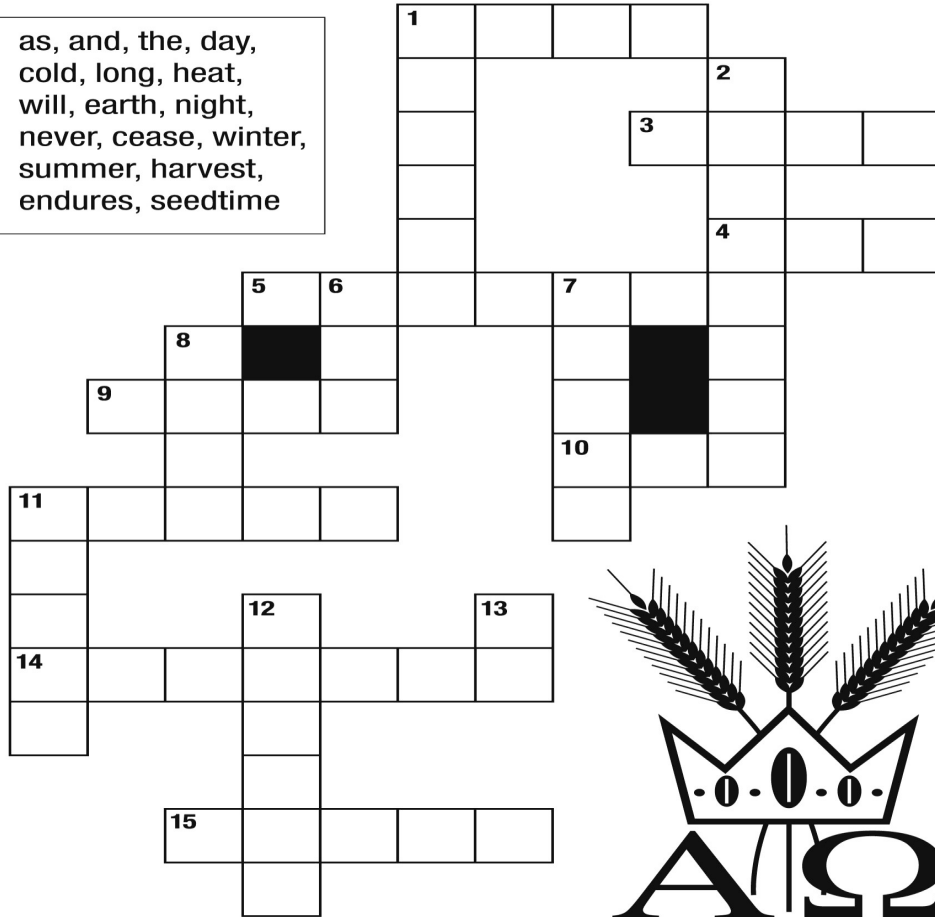
Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14, 17, NIV



# Puzzle!

Use the word list to complete the crossword. Then fill in the numbered blanks to read God's promise to Noah — and to us.

as, and, the, day,  
cold, long, heat,  
will, earth, night,  
never, cease, winter,  
summer, harvest,  
endures, seedtime



“ 13      8      13      10      7      14 ”  
 \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_  
 2      6      5      9      6  
 \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_  
 3      12      6      1 down      4  
 \_\_\_\_\_ .”  
 6      11 across      1 across      11 down      15

**GENESIS 8:22, NIV**

Answer: “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” Genesis 8:22, NIV