



Signal Light - SEPTEMBER 2020

Trinity United Church of Christ - Quincy, Illinois

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

I think we all thought the threat of the pandemic would be behind us by now. There is nothing normal about this time of unprecedented disruption. Throughout the Apostle Paul's ministry, he traveled from region to region, town to town, preaching, teaching, and spreading the good news. Because of the distance required, he had to rely on letters to the fragile churches where he had taught. Because of the physical distancing regulations due to the pandemic, I am not currently able to talk with you in person. I've been thinking about Paul's letter to Timothy, his junior colleague in ministry. Paul wrote:

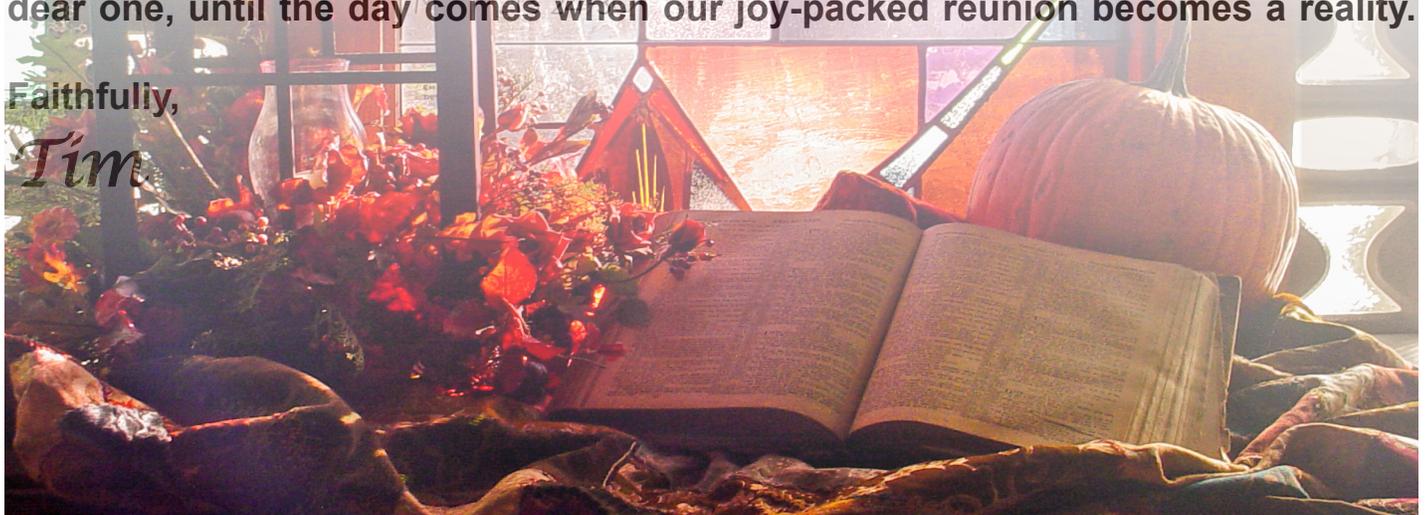
“Every time I say your name in prayer—which is practically all the time—I thank God for you, the God I worship with my whole life in the tradition of my ancestors. I miss you a lot, especially when I remember that last tearful good-bye, and I look forward to a joy-packed reunion.” II Timothy 1:3-4

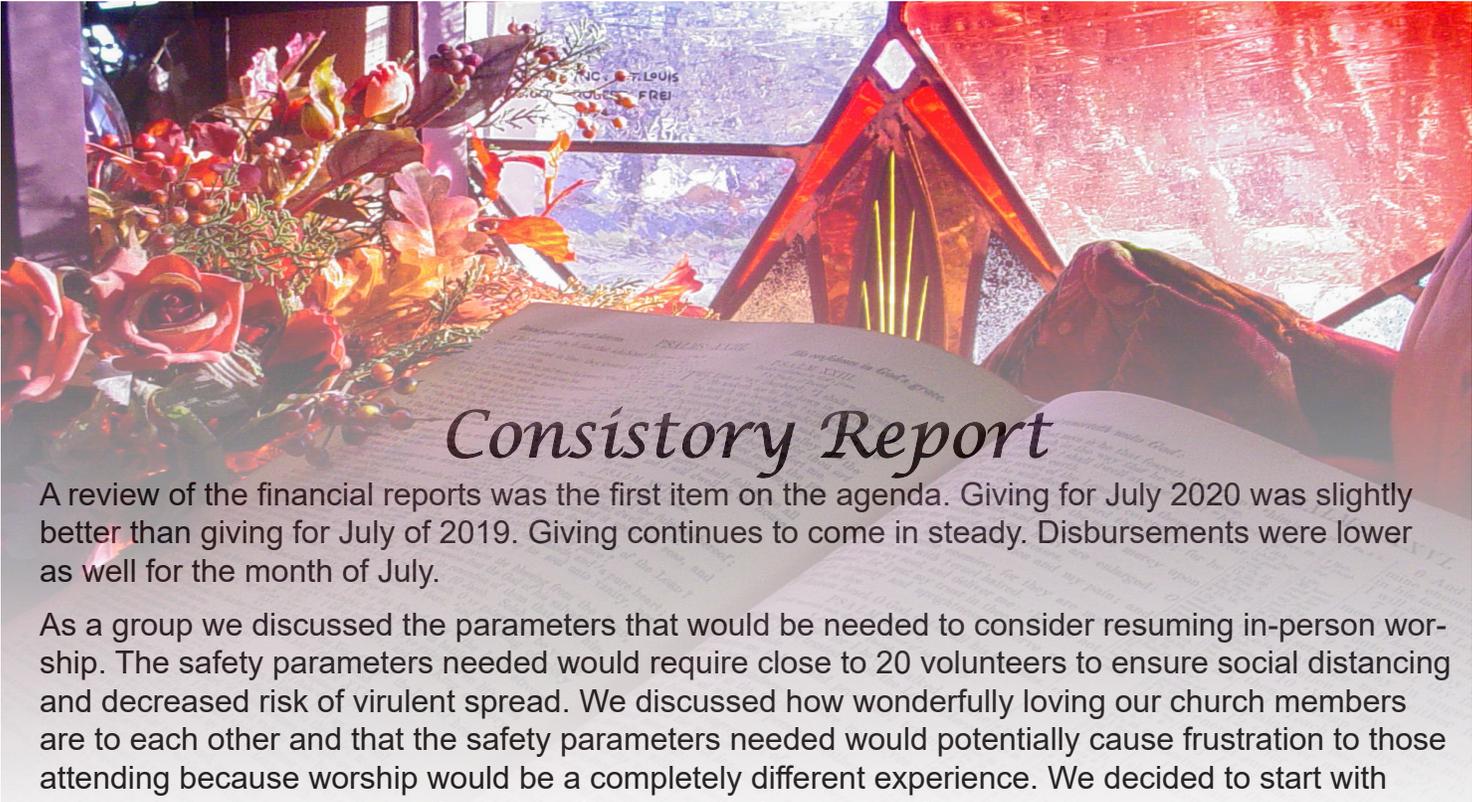
I miss you a lot and I lift you and this church in prayer every day. We did not have a tearful good-bye because we didn't get to even have a good-bye. In these strange and isolating days, it would be easy for me to slip into a pity party because so much that we cherish has either been put on hold or paused due to the grip of the global health crisis. I try hard to resist the temptation to get down about it all and try to choose hope while continuing to search for safe ways to bring you spiritual support and inspiration.

Like Paul, I look forward, with all my heart, to the joy-packed reunion that is in our future. Until that day, I call for kindness. Kindness is an under-rated virtue that will help us get through this dark and troubling time. Jesus said, “Let your light shine.” Showing kindness is a great way to let our light shine. Now more than ever we need to carry one another's burdens, whether it be through prayer, phone calls, emails, words of encouragement. Please be in touch if there is any way I can support you. Take precautions, wear a mask in public and be safe dear one, until the day comes when our joy-packed reunion becomes a reality.

Faithfully,

Tim





Consistory Report

A review of the financial reports was the first item on the agenda. Giving for July 2020 was slightly better than giving for July of 2019. Giving continues to come in steady. Disbursements were lower as well for the month of July.

As a group we discussed the parameters that would be needed to consider resuming in-person worship. The safety parameters needed would require close to 20 volunteers to ensure social distancing and decreased risk of virulent spread. We discussed how wonderfully loving our church members are to each other and that the safety parameters needed would potentially cause frustration to those attending because worship would be a completely different experience. We decided to start with a drive through communion for World Communion Sunday on October 4 and to research having parking lot services after that date. We are looking into a radio frequency that would allow members to stay in their cars and listen to services over the radio. We recognize that our plans are subject to change. God-willing we would love to be in person for the Christmas services.

Tim is exploring an outdoor Bible study for Thursday morning and possibly an evening Bible Study as well. Consideration for a space that provides shade in the day and evening and also enough area for social distancing is necessary to the plan. Wearing a mask will also be required if we are about to offer Bible Study outdoors.

The Stewardship Drive for this fall will be carried out through the church office through letters and the assistance of stewardship members.

Discussion of the payroll tax cut was held as we are needing to not take that out of employee paychecks at this time. Repayment of the payroll taxes will need to occur next year so the bookkeeper is working on a way to make it not a burden for our employees at that time.

Several people have inquired about Congregational vote to upgrade the sanctuary technology. The vote was unanimous, and we had enough votes to exceed what was needed for a quorum. Thompson Electronics has ordered the equipment and work will begin when it arrives.

Pastor Tim has been able to resume Pastoral visits to the hospital. He was also able to work with Good Samaritan to record chapel for members living there. He will begin a new worship series on "Building a Spiritual Toolkit". The Consistory approved using bricks from the St Peter's Church Building for a memorial table at the end of the hallway. Purchase of a memorial stone with an etching of the St Peter's building was approved as part of the memorial table.

Next Meeting Date was set for October 13 at 6:30pm.

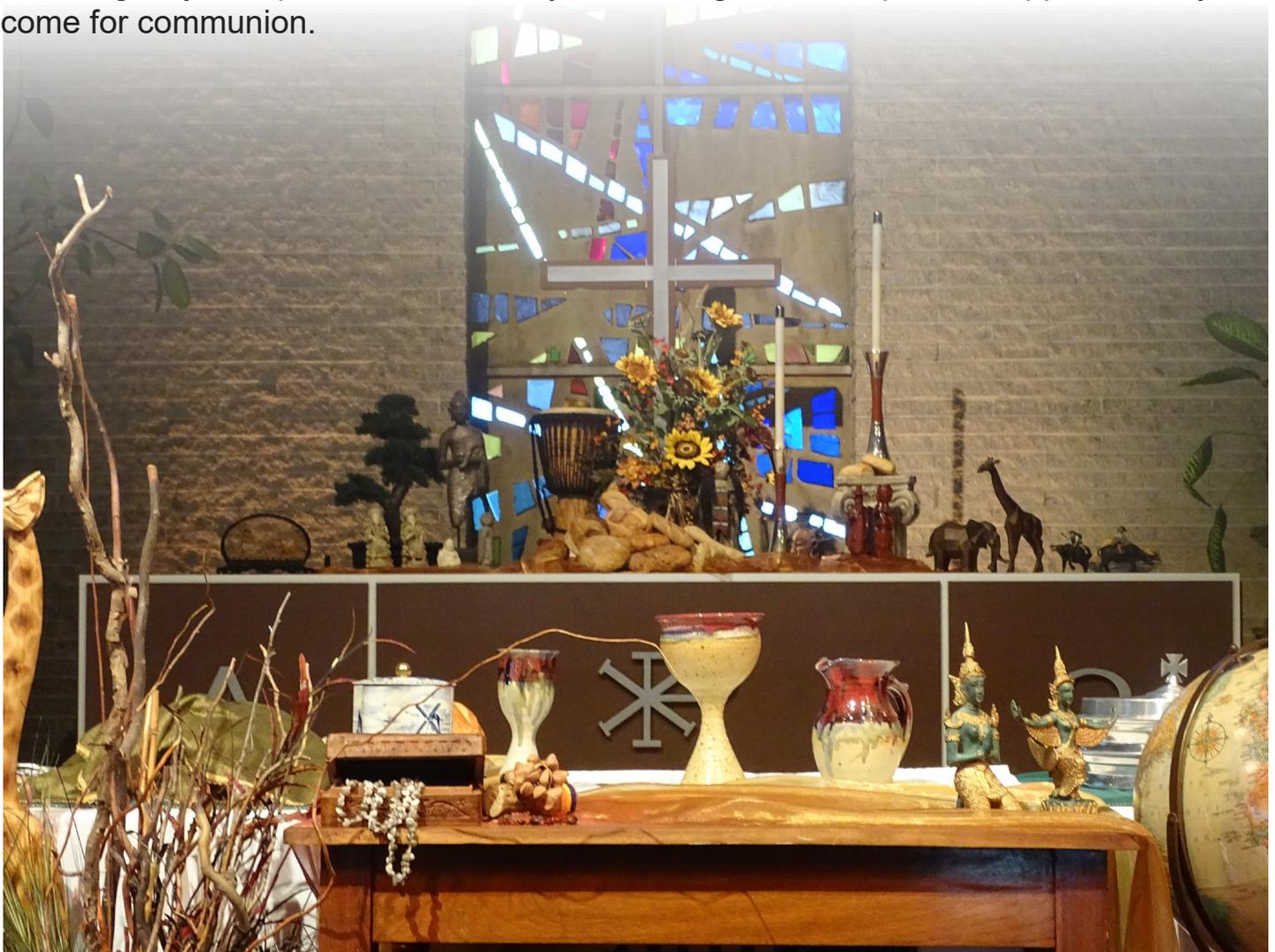
Sincerely,

Lila Warning

Drive Through Communion World Communion Sunday

On October 4th our church will join with our Christian sisters and brothers around the world to celebrate communion. Following worship, you are invited to come to Trinity for “Drive Through Communion” on Sunday, October 4th from 9:30 to 11:00. Our Elders are encouraging you to participate in the communion liturgy online before you come to the drive through event. We ask that everyone enter through the north driveway off 24th street and depart through the Cherry Lane exit. The pastor will greet you near the west doors and you will receive communion and a blessing. Please DO NOT get out of your car. It is important to the health and safety of the community and church family that we adhere to these guidelines. What a joy it will be to gather around the Lord’s table through this drive by communion celebration. Plans may be revised as additional information becomes available.

We will gladly accept food donations, your offerings, and Crop Walk support when you come for communion.



Fall Worship Series

We will begin a new worship series on September 13th called

Building a Spiritual Toolkit...

Necessary Resources of Life's Challenges

Each week we will examine the necessary tools or resources needed to meet the challenges of life.

September 13, 2020

“Trust the Playbook” ~ II Timothy 3:14-17

September 20, 2020

“Make Prayer a Priority” ~ Matthew 6:5-14

September 27, 2020

“Make a Game Plan” ~ Thessalonians 5:12-24

October 4, 2020

“Suit Up” ~ Ephesians 6:10-20

October 11, 2020

“Re-Fill Your Bucket” ~ Acts
2:43-47



Financial Update

In this time when it is not safe for us to meet in person, the church continues to be supported by your gifts. July 2020 income exceeded July 2019 income by a few hundred dollars. Unfortunately, our expenses continue to exceed income. We are grateful for all who continue to mail checks, drop off gifts or use our online giving platform on the website.

We are blessed to have the capability to give to the church through our website. There is a giving tab in the top right corner of the screen. Gifts can be made to general fund giving as well as memorials. The following giving options are available:

- Online giving through the website <https://trinitychurchquincy.com/giving/>

Thank you for your continued financial support. We continue to only make bank deposits every two weeks and it may take a little longer for your check to clear the bank.

Outdoor Bible Study

We are going to attempt to provide two Outdoor Bible Study opportunities until the weather turns cold. On Tuesday **September 15th, 22nd, and 29th** you invited to gather of an hour of Bible Study at 5:30 p.m.

Beginning Thursday, September 17th the Thursday Bible Study group is invited to gather at 9:30 a.m. for Bible Study and prayer.

Both groups require the following:

- **Social distancing.**
- **Mask wearing**
- **Bring your own lawn chair and Bible**

Bible study will be cancelled if there is inclement weather.

Food Drive Continues

We will continue with filling our grocery cart. There is a cart by the west door for you to drop them off. There is a big need. Please help us to continue to feed the hungry. 146 items were given in July and 258 food items were given in August. Thank you!

Across Six Feet of Separation

UCC Pastor Hope Harle-Mould

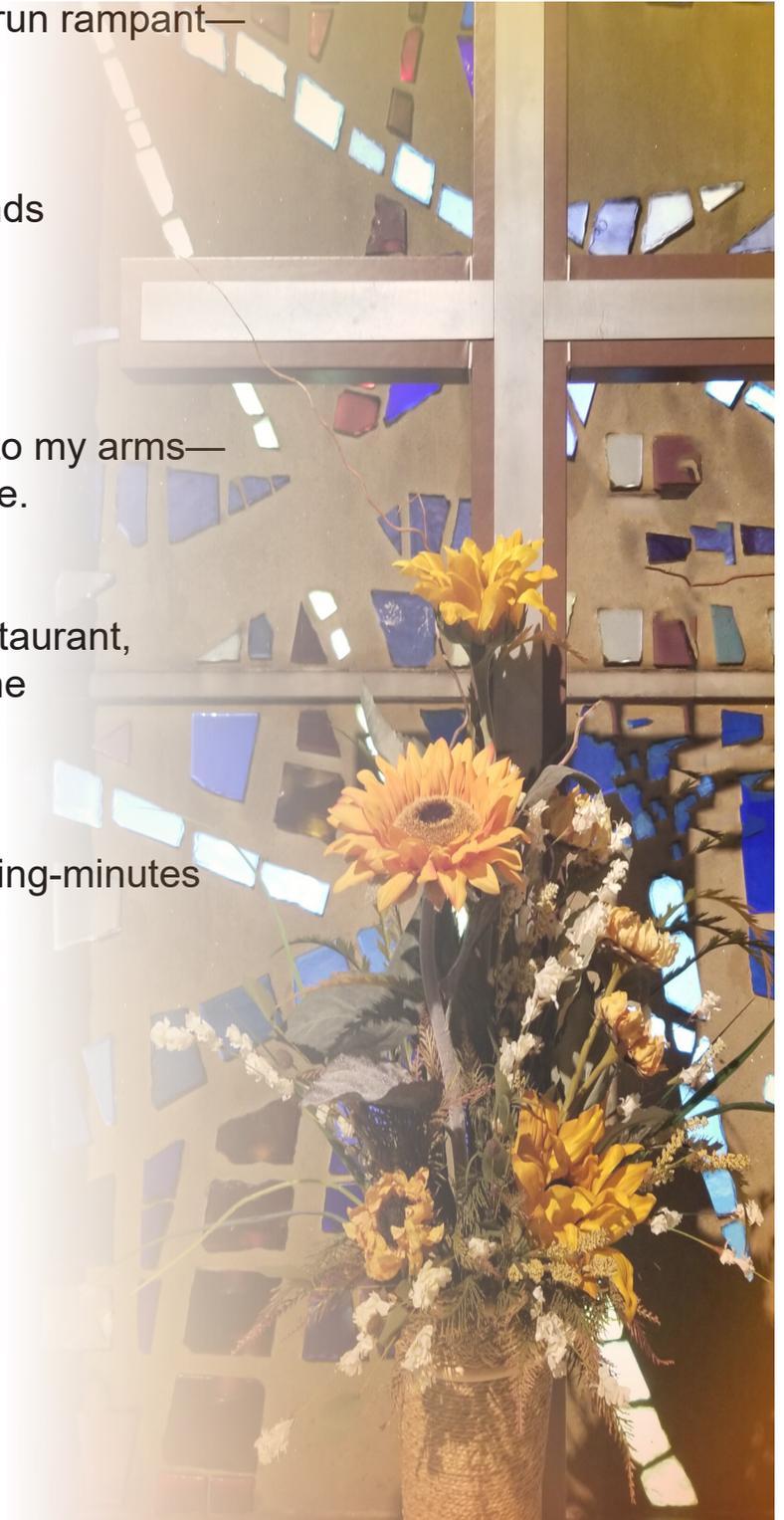
Across six feet of separation
the virus can't spread, but fear can run rampant—
you afraid of me, me afraid of you.

Across six feet of separation,
our world careens in tumult, our minds
in shell shocked muddle—
too aghast to see the way ahead.

Across six feet of separation
my grandkids can no longer race into my arms—
banned from even nearing my house.

Across six feet of separation
one daughter is laid off from her restaurant,
one risks her health daily, nursing the
disabled at her group home.

Across six feet of separation
our church can't enact its five-amazing-minutes
of Passing the Peace—
can't even gather to pray or hear
holy words of promise.





Trinity's Digital Ministry

The pandemic has pushed Trinity to increase our digital ministries in order to provide spiritual care, nurture, and worship in this time when we are severely limiting in-person gatherings. There are multiple ways you can experience our online presence.

Worship can be accessed three different ways online. You can worship with us on our YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOouMxMe0NoaHeogkg5zAXg>

You can worship with us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchquincy/>

You can go to our webpage and scroll to the bottom of the home page to access all our media. That can be found at:

<https://www.trinitychurchquincy.com>

In addition to worship, the Pastoral Reflections that are being posted daily on Facebook. One of the most efficient ways to spread God's love and promote the ministries is to SHARE the posts. Sharing the posts allows others in your social network to see the inspirational content we are post-

Neighbors In Need Offering October 4th

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

We will receive the NIN offering on October 4, 2020 as part of our World Communion Drive through Sunday. An envelope has been enclosed with this newsletter.

Air Conditioning Update your check.

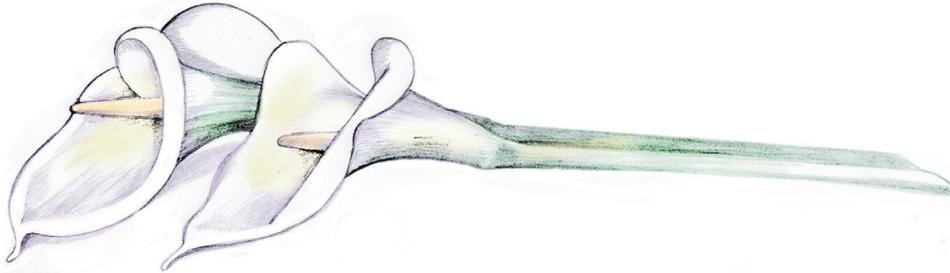
Envelopes will be at the west door table or in the foyer and periodically in the Signal Light until our goal has been reached. If you are sending a gift in the mail be sure to specify Air Conditioning Fund in the memo area of your check. **Thank you! 2019 & 2020 Gifts Received: \$12,190.00.**

Resource Center Devotionals

The Upper Room Devotionals September-October issues and These Days Devotionals for October-December issues are available on table by the west door or the literature rack in the church foyer. Although the suggested price for each booklet is \$1.00, any amount you can give will help defray the cost.



Memorials



SECOND MILE GIVING FUND

To: Julie Finley

From: Terry & Judy McCallum

To: Alan Dix

From: Terry & Judy McCallum

To: Charles Nell

From: Terry & Judy McCallum

Crop Walk for Hunger

Please consider being part of the Crop Walk. Because of safety concerns and restrictions related to COVID-19. This year it will take the form of a “Personal Journey to Impact World Hunger.” Each participant will be invited to walk alone or with members of their household and complete the walk from October 4th through October 11th. Each participant will pick the date and choose their route. Collection envelopes are available at the church office for all walkers.

Please mail or drop gifts off at the church office. Checks are to be payable to CWS/Crop. This year 25% of the funds collected will go to Salvation Army in Quincy. Call the church office if you have questions.

Note: Gifts can be made on line at www.crophungerwalk.org/quincyil/
Gifts may also be received at drive through World Communion
Sunday, October 4th

Prayer List

EACH DAY IN YOUR PERSONAL PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO LIFT UP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE Glen Hollyman, June Lahrman, Dick & Georgia Tournear, Baby Myles, Bill Arnold, Cathy Ussery Jim Bigelow, Marilyn Griffin, Don Tallcott, Keith Meyer, Katie Durk, Judith Stoermer, Carlene Davis, Andy Knight, Dorothy Krohn, Jim Sass, Christian Caley, Steve Lock and Mike Jackson, Trevin Humphrey, Leo Henning, Beka Zwirtz, Mary Jones, Ray Southard, Steve Homan, Mildred Crane, Jimmy and Caitlin Garcia, Beth Harscher, Tim Miller, Shona Rodgers, Jim Foster, Mary Feeny, Julie McEwen, Cindy Taute, Ken Herman, Bob Standbridge, Glenn Cox, Russell Orr, Sarah Shelley, Donna Braden, Kim Meyer, Phil Worrell, Donna McClelland, Sondi Miller, Mary Dyer, Kevin Rockhold, Bill Lahrman, Conner Redington, Ron Gaus, Linda Vandiver, John Rudicil, Marty Ohnemus, Brian Cox, Dr. Kent Palmer, Marilyn Van-Blair, Max Miller, Teresa Sweet, Ginny Tobin, Mike Rokita, Lisa Gengenbacher, Dave Holtschlag, Tim Axton, Jeff Bates, Imogene & J.B. Weston, Cindy Trower, Bob Bizer, Kim Stratman, Bill Gilbert, Eli Campos, Sammy Adcox, Alan & Rosemary Fries, Jimmy Steinkamp, Tim Dittmer, Alexandra & Isabelle Durk, Marcia Moss, David Travis, Lori Gordon, Lisa Wood, Briley & Grayson Zibilski, Nancy McCarty, Lori Kraus, Richard Brown, Vicki McColez, Mike & Sandy Schmid, Penny Norton, Kyle Benson, Vickie Fischer, Colin Little, Hayden Wheatley, Jan Lee Wansley, Colette Gaston, Linda Atkins, Vickie Schoffmit, Liam Combs, Steve Withers, Mary Frasch, Prudence McKenadey, Bob McCleary, Ty Sharify, Marie Holt, Beverly Hurt, Pauline Poppe, Sydney Jean Meade, Sue Foster, Kristopher Schrecke, Hayden Pegues, Conner Smith, Shirley Martin, Gary Glover, Hannah McVeigh, Evan Mencer, Julie Hamilton, Dustin Humphrey, Carolyn Lauder, Yvonne & David Stone, Millie & Bob Meyer, Mary Loos, Ella Cain, Pauline Willbanks, Mary Chamberlain, Pat Hillerts, Kim Tryon, Carol Holbrook, Allison Webring, Barbara Savell, Sue Mann, Edna Walker, Al Rankin, Lee Koch, Bennett Dredge, Jeremy & family, Jamie, Mike, Toby, Ashley, Stephanie & family, Calvin, Annie, Ella, Abbie, Rebekah, Carla, Isabella, Katie, Alisha, Tonya, Valerie, Jake, David, Leslie, Alex, Don, Amanda, Philip and the Armed Forces. Please pray for the families and friends of Terry Anastas, Mike Beswick and Charlie Nell in this time of grief and those who are recipients of our Love Gift offerings.



Calendar's for Good Samaritan Home

Good Samaritan Home can use calendars for the residents to use for their appointments. If you have any extra calendars that you can donate, they can be left at the church office. I have left some at the foyer counter for our church family that might need one.

Salvation Army Clothes 4Kids

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary will be supplying new fall/winter outfits to area children. Applications will be taken from 2-4 p.m. at the Kroc Center from Monday-Friday, September 14-18. Distribution day is Friday, October 9th from 2-8 p.m. If you have a question contact Captain Kristina Sjogren at 217-231-5663 or at Kristina.sjogren@USC.SalvationArmy.org

Trinity Members Hospitalized

Trinity members hospitalized since the August 2020 Signal Light: June Lahrman, Georgia Tournear, Glen Hollyman



September Birthdays

1	Tracy Beasley Stephanie Boyer	16	David Travis Nanette Tharp
2	Laura Nothold Brent Hickerson	17	Jo Ann Hawkins Louis Hindbaugh
3	Kiersten Lawrence Miranda Sue Mellon Mark Warren		John Kelley Dalton Myers Olivia Wuestenfeld
4	Piper Clevenger	18	Matt Farr
5	Allan Sellers Bruce Speckhart Peggy Zahm Jill Remington	19	Anthony Clark Alyson Kemp
6	John Rudicil John Moller Tim Baker	20	Kathy Stoermer Jeannie DeBoer Joe Meyer Ben Mero
7	Sarah Riggs Scott Moore	21	Jill Winkeljohn Amanda Klaus Angie Barnes
8	June Lahrman	22	Alisa Cameron Gretchen Kemp
10	Kim Farr Andrea Baker	24	Mary Boyer Geri Miller
11	Jay Stiles Ronald Gaus Michael Otten	25	Shaina Baker Patti Durk
13	Gage Schroder	26	Sharon Oberdahlhoff
14	Ciara Wheelock	27	Michelle Hankins
15	Dennis Dix Natalie Wiemelt	29	Nathan Morriss
		30	Matthew Baker Jakob O. Voss



September Anniversaries

1	Austin & Krissy Brinkman
2	Jeff & Marcia Hibbert
5	Ron & Rita Heubner
5	Casey & Abby Jackson
7	Scott & Sarah Riggs
	Doug & Maria Kooken
8	Greg & April Lenane
9	Rich & Penny Ellerman
12	Troy & Angie Kemp
14	Chad & Robin Downs
	Amy & Richard Humphrey
15	Jim & Shirley Schuecking
16	Jeff & Betsy Schild
18	Bill & Brenda Trapini
20	Tom & Janet Scobee
20	Brian & Courtney Kroeger
23	Larry & Laura Snelling
28	Kris & Shelley Bentley
29	Erica & Dan Carmean
30	Christian & Christy Klaus
	Ron & Jane Gaus
	Steven & Lori Ward

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