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Trinity United Church of Christ - Quincy, Illinois

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

Father Mike Marsh is an Episcopal Priest in Texas. A while back I stumbled on his blog quite accidentally and have found his writings helpful, challenging, and inspiring. He captured the anger, sadness, restlessness in my soul and the deep longing to return to a time with less pain. Father Mike wrote recently: "I want to be able to breathe again. I want you to be able to breathe. I want the George Floyds of the world to be able to breathe. I want us to breathe faith, hope, and love. I want us to breathe repentance, forgiveness, and healing. I want us to breathe compassion, justice, and peace. Don't you? Don't you want those things for yourself, for your kids and grandchildren, for the people of our country, for the world?" Fr. Mike

Racism, calls for justice, and relentless protesting have dominated the news reels, however, economic hardship, physical distancing, emotional isolation round out the current portrait of life in America. 18 months ago the secularization of America and the steep decline of the church was my greatest heartache. Now I believe that America's pivot away from God was the beginnings of the deep social unrest we experience today.

As many wonder if the center will hold in democracy I believe we need God more than ever. My prayer is the country will seek comfort and hope in the living God and pivot back to ordering life around the story of God's deep and abiding love for creation. These extremely difficult times are also pivotal times. Our commitment to the truth that has guided, and shaped western civilization for more than 2000 years is our hope to one day be able to breath again.

These are hard times; we worship online because it is safe. We limit our singing due to safety concerns. Our call to action is: instead of coming to church we are called to BE the church. Staying connected emotionally and spiritually (while wearing face coverings and maintaining physical distance) will allow us to emerge from this present threat stronger than ever. We need God and we need each other! Richard Rohr wrote that "as Christians we know what happened on Sunday." Because we know what happened on Sunday, we will one day emerge strong, and we will breathe again!

Faithfully,

Tim





July Consistory Meeting

The Consistory members met July 27 in the sanctuary. The first agenda item discussed was the financial report. We finished the second quarter of the year well. Giving was above expected for June however, we still remain \$5,500 behind for the year. Giving is divided evenly between mail contributions and online giving.

Tim informed the Consistory of issues with the roof on the educational wing. The roof is experiencing damage from rainwater not being correctly diverted into the gutters. Tournear roofing has been consulted and estimated that the areas can be fixed for less than \$5000. Approval was given to have the job completed.

The Sentricon termite system is up for renewal for \$396 annually. Approval was given to continue with this system. A leak was discovered in the educational wing hallway (different from above roofing issues). This leak was determined to be plumbing related. Wand plumbing was consulted, and the issue was traced back to a missed water value during the change over from heat to air conditioning this spring. Damage was limited to ceiling tiles. The air conditioning is working very well. The bill for the unit has not been received nor has the estimate for the grates to cover the coils on the outside unit.

Next item we discussed was the estimate for upgrading the video system from digital to analog from Thompson. The current system is 18 years old and does not allow us to complete the virtual services that we have been doing through the pandemic. We have been paying for the videographer to come and record each service. This upgrade will allow us to do that and to stream other services, such as funerals, weddings etc. The bid is \$40,250 for the upgrade. The Consistory voted to bring this to the congregation to vote on. A separate note is included in the newsletter giving more details of the meeting and how to vote. It is important to note that there is a trust established specific to the worship technology that will cover the cost of this upgrade.

We discussed when to look at re-starting in-person worship. As of right now in Adams County, we are under a warning and are looking at a potential shutdown as the numbers continue to go higher each day. The consistory voted to reassess holding services again at their September 8th meeting. We all miss the fellowship of our members and worshipping our Lord and Savior together but to do so at this time puts members at risk. We pray for this to stop, members to remain healthy and all to be safe!

Respectfully and Humbly,
Lila Warning
Consistory Chair

Congregational Meeting

The Consistory met on July 27th and issued a call for a Congregational Meeting. In the midst of a world health crisis the leadership of the church does not believe it is safe to meet in person. The reason for the meeting is to request your approval for an upgrade in technology in the sanctuary.

There will be a brief video presentation prior to worship on YouTube August 2nd. We invite you to stop by the church (please wear a mask) to cast your ballot anytime during office hours between August 3rd to August 14th. If you are unable to cast your vote during office hours, contact the office and accommodations will be made. The “meeting” will have a quorum once we have received the number of votes equaling the number of members needed in a meeting. You are welcome to reach out to the pastor with questions about the proposal.

WHY IS THIS UPGRADE NECESSARY?

Our current technology is all analogue and was installed in 2002. (a century ago in digital time.) In order to efficiently and effectively continue our internet ministry on YouTube the upgrade from analogue to digital is necessary.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THIS UPGRADE?

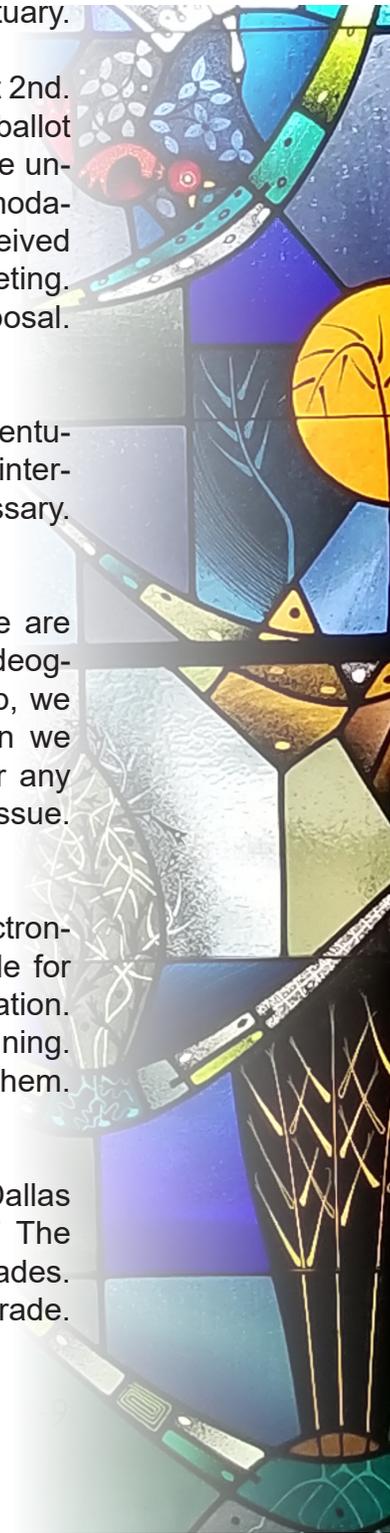
We are currently paying a videographer to video record the worship we are posting on the internet. This upgrade will enable us to stop paying a videographer. This will give us the ability to “livestream.” In addition to worship, we will be able to livestream funerals weddings and special events. When we record worship (on our current system) we can not record the organ or any congregational responses or singing. This upgrade will alleviate this issue.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The Consistory is recommending we accept a bid from Thompson Electronics. This firm based in Peoria, Illinois was the subcontractor responsible for all our current technology installed in 2002 during the sanctuary renovation. The total cost of \$40,250 includes new equipment, installation, and training. Detailed plans are available and will be emailed to anyone who requests them.

WHAT WILL WE PAY FOR THIS PROJECT?

Several years ago, the church received a bequest from the estate of Dallas and Pat Matthews. The gift was designated for “worship technology.” The fund currently has \$70,000 available for future worship technology upgrades. The generous insight of Mr. and Mrs. Matthews will finance this upgrade.





Late Summer Worship Series

In the midst of a global health crisis it is imperative that the church “Imagines” being the church in new ways. God is calling us to continue to be the body of Christ in six-foot increments of physical distance. This challenge also hold opportunity to be the church in new ways.

Church Re-Imagined

...Finding Spiritual Vitality in Six-Foot Increments

August 16, 2020

Okay with not okay ~ II Corinthians 12:7-10

August 23, 2020

Celebrate the Past ~ I Corinthians 1:26-31

August 30 2020

Trust and Gratitude ~ Matthew 6:25-34

September 6, 2020

Guided by Grace ~ Ephesians 4:25-32

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. Though our expenses are exceeding income we are grateful for all who continue to mail checks, drop off gifts or use our online giving platform on the website. In the month of June more than \$3,000 was given through 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.

Back-to-School Fair

We are in the final days of our collection of supplies for the Back-to-School Fair. We are again supplying a 6th grade class with the items they need to thrive in school whether it is in person or through remote learning. It is not too late to contribute school supplies. Some have given financial donations because they didn't feel comfortable shopping. We need your school supplies dropped off at church no than August 1st. Please only purchase items on the list.

1-2"-3" Binder or Trapper Keeper

1-Three-hole pencil bag

1-package #2 pencils-Mechanical preferred with additional lead

1-package of blue/black ink pens

1-Headphone/earbuds with 3.5 mm plug-in

1-5 subject notebook

3-boxes of tissues

1-Clorox wipes

1 Bottle of hand sanitizer

1 Box of Band-Aids

Thank you for your generous support of this local mission project.

Prayer for COVID-19

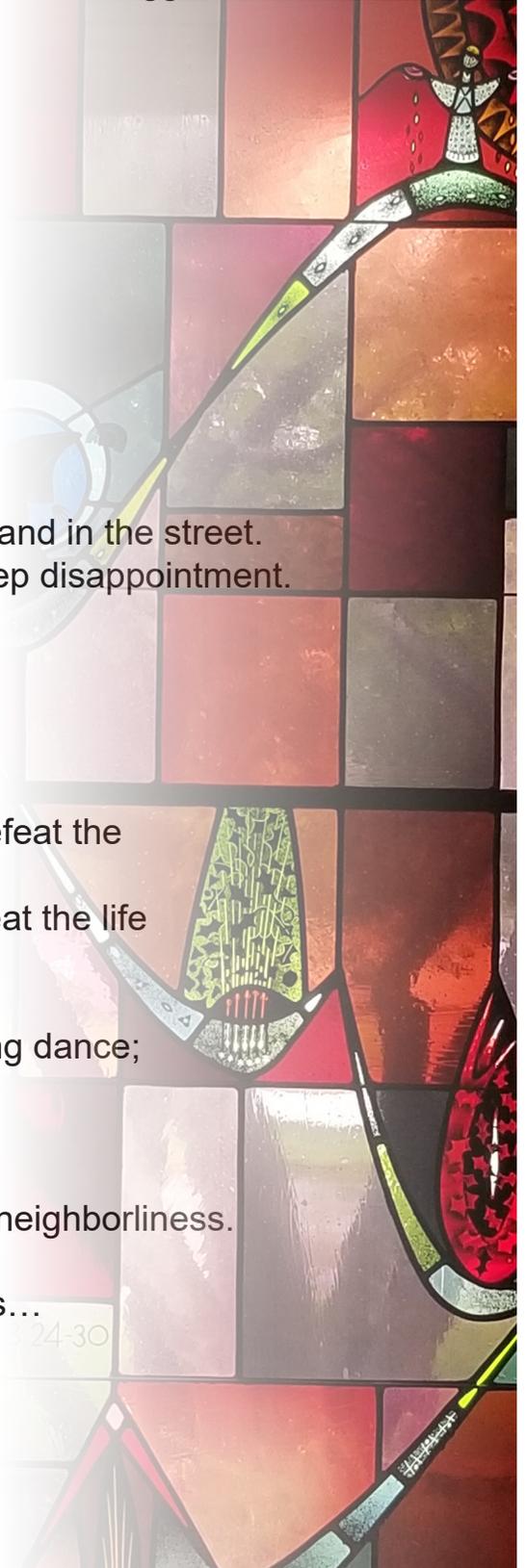
Let the Dance Begin... Soon

A prayer by the Reverend Dr Walter Brueggemann

We now miss out on so much
the graduation of a granddaughter,
the wedding of a niece,
the final four,
the beginning of Baseball,
the great Easter liturgy,
the day by day interaction on the street.
The virus has imposed a huge silence among us.
It is a silence that evokes loneliness,
and domestic violence,
and job loss
and the end of life in the bars, and on the beach, and in the street.
We wait; we may wait in despair, or at least in deep disappointment.
But we may also wait differently:
we wait in confident faith;
we wait in eager longing
we wait on the Lord.
We wait for the future against despair,
because we know that you, the God of life, will defeat the
force of death.
We know that the Friday execution could not defeat the life
lived by Jesus
Nor the life lived by his faithful people.
As we wait, we practice our next moves for the coming dance;
it is only a little while... "yet a little while";
we will walk the long march of obedience;
we will run the race of discipleship;
we will soar like eagles into God's good future of neighborliness.
We know that you will overcome the silence
because the silence... no more than the darkness...
can overcome the Lord of Life. Amen

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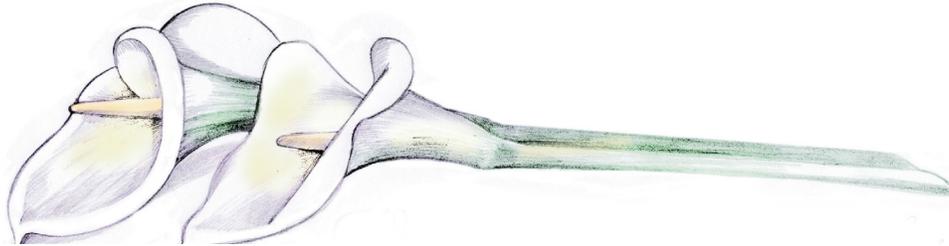
WALTER BRUEGGEMANN



Updated Address

Andrew and Katharine White
P.O. Box 834 Tahoma, CA 96142-0834

Memorials



MEMORIAL FUND

To: Alan Dix

From: Mary & Tom McCoy

To: Charles Nell

From: Rita & Ron Heubner; Steve & Sharon Vahlkamp;
Susan Sturm

Thank You

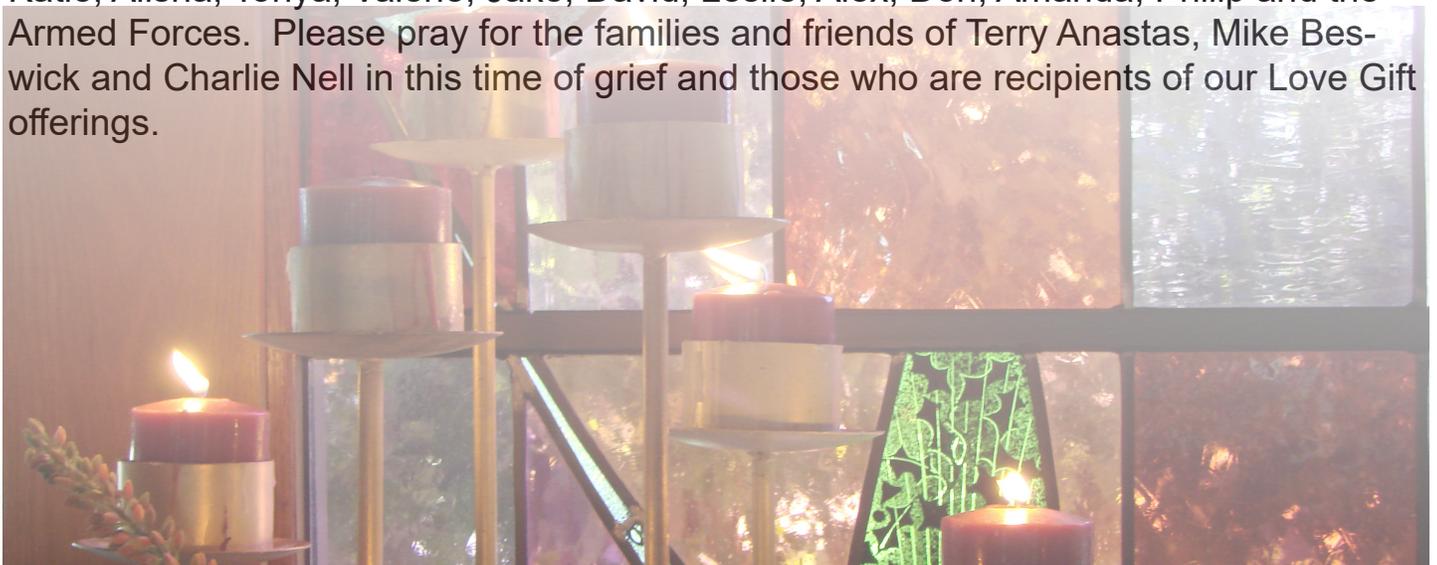
Thank you so much for all the food brought before and after Charlie passed. We have an amazing Church Family. Love Donna Nell

Crop Walk for Hunger

Trinity is the coordinator for the 2020 Adams County 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. Please keep a date open to walk. Collection forms are available at the church office for all walkers. A collection table will be set up in September in the foyer if in-house worship begins otherwise you can mail or drop gifts off at the church office. All checks are to be payable to CWS/Crop. Call the church office if you have questions.

Prayer List

EACH DAY IN YOUR PERSONAL PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO LIFT UP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE 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 Georgia Tournear, Trevin Humphrey, Kelsi Buss, Leo Henning, Beka Zwirtz, Mary Jones, Ray Southard, Steve Homan, Glen Hollyman, Mildred Crane, Jimmy and Caitlin Garcia, Beth Harscher, Tim Miller, Shona Rodgers, Joe Jenkins, Jim Foster, Mary Feeny, Julie McEwen, Cindy Taute, Ken Herman, Bob Standbridge, Glenn Cox, Russell Orr, Sarah Shelley, Tamara Goodwin, Donna Braden, John Saathoff, Bob Frink, 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 VanBlair, Max Miller, Teresa Sweet, Ginny To-bin, Mike Rokita, Lisa Gengenbacher, Dave Holtschlag, Tim Axton, Jeff Bates, Imogene & J.B. Weston, JoAnn Lair, 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 Weibring, Barbara Savell, Sue Mann, Edna Walker, Al Rankin, Lee Koch, Bennett Dredge, Jeremy & family, Jamie, Mike, Toby, Ashley, Stephanie & family, Calvin, Annie, Ella, Jerry, 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.





August Birthdays

1	Jana Warren	14	Viktoriya Schild
	Erica Nichols	16	Randy Powers
2	Brian Winkeljohn		Katie Gallaher
	Cassandra Burns	17	Michael Burns
	Randy Poteet		Amy Humphrey
3	Raven Paige Hurt	19	Katie Norris
	Norma Wuestenberg 98		Troy Voss
	Kelly Johnson		Quinton DeBoer
4	Jeff Schuecking	20	Chad Uplinger
5	Zachary Lish		Ian Warning
	Jean Delap	21	Ronna Schroder
6	Lili Treharne-Foose	22	Jeff Burns
	Leah Wuestenfeld	23	Ellen Obrock
7	Paul Warning	25	William Anthony Cutforth
8	Jeff Schild		Bo Morriss III
	Steve Hagood	27	Richard Ellerman
	Stephanie Dyer		Justin Busen
10	Samuel Farr		Darlene Harris
11	Sheigh Rigg	28	Anita Laaker
	Tom Cliatt		Bill Lahrman
	Ellen Halfpap		Becky Hartley
12	Troy Kemp	30	Teresa Smith
	Blake Voss		Kent Seifert
	Donna McClelland	31	William Halfpap
13	Riley Lyssy		



August Anniversaries

9	Kent & Debby Seifert
9	Paul & Ellen Obrock
11	Erin & Rachel Cox
16	Ray & Carol Shubinski
18	Jim & Joyce Schrand
20	Paul & Lila Warning
26	John & Rhonda Basinger
27	Eric & Kelley Basinger
30	Gary & JoAnn Kirlin

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