



TRINITY TIMES

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General Information:

Sunday Service
9:00am

Fellowship Time
10:00am

Sunday School
10:30am

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The best medicine

Near the end of his life, Protestant reformer Martin Luther suffered debilitating headaches. When told about a costly medicine that might offer some relief, Luther smiled and said, "My best prescription for head and heart is that 'God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'"

That Bible verse became a refrain for Luther on his deathbed. "What Spartan saying can be compared with this wonderful brevity," he said of John 3:16. "It is the Bible itself!" After repeating the words of that Gospel-in-a-nutshell verse three times in Latin, Luther exclaimed, "They are the best prescription for headaches and heartaches!"

Just be — and be still

Various versions of the following sentiment are posted online: "I am a human being, not a human doing. It's okay to just *be* sometimes." Many of us get anxious if we think we're not *doing* enough, but peace activist Thich Nhat Hanh insists it's not a waste of time to just be: "To be alive, to be peaceful, to be joyful, to be loving ... is what the world needs most."

During the pandemic, when people were urged to stay home to slow the virus' spread, we had to think hard about how to continue being the church while limited in what we could go out and "do." Yet church leaders reminded us that we were actually loving our neighbors by staying home — by being less active.

It's sometimes okay — ideal, even — to just *be*. In quieting our bodies, minds and hearts, we may find ourselves more often in prayer, more aware of God's presence and more nourished for when the time is right to again take up more active forms of ministry, peacemaking and love. "In quietness and trust is your strength" (Isaiah 30:15, NIV).

—Heidi Mann



Virginia Yost

October 20

Gladys Wildasin

October 21

Jean Sullivan

October 26

Dear Friends:

I write this letter on the first day of fall. Personally, I am fine with marking the end of summer, and glad to see the change of season. Often, a change in season brings a change in my view of the world. I could never live in a place with no seasons, or subtle seasonal change, like in Florida.



There is so much right now from which I would like to turn the page to a new season. It's been a rough summer...and a rougher spring before that. As we have come to terms with the pandemic we have made changes to our everyday lives, and been changed in the process. Our nation is going through a social and political upheaval the likes of which we have not seen in a long time. We are experiencing the impact of climate change in ways both dramatic and frightening. I don't think we will be fully apprised of how we have been affected by all this until sometime in the future when we have the leisure to look back on these tumultuous days.

Maybe all this has made your faith stronger, or maybe it has challenged your faith like nothing ever before. We see suffering all around us, and many of you have experienced suffering and grief in this pandemic. Paul tells us that we boast in our suffering because "*suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.*" (Romans 5:3-5). God's love is what we cling to, the life raft to safety when the seas are stormy. God's Word sustains us as the lamp unto our feet, guiding us to a place of calm and certainty.

Our traditional approaches to worship, Christian Education, and fellowship--that may have sustained us in earlier times--are not entirely available to us right now. I have encountered a resource that may assist us to find our spiritual footing in this very slippery time! The book is called "Everyday Spirituality" and it offers a way forward that does not rely on our traditional approaches to church life and Christian growth. And it is geared to those of us having trouble focusing on our devotions and prayers, with so many distractions all around us. Rather than dividing spiritual life apart from everyday life, it helps the reader experience all that he or she does as being connected to God, the sacred, and the holy.

One reviewer calls it a front porch conversation shared with a friend on a warm summer day, over glasses of cold lemonade. We are not asked to take up a regimented spiritual practice (that always fails with me!). Rather, we are asked to view our daily lives as sacred. It expresses the truth that much of what we already do in life is spiritual in nature. I like this book, and for me it fills a real need as I try to make sense and meaning of this time.

I would like to develop a group study with it, and hold it on-line so that we can safely gather for study and discussion. The first step is to see who might wish to participate, and please let me know of your interest. Then we will order the books. We would meet Monday mornings at 11 am, via Zoom. I envision us starting October 19th, and meeting for 4 weeks. If folks who work are interested, I would offer a second evening time.

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Last, our Coronavirus Task Force met and reviewed our position regarding in-person worship, funerals, cleaning, etc. This summer we said that our COVID 19 policy would be reviewed in mid-September as more information and experience could guide our approach. Here we are. We are pleased with the way in which our new disinfecting sprayer is working out, and appreciate the effort made by our sextons to keep the church clean. At this point, we still feel that in-person worship is relatively safe, within our current constraints. At our next meeting in early October we will review that position based on our local situation. In October we will present to Consistory some modifications to our current funeral policy. The Task Force wishes to thank our congregation for the way in which you have been willing to adhere to our recommendations.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather, and know that God is good...all the time!

Peace,

Pastor Kim

WOT & Hoffman Homes

The Women of Trinity recently purchased \$200 worth of school supplies which were on the Hoffman Homes wish list for this school year. They were dropped at Homewood at Plum Creek because they were also collecting for Hoffman Homes and were picked up by a grateful Hoffman Homes employee.



With Sympathy

Judith C. Maust

Carrie A. Morelock

Born

June 26, 1943

October 7, 1916

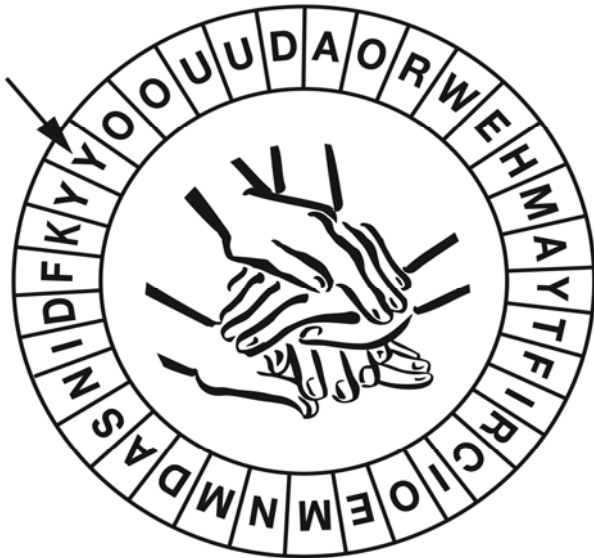
Died

September 12, 2020

September 15, 2020

Puzzle!

Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise, write every other letter on the spaces below to discover what Jesus says about his friends.



“ Y

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JOHN 15:14, NIV

Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command.” John 15:14, NIV



Bible Quiz

In Jesus’ parable about people who hear and live by God’s words, on what did the wise man build his house?

- A. rock
- B. sand
- C. grassland
- D. soil that was free of rocks

Answer: A (See Matthew 7:24-27.)



Christian Symbol

PLOW — This farming implement is mentioned frequently in the Bible, often in conjunction with verses about the harvest.

The act of plowing symbolizes preparing the heart to receive God’s truth, or the “seed” of God’s word. The plow also represents commitment; Jesus says, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God” (Luke 9:62, NIV). In the Old Testament, the prophet Elisha burns his plow to show his commitment to answer God’s call (see 1 Kings 19:21).



To my Trinity family,

Thank you for the cards and good wishes I received for my birthday on August 29th. They were greatly appreciated and I am thankful for everyday that I have.

God Bless you,
Janet Noel



I would like to thank everyone that sent sympathy cards and performed acts of kindness following the passing of my sister, Drema J. Weaver. Also, thank you to Rev. Kim for her calls and support. Everything was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Shelby Hess



Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
1	Melinda and Don Craumer	37	18	JoAnne and Alan Wolfgang	34
4	Carol and Joseph Lane	34	19	JoAnn and Keith Werner	35
6	Susan and Gregory Alwine	41	21	Ruth and Wilbur Gallagher	67
7	Diane and Richard Betlyon	48	21	Nancy and Nevin Shultz	69
7	Deborah and Garry Unger	42	23	Doreen & Richard Bankert	38
7	Lisa and James Helt	31	24	Beverly and Ray Hahn	66
9	Jeannette and Larry Hart	54	26	Heather and Andrew Sabaka	18
12	Peggy and Allen Myers	41	27	Mandi and David Smith	35
16	Sally and Michael Hampton	50	29	Patricia & William Thompson	9
16	Judy and Steven Steinke	44			

If your anniversary was omitted, please contact the church office to update your records. Thank you.

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