
The Nous

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The Nous: To comprehend spiritual truth...

An opening and a reaction by the love of God through the Holy Spirit

June 2019



June 2019 Sermons

June 2 Holy Communion Dinner Church at 5:00 p.m.	Acts 16:16-34 and John 17:20-26
June 9 Pentecost Wear Red!	Special Guests from the Swahili congregation, potluck to follow
June 16	John 16:12-15 and Proverbs 8:1-4, 22- 31
June 23	Psalms 42-43 and 1 Kings 19:1-15a
June 30 Wild Goose at Trinity NO MORNING WORSHIP at the church house.	Dinner Church at 5:00 p.m.

Pastor's Note

Summer is here! With such unseasonably warm weather, it feels like we've been in the heat of July or August rather than the waning days of spring. At this time of year, I begin feeling like summer is already over, before it has even started. For one who tries to plan well in advance, that's always a hazard, but for some reason summer seems particularly susceptible to this time warp.

The theme for our third seasonal team, Pentecost, is "Living in the Fruits of the Spirit." We will begin with a rousing, spirit-filled Pentecost service and extend the celebration of the Holy Spirit through the summer. Throughout, we will be invited to draw our attention to the places where we see the Spirit at work, here and elsewhere. Such a discipline can also help us take time to stop and smell the literal and proverbial

roses, and to enjoy the blessings of each day without finding ourselves suddenly past a season we hardly experienced.

Early June will be quite busy for Trinity, but after that, we will be enjoying a break in the pace of programming. June 2, we will host a benefit concert for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance with a special focus on the rebuilding efforts in eastern North Carolina. Following that concert, we will share a meal and conversation with dinner church at 5pm.

Wednesday, June 5 we will host a cookout/picnic especially for our Clothes Closet clients, our neighbors, and members. This is also an evening for Trinity to staff the Clothes Closet, so we invite all to come and join for the meal and/or stay to volunteer in this ministry, the longest running ministry of Trinity. If you've never volunteered with it, consider doing so this summer! We will also be staffing the Clothes Closet on June 12 (note this is a change from the regular schedule), so we will need volunteers that evening, too.

Sunday, June 9 will kick off the Pentecost season with a special worship service featuring the pastor and choir from the Swahili-speaking congregation that gathers at Faith Community Church. Their members come from many different nations, but are united by language. After worship, we will share a potluck meal. Trinity will provide chicken and drinks, and we invite everyone to bring a side dish or dessert that represents your own culture.

June will also go out with a big day. The "Wild Goose at Trinity" will take a new shape this year, as it has every year so far. On June 30, rather than meeting for worship at Trinity, we are encouraging everyone to pick one of four other congregations for worship on that Sunday morning. The four options are:

- Russian Baptist Church, 784 Dinkel Ave, Mt. Crawford, 10am
- Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church, N. Main Street, Harrisonburg, 10:00 am
- Faith Community Church, 1660 S. Main, Harrisonburg, 9:00 & 10:30 am
- Harrisonburg Assembly of God, 1310 Garbers Church Rd, Harrisonburg, 10:00 am

Feel free to go on your own or coordinate with others. There will not be worship at Trinity that morning. Instead, we will gather for dinner church that evening at 5pm, one week earlier than usual. There we will share conversation about how we experienced the Holy Spirit at work in different places.

Finally, since many of us travel at some point in the summer, the Pentecost team will be compiling "Worship to Go" packs that can be used whenever, wherever you are. Watch for those to be available sometime this month. If you haven't "liked" and followed Trinity Presbyterian Church on Facebook, make sure you do so before the month starts. I'll publish things from time to time that can also serve a devotional purpose.

As we embark on another summer together, I invite all of us to take time to rest, to tune in to the work of the Holy Spirit, even and often in unexpected places. May your spirit find rest and refreshment in the lengthening days ahead!

Grace and Peace,
Stephanie



Stephanie will be out June 8-15 for Continuing Education. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Rebekah Nolt.

June 2019 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

[Year C]

JUNE

Seventh Sunday of Easter—June 2

Acts 16:16–34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21

John 17:20–26

Day of Pentecost—June 9

Acts 2:1–21 or Genesis 11:1–9

Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

Romans 8:14–17 or Acts 2:1–21

John 14:8–17 [25–27]

Trinity Sunday—June 16

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1–5

John 16:12–15

Second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 7)—June 23

Semicontinuous

1 Kings 19:1–4 [5–7] 8–15a

Psalm 42 and 43

Galatians 3:23–29

Luke 8:26–39

Complementary

Isaiah 65:1–9

Psalm 22:19–28

Galatians 3:23–29

Luke 8:26–39

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 8)—June 30

Semicontinuous

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14

Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

Luke 9:51–62

Complementary

1 Kings 19:15–16, 19–21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

Luke 9:51–62



Please keep in your prayers.....

- Mae Guthrie recovering from hip surgery at Sunnyside Healthcare.
- Mariam Nalorth, recovering from surgery and Mubarak is doing well and still recovering from his surgery.
- Vicky Rinehart, who fractured her right shoulder and reinjured her right knee from a fall.
- Gloria Comstock, recovering from surgery.
- Becca Lowrances's father who broke his arm after a recent fall. He is 94 years old and lives in Waynesboro.
- Paulo Steinberg's aunt, Nidia, who passed on Monday, May 20th.
- Elaine Mannhardt's granddaughter, Sarah Mae as she is receiving chemotherapy.
- Margaret Hottel in Healthcare at Sunnyside.
- Karla Irving's mother, Margaret. She has an infection in her arm from a removal of a squamous cell carcinoma. She is receiving antibiotics but is having a lot of pain.
- Betty Allen at home.
- Carolyn Arbuckle, as she receives chemotherapy treatments.
- Kim Cooke's family.
- Anna Fisher (granddaughter of Mary Louise) as she seeks treatment for some blockages in her brain.

Members at Home:

- Anne Thomas at Yoder House at VMRC. Note her address: 1308 Woodland Park Circle. Roger's phone number is 540-383-9093.
- Bolling Nalle at Mumau House at VMRC.
- Bob Boyd, in assisted living in Indiana, closer to his son. His cell number is 434-221-9248 and address is 2002 Heritage Park Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46805-5806.
- Jean Hogshead at Bridgewater Home, Maple Terrace, 210 Virginia Ave., Apt. 309.

If you are unable to join us regularly in worship and would like to receive communion where you are, please contact the church office (540)434-9556. Also, if you know of someone who might appreciate receiving a prayer shawl, please let Linda Bradley know.

Trinity's Session: Clerk of Session: Linda Bradley (Class of 2021), Dane Byers (Class of 2020), Chris Carlberg (Class of 2020), Rick Comstock (Class of 2019), Melodie Davis (Class of 2020), Teresa Harris (Class of 2019), Paul Klemt (Class of 2019), Becca Lowrance (Class of 2021) Dawn Ruple (Class of 2019) France Sale (Class of 2020), Abby Striebig (Class of 2021), Bill Wilson (Class of 2021), and Youth Representative, Michaela Brino-Dean.

Worship

June Worship Volunteers

House Steward: Bill Wilson

Ushers: June 2:

June 9: Larry and Marty Brown

June 16: Andy and Frances Sale

June 23: Yogi and Kathy Gillette

June 30: Wild Goose Sunday, No morning service.

Greeters: All Sundays are available for volunteers to sign up.

If you would like to be a greeter on Sunday mornings, please call the church office at 434-9556.

Communion Bread: Susan Phend

“Storytelling Circles”

This Easter season we’ve focused on the stories in Scripture and sharing our own stories. Monday, June 3 from 10-11:30am there will be another storytelling circle at the Bistro at Sunnyside. Each person is invited to bring a 3-5-minute story to share, using one of these prompts:

- Tell a story about a time when you felt you needed to be involved in something bigger than yourself.
- Tell a story about a time when you had a clear sense that you were doing exactly what you were created to do.
- Tell a story when your secular commitments or career were in conflict with your Christian vocation.
- Tell a story about a person who has shaped your faith journey, or the direction of your life.

Each person will share their story with one other person, and we’ll have opportunities for two people to share in a more extended format with the larger group. All are welcome! Contact Stephanie or Frances and Andy Sale with any questions.

Fellowship

Dinner Church on June 2 and June 30 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome - members, neighbors, friends, family.

Mission

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Marks Group will host a benefit concert, which will take place on Sunday, June 2 at 3:30pm at Trinity. Money raised will all go to disaster assistance. Half of the money will be earmarked for eastern North Carolina and the Pollocksville community. The other half will go to PDA for areas of greatest need.

Nurture

On June 2, we will continue to read and discuss *Neighborhood Church*.

Worship

All of this will be woven into the worship services, grounded in the Word of God. If you are excited by this theme and the Scriptures, there is still an opportunity to serve as liturgist on July 14 and August 18. Please let Stephanie know if you are interested in serving!

Members of the Pentecost Team are: Melodie Davis (convening Elder), Frances and Andy Sale, Karla Irving, Pat Wingo, DeAnne Chenoweth and Jane Alberico. If you are particularly excited for any of these ideas and want to be involved, let someone on the team know.

House Churches and Marks Groups

House Churches

Reaching Out (Paul Sleezer) - Reaching Out has been working with refugees locally, but with the slowdown of refugee resettlement, they are open to discerning some new directions, as well. They meet the second and fourth Wednesdays at 10am.

Sanctuary (Sally Boucher) - Sanctuary will continue working to support immigrant neighbors in various ways, including through the newly formed Valley Area Network for Transportation Assistance. They meet the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7pm.

Marks Groups

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance connection (Virginia and Dick Bethune) - This group is focused on supporting the important work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and their hurricane relief efforts. Through connections in Coastal Carolina, they are building a relationship with the Pollockville Presbyterian Church. For more information about this group, see Virginia Bethune or Virginia Healy.

Keister Backpack Program (Danielle Brino) - The Backpack program continues in an expanded capacity at Keister. Packing is done on Wednesday afternoons. For more information, see Danielle or Dane Byers.

Clothes Closet (Janet Slough) - The Clothes Closet continues to provide clothing to the community. There are many ways to volunteer with the Clothes Closet. Sign up to work on Wednesday nights by using the links from the website: <http://www.trinitypresbyterianharrisonburg.org/clothes-closet.html> If you would like to help in other ways, please see Janet!

Hearts and Hands (Linda Bradley) - This group meets the third Monday of each month to knit, crochet, and otherwise craft gifts of care and compassion, including prayer shawls and “shoo boxes.”

Time and Talents: It's never too late!

The Time and Talent inventories that we invite everyone to complete during the Stewardship Season are immensely helpful to all of the teams, and the best way for us to know what your hidden talents are and

what you might be willing to share! Please fill this out if you haven't done so already. Filling out the form and indicating willingness simply means that you're willing to be called if there is a particular need. If it's a bad time for you, that's fine! This doesn't sign you up for anything automatically, and many of the items on the inventory are sporadic. If you haven't completed this form yet, please do so. There are paper copies outside of the church office, and you can always fill out the online version here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/u/2/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzv3Yos1lmN_Vz4wEzi3_KDl89alaP2cfRUmtN8rSpI5xGg/viewform?usp=send_form

Online Directory

The best way to get up-to-date directory information is from our online directory, Instant Church Directory. Those who have smart phones or tablets can also download the Instant Church Directory app for free and easy access. You'll need to register once with the email address we have on file in order to access our directory. If your information needs to be updated, please let us know. If we don't have a picture on file for you, send us one! And if you would like a printed copy of the directory, just ask Mary anytime. More information and links can be found here: <http://www.trinitypresbyterianharrisonburg.org/church-directory.html>

Sunday Parking

With limited parking, we encourage those who have mobility challenges, those with young children, and visitors to use the parking spots in the upper section of the parking lot. If you are able to park on the street, in the lower part of the lot, or in the overflow in the church yard, that will help keep these spots available for those who will especially appreciate it! If you park in the grass, Stuart Davis can give you a tutorial on the best practices for doing so. Thank you!

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Prayer Time

#JustPrayerTPC - Just Prayer will NOT be meeting in June. You may still submit prayer requests online, from the homepage of our church website. Paper forms are available outside of the church office. You can leave a prayer request there or place it in the offering basket.

Feedback Folder!

There is a folder and slips of paper outside of the church office for leaving suggestions. Do you need a new nametag? A mailbox? Do you need to add a new or different email to our church email list? Or update your current contact info? Please let us know! Also, please delete any email addresses in your email address book for the church office EXCEPT for office@trinitypresbyterianharrisonburg.org. We've had some missed communication because of lots of old email addresses floating around. Also note that the church office phone number is incorrect in the new picture directory. The correct phone number is 434-9556.

Help us check the doors!

With so much use of the building during the week and so many different doors, it's not uncommon for a door here or there to get left unlocked. If you are in the church house "off hours," can you make a practice of checking doors you pass to make sure they are fully secured? Security in a building that is used so much by our members and the community is a tricky balance. Thanks for your help!

Do you have a church key that you no longer need? Please return it to the church office, making sure your name is somewhere attached to it for our records.

Fellowship



For all parents, youth, and college students:

We want to support you in your activities! Please send calendars with upcoming sporting events, performances, or other public events to Mary (office@trinitypresbyterianharrisonburg.org) so we can do so.

Student Play/Pray Youth Cookout Extravaganza!

As spring turns to summer, YOUR senior high youth are invited to join: the Shenandoah Presbytery Youth Council Extraordinaire (**SPYCE**) for a day of fun and service! Please join us for:

SPYCE: Student Play/Pray Youth Cookout Extravaganza! on Sunday, June 2, 2019 from 3:00-8:00 p.m. at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center in Harrisonburg.

Grab your friends and come on out for an afternoon of fun (canoeing, waterslide, games, energizers), service (interactive mission projects), supper and a bonfire. \$10/person! Please contact Jenna Smith for more details: mbcyaya@yahoo.com or 540-383-4025.

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Graduate

Best wishes to recent graduates: Luke Burket (VCU), Wyatt Wilson, (UVA), Chloe and Shannon Richard (JMU), Julian Wilson (Fort Defiance High School, Robin Vogel (Harrisonburg High School), Ariel Vogel (University of Richmond) and Rebekah Nolt (EMU Seminary).

Sanctuary Garden Update

In 2016, with the permission of Session, Larry and I began renewing the Sanctuary Garden. With some help from the Natural Garden we worked toward making this a native plant area as well as one attractive to bees and butterflies. We had some starts and stops/ reworking and changes - as is the experience with most gardens.

In 2018 we added the wonderful skills of two Master Gardeners, Kathy Gillette and Frances Sale. So now a year later in 2019, we continue working together to make this space a calm and restful setting for all creatures. Come and sit a spell and enjoy this small and peaceful area. And if you want to join us -- we would be happy to have you share in this work.

--- Marty Brown



Available Immediately: Volunteer Position
BULLETIN BOARD CARETAKER

No experience necessary, set your own hours.

Contact Mary at the church office at 434-9556 or Mae Guthrie at 568-8318, for details.

June Baptisms

Patti Warner	June 7
David Vogel	June 8
Linda Bradley	June 11
David Irving	June 12
Dick Richardson	June 14
Aaron Blackwell	June 19
Zelda Blackwell	June 19
Don Allen	June 21
Mary Colleen Knapp	June 23

June Birthdays

Alice Springston	June 3
Ed Riedesel	June 9
Aaron Blackwell	June 10
David Irving	June 10
Zelda Blackwell	June 12
Caroline Kempfer	June 12
Bill Sanders	June 12
Mary Colleen Knapp	June 14
Becca Lowrance	June 15
Karla Irving	June 16
Mo Gallagher-McLeod	June 18
Eleanor Held	June 19
Homer Cornish	June 21
Sam Healy	June 26
Judy LePera	June 26
Alex McLeod	June 26
Bolling Nalle	June 27

Mission

VANITA News

VANITA, Valley Area Network Immigrant Transportation Assistance, sponsored by Community Mennonite, Shalom Mennonite and Trinity Presbyterian congregations, is needing an occasional volunteered van which can seat up to six people because of the increasing number of immigrant families coming into our area. If you can help, contact Andy Sale andysale25@gmail.com, Tina Beachy tbeachy530@gmail.com, or Laurie Miller millerlauriew@gmail.com

Summer Clothes Closet

During the academic year, the UKIRK students volunteer on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. **In June, we have the first and second Wednesdays.** Through August, that is an additional night where volunteers will be needed. Individuals can sign up online, or if you are part of a group, or know of a group, who might be willing to take one night during the summer to help, please see Janet! This is a very volunteer-friendly service opportunity, and we appreciate the various groups that help throughout the year.

<http://www.trinitypresbyterianharrisonburg.org/clothes-closet.html>



Application Deadlines for College Tuition Scholarships

Trinity offers the following scholarships for students attending college in the fall of 2019:

- ✓ Earnings from the **Skip Whitmore Fund** are used to help students enrolling in seminary or preparing for Christian Education or overseas mission work. If any additional funds are available in a given year, young people who are members of Trinity may request funds for their college education.
- ✓ Earnings from the **Music Endowment Fund** may be used for scholarships to the Montreat Music Conference, for soloists and special music activities, and for students majoring in music.
- ✓ Earnings from the **Parish Nurse Memorial Fund** may be used to fund Trinity members who are pursuing health or helping profession careers at community college, undergraduate or graduate school.

Grants are remitted directly to the school where the individual is attending and are renewable with a new application each year. Please contact the church office for the application form for these funds. It is also available on the Trinity website. **The application deadline for all three funds is June 30th.**

See Linda Bradley, chair of the Finance Team, if you have any questions about these funds.

Upcoming Community Events



Cooperation of Gun Preventing Organizations

Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, Heeding God's Call to Stop Gun Violence, Brady Campaign, and Moms Against Guns are all giving support to the Non-Violent Demonstration on the 14th of every month at the NRA Headquarters on Waples Mill Road in Fairfax, VA at 10:00 a.m. and when the 14th falls on a Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Members and friends of Trinity Presbyterian Church who need transportation can leave word in the church office.

Composting

The Community Compost bins are behind the outbuilding in the church yard. Information sheets are available at the bins and online: <http://www.trinitypresbyterianharrisonburg.org/community-compost.html>. All are welcome to bring items to compost and take and use the finished compost for home use. Let's keep our waste out of the landfills!

Hope Distributed - Volunteer Needs



The Food Pantry at Hope Distributed is in need of volunteers, especially once students leave for the summer. Here are the hours and information:

Stock the shelves:	Weds. 9:30 - 11:30
	Fri. 1:00 - 3:00
Serve the clients:	Thurs. 3:30 - 6:30
	Sat. 8:30 - 11:30

Call Jenny at 540-578-3510

Massanetta Springs needs you! There are many opportunities for volunteers at Massanetta Springs this summer to help operations run smoothly. In particular, a volunteer nurse is needed for Netta Day Camp June 17-21, 24-28, July 8-12, 15-19, and 22-26. Volunteer nurses can register their camp aged children for free! If you are interested, please contact Hannah Altman - HannahA@massanettasprings.org.

The 95th Annual Bible Conference will be held at Massanetta Springs July 22-28

WHAT HAPPENS AT BIBLE CONFERENCE?

The short answer is, “A lot!” There is a Bible study and worship service each morning, and another worship service each evening. In between there are workshops, fellowship opportunities, time to just enjoy the beauty of Massanetta’s campus, and much more.

HOW MUCH DOES BIBLE CONFERENCE COST?

There are several answers to that question depending on your desired level of participation. Morning and Evening worship services are free and open to the public. There is an offering to support the ministry of Massanetta Springs taken at each evening’s worship service if you would like to contribute. If you wish to participate in more than the worship service, there are several options to register for the conference. See the [Bible Conference Registration Form](#) for rates and options.

CAN I ENJOY A MEAL WHILE I’M THERE?

Absolutely. You may purchase meals at the Front Desk of the Historic Hotel on the day(s) you wish to attend. If you are bringing a group of 5 or more who wish to eat, we appreciate you calling at least 24 hours in advance to let us know you’ll be joining us. It will help us know how much food to prepare.

WHO WILL BE SPEAKING?

The conference schedule tells you who will be speaking when. The [conference webpage](#) will give you more details about those who are leading the conference.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MASSANETTA SPRINGS BIBLE CONFERENCE THAT AREN’T ANSWERED HERE?

If you’ve read through this, and still have questions, please feel free to call us at 540-434-3829. Ask to speak with Clayton Rascoe, Executive Director or Nola Avey, Registrar for Bible & Church Music Conference. We will be happy to help you!

Anti-Semitism Program at First Presbyterian Church in Staunton

As part of our unity with our community and our stand against anti-Semitism, First Presbyterian Church Staunton will be hosting an evening with the Rabbi Peter Grumbacher on Thursday, June 6, beginning at 7:00pm. Lecturing about his father’s experiences as a survivor of the Dachau concentration camp and service in the US Army. His talk is entitled, “*Sharing the Silence: The Child of a Survivor Tells His Father’s Story*,” which he has delivered all around the country. Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION: Sponsored by the Harrisonburg-Rockingham NAACP on Wed. June 19, 5-8 pm, Wildwood Park, 606 West Bank Street, Bridgewater. (Parking is limited, carpool if possible.) This annual event celebrates Union General Gordon Granger’s freeing of the last remaining enslaved people in Texas on June 19, 1865. There will be entertainment, facts, food, and fellowship. For coordination of food and events, contact Elaine Blakey, etb0013@aol.com, 540-432-1716. See the NAACP Facebook page for additional info:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/Harrisonburg-Rockingham-NAACP-926343684079031/posts/?ref=page_internal