

# The Nous

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
September 2019



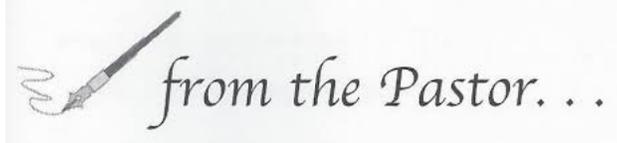
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*The Nous: To comprehend spiritual truth...an opening and a reaction by the love of God through the Holy Spirit*

## ~Sermons in September~

September 1 <i>No dinner church this week</i>	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14
September 8 Mission Celebration	Matthew 25:31-46
September 15	Chris King, Executive Director of Amistad Mission, preaching and leading nurture
September 22	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Luke 16:1-13
September 29	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Luke 16:19-31



As I suspected it would, summer has flown by! As far as the weather is concerned, that is just fine by me. Fall is my favorite season, and here in the Valley it is such a beautiful one. There is a perceptible difference in the air, the weather cools, the leaves begin to turn. I know it doesn't officially start until later this month, but the start of the school year is my unofficial transition to a new season.

There are plenty of signs of this seasonal transition, and if you spend much time around the church house, one of them is the level of activity during the week. Many of the regularly scheduled things take a summer hiatus, by September the traffic in and out of the building increases significantly. Our space is used by so many different people and organizations, which is part of the mission and ministry here at Trinity. But how many people really know about all of the good things happening at 725 S. High Street each week?

I love telling people that I'm the pastor at Trinity because they often light up with recognition of what a special place this is. Often they know members here, or they know of the various ways Trinity has been involved in the community over the years. Sometimes they say, "Oh, that's the music church!" or "You're the ones with the Clothes Closet, right?" or "My kids love playing on your playground!"

For this Harvest season, we will be focusing on mission and thanksgiving. We hope to highlight different missions that Trinity supports in various ways - by offering space, through financial support, through the work of members, or otherwise.

Sunday, September 8 we will have a Mission Celebration Sunday. This will serve as House Church closing, but more than that, we will also celebrate and recognize other ministries at Trinity over the past year. After this, we'll enjoy a potluck meal, with chicken tenders and drinks provided by the church. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall.

Sunday, September 15 we will have a special guest with us for worship and Sunday school. Chris King, Executive Director of Amistad Mission, will be coming to share more with us about their work in Bolivia. Mary Lou McMillin has been involved with Amistad, and this is the second year we have supported it through Trinity's mission budget.

September 15 will also be the starting date for the Nurture class that will meet in the Sanctuary for youth and young adults. Starting at 11:30, each week will feature an organization that is supported by Trinity in one way or another. The full schedule is included later in the *Nous*. The younger disciples will begin a new curriculum that week during the time in worship after they are dismissed. This curriculum focuses on "Telling God's Story," and will continue through the year.

As we look ahead to later next month, October 20 will be our Calling Sunday at Trinity. On this Sunday especially, we encourage anyone who has a particular sense of calling to a mission or other focus to read a short Bible passage relating to that call and invite others to join in exploring

forming either a House Church or a Marks Group. For more information on either of these, see the website: <http://www.trinitypresbyterianharrisonburg.org/get-involved.html>

If you have questions about any of these, feel free to reach out to me or to any of the members of the Harvest team: Chris Carlberg (convening Elder), Roxana Atwood, Marty Brown, Malcolm Cameron, Mark Facknitz, and Abby Striebig. Happy fall!

Grace and Peace,

Stephanie



### September 2019 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Year C

#### **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17)—September 1**

*Semicontinuous*

Jeremiah 2:4–13

Psalm 81:1, 10–16

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

Luke 14:1, 7–14

*Complementary*

Proverbs 25:6–7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

Luke 14:1, 7–14

#### **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18)—September 8**

*Semicontinuous*

Jeremiah 18:1–11

Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18

Philemon 1–21

Luke 14:25–33

*Complementary*

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1–21

Luke 14:25–33

#### **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19)—September 15**

*Semicontinuous*

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28

Psalm 14

1 Timothy 1:12–17

Luke 15:1–10

*Complementary*

Exodus 32:7–14

Psalm 51:1–10

1 Timothy 1:12–17

Luke 15:1–10

#### **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20)—September 22**

*Semicontinuous*

Jeremiah 8:18–9:1

Psalm 79:1–9

1 Timothy 2:1–7

Luke 16:1–13

*Complementary*

Amos 8:4–7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1–7

Luke 16:1–13

#### **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21)—September 29**

*Semicontinuous*

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15

Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16

1 Timothy 6:6–19

Luke 16:19–31

*Complementary*

Amos 6:1a, 4–7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6–19

Luke 16:19–31

# Congregational Life

## Welcome to Our New Seminary Intern

We welcome Mark Dewey to Trinity as a Seminary Intern for the year. Mark is currently in the distance learning Master of Divinity program at Chicago Theological Seminary. He is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Winchester and an Inquirer under care of the Session of FPC Winchester and CPM of Shenandoah Presbytery. Field education is an important component of preparation for ministry. Mark will have an opportunity for hands-on learning and supervisory feedback in a variety of areas of ministry. In his own words, Mark says:

I came to seminary after trying to ignore the call to do so for 30 years...Seven or eight years ago, I joined First Presbyterian in Winchester, and I was accepted as an inquirer in the Shenandoah Presbytery in 2016. I run the CSA program at a large sustainable farm in Bluemont, and I work as a night manager at Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter. I feel strongly drawn to social justice issues, such as serving unhoused people. I also have a lot of contact with Mexican and Salvadoran farm workers, some of whom have begun to treat me as a friend and advocate. In addition to those concerns, I love preaching and crafting worship services... I have a lot of teaching experience, including experience teaching Bible narratives, and I speak Spanish. I also have some knowledge about growing food.

Mark will begin after Labor Day. Please make sure to welcome Mark and his wife Janet as they spend the year ahead worshipping with Trinity!

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## A New Thing in our Midst Update from the Myrtle Team

As a result of the past five years of discernment, our focus has been drawn to the inward/outward journey as a core piece of Trinity's identity and DNA. As the Myrtle team has reflected and prayed together, what is emerging is a vision to create a center for contemplation and activism at Trinity. This would support the ongoing missions and ministries of Trinity and create opportunities to respond to God's call to us individually and as a community of faith.

This center could:

- Offer space for spiritual direction, yoga, meditation, and other similar activities by trained practitioners
- Offer space for classes to be led by Trinity members and others: things like Bible study, prayer groups, spiritual practices
- Create space to connect groups and individuals who are doing similar kinds of work in the community for mutual support and encouragement and collaboration

- Repurpose the Harbor Room to be used for self-directed day retreats, including materials to facilitate practicing spiritual disciplines

As we plan, we are hoping to learn from similar places, such as Richmond Hill in Richmond, VA, the Center for Action and Contemplation (Richard Rohr’s center in Albuquerque), and Gravity Center in Omaha, Nebraska, a “center for contemplative activism.”

Ways to be involved now:

- Help shape the development of vision and realization of this center. Share any feedback with us by email or conversation. Email your feedback to [myrtle@trinitypresbyterianharrisonburg.org](mailto:myrtle@trinitypresbyterianharrisonburg.org). We will also have some opportunity for discussion and to receive feedback at the potluck on September 8.
- If you want to be even more involved, please see Mark, Mary Lou, or Stephanie.
- Pray with us!

Once the center begins to operate:

- Offer your gifts of teaching and facilitating these experiences or classes
- Be part of a hospitality team to insure this is a welcoming space
- Strengthen our community connections to make this a true neighborhood and community space.
- Utilize the space, and help spread the word
- Pray with us!

## **Elder Nominations**

At the Annual Congregational Meeting, the following Nominating Committee was elected: Rick Comstock, Abby Striebig, Mary Knapp, Steve Rinehart, and Susie Phend. There will be a Congregational Meeting set in the near future to elect four (4) elders to the class of 2022. Also, we will elect a young person to be youth representative. The committee values and asks for your suggestions. Nomination forms have been distributed to mailboxes. Please submit your nominations no later than Sunday, Sept. 8th. There is a folder next to the church office door for this purpose. Thanks!



Please keep in your prayers...

Larry Barber who is recovery from surgery

Bill Moyers who is recovering from a fall

*Loving God, I pray that you will comfort me in my suffering, lend skill to the hands of my healers, and bless the means used for my cure. Give me such confidence in the power of your grace, that even when I am afraid, I may put my whole trust in you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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.

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### 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

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## Worship

### September Worship Volunteers

#### Greeters

Sept. 1 Sue Burket and Teresa Harris  
Sept. 8 Liz and Virginia Healy  
Sept. 15 Challace and Mary Lou McMillin  
Sept. 22 Lauren and Mike Strawderman  
Sept. 29 Jeannie and Paul Klemt

#### Ushers

Dennis Blackwell and John Henderson  
Bill and Louisa Painter  
Steve Rinehart and Beverly Silver  
Richard and Sue Orem  
Marty Brown and Lisa Wilson

**House Steward – Teresa Harris**



## House Churches and Marks Groups

### Celebration of Ministries September 8



This will be an opportunity for us to “close” our current House Churches, as well as celebrate the ministries of our Marks groups over the course of the past year. Following worship there will be an all church potluck. A sign-up poster will be in the hallway. Please sign up with your name and number who are coming and indicate what you will – a side dish or salad or dessert. The meat (chicken) will be provided.

### 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.

### 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 Pollocksville 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.

### Trinity 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.”

# Nurture

## New Nurture

We will be introducing a new curriculum for younger disciples starting Sunday, August 25, during the second part of worship. This will be geared towards early elementary ages. "Telling God's Story" is a comprehensive curriculum that will introduce kids to the stories of faith. There is a book for parents and one for children, so families can continue to use the curriculum at home together, even if you can't make it to worship.

Bible Discovery will continue to meet at the regular time in the Yoke Room, using *The Present Word* for their study. The other class for youth and adults will kick off on Sunday, September 15, in the Sanctuary. Throughout the Harvest season, this class will have special speakers from within Trinity and beyond to share about the many missions and ministries that have been supported by Trinity or Trinity members over the years. On September 15, we will welcome Chris King, the Executive Director of Amistad, who will lead us in worship, as well. You can read more in 'Tis the Season.

## Nurture - Education

Join us this Harvest Season as we learn more about missions near and far. We have church members and community members presenting stories and experiences that will be joyful, thought provoking and challenging.

- September 15 -- Mary Lou Amistad (Bolivia)
- September 22 -- Andy & Fran Sale (Ethiopia)
- September 29 -- Jim & Roxana Atwood (Japan)
- October 6 -- Sandy Hernandez (New Bridges)
- October 13 -- Daniel & Kymber Beers (Haiti)
- October 20 -- Donna Barber (Skyline Literacy)
- October 20 -- Larry Barber (Open Doors)
- October 27 -- Bill & Ginnie Reinhold (Congo/Jamaica)
- November 3 -- Mark Facknitz & Larry Brown (Habitat)
- November 10 -- Michelle Hesse (Blue Ridge Food Bank) pending
- November 24 -- Gwen Carr (Craigsville Food Pantry)

Meet in the Sanctuary after worship/fellowship.



# Fellowship

## September Baptisms

Alice Facknitz September 3

Hannah Facknitz September 3

Margaret Hottel September 3

Laurie Cadey September 7

Sarah Gallagher September 9

Ellison Erin Rainard September 17

John Lyon September 18

Alex Sonifrank September 25

## September Birthdays

Nancy Hopkins September 4

Garriss Ric Rainard September 8

Christine Patrick September 8

Harv Hopkins September 10

Garriss Alice Facknitz September 15

Larry Barber September 16

Gini Reese September 16

Vicky Rinehart September 16

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## Good to Know!

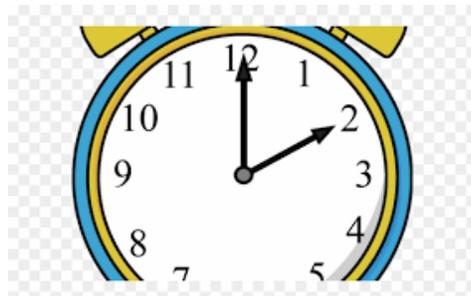
### Trinity Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 9:30am-2:30pm. Deadline for Nous submission 4pm Tuesday September 24

### **UKirk Meals**

Every Wednesday evening, UKirk students gather for study, worship, service, and fellowship, and a major component of that is sharing dinner! If you would be willing to provide dinner one Wednesday night during the academic year ahead, please let Stephanie know.

### **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\\_KDI89alaP2cfjRUMtN8rSpI5xGg/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/u/2/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzv3Yos1lmN_Vz4wEzi3_KDI89alaP2cfjRUMtN8rSpI5xGg/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 Wonshé 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!

### **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!

### **Church Keys**

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.



### **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.

### **Shenandoah Valley Pride 2019**

Shenandoah Valley Pride is coming, and the Outreach Team needs your help. Once again, Trinity will host a table at the Shenandoah Valley Pride festival on Saturday, September 21 from noon to 6:00 PM. We're looking for a number of people to help us set-up at 11:00 AM, represent Trinity for 30-minute or 1-hour shifts between 11:30 AM and 6:00 PM, and break down our booth at 6:00 PM. You can sign-up online by visiting [this link](#) or on the paper sign-up posted on the church bulletin board

If you have any questions, please email Chris Carlberg, [cjhollywood99@gmail.com](mailto:cjhollywood99@gmail.com).

### **Contemplative Worship Service**

Sundays, 8PM Community Mennonite Church. Deepen our everyday connection to God, ourselves and community. The service will be a time for contemplative silence, embodied practice, and a space that welcomes and affirms everyone. Please note children are welcome, however, there will be no childcare provided during the service. Price: Free. All are welcome.

### **Ethiopian Meal-Fundraiser**

Friday, September 13, 5:30PM Community Mennonite Church. Come to enjoy an authentic Ethiopian meal as a way to support "NEW" (Nurturing and Encouraging Women), an organization that supports female business women in Ethiopia. RSVP:[newbanquetsvp@gmail.com](mailto:newbanquetsvp@gmail.com) or 540-432-9064. Price: generous donation.

### **Harrisonburg-Rockingham Living Wage Campaign!**

Sept 2 10:30am-11:30am. We will celebrate this community initiative at Gray Jay Provisions, 1311 South High Street. Program includes engaging speakers, including Amanda Silcox, Economic Justice Program Manager for Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, the Richmond based agency coordinating living wage campaigns across the Commonwealth. We'll also be featuring an employee from one of our newly certified businesses. Come enjoy learning more about the campaign, light refreshments, door prizes, and complete an application on the spot! Stay for a delicious lunch at Gray Jay Provisions, one of our newly certified businesses!

### **Our Community Place Annual Fundraising Gala**

Sept 22 - Park View Mennonite Church. The event will feature a recital by classical and jazz performers from the JMU graduate music program at 5:00pm, and a dinner showcasing the Congolese cuisine of Chef Marie Mitongo at 6:15. More details to come!

### **Our Community Place Employment Needed Immediately**

OCP is looking for a part-time person to help cover shifts in the building, preferably 9-2 on Mondays and Fridays, (some flexibility). Person needs to be highly compassionate, engaging and fun, able to interact patiently and positively with our population, creative to come up with engaging activities, and have a willingness to learn and grow and support one another as a team. \$13-\$15/hr. depending on skills. Call Sam Nichols: 540.476.4180.

### **Youth Ambassador Program at JMU**

Opportunities to open your homes to Youth from Latin America September 18-30, 2019. For more information about being a host family, please contact: Carol Lena Miller - [millercl@jmu.edu](mailto:millercl@jmu.edu) or Jennifer Wiley - [wileyjl@jmu.edu](mailto:wileyjl@jmu.edu)

