

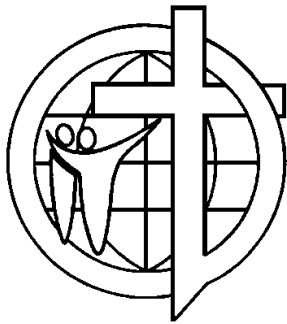
# The Trinity Times

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The Purpose of  
Trinity Covenant Church is:

To invite people to enter into  
personal relationship with Jesus Christ  
and into His family,  
To enable them to grow in  
Christlike character,  
And to equip them for their ministry,  
So as to bring honor to God.



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And Where Our Members Are  
*Our Ministers*

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING JULY 20-24!

Please spread the word to those you know. Pray for the children, ages 3 through 12, who will be a part of the week, and for all of the adults and youth who are leading or assisting or simply lending a hand where needed. Pray for God's blessing; for His love to be shown to all; for His Spirit to energize and lead us; for His grace and peace to surround us all.

PRE-REGISTRATION of participants is very helpful to all of those making and carrying out the plans for our week. Registration forms are available in the paper edition of this newsletter, as an attachment in the online edition, as an insert in the bulletin at Sunday-Morning Worship Services, and by request from the church office. We invite you to invite all children in our surrounding community to be part of VBS!

## LEND A HAND FOR VBS

The big week is quickly approaching and much planning has been going on for months. We are thankful for the help so far promised and given, but we are in need of more help. A big opportunity for Trinity's outreach to the community happens the week of July 20<sup>th</sup>. Won't you please do what you can to meet these remaining needs? Thanks!

### **ON THE EASEL IN THE CHURCH LOBBY, YOU WILL FIND EACH NEED LISTED BELOW WITH SPOTS FOR YOU TO SIGN UP!**

- **Craft Preparers** – help our Craft Coordinator Jennifer Leander
- **Decorations** – camp-theme materials that you can lend or donate – bring ASAP ☺
- **Decorating Helpers** – painting, arranging stuff at the direction of Mary Lou Freitas; you do not have to be an artist, just willing to cheerfully give of your time.
- **Bakers/Snack Providers** – we need 2-3 providers per day of VBS (6 more needed!). You can even buy prepackaged snacks – just no peanuts, peanut butter, or nuts, please.
- **Prayer Team Coordinator** – 3 people have signed up to be on the team. A coordinator could plan prayer times for the assembled team or for members to be in prayer wherever they are. Coordinator could check in with staff for known needs to be in prayer about.
- **Registration Table** – Need one more person to team up for arrivals (8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Monday and then just until 9:30 for the rest of the week) – just checking off names of arriving children & registering those who didn't pre-register.
- **Finale Clean-up** – Some strong people for heavier clean-up items and others assisting with lighter tasks from 1:00–1:30 p.m. on Friday. Many hands make light work!
- **VBS Follow-up Coordinator** – willingness to address, stamp and mail Christian Education follow-up flyer & a special flyer for those who do not have a church affiliation
- **On-site VBS Assistant Director** – arrive by 8:40 a.m.; assist director as needed – VERY easy – just an extra pair of hands.

## PREPARING FOR YOUNG CHILDREN TO WORSHIP

We make it a point to welcome all who come to Trinity for our Morning Worship Services on Sundays. This welcome includes families, including families with young children. We provide multiple alternatives for them during our worship time. As we state in our printed order of service each Sunday morning, "To parents: If you have young children who need a more private space than our open sanctuary, you and they are welcome in our parenting room (on the right side of the church lobby as you enter); you can view and hear our service from there. We also have a nursery in our Fellowship Hall (downstairs from the church lobby)."

For those young children (ages 3-6) who are in our sanctuary, crayon-coloring sheets are now available in the lobby. Please ask an usher if you would like a sheet for your child.

## CHIC UPDATE

Over the past 17 months we, with the help of our parents, have held a variety of fundraisers with the goal of paying for us (four students and a counselor) to attend the Covenant High in Christ Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee, July 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Because of the general participation and help of Trinity's members and friends, we have raised enough money not only to register our group and pay our airfare, but also to have \$100 each for spending money and a gift offering for Covenant World Relief to be given at the conference. In addition, we also presented Pastor Dave with \$300 to be used in some way for our church.

Please continue to pray for our group. We are all excited and looking forward to this meaningful Christian experience as we count down the days until our departure date of July 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all for helping to make this trip possible.

Kara Blandino  
Michael Carlson  
Stephen Carlson  
Krista Johnson  
Brandy Simons

## AND SPEAKING OF CHIC AND OF PRAYING ...

Students registering for CHIC now number over 5,000! As you can imagine, it's a monumental task to prepare for and coordinate and carry on a conference of this magnitude. The leaders and counselors, organizers and coordinators and staff – and hey, students! – all have their part to help make CHIC happen. And YOU can have your part, too. CHIC planners are calling for friends to **join the CHIC 1000 Off-Site Prayer Team**. Team members commit to praying for CHIC, wherever you are, prior to and during the event (July 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>). Prayer team members will receive regular e-mail updates of ongoing prayer requests. If you would like to partner with others in prayer for CHIC, go to [www.covchurch.org/prayer](http://www.covchurch.org/prayer) or call 773/583-0220.

## “FOOD FOR THE SOUL” FOR THE SUMMER SEASON – AND FOR YOU

Our KidsTime (Sunday School) ministry has gone on summer break, as do a number of church ministries. But the “Food for the Soul” Sunday-Lunch Bible Study marches on. This monthly group, led by Ruth Bernadt and Audrey Kasakowski, is meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup>, right after the Morning Worship Service, and continuing with their study of Proverbs. The group is open to new people joining in, meaning that you are invited to attend. Simply bring your Bible and a bag lunch to the church kitchen. For more information, please see Ruth or Audrey.

## THANKS TO THOSE LIGHTING THE WAY TO TRINITY

Manny Saxon and his electrician-friend, Rich Knapik, have installed new lighting on our new church-lawn sign, and are repairing the lighting on our Route 10 sign. Many thanks, Manny and Rich! (If you see them – at the sign or elsewhere – feel free to pass on personal thanks, too.)

## **TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

We strongly urge those who serve in various Trinity ministries such as the nursery, KidsTime, VBS and other groups, to be trained to respond to medical and other emergencies. We will offer “Safe Churches” training again in the late summer or fall, but this summer – right now! – we invite you to sign up for classes at the Red Cross in Farmington. You can go to this website and see the wealth of classes offered: <http://charteroak.redcross.org/>

Of possible interest:

### **Standard First Aid with CPR/AED — Adult plus Infant and Child**

Learn the skills needed to prevent, recognize and provide basic care for injuries and sudden illnesses until advanced medical personnel arrive. This course covers first aid and adult, infant and child CPR in an approach that complements adult learning styles, featuring hands-on practice and real-life scenarios. In addition to CPR, this course also includes training in using an automated external defibrillator (AED) on a victim of sudden cardiac arrest. Useful take-home course materials help you retain skills and serve as an excellent refresher and reference tool after training is complete. Updated with the latest science for first aid, CPR and emergency cardiovascular care. Meets OSHA First Aid Guidelines. Length: 9 hours. Course Fee: \$80.00. Being held July 6, 7, 8, 6:00–10:30 p.m.; or July 11, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; or July 18, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. See website for additional July/August/September dates.

### **First Aid**

The purpose of this class is to give individuals the knowledge and skills necessary to recognize and provide basic first aid care for injuries and sudden illnesses until advanced medical personnel arrive and take over. The course does not include information on breathing and cardiac emergencies. Useful take-home course materials help you retain skills and serve as an excellent refresher and reference tool after training is complete. Length: 4 hours. Course Fee: \$45.00. Being held July 8, 6:00–10:00 p.m.; or July 20, 6:00–10:00 p.m.; or August 1, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; or August 13, 6:00–10:00 p.m.; or August 31, 6:00–10:00 p.m. See website for additional July/August/September dates.

### **First Aid & Emergency Preparedness for Primary Schools & Families**

The purpose of this presentation is to teach families (adults with children) and children in grades 1-5 (ages 6-11) how to be “Red Cross Ready.” This presentation teaches three actions for emergency preparedness – get a kit, make a plan, and be informed. It also teaches participants to prevent and respond to emergencies that, though they don’t happen often to any one of us, are common enough to deserve preparing for them. This presentation does not result in certification in CPR or First Aid. Participants will learn how to recognize emergencies, call 9-1-1, help someone who is choking, care for common household emergencies, and control bleeding. Length: 2 hours. Fee: Free of charge. Being held on August 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**REVITALIZING PROPERTIES:  
FIRST THE CHURCH BUILDING, NOW THE PARSONAGE**

On June 21<sup>st</sup> we celebrated our church-building renovation project, now winding down to the last finishing touches. As that planned project concludes, however, we now have an unplanned project at the parsonage, namely the need for a new roof.

The roof, which has served us well for many years, has become worn to the point of allowing minor leakage, and is due for replacement. Three stages of work are needed: (A) Tree service to trim large limbs from two maples near the house. This work has recently been completed. (B) Masonry work on and flashing around the chimney. Through the generous contribution of a family in Trinity, this work is already paid for and is to take place in the coming days. (C) Replacement of shingles and related weatherproofing. This is the largest expense of the project, around \$10,000. (Roofing costs have increased recently because shingles are a petroleum-based product, rising in cost with the price of oil.)

Separate from this project, you may also have heard that the parsonage interior recently experienced water damage requiring replacement or renovation of most of the first floor's flooring. The good news is that our insurance company approved the damage claim. The other news is we need to cover the \$1,000 deductible.

We raise this matter here to inform you about developments in our church properties, and also to alert you to the financial need, now expected to be about \$11,000. Please know we are aware these are challenging financial times for many. Yet we are aware, too, that this roofing concern needs to be addressed in the current warm-weather season. Our Church Council has approved proceeding with the work. As you may be able, we would welcome your financial contribution. Checks can be made out to Trinity, with the words "parsonage roof" on the memo line.

**"IRON SHARPENS IRON" for WOMEN!!!**

We've heard the men tell of the meaningful experience they've had attending the Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference. Beginning this fall, Iron Sharpens Iron will offer a similar but unique conference for women.

The date is **Saturday, October 17, 2009 at the First Cathedral in Bloomfield.** Sixteen different seminars will serve women of all ages (13 and older)!

For details on seminars, speakers, and more, you can go to [www.IronSharpensIronWomen.org](http://www.IronSharpensIronWomen.org).

We'll share more information as it becomes available. For now, pray for women of all ages to take the time to refresh and renew with others at this conference. And if you're a woman, how about marking your calendar today to plan on being part of ISI yourself?

## **REVOLVE TOUR FOR TEEN GIRLS COMING TO HARTFORD IN DECEMBER**

**December 4-5 at the XL Center in Hartford**

Award-winning bands & speakers with REAL, RELEVANT Messages. The 2009 event from The Revolve Tour, 4Real combines amazing music, relevant real-life stories, drama, excitement & fun for a one-of-a-kind inspirational weekend for teen girls. Bring your teens – they'll love it!

You may be wondering about details of The Revolve Tour ... like, "*What is the purpose?*" It's designed to communicate to teen girls that God loves them, just as they are, and to draw them into a life-changing relationship with him. We've intentionally created the weekend to be an opportunity to invite girls who may either be deeply involved with church or not open to it at all. Everyone can have fun, be encouraged, and reminded that they are valuable, and God loves them.

Go to [www.revolve.com](http://www.revolve.com) for more information.

## **UPCOMING GATHERINGS AT THE PINES**

Please take note of these mind- and faith-growing opportunities at Pilgrim Pines Conference Center in beautiful southern New Hampshire:

- June 24, Camp Squanto begins (with weekly sessions through mid-August)
- June 27, Mayflower Family Camp begins (with weekly sessions through mid-August)
- August 21-23, One on One Father/Child Weekend

In addition to church-centered gatherings, the Pines carries on a great service to seniors in the broader public as a hosting site for many Elderhostel "Adventures in Life-Long Learning" programs held during most months of the year. For information on these and other programs, call the Pines at 603/352-0443, visit [www.pilgrimspines.org](http://www.pilgrimspines.org), or e-mail [info@pilgrimspines.org](mailto:info@pilgrimspines.org).

## **SEND A CARD, SAY A PRAYER**

Here are church members and friends who live in retirement communities, who may miss church because of physical challenges, or who are ill or otherwise just need our prayers and a card:

- \* Ruth Bridgwater, Parkway Health Center, 800 SE Central Pkwy, Rm. 109, Stuart, FL 34994
- \* Mary Carrione (Mary Lou Freitas's mother), Newington Health Care, 240 Church St.,  
Newington, CT 06111
- \* Mary Eschenbrenner, 12 McKernan Drive, Plainville, CT 06062
- \* Judith Johnson, The Gables of Guilford, 201 Granite Road, Apt. 115, Guilford, CT 06437
- \* Annie Larson, 88 Scott Swamp Road, Apt. 313, Farmington, CT 06032
- \* Ruth Lunn, 424 Lake Avenue, Unit 1, Bristol, CT 06010
- \* David Peterson, Pilgrim Manor Care Center, Room 22, Missionary Rd., Cromwell, CT 06416
- \* Myrtle Pipeling, 57 Plum Tree Road, Plainville, CT 06062
- \* Emma Selander, 75 Perry Road, Forestville, CT 06010

## **PREPARING FOR, AND SERVING ON, SUNDAYS IN JULY AND AUGUST**

### **VOLUNTEER CUSTODIANS**

#### **July**

5 Edie, Isaac & Abbey Chandler  
12 Rob & Monique Jones  
19 Rob & Monique Jones  
26 Manny Saxon

#### **August**

2 Donna Lee Carlson & Jackie Damon  
9 Donna Lee Carlson & Jackie Damon  
16 Donna Lee Carlson & Jackie Damon  
23 Donna Lee Carlson & Jackie Damon  
30 Donna Lee Carlson & Jackie Damon

### **NURSERY CAREGIVERS**

#### **July**

5 Mary Lou Freitas & Jen Leander  
12 Joan & Amanda Charneski  
19 Edie Chandler & Nancy Johnson  
26 Jackie Damon & Monique Jones

#### **August**

2 Cathy & Brandy Simons  
9 Sherry Eschenbrenner & Ruth Bernadt  
16 Renee Cortland & Marilyn Anderson  
23 Ruby Harper & Ann DiFrancesco  
30 Mary Lou Freitas & Jen Leander

### **USHERS**

#### **July**

Manny Saxon & Mal Cummings

#### **August**

Carol Valauskas & Ruby Harper

### **COMMUNION PREPARERS**

#### **July**

Donna Lee Carlson & Ruby Harper

#### **August**

Ruth Bernadt & Mal Cummings

### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

#### **July**

Joe Freitas, Richard Peterson  
Carol Valauskas, Rob Jones

#### **August**

Scott Peterson, Ingrid Mongillo  
Richard & Marilyn Anderson

### **BIBLE READERS**

#### **July**

5 Abigail Leander  
12 Mal Cummings (op)  
19 Anil Mathew  
26 Jon Platt

#### **August**

2 Richard Anderson (op)  
9 Jen Leander  
16 Carol Valauskas  
23 Kara Blandino  
30 Mary Lou Freitas (op)

### **PIANIST FOR HEALTH-CARE CENTER SERVICE**

September 3 Ruth Bernadt, leader

Margaret Carlson, pianist

**DATES OF NOTE AMONG TRINITY FOLK**

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 13 Samuel Chandler
- 14 Katie Mongillo
- 21 Edie Chandler
- 22 Peter Maar
- 22 Sue Keller
- 22 Judy Jennings
- 24 Carol Valauskas
- 25 Jean Cummings
- 30 Matthew Blandino
- 31 Charles Schadler

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 10 Michael & Kate Ersevim
- 17 Robert & Monique Jones
- 20 Bill & Doris Gadzik
- 29 Richard & Marilyn Anderson

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 5 Judith Johnson
- 6 Ingrid Mongillo
- 6 Linda Mathew
- 11 Tyler Cortland
- 22 Jon Platt
- 26 Everett Selander
- 27 David Blandino

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5 Ted & Reneé Cortland
- 8 Jon & Allison Platt

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