

THE BEACON

September 9, 2020

OUTDOOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP TO BEGIN

We will regather for in-person outdoor worship services – weather permitting – at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., beginning Sunday, September 20. These will be brief, spoken services of Holy Communion, lasting approximately fifteen to twenty minutes, with worshippers standing as we normally do for outdoor services. Physical distancing and mask protocols will be followed. Attendance will be limited to thirty people at first, and advance reservations will be required for contact tracing purposes. Beginning September 14, reservations may be made on the Holy Trinity website or through the church office. Additional services may be added if there is sufficient interest. The complete list of outdoor worship procedures adopted by the Church Council for this first phase of regathering will be shared again next week via email.



Recorded worship services will continue to be available on YouTube each Sunday morning even after we regather, along with previous worship services and musical offerings. Links to these video resources are emailed when they go “live.” Daily devotion emails will continue Mondays through Saturdays. Please watch *The Beacon*, the daily emails, and our website each week for updated information about our Christian education programming.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

Join us for fellowship and conversation at our virtual coffee hour this Sunday, September 13, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. It's a great opportunity to see others and catch-up with folks. The Zoom coffee hour link is emailed on Sunday morning with the worship materials and worship service link.

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our September outreach project is collecting supplies for **The Free Clinic of Central Virginia**. Needed are toothbrushes, dental floss, toothpaste, small pump bottles of hand sanitizer, disposable face masks, Lysol spray, Clorox or Lysol wipes, and reams of copy paper. All items must be new and unopened. Items may be brought to the church throughout the month of September and placed in the outreach basket in the narthex.

ZOOM ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Those who would like to learn more about using Zoom to access Christian education classes and fellowship gatherings are invited to attend one of the following orientation sessions:

- Thursday, September 10, at 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 12, at 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 13, at 2:00 p.m.

The sessions are being held in the Parlor, following physical distancing and mask protocols. Please bring your laptop, tablet device, or smartphone with you. Those having camera-equipped desktop computers are invited to participate as well even though bringing your computer is not feasible. Please speak with Pastor Roberts about any questions you may have.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating relief work with Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response (Uprising) and the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast, and Southwestern Texas Synods, which are assessing the immediate needs and initiating a response to assist those impacted by Hurricane Laura. Lutheran Disaster Response is also working with social service agencies and synods in the Upper Midwest and on the West Coast to assist those struck by severe windstorms and wildfires. In addition to prayers, monetary gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response are used in full (100 percent) to assist those directly impacted, providing help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by these disasters. Please make checks payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* and indicate “Hurricane Response,” “U.S. Severe Weather,” or “U.S. Wildfires” if you desire to designate your contribution.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



- **THE TIME IS NOW: A Call to Uncommon Courage** by Sister Joan Chittister is our first Friday Book Discussion of the new program year. The class begins September 11, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and will meet via ZOOM. **Please register for this class by emailing the church office (HTLC1000@aol.com) so that you may receive the ZOOM invitation to the class by email.** Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$15.00.
- **SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL** story time for children begins September 13. A YouTube link will be shared with parents on Sunday mornings.
- **“DREAMING WITH THE BIBLE”** is the theme of our Monday Evening Bible Study series that begins September 14, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., via ZOOM. The sessions will be led by The Reverend Walter Smith. **Please register for this class by emailing the church office (HTLC1000@aol.com) so that you may receive the ZOOM invitation to the class by email.**



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2020

Worship materials and a sermon will be distributed via email on Sunday morning. The materials and a recording of the service will be available on our website – www.holytrinitylynchburg.org.

The Lessons: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

10:30 A.M. - VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

2:00 P.M. - ZOOM ORIENTATION SESSION (Parlor, with masks and distancing)

Beacon Folders (September 16): Cindy Gwin, Gary Gwin, Brenda Biesemier, Carole Royer

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13 - 19

<u>MONDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M.	-	BIBLE STUDY via Zoom
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M.	-	STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (Fellowship Hall, with masks and distancing)
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	11:00 A.M.	-	BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP via Zoom

PARISH NURSE SCHEDULE

Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff is on vacation next week and will not have office hours September 17 and 24.

MAILING LIST

The cyber gods get angry from time to time and email addresses disappear from our distribution list for no apparent reason. (As an aside, the church office has dropped off the Virginia Synod email list multiple times over the years – sometimes for months at a time.) Please contact the church office if Holy Trinity emails are no longer making their way to your in-box. You have **NOT** been excommunicated!

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS PROGRAM UPDATE

The Backpacks for Kids program is currently on hold as the Lynchburg City school system begins the year with students participating in virtual learning. The program may resume as plans for the school year evolve and a transition is made to in-person instruction. We will keep you updated with information as it develops. Thanks to all who have so generously donated food and time packing bags in the past.

THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

via YouTube

September 20

“The Magic Power of Song”: Temperance Songs and the Path to Prohibition

This program is adapted from a research paper that Pastor Roberts presented to the Sphex Club of Lynchburg in 2019, the centennial year of the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Included are many interesting historical tidbits, some family history, and a Lynchburg connection or two.

The YouTube link will be emailed to the congregation on the afternoon of September 20.



THANK YOU

Thanks to **Ann Mitchell** for work around the Youth House grounds.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOOD DRIVE

First Presbyterian Church, 1215 VES Road, will host a Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, September 22, from noon to 6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Donors can sign up at redcrossblood.org, sponsor code FPC, or contact Tracy Baker at swee2ths@comcast.net or 434-907-6656. Donors should have an appointment; walk-ins are discouraged as we work to provide adequate space for social distancing during the pandemic.



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