

THE MESSENGER – September-October 2017



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FROM DAWN-VICTORIA'S DESK

“You know that our Lord Jesus Christ was kind enough to give up all his riches and become poor, so that you could become rich.

A year ago you were the first ones to give, and you gave because you wanted to. So listen to my advice. I think you should finish what you started. If you give according to what you have, you will prove that you are as eager to give as you were to think about giving. It doesn't matter how much you have. What matters is how much you are willing to give from what you have.”

These words come from Paul's second letter to the community in Corinth (8:9-12). Here Paul is not just talking about money and our financial giving to the Church. Although our level of

giving is a reflection the true depth of our love for God. Paul is encouraging all believers to put their faith into action, to give generously of their time, talent, treasure, and testimony

What might such generosity look like? Below are a few ideas:

- Show up for work (or school) on time, or even beforehand, ready to give it your all.
- Treat those around you with respect, dignity, and compassion.
- Be friendly, and generous, with those who serve you. Ask about their day

- Help someone with homework or with transportation.
- Send a note of encouragement to a neighbor who is going through a difficult time. Pray for them daily.

PRAYER & CARE

Please remember to keep those for whom our prayers have been asked in your daily prayers:

Nancy	Lorna
Edith	Tim
Marie	Grace
Katherine	Sue
Dave	Ferrelene
Joy	Our nation
Our military	
The un and under employed	
Those battling cancer	
All those living under persecution	



Please let Dawn-Victoria know of any changes that should be made to our prayer list.

TEN (plus One) RULES FOR RESPECT

Each newsletter highlights two of the Ten (plus One) Rules for Respect. We hope you find these helpful as you seek to live out your Baptismal Covenant and as you strive to love your neighbor as yourself.

The Vestry has covenanted to live by these rules as we worship and minister together here at Trinity~St. Paul's.

9. I do not manipulate; I will not be manipulated; do not let others manipulate you. Do not let others manipulate me through you. I will not preach “at you.” I will leave conviction to the Holy Spirit (she does it better anyway!)

10. When in doubt, just say it. The only dumb questions are those that don't get asked. Our relationships with one another, at the end of the day, are the most important things so if you have a concern, pray, and then (if led) speak up. If I can answer it without misrepresenting something, someone, or breaking a confidence, I will.

CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays	
Olivia Clayton	4 th
Lorna Roberson	6 th
Elyse Rapp	12 th
Lane Orscheln	12 th
Ann Lear	17 th
Bob Gilstrap	19 th
Andrea Reinwald	21 st
Cindy Wenneker	22 ⁿ
Judy Hodgson	27 th
Quinten Johnston	28 th
Ella Leven	28 th

October Birthdays	
Mark Danner	1 st
Greg Skinner	4 th
Joan Atkins	5 th
Katherine Head	10 th
Jack Briscoe	11 th
Carolyn Mueller	15 th
Sandy Cockrell	21 st
Susan Hibbard	24 th

October Anniversaries	
Tom & Joyce Stewart	5 th
Greg & Marilyn Skinner	14 th
Jim & Mary Jae	20 th
Bob & Susan Gilstrap	22 nd



*"Watch over Your children,
O Lord, as their days
increase; bless and guide
them wherever they may
be."*

~after BCP, p. 830.

PARISH LIFE

Be sure to save the following dates. They promise to be a great time of the Trinity triad: food, friends, and faith.

Sunday, September 10th

**8:30 & 10 A.M.
Schedule resumes**

**Sunday, September 17th
4-7P.M.**



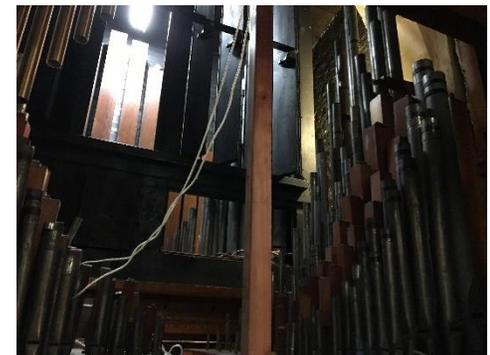
Bring a side or dessert to share

ORGAN UPDATE

Thank you to all who have made commitments to our Organ Campaign! So far, \$99,624 has been pledged of the \$105,758 estimated total cost.

We currently have \$28,675 on hand in the organ fund. Our next payment will be due soon. The new console is expected to arrive the week of August 21st. when the console is delivered, a payment of \$26,439.50 will be due.

If you have made a pledge, please consider fulfilling it today! If you have not yet contributed to the restoration campaign, please do so today!



Inside the pipe chamber

VESTRY NEWS

Missouri winds and storms have taken its toll on the roof of our Nave. The Nave is the area where we worship. Several singles have gone missing and there was some leaking in the spring around the pulpit.

Sometime in August, the roof should be repaired. The Vestry has contracted Ed Rutherford roofing for the work. On a good note, insurance covers the estimated cost.

We are still negotiating on the Guild Hall roof and carpet.

A Building, or facilities, Committee has recently been formed. The Committee will be doing a thorough assessment of the church building and rectory. They will then formulate a 3-year plan for maintenance and restoration. The Committee consists of Bob Gilstrap, Phil Briscoe, and Frank North.

If you know of any items that should be on the list, please contact one of the Committee members. We hope to present the list to the 2018 Annual Meeting.