



The Commitment

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Concert on the Lawn

Wednesday, July 24, 7:00 pm

The Eastside Swingtet will again entertain us with a selection of big band music. This will take place on our front lawn on July 24th at 7 PM. Please bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy listening or dancing to the music with a free ice cream sundae.

Rochester Red Wings Game

Sunday, July 28, game time 1:05 pm, Frontier Field

We will carpool from Trinity. Cost will be determined based on interest (approximately \$11 per person). Sign up by July 14, and see Kristin & Michaela for further information.

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, July 20, 8:00 – 10:00 am

The Neighborhood Appreciation Day Planning Committee is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on to raise money for this year's event. The breakfast will include pancakes, sausages, beverage (milk, juice, coffee, tea and water). More information to follow.

Neighborhood Appreciation Day 2019

Sunday, August 18, 3:00 – 6:00 pm

This event is again sponsored jointly by CAYA and Trinity Reformed Church and is a great time to fellowship with our neighbors and community. There will be food, games, crafts, demonstrations, pony rides, a magician, balloon artist, live music, face painting, a live super hero character and more! More details to follow. Tell your friends and family to save the date as well.

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Consistory Notes



Good News! The consistory is very happy to report that we have hired the Rev. Steven Meyer as a minister under contract effective August 15, 2019.

More news will be forthcoming, but we wanted to get this information out to the congregation as soon as possible.

The Operating Fund which pays for budgeted expenses, has a balance of \$639.92 at the end of May. But the pastoral expense is \$36,000 under budget. If we were paying a pastor this year, we would already be \$35,000 under budget.

Our investment accounts with Morgan Stanley and Edelman Financial Engines accounts total \$167,148 which is a gain in value YearToDate gain of \$13,050 or 8.5%.

The Church cleanup day in May was not well attended. We may have to consider hiring people to accomplish some of the cleaning formally completed by volunteers.

July 7th the missionaries, Peter, Patty and David Ford will be worshipping with us. Peter and Patty are members of Trinity and serve in Lebanon. David, their son works with Wycliff Bible Translators in Ethiopia. Update letters of their ministries are posted on the hall bulletin board throughout the year.

The Consistory expressed appreciation to:

- Rev. Christine Perec’s pastoral care for some of our members in the hospital.
- The service of Steve Letter including computer and website maintenance, insurance oversight, sound system operation, electrical and alarm maintenance along with leadership roles.
- John Stratton for arranging and officiating at the funerals of Gladys DeVuyst and Shirley Jean Hand.

– Greg Halsey, Consistory Clerk

Summer in the Sun An Alternative Worship Experience for Children



The Christian Education Committee has once again decided to offer a special children’s program during the typical off season. “Summer in the Sun” will be an alternative worship experience for kids. On June 30th, July 14th, July 28th, August 11th, and August 25th, the children will be invited to leave regular worship immediately following the children’s message. During this time, they will sing songs, play games, enjoy snacks, and engage in Bible lessons loosely based on a VBS curriculum. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kristen and Michaela at trcyouthfamilyministry@gmail.com.



Come join us for another Chew 'n' Chat! We will enjoy a potluck luncheon, followed by a brief presentation by missionary Peter Ford. All ages are welcome! We will share our meal together in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. After eating, the children will head downstairs for some fun activities with Kristen and

Michaela, while the adults stay and enjoy the presentation. Following this time, everyone will reunite to enjoy dessert before heading home. If you are interested in attending, please look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the main hallway. To save on dishes, we are asking each family to bring their own place settings (plates, cups, silverware, etc.). If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Lesley, Kristen, or Michaela, as this event is co-sponsored by the Elders and Associates for Youth and Family Ministry. We hope you will join us for the third installation of this enjoyable event!

2019 Consistory

Elders:

Jana DiPiazza;
Sharon Hann, Vice President;
Bonnie Harris; Lesley Holloway

Deacons:

Bill Almekinder; Greg Halsey, Clerk;
Larry Scheerens; John Stratton

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OFFICERS

Treasurer: Marge Magans
Benevolence Secr’y:
Financial Secr’y: Greg Halsey

Consistory Member of the Week

July 7: Lesley Holloway

July 14:

July 21: Jana DiPiazza

July 28: Greg Halsey

August 4: Bonnie Harris

August 11:

August 18:

August 25:

Elder on Call

July 7: Lesley Holloway

July 14: Jana DiPiazza

July 21: Sharon Hann

July 28: Bonnie Harris

August 4: Jana DiPiazza

August 11: Lesley Holloway

August 18: Sharon Hann

August 25: Bonnie Harris

Church World Service School Kits

It is time to collect items for school kits for Church World Service as we do every summer. The plan is to collect enough items to fill 24 bags by Sunday August 11. Because of your continued generosity each year we already have some items for the bags. This is what is still needed to fill 24 bags: 80 #2 **unsharpened** pencils (each bag has 10), 15 boxes of 24 count crayons, 17 handheld pencil sharpeners, 5 erasers, 5 12 inch rulers, 14 student/round tip scissors. We have enough notebooks at this time, but if you see them on sale and wish to purchase some this is the time of year please do so and we will keep them until next year. Watch the Trinity Times each week for an update on what is still needed. Look for the gold box outside the church office for your donations. Thanks for your help each year in getting school supplies to those in need.



Music Notes by Alexis VanZalen

A reminder for the choir: We will sing on July 21. Please arrive for rehearsal at 9:15 that morning.



A big THANK YOU to all who worked so hard and so well at this year's Strawberry Festival!

We had a large crowd on a beautiful night. The festival food and baked goods made a record profit of \$1,639.75! (\$1,406.00 was raised by the strawberry festival, and \$233.75 was raised by the baked goods sale.) Thank you to

Pat Hughes and Linda King for their work on the baked goods sale. There are so many volunteers to thank for

the festival...you know who you are, and I thank you! And no food is wasted as any leftovers were served at Come to Dinner.

The fellowship this event brings between the community and the church is wonderful! – Jacquie Greene, Chairwoman

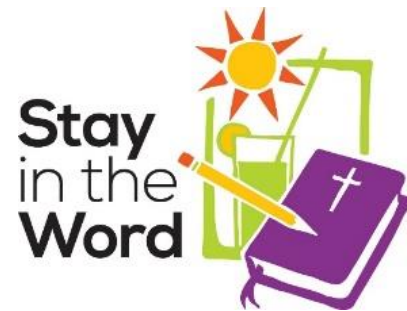
Shirley Jean Hand

(August 12, 1929 – June 6, 2019)

Our long-time dear member of Brighton (and then Trinity) passed away on June 6, 2019 at 89 years of age. Her memorial service was at Trinity Reformed Church on June 14, 2019, with a reception which followed. She is buried at White-Haven Memorial Park.

Shirley-Jean was always volunteering for church activities such as the Saturday sewing group. You could also see her cleaning out the pews each week when she could. Her brother and two nieces helped to read scripture and give wonderful remembrances of her life.

I was very happy to officiate at the service, after many fine years of friendship. – John Stratton.



Manueles' Bible Study

Fridays,

August 2 & 16,

7-8:30 pm

Trinity Senior Breakfasts · July & August 2019

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Note</i>
7/4.....	Country Club Diner	East Ave (across from Wegmans)
7/11.....	Morningstar	Merchants Rd
7/18.....	George's	Panorama
7/25	Browncroft	at Blossom
8/1	Morningstar	Merchants Rd
8/8.....	East Ridge Diner & SH.....	E Ridge (near Pep Boys)
8/15.....	Mama Lor's	Monroe Wayne CL Rd on Old Ridge Rd
8/22	George's	Panorama
8/29	Browncroft	at Blossom

If there are any changes John Stratton (267-7535) will try to e-mail or call the day before

PENFIELD ECUMENICAL FOOD SHELF MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

Coffee Dish Soap Mayonnaise Ramen Noodles

PLEASE PLACE DONATED ITEMS IN THE BASKET IN THE NARTHEX. THANK YOU!



Please submit items for **Trinity Times** by 9am, Thursday mornings. You may email trchurchsecretary@gmail.com, or call the office at 381-5330.

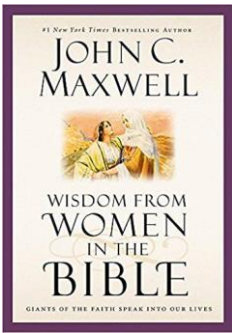
This is my last issue of *The Commitment* as my time at Trinity has come to an end. I have enjoyed meeting the kind, friendly members of your church, and wish you well in your search for a new pastor. – Laura

Please call Barb Stoops (506-5559) with prayer requests, or with information/updates about people for whom we are praying.



Communion Schedule

July 7	October 6	November 24	December 15
August 4	October 27	December 1	December 22
September 1	November 3	December 8	(subject to change)



CHRISTIAN BOOK REVIEW

By Marion Crump Spencer

Leadership author, John Maxwell, has written a dynamic book which is critical to all who are servant-leaders.

Wisdom From Women in the Bible has the reader embark on a heavenly journey which educates, inspires, and moves folks to take action. This is a short book which can be quickly read. However, I recommend using it as a reference guide and as a Sunday School class topic because of its format and scope.

In the introduction, Maxwell's appreciation for the leadership among the women in his life is made evident. Maxwell draws us into the story with an image of him in deep prayer which transports him into heaven where he is granted the opportunity to spend time with his deceased mother. His mother then presents nine women who accompany us in this leadership odyssey.

This book's classification as a non-fiction Christian fiction book is clarified in the presentation of characters from the Bible and their life lessons (real) and in Maxwell and the reader conversing and learning from them (obviously not real). I am amazed at Maxwell's presentation of each woman from her unique place in history and in the cultural norms of her day. I am also moved by the prayers each matriarch offers at the end of the journey, the leadership principles Maxwell highlights, and the discussion questions at the end of each chapter.

The women chosen by Maxwell are sometimes considered to be minor players in the Bible. One woman, the Samaritan woman, remains unnamed as she is in the Bible. Yet each woman offers valuable insights needed by all.

The first chapter is on Ruth who teaches us to ..."Follow your heart and find your hope." Next comes "Sarah...for when you can't understand God and impatience threatens to overwhelm you". Another chapter is "Hannah...for when you don't want to do something you should." Another title is "Miriam...for when you're discouraged because others seem more successful than you." There are several others including the presentation of "The Samaritan Woman...for when you're feeling unworthy or unloved."

This book mirrors Maxwell's other leadership books where you feel like you are spending time with these people of great faith. Maxwell's description of the topography and scenery draws you further into the story.

Wisdom from Women in the Bible has as its subtitle, "Giants of the Faith Speak into Our Lives". In this expansive covering of the Bible we see how the Bible should guide every aspect of our lives. In our sophisticated, high technology orientation, it is a comfort to find such foundational truths as offered in the Bible and in this book.

On the back cover of the book we read, "From the time I was a child, Mom talked to me about these giants of the faith...". This is a must-read work to help shape our destinies.

***"Don't forsake wisdom and she will protect you;
love her and she will watch over you..." Proverbs 4:6-7***



- 7/5 Evelyn DeVries
- 7/5 Ted Plant
- 7/10 Barb Schild
- 7/17 Janet Wahl
- 7/22 Nancy Duffy
- 7/24 Ted Marston
- 8/1 Meg Therkindsen
- 8/5 Shirley McCormick
- 8/12 Nancy Duffy
- 8/20 Debbie Halsey



- 7/9 Ken & Eileen Midavaine
- 7/10 Herb & Marion Spencer
- 7/12 Gary & Joyce Schurr
- 7/19 Michael & Lesley Holloway
- 7/28 Carl & Audrey Warn
- 7/29 John & Lois Stratton
- 8/2 Ken & Ida Hsu
- 8/7 Fred & Kathy Laitenberger
- 8/8 Richard & Jacquie Greene
- 8/9 Bob & Sharon Hann
- 8/13 Brian & Christine Turnquist
- 8/19 Ben & Rebekah Cooper
- 8/20 Bill & Heather Heberle

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calendar items
subject to change

July 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 7 pm - Outreach	2	3	4 9 am - Senior Breakfast  Independence Day	5	6 10 am - Crafts for a Cause
7 10 am - Worship 11 am - Chew 'n' Chat 11:45 am - CAYA 6:30 pm - Discipleship	8 6 pm – Finance 7 pm - Deacons	9	10	11 9 am - Senior Breakfast 7 pm - Consistory	12	13 10 am - Crafts for a Cause
14 10 am - Worship 11:45 am - CAYA 6:30 pm - Discipleship	15	16 11:45 am - Men's Lunch	17	18 9 am - Senior Breakfast	19	20 10 am - Crafts for a Cause
21 9:15 am - Choir 10 am - Worship 11:45 am - CAYA 6:30 pm - Discipleship	22	23	24 7 pm – Concert on the Lawn	25 9 am - Senior Breakfast	26 6 pm - Come to Dinner	27 10 am - Crafts for a Cause
28 10 am - Worship 11:45 am – CAYA 1:05 pm – Red Wings Game 6:30 pm - Discipleship	29 7 pm – Education	30	31			

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August 2019

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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