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Sundays - 10:00 a.m. Coffee in Foyer 10:30 a.m. - Worship

Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast at The Lake Shack (formerly Area 71)

May 1 - Communion Sunday





Weekly devotions are available online at trinityshellknob.net



The Worship committee, under the direction of the pastor, works to involve the congregation in worship through being an active group member, filling positions for worship leaders, candlelighters, greeters, musicians and communion preparation.

This committee also works with Building & Grounds to coordinate flowers, arrange decorations for holidays, and ideas for supplies.

Special support is given during the Holy Days of the church, Christmas and Easter, and being sure all paraments and decorations are up at the appropriate times.

This active committee is open to anyone interested in traditions of Trinity and ideas to continue the wonderful work of the church.

Members are; Moderator Lou Myres-Vallinch, Sharon Drassen, Susan & David Mohler, Mary Beth Pryor, Joan Newberry, Robin Smith, Judy Pollack and Judy Sell. Pastor Peggy's
Pondering

"April showers bring May flowers" they say. April certainly has been a true spring for us. I have enjoyed planting flowers,

getting the garden in and watching it come up, and keeping my big yard up. One thing I have learned—I have to keep on top of it all! My beautiful flowers need to be watered each week, the yard has to be mowed and the weed-eating has to be completed too! I need to be aware of the little weeds that want to peak their heads up in the garden and pluck them out before they grow too much.

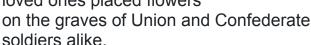
How much of this is like our regular day to day living? We all have those things that require daily attention or they could potentially become overwhelming. Have you ever related this kind of thinking to your spiritual life? We all need our spirit to be watered by the Word of the Lord. Jesus said that out of our innermost being will flow "rivers of living water." He was referring to the Holy Spirit and his work in and through us. How much do we pay attention to the Spirit's working in our lives on a daily basis? What about weeds? Those pesky little negative thoughts, the little irritants that want to steal your joy! Each one needs to be dealt with and replaced with positive thinking and love.

This month of May is a wonderful opportunity for each of us to work on keeping everything "current" in our spiritual lives. Maintain a disciplined life of reading God's Word and prayer, maintaining your fellowship at church and with other friends, and find times to serve—giving yourself to the work of the Lord here at Trinity. Let our monthly goal be to have

all that we say and do be done unto the glory of our loving Lord!

We remember

More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers



By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.



We will now be saving our Best Choice labels for the school. It is a wonderful way to support our neighbor and help out the kids. At the end of the year, they can be redeemed for cash. A sack for their collection is located on the bulletin board next to the kitchenette in the vestibule.



For the month of March we sent, in addition to \$500 from the church, another \$3,305 to One Great Hour of Sharing to be used in the Ukraine. The Mission Committee thanks the congregation for their generous support for this important mission.

Our April Mission Focus was John Calvin Living Waters for the World which has just reorganized after COVID and will again be active in helping bring clean water to people all over the world. We sent \$500 to help with this mission.

Our May focus is the Alliance of Churches. The Alliance of Churches in Shell Knob is a community organization that was formed so churches could come together and make a positive impact on the community. Presently there are nine churches (including Trinity Presbyterian) who are members. The Alliance is run entirely on donations and has several missions. They provide a food bank which is housed in the Central Community United Methodist Church. This food bank serves, on the average, 20 to 25 families (70-75 people) per month. Another mission of the Alliance is providing help with utilities. While they do not pay the entire bill, they do provide up to \$150 for outstanding bills. The third mission of the Alliance is to help with pharmacy needs. The Alliance will pay for needed medications so people can receive the treatment their doctors prescribe. And one of the largest missions of the Alliance is the Share Your Christmas program. Families in the area will sign up for the program which provides gifts for the family plus a food basket for the holidays. Local churches are invited to buy the gifts while the Alliance provides the food. This program usually serves 65-75 families (267 people in 2020) and costs \$3,500 to \$4,500 per year. The church will donate \$500 to this mission and if you would like to donate additional funds, just put Alliance of Churches in the memo of your check.

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