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VOICE OF TRINITY

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

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I will praise the
name of God
 with a song;
 I will magnify him
with thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:30



Set your clocks **BACK**
one hour on
November 5!

From Our Pastor

“Bad News, Good News” (Part 2)

In October’s article, I shared the “Bad News” of where we are at as a congregation, at least in terms of our financial picture. Overall giving for the Operating Budget has been down and worship attendance has been declining. COVID accelerated these trends that were already happening. The “Good News” is that now is the time to address these issues and to adapt.

On Reformation Sunday, the message focused on our need to be constantly renewed in the Spirit in our lives. We have been blessed with the greatest gift of God’s love and grace that has brought salvation in Jesus Christ into our lives! The question I left you with in the message on Reformation Sunday is to look into your lives this day and in the world and ask:

“Where do you see God’s Spirit at work in your midst?”

As we begin to see God’s Spirit working in our midst, we begin to understand more and more that the Good News is that who we are and what we do as a church, the body of Christ is worth it! Just ask the people who come to the Food Pantry each week. While the world and life may not be the same as it was forty years ago or even twenty years ago, God still calls and gathers people by the Holy Spirit to be the Church to proclaim the Good News in Jesus Christ. By answering the call of God’s Spirit in your life and commitment to the work of Jesus Christ through Trinity we will be a thriving and vital church in the community of Riverside-Avondale and in the world.

I Christ’s service,

Pastor Robert



Your Church, Your Money, Your Lord!

Thank you to the stewardship team of Karen Kuebler, Rusty White and Gene Harvey for leading the congregation in preparation for Consecration on Sunday, October 29th and the making of our financial commitments for 2024. If you were not able to turn in a pledge card on Consecration Sunday, please bring it to the church office as they are used to help determine a budget for the coming year.

Thanksgiving Lunch at Trinity

Trinity’s annual Thanksgiving Dinner will again be on **Sunday, November 19th** following the morning worship service. **There will be one service this day at 10:00am.** There will not be Children’s Sunday School, Discipleship Training or the Adult Takeaway on this day. The church will provide ham, rolls, and drinks. Bring a dish and/or dessert to share! **Also, bring canned food items for the Food Pantry.** Come and enjoy the fellowship with one another. Invite a

We Extend Our Sympathy To:

Roger Smedberg and family upon the death of his sister-in-law Sandy Smedberg who passed away on October 13, 2023.

Tom Culverwell and family upon the death of his sister, Jean Vosberg, who died on October 26, 2023. Jean was 90 years of age and lived in Connecticut.



Riverside High Chorus Dinner Concert Thank-you

The Fall dinner concert given by the Riverside High School Chorus was again a success as students from the chorus showcased their talents while guests were served Rae’s delicious spaghetti. \$770 was raised from the event. A Thrivent Action Team grant of \$250 was used to pay for the cost of the food. Many thanks to Mr. Andrew Neaheer and the Chorus and to Rae Ettmyer, Gary Hautau, Bill and Karen Hiers, Karen Brown, Pastor Robert and several parents and staff from Riverside High for their work to make the dinner concert happen. Look to the spring for another dinner concert to take place.

Trinity Food Pantry Highlights

Here’s a recap of activity for the 4 weeks open during October 2023:

Date	Patrons	Family Members	# of Zip Codes
Oct. 6th-7th	189	587	18
Oct. 13th-14th	140	405	17
Oct. 20th -21st	174	505	18
Oct. 26th-27th	194	613	20
Total	697	2,110	21

35 Different Volunteers Served at the Community Food Panty during October including 8 athletes and Mrs. Bluxom-Johnson, Athletic Director at Riverside High School. Her group will become regular volunteers on Wednesday and Friday.

Current Schedule for November 2023:

Nov.2nd – 4PM-6PM Nov. 3rd – 10AM-12PM
 Nov.9th – 4PM-6PM Nov. 10th – 10AM-12PM
 Nov.16th - 4PM-6PM Nov. 17th - 10AM-12PM
 Closed Thanksgiving Week
 Nov. 30th - 4PM-6PM Dec. 1st – 10AM-12PM

Donations of food are still needed as the quantity of food via the End of Route deliveries has declined. We’ve kicked off Food Drives at our great partner CEW schools, West Riverside Elementary, Fishweir Elementary and Central Riverside Elementary.



Congratulations

To Mark Baker, our Food Pantry coordinator, who received a “Boots on the Ground” award from Feeding Northeast Florida Food Bank in recognition of his “support and contribution towards alleviating hunger and providing second chances in Duval County.” Well done Mark!

Choir News

Choir practice is every Wednesday at 10:30 am. The Choir needs YOU! See you there!

Love Offering

The Love Offering for November is designated to benefit the American Lung Association.

On the Calendar for November...

- 11/1..... Choir Practice
- 11/1.....Riverside High Cheer Squad
- 11/1, 2, 4.....Music Together Class
- 11/2.....CEW
- 11/2 & 3..... Food Pantry
- 11/6 & 8.....Riverside High Cheer Squad
- 11/7 & 9.....CEW
- 11/8.....Choir Practice
- 11/8.....Aids Health Foundation Luncheon
- 11/8, 9, 11.....Music Together Class
- 11/9 & 10..... Food Pantry
- 11/13 & 15.....Riverside High Cheer Squad
- 11/14.....Hannah Circle
- 11/14 & 16.....CEW
- 11/15.....Choir Practice
- 11/15 & 16.....AARP Driving Class
- 11/15, 16, 18.....Music Together Class
- 11/16 & 17.....Food Pantry
- 11/17.....NFAN
- 11/18..... Via De Cristo Ultreya
- 11/20..... Riverside High Cheer Squad
- 11/22.....Choir Practice
- 11/23 & 24.....Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!
- 11/27 & 29.....Riverside High Cheer Squad
- 11/28 & 30.....CEW
- 11/29.....Choir Practice
- 11/29 & 30.....Music Together Class
- 11/30..... Food Pantry



**Treasurer’s Report
September 2023**

1/1/2023 to 9/30/2023

Receipts

Actual	\$176,604
Budgeted	\$187,883
Actual-Budget	(\$11,279)

Expenses

Actual	\$203,926
Budgeted	\$199,946
Actual-Budget	\$3,980

Year-To-Date

Total Income	\$176,604
Total Expense	\$203,926

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Save The Date!
2023 Interfaith Thanksgiving Gratitude Service
Date: Thursday, November 16
Time: 6-7 p.m.

Location: The Church of Oakland (1025 Jessie Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206)
Free Event – Open to the Community

This in-person service will be followed by a light dessert reception.
You and the greater Jacksonville community are invited to join **OneJax** for this joyous tradition as we celebrate the 106th Interfaith Thanksgiving Gratitude Service, while celebrating this year’s theme of **“Unity in Diversity.”**
Please RSVP by November 9th - email onejax@onejax.org, visit www.onejax.org, or call (904) 779-5370.

Riverside High Cheer Squad

The Riverside High Cheer Squad will begin using the Hall of Memories on most Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:30pm to 5:00pm for practice. We are thankful to help support the High School in its activities.

FROM THIS FOUNDATION, OUR MINISTRY GROWS

Through September 2023, \$466,363 has been given and earned toward the campaign. The campaign formally ended at the end of 2022. However, a number of families and individuals are continuing to contribute to the campaign. As of August 24, 2023, the loan to the Mission Investment Fund was paid in full. This was accomplished by using available debt service funds and with a loan from the Permanent Endowment Fund of \$290,000. The loan from the PE Fund is an interest only loan at 3.25%. Contributions to the Capital Campaign will be applied first to interest and then to the principal of the loan. Questions concerning the restructure of the Capital Campaign loan may be addressed to members of the Finance Team, Permanent Endowment Team, or of Council. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to help make this project and campaign a success!

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:	Reverend Robert Kinley
Office Administrator:	Lise York
Organist/Choir Director:	Kim Bloomer
Director of reSource Ministry:	Dean Winter
Hostess:	Rae Ettmyer
Custodian:	Scott Piersall

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:

President:	Rusty White
Vice President:	Karen Kuebler
Secretary:	Judy Hassler
Treasurer:	Burney Pfaff

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Pam Piersall	Judy Hassler	Don Howard
Geri Buchanan	Rusty White	Burney Pfaff
Gene Harvey	Karen Kuebler	Kyle Lind
	Sandra Bryant	