



Congregational Update for June 5, 2020

Greetings in Christ's name!

A pastor friend of mine who leads congregational renewal workshops, always uses the phrase, "Relationship. Relationship. Relationship. It is all about relationship. Relationship with God. Relationship with one another. Relationship with our neighbor." Paul says this as well in his letter to the Galatians.

"...for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:26-28

We are seeing the fabric of our country being stretched to the point of ripping. Civil unrest over racial inequities, laid bare by the death of an African American man. Those who are calling for changes in our country are our brothers and sisters. We are knit together by baptism, as the body of Christ. We pray that relationships, relationships, relationships be built across barriers for the sake of the human family.

We have worshipped together face to face for the first time in 11 weeks. Wednesday evening almost 50 people gathered around the Peace Chapel to worship. If you feel comfortable being out in the public then please join us. Wednesday evening camp style worship is at 6:00PM. Sunday morning blended worship is at 10:00AM. Bring your lawn chair and wear a mask if you can. If you are concerned about being in public then please continue to join us for worship on Sunday morning at 8:30AM either on 1270AM or Live Streaming through Trinity's Facebook.

To celebrate being back worshipping face to face we are throwing a Baby Shower for three young women associated with Heart River Bridges of Hope Ministry. A full list of needed items is on our web-site. We will collect items for the next two weeks. Bring them to worship or drop them off at the church during normal business hours.

Trinity is looking to add a temporary part-time staff person. The Congregational Relationships Coordinator will be responsible for helping build a culture of care for one another within our congregation. This will be accomplished through Small Group or Affinity Group ministries. The person will need to be able to use electronic platforms to help make this possible. There is more information on Trinity's website – or call the office.

As the COVID-19 numbers have been on the decline we are glad to be able to welcome the three AA groups back into the building. This is an excellent way that Trinity provides a ministry to the larger community, by sharing its building with those who are working on sobriety.

Sharing our facilities with the community is one way that Trinity serves others, one of the ways we make a difference in people's lives. We do it through our food pantry, through special events like the baby shower, through one on one ministry as people walk through crisis. Your offering makes all of that possible. Thanks for your generosity. As we head into summer please remember that we continue to be called to serve our neighbor here. One way to easily share your offering is through electronic giving. You can connect with our Give+Plus app for your smartphone or through our website. You can make a one-time gift or set it up so that your offering is shared automatically. Your offering makes a difference in people's lives. Thanks again.

Remember we are just a phone call away if you need anything.
God Bless – remember – Christ is our hope!

Pastor Mark