

Trinity World Newsletter July & August 2026



Photos of Trinity's garden and the colorful photo of a flower from Pastor Karen's garden.

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On Saturday, July 25th we welcome all to participate with us as we join in Rome's annual Honor America Day Celebration. The theme for this year's parade is "Celebrating 250 Years of America". The parade will kick off at 10:00am and Trinity will be represented with a float. If you would like to ride or walk you are encouraged to join us. If you are interested contact Melody at 315 832-2009 and will let you know where we will line up as soon as I am given the information from the Chamber of Commerce. Following the parade, we will be gathering at Michelle and Felix Colosimo's home at 406 West Oak Street for a picnic and enjoying the rest of the day in the pool, the hot tub and playing a variety of games. You do not need to bring food, just your bathing suit and towel, however I would like to know how many people will be attending for planning purposes. There is a covered pavilion and we will hold the event rain or shine. Last year we had a great afternoon!!!

On Saturday, August 2, Trinity will have an informational booth located in the freight house at the annual Rotary Canal Fest held on Mill Street at the Barge Canal. We will offer coloring pages and games for children and literature for adults to take home. Stop by and see us if you are attending the Canal Fest.

On Sunday, August 23rd we will hold our annual picnic at Melody and Fred's house at 5254 Golly Road following our morning worship service at Trinity Church. Hamburgers, hot dogs and lemonade will be provided and if you are attending, kindly bring a dish to pass. Kindly let me know if you are attending for planning purposes. There will be crafts, games, a sing a long and a day to enjoy the outdoors. It is a covered pavilion and we will hold the event rain or shine. You are welcome to drive to the camper area parking where Fred will be offering transportation via our side by side to the picnic area or if you need additional assistance let me know in advance and parking will be available for you closer to the pavilion.

Get ready for Fall! On Sunday, September 20th, grab your hats and gloves and come join us for an afternoon tea at 1:00pm. It's

open to everyone, including men, women, and children. We'll have a full luncheon tea and a chance to step back in time and see how a young Victorian woman gets ready for her day. You'll see everything from petticoats to bustles, corsets to carefully picked accessories, and you'll laugh, learn, and be amazed by the complicated rituals that made 19th-century fashion so elaborate. It's a fun trip through social rules, daily life, and the art of dressing in an era where every layer had a story—a real time-travel adventure! Mary Jeanne Bialas will be presenting the program.

Plus, we're hosting a Victorian Photo session in the lounge, where you can step back in time and imagine yourself as a lady of the 19th century! And guess what? Half of every \$20 donation goes towards supporting missions.

Tickets for this Trinity fundraiser tea can be purchased starting August 15th to September 13th. No tickets will be sold at the door. \$30 for adults and \$15 for children, and you can buy them at the Trinity office, Monday – Friday from 9:00am – 1:00pm, office phone number 315-336-2833. Or you can buy them from Melody by calling 315-832-2009 for information about any of these events or to purchase tickets for the tea. Hope you can join us for these fun upcoming events.

Melody Kiepert-Yerman

Trinity Photo Club Meeting

Meeting was held on June 18th, this is a non-competitive club with meetings on a monthly basis. It will have rotating leaders of the group, maybe doing field trips to locations in the community to take photos of various subjects, such as still life, nature, etc.

The group shared their photographs of waterfalls, some close up, some at a distance and some aerial ones from a drone. Each individual discussed the time, location, and camera type used for their photographs.

For the next meeting, bring in a printed photograph, size can be 5x7 or 8x10. Topic will be fireworks or flowers.

Next meeting will be on July 16th at 7:00pm.

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

1. On June 14, 2026, we held our Annual Meeting after worship services. At that meeting we thanked three outgoing Council members who had served 6 consecutive years: Sue Gatley, Sarah Barcomb, and May Klepadlo. We elected three new members to replace them: Kris Dombeck (one year term), Danielle Klepadlo (3-year term), and Fred Rapp (3-year term). At our Council reorganizational meeting afterwards, the Council elected Kathy Wood to continue as Council President and Kris Dombeck as Vice President.
2. This year's recipient of our annual Christian Service Award is Marge Runice. She was selected by the Council due to her numerous Christ-like attributes: kindness, generosity, compassion for everyone, helpfulness, and faithfulness. She faithfully attends Bible Study and brings treats for coffee hour as well as food donations for our sharing box at the front. Many of us have been touched by one of Marge's handmade cards, into which she invests great care and creativity. Congratulations, Marge!!
3. Our vegetable garden in our side front yard is growing beautifully. We look forward to sharing the produce with our neighbors, as we did last year, on shelves next to our Food/Book boxes by the sidewalk. All donations to the boxes are appreciated!!

As always, please contact any Council member with questions or comments:

Kathy Wood, Kris Dombeck, Gerry Nelson, Danyell Coccia, Fred Rapp, Bruce Groff, Danielle Klepadlo

Mission of the Month for July
USO; for August St. Jude's

Pastor Karen's Korner for July and August

Let Me Live Grace-fully

Thank you, Lord,

For this season

Of sun and slow motion

Of games and porch sittings,

Of picnics and light green fireflies

Of heavy purple evenings

And praise for the slight breezes,

It's good, God

As the first long days of your creation.

Let this season be for me

A time of gathering together the pieces

Into which my busyness has broken me.

O God, enable me now

To grow wise through reflection,

Peaceful through the song of the cricket,

Recreated through the laughter of play.

Most of all, Lord,

Let me live easily and grace-fully for a spell,

So that I may see other souls deeply,

Share in a silence unhurried,

Listen to a sound of sunlight and shadows,

Explore barefoot the land of forgotten dreams and shy

hopes and find

the right words to tell another who I am.

*From Guerillas of Grace

As it gets warmer and sometimes hotter, I hope that as it says in the poem that you have some time to relax, regroup and to spend time with yourself. During the year as we, at least many of us are busy with so many things going on and responsibilities we forget to spend time thinking about our lives and others around us. If we are working full time and have children, who are now getting ready for summer vacation, we may plan a vacation for the family. Or if we have children who have just graduated from high school and are getting ready for college, we may have thoughts of how life will be different when they are not at home. Whatever your life is like please take time to treasure that time this summer and have fun. My thoughts are that God created us as humans to enjoy this earth that we live on, to take care of it and make sure that it will be here for those who are young, and those who will come after us. To stop and look at it and have joy.

The other day I saw on the news a story about a man who for three months was quarantined because of the virus that was on the ship. He said after being in a room for three months and then getting out, he spoke about how he missed seeing the sky, the birds and being in fresh air and said we should cherish these things and the world. Wise words from someone who could not leave a room.

So please take some time to spend time outside.

Here are some things to make you laugh.

Drawing Of God

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat or looking up from her drawing the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

Tomatoes

A small boy was looking at the red ripe tomatoes growing in the farmer's garden. "I'll give you two pennies for that tomato," said the boy pointing to a beautiful, large, ripe fruit hanging on the vine.

"No," said the farmer, "I get a dime for a tomato like that one."

The small boy pointed to a smaller green one, "will you take two pennies for that one?"

"Yes" replied the farmer, "I'll give you that one for two cents."

"OK" said the little boy, sealing the deal by putting coins in the farmer's hand, "I'll pick it up in about a week."

(Smart kid)

And my last one!

Ye, That's Me Officer

When I went to get my driver's license renewed, our local motor vehicle bureau was packed. The line inched along for almost an hour until the man ahead of me finally got his license. He inspected his photo for a moment and commented to the clerk, "I was standing in line so long, I ended up looking pretty grouchy in this picture."

The clerk looked at his picture closely, and reassured him, "It's okay. That's how you're going to look when the cops pull you over anyway."

Well, I found these in the Fish Wrapper Books that Elsa gave me. I hope you enjoyed them.

Have a blessed summer, have fun, relax and take care.

Blessings,
Pastor Karen

Oh, and see you on Sundays. And at the parade and picnic.



Photo of the the bride and groom
Melody Kiepert and Frederick Yerman
Wedding celebration that took place at Trinity Church,
on May 8, 2026.

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Special July Events

July 25th- Honor America Day Parade, followed by a pool party.

July 17th- Photography club meeting @7pm. Bring in a printed photo of a Waterfall, printed out as a 5X7 or 8x10.

July 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Services Events Birthdays Anniversary			1 Line Dancing 6pm	2 Bible Study 6pm	3	4 Charlotte Palmer
5 **10:00am Morning Service	6	7	8	9 Bible Study 6pm Carl & Sarah Barcomb	10 Bruce & Adele Groff Dick Kekis	11
12 **10:00am Morning Service Melody Kiepert Yerman Vicki Lazaraz	13	14	15	16 Bible Study 6pm Trinity Photo Club@7	17	18
19 **10:00am Morn- ing Service Aaron Browka Katherina Peterman Shannon Polachek	20	21 Anna Montross Sandra Graichen	22	23 Bible Study 6pm	24	25 Honor America Day Parade & Pool Party
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2 **10:00am Morning Service	3	4	5 Alex Gondola	6 Bible Study 6pm	7 John VanEpps Rhiannon Rudd	8
9 **10:00am Morning Service	10	11 Jenna Illingworth	12	13 Bible Study 6pm	14	15
16**10:00am Morning Service	17	18 Valentina Dancy Victoria Bombaci	19	20 Bible Study 6pm	21	22
23 **10:00am Morning Service Annual Picnic 30 **10:00am Morning Service	24 31	25	26	27	28 Diana Clarke Tracey Gallagher	29