

TRINITY WORLD NEWSLETTER

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Pastor Karen's Korner for September 2026

Autumn Days

How beautiful these autumn days

When festive scenes unfold!

The hills are dressed in brightest robes

Of flaming red and gold.

These are the days I love to roam

Along the country way

To be a part of all that makes

The glorious autumn day.

The purple haze atop the hill

The sky so blue and clear

And all the brilliant autumn leaves

Can't help but bring you cheer.

Sun-blest fields of ripened grain

A quietness on the land-

It calls out hearts to gratitude

For bounty from God's hand.

These amber days so richly blest

In trees and sky and sod-

Who can view an autumn day

And not believe in God?

As the days grow shorter and cooler, the trees no longer have their green leaves but beautiful leaves of gold, orange, red and amber that light up the sky, we see that summer is slowly ending. Gone are the days of warm nights and staying out late in sunlight, replaced by cool nights and fires that begin to warm our houses. Seasons change and our thoughts may change. We may miss the time outdoors and the heat of the summer with times of swimming and playing but a new time in our lives begins to unfold. My thoughts go to the old song by the Byrds, Turn, Turn, Turn. The words of the song were taken from Ecclesiastes 3:1-9.

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die;
A time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted.
A time to break down and a time to build up.
A time to weep and a time to laugh.
A time to mourn and a time to dance.

These are some of the verses from Ecclesiastes. I encourage you to read the others and if you can listen to the song by the Byrds. In our lives seasons change as the earth travels around the sun and in our lives, there are seasons that we go through. Our season of being young and adventurous. Time when we begin to grow older and have a family, then grandkids and then when we are older and we wonder where all the time went.

During this our faith may change and at times it may seem as if we wonder and life happens and our faith may not be strong. Then there are times when our faith is strong and maybe as in the poem at the beginning of this piece, we look around and see the wonders of this world. In whatever season you may find yourself please remember that God is with you.

Before I end, I want to talk for a moment about this summer. During July and August, the church welcomed the participants from the Fuller Center Bike Adventure. They came on a Friday afternoon, the church provided them with a great meal of chicken, pasta salad and baked tofu which they greatly appreciated. They spent the night and left early the next morning. It was a wonderful experience to meet them and their dedication to helping others build and repair homes. They had left Oregon 10 weeks before they arrived here and each day depending on the weather they rode their bikes 70 miles a day. If you would like to learn more about them there are papers on the table downstairs, you can read.

Here are some pictures that they sent us. In August the group from Hamilton came, in fact as I am writing this, they are here. This is the third year they have come and stayed at the church. While they are here, they go out into the community to do projects to help the community. It is great to see these young people helping others and to talk with them about what they are studying at Hamilton. I am so happy that they continue to come here each year.

Well, I will end now. I hope that as the season changes that you have great memories of the summer and make great memories in September. Though life changes and our season of life change there is a constant that God is for us and Christ walks with us.

Blessings, Pastor Karen

Trinity Photo Club Meeting

Meeting was held on August 20th, this is a non-competitive club with meetings on a monthly basis. We shared photos of our favorite pets, people and wildlife.

For next meeting, bring in a printed photograph of a still life, size can be 5x7 or 8x10.

Next meeting will be on September 17th at 7:00pm.

“Best Buddies” Orientation Group From Hamilton College

From August 19th to the 23rd, Trinity Church welcomed the “Best Buddies at UCP” orientation group from Hamilton College. These students volunteer to do community service, like painting for First Presbyterian Church and lending a hand at various non-profits. They bring sleeping bags and mats to make their stay comfortable, and they use the church kitchen to prepare meals. It’s their third year staying with us at Trinity Church!

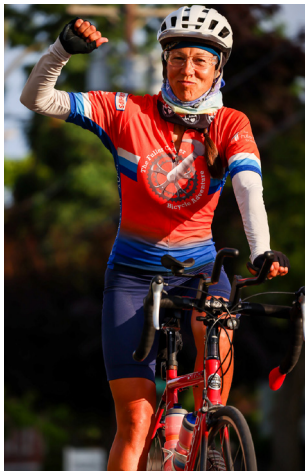
CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

1. Our next Church Council meeting will be on Sunday, September 20th at 11:15. Over the summer we have communicated via text and phone calls to discuss and vote on any issues that came up. Two of the main ones I will detail below:
2. On July 29th Mike Klepadlo discovered water leaking through above our west side entrance door. He contacted Bruce and I, and Bruce called Rieben Roofing to have them take a look at the situation. Mr. Rieben agreed with Bruce and Mike that water was seeping under the current flat roof over that door (the original small roof from 1980). Council approved an expenditure of \$6900 to have Rieben’s remove and replace that roof and flashing. Bruce said they may angle it a bit so it isn’t a flat roof like before.
3. On August 19th Cindy Rouillier noticed that our extra refrigerator (by the east side door) was no longer staying cold (58 degrees). I suggested that we have our current kitchen refrigerator become our “extra” one, and buy a new one for the kitchen. Mel suggested that purchasing one with an ice maker would be very helpful during our upcoming events. We agreed, but that required running a water line to that area. Cindy R. called “Fix it Kit”, who we have used before, and he came and installed the water line pretty easily, for a cost of about \$300. Cindy took on the task of investigating a good deal for our new refrigerator. At a cost of approximately \$2,000, probably from Morehouse Appliances, they will deliver a new 30 inch refrigerator, install it, and remove the old one. Great teamwork !!

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

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

Mission of the Month for September
Abraham House



Fuller Center Bike Adventure

On July 31st, a group of around 20 cyclists were welcomed at Trinity for a meal and over night respite along their summer journey on bicycles starting in Oregon, through the northern tier of the United States and ending in Portland, ME. They were cycling to raise money for the Fuller Center for Housing.

History behind the Fuller Center for Housing:

As a young man, Millard Fuller was determined to get wealthy. He started a marketing business and became a millionaire by age 30. He and his wife Linda became disillusioned with the drive to acquire wealth and sold his assets and gave away all his money. From 1973 to 1976 they moved to Zaire as missionaries with the United Church of Christ. The church owned a concrete block factory and there was a great need for decent housing. He started a cooperative program using volunteer labor and block donated by the church to create sturdy houses for families in Zaire.

Millard had a spiritual mentor named Clarence Jordan who founded Koinonia Village (an interracial cooperative Christian community near Americus Georgia, still existing today). After returning to America Millard Fuller started addressing affordable housing needs at Koinonia village and then other communities in America. This led to the creation of Habitat for Humanity and years later the Fuller Center for Housing.

“Thank you so much for your incredible hospitality and generosity while we were in Rome. We are extremely appreciative of everything you guys did for us.”

Best,
Tyler Strenk
Fuller Center Bike Adventure

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Reoccurring Events

Morning Service, every Sunday at 10:00am with Church School starting on September 13th.

Coffee Hour: Following Morning Service on Sundays, unless there is another scheduled event.

Bible Study lead by Aaron Browka: Every Thursday evening at 6:00pm, in Lounge.

Girl Scouts: Meet every Tuesday at 4:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study with Pastor Karen Marshall: Starting on September 14th Mondays at 10:30am.

September 13th : Pot Luck Luncheon

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday September 27th, 2026 at 1:30pm

Hosted by Trinity Church

215 West Court St. Rome

Praise Hymn Concert with



SHERRY ANNE

Donations/Love offerings appreciated for the Concert.

Before the event, Trinity Church is offering a lunch with refreshments and desserts, and we'd be grateful if you could donate. You can enjoy the lunch on the main level from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The concert will be held in the church's sanctuary on the 2nd level, which is accessible by elevator.

AFTERNOON TEA
at Trinity Church
215 West Court St., Rome NY

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Tea begins at **1:00 PM** | Doors Open at **12:30 PM**

Enjoy an afternoon featuring:

- Door Prize Drawing
- A Variety of Teas
- Finger Sandwiches
- Assorted Desserts

Presentation: Victorian Customs

Presented by Mary Jeanne Bialas

Take a trip back to the Victorian era and watch a woman get ready for her day! From petticoats and bustles to corsets and carefully chosen accessories, you'll find yourself laughing, learning, and marveling at the elaborate rituals that defined 19th-century fashion.

Tickets On Sale August 15 – September 13

ADVANCE SALE ONLY - NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR

Adults — \$30 | Children 11 & Under — \$15

For tickets or information please call
Melody Kiepert Yerman at 315-832-2009 or Trinity Church at 315-336-2833

BEGINNER LINE DANCE

★ COME LEARN • HAVE FUN! ★

No experience needed!

★ **MONDAYS** ★
STARTING
SEPTEMBER 14TH
6:00 – 7:00 PM

- ★ No experience needed!
- ★ Just come ready to move, laugh, and have a great time!
- ★ Good music • Great people
Lots of fun!

\$5 DONATION

TRINITY CHURCH
215 WEST COURT ST
ROME, NY

GOOD MUSIC ★ GREAT PEOPLE ★ LOTS OF FUN!

September 2026

Trinity Church 215 W. Court St.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Services Events Birthdays Anniversary		1	2 Helen Brodock	3 BIB Bible Study 6pm	4	5 David Brodock
6 **10:00am Morning Service	7 Labor Day	8	9 Christopher Carini	10 Bible Study 6pm BIB	11	12 Tom & Diana Clarke
13 **10:00am Morning Service w/ Church School Potluck Luncheon & Fall Crafts	14 Bible Study-10:30 Line Dancing @6pm	15 Girl Scouts 4:30pm	16	17 Bible Study 6pm BIB Trinity Photo Club@7	18	19
20 **10:00am Morning Service w/ Church School 1:00pm- Afternoon Tea	21 Bible Study-10:30 Line Dancing @6pm	22 Girl Scouts 4:30pm	23	24 BIB Bible Study 6pm Heather Hewlett	25	26 Judy Palmer
27 **10:00am Morning Service w/ Church School 11:30am- light lunch 1:30pm- Concert by Sherry Anne	28 Bible Study-10:30 Line Dancing @6pm	29 Girl Scouts 4:30pm Fred & Gayle Illingworth	30 Kelly & Chris Carini			

Trinity Tidbits for September 2026

History of Labor Day

Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. In May 1894, striking railway workers at the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago sparked a nationwide boycott led by Eugene V. Debs. Federal troops intervened and the resulting unrest caused more than a dozen deaths.

To mend relationships with the American workforce after this conflict, Congress rushed legislation through to recognize the many contributions workers made to American's strength, prosperity and well-being.

President Grover Cleveland signed it into law on June 28, 1894, officially establishing Labor Day as a national holiday. Before it was a federal holiday, Labor Day was recognized by labor activists and individual states. After municipal ordinances were passed in 1885 and 1886, movements developed to secure state legislation. New York was the first state to introduce a bill, but Oregon was the first to pass a law recognizing Labor Day, on February 21, 1887. During that year, four more states – Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York- passed laws creating a Labor Day holiday. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday and on June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday.

Today we think of Labor Day as an end to our Summer and the return to school and fall winter activities. Trinity is beginning our return with a pot luck lunch and fall crafts on September 13, an Afternoon Tea on September 20 and a concert by Nationally recognized Sherry Ann on September 27. Follow Trinity Church on Facebook and we hope you can join us for these events in September.

Melody Kiepert Yerman
Activities Director