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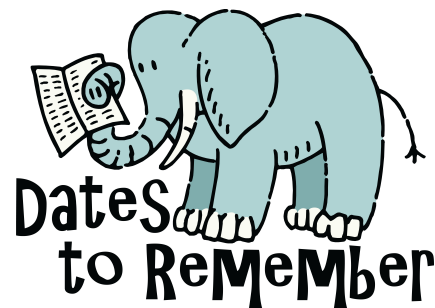
## OCTOBER



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| 03 | Jennifer Lathrum |
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Brown Bag Bible Study continues on Wednesdays, at noon through October. The study is using the book, "New Normal: Experiencing God's Best for Your Life" by John Lindell. Everyone is invited to attend.



Sundays - 10:00 a.m. - Coffee in Fellowship Hall  
10:30 a.m. - Worship  
October 3rd - World Communion Sunday  
October 12th - Session Meeting - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays - noon to 1:00 p.m. - Brown Bag Bible Study  
October 29th - November 6th - Pastor Peggy on Vacation



Sunday sermons and weekly devotions are available online at [trinityshellknob.net](http://trinityshellknob.net)



When Covid-19 forced communities into quarantine and governors issued “stay-at-home” or-

ders, our lives became unpredictable. It seemed so strange that the church would be closed for over 6 months and then now we are still dealing with the pandemic and sadly, still missing part of our Trinity family who are remaining at home to be careful due to other health concerns they are dealing with.

In the past 18 months we have experienced many life transitions with people moving closer to family or their physicians. We have grieved the loss of others who have joined the Church Triumphant. And now we wonder within our own hearts, what is next?

My heart and mind go to Lamentations 3:21-23 as I would also invite yours to do as well. “But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning, great is Your Faithfulness.”

There is absolutely nothing we will face in this life that is not covered with the love and faithfulness of our Savior. Even though seasons change in our lives, God is steadfast and is with us at all times, in all circumstances.

Yes, we lament the changes in the church due to life circumstances, yet we know that this is God’s Church and that He alone will guide our way forward. I am so deeply grateful for the Spirit’s guidance over these past months and for the leadership within the church. Our Deacons have been above amazing and the members of Session truly

led by the Spirit of God through these trying times.

As Pastor, it is the deepest cry of my heart as now the “seasons” change and we are entering into Fall and eventually Winter, that we will all continue to grow in our faith, trusting our Shepherd to continually care for us. We can be assured that He will lead us to those green pastures and still waters where our souls are restored and we are reminded that no matter the valley we may walk through, the Lord is with us!



Meet Robin Smith. Robin is currently a deacon and had this to say about herself:

**How long have you been a part of this church?**

Attending since July 2013, became a member a year later.

**How long have you been a deacon?**

Since January 2021

**What do you like most about being a deacon?**

Getting to know more about people in the church.

**What are some gifts you bring to the church?**

A willingness to help and a caring nature.

**What is one thing about you that you would like people in the church to know?**

My favorite thing to do is watch my grandsons play baseball.

# MISSIONS HEADLINES

We hope you all had fun choosing your own mission last month and are ready for a new challenge. This month our Mission Focus is the Alliance Food Bank. In the past year and a half, things have changed a lot in our community. Donations have been received and people have been served. Yet, the food bank has had to be mindful of the necessity of keeping people safe during the pandemic while meeting the needs of those who are in need. As a result, at this time, while the food bank appreciates food donations, monetary donations would be a better option, but they are still willing to accept food item donations. In the past year, the number of families served has been consistent with 25 families (about 74 people) served each month. If you would like to donate to this ministry, please write "food bank" in the memo of your check. If you would like to bring food items, please bring them to the church by October 31st so we can deliver them to the food bank the following week.

The Mission Committee is also looking into applying for a John Calvin Presbytery COVID grant. This will help with the expenses of the food bank and other ministries of the Alliance of Churches, including utility assistance and Share Your Christmas meals. Thank you again for your generous support of mission throughout the year.



Be sure and save your Best Choice labels for the church. 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.



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