

Newsletter of  
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# *The Messenger* July/Aug 2016

## July

### **Ushers**

Rich Hood – Captain  
Tracy Hood  
Pam Romano  
Larry Thomas

### **Greeters**

3 Bruce & Char Sladek  
10 Barbara Johnson, Edna Garcia  
17 Kristine Schroeder, Anakin, Jeremy  
24 Chuck Havel, Pam Polcar  
31 Kari Devine, Michael, Cody

### **Nursery**

3 Karen McShane, Megan McShane  
10 Linda Kozak  
17 Lorraine Weszely  
24 Judy Gilbert, Ariel Kurzweil  
31 Jay Hanson, Rebecca Hanson

### **Counters**

Rich & Tracy Hood  
Paula Cassady

### Birthdays

2 Lori Cavallone  
3 Gary Kozak  
6 Henrik Torling  
7 Sarah Jones  
8 Anakin Schroeder  
8 Michael Devine  
9 Connor West  
11 Kay Shannon  
13 Emmanuel Ajide  
14 Rick Ferrell  
18 Ryan Panush  
19 Lois Jaderholm  
21 Greg Goetz  
27 Arthur Raines  
28 Elizabeth West  
28 Pat Anderson  
28 James Sandberg  
29 Pam Romano

*If we missed your birthday, please  
let the office know so that it will be listed  
in the future.*

## August

### **Ushers**

Harry Persson – Captain  
Kristine Schroeder  
Anakin Schroeder  
Gary Kozak

### **Greeters**

7 Barb Bailey  
14 Jay & Dawn Hanson, Cody, Rebecca  
21 Greg & Janice Goetz, Kendra, Cameron  
28 Diana Eigenbauer

### **Nursery**

7 Melissa Panush, Matt Panush  
14 Pat Anderson, Rebecca Hanson  
21 Diane Eigenbauer, Joyce Gorney  
28 Janice Goetz, Kendra Goetz

### **Counters**

Matt Mateer  
Kristine Schroeder  
Dick Erickson

### Birthdays

1 Kelly Bradbury  
3 Andrew Byland  
3 Angela Panush  
4 Kent Keller  
5 Bruce Sladek  
6 Jon-Anders Mateer  
9 Mel Mueller  
14 Lynne Gustafson  
15 Kellie Lee  
18 Cathy Gardner  
21 Jeff Blust  
24 Geoff Twigg  
27 Hannah Sullivan  
29 Elizabeth Byland

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## Looking Ahead to a Summer Study with Pastor Jim

### Christianity and Islam - What's the Difference?

Many people today hear mixed messages about Islam. Is it a religion of peace or one of fear and violence? And aren't Christianity and Islam similar since both believe in the one true God? But the differences between the two faiths are vast. The greatest difference between Christianity and Islam is Jesus Christ.

Join us on Tuesdays in August, 7 P.M. in the Fireside Room as we compare and contrast the teachings of the Bible with the teachings of the Quran.

August 2: "Is True Islam Peaceful or Militant?"

August 9: "Significant Differences Between Christianity and Islam"

August 16: "Living Out One's Faith"

August 23: "Pillars and Practices of Islam"

August 30: "Making Disciples Among Muslims"

My hope is that in our study we might learn how to dialogue with and have meaningful relationships with our Muslim neighbors.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Summer Study with Pastor Jim

Christianity and Islam - What's the Difference?  
Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 7 P.M.  
Fireside Room

#### Summer Concert - TheSix Chamber Ensemble

Sunday, August 21 2 P.M.

#### Sunday School Kickoff and

#### Mitch & Jenna Haaby Wedding Shower

Sunday, September 11

#### Ladies Retreat/Fall Fellowship, Covenant Harbor

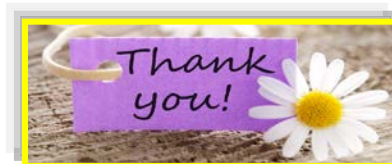
September 16-18

#### Congregational Vitality

Church Revitalization with Peter Sjoblom  
Friday, September 23, 7-9 P.M.  
Saturday, September 24, 9 A.M.-12 P.M.

### Altar Flowers

If you would like to celebrate or honor someone on a given special date, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Flowers are \$40 and you are invited to take them home following morning worship.



My thanks to the adult Sunday School class for once again giving me a warm welcome during my time with you in May. I am grateful for the Knock-Out rose bush, and will think of you all each time I look at it. I always enjoy being with you, but I must apologize for not fulfilling the promise implied in my series, "Bible Study with the Mystics." The truth is I did have material ready to present how I thought each mystic in turn would deal with the Scriptures read in worship -- but I never got that far in my notes! Thanks for good discussion and questions. I look forward to being with you again in February 2017.

Carol Noren

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Trinity Covenant Church,

The family of Kendra Moser acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you for your prayers and beautiful flowers.

Brian and Caryn Moser  
(Arlene Sladek's niece)

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I wanted to thank everybody for all your prayers, cards, flowers, and food during my surgery. I cannot express how much I appreciated all of it! You are all such a blessing!

**Romans 1:8**

... I thank my God through [Jesus Christ](#) for you ... (NLT)

Tracy Hood



### New Address:

Rhea Maurer  
13639 Penefield Lane, Huntley, IL 60142  
Cell: 708-745-1444

## Congratulations Graduates!



Hans Erickson, grandson of Dick and Joan Erickson, graduated from Wesleyan University in Connecticut with high honors including Phi Beta Kappa. He is now working on a medical internship in a large hospital in Boston, affiliated with Harvard University. He will enter medical school next year.

Jeremy Schroeder, son of Jim and Kristine Schroeder, has graduated from Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School on June 2. He began his high school career the following Monday June 6 as he has tested into a Summer Bridge Math Program. His summer class will cover Honors Algebra and allow him to be in Honors Geometry beginning first semester freshman year. We are very proud of his success.

Congratulations to all 2016 graduates on their success and best wishes for the future. Well done!

## Wedding Wishes

Karissa VanBuskirk and Jon-Anders Mateer, Barbara and Matt Mateer's son, were married at Trinity on a beautiful afternoon Friday, June 17. Congratulations to the Mateer family.

## Baby Bottle Campaign

Your pocket change can change the lives of families facing unplanned pregnancies! You have the opportunity to take a baby bottle home and place it in a visible area as a reminder to pray for the safety and salvation of these families and their unborn children. Prayerfully consider placing your pocket change, dollars, or even a check in the bottle as an offering to help the families Southside Pregnancy Center serves on a daily basis. Return the filled bottle to church on **Collection Day, Sunday, July 10**. The money collected will be given to Southside Pregnancy Center in Oak Lawn to support the Lord's work through this ministry. Thank you for your participation in this ministry of life.



## VBS Workdates

The last VBS workdate is Thursday, July 7, from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. (please note, lunch will not be provided). We are calling all volunteer helpers whether you can give all morning or just an hour. All who can help are appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there. Please contact Karen McShane if you'd like to volunteer.

## Vacation Bible School



Trinity Covenant Church VBS is a fun place for children 3 years old (toilet trained) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. At **Barnyard Roundup**, future farmers of all ages will learn that Jesus gathers us all together. Kids will discover that Jesus, their Savior, knows them by name, rounds them up, and brings them home. He is with us always and forever – no matter what! Children will memorize Psalm 23, to help them remember that Jesus is with us now and forever, provides for us and protects us. Bible learning, singing, crafts, snacks and games each day...come join the fun!

Monday thru Friday  
July 11 -15 9 A.M.–11:30 A.M.  
Program and Dinner  
Thursday July 14 6-8 P.M.

For information or to register:

- ◇ On line [www.trinitycovoaklawn.org](http://www.trinitycovoaklawn.org)
- ◇ Call the church office 708-422-5111
- ◇ Stop by the church and complete a paper registration form.



## Summer Concert at Trinity

Sunday, August 21, at 2pm, join us for a relaxing afternoon of woodwind music with TheSix Chamber Ensemble. Founded in 2011, TheSix Chamber Ensemble's mission is to promote the appreciation and education of quality chamber music works. The concert is free admission (donations accepted) and open to the public. There will be refreshments and a time of fellowship following the performance.



## Announcements from the CE Board

Looking forward to fall, the Sunday School Kick Off Picnic will take place on September 11, 2016. There will be food, fellowship and entertainment. An opportunity to register your children will be also available. We look forward to seeing you there, more information will follow.

We are also looking for volunteers to help create exciting and memorable moments for Trinity's youth. We are excited to be using a new curriculum with you our children. Volunteers already using it are reporting that it is user friendly and the children are very eager and engaged. If you have struggled in the past with wanting to help teach Sunday School but just weren't confident, now is the time. Materials are gathered and distributed ahead of time so that you may prepare when convenient for you with lots of great ideas on how to excite our youth in learning about the God we so love and desire to serve. We are very flexible working with your scheduling needs, you can teach for a couple of weeks or for a block of time depending upon your needs. Please use the summer to prayerfully reflect on this ongoing need for our children.

Finally, Summer has arrived. Time to think of VBS opportunities. Trinity will be hosting a time of Christian fellowship, learning and fun through VBS. It will run this year from July 11 to July 15. There will be a time of fellowship, dinner and a program for the children in the evening on Thursday July 14. Registration can be completed on line. We are always looking for helpers. There are such a variety of tasks that need to be accomplished; we can match you up with a job whether big or small.

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BARNYARD ROUNDUP

July 11 - 15

9 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Supper and Program

Thursday, July 14, 6-8 P.M.

## Pryme Tymers

The Fall 2016 Programs will start again on September 8, introducing a musical special with James Libera.

**September 8, 11 A.M.:**

Entrée: Stuffed Chicken Breast

Program: *Musical Special with James Libera*. New to Pryme Tymers, James is a fun and entertaining experience. He has a well trained, captivating voice with charismatic charm, a larger than life variety of music. Songs that inspire and touch your heart!

Make your reservation by the Friday BEFORE the event. The cost per meeting is \$7. Be sure to bring two canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Pantry as there is always a great need.

Enjoy a wonderful summer and we'll see everyone in September.



## Coffee and...Sign-up Sheet



Coffee and... is every Sunday after worship now through August 28. Enjoy a leisure morning visit with friends following worship with a cup of coffee and coffee cake. To sign-up for one of the Sunday's, there is a sign-up sheet on the wall outside of the kitchen. We usually expect 75-80 for coffee hour. Be ready to make coffee, bring creamer, have a cold drink for the children, and a late morning treat/coffee cake.

## Recipe from Carol Noren

Several members of the adult Sunday School class asked me to send the recipe for the Danish Kringle Pastry that I brought to class on May 29, hoping that it would be published in the church newsletter.



So here it is:

### DANISH KRINGLE PASTRY

Preheat oven to 350.

#### Base pastry:

1 cup flour  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter  
1/2 t. salt  
1 Tablespoon cold water.

Blend first three ingredients with a fork or pastry blender. The butter should be cool. Add the water after the flour-butter mixture is like coarse meal. Pat the dough together in a ball and chill for 5-10 minutes, then spread it on a greased cookie sheet in two oblongs. Set to one side.

#### Choux pastry

1 cup water  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter  
1/2 teaspoon almond or vanilla extract  
1 cup flour  
4 or 5 eggs

Heat the first 3 ingredients to a boil. Remove from heat and dump the flour in all at once, stirring until blended. Return to heat and stir until the dough glazes the pot. Remove from heat and cool 5-10 minutes. Add the eggs one by one, blending each in thoroughly before added the next.

Spread the choux pastry on top of the base pastry. Bake for 1 hour. Remove from the oven, cool five minutes, then pour/spread this icing on it:

#### Icing

4 tablespoons butter  
4 tablespoons cream or half & half  
1 teaspoon almond or vanilla extract  
About 2 cups powdered sugar. Measure first, and then sift.  
chopped almonds or other nuts  
Heat butter and all the liquids, then stir in the powdered sugar. You want the icing to be pouring consistency. Pour it over the two pastries, then sprinkle nuts on it.

I used almond extract and slivered almonds on the pastry I brought to class, but it is also good with vanilla extract and chopped pecans.



## Open House

Friday, August 26 6-7:30 P.M.  
Mrs. Christina Palazzolo, Director

For information or to register visit:

<https://sites.google.com/site/oaklawnoahsark/home>

Email: noahsarkpreschool2011@yahoo.com



SERVING COMMITTEES JULY 1, 2016

GROUP 1

Paula Cassady  
Greg & Janice Goetz\*  
John & Joyce Gorney  
Rich & Tracy Hood  
Pat & Tom Klutcharch\*  
Kristine Schroeder

GROUP 2

Dawn & Rick Ferrell\*  
Rita Grijalva  
Marcia & Chuck Lellos  
Kevin McGrath  
Geoff & Angie Panush\*  
Larry Thomas  
Heidi Weszely

GROUP 3

Phil & Lori Cavallone\*  
Kelly & Steve Bradbury  
Virginia Fulton  
Barb & Matt Mateer  
Margaret Morrissey  
Pat Petersen  
Thad & Julie Przybylowski\*  
Kristen & Stefan Torling

GROUP 4

Emmanuel & Elizabeth Ajide  
Jeff Blust  
Jen & Mike Davies  
Dawn & Jay Hanson\*  
Joyce & Bob Karlson\*  
Laura McShane  
Charlene Sandberg  
Gloria Vitro

GROUP 5

Chuck Havel  
Kelly & Pat Lee  
Bill & Karen McShane\*  
Pam Polcar  
Carol & Pete Raines\*  
Kay Shannon  
Jim & Carol Strickland

GROUP 6

Brian Crotty  
Mitch & Jenna Haaby  
Linda & Gary Kozak\*  
Nancy & Joel Mondry  
Judy Gilbert  
Matt & Melissa Panush\*  
Michelle West

GROUP 7

David & Debra Abimbola  
Desiree Hall  
Denise Krueger  
Norman & Diana Nilsson  
Dave & Arlene Sladek  
Denise & Tom Sullivan\*  
John & Lorraine Weszely\*

Group 8

Carol & Jim Byland\*  
Kari Devine  
Cathy Gardner  
Sandra & Bill Hutchinson  
Pam Romano  
Priscilla Sarr  
Royce & Donna Swanberg  
Priscilla & Richard Swanson\*

The following Serving Committees will help with these activities:

Vacation Bible School Supper	Committees 1 & 3
Sunday School Picnic (Sept)	Committees 7 & 8
Advent Program	Committee 5
Sunday School Christmas Prog.	Committee 6
Confirmation	Committee 4
Fundraiser	Committee 2

# July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	4					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

## Notes:

2: Men's Prayer Breakfast, Jedi Garden (8 AM)

3: Coffee and...

**4: Fourth of July**

7: VBS Workday (9:30 AM-12 PM)

10: Baptism of Jackson and Kali Hutchinson  
 Baby Bottle Campaign Collection Day  
 Trinity "Thank You" Luncheon from Sarah Jones, Peterson Hall (11 PM)

11-15: Vacation Bible School – Barnyard Roundup (9-11:30 AM)

14: Vacation Bible School, Dinner and Program (6-8 PM)

17: Coffee and...

24: Coffee and...

31: Coffee and...

### On-going Ministry

#### Sunday Mornings

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Nursery for Infants and Toddlers

11:00 AM Coffee and...

Noah's Ark Preschool - Resumes Tuesday, Sept. 6, 9 AM

Women's Bible Study – Resumes Tuesday, Sept. 6, 9:30 AM

Pryme Tymers – Fall 2016 Meetings resume Thursday, Sept. 8, 11 AM

# August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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## Notes:

2: Summer Study with Pastor Jim, Fireside Room (7 PM)

6: Men's Prayer Breakfast, Jedi Garden (8 AM)

7: Coffee and...

Mini Golf Pool Party at Sullivan's

9: Deacons meeting (6:30 PM)

Trustees meeting (7 PM)

Summer Study with Pastor Jim, Fireside Room (7 PM)

14: Coffee and...

16: Summer Study with Pastor Jim, Fireside Room (7 PM)

18: Church Board meeting (7 PM)

19: Mitch Haaby's wedding

21: Coffee and...

Trinity Summer Concert – TheSix Chamber Ensemble (2 PM)

**Articles for September Messenger due**

23: C.E. Board meeting (7 PM)

Summer Study with Pastor Jim, Fireside Room (7 PM)

26: Noah's Ark Preschool Open House (6-7:30 PM)

28: Coffee and...

30: Summer Study with Pastor Jim, Fireside Room (7 PM)

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

**Sunday School Kick-off Picnic and**

**Mitch and Jenna Haaby Wedding Shower**

Sunday, September 11

**Ladies Retreat/Fall Fellowship, Covenant Harbor**

September 16-18

**Fall Sunday School begins - Sunday, September 18**

**Congregational Vitality Workshop**

Fri., Sept. 23 (7-9 PM) and Sat., Sept. 24 (9 AM-12 PM)



Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church VBS Registration Form

LAST Name \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
date month year

School grade in Fall (circle one):

Pre-K Kindergarten 1 2 3 4 5 6

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) work phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, name (and phone number if not provided above):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Do you grant permission for Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church to use the pictures of your child named above on their website for informational or promotional purposes?

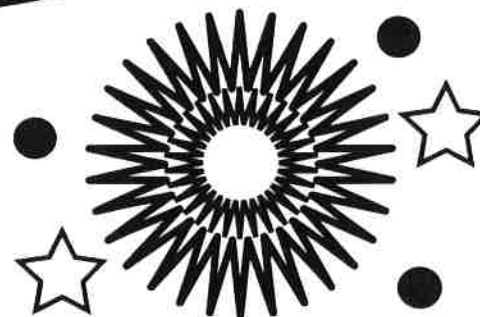
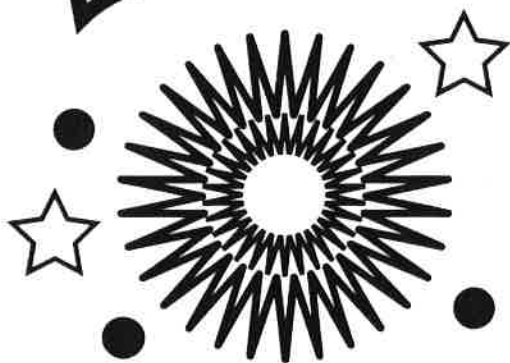
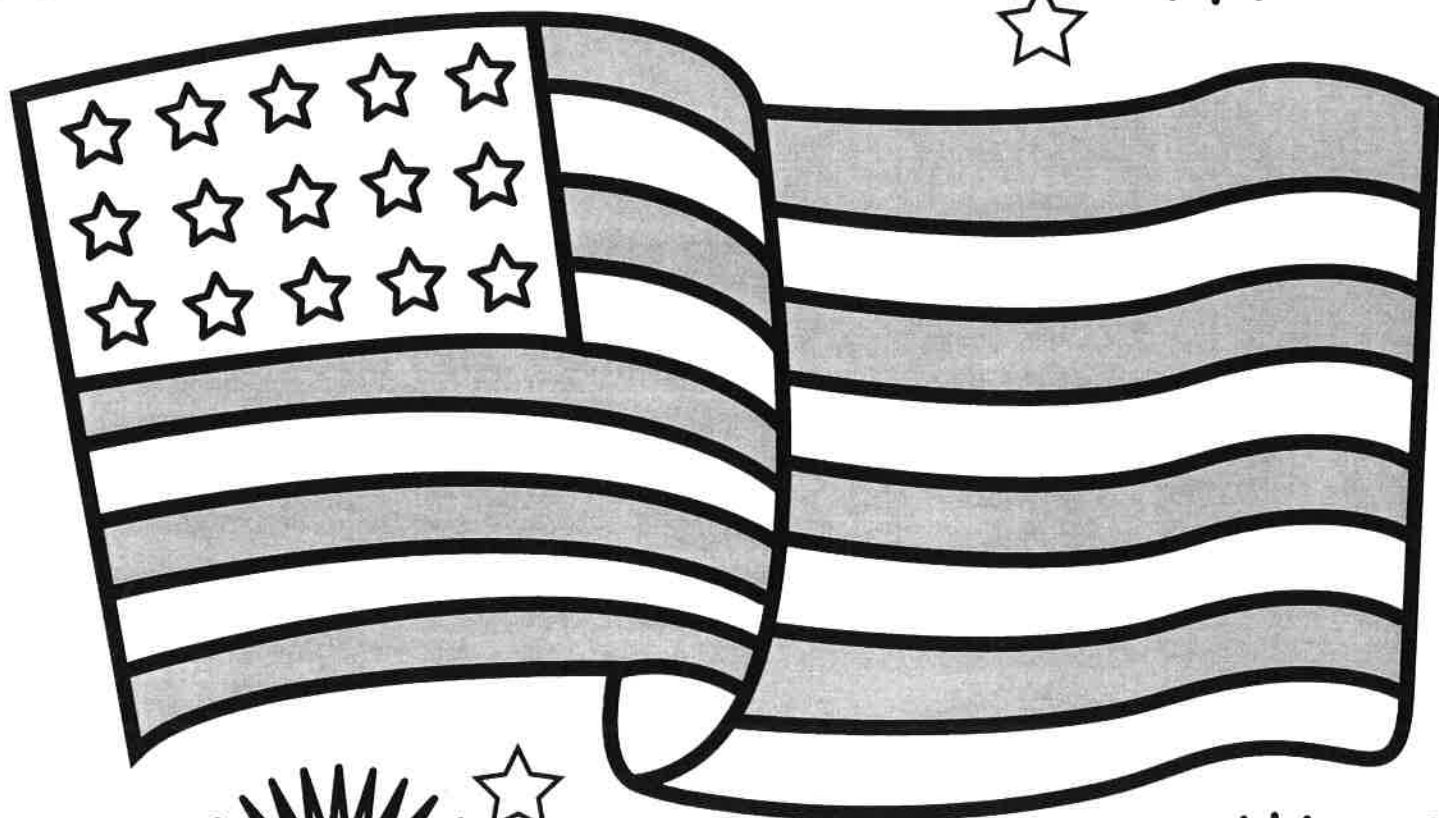
- Yes
- No

I hereby release Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, its staff, employees and officers, from any and all liability in the event of injury or incident while participating in VBS. I also give consent for emergency medical care in the event of an injury while participating in VBS.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_



**So proud am I on the 4th of July!**

**On the 4th of July I like to...**



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**Mitch Haaby**  
Pastoral Intern

**Lee Van Sickle**  
Director of Music and Worship

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Organists

**Stuart Seale**  
Pianist

**Christina Palazzolo**  
Director – Noah's Ark Preschool

**Karen Christakos**  
Secretary

**Joe Michalowicz**  
Custodian

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