



AUGUST 2020 THEME

## A LOVE FOR ALL SEASONS

1 Corinthians 13:4



### *From The Pastor's Heart*

Dear Friend,

I trust you are doing alright by God's grace.

A few days ago, my dad sent us a picture. It was a picture of my brother and him stepping out of their 10th floor apartment in Kolkata, India. Dad was stepping out into the sunshine for the first time after 103 days of being locked in on account of COVID-19. Miriam's home state in India recently declared what is known as a 'triple lockdown' and the government there have declared that some form of the lockdown and its norms will be extended till July 2021. In a recent phone call my mom said, "Son, with all that is happening in the world today, we are not sure if we will ever meet you again in person on this side of heaven".

Friend, I know this season has not been easy for you but please allow me to ask you a couple of questions. Would you like to stop and count your blessings? Would you like to make a list of the things you are grateful for? You may want to begin by counting your blessings for simple things - Pennsylvania's lush green lawns and trees, the birds, the yards, the gardens, the flowers, the freedom to walk in the open.....

Those who truly learn to count their blessings don't need dollars to count for happiness!

God bless you and your loved ones with his continued grace and blessings

And when you can't fall asleep, don't count sheep, just count your blessings!

Pastor Arun

*I've learned by now to be quite content whatever my circumstances. I'm just as happy with little as with much, with much as with little. I've found the recipe for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty. Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am.*

Philippians 4: 11-13 (The Message)

## REGATHERING IN THE TRINITY SANCTUARY

God is Sovereign! That much we do know! Our lives have been changed. When we will regather in the sanctuary depends on how the pandemic continues to develop. We have been in webinars and have been guided by meetings, discussion with other United Methodist ministers, the District Superintendent's Office, and guidance from Bishop of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. We have also taken note of Governor Wolf's mandates for the state of Pennsylvania.

We may be back in the sanctuary by the beginning of the fall. In the meantime the Leadership Team, the sub-committee on regathering, and the Worship Team have been discussing what worship will look like when we return to the sanctuary.

The following are some ideas:

- All attending service will wear a face mask.
- We will use hand sanitizer before entering.
- "No Hugs, No Bugs; No shakes, No Quakes"
- We will be required to social distance and have 6 feet between each family in the sanctuary.
- Seating will be limited in the sanctuary.
- The Fellowship Hall will be also available for seating and watching the service on the big screen with your Trinity church family.
- Attendance at the service, sanctuary or Fellowship Hall, will be by prior reservation
- For the time being there will likely be only one service.
- There will be no singing and communion will not be served.
- There will be no Sunday School classes nor nursery available.
- Children will remain with their family during the Children's Talk.
- The offering plates will not be passed- a container will be near the exit.
- There will be no distribution of bulletins. Service information will also be on the large screen TV's in the front.
- The cushions will be off the pews allowing for proper cleaning of the pews before and after services. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own seat cushion, if they wish.
- We will be encouraged to come no more than 15 minutes early and to leave within 15 minutes of the dismissal.
- There will be no Coffee Fellowship.
- For several months we will not have real flowers but use silk flowers, thus eliminating the distribution of flowers following the service. If one wishes to sponsor the flowers you will be encouraged to make a donation to a suggested ministry.

Thank you to our custodian, Harry Rodriguez, for his work in cleaning and sanitizing the facility so we will be feel safe in attending. However, no one should feel pressured about attending if they are vulnerable or feel uncomfortable. Services will be live streamed from the sanctuary directly to your home. More specifics will follow.

## AUGUST THEME

### A LOVE FOR ALL SEASONS

#### August 2

**Love is patient, Love is kind**

Scripture 1: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Scripture 2: 1 Corinthians 13: 4

#### August 9

**Love does not envy**

Scripture 1: 1 Peter 2:1-3

Scripture 2: 1 Corinthians 13: 4

#### August 16

**Love does not boast,**

**Love is not proud**

**BLANKET SUNDAY**

Scripture 1: James 4: 13-17

Scripture 2: 1 Corinthians 13: 4

#### August 23

**Love is not self-seeking**

Scripture 1: Luke 12:13-21

Scripture 2: 1 Corinthians 13: 4

#### August 30

**Love is not easily angered**

Scripture 1: James 3:1-12

Scripture 2: 1 Corinthians 13: 4



Join us weekly on Tuesdays from 8:00 - 8:30 PM for a time of prayer on Facebook Live.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

**40 DAYS IN THE WORD (DURING LENT)**  
**plus 50 DAYS IN THE WORD (EASTERTIDE)**  
**plus 40 DAYS IN THE WORD (ORDINARY TIME)**

It finally rained last night! After a week or so of a “long hot summer”, we had a few drops here in Lisburn and then finally on Sunday evening it RAINED! Hallelujah! When you’re a gardener, you pray for rain and I felt like Elijah the prophet when he prayed for rain (1 Kings 18:41), until it finally rained and like Honi the rainmaker, a sage that lived a century before Jesus. Honi drew a circle in the ground, stood in it and prayed for rain; the heavens opened, and the rain came. To learn more about Honi read “The Circle Maker”, Mark Batterson.

As I was cultivating my flower beds this morning after the rain, I was reflecting on the theme of our Outside Worship, “Come to the Garden” and the beautiful hymn “In the Garden” that Bruce Snyder sang. The words are so true, “He walks with me, He talks with me and He tells me I am His Own.” Oh, how I love to tarry in my gardens with him and listen to His sweet voice tell me what He would have me do.

As we talked, He reminded me that the “40 Days in the Word” had become 130 days in the Word due to the Pandemic. He has used this time of isolation to bring us closer to Him and to led us deeper and deeper into His Word. I hope you all have found “golden nuggets” that He has spoken to you to calm your heart, challenge your steps and moved you to a greater obedience for His plan for your life. He loves you and He wants to use you for His Kingdom.

Please write down those verses and what God has informed you and directed you during this time. I mentioned index cards before, but a “Journal” might be more comforting for you. As you hear from God, write the date in a notebook, the scripture word or verse and how God has spoken to you through this quiet time with Him. You may have these thoughts when you’re about the busyness of the day. Pause and write them down and thank God for His presence with You.

In His presence and power,  
 Pastor Peggy



O come let us worship and bow down.  
 ~ Psalm 95: 6

**Friday, August 7 at 7 PM**  
**Saturday, August 29 at 7 PM**

### TRINITY'S REGATHERING AT THE BOROUGH PARK

You are invited to a time of congregational regathering and worship. Please bring your chairs and wear your masks. When you wear a mask, you are telling others, “I care for you”

For those of you who live in the Borough of New Cumberland and its immediate vicinity, you may be able to tune in to FM 106.90 to listen to the service at the park. We also plan to share it over Facebook Live.



*Dear Trinity United Methodist Church:*

*We are truly touched by the thousands of people who have taken the time to reach out to us in various forms to share memories of Ravi Zacharias. Your messages of encouragement, prayers, and support have helped to carry all of us during these tender days, and we are so very thankful.*

*Ravi lived life to its fullest. He loved to laugh and eat good food. He loved people and sharing the gospel any chance he could - in a taxi, from main stage, with candor and grace. We grieve deeply on this side of heaven, but can you just imagine his welcome in glory?*

*It's this hope we have in Jesus, the message Ravi lived his life proclaiming, that sustains us. In a world of increasing uncertainty and hunger, it is the message we need to continue to proclaim. Ravi's wish - and passionate charge to us in his final days - was for the gospel to be preached. Now, more than ever, it is our passion.*

*Thanks you for your gift of \$2,000.00.*

*On behalf of the the RZIM team,  
Robert E. Grinnell  
Global Vice President for Development*



*I would like to thank everyone that sent me birthday cards. It means a lot to know that so many care and take the time to reflect it. Thank you.*

*Jack B*

*many thanks*

*thank you*

*Meade and Lucille Wilt would like to thank you all for the anniversary cards that they received. It made their 72nd wedding anniversary very special. We are blessed to have a caring church family.*

*Jo Lower*

## STARFISH MINISTRY

Starfish Ministries is going strong and have done our outreach in June and July with safety as a priority. We'll be going back on August 9 and these are items we will be collecting: nail clippers, men's white T-shirts, umbrellas, back packs and cloth bags (like ones purchased at Michael's or Target, etc).

Thank you for blessing those on the street without a home. They thank you too! You may contact Carol Crossley at 717-379-9030 if you need anything picked up.

## WORDS OF WELLNESS

*Do you wonder what is to become of our world?  
Are you worried - weary - weak?  
Do you hunger for HOPE, or thirst for TRUTH?  
There is an answer -  
It's found in The WORD of GOD.*

Many years ago, Bill and I met with a building contractor, John of Belaire Homes. We soon learned he had married my childhood friend from Trinity's Sunday School. A fast friendship ensued. We were neighbors as well, and as our families grew closer, I became increasingly aware that we did not share the same beliefs.

*If we are to love our neighbors as ourselves,  
we must share Jesus' Salvation story with them,  
because there is no gift so precious as the one we share of Him.*

When Janet became ill, I made a deathbed promise to her that I would do my best to look after her family. The children are grown now and time has placed me in the role of caregiver for John. I have continued to pray and share my faith...he has resisted. I finally accepted that after forty plus years without success, surely I was not "the messenger", and so, placed my burden into God's hand.

On July 5th, I tuned into Trinity's first radio broadcast as I prepared lunch for John. Pastor Arun began his message. Lo and behold, John was listening, intently. He even bowed his head during the prayer time. Was I witness to a "new beginning"? That which I had been unable to accomplish. God used His servant, our Trinity shepherd to provide.

The message of God's GRACE is our only HOPE for this world. We will be filled, our thirst quenched. God has made His people wise in the knowledge of internet and media, now having the ability to reach around the world.

Is there someone with whom you will share His promises? There are no strangers here, only friends we have yet to make. Will they know we are Christians by our love?

Your Parish Nurse, Barbara Z.

# Maximizing Life

**MAKING THE MOST OF  
THE MOST WITH JESUS!**

God's word from our pastor Rev. Arun Andrews who served in India and the Ravi Zacharias International Ministries.



The Voice of Christian Radio

**SUNDAYS  
at 1:00 PM**

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## CURRENT SERIES: A PRAYER FOR ALL SEASONS



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## TRINITY YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

by Haley Warner

### Encouragement & Challenges During this Time from Trinity Youth

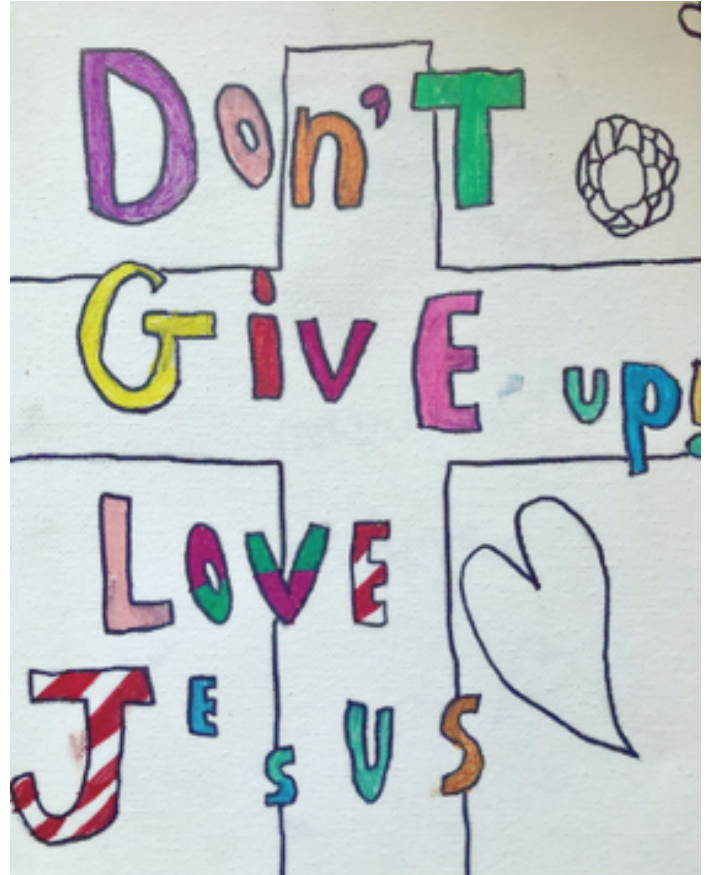
Trinity Youth are really missing one another and their Trinity church family! These youth are staying connected to God and to each other through everything and continue to be a witness of faith and love to the world around them!

### Graduate Recognition & First In-Person Regathering

It meant so much to see our Trinity church and youth family again at the outdoor services in Borough Park. We were able to recognize 11 incredible graduates and enjoy our first in-person regathering!!

### Trinity Youth Audition for a Local Christian Film Production

Two of our youth auditioned and were selected for roles in Salt 'n Light Youth Ministry's upcoming movie production! We are so proud of all of the youth who auditioned!!



This beautiful piece was created by an incoming 6th grader.



### Trinity Young Adults Partner with New Local Young Adult Ministry "Zoe Mazi"

Zoe Mazi, meaning "Life Together", is a new local young adult ministry that meets outdoors every Monday evening for a time of worship and fellowship. We are excited for Trinity's young adult group to participate in Zoe Mazi! If you know any young adults in the area who might be seeking faith community and to do "life together" with other awesome young people, please pass on this invite! All are welcome!



## A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

*Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord, all the earth...*

Thank you, again, to all who continue to make music. I always overflow with appreciation and give thanks to God for the many musical blessings and offerings each and every week.

I am committed to staying in touch with everyone through the wonderful gift of music as we chart our way to regathering in the sanctuary. Although the pandemic has restricted our singing voices, it cannot restrict our joy we find in worship and praise of God, almighty Father, heavenly King.

Please continue to watch online, and share, as you are able, the additional weekly offerings of music!

Facebook Live, “Midweek Music” – 12:00 pm, from the Sanctuary

Music Blog, “Scripture and Song”, found on the church website

Thank you for your continued viewing support, and your musical interactions online!

Heavenly Father:

We make music, with grateful praise, for your glory! We blend our harmonies, with grateful praise, for your glory! Thank you for each part we sing and each instrument we play; you are the great composer! Your Word is the music of life; help us to follow you, our help in ages past, and our hope for years to come. May the rhythm of our life be lived in accordance with your will. Lord, let your kingdom come.

*Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*

## VIRTUAL VBS UPDATE!

Thank you to ALL who supported Trinity’s very first virtual VBS / SIS combined program. We were blessed with a total of 35 children who ZOOMED in to New Cumberland to hear our message of Rocky Railway – Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through. We built a boat just like the one they used to transport Paul to Italy when he was a prisoner in the Acts 27 story. (Jesus’ power gives us hope) On day 2 the children were given two bracelets to put together – one for themselves and another to share with someone who they told about Jesus. (Jesus’ power helps us be bold) And on day 3 they put a door hanger together to remind them that Jesus’ power lets us live forever. Resource packets were not only picked up at the church but sent to Maryland, western Pennsylvania, and as far away as California. True to the Methodist lore of “we always have to eat” a snack and game were included for each evening.

God is good and once again this year in spite of roadblocks he provided a way to bless our children and us as volunteers.





## SUMMER ALPHA 2020

SUMMER ALPHA 2020 started July 8; however, you can join us for the August Sessions. If you would like to review the ones you've missed you can go on line to:

<https://alphausa.org/alpha-film-series-preview>

### Trinity UMC on ZOOM Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

#### Aug. 5 - Session #5

Why and how do I Pray?

#### Aug. 12 - Session #6

Why and how should I read the Bible?

#### Aug. 19 - Session #7

How does God guide us?

#### Aug. 22 - (TENTATIVE) Day Away

Saturday 9 am to 3:30 pm  
THE DWELLING PLACE, Lisburn  
1525 Grandview Ave.  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Introduction to Weekend

Who is the Holy Spirit?

What does the Holy Spirit do?

How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?

How can I make the most of my life?

#### Aug. 26 - Session #8

How can I resist evil?

Contact Pastor Peggy Spengler for more information or for the Zoom link at [hearttoheart1942@gmail.com](mailto:hearttoheart1942@gmail.com) or 717-433-1670 (cell).

Thank so much for your support. If you cannot attend, please pray for ALPHA SUMMER 2020.

Prayerfully,  
Pastor Peggy

## GRANDPARENTS IN PRAYER

Any are invited to join Grandparents in Prayer. We have been meeting since April, first on Zoom and then outside, for fellowship and prayer as we pray for each others grandchildren. It has been a sweet time of encouragement as we support each other. Thanks to Jim and Jody Blacksmith, Pastor Peggy, and Sandy Williams for hosting us in their gardens over the summer. Wearing of face masks is required and social distancing is stressed.

Please phone Beth Sider at 717-766-0420 if you are interested in being a part of this prayer group.



## UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS WITH TRINITY PASTORS

Pastor Peggy Spengler is hosting our ZOOM Upper Room Devotional with Pastors Barbara Berg, Rodney Miller and Arun Andrews

### Wednesdays at 10:00 AM on Zoom

Follow us with the Upper Room Devotional each Wednesday for discussion on the scripture, sharing the Upper Room Story and our own stories. We will close in a time of prayer.

If you would like to present one of the Wednesdays, just call Pastor Peggy 717-433-1670. You do not have to host the meeting. Pastor Peggy or Jocelyn will do that for you.

Jocelyn will be sending out the ZOOM link each week via email. Please call the church office if you would like information on how to join by phone.



## DUTIES FOR AUGUST 2020

DUTIES	AUGUST 2	AUGUST 9	AUGUST 16	AUGUST 23	AUGUST 30
LITURGIST	Doug Eakin	Jody Blacksmith	George Karnes	Bill Northey	Ethel Brooks
CHILDREN'S TALK	George Karnes	Kara Sweger	Owen Rynex	Pastor Raymond Brooks	Marjorie Creamer
COUNTING TEAM	Charlie Klinger and Tom Baum				



### AUGUST PRAYER CHALLENGE

Every time you see flowers in the garden, would you pray for those who have been quarantined in places where they cannot enjoy nature? Pray for people who are locked in because of health conditions. Pray for people in prison.

### AUGUST 2020 SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY CANCELLED

The August 25th Sunnier Side of Sixty service is being cancelled. Consider attending the Friday night, August 28th Regathering in the Borough Park.

Our next scheduled Sunnier Side of Sixty is October 27th when Pastor Manny Valentin from Community United Methodist is scheduled to preach and play his saxophone.

### STOP & PRAY TIMES AT 8.30 PM

Please continue to join us every night by praying wherever you are for at least 5 mins.

## CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Online Worship Service	3 7 PM Young Adult Bible Studies	4 8 PM Facebook Live Time of Prayer	5 12 PM Facebook Live Midweek Music 7:30 PM Alpha Zoom Summer 2020	6	7 7 PM Outdoor Regathering Service N. C. Boro Park	8
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# Trinity United Methodist Church

Susquehanna Conference

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**Sunday Worship Services**  
8: 15 AM and 10:45 AM

**Sunday School Classes**  
For all ages at 9:30 AM



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**FORWARDING SERVICE  
REQUESTED**



*The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*

## August 2020



Please submit  
articles for the  
SEPTEMBER 2020  
TRINITY TIDINGS  
by August 15th

### BLANKET SUNDAY 2020

We'll miss Blanket Sunday which was scheduled for August 16. We won't be greeting each other and catching up as we pin contributions to our Church World Service blanket. But the disaster that is Covid-19 hasn't stopped hurricanes, tornados, snowstorms, and earthquakes from happening. In the aftermath of a crisis, blankets are still needed and Blanket Sunday collections provide Church World Service with funds to respond in an emergency. All of a sudden, we've had to learn how hard it is to do without simple things. Imagine doing without everything. If you'd like to contribute to this program, please send your check to the church office and write Blanket Sunday on the memo line.

If you would like to know more about this program, visit the CWS website at <https://cwsblankets.org> or UMCOR's website at [UMCOR.org](https://umcor.org). The blankets program is assigned UMCOR Advance #982810.