



THEME FOR AUGUST

FEARLESS *to* TRUST

PSALMS OF TRUST



From Your Pastor's Heart

Dear Trinity Family,

Our sermon series from the book of Daniel has challenged us to be “Fearless to obey”. Would you for a moment think of the word, “fear”?

In a Peanuts cartoon titled, “Charlie Brown’s existential crisis”, we are given a view of Charlie Brown talking to himself in a dark night on his bed. With palms to his cheek, he says, “My anxieties have anxieties”.

In some world-views or religious systems, fear is a central emotion in devotion. There are people who are fearful of what they think are certain “bad days” in the week or certain “bad times” in the day. They engage in tedious and religious efforts to try and navigate away from those ‘landmines’ that they fear might bring them misfortune. It is therefore not uncommon for people in such world-views or religious systems to fear certain days and times as not safe to travel, not good to transact business upon and yes, not good to conduct a wedding in. The inevitable, of course, is that none even in such systems are able to navigate past their date or time of expiration!

The dilemma of such people – sincere as they are, will find God’s answers in scriptures like these:

Psalms 31: 14,15: But I trust in you, Lord; I say, “You are my God.” My times are in your hands.

Psalms 118:24: This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

As believers in the Lord Jesus, we are promised that God has not given to us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7

Some years ago, I told Miriam, “You may be shocked to hear me say this, but this is what I truly believe. In case I drop dead at this moment, I would have finished my life as one of the happiest and most satisfied human beings in all the world in my age category”. Why could I say that then and why would I believe it to be true even now?

It is because of the promise I have in the Lord Jesus – and in his Word. I live each day of my life – not with an unhealthy fear of God but with a sacred reverence for Him. What does that sense of reverence do? It reminds me that He is holy, He is mighty, He is the One who sets the moral standard for life, that His Holy Word is not to be reinterpreted by culture but has the power to reinterpret culture and transform lives – and yes, that He is the one who gives me my every breath and heartbeat. To reduce God to the "chum" down the street who deserves nothing more than an offering and a church visit, is to completely miss the point of who he is. The challenge we have as believers is to not fall prey to the lies of our culture. Somewhere deep inside our post-modern illusions of self-adequacy is the root of rebellion. It is a root that grows the tree of disobedience.

May your greatest fear in life not be of the unknown or even of death – but of disobedience to God. It was Mark Twain who is attributed to have this in his own style, "I am not troubled by the things in the Bible which I do not understand, but I am troubled by those things which I do understand and which I find very difficult to measure up to".

So, let me ask myself a question. Do I have fears? Yes, I do. I am as human as you are. But if you ask me what one of my biggest fears is, I can tell you straight away. It is the fear of failing God.

The Bible tells us in Psalm 128: 1: Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him. The Lord Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey my commandments" John 14: 15

Do you want to be that kind of person in God's eyes?

Following Jesus has nothing to do with being forced. It has everything to do with being loved! Loved by a Savior who even died for us – and who in his heart desires that we will live for Him.

Still learning to follow,
Arun

AUGUST THEME

FEARLESS TO TRUST PSALMS OF TRUST

August 1 *

Trusting is about a great big, wonderful God

Scripture: Psalm 121

August 8

Trusting is resting

Scripture: Psalm 27:1-5

Rev. Mitchell Hescox

August 15

Trusting is for tough times too

Scripture: Psalm 46

Rev. Dave McCullough

August 22

Trusting means being heaven-bound

Scripture: Psalm 84

Rev. Rodney Miller

August 29

Trusting makes you joyful

Scripture: Psalm 100

*In-person worship
at 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM

AUGUST PRAYER FOCUS

Every time you feel the heat of the day, would you pray for those without homes and shelter?



Come to the Garden

Trinity's Outdoor Worship Service
New Cumberland Borough Park

Here is information about our evening times at the park.

Saturday, August 21 @ 6:30 PM | Movie at 8:00 PM
Saturday, September 25 @ 6:30 PM

Saturday nights include worship in song, special moments for kids and youth, specials off the grill (yes, food!)

These evening times are designed not only for church folk, but especially for your friends and neighbors and those that you might like to invite. Masks are optional.

STORIES FROM LIFE – AND LESSONS FOR THE HEART

In my years of serving you as your servant and pastor, I trust you have evidence to believe that I have striven to be very respectful of American culture and the history and story of the people of God at Trinity. My family and I have also been blessed to be mutually respected and loved by so many of you in this very precious congregation. Unfortunately, not too long ago, I felt I was judged harshly for being an Indian. I was told words that deeply hurt and also puzzled me. Words that categorized me in a certain negative way simply because I was Indian. What I tend to do when I face moments like that is to be still and refocus my thoughts on Jesus – the perfect one in all of history and eternity. As I pondered upon Christ in the midst of my pain, I heard myself chuckle, “If they did it to him, why on earth do you think you will be spared?”. Life can be harsh, but we take lessons from the tough times and allow them to shape us for times of loving and serving.

You might be aware that Indians across the US have been seen as hardworking and diligent people. I have often been thrilled to hear from some of you about your Indian-origin doctor/ physician/ surgeon. On the other hand, we also face our challenges. I remember the day Nehara came home from school and told us that a schoolmate had said that Indians are basically cab drivers in New York or own Seven Elevens or work in gas stations. She said she reminded him of the Indians in Ivy League Schools and in global leadership in various fields.

As I was pondering the words I had recently heard, a friend sent me a mail with this forward. I thought it would give you moments to appreciate how we can learn from one another across cultures as human beings in the journey of life together. These words have been attributed to Satya Nadella who is originally from Hyderabad, India. He earned a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Mangalore University (Mangalore is where I was born), a master’s degree in computer science from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, and a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Chicago. Nadella serves on the board of trustees to Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and his alma mater the University of Chicago, as well as the Starbucks board of directors. He serves presently as the Chairman and CEO of Microsoft. I hope you enjoy these stories from life that bring lessons to the heart.

1. ***LOOKING BACK*** - I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I’m working on for my Psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said.... ***Success is when you look back at your life and the MEMORIES make you smile***
2. ***LOVE CONQUERS PAIN*** - After I watched my dog get run over by a car, I sat on the side of the road holding him and crying. ***And just before he died, He licked the tears off my face***
3. ***TOGETHERNESS*** - As my father, my three brothers, and two sisters stood around my mother’s hospital bed, my mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, ***I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often***
4. ***AFFECTION*** - I kissed my dad on the forehead as he passed away in a small hospital bed. About 5 seconds after he passed, ***I realized it was the first time I had given him a kiss since I was a little boy***
5. ***JOY*** - When I witnessed a 27-year-old cancer patient laughing hysterically at her 2-year-old daughter’s antics, I suddenly realized that ***I need to stop complaining about my life and start celebrating it again***
6. ***KINDNESS*** - A boy in a wheelchair saw me desperately struggling on crutches with my broken leg and offered to carry my backpack and books for me. ***He helped me all the way across campus to my class and as he was leaving he said, “I hope you feel better soon.”***
7. ***SHARING*** - I was traveling in Kenya and I met a refugee from Zimbabwe. He said he hadn’t eaten anything in over 3 days and looked extremely skinny and unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. ***The first thing the man said was, “We can share it”***

I trust you appreciate the stories and lessons,

From the heart of your Indian pastor,
Arun

thank you

"I always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when I pray for you, because I know of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people" (Colossians 1:3-4).

Your love that has shown forth in the multitude of birthday prayers and wishes as well as for your faith in God for my healing has "filled the golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people." (Revelation 5:8) "on the golden altar in front of the throne." (Revelation 8:3).

"For this reason, ... I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know Him better." (Ephesians 1:15-17)

*In Thanksgiving,
Pastor Peggy*

A simple "thank you" hardly seems enough to express our sincere appreciation for prayers and cards shared with us by our Trinity family as Terry continues his treatments for cancer. We especially thank Pastor Arun for his hospital visit and prayers, phone calls, and texts. Although this is a journey we would not have chosen to take, we travel with the assurance of Christ with us. Both Terry and I covet your continued prayers and feel blessed by your expressions of love and support. Thank you!

*In His grip,
Karen and Terry Bowen*

On August 27, 2006, Trinity Church celebrated the dedication of the Parish Nurse Ministry Room. It was given to the glory of God, in memory of Rosalie V. Elliot (2/7/38 - 5/8/05) by her husband, Bob Elliot, and the Elliot family.

*I remain ever thankful, ever blessed,
Barbara Z.*

BLANKET SUNDAY

The Church World Service Blankets+ Program is a worldwide effort to provide emergency supplies in the aftermath of a crisis. First blankets, then tents and food, then tools to rebuild and training for the future.

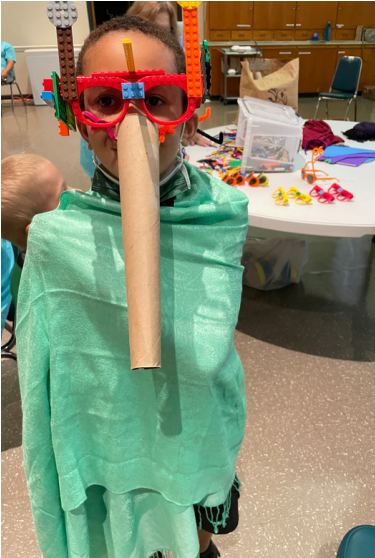
As people recover from disaster or adjust to resettlement, Church World Service blankets provide comfort, and shelter, can be used as a sunshade, or provide a dry place to sit and rest. Blankets are distributed wherever they are needed and may end up on the other side of the world, or in our own community.

Church World Service is a collection of 37 different denominations, including the United Methodist Church. UMCOR relies on CWS as part of its disaster response program. Supplies are ready to go at the moment they are needed.

If you would like to know more about Church World Service, check out the CWS website at cwsglobal.org or visit UMCOR's website at UMCOR.org. The blankets program is assigned UMCOR Advance #982810.

On August 8 we will pin your donation to our sample blanket, or you may take an envelope to contribute later, or bring a blanket to be used locally. To know more contact Allyn Litzelman who has faithfully coordinated this program over the years at Trinity.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A great time of kids discovering that God knows you, hears you, comforts you, forgives you, and chooses you. A time of great worship in songs, learning through crafts, enjoying games, and most of all learning God's word. Do continue to pray for the kids who attended and for their families. VBS 2021 was an absolutely special time – because kids invited Jesus into their hearts as their Savior and best friend!!

Thank you, Lord. Thanks for reminding all our volunteers and kids that we are treasured in your heart!

Friends, thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support.



Our team of 22, partnered with a team of 22 from Alabama and served each day with different Frontline outreach programs. Our students were trained in all the different areas of outreach and then empowered to serve. We ministered to and helped those who are being trafficked, homeless, or at risk to get off the streets, get the assistance they need, and most of all to know how much God loves and cares for them by building relationships, offering prayer, and sharing His love. For more information on the organization we served with you can check out <https://frontlineresponse.org/>.

DUTIES FOR AUGUST 2021

DUTIES	AUG 1	AUG 8	AUG 15	AUG 22	AUG 29
8:15 AM WORSHIP LEADER	Mel Eyer	Carol Wilson	Cherice Swick	Linda Young	Jody Blacksmith
10:45 AM WORSHIP LEADER	Mel Eyer	Carol Wilson	Cherice Swick	Linda Young	Jody Blacksmith
CHILDREN'S TALK	Gen Lupold	Jady Conroy	Faith Sylor	Pastor Raymond Brooks	Cheryl Bargo

GOD: “FORGET ME NOT”

by Pastor Peggy

“When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, then in later days you will return to the Lord your God and obey him. For the Lord your God is a merciful God; He will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your ancestors, which he confirmed to them by oath. Deuteronomy 4:30-31



You may be wondering why I’m focusing on the “Forget Me Not” flowers in the above picture. Well, on my birthday, Kathy Miller delivered me this beautiful planter. I asked her what the name of the blue flowers were, and she could not remember, but she said they are Larry’s favorite.

One of the chemo drugs they give me keeps me awake at night. With the first chemo session, God spoke to me, reassuring me of His love and healing power as I lay awake. I praised Him for my healing and listened to His assignment for me which I was very intentional to complete!

Now, during the second treatment session, He meets me again in the night. Wow, what a beautiful time of reassurance and comfort. Then He spoke to me “Forget Me Not”. He said the flowers in the planter are “Forget Me Nots”. He said “Forget Me Not” in your life and forget not my covenant with America! Somehow, I knew that was the name of the flower in the planter, but I lingered with the Lord, focused on “Forgetting Him Not” until I drifted off to sleep.

In the morning, I had some company and was telling them of the nighttime conversation with God and decided to go to Google and look it up. Sure enough, the flowers in the above picture were “Forget Me Nots” and I remembered my assignment to tell you, His people, that He is reminding you to NOT forget Him! And NOT to forget that He is the author of America and her destiny. Pray for the great USA! Do not forget her!

I remember saying to God that the 4th of July will be over by the time Your people read this. He said, give them my challenge, the birthday of the USA needs to be celebrated every day for the rest of their lives. In this writing: Mission Accomplished!

My next treatment is coming up Monday, July 19th and July 20; and I am eagerly awaiting my time with my Lord, His next words of Wisdom, and His next assignment. See you next month.

Love you all & praying through for you,
Pastor Peggy

THE PRAISE CORNER

by Todd Davis, Director of Music Ministries

Wow! It is so hard to believe that more than half of 2021 is over! July 15, the date of submission for our newsletter articles, is the 196th day of the year. August 1 is the 213th day of the year. As the days pass by into years, and the cycles of seasons circle around, God's Word endures forever; it is by God's Word that we endure forever.

It seems though that 2021 has brought us back to a sense of 'normalcy.' It is with great hope and expectation that I plan to resume choir rehearsals in late August/early September! I have missed the powerful presence and voices of the choir in worship. It will truly be an awesome day when we resume singing in worship!

This past month, a new electronic drum kit was purchased for the church and the music ministry! Pastor Arun led a prayer of dedication on Sunday, July 11th. On that Sunday, the new electronic drums, for the first time to play in worship, accompanied the hymn, "Blessed Be the Name." It was used even more fully during the week of VBS to lead the singing! The drum set has a great look and playing feel, a great sound, and all kinds of technology to complement it. It will be a great addition to the sounds of worship!

You may notice now that several new instruments are well suited for all kinds of music in worship in what I might call the "Praise Corner"! By the piano in the sanctuary, you will see the synthesizer, guitar, and now the electronic drum kit.

And, not to forget that the organ remains central in worship, as the organ committee, along with Leadership Team, is helping plan a path forward for the needed repairs and restoration of the pipe organ! What a musical blessing to have so many instruments in worship to praise God!

Soli Deo Gloria!

Todd

PSALM 150 Praise the Lord

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord.

WORSHIPING DURING THE DIFFICULT MONTHS OF THE PANDEMIC

Thank you to those who assisted with ushering and greeting at Trinity during the months of the pandemic when the church was open. These volunteers were at church well ahead of time to get their assignments and a list of reserved people who would sit in their section. They often helped at least several Sundays a month and were truly appreciated.

The 8:15 volunteers were: Sally Ray, Rex Hood, Larry Miller, Mike and Dianne Schofield, Kathy Brosius, Jim Wertz, Judi Meyer, Jo Lower, Tom and Cathy Baum, Allyn Litzelman, Sue Grubb, and Bob Rosenthal.

The 10:45 volunteers were: John and Barb Mickle, Ruth and Roger Miller, Gordon and Paula Taylor, Raymond and Ethel Brooks, Janice Ocamb, Ken and Susie Puller, Cherice Swick, Carol Crossley, Charlotte Wagoner, and Michelle Meckley.

Thank you to these volunteers, and also to those who worshipped, who followed the protocol that the Leadership Team and protocol committee put into place. We are thankful that we were able to worship together and focus on worshiping while together. We are thankful to God that we had no evidence of people contracting Covid 19 while at in-person worship at Trinity. To God be the Glory.

Beth Sider, Worship Team Chair (A big thank you to Beth Sider for all she does from all of us.)

A.S.K. PROGRAM

Assisting Students and Kids of West Shore School District

There is a continuing need, even over the summer months, while school is not in session for students and homeless families from the West Shore School District to receive food items and toiletries from the A.S.K. Program.

Please continue to donate and bring the designated items to Trinity church. There is a designated table in the Narthex. There is an A.S.K. list of preferred items on Trinity's website (trinityumnc.com).

The A.S. K. Program has been a true blessing to our students. You are making a difference in our community and at the West Shore School District.

Contact Cathy Baum at 774-0907 with any questions.

THANK YOU WORSHIP TEAM

Each coordinator needed to make adjustments in coordinating their area. Thank you to each of you who serve with them! They are constantly looking for volunteers in their area.

The coordinators are:

Altar Guild: Kathy Brosius and Carol Evertts

Hospitality: Cathy Baum

Coffee Fellowship: Jo Lower

Coordinator of 8:15 Greeters: Jo Lower

Communion Steward: Jane Gable

Acolytes: Wilma Rockey

Homebound Communion: Mary Herr and Barbara Zimmerman

Worship Leaders: Barbara Zimmerman

Ushers: George Karnes

Sunnier Side of Sixty: Mary Herr, Barbara Zimmerman, and Beth Sider

Special Flowers: Joyce Klinger

Nursery: Sandy Williams and Joyce Klinger

Children's Talk: Mel Eyer

Pastor Arun, Todd Davis, Secretary Sue Beshore, and Chair Beth Sider are also members of the Worship Team.

MEMORIAL SERVICE POSTPONED

The August 14th Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for Rev. and Mrs. Calvin Cole has been postponed. The family will be in touch with Trinity when they set a new date.

UPPER ROOM ACROSS THE U.S.

At the beginning of the pandemic, the publishers of the Upper Room began to make a digital version of the publication available since many people couldn't get to church to pick up print copies. Trinity has made this digital version available through our website. We have received emails from two people who have found the Upper Room through our website. One person lives in Iowa and wondered if we could mail a copy to her, which we have. The other person lives in California. Her 99-year old father, who has dementia, had not received his subscription one month and would have been frustrated by the disruption to his routine. Making the digital version available to her was a real blessing. She sent a donation with a card that said in part, "Thank you for the kindness you showed myself and family by making the Upper Room available. Please accept this donation as a thank you, the act of kindness was worth far more than this." We know many of you have also been blessed by access to the digital version. Extraordinary challenges require extra-ordinary solutions. Be blessed! ~ Carol Wilson

Thank You Carol for seeing your desk job as a ministry that touches people.

STARISH NEWS

Copies of Starfish Ministry's recent newsletter can be found on the table across from the mailboxes. Our numbers are growing and there are many new faces that we are serving. **Current needs are: Bar Soap, Travel Size Shampoo, Cough Drops, Body Powder, Fanny Packs, and Bath Towels (used and clean).** You can simply drop your items in the Starfish bin. Thank you for all of your support, love and prayers!

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM Worship Services 9:30 AM Kids for Christ	2 6:30 PM Worship Team Mtg (FH) 7 PM Young Adult Bible Studies	3 6 PM National Night Out (Parking Lot) 7 PM Facebook Live Time of Prayer 7:30 PM NC Town Band (FH)	4	5 10 AM Sewing Group (WR) 11 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (FH)	6	7
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22 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM Worship Services 9:30 AM Kids for Christ 6 PM Youth Group	23	24 7 PM Facebook Live Time of Prayer 7:30 PM NC Town Band (FH)	25 11 AM Assemble Tidings (OC) 12 PM Facebook Live Midweek Music	26 11 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (FH)	27	28
29 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM Worship Services 9:30 AM Children Ministry Zoom 6 PM Youth Group	30 7 PM Young Adult Bible Studies	31 7 PM Facebook Live Time of Prayer				
			<p>STOP & PRAY TIMES AT 8:30 PM</p> <p><i>Take it to the Lord in Prayer</i></p> <p><i>~ Joseph M. Scriven</i></p>			



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8:15 AM and 10:45 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
2021



Please submit
articles for the
September 2021
TRINITY TIDINGS
by August 15th



Once again we are hosting National Night Out (NNO) in Trinity's parking lot. It will be more simple than in prior years due to Covid. Our music for the night will be provided by the New Cumberland Town Band and Nihal Andrews' band, THEM Collective. Free food! Free games for small children and lots of fellowship. Extra hands will be needed for setting up at 3:00 PM. Talk to Scott Loomis or Carol Crossley if you are able to help.