



From The Pastor's Heart

My dear Trinity Family,

If someone told us six months ago that our world would come to a grinding halt on account of a tiny virus that the human eye cannot see, we would have thought such a person was out of his or her mind. Today, we are sobered by the reality of the coronavirus.

Someone said, "To learn humility, either go to seminary or get married". As you notice, the Lord thought I needed them both!

But on a more sobering note, we are a global community who have indeed been humbled. All our medical and scientific knowledge have not been able to prevent the loss of about 300,000 lives globally. We have been pushed as the most advanced nation in the world to be a mask-wearing, glove adorning, locked-down, shut-down, homebound community of human beings in a limbo! Our nerves are frayed, our graduations are stayed, our travels are shelved, our monies are tight, our economy is stressed, and Sundays just don't feel the same! Worship online can never beat the joy of the real thing, of being together in worship, fellowship, ministry together – and not to forget that special coffee fellowship! Oh how we miss all those smiling faces - especially our children!

As I think of this season in our lives and our struggles with insecurities, fears and uncertainties, I am reminded of a precious part of my childhood. During our growing years, my siblings and I used to visit our maternal grandparents during the summer. We traveled by train from the South Indian city of Chennai to our hometown where they lived. Those were the years of coal driven engines and windows that could be opened in railway coaches. With that combination, we usually arrived at our destination desperately needing a good scrub and

shower to avoid looking like coal miners! My siblings and I truly enjoyed our stay with our grandparents in their very spacious home in Lady Hill, Mangalore. The property had substantial lands around it with patches of pineapple plants and cashew trees. One of my special childhood memories was picking berries and climbing the guava tree on their property. They also had a huge open well from which we drew water with a rope. The well virtually felt like a bottomless pit!

But the best part about being in my grandparents' home was knowing that we were living in the home of a strong man. My grandfather, a retired police officer, was a physical fitness buff. He exercised daily and lifted heavy weights even in his seventies. We had heard stories of his valor and amazing physical feats from his younger days. For a boy of about ten, visiting such a grandfather created an aura of something like living with Dwayne Johnson or Arnold Schwarzenegger! There was just a feeling of special security when grandpa was around.

One year, I visited my grandparents without my siblings. My Uncle Cyril accompanied me from Chennai to Mangalore. I very much enjoyed my time with grandpa and grandma. Then one night I woke up to commotion. Grandpa was not feeling well and was being taken to hospital. The next day I was told that grandpa was gone.

Standing beside his casket at the funeral, I felt like it was all a dream. My strongman grandpa was gone! When I went to bed that night in the big house without him, I missed him terribly and cried.

That night as I tried to sleep, I turned my eyes from my strongman grandpa to my strong Savior. He would never go away for a lifetime – and eternity.

May you find His strength even through this difficult season.

We are weak, but He is strong,

Pastor Arun

“It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes”

Psalm 118:9

The arm of flesh will fail you; you dare not trust your own

– George Duffield (1818-1888)

The name of the Lord is a strong tower;

The righteous run to it and are [a]safe.

Proverbs 18:10

JUNE THEME

A PRAYER FOR ALL SEASONS

How the Lord's prayer can help us navigate through life and even through the storms

June 7

When God is not on your side

(RZIM guest Speaker John Njoroge)

Scripture: Psalm 13: 1-6

Scripture: Joshua 5: 13-15

June 14

Our Father: God is our security

Scripture: Matthew 6: 9-13

Scripture: Matthew 6: 9

June 21

Who art in heaven:

Our God and his authority

Scripture: Psalm 47: 1-9

Scripture: Matthew 6: 9

June 28

Hallowed be your name:

Worship is our responsibility

Scripture: Psalm 95:1-7a

Scripture: Matthew 6: 9

John Njoroge serves in the team of the Ravi Zacharias International Ministries. A winsome and persuasive speaker and writer based in Kenya, John's passion is to help clear the fog between the academy and the local church by making the case for the credibility of the gospel of Jesus Christ in a winsome and persuasive manner. John is a dear friend of Pastor Arun.

DR. RAVI ZACHARIAS (1946-2020)

May 19, 2020

Thank you for praying for my dear friend Dr. Ravi Zacharias. I just got word this morning that he has gone home to be with the Lord at age 74. The history of the church in time can never be written without mention of his remarkable life and work. He stands in the line of the greats, to mention a few Augustine, Calvin, Wesley, Luther, D.L. Moody, Spurgeon, C. S. Lewis, Billy Graham and others.

It was an absolute privilege to know him personally and serve in his team at RZIM for 7 years. Millions around the world have been touched by the power of the gospel through his humble, sincere, genuine and intelligent approach to the things of life. A man of thoughtfulness, faithfulness, an infectious sense of humor and a true respect for every human being. A most remarkable life - now home with the Lord. We will miss him dearly.

Thank you dear and respected Brother Ravi!
Thank you, Lord for this remarkable gift.
Arun

Here is my tribute to him

It is hard to hide the pain, dear Lord.
A friend is gone,
The world has changed.
By our thoughts you took him too soon.
Wasn't there much more for him to do,
With family and his uniqueness too?
But now within your safe embrace,
He rests within his hiding place.
The history of your church in time,
Cannot be written without his story,
For in the line of the truly greats,
Ravi Zacharias defended your glory!
We will always miss you
Our dear and respected Brother Ravi.
Till we meet again.



When Dr. Zacharias joined us to speak at our church service in Bangalore, India and shared a meal at our home in 2001. With Miriam and my parents

The Andrews family are very grateful for all your cards, and love expressed at this time.

REGATHERING

We request you to pray for wisdom and guidance as we look at our next steps ahead. The leadership team is considering documents and information we have received from Bishop Park and the cabinet, the CDC, the Governor's office and other sources. *We do not have an immediate date about regathering at this moment.* We will keep you informed as we go along and things become clearer to us. We are working on equipping the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall with audio, video, TV/ projection and livestream capabilities. This will help us regather upholding social distancing norms and will also provide us the option of live-streaming our services. We are grateful for the bequest of Joyce Long that makes these possible. Thank you, Lord!



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



thank you

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards, notes and drawings to our young soldiers stationed at Ft. Gordon, Georgia.

Our daughter and son-in-law were overjoyed with the response from this area. Rachel gave them to the chaplains to pass out and everyone should have gotten an encouragement.

Thank you for being a blessing to these young men and women.

Jim and Marsha Uber

Dear Trinity family,

To say that I am overwhelmed by the outpouring of prayers, cards, flowers, gifts and meals is an understatement. March was as the song says "like a lion"! My surgery on March 12, was preceded by home confinement and followed by rehab for 10 days and then home for more "confinement" required by Covid 19.

However, through it all I could actually feel the prayers from my friends at Trinity. They bathed me in a sense of peace and wonder at the power of prayer. They were tangible to me and kept me wrapped in the love of our Father. I will never be able to thank you enough for your prayers so I am asking the Father to bless each of you today!

*Much love and many blessings,
Shirley Sharpe*

A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Psalm 105

1 Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

2 Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

It has been a blessing to serve in ministry and to be a part of our church family during these challenging times. Although not ideal to serve 'remotely,' I still feel a deep connection to everyone through the powerful gift of music.

It is a joy and inspiration to work alongside everyone. Keeping the continuity and integrity of worship services alive during such times is a tough task; yet, everyone who continues to offer music does so in tremendous ways, for which I am blessed to join in and take part!

June is going to be an exciting month! It is going to be a month of "Music Sundays." Each Sunday, there will be a variety of musical expressions and offerings. I look forward to praising and giving thanks to God for His great glory!

3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Todd

PAY PROTECTION PROGRAM

As part of the federal stimulus packages passed by the government to help the economy in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a Payroll Protection Program for Small Businesses. This program is also available for non-profit organizations, including churches.

The Leadership Team, in consultation with Pastor Arun, Carol Wilson (treasurer) and Bob Rosenthal (past finance chair), researched this program and voted to submit an application thru our bank, S & T Bank. The Leadership Team determined that this program would go a long way toward allowing Trinity to continue to pay our employees and utilities, while alleviating the stress put on you, our faithful congregation, to continue to contribute to fully fund our expenses in this difficult and uncertain time.

It should be noted that the research into this program found that there are no adverse consequences to religious organizations accepting federal money. The government is not going to dictate any terms that go against our religious beliefs.

Here is a brief summary of how the program works. Small businesses/organizations apply for a loan of 2.5 times their average monthly payroll thru their local bank. These loans are administered by the Small Business Administration thru the local bank. If approved, for the 8 weeks after the funds are received, the loan is spent on payroll and utilities. All employees must continue to be employed for at least 75% of their regular wages, and at least 75% of the loan proceeds must go towards payroll, only a maximum of 25% can be spent on utilities. At the end of the 8 weeks, an application for forgiveness is submitted. If the stipulations are adhered to, the loan will be forgiven and will not need to be repaid. If, for some reason, all of the stipulations were not met, the portion not used in accordance with the stipulations would need to be repaid within 2 years at 1% interest.

Trinity's application was approved and the amount of \$48,914.00 was received on May 11, 2020. From May 11 until July 5, 2020 (8 weeks), Trinity will be using these funds to keep our staff employed at their full salaries/number of hours and to pay for utilities. An application for forgiveness will be submitted after July 5th.

We are thankful to all of you who have been faithfully sending in your offerings each week. With the receipt of the Payroll Protection funds to cover payroll and utilities, we can use your offerings to focus on spreading the Gospel thru our online services, providing food to those in need, and many other ways of sharing the love of God.

We thank our Lord for his kindness and care in making this provision possible. Special thanks to Carol Wilson for her outstanding work in helping us apply for this provision. We are grateful to be living in the United States of America - where such provisions are possible. Many other nations and people do not have access to such help.



The banner features a photograph of a church interior with stained glass windows and a piano. To the right, the text reads: *Midweek Music* in a white script font, followed by "Wednesdays | 12 PM" and "on Facebook Live" in a smaller white sans-serif font.

Join us weekly at noon on Wednesdays to listen to a variety of music performed by Todd Davis on Facebook Live.



The banner features a background image of a piano keyboard with a white cross and an open book icon above it. The text "SCRIPTURE & SONG" is written in large, bold, white sans-serif capital letters across the center.

Go to <https://trinityumnc.com/scripture-song/> for our latest Blog series "Scripture & Song". Comforting words of scripture and ageless hymns



TRINITY YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

by Haley Warner

**Trinity Youth have continued to stay connected and hold onto hope!
How have they found or shared hope during this challenging time?**

"In my devotions and in zooming friends and family. I've been sharing hope by being encouraging to my friends and buying "HWLF" (He Would Love First) bracelets for my family."

~ **Shane S.**

"Facing whatever comes at me with positivity and optimism."

~ **Morgan M.**

"Listening to music and learning how to make my own music."

~ **Owen R.**

"I've found hope in knowing that my church family always has my back and that we'll be able to be together soon."

~ **Emily W.**

"We dropped off 195 notes for the kids receiving free bagged lunches at the schools. I also helped my mom deliver gift bags for seniors she taught in fifth grade."

~ **Kaity W.**

"Writing positive sayings on our sidewalk."

~ **Aryah W.**

"In how beautiful God's creation has become again without the effects of humans."

~ **Rylee F.**

"Through my family because they are constantly positive, uplifting, and entertaining."

~ **Ben S.**

"By reading God's Word. Romans 5:3-4 has given me hope that will help me grow as a person during this time and grow in my faith."

~ **Rylee S.**

"I have found hope in my family. When I see them, I know that we are going to get through this."

~ **Kahleigh W.**

"Through doing lots of Bible journaling, creating faith-based art, and remembering to count my blessings every day."

~ **Jessi W.**

PRAYING FOR & HONORING OUR SENIORS - THE CLASS OF 2020



Nick Emig
Cedar Cliff High School



Cole Hollinger
Cedar Cliff High School



Nathaniel Hollinger
Cedar Cliff High School



Jackson Klingaman Trinity
High School



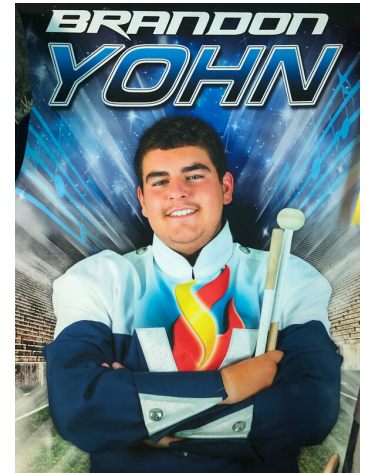
Amanda Varner
Central Dauphin High School



Amanda Weller
Red Land High School



Jessi Wenger
Cedar Cliff High School



Brandon Yohn
Cedar Cliff High School

Dear Secret Sisters,

By now you should have received a message, card or call from me checking in with you to see how you are doing with the sheltering. Talking to you was such an uplifting time just hearing your voice. I just wanted to see if you had any personal prayer concerns to relay back to the Sister that received your name. Everyone expressed their appreciation for the music and Sunday sermons. I know I look forward to hearing them with Gary. You expressed your deepest desire to be back at church with your church family and how much you miss the fellowship. However, you confirmed your appreciation that your Secret Sister is keeping you lifted up in her prayers. This is such precious comfort to know. You mentioned the cards, gifts and flowers that some have received and what joy you had because this lifted your spirits. Keep on, keeping on praying dear Sister's. Our God bless you.

Vicky Forman

We also would like to congratulate
Catherine Strausbaugh
for receiving her graduate degree from the University of Indianapolis

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please await further announcements about our online plans. Please contact Donna Ratulowski to know more.

HEIFER PROJECT MONEY

We invite you to drop off your Heifer Project money boxes/ Children's Cow Cans/ gifts for the project by driving through at Trinity.

Date : Saturday, June 6

Time : 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Bring your children so they can see their Sunday school Teachers.

To know more contact Donna Ratulowski

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The first Thursday in May was different this year. It was still the National Day of Prayer, however we were not able to be in the church building. We were able to have a day of prayer in our homes. We need prayer in our nation and in our world. Thank you to over 100 individuals from the Trinity community who participated and prayed during the 24 hour prayer vigil. We trust it was a sweet hour of prayer for you as we interceded for the needs of ourselves, our church, our community, our nation, and our world.

"The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Isaiah 11:9



LOVE BOX DROP OFF

June 4th from 9-11am

To maintain social distancing guidelines, we are requesting you to bring your love boxes or bags to church. Kindly drive to the rear door of the Fellowship Hall (the one with a short ramp) on Maple Alley and park your car at the door. Harry Rodriguez will collect the box from your car's boot. Kindly remain in your cars with your masks on. If you have any questions or want to know more, please contact Carol Evertts. A list of requested items is on the church's website under Announcements.

We have recently included a card with a message of God's love and an Upper Room along with each Love Box. The Love Boxes are also being shared with some homeless families in motels around New Cumberland. Thank you for your support for this valuable ministry.



JUNE PRAYER CHALLENGE

Every time you pass a school campus or see an advertisement or news report about schools, pray for the children of our congregation. Use the church directory to remember their families in prayer too. This is a hard season for them - without VBS/ Summer in the SONshine and being in church with their friends.



ALPHA ONLINE BEGINNING JULY 8, 2020

Join a small group of like-minded folks who want to explore the Christian faith.

- Enjoy videos that will help you discover that “There’s more to life than this! Who is Jesus and why did he die?”
- Explore subjects like: prayer, faith, why study the Bible, what about evil and does God still heal today.
- ALL IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME OVER A CUP OF TEA OR A SODA.
- Enjoy conversation with others in the group as you challenge each other on these topics.
- To register: Sign up at <https://trinityumnc.com/next-steps/alpha-course/>
You’ll receive an email with more details.

Questions:

Email pastorpeggy@trinityumnc.com or call her at 717-433-1670. She would love to spend some time with you!

SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY SERVICE

The June Sunnier Side of Sixty service will not take place. We plan to resume the services on Tuesday afternoon, August 25th. Shane Sweger, Messiah College youth ministry major, will speak. Shane, son of Kara Sweger, is a member at Trinity and has been part of the Trinity community since he was a baby.

STOP & PRAY TIMES AT 8.30 PM

Please continue to join us every night by praying wherever you are for at least 5 mins. A heart that is broken by the pain of this world can be a powerful instrument in the hand of God. Broken prayers can heal the world!

STARFISH MINISTRIES

STARFISH MINISTRIES will be back on the streets, Sunday, June 14. We will have to revise our distribution with social distancing and how we set up. This means we will have limits as to how many volunteers we need. Please contact Carol Crossley at 717-379-9030 if interested in joining us.

FACE MASKS NEEDED

Our church office needs your help. As we look forward to opening the doors to Trinity, we would like to offer a mask to anyone coming in who doesn't have a mask. When looking to purchase more, the price for a box has quadrupled! If you can help, please email the Church office at office@trinityumnc.com. Thanks you!



SECOND HAND SALE POSTPONED

The Second Hand Sale has been postponed from May 1-3 to September 1-3. We know many of you have been busy during quarantine cleaning out closets, basements and attics. We would love if you could save some items for the sale. Donations will be accepted the week of August 24th.



40 DAYS IN THE WORD SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION CHALLENGE

How are you doing? Have you found that scripture memorization has become an important part of your life as you have found yourselves standing on the promises of God? Have you found that there are certain scriptures that you are relying on (they are your “standby” scriptures) during these days of trails and tribulations?

I have! As I was tending the soil of my garden and trimming the dead wood from some of my shrubs, the Lord reminded of John 15:1-3:

***“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.
He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit,
While every branch that does bear fruit he prunes.”***

These words made me ask Him what was the dead wood in my heart? And what am I doing that you want to prune back?

The book of James reminds us in Chapter 1:22:

***“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves.
Do what it says.”***

When I am in the Word and prayer, I am always searching for where God is calling me to obedience. So, Father, what are you wanting to cut out of me that is not part of Your plan for my life? Ouch! Father, not my will but yours be done.

These verses are not part of the 40 Days in the Word; but well worth memorizing. Maybe you have verses that have caught your heart and you’re not merely reading (listening) to them; but you are planting them in your heart and acting on them.

These are the scripture verses that we want you to bring to the Scripture Bee Celebration when Trinity is able to OPEN the doors for fellowship so that the Word of God may be proclaimed among us.

If you already have scripture(s) that are meaningful to you, please email me pastorpeggy@trinityumnc.com and let me know your scripture and why it is so meaningful to you. You can also call me if you don’t have email at 717-433-1670.

I have become more and more aware of the power of memorized scripture as I hear Pastor Arun preach. Try counting all the scripture verses he reminds you of in his sermon. I was amazed this Sunday, May 17, when he quoted Nehemiah 1:1-4. And all those Old Testament names that he didn’t stumble over! It is truly Amazing what the Holy Spirit of God allows our minds to recall, when we are obedient to store them up in our hearts.

Do you have any blank index cards? If so, write your favorite scripture verses on a card, not more than 2 verses to a card, include it’s address (book, chapter, verse). That way in your pray time you can have your prayer index cards with you and you can pray through them.

If you don’t have index cards, call me and I will deliver some to your door!

In His presence and power,
Pastor Peggy



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June
2020



Please submit
articles for the
JULY 2020
TRINITY TIDINGS
by June 15th

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS WITH YOUR TRINITY PASTORS

**Join Pastor Peggy Spengler as she hosts
our new Zoom series.**

When? Wednesday mornings at 10 am

What? Reading a devotional page.

Listening to thoughts from one of our retired Pastors or Pastor Arun. Conversations around questions. A time of prayer

How can you join? Zoom offers both internet-based computer access and telephone call access.

Jocelyn MacMinn will send the invitation via e-mail for those using computers/ internet. Those of you who can join us via telephone can find the details you need in our next bulletin.

