



JUNE 2021 THEME



FEARLESS
to tell your story

From Your Pastor's Heart

My dear Church Family,

I trust you are doing well. Let me begin by thanking you for your compassionate hearts and for your sincere concern for our homeland India. Miriam and I do not have enough words to thank you for your love, prayers, cards, and participation in our “Pray for India” service.

Over the last few months, the leadership team has been reading and discussing Thom Rainer’s book “The post-quarantine church”¹. One of the blessings that Rainer sees in the pandemic is how churches have been able to refocus on connecting with and serving their communities. Church Answer’s President, Sam Rainer is quoted saying, “*Your church address is no accident.*”

The book highlights some stories of churches that reinvented their approach to the community as a result of the pandemic. A church in Tennessee bought thousands of dollars in small gift cards from local merchants. A church in Missouri opened its large community hall to the community. A church in Georgia turned a portion of its facilities into a free laundromat for community residents. One church called more than 100 merchants and community leaders during the quarantine. They now have a powerful roadmap of plans to use for connecting with the community moving forward. Another church sent handwritten letters to residents of more than 800 homes in the community. They provided an e-mail address for prayer requests. Within one week, 134 people had responded. That church now has a much clearer picture of the needs in their community. And they have a clearer path forward. Thom Rainer observes, “The churches asked. The churches listened. The churches acted.”

Rainer also warns of the dangers of slow erosion. Like beaches subject to subtle erosion – month by month, year by year, churches face slow erosion. He warns that the slow erosion in most congregations was tied to the drift in their outward focus. It is a gradual process of “*replacing the Great Commission with a great complacency*”. As the church turned inward, its connection to the community gradually washed away.

How can we help Trinity stay connected with the community?

We miss not being able to keep our New Cumberland Supper Fellowship open during the pandemic. On the other hand, we are grateful for the powerful witness of the love box ministry, Starfish ministry, the ASK project, and the effort to share sanitizers and tissue boxes with the students and staff of Hillside Elementary. (See stickers placed on bottles and boxes)

Here are some of our upcoming steps and programs.

Connecting with local businesses: On May 25, we as your church staff will be visiting local businesses on Bridge Street to share love bags created on Trinity's behalf by Shirley and John Sharpe. The candy, card, and little gifts will be our way of just saying, "We appreciate you."

Welcoming new families and individuals to New Cumberland: Trinity has also joined in a partnership with the New Cumberland business and professionals' group in their endeavor to welcome new families who move into our town.

Backpacks for children and youth: On June 28th, we are looking forward to serving the children and youth of our community through the backpack giveaway.

Youth mission trip: Our youth are preparing to serve at the Atlanta Dream center during their upcoming Missions Trip. They will also connect with the community through the car wash (May 29th)

Sunday service in the park: On June 20th will share in a worship service at the New Cumberland Borough Park at 10.45 am. On that Sunday we will be celebrating our graduates, Father's Day, and also launching our new outreach ministry to the community, "Pray and Go". We are hoping all of you can attend. Please bring your chairs. Mask optional.

Vacation Bible School: In July we are planning to host a Vacation Bible School for five days. Please pencil mark the dates: July 12-16 and await further announcements. To know more contact Miriam Andrews.

Evening gatherings at Borough Park: Some months ago, I had invited you to share ideas about how we can reach our community. Scott Loomis had shared the idea of turning our evening services at the park into times that could connect more with people beyond our congregation. It was also suggested we have something like a cook-out included. The good thing about the cookout is that if they didn't like the preacher, the aroma of those hotdogs might keep them coming!! Please see our announcement about this effort.

How can you help?

- Please pray for these efforts. Prayerless efforts are like cars without gas – difficult to move and won't go far!
- Become a prayer partner for a graduate. Enter the name of the individual in your Bible or journal and begin to pray for the individual. Your faithful prayers will bless the young person in their journey with the Lord.
- Do you know a local business owner personally? Would you help us connect with them?
- Do you know a family that is not connected with a church and might benefit from connecting with Trinity? Pray for them. Invite them - especially to our events at the park this season.
- Would you like to join the team that goes out to welcome new families to our town? Contact Cathy Baum.
- We urgently need volunteers to sign up for "Pray and Go". Join us to walk the streets of New Cumberland, pray in front of homes, and leave a door hanger. Those who are unable to physically walk can symbolically join us in praying through a virtual walk. Please register at our church website, e-mail us at office@trinityumnc.com or call the church office to let us know if you would be able to participate in this program that may extend over time to reach the homes of our town with prayer. You may also want to extend this prayer ministry to your local neighborhood, if you are living away from New Cumberland.

- Recommit to “Take 5 to pray” every night at 8.30 pm. Join the faithful ones in our Trinity Family who have not failed to stop and pray each night since 2014. God bless you, dear ones!
- Let your friends on social media know of Trinity’s online services, prayer times, and music times
- Ask yourself how you might be able to help us reach the community.

Please keep thinking with us.

We are once again grateful for your faithful participation in the ministry at Trinity.

Thanks for your prayers, your in-person and online participation, your willingness to serve in worship through your presence/ talents, your willingness to volunteer behind the scenes, and your sacrificial, faithful giving. In keeping with our commitment to transparent and accountable administration of our finances, the finance team and leadership team have once again engaged the services of a company to do an external audit of our books and processes for 2020. The report has been received and will be available at the church office should you need to see it. Special thanks to Carol Wilson, Gary Forman, and Gordon Taylor.

On a personal note, Miriam, Nihal, Nehara and I wish to once again thank you for your love and concern for our homeland. It has been moving to see how Shirley Sharpe and the Leadership Team have initiated a fund-raising drive to support people in my country to cope with the crisis. Your support will reach lives that truly need it. I am also very thankful to Beth Sider who began the conversation with Shirley about a prayer service for India. The number of you who showed up at such short notice was simply touching.

These times have been hard to understand. Yet in the midst of the confusion, we will do well to remind ourselves that the Lord is yet in control. May the light of his love shine through the gloom and may we be held safely in the palm of his hand.

The Psalmist while facing his confounding life circumstances said it well in Psalm 73: 16-17: When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply, till I entered the sanctuary of God.

May we always find the sanctuary of God’s presence – even in the midst of the darkness.

With every good wish and prayer,
Pastor Arun

Notes:

1. Rainer, Thom S, The Post quarantine Church, Tyndale Publishing House, 2020

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Fearless To Tell Your Story

June 6

Fearless While Facing Opposition

Scripture: Acts 4: 1-21)

June 13

Fearless While Facing Death

Scripture: Acts 7:54-60

June 20

**Fearless While Facing
Powerful Personalities**

Scripture: Acts 26: 1-32)

June 27

Fearless While Being in Chains

Scripture: Act 28: 17-31

NO IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES on Sunday August 1st

No in-person church services on Sunday, August 1, because of the park service on July 31st. Join us online for a brief service on August 1st at 8:15 am

Holy communion will be served on August 8 at both services at Trinity.

Sermon by Phone

Those who don't use the internet can hear short sermons from Trinity by telephone.

Dial 717-774-0108

The family of Doris Bowen would like to thank everyone for all of the meals, cards, messages, and prayers sent to our family during my Mom's long hospital stay and since her passing. A special thanks to Rev. Andrews and Rev. Peterson who spoke so highly of my Mom during her services. Everyone's support has made this difficult time a little easier.

The Bowen and Houser Families

*Thank you for all your prayers and support.
Evan and Marian Semoff*

Thanking God for the Stitchin' Sisters Prayer Shawl Ministry ~ as we celebrate 13 years of faithful service, April 2021.

With love and grateful appreciation, Barbara Z.

*So thankful for the
"Blessing Bag Ministry."
You've touched many hearts!
... renewed our spirits ~
... given us hope...
We are blessed by your efforts.*

*Sincere gratitude to each member of the team,
~ Barbara Z.*

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and get-well wishes during my recent surgery and hospitalization. Special thanks to Pastor Arun and Barbara Zimmerman for their phone calls and prayers also. Trinity is a very caring church. Thanks again!

Sincerely, Tom Baum

Thank you from India!

Thanks to all of you at Trinity United Methodist Church, New Cumberland, especially the Leadership Team, Pastor Arun, Miriam, Nihal, and Nehara, and everyone who participated in the "Pray for India" service on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

That Service was awesome, and as we sat quietly and watched the service, we could feel the Holy Spirit interceding for the Lord's mercy in mitigating the agony and hearing the cries of our people who have been dying with COVID on the one hand - and the lack of beds, and the shortage of Oxygen cylinders, etc. on the other.

Thank you so much for holding this special service and for the many prayers offered on behalf of the Indian people.

As Arun's Parents we were so touched and participated with teary eyes thanking the Lord that although everyone in India will not know it, your whole congregation was praying for India. We had the assurance that the Lord has heard your prayers and that we will see an answer to your prayers soon.

May the Lord bless each one of you enormously and reward you for your love for us.

*Yours in Jesus,
Jagadish and Rita Andrews
and family from Kolkata, India.*

*thank
you*

Thank you to all the people who put the "Blessing Bags" together and gave them out. That was a very nice and thoughtful thing to do for the church families. We are looking forward to playing the Bingo game. The bag was a nice pick-me-upper. Also, thank you Pastor Arun, Diane Schofield, and Mike Schofield for greeting me in the parking lot on that cold, windy, and rainy evening. God Bless You.

Love, Sharon, Chris, & Travis

GIVE ONLINE

There is a new way to give to Trinity! Online giving is quick, safe, and secure. You can also set up automatic online giving which allows you the flexibility to give any dollar amount from your bank account or credit/debit card on any schedule you prefer. The amount and frequency of withdrawal can be edited at any time from your account. This option helps families and individuals remain faithful in their giving even when they are unable to attend a Sunday worship service. Just click the GIVE button in the navigation bar of Trinity's website and follow the steps to give either by credit card or ACH bank account. Please contact Carol Wilson with any questions at treasurer@trinityumnc.com.



TEXT-TO-GIVE
New giving option now available!

Text "GIVE NOW" to 717-415-5400

BAGS OF BLESSINGS

Thanks to all of you who drove by to pick your bags. Thanks to Tom and Cathy Baum, Mike and Dianne Schofield for helping with the distribution.



NEW VIDEO MESSAGE

"Devastated by the Pandemic: Hope in the Midst of Darkness" is available on our website. Would you share this message with friends?



Come to the Garden
*Trinity's Outdoor Worship Service
New Cumberland Borough Park*

Sunday, June 20 @ 10:45 AM
Father's Day, Pray & Go Kickoff, Graduate Recognition

Here is information about our other evening times at the park.

Saturday, July 31 @ 6:30 PM
Saturday, August 21 @ 6:30 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.

INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

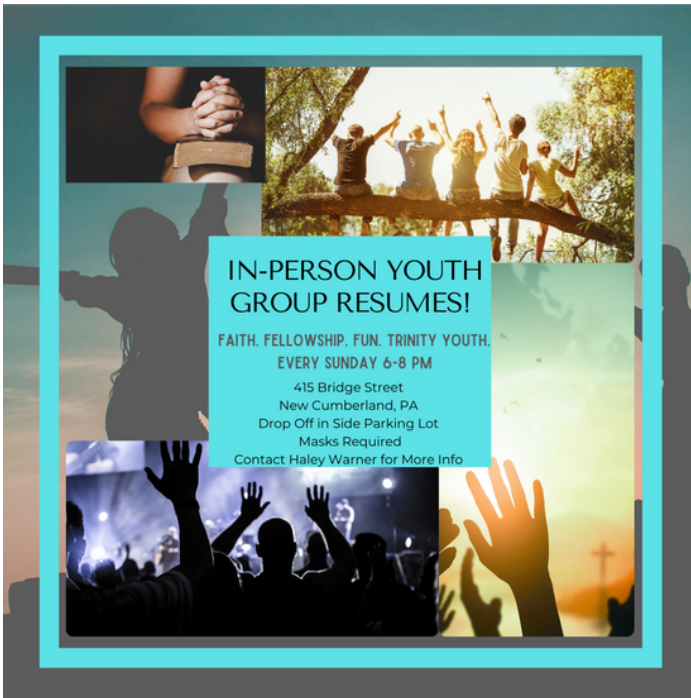
Contact the church office
or Pastor Arun.

JUNE PRAYER FOCUS

Every time you hear
the chirping of the birds,
pray for those who are in prison.

TRINITY YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

by Haley Warner



In-Person Youth Group Resumes!

We all have never appreciated in-person fellowship quite this much. Students 6th-12th grade are invited to join us for in-person youth group, a time of fellowship and fun, on Sunday evenings from 6-8 PM.



Summer Day Camp in Dillsburg, PA with Salt 'n Light Youth Ministry

Students 6th-12th grade are invited to attend Salt 'n Light Day Camp this summer June 21st-24th in Dillsburg, PA. It will be a week full of worship, campfires, making new friends, camp games and fun, and getting closer to God.

You can register and find more info at: snlym.com/camps-retreats/summer-camp/

Thank You for Supporting our Mission Trip

Thank you for all your support at our spaghetti dinner and car wash fundraisers for our Atlanta Mission Trip this July. If you would like to support our team you can support us in prayer this July 4th-11th or financially by sending a check to the church with Atlanta Mission Trip in the memo or donating online at www.medardshouse.org/atlanta (you can put a specific student's name in the comment or donate to the whole team). Thank you for all your support!

DUTIES FOR JUNE 2021

DUTIES	JUNE 6	JUNE 13	JUNE 20	JUNE 27
8:15 AM LITURGIST	Norm Haas	Linda Klitch	No 8:15 a.m. Service	Deb Sisk
10:45 AM LITURGIST	Mike Kirkham	Roger Miller	Cathe Davis Gen Lupold	Cheriice Swick
CHILDREN'S TALK	Pastor Raymond Brooks	Jennifer Beshore	Kara Sweger	Dianne Schofield

A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Last month, with a longer program than usual, we celebrated the one-year mark of Midweek Music! What a special and glorious occasion it was. Thank you to all who watched in person, who watched online, who watched at a later time, and who took part in the program! I am truly appreciative of everyone's efforts and support.

So much can happen in a year. So much has happened in a year! National elections, ongoing pandemic issues, and so much more. Yet, through it all, we know who is in charge. As God's people, we continue to come together, on Wednesdays, on Sundays, on any day of the week, to give Him the glory, now and always!

So, as we continue with the Midweek programs, please do know, if you are interested, these programs are open for in person seating in the sanctuary and Mt. Olivet Room! Why not join us?!

Music is our praise. Music is our prayer. Music is our vehicle to lift the name of Jesus, so high, that all the world may see our love for Him! May the notes, harmonies, rhythms, and combination of all be a solid and strong witness to the saving power of Christ. May it boldly reflect the Word of God from our hearts. Holy Spirit, comforter, draw near and stir us to service!

Cathe, Hayden, and I always find special moments in each worship service. Hayden, especially, is a fan of Pastor Arun's jokes at the beginning of his sermon! Thank you, Pastor, for touching his young life, supporting our family, and building up Trinity's community of faith in a special way that we will always remember!

Soli Deo Gloria!
Todd



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

We are beginning to plan our NNO for August 3 in Trinity's parking lot. This year it will be "Covid" style with a focus on music, FREE food and games for the "wee ones". The Town Band will be playing for us with others to be mentioned later. If you have any ideas or thoughts, please see Carol Crossley or Scott and Michelle Loomis.

STARFISH MINISTRIES

Starfish has been extremely busy this past month. We celebrated Mother's Day at our May outreach by giving flowers, a beautiful notebook, and a pen to each of the women who came to us that Sunday. And on May 12 we celebrated the life of one of our Starfish friends, Fred Haymes. Fred and his roommate Tim, had been homeless for about 7 years when they finally reached independence and living in a great apartment in Harrisburg. Sadly, after a few months of illness Fred passed on May 4. The service was beautiful with friends from their past as well as two family members whom hadn't seen Fred in 15 years. Our service ended with The Lord's Prayer sung by Michelle Loomis. Please remember Tim in your prayers as he continues on without his constant companion. For our June outreach we are in need of new white socks (both tube and ankle), as well as foot/body powder, sunglasses and men's and ladies summer shorts. Thank you in advance for your ongoing giving of donations both physical and monetary.



TO HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY WITH LOVE

Thanks to your ongoing support to our ministry to the community. Thanks to Gen and Ryland Lupold for taking sanitizer bottles and tissue boxes with Trinity's labels to the classrooms and staff of Highland Elementary. Let's keep serving our community.



BACKPACK EXTRAVAGANZA

July 28, 2021 | 6:00 -7:15 PM

Every child must be accompanied by a parent.

Because of Covid-19, we are asking for only monetary donations. Our team will then purchase backpacks and fill them with school supplies. Please support this project as we support the children of our community. Checks may be written out to Trinity UMC with the memo "backpack program".

Please contact Carol Evertts @ 774-3207 or Cathy Baum @ 774-0907 with any questions.

ANNOUNCING TRINITY'S PODCASTS

Await our opening podcast with Janice Ocamb: Trinity Chat n' Chew book reviews

PARISH NURSE UPDATE

"MOMM" continues to bless. Seven additional families have received healthy "homemade" hearty meals. Some have said, "Heaven sent". This ministry continues to serve.

Faithful friends/providers include:

- George & Kathy Karnes
- Harry & JoAnn Rodriguez
- Susie & Ken Puller
- Vicky & Gary Forman
- and an "anonymous benefactor" who paced seven turkey dinners in the Home Bound Ministry drawer of Trinity's freezer.

Thank you for your continued support.

~Barbara Z.

THE NEW CDC MASK MANDATE

May 17, 2021

Dear Trinity Church Family,

Greetings, grace, and peace to you! Last Thursday, announcements were made by the CDC, the President, and the Governor lifting mask restrictions outdoors and indoors for those who are fully vaccinated. While these announcements are truly good news, they came suddenly and unexpectedly, putting businesses and institutions, including Trinity Church, into the difficult position of needing to quickly re-evaluate our policies and protocols.

While many in our church and community have been fully vaccinated, others, including children and students under 18, have not been. As pastors, staff, and leaders, we are still committed to the health and safety of everyone, especially knowing that even though the numbers of positive cases are declining, the disease continues to spread.

From the onset of the Pandemic, Trinity has followed the guidelines issued by the CDC and the Governor. Moving forward, the following protocols will be in place for in-person worship:

- We will be able to sing in our in-person services.
- We will continue to have registrations online – and enter details of those attending in Fellowship Hall (To help contact tracing if needed)
- We will continue to cordon select pews with ropes and create space to allow for physical distancing.
- We ask that children and those adults that are not vaccinated continue to wear masks, as per the CDC.
- We ask that fully vaccinated adults be respectful of others and their choices as they decide whether to personally mask or not.

I ask that we respect everyone's decisions and not be judgmental of those who may decide differently than us. I also encourage you to think about how we might create a worship time where everyone feels at ease to worship Christ together. Your kindness and support over the next several weeks and months will be a blessing to us all.

As far as other ministries of Trinity, please give us time to address all these programs and opportunities individually. Please know that we will re-evaluate these issues as quickly and responsibly as possible.

We are grateful to be in a time of national recovery. We are mindful of our blessings and thank the Lord for the vaccines and the help they have provided to America. Our gratitude is rightly sobered by the pain of others in lands that are being ravaged by the virus at this very moment.

Written in consultation and with approval of the Leadership Team.

Yours sincerely and with love,
Pastor Arun

PRAY & GO LAUNCH DATE JUNE 20TH

Let's touch our community. Join this program to say we care. Our first pray and go walking date is June 23rd. To volunteer please register online, send us an email or call the church office.

Coordinator: Sharon Sheffer
Map Strategist: Carol Evertts
Prayer Responder: Peggy Spengler

Door hanger kits will be available on June 20th and thereafter in the office. If you choose to walk and pray at your own preferred time, kindly contact the church office, Sharon Sheffer, or Carol Evertts to let us know so that we can assign you your door numbers. We are working on a system that will avoid duplication of door hangers/mailbox hangers at homes. This will be a year-round program. We hope to have a monthly date where several from our congregation could go out to various areas of New Cumberland. Apart from this, you can walk and pray at times that you would prefer to choose, two by two or in small groups.

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 10 AM Sewing Group (WR) 11 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (FH)	4	5
6 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM Worship Services 9:30 AM Children Ministry Zoom 6 PM Youth Group	7 10: 30 AM Grands in Prayer Zoom 7 PM Young Adult Bible Studies	8 7 PM Facebook Live Time of Prayer	9 12 PM Facebook Live Midweek Music	10 11 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (FH)	11	12
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<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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Sunday Worship Services

8: 15 AM and 10:45 AM

Sunday School Classes

For all ages at 9:30 AM



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June
2021



Please submit
articles for the
July 2021
TRINITY TIDINGS
by June 15th

**DREAM
PRAY
INVITE** 20
BY
23

20 New Young Families to Trinity by 2023

Would you pray, think, love, and reach out to a new family who might become part of Trinity? Join us in praying for 20 new families at Trinity by 2023 which will be Trinity's 150th year in ministry. Let's celebrate God's faithfulness!

When we tell people, "come to our church", may they understand that we are in fact saying, "come to our God"