



June 2022 Theme

Promises

of

Power

Lessons from the early church



From Your Pastor's Heart

My Dear Friend,

Each new day is a gift beyond compare. To live one good day on this planet is an experience to be treasured. When we ponder the tragedy of the loss a million lives in the United States on account of COVID-19, we might whisper, “I deeply feel the pain and great sorrow”. In the same breath we might add, “I am grateful to be alive”. Oh, the paradoxes of life! On the one hand, we have blessings in abundance, on the other, the burdens of living in a fallen world. Even as recent stories of hatred break our hearts, we think of the dear people of Buffalo, NY and the people of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Orange County, CA. It is hard to hide the frustration, sadness and anger we feel about these inexcusable acts of premeditated violence. It is not fair by any means that hate-driven persons snuff the lives of innocent people. Unfortunately, even as I write this letter, we don’t know where the next person is getting ready to pull the trigger. Don’t you think this has to stop?

When things like this happen, (apart from all the other implications and ramifications), think about the tragedy of wasted opportunity. Have you pondered lately of how millions of people around the world might be longing for the opportunity to live in the United States? If they were given a life here, all they might try to do is use every opportunity to become better people and make the world a better place. No, not necessarily because they are better people but probably because they have lived in much harsher environments. To them living in a country like America would seem like a slice of heaven on earth. I understand that what we have here is far from perfect, but would you allow your heart to see the comparative blessing? Isn’t it therefore a greater tragedy that people who are given such a life with all its privileges end up ruining the prospects of others and even their own?

While the illogic of this paradox might be baffling, we turn to the Bible and see that the signs of the times loom across the horizon. When we read what Jesus said about such signs in Matthew 24 or Mark 13, we are reminded to remember that we are called to live in the world but not be of the world (John 17:14-15). One of my favorite texts in the New Testament is found in 1 John 2: 15-17: Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

There is a saying in my country which can be loosely translated to state, “One foot on the bank, one foot in the river”. Sadly, it appears that Christians too live that way, especially being drawn-in by popular culture and the need to be “acceptable” in the room, in the party and in the crowd. By contrast, the Kingdom is not a negotiable soft toy for our whims. It is the dream-maker, heart-shaper, sin-pointer, and mission-inducer that God invites us to. The deal is clear. We are called to live the uncompromised life.

When Jesus died and rose again, he did not try to find new apostles or disciples though many of them had reflected fear and failure. He trusted them to take the message of His Kingdom. He never left them alone. He sent them in the power of the great Holy Spirit and his promises.

In our new series from the book of Acts, we will learn powerful lessons from the experiences of the early church. We will be reminded that we can indeed make an eternal difference! God is at work and he has sent you an invitation, It reads, “Are you on board with me?”

In his love,
Arun

**THE KINGDOM IS NOT A
NEGOTIABLE SOFT TOY
FOR OUR WHIMS.**

OUR MONTHLY PRAISE AND PRAYER FOCUS

Would you pray for dads?
That dads would follow Jesus so passionately that their children
and grandchildren would want to follow in their footsteps.

JUNE THEME

PROMISES OF POWER

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LESSONS FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

June 5*

**The power of the
Unrestrained Holy Spirit**

Scripture: Acts 1:1-8

June 12

**The power of an
uncompromised message**

Scripture: Acts 2:1-16/ 36-41

June 19

**The power of an
undeniable transformation**

Father's Day

Scripture: Acts 3:1-10

June 26

**The power of an
unapologetic faith**

Scripture: Acts 4:1-22

*Holy Communion services

MIDWEEK MUSIC CONCERTS

by Todd Davis, Director of Music Ministries

Midweek Music concerts continue! I am thankful to God for the opportunity to present these programs and thankful for everyone's continued support of these programs.

It is my hope that these programs are a blessing and powerful inspiration to all. Music has the awesome power to stir us in deep and profound ways. It has the amazing power to bring our hearts to praise, and to prayer!

Please join us for these times of music. Concerts are on Wednesdays at noon and last approximately 30-40 minutes. It's always a fun time online and/or in-person!

**Check out Trinity's Blog series
"Scripture & Song" on our website.
Words of scripture and ageless hymns.**



SHARES OF MINISTRY

We have received a letter and certificate of gratitude from Bishop Cynthia Moore Koikoi and Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball for Trinity's fulfillment of shares of ministry for 2021.

We thank you for your support as a congregation to the ministry of our Lord at Trinity. Your gifts and sacrificial giving overflow to support works beyond our local context.

The Lord is indeed faithful.
We praise Him.

The world is my parish. - John Wesley

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We are delighted for each of our graduates of 2022 and their families. Our heartiest congratulations and good wishes to:

**Lindsay Estep
Noah MacMinn
Regan Minskey
Owen Rynex
Kurt Schaeffer
Erik Schaeffer
Meghan Smith
Amanda Strausbaugh
Shane Sweger
Emily Wenger
Kaity Wickenheiser**

May our Lord richly bless each of these dear young people as they embark into their next steps in life. A promise for our graduates:

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Psalm 32:8

SPECIAL SUNDAY

Sunday, July 24th

Paul and Annette Pitts will be our guests. The Scribe (Powerful much acclaimed dramatic presentation of Christ) will be presented at 8:15 am and a time of worship and the Word at 10:45 am. Would you invite a friend?



THE PRAISE CORNER by Todd Davis, Director of Music Ministries

*"Come, Christians, join to sing:
Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!"*

Christian Henry Bateman (1813-1899)

Happy June!

The above quoted hymn is found in The United Methodist Hymnal, #158. It is a great hymn of exhortation and praise. Each stanza begins with a command to 'come,' or 'praise.' The hymn goes farther and directs us to use our whole being, 'heart' and 'voice.' Throughout scripture, and especially in the psalms, we are directed to make music and sing! One fine example is in Psalm 33:

*"Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy."*

When we gather in worship, we come not with a simple 'hello', but with what the hymnwriter boldly penned in "How Great Thou Art," "...then I shall bow in humble adoration." When we gather, we should find ourselves, as in the majestic hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," worshiping with "hearts and hands and voices." We come and we praise with full hearted singing and rejoicing!

"How Great Thou Art" goes on to say, "But when I think that God his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in..." Our wonder, awe, and thankful hearts then should always proclaim, "How Great Thou Art!" Let's approach HIM, God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, with alleluias and amens!

Since September, members of the Chancel Choir have faithfully led worship services each Sunday, praising and singing! The Chancel Choir's last Sunday to sing before 'summer break' is Sunday, June 12. A well-deserved 'break' it is! Below is a list of many anthems the choir has sung in worship:

"Great is Thy Faithfulness", "I Love You, Lord", "It Is Well with My Soul", "Agnus Dei/How Great Thou Art", "For the Beauty of the Earth", "Angels Watching Over Me", "As the Deer", "How Firm a Foundation", "How Deep the Father's Love for Us", "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say", "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!", "Behold the Lamb", "The Power of the Cross", "Come and Be Joyful", "Christ Has Arisen",

"Now Thank We All Our God", "We Are Singing for the Lord Is Our Light"

Members of the Chancel Choir, (by voice part):

Dawn Bailets, Jane Gable, Sue Grubb, Kendall Bankert, Cathy Baum, Vicki Forman, Kathy Karnes, Jan Ocamb, Sally Ray, Wilma Rockey, Missi St. Cyr, Jodi Walters, Tom Baum, Ken Gable, Fred Jenkins, Jeff Row

Over the summer months, we will continue with weekly music and various groups of musicians. Wilma Rockey has even mentioned to me that the handbell choir will continue in some form throughout the summer. Please reach out to me with your willingness to provide music!

Soli Deo Gloria!

Todd

Lord, your name is majestic in all the earth.
We worship you. We make music to your name!
You alone are holy. Amen.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

We thank God for His blessings upon our ministry of prayer and intercession. The National Day of Prayer, May 5th, was a powerful day in the life of America.

Thank you to the committee members who coordinated the National Day of Prayer at Trinity: Pastor Arun, Todd Davis, Carol Everetts, Dianne Schofield, Betty Winter, Mary Herr, Wilma Rockey, Charlotte Wagoner, Sharon Sheffer and Beth Sider (chair).

Nihal Andrews helped greatly with media aspects, Anne Mathews with the Prayer Guide, presentation, and display, and Ken Gable and Tom Baum set up for the Thursday evening Prayer Rally.

Thanks to members of the New Cumberland Town Band, arranged by Doug Williams, for playing and to Todd Davis and to the Trinity Chancel Choir for singing. Thank you also to Barb Hawk and Barbara Zimmerman for their participation in the Prayer Rally.

Ninety- three people prayed for ½ hour time slots, at home and at Trinity, from 6 PM on Wednesday to 6 PM on Thursday. From 7 AM on Thursday morning until 6 PM Thursday evening someone was praying in the Trinity sanctuary following the Prayer Guide that Pastor Arun and Nihal beautifully programmed onto the sanctuary screens. Prayer requests submitted continue to be carried by those received at the Prayer Rally.

Thanks to each one who participated in the Wednesday evening Prayer Walk, walking the streets of New Cumberland, praying in front of homes, and placing door hangers; the Prayer Rally on the outside steps of Trinity Church; or the Prayer Vigil. May Trinity United Methodist Church be known as a praying church.

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16



Thank You!

Pastor Arun thanks you for your get-well cards, wishes and prayers.

Thanks for your community's support to Down Town Daily Bread - Susan

Ruth and I want to thank you for your love offering to us. Your love and generosity is greatly appreciated.
- Pastor Manny Valentine

Elaine and Leeland Ocamb are very grateful for your love prayers and support.

Thank you to Norm Batcheler...

Thank you to Norm Batcheler for the many hours he spent with Beth Sider in organizing the banners that hang at the front of the Trinity sanctuary. The banners are now stored and hanging in an accessible manner. Norm took pictures of each banner, and each is numbered in a book with its picture. He also devised a new pulley system to put the banners up and down at the front of the sanctuary. With the completion of this project Norm will pass off the job of banner coordinator to Jim Wertz. Thank you to Norm and Jim for being willing volunteers!

GRANDPARENTS IN PRAYER

The Trinity Grandparents in Prayer group concluded their 2021-22 season with a late May luncheon at Perkins. The group has been happy to again meet in-person since September 2021. Consider being a part of this praying and supportive group of grandmothers and grandfathers when we begin again in September. Contact the church office or Beth Sider for more information.

Faithful prayers that touch our lives and families- especially our grandchildren.

NEW CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY DAY

Thanks to everyone who were willing to volunteer to help out at the New Cumberland Community Day event at Trinity church and also to everyone who donated money towards it. As you may know, we had to cancel this and all the other planned activities scheduled for the Trinity parking lot and sidewalk due to the weather. The committee of New Cumberland Community Day chose to have the event in spite of the inclement weather on May 7th in lieu of the rain date. The hot dogs have been frozen and the Giant was kind enough to reimburse us for most of the hot dog rolls that had to be ordered in advance. Another date in the future will be looked at to offer the programs we had originally planned for. We look forward in having another outreach event at Trinity church for the New Cumberland community. Thanks again for your support and help!

Blessings, Tom & Cathy Baum
Mike & Dianne Schofield

SECRET SISTER

**June 18th at 10:00 AM
in the St. John's room**

Calling ALL Secret Sisters, past and present!!! We are cooking up a great idea! You are invited to share up to 3 of your top favorite recipes to be submitted for publication of the First Secret Sister cookbook. The cover has been completed by Anne and we are just waiting for the favorite recipes to come "rolling in"... If you were a previous Secret Sister's you are welcome to submit your favorite outstanding recipes as part of this exciting project!

Please email these to me at vickyforman1@gmail.com, or print your copies out and place them in my mailbox at church or mail these to my home address.

Please print out your submission on an 8 x 10 white paper with your name on it so I can credit you with your recipe and if there are any questions we can reach out to you.

Thank you dear ladies. Our deadline will be the end of July. Looking forward to seeing you!!

BLANKET SUNDAY

August 14, 2022

Church World Service, sponsor of Blanket Sunday, was founded "to do in partnership what none of us could hope to do as well alone." In a time of crisis, a soft, warm blanket offers comfort and a reminder that others care.

RESOURCES TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

We will be sharing very well written booklets from "Our Daily Bread" ministries for your use. Would you consider taking one or more to share with friends? Look out for further announcements.

Trinity's Vacation Bible School

**SAVE THE DATES:
JULY 18-22**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 18-22

5 PM - 8:15 PM

Monumental: Celebrate God's Greatness

Save the date for an exciting time of learning more about God. Bring your children, grandchildren, children/grandchildren of friends from your neighborhood.

Registration forms and online registration options will be available soon.

TRINITY'S YOUTH MINISTRY

Our youth continue to meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM and 6:00 PM. Our 9:30 AM series of studies are based on Dr. Tony Evans' teachings on the Gospel of John. We concluded our evening series titled, "Perfectly Imperfect". May evening series: The Parables of Jesus. Our youth attended a reptile show and lesson at First Church of God on May 1st. Upcoming evening series: This or That (studies on comparison and seeing ourselves the way God does). We are thankful to Mel Eyer, Rylee Fisher, Jan Snyder, Jim Luck, Genevieve Lupold, Dr. Jim and Jody Blacksmith and Pastor Arun for leading sessions. Please continue to pray for our youth as they seek to live for Jesus.

YOU CAN HELP OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY GROW

Pastor David McCullough shared in his sermon on May 15th that he has been praying for eight friends of his to come to know Jesus as their personal Savior. That is such a wonderful example for us to follow. Would you consider thinking of a young family or two who do not go to church? Would you pray especially for the children of that home? After praying for a month, would you consider inviting them to Trinity?

Only God knows how one invitation can completely change the story of a family.

THANK YOU OWEN RYNEX AND FRIENDS

We are truly grateful to Owen Rynex and friends for the excellent job done in renewing, restoring and recreating beauty in one of our children's ministry rooms. Owen did an excellent job of coordinating, projecting, bringing together volunteers and executing the project which was part of his Eagle Scout commitment. Congratulations Owen. Your job will be a blessing to the children of Trinity.

The trustees are working on renewing and refreshing and restoring the other rooms of the children's ministry. We are hoping it can be done so that vacation Bible school can happen in the spaces.



thank you



DUTIES FOR JUNE 2022

DUTIES:	GREETERS	WORSHIP LEADERS	CHILDREN'S TALK
JUNE 5	8:15 Elmer/Joanne Lower 10:45 Betty Hannum	8:15 Mary Strausbaugh 10:45 Renée Cassimatis	Ray Brooks
JUNE 12	8:15 Irv Kiehl 10:45 Barb Mickle/ Doris Bernardo	8:15 Ken Gable 10:45 Linda Young	Mary Strausbaugh
JUNE 19	8:15 Betsy/Allison Miller 10:45 Sharon Immel/ Travis Trick	8:15 Kathy Bomb 10:45 Nehara Andrews	Barbara Hawk
JUNE 26	8:15 Judy Meyer 10:45 Genevieve/ Rylen Lupold	8:15 Michelle Meckley 10:45 Norm Batchelor	Angel/Kaylynn Snyder



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 2 6-8 PM

It's just around the corner and we have lots of planning to do. If you are interested in helping with this event and/or have suggestions, please see Carol Crossley.

STARFISH MINISTRY

June 12 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Behind Citizens Bank, Square of Harrisburg

If you'd like to become a volunteer for a monthly outreach, please see Carol Crossley. Place your items in the Starfish bin in the hallway. We have been helping many more friends on the street this year with tents, sleeping bags, bus passes and occasionally rental assistance. Cash donations are also appreciated. Checks are to be made payable to Starfish Ministries.

CURRENT NEEDS:




body/foot powder, small size toothpaste, refillable water bottles, deodorant, white socks, baseball caps, umbrellas, back packs and sneakers (gently worn)

DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD

June 7 & 14, 2022 12-1 PM

We continue to serve lunch to the homeless of Harrisburg on the 1st and 2nd Tuesday of each month. If you would like to volunteer, sign up on the table across from the mailboxes. **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who have been busy baking and making sandwiches for these lunches. The homeless know when Trinity is coming and they're sure to be there for our delicious treats! You all are a blessing! To know more contact Carol Crossley

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 12 PM Facebook Live Midweek Music	2 10 AM Sewing Group (WR) 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (LL)	3 9 AM Prayer Breakfast
4 9 AM Communion Prep						
5 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM Worship Services 9:30 AM Sunday School 6 PM Youth Group	6 2 PM Worship Team Mtg 6 PM Leadership Team Mtg (SJ)	7 12 PM DDB 8 PM Facebook Live Time of Prayer	8 12 PM Facebook Live Midweek Music	9 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (LL)	10	11
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Trinity United Methodist Church

Susquehanna Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Worship Services

8:15 AM and 10:45 AM

Sunday School Classes

For all ages at 9:30 AM



Trinity UMNC

Dated Material

**FORWARDING SERVICE
REQUESTED**



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

JUNE 2022

Please submit articles for the
July 2022 TRINITY TIDINGS by June 15th.

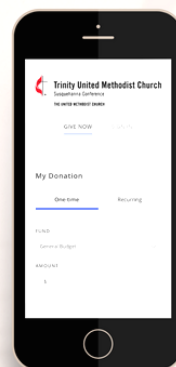


GIVE ONLINE

Did you know that you can give to Trinity online or thru Text-to-Give? 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, debit card or ACH bank account.

Please contact Carol Wilson with any questions at treasurer@trinityumnc.com.



TEXT-TO-GIVE

Giving option
available!

Text "GIVE NOW"
to 717-415-5400