



Promises in the Stillness

July 2022 Theme

In the Stillness

My Dear Friend,

Independence greetings to you. May God continue to bless America.

Not too long ago, a member from the first church that we served in Bangalore, India reached out to us. He was a little chap in the children's ministry when I served as assistant pastor (1989-1997) and Miriam served as the Superintendent of the children's ministry. It was touching that after many years of not being in touch, he reached out and trusted us with his prayer request. His precious 15-year-old son was being prepared for a very major surgery. As we reconnected, the young dad found strength in knowing that more prayers were being raised for his precious boy. It was a relief to know that the surgery went on well and the son is recovering nicely.

When life gets tough, don't we need a safe place of trust? A space in which we can speak our fears, our doubts, our anguish, and our anxieties. A space in which we can be ourselves and know that we are heard and loved.

A couple of days before writing this letter, I was on vacation with my family and posted a short encouraging Facebook Live video message titled, "Restored at the beach". One of the people who responded to the message was a young lady whose family had been part of the first and second churches that we served in India. Her message came from a place of great anticipation and joy. I quote, "I keep watching the videos that you upload, and I just want to say that my 15-week-old baby in my belly and I are so encouraged. Thank you for taking the time to record and upload them. God bless you and your family".

When life is full of anticipation and joy, don't we need a safe place of trust? A space in which we can recollect memories of God's grace, celebrate the moment, and look ahead in anticipation?

During this month we focus on the theme, "Promises in the stillness".

I pray you will be blessed as you take time to be still and know that He is God (Psalm 46:10) I also pray that you will find your safe space to share your burden or joy. And you, Lord, make me someones "safe space" if you please. In his love and in his silence,

Arun

P. S : Both the individuals whom I mentioned in this letter were blessed in our children's, youth and Vacation Bible School ministries in India. Yes, God's love can make a world of difference in the lives of young people. Would you prayerfully and persistently invite/ convince/ talk with parents/ grandparents to send their kids/ grandkids to VBS this year at Trinity? Sometimes the best ambassadors are the kids themselves! Would you talk with them and invite them personally?

THE GIFT OF GRATITUDE

Pastor Carl,
Sister Barbara and I
are privileged to visit
with members. Over the
last 8 years, we have
been blessed to be out on
Tuesdays (except when
the pandemic halted us)
to visit those in our
congregation and
beyond. We are often
blessed with very
precious moments. In a
recent visit to Travis
Trick, his mom Sharon,
had hot coffee/tea,
cookies and a fresh
garden picked flower
arrangement for each of
us. We were deeply
touched that during a
time of high pressure and
caring for Travis with his
special needs after a big
surgery, Sharon had the
grace and generosity to
do what she did.
Thank you, Sharon.



JULY THEME

PROMISES IN THE STILLNESS

July 3*

An "a-ha" moment of stillness

Scripture: Luke 24:30-34

July 10

Stillness when life is not so still

Scripture: Psalm 46

July 17

When even joy cannot steal the stillness

Scripture: Genesis 24:1-21

July 24

When silence sets the stage for change

Scripture: Mark 11:11-19

July 31 **

When you choose stillness to pray

Scripture: Mark 1:35-39

*Holy Communion services

** Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Smith

MIDWEEK MUSIC CONCERTS

by Todd Davis, Director of Music Ministries

Midweek Music concerts continue! As part of the programs, we are making our way through the Psalms. Each week, a psalm is read with a musical reflection to follow. It's a powerful connection of scripture and song. 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! You may even find humor in my jokes and entertainment in the occasional magic trick.

I am thankful to God for the opportunity to present these programs and thankful for everyone's continued support of these programs.



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

MUSIC RECITAL HOSTED BY JENNIFER BESHORE

What a fantastic coming together of young talent! The musical recital hosted by Jennifer Beshore in our sanctuary on Sunday, June 12th, was a fantastic musical treat! We want to congratulate Jennifer and her students and families. Jennifer teaches students of all ages in her private voice and acting home studio, Broadway Notes.

We are also very appreciative of how Jennifer announced our Vacation Bible School program to a packed sanctuary of children, youth and Adults. Pastor Arun was very touched when he was greeting people and handing out VBS cards along with Charlie Klinger. What touched him was that some of the guests who attended told him that Jennifer had been talking about Trinity to them and had been inviting them to attend.

Above all, as a church that longs for young people to be blessed and experience God's love, let us be praying for efforts like Jennifer's that translates God's love in practical ways.



NEW CUMBERLAND TOWN BAND

It is our privilege to share space with our much-loved New Cumberland Town Band who rehearse at Fellowship Hall. We are excited and looking forward to the Band's concert at our parking lot on Sunday, July 24th at 7 pm



THE PRAISE CORNER

by Todd Davis, Director of Music Ministries

*Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of pow'r, the God of love,
the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul He fills,
and ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!
Johann J. Schutz (1640-1690)*

Happy JULY!

The above referenced hymn is an inspirational, uplifting hymn! It is a favorite of mine to begin a worship service. The tune is sturdy and bold; the words exhort us to sing praise to the omnipotent God of all creation. Also, in this hymn, we find the “blessed assurance” that God has promised to be never far away. He is our “ever present help and stay.” As psalm 46 states, “God IS our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble!”

Another uplifting hymn that reminds us to sing joyfully is “Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart,” by Edward H. Plumptre (1821-1891). Written for an annual choir festival in England, May 1865, this text still inspires us today to “rejoice, give thanks, and sing!”

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks, and sing!*

*With all the the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks, and sing!*

And singing we have done! On June 12, the Chancel Choir sang “I Love You, Lord,” by Laurie Klein, arranged by Jack Schrader. The text references our offering of praise and singing directed to God alone. Following the words of the song, we pray our offerings of music will be pleasing to His ear. This anthem was chosen for the Chancel Choir’s last Sunday before Summer break because of this beautiful allusion to singing and praise. This picture is very fitting as we look back on our choir offerings since September of last year. In the June 2022 edition of Tidings, you will find a list of anthems the choir has sung. I list them again because of my heartfelt thanks for everyone’s time and commitment to presenting these selections. It is a nice mixture of many styles, moods, and harmonies of choral pieces.

*“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”*

Although the Chancel Choir is now on their summer break, the music will not stop! Psalm 33 states, we should always, “sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise Him.” And we will! Perhaps you might find yourself singing or providing some type of music this summer? Is it for a Sunday service, or Midweek Music? Let’s continue to sing and make music to the Lord! Another opportunity to sing and make music is in the gathering area before the services. We’ll begin 15 minutes before the service!

Lord, you alone are holy. You alone are faithful. You call us your own. We WILL sing and make music to your name! May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear. Amen.

This article began with “Happy July” in red and blue font. It is intended to represent the colors of our beautiful, majestic, and mighty nation. (White would be impossible to see, if typed!) Happy Birthday, America! As Summer is a time of vacations, sun, baseball, beaches, and so much more, let us remember, as we enjoy all these things, that we live in a free and great country. One of those great freedoms is to know the Gospel and to know Jesus Christ! God be praised now and always, unto the end of the ages. Amen!

Soli Deo Gloria!
Todd

USHERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a way to serve your Church? Why not try being an Usher? The pandemic and the passing of time has depleted our group of Ushers. Being an Usher has several benefits to the Church and personally! First you are the first contact for many first time worshipers at Trinity. A kind greeting and smile brings a sense of welcome to potential members. We have had many say they immediately felt a sense of welcome when they first attended our Church. This in many cases was from their greeting from an Usher! Second you will feel a sense of service to the Lord and Trinity as Ushers provide help to worshipers, assistance to the Pastor and worship organizers, and safe collection and transfer of our offering. Please talk to George Karnes or call him at 717-737-8959 to discuss.

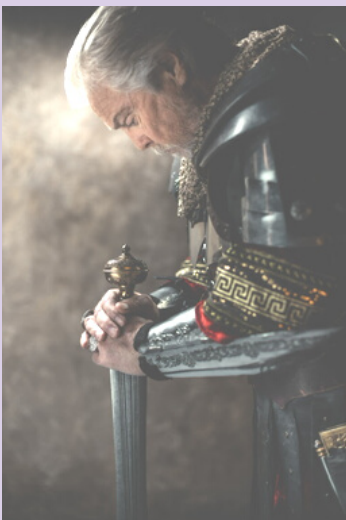


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

One week. One choice. One gift for a lifetime of blessings.
An exciting time for kids to discover/ rediscover God’s love.

Would you invite a child to VBS?
Would you pray daily for the kids and team?

Would you support this ministry with monetary donations towards food and the program? Checks may be written in favor of Trinity United Methodist Church with “VBS” in the memo line. A big thank you!



THE SCRIBE

Sunday, July 24th

The Scribe is: “an unforgettable dramatic musical presentation of the life of Christ through the eyes of a centurion soldier” it is played by Dove award winning actor and singer, Paul Pitts. Dr. Pitts does not perform this play to entertain you. The Scribe comes to you with a story line that will change your life, FOREVER!

The Scribe will be staged at our 8.15 am service on Sunday, July 24th. Paul and Annette Pitts will lead us in worship through song and word at the 10.45 am service.

You may not want to miss both services.
A great day to invite your friends and family.

A free-will offering in support of the ministry of The Scribe will be received.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who paid for geraniums that were used Pentecost Sunday. Get them planted to add color to your garden. Also a huge Thank You to Peggy Morrison and Sue Wertz for their suggestions, their help in placing the plants for me in church. Many compliments about how nice the church looked. Many hands make the load light especially with a bad back. ~ Joyce Klinger

*Dear Church Family Members,
Thank you for all your prayers, phone calls and cards for Travis. We greatly appreciate all that you did for him. He is continuing to heal from his surgery. We hope to be back in church with all of you in a few weeks. Hopefully on Father's Day, God willing. Thank you for all the love you sent to Travis. God Bless You! Love, Chris, Sharon, and Travis*

*"Trinity Church Family: Thank you all for your prayers, cards, and phone calls after my recent surgery. I especially want to thank Pastor Arun and Barbara Zimmerman for their prayers and concerns. It was greatly appreciated."
~ Elmer Lower*

*I cannot thank Trinity UMC enough. Cancer never takes a day off and neither do we. Together we are the "Beacon of Hope" in helping families in need. Thanks again. May LOVE "surround us", FAITH "sustain us", HOPE "encourage us".
~ Mickey Minnich and his "Angel" Vickie*

*Grover and Mary would like to thank Pastor Arun, Pastor Carl, and Sister Barbara for their phone calls, concern, and prayers following Grover's surgery. We also appreciate, very much, the many beautiful cards, phone calls, emails, and other ways our church family reached out to us. Thank you so much. We feel truly blessed to be part of such a loving and caring church community.
Bless all of you. Grover & Mary Herr*

BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

Please support this project, as we support the children of our COMMUNITY. Trinity members may donate monies/checks (writing backpacks in the memo section of the check) and putting them in the offering plate or, you can purchase backpacks and bring them to the church. There will be a designated table in the hallway of the Narthex for backpacks. Please have your donation or any backpacks in no later than Sunday, 7/10, so we have time to assemble and group them according to their age groups before the backpack pickup dates.

Every child must be accompanied by an adult. We will direct the parents to enter through the Bridge Street entrance of our parking lot where we will hand the backpacks to the students in their car and they will proceed out the back alley way exit.

Please contact Cathy Baum @ 774-0907 with questions or to HELP.



DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD

July 5 & 12, 2022 11:30-1 PM

We continue to serve lunch at Downtown Daily Bread which is a 7 day soup kitchen in Harrisburg. Sign up sheets can be found on the table across from the mailboxes. Each Tuesday we provide 100 sandwiches and dessert. Sign ups are also available for the desserts. Thank you for your consideration. To know more contact Carol Crossley

Note: We will not be serving DDB on the day of NNO. We will serve on August 30th instead.

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES UNITED

Members of Trinity responded to a volunteer request from Christian Churches United (CCU). CCU provides a Getting Ahead Class for 16 weeks which teaches Generational Poverty vs. Situational Poverty for adults. Dinner is served prior to each of these classes and we were able to provide dinner on June 13 for 40 participants. Thank you Trinity for helping to sponsor this!

WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE SPLENDOR OF HOLINESS! (PSALM 96:9)

Letter of Mr. Ebenezer Rajakumar (online worshipper)

Briefly introducing myself, I am Ebenezer Rajakumar, a Scientist retired from the Indian Space program and living in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India.

The Covid-19 pandemic wreaked massive havoc all over the world. I started thinking whether God is angry with us because the authorities shut down our churches also. I was deeply disturbed because I am a regular church goer who never missed a Sunday, even if the weather was not favorable.

In our scriptures, I found an instance where God had clearly expressed his displeasure with the worship offered by his people. Amos 5:21-23 ... your assemblies are a stench to me. ... Away with the noise of your songs! Strong reprimand from our God, isn't it?

God teaches us how we ought to worship him. We did not invent it. When God gave the Commandments to his people at Mount Sinai, he also gave the detailed design of the Tabernacle and set elaborate processes and rules for those selected to serve him in the Tabernacle. Nothing about this worship is to be casual. We worship a holy and awesome God who is also loving and merciful God. We may never allow these basic facts to slip from our mind at any time.

For a worship to be pleasing to God, everyone involved - the congregation, the choir and the pastor must work together as a team. When there is harmony in their collective efforts, the result is a worship service pleasing to God lifting the spirits of every one participating.

During the pandemic I was attending the online service offered by our church in India during Sunday mornings. I wished to spend the evenings by attending an online service offered at an American church when it would be morning there. My search ended quickly, when I realized, Pastor Arun Andrews is with New Cumberland Trinity United Methodist church, Pennsylvania. I knew him already when he was serving in Bengaluru, India. So, it was easy to connect. Now you might say, I am a regular online worshipper at Trinity UMC.

What I love about Trinity UMC - Everything! I can only imagine the many hours Pastor Arun spends in communion with the Lord to be able to deliver beautiful cogent sermons week after week. Classic and contemporary praise songs carefully put together. Tasteful decoration and flowers at the altar. Gifted musicians and singers to lead the congregation in joyful worship. Above all a church conscious of its responsibility to connect with the community through different programs including its support for the needy.

Our churches may be physically separated by geography. But joining Trinity UMC in online worship reminds me of the day in future, when all of us will be united in our worship, seeing our Savior and Lord face to face, and heaven left to our imagination no longer.

Adopt a Pew, Embrace a life.

Pray over seats and pews.

**Pray that God's love touches
those who occupy them.**

**Pray that new guests
come and fill empty ones.**

**Come early and pray
for a mighty work of God.**

Are you in?



TRINITY'S YOUTH MINISTRY

"I was so impressed that the youth would be so open and transparent in their conversation during the Bible study led by Barbara Hawk.
~ Sue Grubb



MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION AT MT. OLIVET CEMETERY

Thanks to Marty Kohr and team at the Mt. Olivet Cemetery for hosting a memorable time of tributes to those laid to rest there. It was a wonderful gathering of the JROTC from Cedar Cliff, dignitaries and representatives, and church members. We remembered the words from the Kohima War Cemetery, "When you go home, tell them of us and say that for your tomorrows we gave our today." Thanks to those from Trinity who joined us for the event.

Marty Kohr and Pastor Arun in a picture before the historic plaque that celebrates the connection between Trinity's founding and Mt. Olivet Cemetery.



DUTIES FOR JULY 2022

DUTIES:	GREETERS	WORSHIP LEADERS	CHILDREN'S TALK
JULY 3	8:15 Mary Strausbaugh/ Grandson Nathan 10:45 Norm/Floss Batcheler	8:15 Tom Bailey 10:45 Gary Forman	Beth Sider
JULY 10	8:15 Jed Beshore 10:45 Norm/Floss Batcheler	8:15 Linda Klitch 10:45 Wilma Rockey	Betsy Miller
JULY 17	8:15 Sally Ray 10:45 Norm/Floss Batcheler	8:15 Tom Baum 10:45 Sue Puller	Genevieve Lupold
JULY 24	8:15 Tom/Donna Bowman 10:45 Norm/Floss Batcheler	8:15 Mary Ellen Eyer 10:45 Ethel Brooks	Cheryl Bargo
JULY 31	8:15 Dawn Bailets 10:45 Norm/Floss Batcheler	8:15 Scott Bankert 10:45 Cathy Brooks	Mike Schofield

STARFISH MINISTRY ~ JULY 10 ~ 12:00 - 1:30 P.M.

Behind Citizens Bank, Square of Harrisburg

Starfish is really on the move lately and doing much work for our “friends on the streets”. Today, June 12th, we served 68 people which is higher than average. In addition to handing out clothing, shoes, toiletries, sleeping bags, canned goods and many other items, we have also been providing something “from the kitchen”. Over the last several months we’ve served homemade chicken and rice soup, sloppy joes and hot dogs. The guests love it! It’s been a great addition to the ministry.

Grace UMC from Hummelstown happened to notice Starfish on the list of Advance Specials while at Annual Conference and asked if they could help. So on July 10 they will be providing 10 volunteers for us as well as doing a drive for 3 specific items. Here at Trinity Pastor Arun has asked the Youth to participate one month. If you have never done it, please consider coming out as well.

One of our biggest challenges though remains the need for funds and donated items. Our Trinity family continues to bless us with many donations for which we are grateful; however, today we handed out 5 tents with urgent requests for 9 others. I just ordered 11 tents since coming home from the outreach. We may think of tents as camping equipment, but our brothers and sisters depend on them for shelter. They cost us \$25-\$35 each and are easily damaged or stolen.

Please continue to pray for this ministry and especially for those persons living on the streets. The numbers are growing. Following is a list of many items that are greatly needed. Anyone wishing a receipt for these donations can see me and I will provide. ~ Carol Crossley

SPECIAL NEEDS:

We met a woman with 18 children (some are her deceased sister’s children). There are 3 in diapers. Some of the children are now adults but we would like to gather some clothing for the younger kids. Nothing specific. I’m thinking generic T-shirts, sweat pants, gym shorts, etc.

CURRENT NEEDS:

chapstick, sm. packs of tissues, small toothpastes, foot/body powder, acetaminacin, Ibuprofen, toilet paper, wipes, allergy relief tablets, sunglasses, readers, bug repellent, blankets, tarps, back packs, bag chairs (used), Canned foods with flip tops (meals like beefaroni, stews, etc), Men’s pants (anything but size 38!) We need smaller sizes - 2nd hand Men’s shorts

CALENDAR FOR JULY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CELEBRATE FROM HEART AND SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY Thursdays at 10:30 AM. Questions contact Cindy Durborow. NOTE: Celebrate from the Heart and Spirit Bible Study group will be providing sugar free candy in a container with a label marked, "Sugar-Free."					1 9 AM Prayer Breakfast	2 9 AM Communion Prep
3 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM Worship Services 9:30 AM Sunday School 6 PM Youth Group	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 12 PM DDB 8 PM Facebook Live Time of Prayer	6 12 PM Facebook Live Midweek Music	7 9 AM Love Boxes 10 AM Sewing Group (WR) 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (LL)	8	9 Leadership Retreat
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31 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM Worship Services 9:30 AM Sunday School 6 PM Youth Group	PRAY & GO Monday, July 18, 2022 @ 7:00 PM (note time change) weather permitting. Any questions, please contact Sharon Sheffer 717-774-3137 (sesheffer@outlook.com), Coordinator of Pray & Go.			OUR MONTHLY PRAISE AND PRAYER FOCUS Pray for our great and precious America. At every sunset, would you whisper a prayer of blessing for America?		



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8: 15 AM and 10:45 AM

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**FORWARDING SERVICE
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July 2022

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



TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022 6:00 - 8:00 PM

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ~ AUGUST 2 ~ 6-8 PM

Do you have a desire to reach the community with God's love? Here is a wonderful opportunity. National Night Out will take place on Tuesday August 2 from 6-8 pm at our parking lot and street side. We are partnering with the New Cumberland Borough, Fire Department, Police Department, Medard's House, Vicki's Angel Walk, New Cumberland Town Band, and a variety of community vendors. Music * Children's Games * Food * Displays ALL FREE. Look for a volunteer sign up sheet on the table across from the mailboxes. Many hands will be needed.