



November 2022 Theme

Promises for a grateful heart

My dear Trinity Family,

Would as many of you who are able, please join me in a time of prayer (30-45 mins) at 10 am on Thursday, November 17th in the Fellowship Hall? Our focus in the prayer time will be to seek the Lord and pray together. Let us keep our mission and ministry in view as we gather. It will be a big blessing to have you with us.

*Attempt great things for God,
expect great things from God.*

William Carey (Missionary to India)

Wishing you a blessed season of counting your blessings and being filled with thanksgiving.

Arun

PRAYER FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER

Every time you eat a meal, would you pray for the families of farmers and truckers who helped produce and deliver the food to your table?

NOVEMBER THEME

PROMISES FOR A GRATEFUL HEART

November 6

Peace in the storm

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

Holy Communion Services

November 13

Rest in the rush

Scripture: Psalm 23

November 20

Hope in despair

Scripture: Job 1:1-3; 13-22

November 27

Light in the darkness

Scripture: John 1:1-12

First Sunday in Advent

DISCERNING TRINITY'S WAY FORWARD AMIDST THE UMC'S PRESENT JOURNEY

On September 21st, the leadership team met with, Rev. James Copulos, pastor of Mt. Calvary UMC, Harrisburg. During the meeting Rev. Copulos shared responses to questions from the team about various concerns related to our denomination and to our congregation in the light of disaffiliations. After the meeting, the team committed to pray seeking the Lord's guidance until its regular meeting scheduled for September 26th. On September 26th, the team voted to request a representative of the Susquehanna Conference to meet with Trinity's leadership team to help us understand the disaffiliation process.

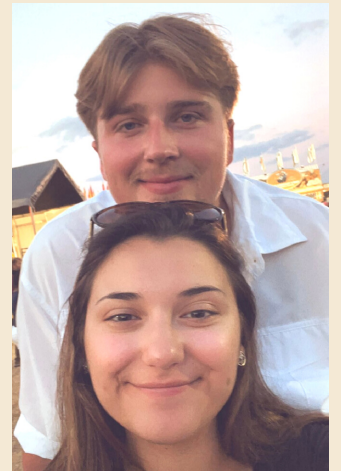
What would be our next steps? On October 26th, the leadership team will meet with Rev. Kathleen Kind, Director of Connectional ministries of the Susquehanna Conference, who is representing the Conference in sharing about the process with local churches. After the meeting on October 26th, we will work towards sharing information with the congregation. In the process, we plan to gather as a beloved community to pray, talk and seek the will of the Lord for our future steps as a congregation. Decisions about the future of Trinity will not be made by the leadership team, but by members of the congregation. We are committed to keeping this process loving, transparent and fair. Please do not hesitate to ask questions or share your thoughts with us.

Trusting the Lord to lead us,
Shirley Sharpe and Arun Andrews (For the leadership team)

"Faithful is he that has called you and he will do it." 1 Thessalonians 5:24

WELCOME FAITH PERLICK

We are delighted as a Leadership Team and Staff Parish Team to introduce Faith Perlick, who will be our Director of Family Ministries. Faith graduated from Lancaster Bible College with an Associate of Arts degree in Biblical studies. We find Faith to be a vibrant, proactive, well-rounded and dedicated young lady. We invite you as a congregation to welcome her in this new role which will include our ministries to children, youth, young adults and families. We ask you for your prayers for Faith and her husband, Cole, as she makes the transition in joining our team. We believe Faith will be a blessing to all she serves. The Lord has worked things out in a way that we can only give him the praise.



Our youth, adult leaders and volunteer teachers welcomed Faith with a fellowship dinner and special costumes!! Looks like fun!

THE PRAISE CORNER

by Todd Davis, Director of Music Ministries

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
(John F. Wade, ca. 1743)*

UPCOMING: Christmas Musicale

Is it too early to start thinking about Christmas? Probably not! From the big stores to the grocery stores, I see signs of it everywhere. Yet, Christmas, and Christ in Christmas, should always live in our hearts. It is not merely a yearly event to be celebrated. It is a life-long walk with Christ, filled with faith and hope, that leads to eternal life!

Yes, once again, we will host the annual Christmas Musicale on Thursday, December 15th, 7:00 pm, and Sunday, December 18th at 10:45 am. The “Lessons and Carols” theme offers a wide range of hymnody, readings, and involvement! We’ll hear choirs, organists, soloists, various instrumentalists, and more. Would you like to take part? Please let me know!

On Wednesday, December 7th, at 12:15 pm, I will present an organ concert at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church as part of its Music and Arts Series. I invite you to attend. My program will include music for Advent and Christmas.

ORGAN SHOWCASE

On Sunday mornings, I have begun to use the organ quite extensively again. The restoration has brought nice tonal colors and sounds back to the instrument. Many of these sounds are in the quieter pipes. It is an art, the art of ‘registration,’ that is selecting the pipes to use for each piece, to make the organ and music sound alive!

The organ is divided into three keyboards, each with its unique set of ‘stops,’ the pipes for a particular imitative sound or purely organ sound. While these division sounds can be coupled together to produce a large sound, each ‘division,’ or keyboard, has its unique quality that stands alone. I have found this now to be the case.

Second, the ‘string’ sounds and now the individual imitative flute sounds really come to life. The flute sounds from one division can be accompanied by the string sounds of another division, giving an orchestral feel to the organ. There are pieces I like to play by Mozart, his Church Sonatas, that are transcribed for organ, that solely use the string sounds, that very convincingly produce a string orchestra effect.

Third, the overall clarity of the instrument, with just the right amount of brightness and harmonics, helps lead the hymn-singing in a remarkable way. It also provides for a rich, clear sound for the big, bombastic pieces!

The organ has many capabilities, too many to write about in a brief article. In future newsletters, I will continue to write about the instrument and all that it can do!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING IN SERVICES

We will be including families and individuals to participate in the candle-lighting part of our services. We would welcome any of you who might wish to volunteer. Please contact Beth Sider on or before November 10th. First Sunday of Advent is November 27th.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Saturday, Nov. 26th at 9 am.

Volunteers are needed to be ready for the first Sunday of Advent.
Come and join in the fun to decorate Trinity for Christmas.



MIDWEEK MUSIC CONCERTS

Midweek Music concerts continue! Many, many thanks to everyone who faithfully attends and watches online.

It was a very special time of Midweek Music on Wednesday, October 12th. As part of Barbara Zimmerman's 80th birthday celebration, she and many others who helped celebrate her special day, attended the concert. Thank you all for doing so! Many best wishes to Barbara as she continues to serve so faithfully, with a truly humble heart. True humility doesn't know that it is humble. This is Barbara. She will never admit what she does to lift those who are ailing. I truly believe if even I stubbed my toe, she would be there for me! Thank you, Barbara!

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. This month, we will continue our reading of the Psalms at Psalm 126.

Each month, a theme helps to tie the programs together. In October, we had fun with a 'scarier' Halloween theme! In November, we will "Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!" We will celebrate Thanksgiving throughout the entire month.

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!

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.

God be praised now and always, unto the end of ages. Amen!
Soli Deo Gloria!
Todd

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

We continue to pray as a congregation for the Lord's guidance in finding a contemporary worship leader. Would you continue to pray that our efforts to restart contemporary worship services will result in new, younger families, young adults and youth coming to know the Lord and also joining Trinity?

LOOKING AHEAD FROM THE WORSHIP TEAM

December 14 - Midweek Music with Lunch @ 12PM

December 15 @ 7PM & 18 @ 10:45AM - Musicales and Refreshments

December 24 @ 6:30 & 10:30 PM - Christmas Eve services

December 25 & January 1 - 9:30 AM combined service, no Sunday School

January 2023- Projected start of a contemporary service in Fellowship Hall

TRINITY'S ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE FOR MEMBERS

Wednesday, November 2nd
@ 6:30 PM in the Mt. Olivet Room.
Led by Rev. Barry Robison.
Requesting all members to attend.

This Church Conference will be a time of celebrating God's work, receiving designated reports, electing officers for 2023 and approving pastoral compensation. This meeting will not be discussing matters related to questions about the disaffiliation process.

CELEBRATE FROM HEART AND SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY

The Believer's Authority
Luke 10:19
Thursdays, 10:30 AM - 12 PM.
Lion and Lamb room
Questions contact
Cindy Durborow.

PARISH NURSE BARBARA ZIMMERMAN

We are humbled and grateful for the gift of an amazing Parish Nurse in Barbara Zimmerman. Over the last 25 years or more, she has striven to shine the love of Christ by who she is and what she does. Sister Barbara celebrated her 80th birthday on October 15th. Thanks to all of you who made her birthday special. We as a congregation want to send out our gratitude and best wishes to her as we wish her many more happy returns of the day.



PARISH NURSE NEWS

Reflection and appreciation from my 80th year...

"He fills my life with good things..."
~Psalm 103:5

Trinity's Senior/Homebound Ministry Team blessed our October meeting with an unexpected "Birthday Surprise". I'm so thankful for these devoted, selfless servants and ever so grateful for their thoughtfulness. You, dear friends, have made my heart sing - even though I've been told, "I can't carry a tune in a bucket"...

On Sunday the 16th during Coffee Fellowship, I was blessed once again with a beautiful and oh, so delicious Birthday cake. I am humbled and honored by your many kindnesses. Truly blessed by each of you. In this busy world, some special people have mastered the art of taking the time and "making time" to bring joy to others.

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart." ~ Hellen Keller (1880-1968)

Thank you! From my heart to yours,
your Parish Nurse, Barbara Zimmerman



SPARKLING KITCHEN PROJECT

"Pastor, please wear your sunglasses as you walk into the kitchen," said Daryl Potteiger. The Trinity kitchen has been brought to, "spic and span" condition. Thanks to Tom and Cathy Baum, Daryl Potteiger and Harry Rodriguez (who engineered the sparkling kitchen day project on October 12th). We thank each of them for their faithful work. Thanks Harry and Nicole Rodriguez for the sparkling floors!

The new ice machine: A big thank you to the Men's class for their gift!



CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

It is special when you are remembered while being away from home. The college care-pack ministry, coordinated by Mary Strausbaugh, has brought a welcomed smile on many a college student from our Trinity Church circle. Once again, Mary Strausbaugh is inviting you to share the name and address of college students from your family circle that could benefit from receiving a care-pack from Trinity. Please inform the church office on or before November 4th.

YOUR GIFTS IN MINISTRY, SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

We have been blessed with the faithful ministry and service of so many of you in the congregation. We do our best to serve Christ in all we do – whether big or small, whether seen by few, seen by all or seen by none. We as God’s people are blessed doubly when we serve because we want to do it all for the Glory of God. Trinity Church cannot exist to do ministry in New Cumberland without each of you and your amazing gifts and dedication to Christ, His church and our community. It is possible that you might have a gift or ability that we are not familiar with. It could be in any area of your gifting. Would you be willing to share about such gifts that might add to our ministry and service? Please contact Pastor Arun.



THE SCRIBE

What a powerful gift we had in the presentation of The Scribe! Here are some responses from individuals:

‘It moved me to tears.’

‘I had never seen anything like this before.’

We are aware that there are many more responses that we could record in gratitude. We as a congregation are deeply thankful to Dr. Paul and Annette Pitts for giving of their time, talent and witness. Sunday, October 2nd will be long-treasured as a day in which we were drawn afresh to the life, ministry, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Thanks to those of you who contributed a free-will offering to support The Scribe.

THE SEWING GROUP

This faithful group continues to meet and work regularly. Here is a picture of two of our big inspirations in the group.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again, we are partnering with Operation Christmas child as a part of Samaritan's Purse. This year we are incorporating a hybrid model where you can pack a shoe box or contribute. If you contribute, please make your check to Trinity UMC Church and in the memo line indicate Operation Christmas Child. If you wish to pack a shoe box, you may use one of your choosing or pack one that is provided on the display table. If you wish to wrap your shoe box, please make sure that the lid and the box are wrapped separately. There is a \$10 shipping and processing fee that should be put in an envelope and put in the shoe box. On the display table, you will also find a flyer to indicate the gender and the age of the child that you choose. This should be affixed to the lid of the shoe box. There are further guidelines if you wish to go on to Operation Christmas Child that will explain what to pack and not to pack as well as a brochure on the display board that will give you this information.

This program delights children from more than one hundred countries where local partners deliver the boxes along with a message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For some children, it is the first time that they have received a gift and some go on to participate in the follow up discipleship program, the Greatest Journey.

Please put your shoe box on the table next to the display and have them in no later than November 20th. Delivery will be made on November 21st.

Thank you for your help and know that a child will appreciate your kind efforts. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Bittner or Patricia Stacey.

SECRET SISTERS

Ladies, are you ready for a morning of delightful entertainment? We will be watching the movie "War Room", a compelling faith drama filled with humor & heart, during a Secret Sisters meeting on November 19 from 10:00-12:00 held in the St. John's room. We will be munching on popcorn and a few other snacks too. The movie viewing is approx. 2 hours. So, mark your calendars for an additional hour of fun with the Secret Sisters. Also, there will be a door prize for one lucky attendee.

Just a note, the December 17th meeting will be the Secret Sisters reveal day; you will learn who your Secret Sister has been for the past year & you will reveal yourself to your SS. So it is very important that you mark this date on your calendar not to miss it. That's Dec 17 at 10:00!!!!

If you are thinking of joining the Secret Sisters program for next year, the Dec meeting would be a good one to attend. Many precious blessing moments will be shared at that time. In January, SS names will be drawn.

THANKSGIVING LOVE BOX DISTRIBUTION

November 21st

We have given 2900 love boxes to our needy families, since the pandemic. In November turkeys will be given to our families along with one box of items for a Thanksgiving meal.

Dear congregation, you have all been very supportive of this ministry throughout the years since we started. Myself and the team thank you so much. If you would like to make a donation for the turkeys, a gift card to Karns store in any amount would be great. Give gift cards to Carol in office or put into Carol Evertts mailbox in an envelope.

The following food items are needed for Thanksgivings Love Box: canned sweet potatoes, corn, boxed mashed potatoes.

Many blessings to all for everything you do in helping the Love Box ministry. Any questions please call Carol Evertts 717-774-4207
Happy Thanksgiving from the team: Carol Evertts, Harry Rodriguez, Tom and Cathy Baum, and Daryl Potteiger.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY DINNER

Sunday, November 13th
following the 10:45 AM service

Last day to register is November 6th and will close at 200 individuals. Invite a friend who may be introduced to Christ or Trinity through this time. We will be celebrating veterans from our congregation through a visual presentation. The free turkey lunch is promising to be mouth-watering.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Sundays 9:15 - 9:40 AM
in the Fellowship Hall.



Jo: Cathy, if the Steelers were at coffee fellowship, do you think we could serve that special coffee?

Cathy: You mean the Home-run special?

Trinity Church's

PRAYER WALL

**Need someone to
pray for you?**

Log in to www.trinityumnc.com

Share your praise or prayer
on our online prayer wall.

Our prayer partners will be praying for you.



Thank you from Pastor Arun

It is hard to describe my gratitude in words. Thanks to each of you for your prayers, cards and good wishes. The special cake organized by our Staff Parish team at Fellowship Hall on my birthday certainly made the day sweeter. At 57, I am closer to more confidently whispering, "Lord, I cannot compete with you on anything, but maybe I could soon qualify in one area - I might be able to count the hair on my head, like you can."

Blessed beyond words to be part of the Trinity family. And thank you very, very, much for praying for my dear and very precious mother and her health concerns. She is improving very well as I write this note.

Dear Church Family,

I have been overwhelmed with the outpouring of love that you have showered on me this last year, and the years before. Your expressions of love, concern and many prayers have been of enormous encouragement as I have traveled this part of my journey. I am so blessed to be a part of a church like Trinity. I have enjoyed some delicious meals, some extremely funny cards, some cards of sweet Biblical verses and quite a few precious phone calls. Blessings, "pressed down and overflowing". So, in this month of thanksgiving, I say: Thank you, Thank you, Thank you with a grateful heart. Sending my love to you all. Shirley Sharpe

Thank you, Trinity Family, for your prayers, messages and get well cards following my accident. Thank you, especially for your support of Carol, who was and is an awesome mate! Conceptually, it is comforting to know that others are praying for us, yet it is more than that. In the early days of my injuries, when I felt weary from the constant pain, I would remember, "People are praying for you!" Just surrendering to this feeling, I was comforted and strengthened. Prayer is serious medicine as I am well now and returning to full time work and Starfish activities. Trinity UMC, you are a Blessing and I am grateful! Steve Crossley

PRAY AND GO

The next scheduled gathering at the church for Pray & Go is **Monday, November 14th, 2022 @ 2:30 PM** (note time change) weather permitting. If that date/time does not work for you and you want to walk with a partner(s) at another time so as not to duplicate houses please contact Sharon Sheffer 717-774-3137 (sesheffer@outlook.com) for where to Pray & Go. Once you walk please e-mail Sharon Sheffer with street and house numbers you covered. Any questions, please let me know Sharon Sheffer Coordinator of Pray & Go.

Thank You!

*I would like to express my deep gratitude and appreciation for the support from the Trinity Church family during my prostate surgery on August 22nd at West Shore Hospital. My recovery is going well and I am grateful for the many get-well cards, phone calls, and prayers offered for me. I have felt the support of the congregation and I especially am thankful for Pastor Arun's prayer for me the night of my surgery. God is good... All the time!
Rev. Carl Ford Peterson*

*Thank you for all the cards and love I received from our congregation.
Jack Baumbach*

Thank You!

THE A.S.K. PROGRAM

This program is an ongoing food drive that benefits Students/Kids of W.S.S.D. There is a list of the preferred items on Trinity's website and a copy on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please consider bringing items to the church and putting them on the designated A.S.K. table in the hallway. You can also make a financial donation and put it in an offering plate. Please make checks payable to TUMC with ASK on the memo line. Please contact Cathy Baum for further information. Thanks to all who have supported this project and all of those who will continue.

STARFISH MINISTRIES NOVEMBER 13 @ 12:00 - 1:30 P.M.

Citizens Bank parking lot, Harrisburg

We had a bittersweet outreach in October with 21 volunteers and 80+ people served. We served chili as well as providing clothes, tents, blankets, (many) sandwiches, and all the items we could fit into 4 vehicles! The bitter part is that the number of unhoused is growing and winter is coming. We've never served this many in the past. Among our unhoused was a pregnant woman in need of baby clothes and diapers. The sweet part was that we were able to help every one of these persons. That Sunday most of our supplies were depleted. So currently we are in need of many items, including cash donations to help purchase tents (This week I bought 8 tents and 10 sleeping bags since the donations are not available as before from one of our other resources). Our Trinity family has been amazing in supporting this ministry. If you are unable to donate, please pray for the many unhoused on the streets as they prepare for the upcoming cold weather season. God bless you all.

CURRENT NEEDS:

blankets, thermal underwear, men's gloves, foot powder, chapsticks, hand warmers, pharmaceuticals, sweat clothes, boots, shoes, tarps and coats.



FACEBOOK LIVE

time of prayer

TUESDAYS @ 8 PM

DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD

November 1, 8, 29
from 11:30 - 1:15

Homemade desserts are requested for November: 1st-cakes, 8th-brownies and the 29th-any type of dessert
Volunteers please sign up on the table across from the mailboxes.



VICKIE'S ANGEL WALK

On October 8th, the people of New Cumberland and cities beyond gathered to express solidarity with individuals and families battling cancer. Trinity was represented by our youth group and volunteers who heartily joined the walk on a crisp fall morning. Thanks to Jan Snyder for coordinating. We are also thankful to Carol Evertts, Daryl Potteiger, Judi Meyer and Harry Rodriguez for their work in hosting Trinity's BBQ stand. Our prayers go out for the families and individuals who shared their stories of faith, hope and love. Mickey Minnich, we salute you and your team! Thank you for twenty years of faithful service and caring for people in need. We celebrate the \$4 million that you and your team have raised over the years for families battling cancer. God bless you.



YOUTH SCARECROW STALL AT APPLE FESTIVAL

Trinity youth and adult leaders joined our faithful team of volunteers at the New Cumberland Apple Festival on Saturday, September 24th. It was a fun day of working through the various steps of helping families and kids create their own scarecrows. Thanks to our own famous local farmer, Jed Beshore, for the abundant supply of straw. We were able to meet many families and have good conversations with them through the day. The youth were able to raise \$2,096. It has been a matter of great joy to note that the youth leaders and youth have decided to give away the entire sum in three equal parts to Vickie's Angel Foundation, Starfish Ministries and the CROP Walk. Way to go, Trinity youth!



DUTIES FOR NOVEMBER 2022

DUTIES:	GREETERS	WORSHIP LEADERS	CHILDREN'S TALK
NOV. 6	8:15 Judy Meyer 10:45 Ken/Susie Puller	8:15 Mike Dimatteo 10:45 Cheryl Bargo	No Children's Talk
NOV. 13	8:15 Bob/Peggy Morrison 10:45 Jim/Jody Blacksmith	Mickey Minnich	Cheryl Bargo
NOV. 20	8:15 Keith/Nancy Turner 10:45 Raymond/ Ethel Brooks	Carol Brown	Pastor Arun Andrews
NOV. 27	8:15 Mary Strausbaugh/ Nathan 10:45 Sue Butler	8:15 Kathy Miller 10:45 Ellie Kemmerling	Jady Conroy



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Susquehanna Conference

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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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Dated Material

**FORWARDING SERVICE
REQUESTED**



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November 2022

Please submit articles for the
December 2022 TRINITY TIDINGS by November 11th.



NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Nov 1, 8, & 29 Downtown Daily Bread @ 11:30 AM
- Nov 2 Church Conference @ 6:30 PM
- Nov 3 & 17 Sewing Group @ 10:00 AM
- Nov 4 Prayer Breakfast @ 9:00 AM
- Nov 5 Communion Prep @ 9:00 AM
- Nov 6 All Saint's Sunday
- Nov 7 Worship Team Mtg @ 2:00 PM
- Nov 13 Thanksgiving Dinner @ 12:00 PM
- Nov 13 Starfish Ministry
- Nov 14 & 28 Grandparent's in Prayer @ 10:45 AM
- Nov 14 Pray & Go @ 2:30 PM For more details contact Sharon Sheffer.
- Nov 19 Secret Sisters @ 10:00 AM For more details contact Vicky Forman.
- Nov 21 Love Boxes @ 9:15 AM
- Nov 24 & 25 Office Closed
- Nov 28 Leadership Team Mtg @ 6:30 PM

- Tuesdays - Tuesday Morning Group @ 10:00 AM
- Tuesdays - Facebook Live @ 8:00 PM
- Wednesdays - Midweek Music @ 12:00 PM
- Thursdays - Celebrate from Heart and Spirit Bible study @ 10:30 AM