



ELECTION 2020 AND LEADERSHIP
JESUS STYLE
OCTOBER 2020 THEME

- When leadership is shaped by **TRANQUILITY**
- When success is measured by **TEAM BUILDING**
- When manifestos are defined by **SOCIAL PAIN**
- When branding is shaped by **SERVANTHOOD**

From The Pastor's Heart

Dear Friend,

Let me begin by wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful time this Fall. Once again God's brushstrokes will artistically highlight, punctuate and beautify Pennsylvania's hills, valleys and plains. While people all over the world might see paintings, photographs and videos of the beauty of Fall in Pennsylvania, it is our privilege to actually enjoy these precious gifts. May we never be too busy to notice God changing the colors in his garden.

On another note, we are experiencing unusually challenging times. We are a nation troubled by the coronavirus, pained by racial tensions, buffeted by hurricanes, ravaged by wildfires and unsure of our political tailwinds. As we move closer to the 2020 Presidential elections, we find ourselves in the throes of an embittered battle of words and wills. Not too long ago I heard a friend say, "I don't want to talk politics anymore. It is not possible to share my views without offending even my best friend."

Amidst a toxic environment of accusations and counter accusations, is it possible to be caught in all the rhetoric while truly missing the real and main point? You might ask, "But what is the main point after all?"

Let me respond to that question with more questions:

Have we lost sight of the true meaning of being "one nation under God"?

Have we lost sight of the fact that God is on the throne even when the battle for Washington seems ablaze with media passions and street side fury?

Do we as the people of God have the courage and faith to pray nation-sized prayers? Prayers like - Lord, make our leaders Christlike. Prayers like - Lord, cause our nation to lead the world in the sharing of love, compassion and concern for the weakest, the loneliest and the saddest. Prayers like - Lord, enough of the disrespect, the hurting, the false accusations, the discrimination and the prejudice.

Are we busy lobbying on the Right or the Left while missing the question at the center? It is said that in the heat of the American Civil War, one of President Lincoln's advisors said he was grateful that God was on the side of the Union. Lincoln replied, "Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."

Is that not a concern worth considering and pursuing?

When our daughter heard that my new preaching series is to be titled, "Election 2020 and leadership – Jesus style", she asked, "Dad, are you serious? Are you hoping to keep your job after that series?"

Dr. Ravi Zacharias said something like this, "In today's environment, it is not always what we say but also what we do not say that matters".

May I ask if you would be generous to pray for wisdom to your preacher? My goal is not to lean on either sides of the political spectrum but to remind us of the standards for leadership that Jesus set. As someone said, "The leader's job is to keep the main thing, the main thing". I will be trying to do just that with God's help in this preaching series.

And if I lose my job after that, I might be forced to join the media!

For God and country,
Pastor Arun

REGATHERING IN THE SANCTUARY COMING SOON!

What can be sweeter than the fellowship of believers? During 2020 the fellowship has taken on a new look. Our minds are stretched to think in new ways.

Thank you for those who have replied on the In-person Worship Survey. This helps in terms of how many are able and wish to sit together.

Prior to each service in the sanctuary, those who wish to attend will need to make a reservation. Each week if you wish to attend, you will need to make a reservation either on online or a call- in-reservation (for those without the internet). The reservation will be open from Monday thru Friday on a first come-first serve basis.

The seating will be in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and Mt. Olivet Room. The September 8, 2020 communication from Bishop Park includes this information: Unless the PA Department of Health recommends otherwise for all indoor gatherings, continue to limit room occupancy to 25 people, ensure 6 feet social distancing space between each person, require masks, provide hand-washing/sanitizing stations, and disinfect rooms where people gather.

The in-person service will be at 9:30 a.m., however, we will also live-stream the service so you can participate from your home during the exact time at which the service is taking place in the sanctuary. It will be available for you to begin watching at 9:30 but will also be available online so you can participate later whenever you desire.

We are targeting an October start date for in-person worship, if the COVID19 numbers stay down. Watch your weekly bulletin for the upcoming in-person worship date to be announced. Contact Beth Sider, Chair of Worship Team, to know more or if you have any questions or concerns.

"All may change but Jesus, never. Glory to His Name!"

OCTOBER THEME

Election 2020 & Leadership JESUS STYLE

October 4

When leadership

is shaped by tranquility

Scripture 1: Mark 1:35-39:

October 11

When success

is measured by team building

Scripture 1: Mark 3: 13-19

October 18

When manifestos

are defined by social pain

Scripture 1: Luke 4: 14- 30

October 25

When branding

is shaped by servanthood

Celebrating Laity Sunday

(Shirley Sharpe)

Scripture 1: John 13: 1-16

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Pray for America

When Pastor Arun called us to all pray for America no matter what our political stance may be at the Gathering Worship on Saturday, September 12, I was compelled to put my faith in action. You see, I love America! I am a child of the World War II area. I missed having a father for the first 5 years of my life, as my father was away fighting for freedom for you and me. I am thankful for what Tom Brokaw calls "The Greatest Generation". He writes in a recent letter on behalf of the National World War II Museum:

"When America was plunged into war the morning of Sunday, December 7, 1941, history hung in the balance. The forces of tyranny were on the march. Britain and the Soviet Union were succumbing to the hammer blows of the Nazi war machine. The Japanese juggernaut in the Pacific appeared unstoppable. Yet, with the smoke still lingering over Pearl Harbor, America united as never before. Overnight, the American people were resolved to one purpose and one purpose only: final victory."

Now in the mist of a world-wide pandemic, rioting in our streets over a major election, Franklin Graham invites us to join a Prayer March in our Nation's Capital. By the time you read this, the march will be history, but the prayers of the American people live on the heart of God. Mark Batterson, "The Circle Maker" says, *"Prayers don't have expiration dates. God answers them forever."* If you missed the Prayer March, you can begin NOW to PRAY FOR OUR NATION for the next 30 days. You can go to Trinity's Web site and download your copy of the 30 Day Prayer Guide for America. Franklin Graham encourages us to PRAY HUMBLY, PRAY BELIEVING and PRAY WITH THANKSGIVING"

Day 1 of the guide: Pray for God to open hearts all across our nation to His Gospel. My scripture search for the promises of God, took me to Ezekiel 11:19 & 20:

"I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them. I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Then, they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people and I will be their God."

My prayer: Father, you have promised to give us a new heart. I circle your promise on behalf of my brothers and sister who call America their home, this beautiful land of the free and home of the brave.

I pray that you will join me over the 30 days of October to pray for America as an act of obedience and faithfulness to God .

Let us be about our Father's business,
Pastor Peggy





*thank
you*

Thank you to the Trinity Church family for all of the beautiful cards we received after Shirley's passing. Your words of comfort and encouragement are very much appreciated.

*With heartfelt gratitude,
Fred, Karen and Keith*

Pastor,

Just had a unique experience. Last evening I attended the service in Borough Park where the children's portion and Shane's message was on testimony. Donna and I just returned from our CVS Drug Store where we received our flu shots. We were ushered into a small room where the Pharmacist administered our shots. While doing that he testified to us that Jesus is his Lord and Savior and us to him. There were three of us in that room, God stated where three or more are gathered so am I. I mention this as it ties in with last evening's message. Furthermore, Shane had a right on message.

Thomas Bowman

Dear Church family,

Thank you for all the prayers and the lovely get well cards and a special thank you to Pastor Arun for the phone calls and prayers.

*God bless and thank you,
Barb Kiehl*

Dear Pastor Arun and Trinity UMC,

God calmed the raging sea in the middle of the storm. Peter walked on water as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus. In the middle of this storm I choose to keep my eyes on the Lord and continue to do His work.

Thank you for your gifts, prayers and love. I have been so blessed by Trinity. We do not have to be tethered to one church, just to one God.

I continue to be blessed by the online Bible study led by the women and men of Trinity.

*I continue to surrender it all to Trust and Obey,
Margaret Brightbell*

Thank you my dear friends for making my birthday perfect. Thank you for all of the cards and birthday wishes.

Laura Wright

Mary Herr wishes to thank her Trinity family for all their kindnesses shown during her recovery, after surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Arun and Barbara for their calls, and prayers prior to surgery. Thanks to all who brought meals, called on the phone, sent emails & cards, and a special thanks for your prayers.

I am doing well, and back to my normal schedule. Thanks for your love and care.

*Bless you,
Mary*

OCTOBER SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY SERVICE CANCELLED

"I continue to urge you to put safety and wellness of life as the top priority for such a time as this."

September 8, 2020- Bishop Jeremiah Park

With this admonition from our Bishop, we are sorry to announce that we are cancelling the October 27th 2:00 p.m. Sunnier Side of Sixty service. These services are geared to our most vulnerable friends. Some attendees also depend on transportation from others. Please join in praying that we may be able to meet together soon.

Can you sing this song in your home??

JESUS LOVES ME (for seniors)

author unknown

1. Jesus loves me, this I know, Though my hair is white as snow.
Though my sight is growing dim, Still He bids me trust in Him.

(Refrain)

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

2. Though my steps are oh so slow, With my hand in His I'll go.
On through life let come what may, He'll be there to lead the way.

(Refrain)

3. Though I am no longer young, I have much which He's begun.
Let me serve Christ with a smile. Go with others the extra mile.

(Refrain)

4. When the nights are dark and long, In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear, "Have no fear, for I am near."

(Refrain)

5. When my work on earth is done, And life's victories have been won,
He will take me home above. Then I'll understand His love.

(Refrain)

6. I love Jesus does He know? Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say, That I love Him everyday.

(Refrain)



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



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



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

TRINITY YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

by Haley Warner

Trinity Youth Still Worship God in the Midst of the Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic

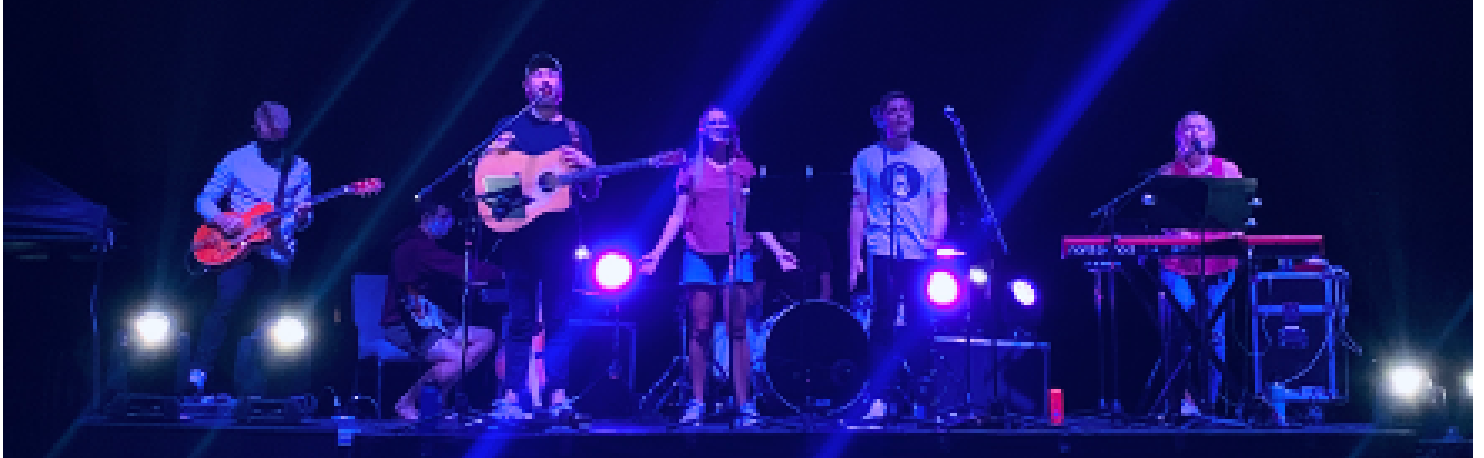
September was a month full of fun fellowship and powerful worship opportunities as Trinity Youth enjoyed 2 movie nights in the park, the church regathering services, a night of worship at Eberly's Mill COG with the band "Freely Captured", a night of worship led by Salt 'n Light Youth Ministry, "See You At the Pole" with their classmates, and as they passionately prepared for their own youth-led worship service!

In this difficult time of the ongoing pandemic, Trinity Youth have chosen to rise above, worship God and cherish every blessing!



Shane Sweger, Former Youth & Current Youth Leader, Shared a Powerful Message on "Testimony" at a Trinity Regathering Service.

If you weren't able to join us, or haven't had the chance to listen, you can find and watch the Saturday, September 12th service at:
<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUMNC/videos/>
 Scroll down to the "September 12th Park Service" and Shane's message begins at 54 minutes into the service.



A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

*From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!
Psalm 113:3*

At our recent park service, praise and worship musicians sang "Forever" by Chris Tomlin. I particularly enjoy this song because of its reference to the above psalm and the music that accompanies its text. As we move into Fall and beyond, I look forward to continuing to respond to the calls and exhortations of the psalms to praise God through music in many and various ways.

On Wednesdays, Facebook Live concerts will continue. The new start time is 1:00 p.m.. Thank you to all for your support of this series and to those who take part in the concerts! Taking part also includes our fellowship and interaction online. I particularly enjoy the online dialogue and many hymn requests during the program. It is a blessing to be together! And, I am especially grateful for the many musicians and their gifts of praise that are offered in these programs. Please do continue to join in, to listen over lunch to sacred music in a sacred space!

Small group ensembles will continue to rehearse and record for online worship! This may be an SATB quartet, a small handbell ensemble, praise and worship offerings, or any variety of instrumentalists appropriate for current guidelines. In addition to the organ and piano, the new synthesizer keyboard has begun to offer its many capabilities for worship. I look forward to using its capabilities more fully in the weeks to come.

Each day, I am blessed to offer my gifts of music in ways that praise God. Sharing in music with others makes each and every offering a special moment of praise.

Sing to God a new song! Soli Deo Gloria!

Todd



OCTOBER PRAYER CHALLENGE

Every time you eat some thing,
say a prayer for someone who is
hungry in the world.

Also, would you be willing to to
set aside a dollar each time you
eat to support the crop walk?

VICKIE'S ANGEL WALK

In the face of the pandemic, Vickie's Angel Foundation had to cancel nearly every event they hold each year. Events that help sustain their support for local families battling cancer. We urge you to consider participating in their Mission Possible campaign to walk where you are and help them raise \$200,000 by October 10, 2020 - to help restore the funds lost this year.

To register as a virtual walker visit:

give.vickiesangelwalk.org/campaign/2020-vickies-angel-walk/c255123

Donations may also be sent to the church office. Please specify "Vickie's Angel Walk" in the memo on your check.



A FINANCIAL BRIDGE FOR FAMILIES FIGHTING CANCER

STARFISH MINISTRIES

Starfish Ministries cannot thank its Trinity family enough for your donations, help at our outreach and prayers for our friends on the street. In September we served 72 people with 19 volunteers! We are blessed.

THIS MONTH'S NEEDS ARE:

Tube Socks

New Underwear for Men

New White T-Shirts

Umbrellas

Small Body Lotions

Cloth Bags

(such as those from many retail stores)

Belts

Insulated Hot Drink Cups

Bandanas

Call Carol Crossley at 717-379-9030 to make arrangements for pickup/delivery.
God bless you all!

LOVE BOXES

The team would like to thank you so very much for your gift cards, food donations and prayers. We started the Love Boxes the very beginning of April when the virus Covid-19 crept upon us. Who would have thought? The Community and families in other areas (including 10 homeless families) we supported with Salem Church appreciated our dedication in making sure they had food to eat. We prepared and donated 600 Love Boxes of food. We have an awesome God and he leads us in many directions in our lives. We are happy to say the team enjoyed this direction God chose for us.

Love always protects, Love always trusts:

Thank you Harry Rodriguez, Daryl Potteiger, Tiffany and Hailey Hollinger.

The best Team ever,
Carol Evertts



SECRET SISTERS

Secret Sisters' next meeting will be on Zoom on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. on October 17th. A password will be provided by email and voicemail for you to join the Zoom meeting. You can join using your computer or phone.

The September Zoom meeting was delightful. The topic was "See to it that no one misses the grace of God" Hebrews 12:15 and just seeing some of you for the first time in months - filled my heart with joy!!

A Special Thank you to Pastor Arun for setting this in motion, Thank you to Jocelyn and our office staff, for setting this up, and adding the Secret Sister's gathering to the calendar and the website. Cool option for you download it to your calendar. Pastor Peggy, thank you for co-hosting (I was extremely nervous) and to my Gary who always has my back on computer stuff.

Please join us again in October. Keep on keeping on praying daily for your Secret Sister. You can send a card out to her and uplift her spirits. The revealing of your Secret Sister will be in December. God bless you and stay safe for your loved ones.

In Jesus name, be blessed.

Vicky

***See to it that no one falls
short of the grace of God...***

Hebrews 12:15

GRANDPARENTS IN PRAYER

Grandparents in Prayer have been meeting during the spring and summer both on Zoom and also outside with masks and social distancing. We welcome any who have a desire to join in praying for grandchildren and young people. Please contact Beth Sider at (717) 802-2812 if you would like more information. We meet every other Monday morning, gathering at 10:15 and concluding by 11:30. We plan to meet at the New Cumberland Borough Park through October and then resume on Zoom for the winter. The October dates are October 12th and 26th.



*“Devote yourselves to prayer,
being watchful and thankful.”
Colossians 4:2*

CROP HUNGER WALK 2020 - COVID-19 STYLE

This year’s annual CROP Walk will be quite different due to the effects of the CoronaVirus. Because of ongoing Covid-19 concerns the Harrisburg CROP Walk will be virtual. But one thing hasn’t changed. People are still going to bed hungry, even starving, and children are still not receiving the proper nutrients to grow and develop into healthy adults. Now more than ever, they need your help.

Trinity has been a CROP Walk participant since at least 1980 (I know because that was my first walk!). But did you know that many consider the CROP Hunger Walk the “granddaddy” of all charity walks. The first recorded walk was held on October 17th, 1969 in Bismarck, ND. One thousand people participated, and they raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger! Several other CROP Hunger Walks occurred soon after and before long communities around the country were organizing these walks to aid in ending hunger both at home and around the world. Today, well over 2,000 communities across the country join in more than 1,600 CROP Walks sponsored by Church World Service each year. This year marks the 49th year of the Harrisburg CROP Walk!

There are many ways you can help with this year’s CROP Walk – pray for the walk, make a donation, or even join me in walking as part of your gift. Because our walk will be virtual, we will be walking on our own. Missi St. Cyr and I are planning to walk on October 18th at the New Cumberland Borough Park at 1:00, and we would love company if you would like to join us. If you would like to make a donation, you can send your check made out to CWS/CROP to the church or place it in the collection basket found at church on the 11th or 18th. Together we can make a difference! Thank you so much for your support and generosity, as always.

Mel Eyer (for more info call or text me at - 717 645-1117)



CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Online Worship Service 4 PM Youth Group - NC Boro Park	5 7 PM "Zoe Mazi" Young Adult Bible Studies	6 6 PM NNO Prayer Service - NC Boro Park 8 PM Facebook Live Time of Prayer	7 12 PM Facebook Live Midweek Music	8 9 AM Love Boxes Donations & Distribution	9	10 Vickie's Virtual Angel Walk
11 Online Worship Service 12:30 PM Starfish Ministry / Hbg. 4 PM Youth Group - NC Boro Park	12 10:15 AM Grand-parents in Prayer NC Boro Park 7 PM "Zoe Mazi" Young Adult Bible Studies	13 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group Zoom 8 PM Facebook Live Time of Prayer	14 12 PM Facebook Live Midweek Music	15 Tidings Articles Deadline	16	17 10 AM Secret Sisters Group Zoom
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Save the date :
Church Conference
Saturday
November 14
6:00 pm on Zoom

STOP & PRAY TIMES AT 8.30 PM

Please continue to join us every night by praying wherever you are for at least 5 mins.



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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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October
2020



Please submit
articles for the
NOVEMBER 2020
TRINITY TIDINGS
by October 15th

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PRAYER SERVICE

Due to Covid-19, our usual NNO event cannot be held. However, our New Cumberland Police Department have requested prayer. So on Tuesday, October 6, at 6:00 p.m. we will be holding a prayer service at New Cumberland Park for our Police Officers, Fire Department, River Rescue and EMT's. All are invited to this event to cover our First Responders in prayer. Please bring a chair as well as your mask. Let's let them know how much we appreciate them and continue to pray for their service.

