



October 2022 Theme

Promises for *Discipleship*

Which way?

My dear Church Family,

The parsonage garden has been a welcome spot for kids from the neighborhood. As they pass the front portion they stop to look at and even talk to the ceramic rabbit, pigs, deer, and that Amish crafted bird garden spinner. One mom told us that her little fellow “fell in love” with one of our piggies. She told us of how he would insist on bringing his toy pig and would leave it with our pig in the garden. He would then continue walking towards the cul-de-sac ahead not forgetting to return to our garden to take his pig back home. I wonder if that little fellow could one day become the President of a great ‘Cheer the people’ club or a home bound ministry program. The neat thing is that his little heart understood that everyone needs someone. I hope and pray that during this difficult and challenging denominational season, we will know without a doubt that we have each other to love, uphold, uplift, and belong to – no matter what might lie ahead.

“Pastor, my friends told me that their Methodist Church has been discussing disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church, can you tell us which way Trinity will be going?”. This question or a variation of it has been coming to me lately and I am taking the liberty to say....

- Let us continue to be fervent and faithful in prayer
- Let us continue to love each other and everyone (no matter how different someone might be) with the sweet love of Jesus
- Let us be patient to hear the facts and details as the leadership team will share them
- Let us make decisions keeping the call of Jesus in mind, “But seek FIRST his Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well”. Matthew 6:33

This is by no means an easy time for us as a denomination, pastors, or congregations. I remember the story of a young aspirant who was applying to join the police department. In a written test he was required to answer a question relating to a hypothetical situation. The question stated, “You are on duty as an officer and become a first responder on the scene of an accident. When you get close to the car that violated a stop sign and caused the accident, you realize that the lady driver was obviously driving under the influence of alcohol. As you are assessing the situation you also become aware that the driver is the wife of the police chief. What would you do?”. The young applicant thought for a moment and wrote, “I would mingle with the crowd and disappear”.

We might be tempted at times to do the same. Some of my pastor friends have told me that they are truly grateful that they are retired and don’t have to be in leadership during these rather turbulent times. Some other pastor friends of mine are on the cusp of retirement and are appreciative of the gift of finishing currently. What is it that we are navigating through as a denomination? We may wind our way through many and various explanations but putting it simply, here is what we are experiencing. On the one hand there is a movement hoping to see the United Methodist Church open the doors for the solemnizing of LGBTQ weddings and the ordination of LGBTQ persons into pastoral ministry. On the other hand, there is a movement of disaffiliations of local churches from the United Methodist Church of congregations that are opting to not go that way.

Where do we stand? Which way are we going? What will the future of our loving community of faith at Trinity look like?

On my part and that of our leadership team, we are committed to understanding the situation and sharing information transparently and fairly with you as a congregation. As I am writing this letter, we are preparing to meet on September 21st as leaders to pray and receive information from a Pastor from our Conference who is well versed with the ongoings of our denominational journey. Let me assure you that as we go along, you will have the opportunity to share your thoughts and questions as members of Trinity. When we come to a moment at which we will have to decide about which way Trinity could go, you will have a voice and a vote as members.

May I request you to kindly continue to be in a true spirit of prayer, love, and trust. The Lord will lead us. He will not fail us. We can trust Him. He has more work for us to do – to touch lives with his amazing love, power, truth, healing, and most of all with the message of the old rugged cross and the empty tomb.

By the way, let’s not forget that lesson from our little pig-loving friend; Everyone needs someone - especially at times like these.

In his love,
Arun



OCTOBER THEME

PROMISES FOR DISCIPLESHIP: GIFTS THAT MAKE US STRONGER IN OUR FAITH AND WITNESS

October 2

8:15 AM: The Scribe

10:45 AM: Dr. Paul and Annette Pitts

No Holy Communion

October 9

Sweet hour of prayer

Scripture: Romans 12:12

Observance of World Wide Communion

October 16

Standing on the promises

Scripture: Psalm 119:47

October 23

Blest be the tie that binds

Scripture: Colossians 3:14

October 30

We’ve a story to tell to the nations

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9

THE PRAISE CORNER

by Todd Davis, Director of Music Ministries

CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR REHEARSALS CONTINUE!

Will you join us in the choir? Singing is fun. Singing is worship. Singing is witness! We are a VERY friendly group that loves to sing! Weekly rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary and choir room areas. Please see me with any musical questions!

Singing weekly, at alternating services, the Chancel Choir faithfully leads the worship music and presents offerings of music directly connected to God's Word. In choosing music, the choir works closely with Pastor Arun as he sets forth his monthly scripture series.

Perhaps not singing, but another area of music like ringing handbells is your interest? Handbells meet on Thursday evenings in the Handbell Room at 6:30 pm. Another way to become involved is to offer your talents as a soloist. Do you play cello, trumpet, trombone, or a musical instrument that might offer up praise in worship services? Please let me know!

ORGAN SHOWCASE

As the organ is now back in playable condition, we will continue with events to highlight the instrument! On September 4th, Rhonda Sider Edgington played the organ for worship services. Thank you, Rhonda! Her playing was exciting, very accurate, and full of musicianship. She used the organ well! Dr. Ron played on September 25th. Thank you, Dr. Ron, for your willingness to always play! It's always a great delight to hear you. You continue to be a musical inspiration!

In November, John Peragallo, co-owner of Peragallo Organ Company (the company that completed the work on the instrument), will be in worship to play the instrument. John is a fabulous player with a high degree of skill and unique style of playing.

MIDWEEK MUSIC CONCERTS

Midweek Music concerts continue! Many, many thanks to everyone who faithfully attends and watches online. 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 122.

In July, we celebrated, "Christmas in July!" In August, we celebrated "Easter in August!" In September, our theme was, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!" In October, we'll move onto a 'scariest' Halloween theme!

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



Easter in August: Blessed time of music led by Todd Davis. Sumptuous ham dinner hosted by Harry and Nicole Rodriguez. Sweet fellowship. Thanks to all who come weekly to our mid-week music times



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Have you been desiring that our church be used by the Lord to touch and reach more hearts for the Kingdom? Here is a ministry opportunity to pray about.

Can we reach people beyond Trinity for whom contemporary worship music is the language of worship that they best relate to? In an effort to welcome younger families and folk who love contemporary worship music, we are planning towards restarting our contemporary worship service at 9.40 am in Fellowship Hall.

We are requesting you to:

- pray that this effort might win hearts for the Lord
- pray that more young families will be attracted to join us at Trinity
- pray for the provision of a godly part-time worship leader who can help mentor, build, and inspire a band of worshipful singers and musicians to create Spirit-guided, life-altering worship experiences that draw hearts to the Savior
- Think of neighbors, friends, colleagues for whom such worship might be a connecting point. Pray for them and ask them if they might consider joining us.
- Pastor Arun as he will be preaching at the services.

Those of you who have been for long years at Trinity will be aware that we did have a contemporary worship service at 9.30 am a few years ago. The Lord-willing, we are desirous of starting contemporary worship services in January of 2023. We hope our Coffee fellowship will serve as a great starter and warm people into our contemporary worship services.

SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY TO COMBINE WITH MIDWEEK MUSIC

At the September Worship Team meeting the decision was made to combine the Sunnier Side of Sixty service with the Midweek Music every other month. On the second Wednesday of every other month we will encourage any to attend the Midweek Music. There will be music, words of encouragement and a light lunch will follow in the Mt. Olivet Room. The Sunnier Side of Sixty service has been coordinated by Mary Herr, Barbara Zimmerman and Beth Sider. If you are a senior in need of transportation to this event, transportation can be arranged by contacting the church office or one of the previous individuals.

HELP KEEP THE KITCHEN CLEAN

If you have the gift and passion to help clean our church kitchen, you are the one we are looking for! Would you be willing to join our team of volunteers to clean the kitchen on Wednesday, October 12 beginning at 10:00 AM. To know more, contact custodian Harry Rodriguez.

LOOKING AHEAD FROM THE WORSHIP TEAM

November 6- All Saints Sunday with remembrance of those who have gone to Heaven during the past year. Communion will also be served. Please contact the church office to be sure your loved one is included.

November 27- First Sunday in Advent

December 14- Midweek Music with Lunch @ 12PM

December 15 & 18- Musicales and Refreshments

December 24- 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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us for sweet fellowship and refreshments from 9:15 - 9:40 AM on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to Jo Lower and Cathy Baum for restarting Coffee Fellowship! Also to those who bring the light snacks each week to go with the coffee.

150TH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY COMMITTEE PRELIMINARY REPORT

The 150th Anniversary Committee of Trinity United Methodist Church met on September 1, 2022 at Trinity Church. The persons were in attendance: Mary Herr, Beth Sider, Jan Ocamb, Carol Wilson, Pastor Arun, and Pastor Rod. The committee is planning that the 150th Anniversary will be celebrated in 2023 with the following articles, worship services, articles and displays:

- A 150th Anniversary Dinner held in November that celebrates the dedication of Trinity's first building. (The actual dedication of the first building occurred on November 23, 1873)
- A display table in the Mt. Olivet Room that displays pictures and articles, and artifacts from the four periods in the life of Trinity Church (beginning with the Mt. Olivet Church). This display would be changed quarterly.
- Four special Sundays during the course of 2023 that would highlight aspects of Trinity's life and ministry and mission. These areas would include music and worship, mission and outreach, Christian education, and arts and architecture contained in the church that reflects the Christian faith of the community.
- An article in each monthly edition of the Trinity Tidings that discusses some aspect of the history and ministry of Trinity Church.
- The creation of a video about the history, mission and identity of Trinity Church that can be used in worship or in group sessions.
- The inclusion of former Trinity pastors as well as the ministerial sons and daughters of Trinity Church in worship services in various capacities – such as preaching, worship leading and ministerial reflections.

The members of the 150th Anniversary History Committee realize that is an ambitious agenda. We do not know how much of this agenda can be implemented, or even if the items presented represent what the majority of the active membership of Trinity Church want; therefore, the 150th Committee is seeking feedback from all who read this article in the Trinity Tidings.

Please let 150th History Committee know which of the proposal we are suggesting are appropriate and can be done and which ones are not. The 150th History Committee cannot implement these proposals ourselves, we are going to need the active and enthusiastic involvement and participation of the membership of Trinity Church, and especially of the committees in our congregation who work in the areas of mission, education, music, worship, fellowship and youth. Please do not hesitate to work wholeheartedly with the 150th History Committee when we ask for your assistance and the utilization of the congregation's resources that you superintend.

Finally, please consider becoming a member of the 150th Anniversary Committee. We are meeting again on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 11:30 am in the St. John's Room at Trinity. We are planning to meet monthly at Trinity Church to continue the planning process.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Rod, 150th History Committee Facilitator



LAY SERVANT CLASSES AT TRINITY

We had seven Lay Servants from the Harrisburg District join Pastor Arun in a day of being enriched together in the Lord. The group, which met from 9 AM to 3 PM on September 10th, are working through a book titled, "Let the Whole Church Say Amen." Wonderful hospitality was provided by Cathy and Tom Baum. Harry Rodriguez did an excellent set up of the rooms. Pastor had invited Beth Sider to share briefly about the ministry of Grandparents in Prayer. Beth's presentation was very well received. One participant said, "This did not feel like the regular classes I have attended, but more like a day of retreat."

The group will meet again at Trinity on October 22nd. Please pray for Pastor Arun as he prepares to teach once again through that day. Let us also pray for Janice Ocamb as she shares the Trinity story of prayer over the years and Genevieve Lupold shares about how she experiences God through co-leading our Facebook Live prayer times.

CHURCH PICNIC

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.
Psalm 133:1

Thank you to all who attended the September 11th picnic at the New Cumberland Borough Park. The food was delicious and the fellowship was even better than the food! God blessed us with just a light drizzle, and we found out that a picnic at the Borough Park in the rain under the big pavilion is not difficult at all. Thanks to Tom and Cathy Baum, Mike and Dianne Schofield, and Scott Sundy for setting up, sweeping the floor, grilling the hot dogs, etc., etc. Look for this event to take place again next year on National Back to Church Sunday.

Beth Sider, Worship Team Chair

TRINITY'S 150TH YEAR CELEBRATIONS

While the 150th Anniversary History Committee works under the leadership of Rev. Rodney Miller to help us remember God's faithfulness, the Leadership Team under Shirley Sharpe will work on programs and ministry ideas for 2023. It will be a year of revival and renewal.





TRINITY'S ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE FOR MEMBERS

Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:30 PM in the
Mt. Olivet Room. Led by Rev. Barry Robison.
All church members are invited to attend.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR OCTOBER

When you see a
United Methodist Church,
would you pray for our denomination?

Thank you for the Love Boxes

Thank you so much for your kindness. You are all angels! Jeanne, Ruth, Anna and Collin

Thank you very much for all your help with the boxes of food. Every little bit helps. Thank you again, Kasey

Your love boxes have greatly helped my family during these difficult times. Thank you, Annette

My family and I would like to thank all of you for everything that you have done for us during our trying times. We greatly appreciate all you have done for us. You have been a real God send. Belinda

Thank You!

I want to thank all of you in my Trinity Church family for your loving prayers, cards, calls and good wishes. Laura Wright

*Dear Church family,
Thank you for all of the love you have shown me with your prayers, calls, and cards. I greatly appreciate all of it. God was with me throughout the procedure and I felt him touch me and speak to me while I was laying there. Our God is so amazing! Thank you so much. God bless you! Love, Sharon Immel*

Blanket Sunday Follow-up

By the end of the morning on August 14, we had contributed \$805 toward the Church World Service Blanket Program. Since then, additional contributions bring the total to \$1,645. Your generous donations allow Church World Service to provide blankets when and where they are needed, so that our contributions could be used nationally, internationally, or even locally. We give in good faith and trust God to make our gifts a blessing to people in crisis. Thank you for your continuing support.

FREE-WILL OFFERING FOR THE SCRIBE

Sunday, October 2nd

We are looking forward to the powerful presentation of the life and ministry of Christ by Dove-award winning actor/singer, Dr. Paul Pitts. We hope friends and family can join us for the services on October 2nd. In honor of the presence and ministry of Dr. Paul and Annette Pitts, we are inviting the congregation to make a free-will offering towards the ministry of The Scribe. We will leave the window of opportunity to contribute towards that ministry open to Sunday, October 16th. Checks can be made out to Trinity with The Scribe in the memo section. Let us be in prayer for God's work through The Scribe at 8:15 AM and worship and word at 10:45 AM.

UPCOMING LOVE BOXES

October 13th from 9:15- 11:30 AM

Thanksgiving Love Box Distribution

As a special gift to the families that we serve, a turkey will be added to the Love Boxes that we will be giving away on November 21st. Carol Evertts, who coordinates this program, is grateful to those of you who have already shared gift cards to support the effort. To know more, please contact Carol Evertts.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 13th after the 10:45 AM service. You are invited to register for our Thanksgiving Turkey Lunch. Register on the sign-up sheets, call or email the church office, or register online at our website. Registration will open on October 1st and close on November 6th. We will be going on a first-come, first-serve basis, up to 200 individuals. We will not be charging for the lunch as it is our expression of gratitude to all of you for your faithful support to Trinity's ministry. You can bring family members or friends by invitation. The lunch will be prepared and hosted by Harry Rodriguez and volunteers – supported by Carol Evertts.

DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD

October 4 and 11 from 11:30 - 1:15

Needed: October 4 - homemade cookies; October 11 - apple crisp
Volunteers please sign up on the table across from the mailboxes.

Trinity Church has been helping to serve lunch at Downtown Daily Bread, a 7-day soup kitchen in Harrisburg, for many years. In previous years, DDB received funding by “billing” churches \$2 for each meal they helped to serve. DDB has discontinued that practice and now relies on voluntary donations for their funding. All donations that Trinity has received to help pay for the meals we serve have been forwarded to DDB.

Here is a look at some of the accomplishments of DDB in 2021:

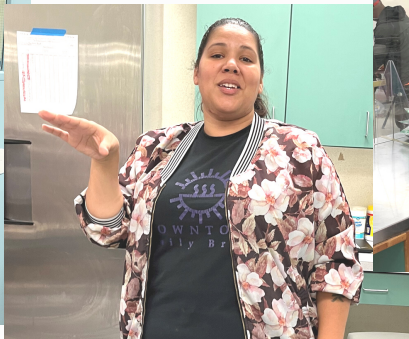
Thanks to the support of our donors, 1,000 individuals who were hungry, homeless, or at risk of being homeless, received assistance at Downtown Daily Bread in 2021.

- The Soup Kitchen fed 26,064 people for breakfast and lunch meals.
- Our Day Shelter registered 11,719 visits
- The Night Shelter opened a month earlier than in past years; we were open every night from November 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 (151 nights). There was a total of 4,913 bed nights, and the nightly average attendance was 33 people.
- Partner organizations expanded their use of the Day Shelter to offer valuable services. UPMC initiated a weekly medical clinic led by a doctor and nurse.
- In Client Assistance, we provided 4,348 showers, 600 laundry debit cards (\$10 value), 3,000 bus passes (\$3 value), and 120 photo ID vouchers (\$31.50 value).

Here is how their needs have grown so far in 2022:

“With the high temperatures and humidity this summer, more clients have been coming in for showers and our air-conditioned shelter. The daily shower list has jumped from an average of 30 people to 50. Visits to the Day Shelter have increased too. At the end of August, we had registered 12,290 visits in 2022, surpassing last year’s 12-month total of 11,719! The Soup Kitchen has also seen attendance jump by 16%. Support of donors like you make it possible for us to server everyone who comes through our doors!”

Trinity will continue to support the valuable ministry at DDB by helping to serve meals, which is coordinated by Carol Crossley. You can still make donations to support DDB financially thru Trinity, but you can also send them directly to DDB, if you choose.



Youth Ministry

Our little group of youth are faithfully gathering to fellowship, pray, study God's word and also have moments of fun together. We are especially thankful for our adult leaders, Janice Snyder and Rylee Fisher, who join Pastor Arun weekly. We are thankful that we could complete our morning Bible study series from the Gospel of John, hosted by Dr. Tony Evans. Following that series, we are presently studying Psalm 23, lead by Pastor Matt Chandler of the Village Church in Texas. The youth are relating very well to Bible study sessions led by the following individuals: Sue Grubb, Rylee Fisher, Barbara Hawk, Genevieve Lupold, Mel Eyer and Pastor Arun. In our evening series, we are embarking on studies on friendship.



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 welcome 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.

Children's Ministry: Kids for Christ

With grateful thanks for the refurbished and renovated children's ministry rooms, our children and teachers have returned to the children's ministry area. We are thankful to the Lord for every young life, every family, every teacher and volunteer who makes this ministry special. Our prayer is that God will raise a new generation of committed and passionate young disciples of Christ.

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 OCTOBER 9 @ 12:00 - 1:30 P.M.

Citizens Bank parking lot, Harrisburg

The number of our street friends are growing. In October volunteers from Grace UMC, Hummelstown will be helping to serve at our outreach. We appreciate any and everything that you are able to provide. There is a Starfish Ministries bin in the hallway to place your items. Thank you!

CURRENT NEEDS:

Blankets, wipes, new socks, jeans, sweat clothes for both men and women, acetaminophen and Ibuprofen, and sleeping bags

CROP WALK

**Sunday, October 16th, 2022 at 1:00
New Cumberland Borough Park**

Our efforts will continue to help provide support nationally and globally! And, as always, a portion of the funds will stay local to aid food related programs in the Harrisburg area. Last year Trinity had a small, but mighty group of walkers, and we walked for over \$1,692! Trinity members have remained very generous in their giving over the years, and donations are ultimately what is needed, but we would love company! If you would like to make a donation, you can make checks payable to Trinity United Methodist Church (writing CROP Walk in the memo) and place your donation in the basket by the CROP Walk display on Sunday, October 9th or 16th. For more information contact Mel Eyer.



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October 2022

Please submit articles for the
November 2022 TRINITY TIDINGS by October 14th.



OCTOBER EVENTS

- Oct 1 Communion Prep @9:00 AM
 - Oct 1 Thanksgiving Lunch registration opens
 - Oct 3, 17 & 31 Grandparent's in Prayer @ 10:45 AM
 - Oct 4 & 11 Downtown Daily Bread @ 11:30 AM
 - Oct 6 & 20 Sewing Group @ 10:00 AM
 - Oct 7 Prayer Breakfast @ 9:00 AM
 - Oct 8 Vickie's Angel Walk New Cumberland Borough Park
 - Oct 9 Starfish Ministry @ 12:00 PM
 - Oct 13 Love Boxes @ 9:15 AM
 - Oct 15 Secret Sisters @ 10:00 AM For more details contact Vicky Forman.
 - Oct 16 CROP Walk @1:00 PM NC Borough Park For more details contact Mel Eyer.
 - Oct 17 Pray & Go @ 5:30 PM For more details contact Sharon Sheffer.
 - Oct 23 & 30 Kids for Christ and Trinity Youth @ 9:30 AM Pumpkin patch sessions
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- 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