



September 2022 Theme

## Promises of healing

### *Is life meaningful?*

My dear Trinity Family,

Greetings from the Eastern Indian State of West Bengal. I am writing to you from the place that the French novelist Dominique Lapierre called, “the City of Joy” in his 1985 novel. Kolkata, as it is now called, was formerly known as the city of Calcutta. The State of West Bengal of which Kolkata is the capital, played a prominent role in India’s journey under British rule. “Calcutta” was the capital of British India from 1756 to 1911. The State of West Bengal is also famed for being host to the Indian Government’s first mint (established in 1757), the land of the Hoogly River, the Himalayas, the Bengal tiger, delectable Bengali sweets, unique artistry, craftsmanship, intellect, and theater. The city of Kolkata will also be esteemed forever as the place where a saree-clad nun of Albanian origin changed the meaning of how Christ’s compassion touches people in need. Her birth name being, Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu; she is better known as Mother Theresa.

As we travelled once again from the West to the East, we were gifted with what I would like to call “an anthology of faces.” The word “anthology” in its dictionary meaning refers to a published collection of poems or pieces of writing. As we beheld face after face in check-in lines, security checks, in-flight experiences, immigration counters, customs clearances, on busy streets, in malls, in homes and in churches; it felt like I was being given the opportunity to listen to poem after poem. Poems that spelt stories. Stories that spelt longings. Longings that spelt questing.

The writer of the Biblical book of Ecclesiastes has a one-liner that in my reckoning is an award clincher. You may ponder what that line might be. As you read the text and listen to him eloquently build his commentary about human efforts, human aspirations, and human frustrations, he factors in a buzzing build-up of sorts. Like a chant resonating in the cockles of the heart. The refrain repeats, “Everything is meaningless.” Those three words could have been the headline for breaking news moments like when the twin towers came down, when Hiroshima happened, when Hitler dehumanized innocent Jews, when a Hollywood star committed suicide, when COVID took away millions of lives and when your efforts of a lifetime came crashing down with a medical report. The list can be long.

As human beings we at times feel trapped in our predicament. We know so much in this scientific age and yet appear to be like ones sifting through dirt in a gold rush only to find that, “everything is meaningless”. We are humbled to find ourselves before a great and mighty wall that keeps us away from “the promised land”. And what do we do to scale that wall? Our culture engages in self-help quests, new age explorations, religious pilgrimages and even ‘happy atheism’. How do you think we are faring amid our seeking? Don’t our stories on social media, the local news and the neighborhood tell us that Solomon may not have been off the mark? Isn’t it tragic that even amid unimaginable wealth, fame and success, our world of social media is abuzz with songs, texts and posts that translate the agony of discovering that for many, everything seems meaningless.

Writing from the Eastern side of travel, I take the liberty to share a warning. Western friends with weak hearts must be prepared to experience cardiac discombobulation or elevated blood pressure at the least – not while bungee jumping or para-diving but while navigating city traffic! On a more serious note, we have been through days on which we have seen significant wealth, flourishing mega and technology-driven cities – and yes, probably the wildest traffic on this side of the Atlantic. In contrast, we have also beheld the face of abject poverty, low-income housing, messy weather-beaten streets, and the faces of hungry children seeking bread. Where might one find promise? In the city of Kolkata, I have seen the smiles of poverty-stricken children, heard the zeal for rescuing innocent lives in the voice of an anti-human trafficking social worker, and witnessed a local church host music and English learning centers for people in the community – most of whom are not Christian. As I find myself placed in the confluence of pain and promise, I recall the words of Mother Theresa, “Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”

I ask myself, “What can I do? What can I do better? What can I do to serve Jesus and people in a more meaningful way?”

I started writing this letter to you in the city of Kolkata where the Lord blessed us with a truly wonderful time with my parents, my brother Pastor Ashok and my niece Rahel.



Left Picture:  
A hotel  
in Kolkata

Right Picture:  
With family  
in Kolkata



It is the morning of August 13th, 2022. I am concluding the writing of this letter from the South Indian city of Trivandrum where we are visiting with Miriam’s mother. At 7.30 am yesterday we attended a service at Christ Church in the heart of the city. After hearing an encouraging sermon from the Pastor, we shared in the Lord’s Table at the very altar at which we had knelt to receive Communion with Miriam’s dad (Appa) in years gone by. Then came the moment of reckoning which I had anticipated with trepidation. We walked to Appa’s graveside. As we did, we were moving from our memories of an online funeral in December of 2021 to facing our moment of grief and pain in a personal fashion. Miriam’s dad was a faithful disciple of the Lord, a remarkable human being, a veteran of the Indian army, a loving husband, dad, grandfather and great grandfather, a joyful testament to his Savior’s love, even after losing vision in both eyes. He was a lover of theater and music and had directed some precious musicals and stage productions. On many an evening in the past, the home would be filled with the music of the accordion and his lovely voice singing praises to His Savior. As we stood at the graveside, there were tears and deep mourning. As I held Miriam, she whispered, “Would you please pray?”. I swallowed hard and prayed. Pain gave way to promise. When I said, “Amen”, I was touched to hear Miriam singing.....



When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. \*

It was one of her dad's favorites.

At that graveside, I took a deep breath and rested  
in the assurance that unlike elsewhere,  
life is always meaningful because of Jesus.

In his love,

Arun

\* CCLI Song # 31315 James Milton Black CCLI License # 1758300



A bouquet of love to say goodbye.



Miriam with mom in Christ Church



"And often for each other flows, the  
sympathizing tear." - John Fawcett

## SEPTEMBER THEME

### PROMISES OF HEALING

**September 4**

**Holy Communion Service**

**When your home becomes a healing space**

Scripture: Mark 1:29-34

**September 11**

**Hymn Sing Service @ 10 AM only**

**No Sunday School**

**How God can use friendships to heal**

Scripture: Mark 2:1-12

**September 18**

**How Jesus touches our broken spaces**

Scripture: Mark 5:1-20

**September 25**

**The power of inner healing**

Scripture: Mark 5:24-34

## THE PRAISE CORNER

by Todd Davis, Director of Music Ministries

*All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice with us and sing,  
"O praise ye! Alleluia!"*  
Francis of Assisi (ca. 1225)

### CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR!

CALLING ALL TO CHOIR!

CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN THIS MONTH!

We are now ready to dive deep into God's Word through music! Will you join us? Singing is fun. Singing is spiritual. Singing is witness. Rehearsals begin on September 8th at 7:30 pm. Anyone interested in joining the choir is welcome! Please see me with any 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. So many times, in scripture, especially the psalms, we are commanded to sing and make music to the Lord!

### ORGAN RESTORATION PROJECT

Hopefully, by the time this article is printed and read, the organ restoration project should be complete! The pictures below, many of the wooden pipes, were taken on July 28th. The Peragallo Organ Company removed these pipes and transported them to their shop for repair.

Along with the pipe work, many other parts of the instrument will be restored, updated, and/or improved. I look forward to the instrument's leadership role and splendor of sound in worship! Soon, we will host a musical event to showcase this work and rededicate the instrument to the Glory of God!



During the work, which began in the sanctuary on August 15th, pipes were removed from the organ chambers for repairs. To the right are some of the metal pipes. These particular pipes produce a string-like sound when played from the instrument.



## MIDWEEK MUSIC CONCERTS

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

I offer these two pictures from various programs. Not only does Nihal help with the audio and video production, he, on many occasions, will play drums. Over the summer, Hayden has been a great helper and has told many jokes. We all have a great time and a powerful time of making music!



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 119.

In July, we celebrated, "Christmas in July!" In August, we celebrated "Easter in August!" In September, our theme will be, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!"

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.

## CLOSING THOUGHTS

Our summer vacations are now, sadly, over! Although moving into September feels like a new year in many ways, we can look back over this past summer and know that we were blessed with many opportunities to travel. One of those places, pictured below, is the NBA Hall of Fame in Massachusetts. Hayden loves his sports, and he loves church. As parents, we are so proud that he always serves willingly as acolyte when needed! From our family to yours, we wish everyone a blessed end of summer, beginning of fall season.

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



## PRAYER FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER

Would you pray for those battling cancer? Would you pray for Vickie's Angel Foundation and it's ministry to families affected by cancer?

## GRANDPARENTS IN PRAYER

All grandparents are invited to the first session of Grandparents in Prayer on Monday, September 19th at 10:45 in the St. Johns Room at Trinity. What a privilege to gather with others who support us and pray for one another's grandchildren!

We gather every other Monday morning at 10:45 and discuss a small section of the book, Grand-Parenting With a Purpose- Effective Ways to Pray for Your Grandchildren. Following the discussion we will have ½ hour of guided prayer time.

Contact Beth Sider at [ronsider@gmail.com](mailto:ronsider@gmail.com) for more information or to order the resource book.

*NOW THAT I AM ONE*

*I used to think that*

*No one*

*Could pray for a child*

*More earnestly than a*

*Parent.*

*I've changed my mind.*

*Now that I am one,*

*I believe it's a*

*Grandparent.*

A Praying Grandparent, Dorothy Hsu Seitzinger

## OCTOBER COMMUNION

Due to the special musical service by Dr. Paul Pitts on October 2nd, the Trinity observance of World Wide Communion will be on October 9, 2022.

## SECRET SISTER'S

Welcome Secret Sister's to the Fall, with the return to school, ahh, the smell of new books and leaded & wood pencils! We will be meeting on **September 17th at 10:00** in the St. John's room. Bring a book for an exchange with the ladies at the meeting. There will be a doorprize for one very lucky lady. A secret gift will be in store for each Secret Sister in the program. If you can't make the meeting next month, check your mailbox. If you do not have a mailbox slot, you will find your gift on the Secret Sister's table (in front of the water fountain) with your name on it. Continue to share any prayer concerns with me so they can be forwarded to your Secret Sister. God bless you. Vicky

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TO RETURN!

On Sunday morning, September 18th Coffee Fellowship will return to the Fellowship Hall. The children's Sunday School classes, directed by Miriam Andrews, will return to their newly renovated classrooms. This will make the space available once again.

Coffee Fellowship will be held from 9:15 to 9:40 each Sunday. A big "thank you" to Jo Lower and Cathy Baum for hosting and organizing Coffee Fellowship! Come and enjoy fellowshiping with one another, and have coffee and a cookie!

## LET'S GET TOGETHER

**Sunday, September 11th** will be a special Sunday at Trinity. We will have a Hymn Sing, family friendly combined service, at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School for this Sunday only.

Following the service we will head down to Borough Park for children's games at 11:30 a.m. and a picnic lunch at 12:00 noon.

Trinity will supply the hot dogs, drinks and place settings, and ask YOU to bring a side dish (cold or hot) to compliment the hot dogs, or a dessert.

If your last name starts with the letters  
**A-K please bring a side dish (cold or hot).**

If your last name starts with the letters  
**L-Z please bring a dessert.**

A sign-up sheet is across from the church mailboxes, or call the church office, to register for the luncheon.

See you at Trinity for the service and then down at the park under the large pavilion for lunch.  
Don't miss out on the fun!!

Thank you!

Beth Sider, Worship Team Chair

Cathy Baum, Hospitality Team Coordinator

Pastor Arun Andrews, Senior Pastor

**STARFISH MINISTRIES  
SERVING NEXT ON SEPTEMBER 11  
12:00 - 1:30 P.M.**

**Behind Citizens Bank, Square of Harrisburg  
Faithfully serving our homeless friends in Harrisburg.**

Blessings all around! Our August outreach served 68 guests with MUCH! They also enjoyed a bagged lunch with Italian hoagies provided by one of our volunteers. Our needs are growing.

**CURRENT NEEDS:**

lightweight jackets, hoodies and sweat pants (all used and clean), blankets, toothbrushes, deodorant and canned meals

**EXTEND SYMPATHY**

Samuel E. "Red" Stetler of Mechanicsburg died on May 21, 2022 at his home. Sam was the widower of Joan Stetler, who was an active member of Trinity Church. Pastor Peterson had her service in 2006. The Committal Service for Sam was held on July 16th at Rolling Green Memorial Park. We extend our sympathy to Sam's three daughters and his son and the rest of the family. Thank you, Rev. Carl F. Peterson

**REMINDER ABOUT GIFT CARDS**

This is just a reminder that you can purchase Giant, Weis and Karns gift cards from the church office to give as gifts or for your own use. We have them in \$100, \$50 and \$25 denominations. The building fund of Trinity Church benefits by receiving 10% of the proceeds for each Giant card you purchase and 5% for each Weis and Karns card.

We would be happy to receive your order by phone, letter or email in the church office. We will mail them to you and you can pay for them by check through the mail if you are not able to come to the office during the week.

We thank each of you for the many generous ways in which you support the Lord's ministry at Trinity.

**NURSERY HELPERS**

Sweet 16! We need 16 nursery workers every month!

We need two Safe Sanctuary certified adults for each service. Getting your clearances is very easy. You can see Sandy Williams or Michelle Meckley for the forms.

We currently have 16 people willing to help in the nursery, but they also are greeters, in the choir, or play bells or serve in other areas. This makes finding four people to cover each week very difficult. We cannot grow the church without offering a safe nursery. God calls us to serve, will you prayerfully consider helping out in this important ministry?

Thank you, Sandy Williams

**NEW CUMBERLAND APPLE FESTIVAL**

**September 24**

**Scarecrow Clothing Needed!**

Trinity youth are back at it and need your help! Please donate any extra clothing you might have! We need colorful long-sleeved button-down shirts, jeans (small holes are okay!), neckties, belts, baseball hats and pantyhose (small runs are okay!). Please place your donations in the bin in the hallway.

**Volunteers Needed!**

Please volunteer on the sign up sheet to join us and help. For further details contact Jan Snyder. Thank you for all your help!





# Thank You!

*Special Thanks to the New Cumberland Police and Fire departments for our safety at the National Night Out for crossing people on Bridge Street. Also, a special thanks to Norm Haus Jr., Police Chief Joe Spadaccino and New Cumberland Department of EMS as stand by that night. Again many thanks! God Bless, Linda and Margie*

*Thank you to everyone for the birthday cards sent in July, it was very thoughtful. Dawn Bailets*

*Dear Trinity Church, Thank you so much for honoring me and my other classmates and friends on Graduate Recognition Sunday. Thank you again for the card and books. Kaity Wickenheiser*

*As you know, my husband, Steve, was involved in a serious dirt bike accident in July. Recovery will be quite a while. What is amazing is that he is not a member or an attendee of Trinity yet many of you have embraced him with your prayers, kind wishes, and cards. It literally brings tears to his eyes when he reads your cards. God bless you all. Carol Crossley*

*Nation Night Out 2022 was a great success thanks to everyone's hard work and volunteered time. The weather was perfect; we had exactly enough food and the entertainment was well received. Carol Crossley*

## GRATEFUL FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Thanks to Carol Crossley and our amazing team of volunteers for helping us host National Night Out.

We are grateful for all the wonderful partnerships with our Police, Fire Department, River Rescue Team, EMT and all our first responders.

We are grateful for all who attended the event and for the music of the evening. Especially our town Band and friends.

God bless New Cumberland!  
God bless America!





## DUTIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

| DUTIES:  | GREETERS   | WORSHIP LEADERS    | CHILDREN'S TALK          |
|----------|--|--------------------|--------------------------|
| SEPT. 4  | 8:15 Charlie/Joyce Klinger<br>10:45 Marjorie Creamer | Amanda Strausbaugh | Angel and Kaylynn Snyder |
| SEPT. 11 | Allyn Litzelman<br>Betty Hannum                      | Kathy Wintermyer   | Marjorie Creamer         |
| SEPT. 18 | 8:15 Bob/Millie Walters<br>10:45 Betty Caboot        | Shirley Millward   | Cheryl Bargo             |
| SEPT. 25 | 8:15 Mike/Dianne Schofield<br>10:45 Tom/Cathy Baum   | Doug Eakin         | Mel Eyer                 |



### September 15th

A MEAL & FOOD ITEMS

PICKUP BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

FIRST COME ~ FIRST SERVE

LOVE BOXES FOR FREE!



### UPCOMING LOVE BOXES

Pick up and drop off:  
September 15th and October 13th  
9:15- 11:30 AM

Current Needs list: Fruit drinks , All types of cereal, All types of snacks, Fruit canned or jar

There is a table set up in the hallway for food. You may bring food in anytime the church is opened or let the office know.

We are giving 50 to 60 love Boxes of food to those in need each month.

Please pray for the family and friends of one of our dear people recently passed to a better place with our Heavenly Father.

Any questions please ask or call Carol Evertts  
The team and I bless you all and many thanks.  
Carol Evertts and Team

### THE SCRIBE Sunday, October 2nd

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. 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.*

## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY                                   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                              | SATURDAY  |
|---|---|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>SEPTEMBER 11TH</b><br><br>Hymn Sing, combined service, at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School for this Sunday only.<br>Borough Park for children's games at 11:30 a.m. and a picnic lunch at 12:00 noon. |   |   |   | 1<br><br>10 AM Sewing Group (WR)<br><br>10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (LL)                       | 2<br><br>9 AM Ickler's Prayer Bkfst | 3<br><br>9 AM Communion Prep  |
| 4<br><br>9:30 AM Sunday School<br><br>6 PM Youth Group  | 5<br><br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>   | 6<br><br>12 PM DDB<br><br>8 PM Facebook Live Time of Prayer | 7<br><br>12 PM Facebook Live Midweek Music  | 8<br><br>10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (LL)  | 9                                   | 10<br><br>9 AM Private FH & Sanctuary                                   |
| 11<br><br>10:00 ONLY SERVICE<br><br>12 PM Starfish Ministry<br><br>6 PM Youth Group   | 12  | 13<br><br>8 PM Facebook Live Time of Prayer                 | 14<br><br>12 PM Facebook Live Midweek Music | 15<br><br>9:30 AM Love Boxes<br><br>10 AM Sewing Group (WR)<br><br>10:30 AM Celebrate Heart & Spirit (LL) | 16                                  | 17<br><br>8 AM Leadership Team Renewal<br><br>10 AM Secret Sisters (FH) |
| 18<br><br>9:30 AM Sunday School<br><br>6 PM Youth Group   | 19<br><br>10:45 AM Grandparents in Prayer (SJ)<br><br>6:00 PM Pray & Go | 20<br><br>8 PM Facebook Live Time of Prayer                 | 21<br><br>12 PM Facebook Live Midweek Music | 22<br><br>10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (LL)   | 23                                  | 24  |
| 25<br><br>9:30 AM Sunday School<br><br>6 PM Youth Group   | 26<br><br>6:30 PM Leadership Team Mtg (SJ)                              | 27<br><br>8 PM Facebook Live Time of Prayer                 | 28<br><br>12 PM Facebook Live Midweek Music | 29<br><br>10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (LL)   | 30                                  | <b>Sunday Worship Services:</b><br><br><b>8:15 &amp; 10:45 AM</b>       |

### SAVE THE DATE

Trinity's annual Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:30 PM in the Mt. Olivet Room. All church members are invited to attend.

### 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.



### PRAY & GO

**Monday September 19, 2022 @ 6:00 PM**  
 (note time) 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 (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, contact Sharon Sheffer Coordinator of Pray & Go.

### DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD

**September 6 & 13, 2022 11:30-1 PM**

We continue to serve lunch the first two Tuesdays at Downtown Daily Bread which is a 7 day soup kitchen in Harrisburg. Sign up on the table across from the mailboxes. Needs: September 6 - cakes, September 13 - brownies. To know more contact Carol Crossley



### FACEBOOK LIVE

*time of prayer*

**TUESDAYS @ 8 PM**



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



# Trinity United Methodist Church

Susquehanna Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Sunday Worship Services

8:15 AM and 10:45 AM

## Sunday School Classes

For all ages at 9:30 AM



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**Dated Material**

**FORWARDING SERVICE  
REQUESTED**



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

September 2022

Please submit articles for the  
October 2022 TRINITY TIDINGS by September 15th.



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## PRAYER WALL

**Need someone to  
pray for you?**

Log in to [www.trinityumnc.com](http://www.trinityumnc.com)

Share your praise or prayer  
on our online prayer wall.

Our prayer partners will be praying for you.

