

Trinity Tidings



A Journey to Higher Ground

The sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer. He enables me to go on to the heights. ~ Habakkuk 3:19

My Dear Trinity Family,

From the Pastor's Desk

I am writing to you on a bright and beautiful Pennsylvania Spring day. I hope you are enjoying blue skies and sunshine. The rains have lavished us with an abundance of green! The grass surely looks greener on the other side – especially if we don't have to mow it! I trust the birds, insects, animals and all of creation are enjoying this turn in the season. If they are not, I sure am. ^(C)

What a blessed month we have had in May 2017. The Susquehanna Conference met from the 4th to the 6th of May at the Hershey Lodge under the dynamic leadership of Bishop Jeremiah Park – our singing Bishop. The three days spent together were days spent in worship, fellowship and rejoicing for all that our Lord is doing in our conference and beyond. Yes, it was a time of reports and resolutions too. It was also a time of looking ahead to the future and what we can do as a church for the Lord's glory. If there was one thing that stood out at Conference, it was the spirit of prayer. The Bishop and Cabinet made every effort to inspire us, remind us and provide time for us to pray – especially in the light of the work of the Commission on the Way Forward. At the start of Conference, each of us were gifted a prayer cord that was a reminder to pray. We were blessed to spend time in interactive prayer with our neighbors. Each time we prayed we were encouraged to add a knot in the other's prayer cord. What else would I like to share about conference? I am not sure if you are aware that the Susquehanna Conference is involved in supporting the ministry of the Methodist Church in Sierra Leonne. Our conference supports the work by providing the salaries of pastors and by having teams visit and serve on mission trips. We also heard the testimony of a young student from the Africa University expressing gratitude to our conference for support to the institution. We were encouraged by the report of how our support to "Imagine No Malaria" has been making a steady difference in saving lives in Africa and of the dedicated work of Mission Central and its impact on lives facing disaster and troubles. We were blessed with sermons and studies that enriched us. The services celebrating the ministry of those who have retired and of those who have gone home ahead of us, inspired us to remain faithful. The ordination service was a high point in the conference with the inspiring testimonies of two candidates, a powerful message by our guest speaker and a time of dedication for Christ's ministry. Kathy Miller and Tiffany Hollinger, who represented Trinity as our lay delegates were blessed and inspired. Kathy spoke of Bishop Park's

Friend, there is no place in the kingdom of God where hope is absent. dynamic leadership and of how moved she was when Dan Stokes led the gathering of about 1400 individuals in the singing of the Lord's prayer. While affirming the same, Tiffany also appreciated the Bible study about Holy Communion led by Rev. Dr. Ken Loyer– and the ordination service. Mary Strausbaugh attended as a member-at-large and Sandi Tobias served as head lay teller and on the Conference Sessions committee.

At Trinity: Apart from all the activities and programs that I had listed in my previous pastoral letter, one of the best gifts we had in the season was your commitment to pray as a church. Our celebration of the National Day of Prayer on the 11th and 12th of May became a great time of fellowship and intercession. We are grateful to Rev.

Peggy Spengler and the members of Community UMC, for the privilege of worshipping and praying with them as we began our 24-hour vigil of prayer on Thursday, May 11th. Beth Sider, who headed our team that worked towards this prayer experience, reports that we had 68 individuals commit to engage in the prayer chain in half hour slots, and that 229 prayer requests were received from the congregation for our circling prayer around Trinity. God moved in a precious way in our moments of prayer in the sanctuary. The Healing Service at 2 pm became a powerful experience in the presence of the Lord. We left the service celebrating the fact that, "To get a touch from the Lord is so real". We were deeply encouraged that a couple who had seen our wayside pulpit announcement about the service while they were passing on Bridge Street a few days prior, made it a point to drive for the service all the way from New Bloomfield. In the evening, we held hands for a time of circling prayer where we circled the sanctuary and Trinity property first facing inward as we prayed for the 229 prayer requests that we had received through our prayer request forms. We then turned and looked in the direction of the city as we continued to hold hands and prayed for revival, healing, hope, not only for the people of New Cumberland, but the state and the country. Following this we had a time of prayer on the street-side, as the beautiful voices of our choir sounded the message of God's love on Bridge Street. What a blessed evening it was!

Apart from our celebration of prayer in the context of the National Day of Prayer, we were also privileged to be a part of Susquehanna Conference's commitment to pray for the entire United Methodist Church. We are grateful for the life and ministry of this beloved church and for all that it means to millions in this country and across the world. On the 7th of May, the churches in the West Shore Cluster joined the churches in the Harrisburg District to pray for 2 concerns. One, the United Methodist church's commitment to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Two, for the Commission on the Way Forward. The Commission on a Way Forward was proposed by the Council of Bishops and approved by the 2016 General Conference to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and ex-

JUNE 2017 THEME: CHOOSING TO BE JOYFUL

Studies from the letter to the Philippians

- June 4 Finding joy in living like Jesus –1 Scripture 1: Colossians 3: 1-11 Scripture 2: Philippians 1: 1-5
- June 11 Finding joy in living like Jesus 2 Scripture 1: Colossians 3: 12-16 Scripture 2: Philippians 2: 5-11
- June 18 Finding joy in shinning like stars Scripture 1: 2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6 Scripture 2: Philippians 2: 12-18
- June 25 Finding joy in welcoming a fellow-pilgrim Scripture 1 Peter 2: 9-12 Scripture 2: Philippians 2: 19-30

plore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church. I wish to thank everyone of you who made it your commitment to engage in prayer during this season. Years ago, I heard the words, "prayer moves the hands that move the world." As F. B. Meyer said, "The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer but unoffered prayer." Let us continue to pray.

By the time May comes to an end, we would have been blessed with the Organ Rededication Concert featuring Rhonda Sider Edgington and Tim Botts. What a privilege! We are truly grateful to Dan Stokes, Dr. Ron and Beth Sider and the organ restoration committee for their part in helping us host this special event. In June, we look forward to the joys of Pentecost, Vacation Bible School (VBS), Father's Day and the first session of Summer in the SONshine (SIS). I want to take a special moment to request your prayers for our children's programs this summer Please pray, participate, invest, and invite children and their families to VBS and SIS. One young life touched by Christ can result in the transformation of a family.

One of the precious gifts I have as your Pastor is to be trusted with human stories. Stories that refresh, bring a smile and at times more than a teardrop. Stories that can be retold, and stories that will have to remain in confidence within my soul forever. As part of extending pastoral care I have been very blessed to visit individuals and families in our congregation weekly and especially in the good company of Rev. Carl F. Peterson and Parish Nurse, Barbara Zimmerman. From time to time it is not uncommon for us to meet individuals who are facing incredible stress, physically, emotionally or spiritually. Sometimes we come away feeling heavy-hearted about a circumstance. Sometimes we come away pondering, the "why?" question. Sometimes we come away with a resolution to do more in reaching that person. Yet we always come away with hope. *Friend, there is no place in the kingdom of God where hope is absent.* The psalmist declared in Psalm 71:14, "but as for me, I will **always** have hope." In Romans 5:5, the apostle Paul writes, "and hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who he has given us."

I hope you always find that hope!

In our worship services, we are privileged to continue with our studies from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. I trust you are enjoying it as much as I am. ③

As I bring this letter to a close, I am anticipating a fantastic Music Sunday with gratitude for Dan Stokes, Wilma Rockey and our entire team of singers and musicians. Let us continue to celebrate with music – for where hope is alive, music never dies!

Sincerely, Arun

I hope you always find that hope!



On Sunday May 8th We welcomed 23 new members to Trinity!

Joining on Profession of Faith

Norm Batcheler Cassie Boyer Doug Brown Taylor Krasevic Tracy Krasevic Melody Oligane Faith Swick Ben Sylor

Transferring from:

Harris Street UMC

Cheryl Bargo Nancy Billman George and Susan Burris Jill Lamon Vicki Redfern Ethel Sauer Leonard and Marsha Staub

Paddletown St. Paul's UMC Jed and Sue Beshore

<u>New Life Church</u> John and Shirley Sharpe

Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Colleen Freedman Linglestown Life UMC Connie Williams

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THANK YOU

Thank you to Mary Lou Twigg and Jean Ruth for recently completing their second banner to accompany this year's theme, "A Journey to Higher Ground". Habakkuk 3:19 - *The sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer. He enables me to go to the heights.* You can see the banners hanging in the front of the sanctuary until Pentecost, and then they will be rehung after Pentecost.

Charlie and Ada Bates, along with the youth of Trinity, made many banners for Trinity over the years, that accompanied the church year or the theme of the service. Under the guidance of Ada Bates, Mary Lou and Jean recaptured the art of banner making and made their first banner at Trinity last year. We thank Mary Lou and Ruth, and trust that the banners will appeal to your visual senses and inspire you as you come into the holy worship space of the Trinity sanctuary.

2ND HAND SALE THANK YOU!

\$2,957.57 has been deposited into our church mission fund from the sale. We could not have done it without all those who donated so generously of their treasures and those who donated so generously of their time to set up/break down, sort, organize, price, and best of all cook food for us. A BIG thank you from me and also from all those who are benefiting from our sale. Goods that were not sold this year and we were not able to use here at the church were donated to Bethesda Mission, The Neighborhood Center, Downtown Daily Bread, Red Land Community Library, Goodwill, and Shining Light Thrift Shop.

~Donna Ratulowski, coordinator

COMMUNITY DAY MAY 6

Even though the weather was damp and rainy our spirits were not. Community Day was filled with great fellowship. In an hour and a half we shared over 500 hot dogs and made crafts with about 30 children. Thank you to everyone who donated their time to work at the Children's Table and our Food Stand, purchased the hot dogs, made monetary donations for hot dog rolls and condiments, and prayed for Community Day on May 6th. Without the support of the congregation of Trinity Church this outreach would not be possible. Trinity Church is truly blessed with such caring and giving people. THANK YOU ALL!

CAITLIN'S SMILES THANK YOU

My wife and I just wanted to thank you for the kit that our son received when he had to stay at Pinna-

cle Hospital in Harrisburg. We thought it was a very thoughtful thing to have for children that have to stay here. Arlo made use of an assortment of the items in the bag. Thanks again! ~Josh & Kayla



UPCOMING SERVICES IN JUNE

June 4 - Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. Wear something red this Sunday, from a little red to a lot of red!

June 11 - Graduate Recognition, recognition of Trinity graduates

June 18 - Father's Day, a prayer and gift for all men

SAFE SANCTUARY YEARLY REVIEW

Those Safe Sanctuary people who need their yearly review will find a yellow card in their mailbox. The review will be held June 12th at 6:00 pm in the St. John's Room. Please let Donna Ratulowski 512-3365 or Dianne Schofield know if you cannot attend. Thank you.

SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY

Tuesday, June 27th at 2:00 PM



"Our safety is not bound to earthly promises but to a faithful God."

The last Tuesday of June, June 27th, is Sunnier Side of Sixty! The focus of the present series is "Promises for Victorious Living." The June promise is - "Our safety is not bound to earthly promises but to a faithful God."

George Karnes will be the speaker at this service and Amy Rynex will minister in music. Rev. Andrews will be joined by our retired minister friends to participate in the service and to serve communion to each person in their pew. Dianne Schofield and the faithful Trinity volunteers will host the fellowship time in the Mt. Olivet Room. Please contact the office if you know of someone who is in need of transportation. This service ministers to people of any age!

ITALIAN LUNCHEON & SILENT AUCTION

On October 22nd , 2017, Trinity will have our sixth Italian Luncheon and Silent Auction in the Fellowship Hall after the second service. Please mark this on your calendar. This fundraising event has raised thousands of dollars, over the past years, for OUR church because everything is 100% do-



nated. We obtain donations from local businesses in our area for the Silent Auction. This event is a wonderful way of supporting the needs of the church, enjoying great Italian food and shopping for items at the auction. Our goal for this event on 10/22/17 is \$3,000. All the proceeds for this event go directly into the Building Fund and the General Fund of the church.

Thanks Cathy Baum, Jean Ruth and Carol Evertts

TEAM L TRIPLE H TO THE RESCUE "Loving Hearts & Helping Hands"

Bringing practical help to your doorstep - for free! This is a group of people from our faith community at Trinity who are willing to volunteer time, skill, and energy to help you with some of your practical needs. This is a gift to those of you who find such tasks challenging by virtue of your age or circumstance. That's right! From fixing a wall, painting, mowing your lawn, sorting out a practical household issue, to cleaning, vacuuming, etc. you can count on TEAM L TRI-PLE H. Ready with love, enthusiasm, reasonable equipment , and a helpful spirit, this team of volunteers are here to help - for real!! All you need to do is provide the materials for the job(s) and whatever is



within our reach to do shall be done - with a smile and for FREE.

Contact Mike Schofield at 938-3548 or the church office at 774-7146 to get TEAM L TRIPLE H on your job.



June 11 6-8 PM Youth Group Creation Room

June 18-24 Youth South Carolina Mission Trip

June 25 6-8 PM Fellowship Time Fellowship Hall





JUNE 4th-8th from 5:30-8:15 pm Free Dinner served from 5:30-6:00 pm

Get ready for an exciting week of PandaMania – Where God is Wild About You! Our closing night which will include parents/guardians will be Friday, June 9th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Break out your jungle wear and get ready for a great time!

Hope to see you all there!

ДИТУ	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25				
Altar Guild	Bev Krick, Cindy Ickler	Bev Krick	Joann Rodriguez	Joann Rodriguez				
Liturgist: 8:15 10:45	Rev. Raymond Brooks (both services)	Nehara Andrews Doug Eakin	Tom Baum Patricia Stacey	Ken Gable Jane Gable				
Lamb's Talk	Communion, No Lamb's Talk	Mary Strausbaugh	Mel Eyer	Rev. Raymond Brooks				
Nursery: 8:15	Michelle Loomis, Sue Grubb	Doug Eakin, Allyn Litzelman	Barb Kiehl. Joyce Klinger	Donna Ratulowski, Patsy Bashore				
10:45	Jean Ruth Kathy Miller	Kendall Bankert Cathy Baum	Allyn Litzelman, Paula Taylor	Jean Ruth, Margie Creamer				
Ushers: 8:15 10:45	Daryl Potteiger*, Ken Keim, Larry Miller, Nevin Bashore, Mel Eyer Arv Krick*, Bev Krick, Larry Bishop, Sue Bishop, Melody Oligane * denotes Head Usher							
Coffee Fellowship	Adult Sunday School Class	Rodney, Betsy & Allison Miller	Chancel Choir	Adult Sunday School Class				
Adult SS Teacher	Betsy Miller	John Mickle	Sharon Miller	Ron Winter				
Elective SS Teacher	Mary Strausbaugh	Joe Seker	Joann Seker	Richard Creamer				
Counting Team	Dianne Schofield and	Randy Evertts						

HELP TRINITY BY SHOPPING AT YOUR LOCAL SUPERMARKET

Buy your Giant, Weis and Karns gift cards at Trinity. They come in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100. The cards can also be used in the pharmacy and for gas. Trinity Church receives 10% for every Giant card we sell and 5% for every Weis and Karns card we sell. The proceeds are used to help pay down the debt on the building. Cards can be purchased from Charlie Klinger in the Mt. Olivet Room on Sunday mornings at 9:30, or in the church office during the week, between 8:30 and 12:30.

New this year - register your Darrenkamp's Market Gold Card with their Community Rewards program and Trinity Church will earn 1% of your total Gold Card purchases. For more information, check out the flyer across from the mailboxes.



Thanks for your participation!

Thank you for participating in the National Day of Prayer. Many were blessed by the day.

Might you share your experience with us so that we may praise God for the work He is doing at Trinity?

(You may also email your blessings to admin@trinityumnc.com)

For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us... Forgive Us... Heal Us!

"O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O My God..." Daniel 9:19





Hear Us! Forgive Us! Heal Us!



THANK YOU NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thank you to the committee members who helped on the National Day of Prayer:

Rev. Andrews, Carol Evertts, Mary Herr, Jo Lower, Jocelyn MacMinn, Kathy Miller, Dianne Schofield, Dan Stokes, and Betty Winter. In addition to the committee members, our minister friends were a great support and help: Rev. Creamer, Rev. Haller, Rev. Miller, Rev. Peterson and Rev. Spengler. Many worked together, from taking pictures of the praying circle, to moving chairs for the service on the steps. Each person involved is appreciated!

Sixty-eight people each prayed for ½ hour in the 24 hour prayer vigil and 229 prayer requests were received and prayed for in the praying circle. All three services were meaningful to many. Look for an upcoming article in which participants share how they were touched by God on the day of prayer.

Submitted by Beth Sider

Reflections on Creation June 2017

"...No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." ~1 Corinthians 2:9

If you want an experience that feeds your body and soul, go visit Shenandoah National Park in the springtime. Due to the elevation on this section of the Skyline Drive in Virginia, the foliage unfolds later and you may experience the beauty and hushed expectancy of the season anew, and at a slower pace than we often have here in the land of 'hurry up and get hot.'

The great variety of plant and animal life, the challenging terrain, the sweeping vistas of purple mountains' majesty, the abundance of waterfalls cascading down the hollows thanks to the recent rain.... we were able to enjoy them all on a recent visit.

On our first full day we hiked around the popular Limberlost Trail and then continued down the White Oak Canyon Loop, which follows a rushing river down through a mountain pass and then over the edge, down a series of chutes and waterfalls. It was tempting to keep going a little further even though we knew we were going to have to climb back out of that canyon. Our trip was made even slower by the fact that we were birdwatching along the way and frequently stopped, trying to locate and identify the colorful spring migrants we were hearing. Several times we had to concede defeat because we could not spot our whistling targets. I'm sure all birders have wished for more clarity in this pursuit! Needless to say, we arrived back at the lodge feeling both exhilarated about all the birds and flowers we'd seen and spent from the effort. That evening, we decided to take our binoculars and stroll around the picnic grounds by the lodge after dinner. I heard my husband's voice calling me over and I could tell that he was on to something we had not yet seen, but he was so excited that all he could say was "Oh, he's beautiful!" over and over. Finally, I was able to spot the bird he was looking at and then I was almost speechless! It was a Blackburnian Warbler, a tiny bird I had been hoping to see for years. Marked strongly in black and white, with an orange throat like the sun, almost too bright to look at, and a piercing call which is so high it is reminiscent of a hearing test, this bird was right above our heads. We could not believe our good fortune at spotting this beauty! In fact, I actually got tears in my eyes and was saying 'Thank-you, Lord" out loud. Later I was a little giddy and woke up that night glad to know it was not a dream!

The next day we went again at birders' pace to hike a different trail in the park, this one leading downhill to Rapidan Camp, the presidential retreat built by Herbert Hoover and his wife, Lou. We put a lot of effort into scouring the underbrush and the tall trees all around us for anything which was cheeping, tweeting, whistling or chirping. Since there were more leaves at this elevation, we had to work harder to spot birds. But we were fortunate to get a tour of the house the Hoovers had built and loved so well... and we were grateful for the efforts they made to help establish the National Parks system in the East. These parks are such a wonderful resource for the public and for all living things!

By the time we hiked out, crossing numerous streams and stumbling over uneven terrain, we weren't sure we could tackle another hike that day. So we grabbed a snack and headed back to the beautiful picnic grove. No sooner had we put our stuff down then I heard the song of the Blackburnian Warbler right above us again! Incredible that he would be right where we saw him last, we lay our tired bodies down on the picnic benches and were able to enjoy the wonderful sight of this special little bird without any effort on our part. No craning our necks or holding binoculars up at an uncomfortable angle, no stomping up and down steep hills... we were able to lay our heads back and just watch him in the comfort of warm sunshine and respite for our tired legs. I found myself laughing and saying, 'Yes, this is the way to do it in style! This is the easy way to go birding!"

Lord, you never fail to surprise me with your goodness and the diversity and bounty of your creation. Every little creature is special because of your touch. Thank you, Lord; thank you indeed!!

~ Jady Conroy

June 2017 <u>Sundays</u> 8:15 AM Worship Service - S 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship - FH 10:45 AM Worship Service - S			$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 28 FH=Fellowship Hall MO=Mt. Olivet Room O=Otterbein Conf. Rm S=Sanctuary SJ=St. Johns Room	29 CR=Creation Room PS=Preschool Room YD=Young Disciple Rm WR=Wellness Room L&L=Lion & Lamb Rm	30	31	Jun 1 6:30pm VBS Meeting (MO)	2 9:00am Prayer Breakfast (Ickler's)	3
4 1:00pm Private Event (S & MO) 5:30pm VBS 6:30pm Pray Shawl (Karnes)	5 9:30am Strong Women (MO) 5:30pm VBS	6 5:30pm VBS	7 9:30am Strong Women (MO) 10:00am Staff Mtg (OC) 5:30pm VBS	8 5:30pm VBS	9 6:00pm VBS	10
11 Graduates Recognition Day 6:00pm Youth Group (CR & FH)	12 6:00pm Safe Sanctuary Training (SJ)	13 6:30pm Hospitality Mtg. 7:00pm N C Town Band (FH)	14	15 Tidings' Deadline 10:00am Sewing (YD)	16	17
18 Father's Day 9:30am Blood Pressures 5:00pm N C Town Band Concert	19	20 7:00pm N C Town Band (FH)	21 Youth SC Mission Trip	22	23	24
(rain location) (EH)	26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1
6:00pm Youth Group (CR & FH) 6:30pm Pray Shawl (Karnes)	6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting (SJ) 6:30pm SIS Meeting (FH)	8:30am Assemble Tidings (OC) 2:00pm Sunnier Side of 60 (S) 7:00pm N C Town Band (FH)	9:00am Summer in the SONshine			





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Sunday School Classes for all ages \sim Sundays at 9:30 AM

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TAKE 5 TO PRAY DAILY @ 8:30 PM

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