



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**

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear Trinity Family,

Let me begin by wishing each of you a truly joyous season of Thanksgiving!

This season offers us special moments as families and individuals to look back and count our blessings. As I think of the act of giving thanks to God, I would like to share a principle that I learned over the years. It is a principle that has helped me tremendously. Before we get to the principle, let me ask you a question. As somebody who loves and follows God, when is it that your praise to Him comes forth spontaneously? Some of our responses may be such as, “when my prayers are answered” or “when I was blessed with even more than what I imagined” or “when everything has been as good as it could be”.

Some years ago, I learned that praise is not just a possibility, it can be the remedy! This principle greatly changed the way I viewed challenging situations. To put it simply, my prayers were being transformed by this understanding. For instance, when something went wrong, my prayer could have been, “Lord, please help”. Instead my prayer would be turned to, “Lord, I praise you because I have you with me in this. I know you can handle it. I praise you in advance for the solution you are working out.”

*praise is not just a possibility,
it can be the remedy!*

In Acts 16, Paul and Silas were placed in prison. They were falsely charged and unjustly treated. They had been stripped, beaten, severely flogged, and thrown into prison. In fact, the Bible tells us in Acts 16:24 that they were put in the inner cell with their feet fastened in the stocks. But what a contrast verse 25 is!! It is a scene-changing verse. It is a turning point in the narrative. The Bible declares, “about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God and the other prisoners were listening to them.” This is truly amazing. They turned a prison experience into a worship service. Can you imagine the utter surprise of fellow prisoners? Here were men just like them who were at the loss of their physical mobility and inflicted with intense physical pain. They could have cursed, threatened or simply burst into tears. They did none of that. They chose to believe that praise was not just a possibility but it could be the remedy!

How can we apply these principles in our daily lives? Let me suggest the following. The next time you are faced with a challenge, would you stop and compare yourself with somebody in a worse situation. That may inspire you to say, “Lord, I know this is tough, but it could be worse. I know this is tough, but I choose to think of others going through harder times. I know this is tough, but I will not allow it to steal my joy in you and my praise to you.”

Friend, we do not fathom the power of praise until we exercise the discipline of praise. The Bible tells us in Acts 16:26 that the worship service in that prison cell led to an earthquake that shook the prison to its foundation. People who were bound in chains one moment were freed in the next. More importantly, Paul and Silas

could share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the jailer. As a result of their testimony, the jailer and his family came to know Christ and declared their new-found faith in the waters of baptism. What a powerful illustration of how praise can not only bring us out of tight corners but can also help us win others to our Savior.

On a personal note, we want to thank each of you as a family for your faithful prayers for us through our immigration process. We were delighted and moved to tears when we received word that our request for permanent residence in the United States had been approved. We received intimation on October 10th that our request had been approved on October 7 – one day before my birthday! Some of you will recall that in 2014 our family was granted approval of our petition for our visas to move to the US – on my birthday that year! We are truly grateful for God's grace and America's welcome. The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services have been more than gracious to us as a family. We especially recognize the support of Bishop Jeremiah Park and his cabinet, our Harrisburg Superintendent Rev. Barry Robison, Janice Ocamb, Bob Rosenthal, Ken Gable, Beth Sider and our Leadership Team, the offices of Senator Bob Casey Jr., Senator Pat Toomey, and Congressman Scott Perry. Each of you in our Trinity family have meant so much to us through this period of waiting and praying. I would like to especially mention my gratitude for Evan and Marian Semoff, David Brinton and Tim Schaeffer who sought the help and support of the team of Congressman Scott Perry. Thanks to Bob Morrison for his support. I want to especially express my gratitude to Carol Wilson and Jocelyn MacMinn for their role in helping me with the paperwork in the process. It is hard to mention each person but I am convinced that there were so many of you who were faithfully praying for the process. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!!!

As I bring this letter to a close, it is not hard to see that this has been a truly hard time in the region and the world. The hurricanes, the Las Vegas shooting, fires in California, the struggles in Puerto Rico, the uncertainty with North Korea and other matters continue to draw our attention, prayers and involvement. Thanks to you as a congregation for your sincere and sacrificial support extended towards rehabilitating those affected by the hurricanes. At times like this, we must set our eyes upon God and seek to be instruments of comfort and peace in our broken world. Even in the worst of times we recognize the words that the prophet Habakkuk wrote in 2:20, "But the Lord is in His Holy temple: let all the earth be silent before Him"

Seeking to be still,

Arun

*But the Lord is
in His Holy temple:
let all the earth
be silent before Him.*

~ Habakkuk 2:20

NOVEMBER 2017 THEME: THANKFUL!

November 5

Thankful for their legacy

(All Saints' Sunday)

Scriptures: Hebrews 11:1-12/ Joshua 24:29-31

November 12

Thankful for their witness

(International day for the persecuted church)

Scriptures: Hebrews 11:32-40/ Acts 7:54-60

November 19 - UNITED SERVICE

Thankful for the power of the gospel

Music and Message: Benny and Zanbeni Prasad

Scriptures: Psalm 40:1-8/ 2 Corinthians 5:16-17

November 26

Thankful through trials

Sermon: Kim Ickler Nichols

Scriptures: Psalm 46/ Acts 16:16-40

**10:45 AM UNITED SERVICE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**



BENNY & ZANBENI

Come and listen to the transformation journey of Benny & Zanbeni Prasad from India. Benny Prasad is the World's Fastest to travel to every nation, i.e. 245 nations in 6 years, 6 months & 22 days. He was suicidal at 16, having failed in studies and health and an encounter with Jesus Christ transformed his life completely.

NOVEMBER 26TH SERVICE

Our preacher on Sunday, Nov 26 is Kimberly Nichols. "Kim Ickler", as many of us in Trinity know her, actively grew up in Trinity and graduated from our Trinity Youth Group. Kim is the daughter of Dave and Cindy Ickler. Kim went on to attend Messiah College and graduated in 2011 with a degree in Youth Ministries. Following graduation Kim spent 5 months as a missionary in Swaziland, South Africa. Upon returning home, she served for two years as Pastor of Children and Youth at Grantham Brethren in Christ in Mechanicsburg, PA. Currently she is living with her husband in Lancaster and pursuing her passions through her local church.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**November 19th at 7:00 pm
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
530 Bridge Street, New Cumberland PA**

THANKSGIVING TURKEY DINNER: CANCELED

We apologize for this change in plan. Further to our announcement in October 8th's bulletin about our proposed turkey dinner, we realized that we have several programs scheduled in the same season. With this in mind, we felt it was appropriate to cancel this year's Thanksgiving turkey dinner. We will plan for next year's for sure! Kindly contact Pastor Arun, Janice Ocamb, Arv Krick or Donna Ratulowski if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation and for understanding this situation.

FINDING THE FORGOTTEN: A GLIMPSE INTO THE WORLD OF DISABILITY.

Would you like to make a morning trip of a 40-minute drive to experience the powerful exhibit created by Joni and friends? The exhibit is titled: Finding the Forgotten: A glimpse into the world of disability. Finding the Forgotten strives to promote a biblical worldview on disability ministry and mobilize participants into holistic action. This multi-sensory exhibit takes you through a 30-minute experience where you encounter stories of families affected by disability. Through compelling audio and realistic visuals, you have the opportunity to see how disability manifests itself both here in America and around the world. We invite you to explore your role in responding to Luke 14:21,23 "Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame...and compel them to come in so that my house will be full". We plan to visit the exhibit Nov 11th at 9:30 AM. Those interested are requested to place their name on the sign-up sheet across from the mailboxes. Beginning January 2018, we plan to offer a 16-session program titled, "Beyond Suffering" which will be led by Lisa Wickenheiser.



THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

~A note of grateful appreciation~

I offer to Pastor Arun, Ken Gable and to each member of the Leadership Team, in addition to Miriam and Nehara for their selection, input and comfort-testing - my sincere and heartfelt appreciation for their gracious and caring gift of a beautiful reclining lounge chair.

There is an Old World saying that includes the words, "May the road rise to meet you..."

My dear Trinity family has done one even better! As I now have the luxury of a comfort-mobility chair with a push-button device that not only raises the seat to meet me, but also reclines for sleeping.

I have been most blessed - and am truly humbled by your compassion and efforts on my behalf.

Thank you! With all my heart, Barbara Z.

A CROP Walk Thank You

I would like to thank all those who helped to make Trinity's participation in this year's CROP Walk such a success. First, I would like to thank our walkers, the most we've had is several years - Pastor Arun and Nehara Andrews, Jady and Bill Conroy, Nick Emig, Marcia, Lee and Melanie

Haller, Vicki Redfern, and Dan Stokes. What an awesome group to share a walk with on such a beautiful day. I would also like to thank all of those who contributed to this very worthy cause. We walked for over \$1,600 - the most generous collection from Trinity to date! And last but definitely not least, thank you for all of your prayers. We have been truly blessed by all of your support. I pray these prayers and gifts will bless those who need our help so much.

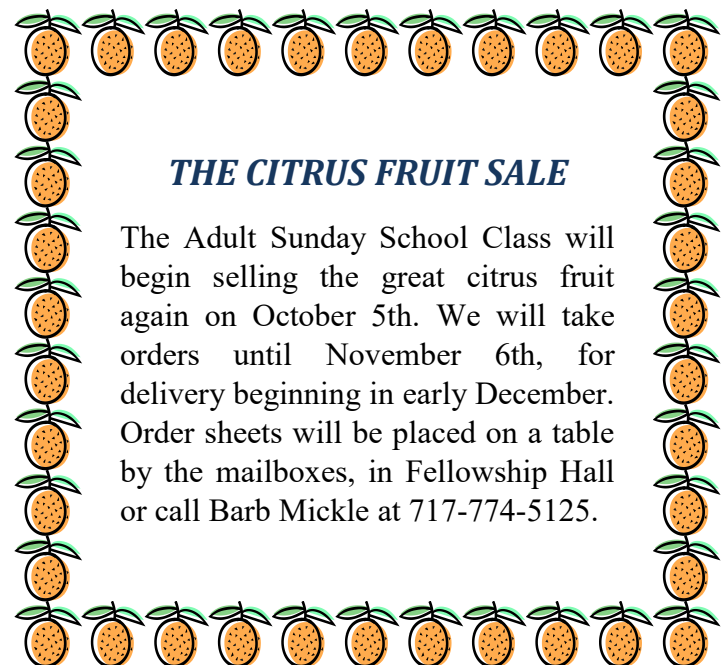
With deep gratitude - Mel Eyer



Trinity's generous spirit was felt by the team who walked the streets of downtown Harrisburg on October 15
Picture by Pastor Arun



The Joyful Noise Trio gave the gift of beautiful harmony singing the Vickie's Angel Song at the kickoff of the this year's Angel Walk. Grateful to Wilma Rockey, Joyce Warcholak and Kendall Bankert for music ministry beyond the walls of 415 Bridge St.



THE CITRUS FRUIT SALE

The Adult Sunday School Class will begin selling the great citrus fruit again on October 5th. We will take orders until November 6th, for delivery beginning in early December. Order sheets will be placed on a table by the mailboxes, in Fellowship Hall or call Barb Mickle at 717-774-5125.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER

Once again, we will be decorating the church with poinsettias for Christmas Eve services. If you would like to order a poinsettia(s), orders are due in the church office, along with your cash or check made payable to Trinity United Methodist Church (showing "Poinsettia" in the memo) by **Sunday, December 10th, 2017**. Cost of the poinsettias are \$8.00 each.

_____ 6" Red Poinsettia _____ 6" White Poinsettia

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Take Flowers: _____ Leave for Homebound: _____

If you are planning to take your poinsettia(s), they should be picked up no later than **Tuesday morning, December 26th**.

Your Name: _____

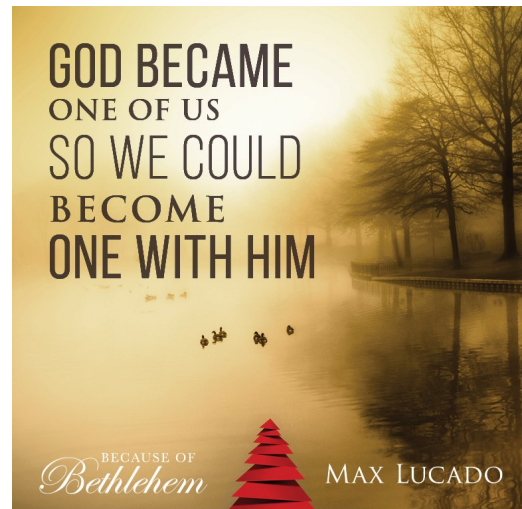
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Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Check _____ Cash _____

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY

Max Lucado's, "Because of Bethlehem", is a 4 week Bible Study that will be held Sundays November 26th thru December 17th in the Otterbein Conference Room during Sunday School (the Elective Sunday School Class). If you are interested in joining the study please contact Sharon Sheffer at either 774-3137 or sesheffer@oulook.com.



YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to all of you that donated scarecrow clothing to help make our scarecrow fund raiser a success by selling over 90 scarecrows. And a “special thank you” to the following individuals who went that extra mile to help: Pastor Arun, Dan Stokes, Carol Wilson, Ed Rynex, Doug Johns, Jed and Sue Beshore, Mike Schofield, Donna Ratulowski, Haley Warner and our amazing youth. Your help is greatly appreciated!
~Jo Ann and Joe Seker

November 5

6-8 PM Youth Group
Creation Room and FH

November 12

6-8 PM Youth Group
Creation Room and FH

November 17-19

Youth Fall Retreat
Wesley Forest



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Did you ever hear the saying, “the more the merrier”? That saying rings true with the preparations for the Children’s Christmas Program. We would love to have as many children join in the fun. If your child would like to be part of the program, please contact Pat Roh or any of the Sunday School teachers. The children will practice every Sunday morning in November during Sunday school. Dress Rehearsal will be December 2nd from 9am-11am with a Christmas Party immediately following. It’s a great time of fellowship with the children and teachers. We hope to have many merry, smiling faces for our Christmas program!

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

“A Christmas Journey”

By John & Nina Bates

Sunday, December 3rd

3:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Reception following the program

Sunday Duties for November 2017

<i>DUTY</i>	<i>November 5</i>	<i>November 12</i>	<i>November 19</i>	<i>November 26</i>
Altar Guild	Bonnie Minskey, Cindy Ickler (pew communion)	Bonnie Minskey	Kathy Brosius	Kathy Brosius
Liturgist: 8:15 10:45	Rev. Richard Creamer (both services)	Jan Ocamb Betsy Miller	No 8:15 Service Gordon Taylor	Kathy Miller Beth Sider
Children's Talk	No Children's Talk communion	Marjorie Creamer	No Children's Talk united service	Rev. Raymond Brooks
Nursery: 8:15 10:45	Doug Eakin Betty Caboot	Patsy Bashore Jady Conroy Bev Krick Jean Ruth	No 8:15 Service	Sue Bishop Kendall Bankert Jodi Walters
Ushers: 8:15 10:45	<p style="text-align: center;">Jim Wertz*, Eric Rodgers, Scott Loomis, Scott Sundy, Brian Weller</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dave Leppo*, Mary Twigg, Scott Bankert, Melody Oligane, Norm Batcheler</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*denotes head usher</p>			
Coffee Fellowship	Adult SS Class	Tuesday Morning Group	Chancel Choir	Adult SS Class
Adult SS Teacher	Joe Seker	JoAnn Seker	Shirley Sharpe	Rodney Miller
Elective SS Teacher	John Mickle	Bob Rosenthal	Sharon Sheffer	George Karnes
Counting Team	Dianne Schofield and Randy 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 TRIPLE 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!

2017 Musicale

EMMANUEL

Our God is With Us

United Bells | Chancel Choir | Sing and Celebrate
Sonshine Choir | Trinity Youth Singers



December 14th 7:00 pm

December 17th 10:45 am

Trinity United Methodist Church
415 Bridge Street, New Cumberland PA

Rev. Arun Andrews - Senior Pastor | Dan Stokes - Music Minister

Reflections on Creation
November 2017

"Though I am surrounded by troubles, you will bring me safely through them." ~Psalm 138:7

I keep chickens as pets. I am also owned by a dog and a horse. For sure, none of us are spring chickens! But the tradeoff is that I have lots of memories and relationships in which we know each other and are known. Unlike a puppy, our silly, hairy, older dog knows her name and all the familiar routines. I can predict her reactions to things and am confident about her behavior. She's easy to care for at this stage.

My quarter horse mare's breath is gentle on my hand. She touches me with her soft nose while I lead her back out to the pasture after an easy trail ride. I don't ask her for high levels of performance. It makes me smile when she nudges my face with her muzzle, begging for the treats she smells in my pocket. We are old friends getting old together.

My chickens of-many-colors allow me to move among them, and they cluck softly as I tend to their needs for food and water. They look to me for treats and diversions. There is a feeling of trust there which has been earned. I am rewarded with eggs and the pleasure of watching their crazy antics.

Many of these creatures have had times when their health has been compromised in some way. I've doubted my ability to make them comfortable, to make a difference, to make them well. It may sound silly, but many times I've prayed for them. Mostly, I surrender them to the Lord, saying "She's yours, Lord. Please help me to help her." Just knowing that I can put the burden down is such a relief. More than once, situations which seemed dire have made a big turnaround and I have been thankful for the hope I've been given. Where would we be without hope? In constant despair, that's where. I thank God for caring about every aspect of our lives. What a blessing it is to have the Lord as our strength and our refuge when we feel overwhelmed! We have a constant resource in the One who created all.

I know I will continue to call upon that strength as I amble along on my life's journey, often in the company of creatures great and small....

Creator God, you gave us dominion over the animals of the earth. Thank you for their companionship and the blessings they bring us. Help us to repay them in kindness and love.. Amen. ~Jady Conroy



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's time to pack shoeboxes!

We will be collecting filled boxes here at Trinity. You may bring them in any time but **please have them here by November 14th**. There will be a space on a hallway table for them. More information will be provided at church. If you have any questions, please contact Jady Conroy in the church office. Thanks for your participation!

November 2017

Choir & Bell Rehearsals:

December 2017

Sundays

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

Wednesdays

6:30 PM
Sing & Celebrate

6:30-7:15 PM
Sonshine Singers

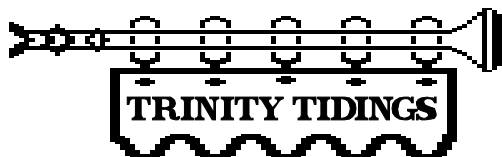
Thursdays

6:30-7:30 PM
United Bells

7:30 PM
Chancel Choir

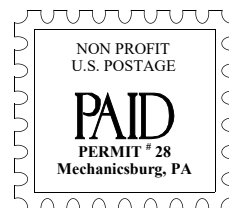
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4
			9:30am Strong Women (MO)	10:00am Sewing (YD)	9:00am Prayer Breakfast (Ickler's)	9:00am Communion Prep (K)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:00am Play Practice (FH) 6:00pm Youth Group (CR & FH)	9:30am Strong Women (MO) 10:45am Grandparents in Prayer (SJ)	9:30am TMG (FH) 7:00pm N C Town Band (SJ)	9:30am Strong Women (MO)			9:30am Finding the Forgotten Exhibit
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10:00am Play Practice (FH) 6:00pm Youth Group (CR & FH) 6:30pm Prayer Shawl (Karnes)	Tidings' Deadline 9:30am Strong Women (MO)	7:00pm Adult S S Class Mtg (SJ)	9:30am Strong Women (MO) 10:00am Staff Mtg. (OC)	10:00am Sewing (YD)	Youth Fall Retreat 2:00pm Private Party (FH & K)	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Youth Fall Retreat 9:30am Blood Pressures 10:00am Play Practice (FH) 10:45am United Service (S) 2:00pm HDLSM 7:00pm Community	9:30am Strong Women (MO) 10:45am Grandparents in Prayer (SJ)	8:30am Assemble Tidings (OC) 7:00pm N C Town Band (FH)	9:30am Strong Women (MO)	Office Closed	Decorate Tree (S) Office Closed ?	Decorate Church
26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2
10:00am Play Practice (FH) 6:30pm Prayer Shawl (Karnes)	9:30am Strong Women (MO) 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting (SJ)	7:00pm N C Town Band (FH)	9:30am Strong Women (MO)		FH=Fellowship Hall MO=Mt. Olivet Room O=Otterbein Conf. Rm S=Sanctuary SJ=St. Johns Room	CR=Creation Room PS=Preschool Room YD=Young Disciple Rm WR=Wellness Room L&L=Lion & Lamb Rm



Dated Material

FORWARDING SERVICE
REQUESTED



November 2017

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
415 BRIDGE STREET
NEW CUMBERLAND, PA 17070

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Worship Services ~ Sundays at 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM
Sunday School Classes for all ages ~ Sundays at 9:30 AM

TAKE 5
TO PRAY
DAILY
@ 8:30 PM

Please submit
articles for the
**DECEMBER
2017
TIDINGS**
by
November 13th

Church Office Hours:

Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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Church website: www.trinityumnc.com



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