Trinity Tidings

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A JOURNEY FOR A GREATER CAUSE

celebrating the "why?" of who we are!

We are his workmanship, created for good works in Christ.... Ephesians 2:10 Proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Luke 4:19

From the Pastor's Desk

My dear Trinity Family,

It was about 4 pm on a Wednesday when Phoebe returned home from work. She was trembling from head to toe and quickly slumped into the couch in her living room. Hers had been a hard life, having been adopted at the age of 3 and left orphaned again at the age of 16. She had tried to find love in many places – in hobbies, in friends, and in deeper relationships. Over the last 3 months she had been dating a man who seemed like Heaven's gift to her. He truly cared. He was sensitive. He even sent her a gift every week. And she was dreaming of sharing her life with him. But all that had changed in the last hour. Phoebe discovered that the man she was dating was already married and that his wife had just found out about their relationship. Phoebe was broken, disappointed, angry and decided to leave town for good.

The Gospel of Luke speaks to us about two disciples who left Jerusalem because they felt defeated. Over a period of three years, they have heard, examined, and finally trusted Jesus of Nazareth. They had found new life and promise in becoming his disciples. Then everything changed in 24 hours. He was tried, flogged, rejected, and crucified. One moment the center of their affection and admiration: the next moment he was dead and gone! Like Phoebe, these men left Jerusalem broken-hearted and probably imagined that they would never come back.

Are there places in your life that you would never want to go back to? Are they places of failure, disappointment, harsh judgements, deception, loss and maybe even death? Does the memory of those experiences bring back emotions that threaten to unnerve you? Or even make you dysfunctional?

The death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus are not only pivotal to the Christian faith, but historical events that were meant to alter the course of human history and our lives. Renowned Pastor and Author Rick Warren says, "Two thousand years ago in the Middle East, an event occurred that permanently changed the world. Because of that event, history was split. Every time you write a date, you're using the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as the focal point."

As we think of voices in time and history, author and pastor Max Lucado brings us some observations in the book, "He Chose the Nails". He observes that the French philosopher Voltaire believed that the Bible and Christianity would pass within a hundred years. He died in 1778. The movement of Christ continues. In 1882, Friedrich Nietzsche pronounced, "God is dead." The dawn of science, he believed, would be the doom of faith. Science has dawned; the movement continues. Max Lucado also notes that a Communist dictionary defined the Bible as, "a collection of fantastic legends without any scientific support". Communism is diminishing, the movement continues. Lucado argues that "there is a discovery made by every person who has tried to bury the faith. It is the same as the one made by those who tried to bury its founder: He won't stay in the tomb."

On Easter morn, the Bible gives evidence of early visitors to the tomb of Christ who found that his body was not there. Following this, Christ's appearance to the women and then to the disciples became proof to what

Dr. John Stott said, "We live and die; Christ died and lived!" In Luke 24, the two disciples who had left Jerusalem with hearts of discouragement were met by Christ on the road to Emmaus. While they did not recognize him during the walk, their eyes were opened as he communed with them. Notice what a difference the resurrection makes! The men who were running away from their place of defeat and painful memories were literally turned around. Luke 24: 33-35 says that they got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them assembled together and saying, "it is true, the Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon". Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke bread.

What a testimony!

It is possible that you may be feeling like Phoebe or one of those disciples in some part of your life. Take heart! Easter reminds you that Christ is greater than every problem you can ever face. At the cross, He paid for your sins, defeated Satan, brought you the promise of a fulfilling life and opened the gates of glory.

Let me close by wishing you and your loved ones a truly blessed month of April. As Spring arrives, let us remember the words of Martin Luther, "Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf of springtime."

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

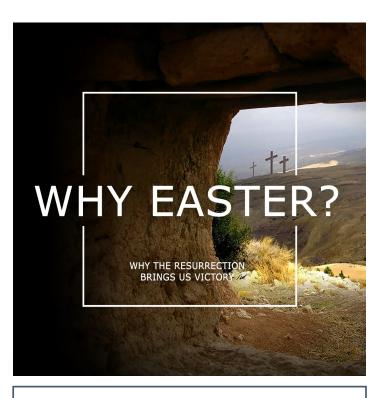
Wishing you a fresh experience of the Risen Christ and the power of his Resurrection!

Because He lives, Arun

P.S: I wish to encourage each of you to join us in our observance of the National Day of Prayer. I also wish to thank you for your support to our Lenten Mission support request and to the Heifer project which was undertaken by our children's ministry. Thanks also for your support to the coffee mug collection drive undertaken by our youth ministry. Thanks to all of you who support the second-hand sale. Your prayers, participation and support help Trinity serve God and people with love.

'The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, buy unoffered prayer.'

~ F. B. Meyer



APRIL 2018 THEME: WHY EASTER?

WHY THE RESURRECTION BRINGS US VICTORY

April 1

Because it addresses our sorrows

Scripture 1: John 20: 1-10 Scripture 2: John 20: 11-18

April 8

Because it addresses our fears

Scripture 1: Mark 4: 35-41 Scripture 2: John 20: 19-23

April 15

Because it addresses our doubts

Scripture 1: Matthew 16: 13-20 Scripture 2: John 20: 24-29

April 22 Youth Sunday

April 29

United service: When God's people pray

Scripture 1: Matthew 7: 7-12 Scripture 2: James 5: 13-20

(Guest speaker with a testimony that will bless your heart. Please plan to invite your friends with whom you wish to share the Gospel.)

NEW CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY DAY

MAY 5, 2018 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Community Day is an outreach event that the New Cumberland Churches offer, in conjunction with the New Cumberland Olde Towne Association, on May 5th, 2018 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Each participating church provides a free food item. Each church also offers a free activity for children such as children's crafts, spin art, and games. There will be music between 11:00 am – 1:00 pm for your enjoyment. The Olde Towne Association will have vendors available on 3rd St. between Market and Bridge Streets from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. There will also be local nonprofit organizations that will share information at this event.

Trinity Church participates in this outreach event. Watch for inserts in the Sunday Bulletin for ways you can help. Your help in this outreach project will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your help with this outreach.

FRIDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY SOUP MINITRY



The purpose of this proposed ministry is to spread the love of God and His works through serving a FREE hot meal of soup to those in need in our community. We will serve HIS words and

love along with a needed hot meal and introduce God into the lives of those who may not yet know Him. John 12:26 says, "If anyone serves me let him follow me and where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, him my Father will honor. We are looking for and in need of persons with all kinds of expertise and assistance to make this a successful outreach ministry program. Some of the areas needed will be marketing, advertising, interaction with guests, cooking, and serving. Please feel free to direct any questions you may have to Ken Puller. (Cell: 816-2676 Home: 932-1419)

MILES FOR MISSIONS WALK/RUN-A-THON

to Benefit Bishop's Partners In Mission



May 19th 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Shank Park 781 Bullfrog Valley Road Hummelstown PA 17036

Trinity United Methodist Church is participating in the Miles for Missions Walk/Run-a-thon to benefit Bishop's Partners in Mission. 100% of the donations collected will go to Bishop's Partners in Mission to Support: **Imagine No Malaria & Mission Central**. This is not a competitive run and all age groups are invited to participate. Sponsorship Forms are available on the table across from the mailboxes. If you would like to donate, but not run/walk, please make checks payable to *Susquehanna Conference UMC*, with the memo line: BPIM, Advance #7090. For more information and downloadable resources, including the sponsorship form, visit tinyurl.com/BishopsPIM and click on 2018 Miles for Missions Walk/Run-a-thon Events.

Tomb, thou shalt not hold him longer;
Death is strong, but life is stronger;
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right;
Faith and Hope triumphant say,
Christ will rise on Easter Day

- Phillips Brooks

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

Trinity United Methodist Church,

The family would like to thank you for providing a warm place to have Dad's funeral. Your church is beautiful.

Sincerely, The Simmons Family

To my Trinity Family,

I would like to express my deepest thanks for your prayers, notes, cards, calls, flowers and visits during my recent recovery from back surgery. Your love and encouragement have been uplifting. I feel blessed to be a part of Trinity fellowship.

~ John Sharpe

To my wonderful church family,

Thank you for all you have done for me while I am recuperating - the basket of prayers, the prayer shawl, visits, phone calls, flowers, cards, prayers and concerns. All of this has meant so much to me. With the warmest appreciation, Laura Wright

Dear Trinity Church members,

Thank you for making all the Boy Scouts from Troop 269 and their families feel so welcomed and at home. All the guys really love coming and doing their part for Boy Scout Sunday. God Bless you! Love, Chris & Sharon Immel and Travis Trick



APRIL SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY

The April Sunnier Side of Sixty service will be held on Tuesday afternoon, April 24th at 2 PM. The theme will be "Why praying for those who hurt us can make us stronger." Elaine Ocamb, a longtime Trinity member and graduate of Messiah College, will be our speaker. The Trinity Flute Ensemble will minister in music. A fellowship time hosted by the Faithful Trinity Volunteers will follow in the Mt. Olivet Room. All are invited!

Love's redeeming work is done! Hallelujah!

These words of Charles Wesley from the most beloved hymn, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" proclaim the triumph of our faith in Christ. The "Hallelujahs" of Easter will continue to resound at Trinity on, "A Sunday of Hallelujahs", April 15th at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. with congregational song and joyous anthems accompanied by multiple keyboards and instruments! Trinity's United Bells will provide a favorite with a beautiful setting of Leonard Cohen's, "Hallelujah". As always, this service provides one more opportunity to extend an invitation. Your circle of family and friends may include someone who needs this gift of encouragement along life's journey. As you read this article, join us in prayer that the musical offerings of this day will serve to proclaim the power of redeeming love to an open heart!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2nd Hand Sale dates & hours:

May 1 - 12 (noon) to 7 p.m. May 2 - 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

May 3 - 8 a.m. to 12 (noon)

DAYTIME DROP OFF:

April 23, 24, 25, 26, & 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 (noon)

EVENING DROP OFF:

April 25 and 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

All money collected from the sale will be donated to the church mission fund. Team L Triple H is providing pick up by request & appointment. Please contact Mike Schofield at 938-3548 to schedule this service. Donna Ratulowski at 512-3365 is serving as coordinator.

"One person's junk is another person's treasure."

SIMPLIFY & DONATE!

THE
GOING CHURCH
IS
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CHURCH



Second Hand Sale Volunteer Opportunities May 2018

Accept Donations (Week of 4/23.9 a.m. to 12 noon)

4/25 & 4/26 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.					
Set up – Tables, racks, move items from Sunday, April 22 12 (noon)					
Set up continued Week of 4/23 and Mon 4/30 9 a.n.					
Work at Sale – Cashier, floor help	Daytime Evening				
Help in kitchen – provide food for volunt					
Donate food for volunteers Type of food item					
Clean up – Thursday, May 3 th at 12:00 p.m. to ??					
Name:					
Phone Number:					
Email Address:					

Please place in the offering plate, give to Donna Ratulowski (717-512-3365), or put in her church mailbox. For planning purposes a *RSVP by April 22* is requested, however, your help will be accepted at any time. Your assistance is most appreciated!



April 1

April 8

6-8 PM Youth Group Creation Room and FH

April 15

6-8 PM Youth Group Creation Room and FH

April 22

6-8 PM Youth Group Creation Room and FH

April 29

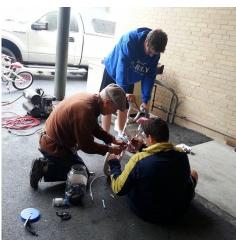
6-8 PM Youth Group Creation Room and FH

THE TRINITY BIKE EXTRAVAGANZA IS BACK!

This year will be bigger and busier than ever because it will happen on Community Day May 5th. Trinity youth group will take the lead for the event but as always, they can use some adult help. Given the potential for a lot of traffic at the church, we will need people to help with setup and teardown of tables, canopies, bike selection, bike sizing, bike fixing, learning to ride with a balance bike, possibly doing crowd control, registering bikes to get contact information for later use, sizing helmets, etc. The youth will be giving the bikes a final cleaning with soap and water, maybe pumping tires and fixing the odd flat tire.



We expect to have 40-50 bikes of all sizes, so we need help transporting them, a medium/large box truck or flatbed trailer with rails is ideal. Contact Jim Uber (717) 938-3108 if you can help with transportation.



SUMMER IN THE SONSHINE

"The BEST place for KIDS this SUMMER!"

Our 2018 Summer in the SONshine days will be June 27, July 11, and July 25 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm each day. Summer in the SONshine is a FREE program of songs, worship, crafts, games and entertainment. Lunch will be provided. The theme this year is **JOY - Jesus, Others & You!** The closing program will be Sunday, July 29th beginning at 9:30 a.m. with a FREE Family Breakfast for children and their families. Please contact the church office if you are interested in volunteering.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is for children entering Kindergarten through 12th grades.

Sunday, June 3^{rd} through Thursday, June 7^{th} from 5:30-8:15 pm every night. A FREE dinner will be served from 5:30-6:00 pm. Closing program which will include parents/guardians will be Friday, June 8^{th} from 6:00-8:00 pm. Donna Ratulowski at 717-512-3365 is serving as coordinator.



Sunday Duties for April 2018

Duty	Apríl 1	Apríl 8	Apríl 15	Apríl 22	Apríl 29			
Altar Guild	Millie Walters Jane Gable	Allyn Litzelman	Sue Butler	Sue Butler	Sue Grubb			
Liturgist: 8:15	Rev. Rodney Miller	John Mickle	George Karnes	Youth Sunday				
10:45	Rev. Rodney Miller	Kathy Miller	Jody Blacksmith		Jan Ocamb			
Children's Talk	Communion No Children's Talk	Kim Ickler Nichols	Cheryl Bargo	Youth Sunday	Dr. Crystal Downing			
Nursery: 8:15	Sue Bishop	Cheryl Bargo D. Schofield	Patsy Bashore	Sandi Tobias Sue Grubb				
10:45		Mary Herr Sue Butler	Rhoda Houser					
Ushers: 8:15	Ryan Wickenheiser*, Greg Cassimatis, Lori Young, Peddrick Young, Doug Eakin							
10:45	George Karnes*, Raymond Brooks, Ethel Brooks, Jim Strausbaugh, Sue Bishop							
Coffee Fellowship	Adult Sunday School Class	Sing and Celebrate	Chancel Choir	Adult Sunday School Class	none			
Adult SS Teacher	Marsha Haller	Pastor Peterson	Raymond Brooks	Betsy Miller	Arun Andrews			
Elective SS Teacher	Bob Rosenthal	Mary Strausbaugh	Shirley Sharpe	Mel Eyer	Combined S.S.			
Counting Team	Karen Brinton and Kathy Miller							

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS: PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

10th Year Anniversary!

Barbara Zimmerman started a prayer shawl ministry at Trinity in 2007. In April, 2008 the Praying Trinity Stitchin' Sisters were officially established and are celebrating ten years of dedicated ministry. In the past ten years, 656 shawls have been created with prayer to the glory of God and given to loved ones in need.





PRAYER RALLY KICK-OFF

6:30 - 7:00 PM, Wednesday evening, May 2nd
Baughman United Methodist, 228 Bridge Street, New Cumberland
Prayer and Praise
Music led by singers from Trinity and Baughman

24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Sign up for a half hour slot
7:00 PM to 7:00 AM Prayer Vigil at your home with personal praying guide
7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Prayer Vigil in the Trinity sanctuary with guided personal praying guide
Coffee and pastries will be provided throughout the day

PRAYER RALLY SEND-OFF

6:30 - 7:00 PM, Thursday evening, May 3rd Trinity United Methodist, 415 Bridge Street Prayer and Praise Music led by Trinity Chancel Choir

PRAYING ON THE STREETS OF NEW CUMBERLAND

7:00 PM - We will go from Trinity in groups to pray for our schools, businesses, government, church, and community.

Rev. Arun Andrews, Rev. Dr. Win Green, Carol Evertts, Mary Herr, Jo Lower, Jocelyn MacMinn, Kathy Miller, Tina Moyer, Dianne Schofield, Beth Sider, Dan Stokes, Betty WinterCommittee Members

Reflections on Creation April 2018

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.

Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard."

~Psalm 19:1-3

So, if you read my story last month, you know that I was awaiting my cataract surgery on my right eye. I'm happy to say that it has now been completed and I am in the adjustment phase of healing. I've been surprised over and over again by visual things-like being able to see the stars! For years I was missing their clarity. Trying to view them with binoculars is just not the same. I'm wondering, if you wear glasses, whether you have had the same experience as me - feeling like when you can't see well, you cannot hear well, either? Last night, as I put the puppy outside just before bedtime, I noticed that she paused and cocked her head, listening to an unusual sound. I slowly realized that there were little yips and yelps that did not line up with any typical nighttime neighborhood noises. Surely children would not be outside playing in the cold dark... and coyotes give a longer howl. It was not a dog barking. It wasn't music playing... The sound was persistent but faint. I looked up and enjoyed yet another thrill of pleasure that the night sky is so visible to me now. Then I realized that the source of the sounds we were hearing was above us! Way up among the wispy clouds, invisible to me but surely not to God, was a flock of some migratory birds making their steady way north for spring breeding. I know that some people can actually estimate the size of flocks going over, just based on what they hear, but that is not my skill and I had never heard this kind of sound at night. It was amazing! In my mind-lying in bed, suddenly so awake again-I pictured their wings beating through the darkness. From what I was able to learn from a favorite birding site, I suspect that it was a flock of Tundra Swans passing over. I've since read that they make a long migration of up to 4,000 miles to reach the Arctic tundra. Some of them stop to feed here in PA at Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area, where we saw a few this year. Tundra Swans can fly 50 miles an hour and almost 2 miles high. Sticking together in family groups, the younger ones are guided by their parents on at least one southbound and one northbound journey. Somehow the firmament of God's creation gives them the clues they need to find their way across such a vast continent to complete their journeys. What a privilege it was for me to be a witness to this yearly sojourn! It is always good to look up and to give thanks.

Creator and refiner of every feather and characteristic of my avian friends, I praise you, Lord. We are such a small part of the world, and an even smaller part of the universe, and yet you care for us. "Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love." ~ Jady Conroy

CCLI Song # 18723 Thomas Obediah Chisholm | William Marion Runyan * Words: 1923. Renewed 1951 Hope Publishing Company CCLI# 1758300

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!

April 2018

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

Choir & Bell Rehearsals:

Wednesdays 6:30 PM

Sing & Celebrate

6:30-7:15 PM Sonshine Singers

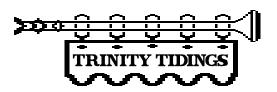
Thursdays 6:30-7:30 PM

United Bells

7:30 PM Chancel Choir May 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 1 Easter Day [White or Gold]	2 Office Closed 9:30am Strong Women (MO)	3 7:00pm N C Town Band (FH)	9:30am Strong Women (MO)	5 10:00am Sewing (YD) 6:30pm Beyond Suffering Class (OC)	9:00am Prayer Breakfast (Ickler's)	7 9:00am Communion Prep (K) 10:30am Trinity Flute Ensemble Rehearsal (SJ)
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15 Hallelujah Sunday Tidings' Deadline 9:30am Blood Pressures 9:30am Confirmation Class 6:00pm Youth Group (CR & FH)	9:30am Strong Women (MO)	17 6:30pm Worship Team Mtg. (SJ) 7:00pm N C Town Band (FH)	18 9:30am Strong Women (MO)	19 10:00am Sewing (YD) 6:30pm Beyond Suffering Class (OC)	20	21 10:30am Trinity Flute Ensemble Rehearsal (SJ)
22 2nd Hand Sale Set Up (FH) Youth Sunday 9:30am Confirmation 6:00pm Youth Group (CR & FH) 6:30pm Prayer Shawl (Karnes)	9:00am Collection for 2nd Hand Sale (FH) 9:30am Strong Women (MO) 10:45am Grandparents in Prayer (SJ)	24 9:00am Collection for 2nd Hand Sale (FH) 2:00pm Sunnier Side of Sixty (S & MO) 7:00pm N C Town Band (FH)	25 8:30am Assemble Tidings (OC) 9:00am Collection for 2nd Hand Sale (FH) 9:30am Strong Women (MO) 6:00pm Collection for 2nd Hand	9:00am Collection for 2nd Hand Sale (FH) 10:00am Staff Meeting (OC) 6:00pm Collection for 2nd Hand 6:30pm Beyond Suffering Class	9:00am Collection for 2nd Hand Sale (FH) 5:30pm LT Evening of Fellowship (FH)	28
9:30am Confirmation Class 10:45am United Worship Service (S) 6:00pm Youth Group (CR & FH)	9:30am Strong Women (MO) 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting (SJ)	May 1	2	3	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



April 2018

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

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

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 MAY 2018 TIDINGS by

April 15

Church Office Hours:

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

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