

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

Our Dear Trinity Family,

Greetings from Miriam's home town, the coastal south Indian city of Trivandrum! We are grateful for this special time with our parents and loved ones. We have had some truly wonderful times with family and friends. Not to forget the fantastic Indian foods that we have indulged in without an eye on that calorie or weight watch! On Sunday, 22 July, friends in Bangalore have organized a lunch with young people who grew in their faith

under our ministry over the years. We have known some of them since they were little. They will now come with their families and children and celebrate God's goodness with us! Thank you, Lord!

Thank you for praying for us during this time. What a privilege to connect in prayer at 8.30 pm EST across the time zones. We delight in what our Lord has been doing amongst you while we are away. We thank him for the blessings received and shared in our worship services and at Summer in the Sonshine. We will miss being there but pray for the ministry partnership between the young people from First United Methodist Church, Lubbock Texas and our youth - also the Choir's anticipated participation in the visit to Bethesda Mission.

We are grateful for the progress in health granted to those among you who have had special needs - especially Lisa Leen, Norma King, Patricia Roh and Marjorie Creamer. We will miss Edwina Newmeyer and Lois Rudy who were called home to be with our Lord while we were away. Precious lives that will be remembered with gratitude.

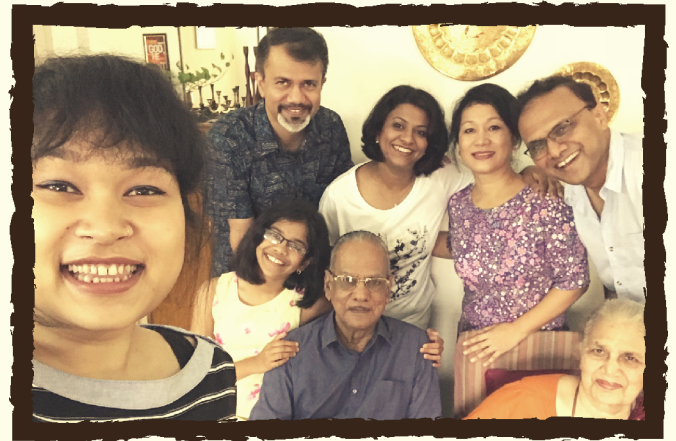
As we look forward to our journey together as a congregation in August 2018, I wish to encourage you to:

- Pray for, participate in and support the launching of our Community Soup Fellowship. Our team plans to serve every other Friday night beginning Friday, August 17th. We are grateful to all of you who have volunteered and to Ken Puller for his leadership.
- Pray for and participate in the Trinity celebration of "National Night Out" on Tuesday, August 7th. Grateful for our team of volunteers led by Carol Crossley and Michelle Loomis.

- Attend our Church Retreat with the theme, “Maximizing Life” on Saturday, 25 August. We invite you to be present at Camp Hill United Methodist Church. It will be a great time to laugh together, hear each other, pray together and be challenged together. A time for all ages. We have an excellent guest speaker, great location and a team led by Shirley Sharpe coordinating the event.

I am sure you are excited about these opportunities and especially about the possibility of reaching out to our community in New Cumberland.

On this side of the world, returning to India has gifted us with precious memories. Nostalgia. Reconnections. Memories of moments in which God touched us in special ways - from the time Miriam and I accepted the Lord Jesus as our personal Savior in the city of Chennai, India. Miriam was 11 years old and I was 8. And oh! The many orchestrations of God in our ordinary lives. This visit has also taken us back to how God called us to ministry in the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. We have been reminded of how we moved from “reluctance to obedience” and of how we were eventually led to serving alongside all of you in our Trinity Family. We borrow the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 40: 5 to capture the essence of our emotions, “Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.”



As I am writing to you, France is celebrating it's FIFA World Cup victory - and the story of how immigrants have made an incredible difference to a country. India has been in the spotlight for violence against women. US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin are set to meet in Helsinki.

There is something remarkable about an elevated view. It softens rigid borders, diminishes differences and helps us view life from “higher ground.”

Writing this letter from about 8000 miles away does not feel strange. It just reminds us that the whole earth is the Lord's! It also reminds us to pray for and work alongside people across borders. As our plane took off from the US on June 25th, we could see a progression. Buildings, roads, landscapes moved further and further away. Along with it the demarcations disappeared. From 33,000 feet, we could no longer see private properties, but we could see cities. We could not see sailors on a deck, we could see ships like white dots on the blue sea. We could not identify political party lines, we could identify human habitats.



As darkness fell upon the earth and we closed our window shades, we were brought back into focus in a different way. We found ourselves surrounded by people in a common journey with us; people of different ethnicities, world-views and experiences. At that point, we had one thing in common. We had all trusted an airline to safely transport us across the Atlantic. We had all received in-flight hospitality and those of us in the economy cabin were craving a reasonable night's sleep with cramped feet and limited recliner comforts. But the bottom-line was that in every passing minute the pilot, crew and that Boeing 747 were maximizing travel time. Just imagine if the pilot said in mid-air, “Time to relax, crew! Let's shut engines down and have some down time!”. Down time it sure would be! Here we come, gravity! The point about any journey is that it requires a destination, a path and a perseverance towards the goal. As we think of “Maximizing Life” at Trinity, we must keep our eyes on the goal.

August 2018 Theme:



How we can make the most of every experience

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

August 5th

Joseph: Rising above prejudice by the power of your dreams:

Ownership

Scripture 1: Genesis 37: 1-10

Scripture 2: Genesis 37: 11-26

August 12th

Joseph: Rising above passions by the power of God's presence:

Stewardship

Scripture 1: Genesis 39: 1-10

Scripture 2: Genesis 39: 11-22

August 19th

Joseph: Rising above human failures by the providence of God:

Discipleship

Scripture 1: Genesis 40:1-23

Scripture 2: Genesis 41: 1-14; 28-43

August 26th: Joseph: Rising above bitterness by the power of love:

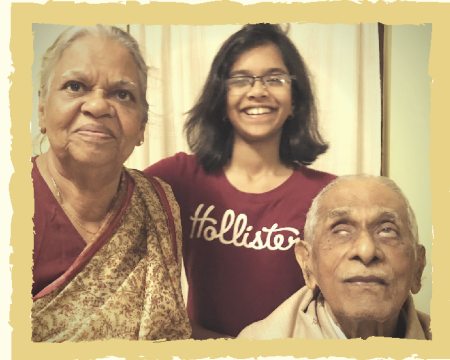
Relationship

Scripture 1: Genesis 41: 56- 42:13

Scripture 2: Genesis 45: 1-15

I am writing this letter from Miriam's parent's home. I cannot tell you how much we relish time with my parents and hers. These are people we love, respect and are more than grateful for. The visit to India becomes more precious for Nehara and me as we are visiting with them after a period of two years. My mother-in-law (whom I call "Amma" which means "mother" in several Indian languages*) has a beautiful garden. We enjoy fresh coconuts, nutmeg, cherries, gooseberries, mangoes, bananas, beautiful orchids and a whole lot of lush flowering plants. At age 84, my "Amma" can share these delights with us from her garden. Amazing! But does it stress her? No. She has a way in which she organizes hands to harvest the fruits and water the plants. Across the street there is another home with ample land but not much of a garden. Why the contrast? The same soil, the same temperatures, the same atmosphere but two completely different results. How does Amma maximize her garden? The question leads her down memory lane. The coconut trees were planted about 40 years ago. The nutmeg tree many years before that. The mango tree and the cherry tree about 25 years ago and the gooseberry tree about 10 years ago. I take a lesson as I sit with Amma and listen. As with gardens, could congregations reap great harvests because someone committed to pray, plan, dream, set the ground and plant for the years ahead?

Let's keep our eyes on the goal. Let us keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith who for the joy set before him endured the cross. Hebrews 12: 2. Jesus kept his eye on the goal. He will help us keep our focus. It's a joy to be maximizing life together with you for His glory,



Arun

*India has 22 languages and over 700 dialects

My Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you all so much for all your cards, phone calls, visits, gifts and prayers. Also, thank you to Pastor Arun, Pastor Carl and Barbara for their visits. You have no idea what your love and support means to me and my family during this time. Please keep the prayers coming because they are working! God is Good All the Time!!!!

God Bless you all!
Lisa Leen

To Our Trinity Church Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful celebration for our 70th wedding anniversary during the coffee fellowship hour on June 17th. The cards, well wishes and the visit from Pastor Arun, Pastor Carl and Barbara Z. were greatly appreciated. We are truly blessed.

We are truly blessed,
Meade and Lucille Wilt

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TIME OF
FUN, JOY, AND CONNECTION AT
OUR CHURCH RETREAT!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2018

CAMP HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

417 SOUTH 22NT STREET

CAMP HILL, PA

EVERY MEMBER OF OUR
TRINITY FAMILY IS INVITED!

\$10 FOR ADULTS AND \$25
FOR A FAMILY.

PLEASE REGISTER BY
AUGUST 12TH.

*"...Make the most of every
opportunity."
Col. 4:5b*

Sunnier Side of Sixty

The last Tuesday of August, August 28th at 2 PM is the Sunnier Side of Sixty. The theme for this service will be "Why Sharing Our Faith Can Make Us Bolder."

A trio from the Dillsburg Brethren in Christ Church will minister in music - vocal, guitar, and harmonica. You will be blessed with their message. Participating will be our retired minister friends who will assist and serve communion. The Fellowship Time will resume in the Mt. Olivet Room. Please contact the church office if you are in need of transportation.

A huge thanks goes to Haley Warner and the youth, led by Dan Stokes, for the spoken message and musical message at the June Sunnier Side service. The Sunnier Side service combining with the summer picnic, presented by the Homebound Committee, made for a wonderful crowd at both. Trinity is pleased and proud of our youth! Praise be to God!



New Small Group Ministry - "Celebrate from Heart and Spirit Group"

Anyone is welcome to attend Trinity's new small group ministry. We meet every Thursday at 10:30 AM in the Lion and Lamb Room. Time will be spent with inspirational Bible study, music and other activities. ~Linda Klitch, Linda Love & Carol Brown.

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 7TH
6-8 PM IS...**

**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH PARKING LOT**

Participants include the New Cumberland police department, fire department, Emergency Health services, and town band

**COME JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
OUR COMMUNITY!**

Free Food, children's games, and face painting

ALL ARE WELCOME!



"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." - John 12:26

Are You Ready to Serve God and This Community?!

FRIDAY COMMUNITY SOUP FELLOWSHIP IS HERE!

The purpose of this 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.

We will have soup, bread, fruit, cookies and a drink along with board games.

Trinity will open its doors to the community every first and third Friday night at 5:00 to 7:00 starting August 17th 2018. In order to make this a success we will need help from each and everyone. There is a signup calendar sheet in the Narthex for 11 volunteers for each of those Friday's. These volunteers will be able to serve HIM by various duties such as: setup, serving and cleanup.

If you have a calling to participate and serve in this ministry, we would love to have you join us on the first and third Friday nights, where we all will be able to reach out of our comfort zone and hopefully touch someone in need in our community.

**Please feel free to direct any questions you may have to Ken Puller.
Cell: 816-2676
Home: 932-1419**



MUSIC NOTES FROM DAN

Recent weeks at Trinity have been filled with the sparkle and energy of children. As I think of them singing "I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart! Where?" watching with wonder as a science experiment captures their imagination or dancing with puppets, I'm reminded that Jesus told us "you must become as a child to enter the kingdom of God". Jesus longs for our open spirits, wide-eyed wonder and teachable hearts. The dedication and leadership of Trinity members making these programs possible is inspiring.

These events don't just happen! I'm especially aware of the love which is shown to children who have been scarred; children who long for unconditional love and are, at the same time, afraid to receive it. Our mission field is clearly at our doorstep!

And so it seems, we need children to keep our spirits open and free. Children need our gift of loving, nurturing Christian community. Perhaps, we experience the kingdom of God as we need one another in the name of Jesus!

Onward!
Dan

P.S. Thanks for the ways you brought joy to "turning 60"; your cards, delightful surprises and well wishes were a source of joy and encouragement!

85th Birthday Celebration Concert

You are invited to Dr. Ron's Birthday Celebration Concert at Trinity on Thursday evening, August 9th. The concert will be Dr. Ron playing some of his favorite organ pieces, Rhonda Sider Edgington and Eric Sider playing together, Pastor Andrews with comments and prayer. A large group of singers from various past choirs that Dr. Sider directed, including the Trinity Choir, conducted by Dan Stokes and singing together. A festive time with birthday cake will follow in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by Carol Everetts. In lieu of presents of any kind, if you so desire, a contribution may be made to the Trinity organ fund.





Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Blessing Bags for the homeless. The children decorated and filled 70 bags with deodorant, soap, tissues, socks, and several snacks. They learned that they can share God's love by reaching out and bringing joy to others who are in need. Carol Crossly will distribute the bags to the homeless. Thank you again to everyone for your generosity

Thank you, also, for all of the items that were donated for the Camp Curtin Pre School Program that is run by Dan Stokes' brother. Your generosity will certainly be a help to that program. There will be many smiles on the faces of the children because of your generosity. Thank you again.

Your generosity has made it possible to teach the children about sharing and helping others. Thank you again for your support of the Summer in the SONshine program.

What a JOY for the children to interact with the adults of Trinity Church during Summer in the SONshine program but that is only equaled by the JOY the adults receive from interacting with the children. The children are learning about the acronym J-O-Y; Jesus, Others, Yourself. The poem below expresses what was being taught to the children during Summer in the SONshine Days. The poem speaks to us all.

JOY

-Lisa O. Engelhardt

Jesus Others Yourself
Give your heart to Jesus,
Pray daily to Him, too,
For the key to **JOY** is loving...
Jesus, Others & You.
Be kind and good to people
In all you say and do,
For the key to **JOY** is loving...
Jesus, Others & You.
Be proud of who you are,
And to yourself be true,
For the key to **JOY** is loving...
Jesus, Others & You.



Grandparents in Prayer

Are you a grandparent? Do you want to grow in your prayer life? Would you like ideas of what being a Christian grandparent looks like? Would you like others to help you pray for your grandchildren? Do you think others may help you be more accountable in your prayer life? If these questions fit you, consider being part of Grandparents in Prayer. We meet on two Monday mornings a month from 10:45 to 12:00 in the St. John's Room. We are continuing with the book, The Power of a Praying Grandparent by Stormie Omartian. One-half hour is devoted to praying. The sessions include grandmothers and grandfathers. If you are interested and were not in the group last year, contact Beth Sider at 717-766-0420 so a book can be ordered for you.

Let's go
beyond
the walls!



SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS Blanket Sunday

Blanket Sunday at Trinity is August 19th! The Church World Service Blankets+ Program is a worldwide effort to provide emergency supplies in the aftermath of a crisis. First blankets, then tents and food, then tools to rebuild and training for the future. As people recover from disaster or adjust to resettlement, the blankets provide comfort, and shelter, can be used as a sunshade or provide a dry place to sit and rest. Blankets are distributed wherever they are needed and may end up on the other side of the world, or in our own community. In 2017, over 1,500 blankets were distributed to people affected by the fall hurricanes. Church World Service is a collection of 37 different denominations, including the United Methodist Church. UMCOR relies on CWS as part of its disaster response program. This is just one of the ways in which we follow John Wesley's desire to put "faith and love into action." If you would like to know more about Church World Service, check out the CWS website at cwsglobal.org or visit UMCOR's website at UMCOR.org. The blankets program is assigned UMCOR Advance #982810. Please plan to pin your donation to our sample blanket on August 19th.

Notes From Barbara

On Tuesday, June 26th, a combined Senior/Homebound Summer Picnic and our Sunnier-Side of Sixty Service was celebrated in Fellowship Hall and Trinity Sanctuary. We were blessed with "food" for both body and soul. Our fellowship is always a time of joy. My gratitude to each of you. Those who "prepared," those who "played," "preached," "prayed," and "participated."

Remember when there was nothing better than Mom's home cooking. "Comfort food" at its best! That time has come again... "M.O.M." - Ministry Outreach Meals. You may already be preparing for those in need, however, our focus centers on post-surgical, recently hospitalized, and those undergoing extended treatment. We are hoping a few "kind-hearted cooks" will assist (from their own kitchen). with this meal-outreach. Sound like a good-work? It is! We are all vulnerable at any time, the "one-in-need" might just us us. If interested, please call Carol Evertts or me, to coordinate our efforts. I am thankful, in advance, for your willingness to serve.

Sunday Duties for August 2018

DUTY	AUG 5	AUG 12	AUG 19	AUG 26
Altar Guild	Millie Walters	Millie Walters	Allyn Litzelman	Allyn Litzelman
Liturgist: 8:15	Marcia Haller	George Karnes	Doug Eakin	Beth Sider
10:45	Marcia Haller	Wilma Rockey	Owen Rynex	John Mickel
Children's Talk	Communion (no Talk)	Mary Strausbaugh	Wilma Rockey	Pastor Raymond Brooks
Nursery: 8:15	Allyn Litzelman	Doug Eakin Mike Schofield	Jodi Waters Sue Grubb	
10:45	Tracey Krasenc	Floss Batcheler Bev Krick	Jody Wickenhiser Kaity Wickenhiser	
Ushers: 8:15	*Jeff Brinton, Harry Rodriguez, Bob Walters, Larry Miller			
10:45	*Sue Bishop, Larry Bishop, Steve Frommell, Gordon Tayler, Betty Winter * Head Usher			
Coffee Fellowship	Adult Couples Class	Men's Lenten	Chancel Choir	Adult Couples Class
Adult SS Teacher	Jed Beshore	Grover Herr	John Mickle	Grover Herr
Elective SS Teacher	Richard Creamer	Jady Conroy	Shirley Sharpe	Sharon Sheffer
Counting Team	Kathy Miller and Karen Brinton			

TRINITY STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

We are blessed to have a competent staff at Trinity. All have their own areas of expertise and responsibility. We are blessed with a staff that works together very well. In our ongoing commitment, we would remind you to speak with the staff person in charge of the various areas before committing them to a certain project. Please continue to be respectful of the time they may need to help with your project. They are helping various groups of the church and they do a great job in managing their time and work load. So that you know who to request help of, the following staff members are listed with their areas of responsibility. They will be happy to work with you.

- Jocelyn MacMinn: communications of any kind- website, fliers, video, Facebook, Tidings, etc.
- Carol or Jady: bulletin material
- Carol Wilson: financial
- Haley Warner: youth
- Dan Stokes: music

Working together for the Kingdom of God,

Ken Gable and Beth Sider,
Staff- Parish Relations

MEETING FOR TRINITY HEAD USHERS

We are blessed with wonderful teams of ushers in both the 8:15 and 10:45 services! Those teams are led by a head usher.

There will be a meeting of all the head ushers on Sunday morning, August 26th and September 2nd at 10 AM in the sanctuary. Head ushers are requested to attend whichever day suits them the best. Beth Sider, Worship Team Chair

August 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Jul 29	30	31	Aug 1	2	3 9:00am Prayer Breakfast (Icklers's)	4 9:00am Communion Prep (K)
5 6:00pm Youth Group (CR & FH)	6	7 6:00pm National Night Out (Parking Lot)	8	9 7:30pm 85th Birthday Celebration Concert (S & FH)	10	11 10:30am Trinity Flute Ensemble Rehearsal (SJ)
12 Tidings Deadline 6:00pm Youth Group (CR & FH) 6:30pm Prayer Shawl (Karnes)	13	14 6:30pm Hospitality Team Mtg. (SJ) 7:00pm N C Town Band (FH)	15	16	17 5:00pm Community Soup Fellowship (K & FH)	18
19 Blanket Sunday 6:00pm Youth Group (CR & FH) 6:30pm Prayer Shawl (Karnes)	20	21 7:00pm N C Town Band (FH) 6:30 Worship Team	22 8:30am Assemble Tidings (OC)	23 10:00am Staff Meeting (OC)	24	25 9:00am All Church Retreat (Trinity)
26 5:30pm Adult SS Class Picnic (FH) 6:00pm Youth Group (CR & FH) 6:30pm Prayer Shawl (Karnes)	27 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting (SJ)	28 2:00pm Sunnier Side of Sixty (S & MO)	29	30	31	Sep 1



AUGUST 2018

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

Dated Material

**FORWARDING SERVICE
REQUESTED**



Sunday Worship Services

8: 15 AM and 10:45 AM

Sunday School Classes

For all ages at 9:30 AM

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

More Ways to Help...

The Worship Team, in support of the Trinity Soup Kitchen, discussed and is offering to you an option. If you would like to sponsor the Soup Kitchen instead of purchasing Altar Flowers for a particular week, you may contribute the price of altar flowers, \$35.00 paid to Trinity, which will go to the Soup Kitchen.

Call the church office and reserve a week, the same as you would for altar flowers, Beautiful silk flowers will be in the altar vases, and your contribution will be appreciated! As with the flowers, the Contribution may be in honor or in memory of someone. Remember... this is an option, we will still have live altar flowers for those who wish to sponsor!

Board games are still needed for the Soup Fellowship! Please no puzzles with more than 100 pieces. Thank you for your donations thus far!

The Hospitality Team of Trinity Church is meeting Tuesday, 8/14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lion and the Lamb room. This team is responsible for many things in the "Life" of Trinity Church and would love to have you come and join us.



Please submit articles for the September 2018 Tidings by August 12th