



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,

Thank you for the warmest welcome that you have afforded us as a family! Our return from India (especially with regard to the difficulty of leaving our elderly parents and loved ones behind) was made bearable by your love. Thank you!

What an amazing season of connecting with community this has been! New Cumberland is experiencing a gentle but sure trickle of God's grace through what we are trying to do.

I use the word, "trickle" because I believe one day, there shall be showers! Vacation Bible School and Summer in the SONshine opened our doors to children and youth from Trinity and beyond. It has been absolutely heartwarming to note that our guests, first time visitors and repeat visitors have had a truly remarkable and wonderful time of learning of God's love. One of the members of our leadership team has told me this a few times, "The city and community are becoming aware of what we are doing as a church".

I am not sure if you are a fan of photography. I know some of us are hoping that we won't end up looking more like the photograph in our driver's license! For those of you who feel otherwise, "Keep driving! Keep smiling!" I am not much of a photographer excepting for knowing that I can point the camera in the right direction and click. One of the great tools in a camera is a lens that helps us to zoom in and zoom out. As I think about all our investments to enhance life, faith, service, Christian character, fellowship, music ministry, or intergenerational Christian education within the congregation, does it not feel like we are zooming in with a keen eye to build our community of faith? On the other hand, when we consider feeding the hungry, helping families and individuals find reasonable household articles in the second-hand Sale, providing through the Back to School Bonanza, serving at Downtown Daily Bread, visiting those who are shut in, ministering in song at places like Bethesda Mission, or reaching community through our National Night Out, does it not feel like we are zooming out to see the big picture and build the community around us? As we ponder more deeply about it, zooming-in and zooming-out in Christian ministry are to go hand in hand. All zooming-in with no zooming-out will be like trying to construct a building which has a ten-floor foundation and nothing else. What a sore to the eye that

would be! On the other hand, zooming-out without zooming-in would be like trying to construct a ten-floor building without a foundation. What a risky and unstable effort that would be! When we think of striking the balance, we will do well only by constantly seeking the guidance and wisdom of the Great Holy Spirit. We can pray the prayer of the Psalmist, not only when it comes to visioning but in our every-day pursuit of God. “Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.” (Psalm 143:10)

At Trinity, we find God is helping us to bring our gifts and graces together for His divine purpose. As your pastor, I thank God for each of you who are committed to make his praise glorious. (Psalm 66: 2)

It has been some busy, hurried days since we have returned from India. (I am grateful that the Lord has sent us some good Indian weather to soothe the home-sickness.) since I returned on the 25th of July, we have celebrated the lives of Tom Baum’s mother and of Gilbert Houck. I am presently in the process of serving the family of Fred Bernardo, who passed on in his sleep on the 8th of August. It is certainly not easy to say our earthly goodbyes. We pastors can never be “professional” about the pain that our people experience. We hurt when our people hurt and often carry the burdens of the day into the heart of the night. I am grateful to everyone in our faith community who rallies around and rises to support our friends who go through pain.

Pastoral ministry is always a mix of emotions. On the encouraging side, we experienced that inspirational United Service at which our beloved Bishop Jeremiah Park ministered God’s word with unfettered passion and song. We have also been greatly blessed in the coming together of choral directors, choir members, musicians and lovers of music on the occasion of the 85th birthday organ concert of Dr. Ron Sider. The evening of the 9th of August 2018 will be long remembered for its sweetness, reflection of God’s faithfulness, and witness of the Sider family.

We were also incredibly blessed by the exceptional ministry of Dr. Paul Pitts and his wife Annette. Many in the congregation have already expressed their desire to witness the presentation of “The Scribe” once again – especially with the desire to bring friends and family members who missed it. I have been in touch with Dr. Pitts and he is willing to come back if we host an event that will reach our city with the Gospel. How about an evening of music from our Trinity Choirs/ musicians followed by “The Scribe” – at the Borough Park? Let’s keep dreaming!

Great things are happening in the lives of our young people. God is at work – and our youth are responding with joy and sincerity. I know Haley Warner is delighted to see their response and participation. Haley is doing an incredible job! We also look forward to our youth’s involvement at our church retreat on August 25th. Go for it folk! Make it a blast for Jesus with your conversations at the panel, your choreography and spoken word directed by Rebekah Lando. Thank you Rebekah! Another super-exciting progress is that the leadership team

September 2018 Theme: Maximize Life

How we can make the most
of every experience

Lessons from the life of Joseph

September 2nd

Jacob: When grief alters life

Scripture 1: Genesis 37: 12-20

Scripture 2: Genesis 37: 21-36

September 9th

Joseph : When injustice ruins dreams

Scripture 1: Genesis 39: 1-10

Scripture 2: Genesis 39: 11-23

September 16th

Joseph : When success threatens humility

Scripture 1: Genesis 41: 25-40

Scripture 2: Genesis 41: 41-57

September 23

**Joseph : When childhood revisits
adulthood**

Scripture 1: Genesis 43: 1- 14

Scripture 2: Genesis 43: 15-31

September 30

**Joseph : When God makes the dream
come true!**

Scripture 1: Genesis 44: 25-34

Scripture 2: Genesis 45: 1-20

have approved the renovation of our youth room at the cost of \$15,000. This has been a long-felt need and I am grateful for the support of the leadership team, our trustees – and each of you whose contributions to the ministry at Trinity makes this possible. My prayer is that after this renovation, we can work at brightening and renovating our children’s ministry areas. I invite you to consider how you might continue to contribute to these special investments in our children and youth. Every one of them is precious! In a world of much hurt, pain and troubles, every young life is a reminder of hope and promise, hope and promise that we are called to nurture and encourage. I often find joy in the declaration of Indian Nobel Prize laureate, Rabindranath Tagore. He said, “Every child comes with the promise that God is not yet discouraged of man.”

The “National Night Out” event has been very significant for the way in which it connected us with our city and friends outside our church community. We were especially grateful for the hearty support of our mayor, Doug Morrow, our city’s first responders, police, fire brigade, River Rescue team, Vickie’s Angel Foundation, Medard’s House, Friends of the West Shore Theater, Scout Troop 269 and Caitlin’s Smiles, local businesses and everyone who served to make the event a blessing. I believe it was one of the most significant events that helped us connect with our New Cumberland community. It was a very special evening of sharing fun and faith moments with those who came. We are grateful to Carol Crossley for the vision and to Scott and Michelle Loomis for joining her in steering our team together for the event. As I walked about and spoke with different individuals, the Lord gave opportunities to listen to some intense narratives from young people. These moments led to times of prayer and may yield some future opportunities of ministry. It breaks the heart to listen to teenagers talk about lives with parents in prison, little or no security, no dependable friends or elders to guide them. There is a lot of human need around where we are located! I am grateful for every one of you who strove to connect with individuals during the event – and also for making the effort to share the love of God in the Gospel of his Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. The more I think of our interactions with individuals from the city that evening, the more it drives me to a place of burden. How can I make a difference? How can we as a church make a difference?

God is present, God is at work, and God is deserving of the glory.

We have been studying the life of Joseph from the Old Testament in our preaching series in August. I plan to continue to study the life of Joseph in the month of September. The title of the preaching series is “Maximize Life”. The subtitle is, “How we can make the most of every experience”. As we think of Joseph and how he was raised from a pit to the palace in the span of thirteen years, we see a young man driven by the power of divine dreams. In the narrative in the book of Genesis, Joseph’s story is marked by emphatic declarations that God is present, God is at work, and God is deserving of the glory. Joseph’s life is an illustration of how ordinary people can rise with God’s help to see extraordinary miracles. A slave boy, sold by his brothers, sent to prison under false charges, was not forgotten by God. Joseph had entrusted his life to the great dream-giver who was also the great dream-keeper.

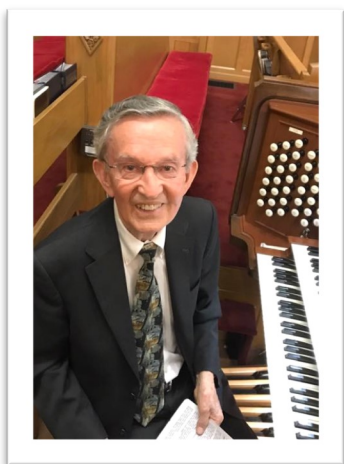
As we think about our dreams for new Cumberland and beyond, may we rise above our personal interests, limited focuses, and self-driven motivations to a vision far greater than our own interests. When God’s people think more of those in need and less about themselves, this world will receive a healing balm that will work with speedy fury. One of the great hymns of the Christian church is the one written by Frank Mason North. The hymn is titled, “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”. I would like to end this letter by making one of the stanzas of the hymn our prayer for New Cumberland.

In Him who seeks that one lost sheep,

Arun



**‘O Master, from the mountainside
Make haste to heal the hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city’s streets again.’**



*Thank
You
for the
85th Birthday
Celebration!*

“This is a friendly church!”, was a comment heard by someone from the crowd of 250 on Thursday evening, August 9th.

Thank you for welcoming guests to Trinity.

Thank you to Dan Stokes for having the idea of a choir comprised of Dr. Ron’s past choristers from different groups and churches. Thank you to Pastor Arun for his support of the idea of an 85th Birthday Celebration. Also, for his wonderful comments and prayers. Thank you to Carol

Evertts, Daryl Potteiger and team for a lovely birthday reception following the concert! Thank you to Dr. Jim and Jody Blacksmith for ushering. Thank you to Harry Rodriguez for making the church look good! Thank you to Terry Bowen for assisting with parking of cars. Thank you to Haley Warner and members of the youth group for attending and helping with the chairs, the tables, and the food. Your support and presence was greatly appreciated! Thank you to the singers from Trinity who sang in the 60+ voice choir. What a wonderful sound! Thank you to all who attended and helped Ron celebrate-to thank God for His mercies and to praise and glorify His Name.

**“O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come.”**

~ Ron and Beth

Thank you to my Trinity Church family for remembering my birthday in June. A special thank you to Pastor Arun for the card, his visits and prayers. Also a big thank you to the youth and the group from Lubbock, Texas who came to visit me and sing in July. Your thoughtfulness and caring is much appreciated.

~Nancy Best



Thank you

Thank you!

Thank you so much to Trinity Church for your prayers, visits, good wishes, and sending of so many unique and special cards during my recent hospitalization. It meant a lot to me to be remembered during a challenging time this summer.

~ Dick Stokes

CROP Hunger Walk

(Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty)

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS

This year's annual CROP Walk will begin on the steps of the Harrisburg Capitol, N. Third Street, on Sunday, October 21st 2018 at 1:30. Trinity has been a CROP Walk participant since at least 1980 (I know because that was my first walk!). But did you know that many consider the CROP Hunger Walk the "granddaddy" of all charity walks. The first recorded walk was held on October 16th, 1969 in Bismarck, ND. One thousand people participated, and they raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger! Several other CROP Hunger Walks occurred soon after and before long communities around the country were organizing these walks to aid in ending hunger both at home and around the world. Today, well over 2,000 communities across the country join in more than 1,600 CROP Walks sponsored by Church World Service each year. This year marks the 47th year of the Harrisburg CROP Walk!

I have seen some changes throughout the years as I've walked. Routes have been altered for safety reasons, the walk has been shortened a bit, and the walk has been moved from City Island to HACC and then from HACC back to the city, beginning on the steps of the Capitol building and weaving around the city from church to church. But one change has concerned me more than the changes in venue. The number of walkers has greatly diminished. I am happy to say that last year Trinity had 11 walkers, the most we've had in years and we walked for over \$1,500. I also need to stress that Trinity has remained consistent and very generous in their giving, and donations are ultimately what is needed. But I would love company! I am reminded of a story that has always kept me walking:

A young African boy who had been greatly blessed by a missionary who had come to his village wanted to do something special to thank her. He knew of a beach where he would be able to find the most beautiful shells. So he set off on his quest to find one. Upon receiving this beautiful gift, the missionary asked where he had found such an exquisite shell. When he told her of the distance he had traveled, she said, "But that is so far away!" His reply – "Long walk, part of gift!"

There are many ways you can help with this year's CROP Walk – pray for the walk, sponsor a walker, or even join me in walking as part of your gift. Thank you – Mel Eyer (for more info call or text me at - 645-1117)

Thank you to Kathy Karnes and Kathy Miller for their many years of dedication to the Summer in the Sunshine Planning Team and Program. As part of the planning team, they devoted many hours to planning activities and crafts, securing entertainment, grouping the children, and making the schedules and leading a station. Kathy Karnes and Kathy Miller will be leaving the planning team but will continue to support the SIS Program. They have been an inspiration to all of us. They will be missed on the planning team but will continue to support the program. There are not enough words to express our gratitude to the both of them. Thank you both for all you have done to make the Summer in the Sunshine Program a success.

May God bless you both,
Summer in the Sunshine Team

THANK YOU!

Trinity Youth Highlights

The "Impact" of a day at "Impact"

On July 28th, 19 youth and adults traveled to Alexandria, PA for Salt 'n Light's "Impact" Festival. Similar to Creation Festival, youth have an opportunity to connect with God and others through worship, seminars, and friendship. The youth joined along others who were being baptized, shared in communion, prayed for one another, and experienced the power of spoken testimony. The day focused on the theme of being "OPEN" to God and to others. It was truly an "impactful" day for everyone involved!



Youth Reflections:

"I've wanted to go to something like Impact for years and I'm so glad I was finally able to with such an amazing youth group. It was truly an eye-opening experience for me and I'm so thankful to all the leaders and the church for making it possible for us to go" ~ Amanda Varner, 11th Grade

"The day at Impact was the day I opened my heart fully to God. Every time I prayed at Impact, I had this sense of relief knowing God is right there with me, and I know now He has always been there." ~ Rylee Sorrells, 8th Grade



What's Ahead?

Apple Festival & Scarecrow Fundraiser

Trinity Youth are Back at It! September 29th is the Annual New Cumberland Apple Festival & the youth need your help. Please donate any extra clothing you might have!



Scarecrow Clothing Needed!

Items Needed:

- Colorful Long-Sleeved Button-Down Shirts
- Jeans (small holes are okay!)
- Neckties
- Belts
- Baseball Hats
- Pantyhose (small runs are okay!)

Please place your donations in the bin labeled in the hallway!

Thank you for all your help!

Sunday Duties for September 2018

Duty	Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Sept. 30 United Service
Altar Guild	Bev Krick Jane Gable	Bev Krick	Marjorie Creamer	Marjorie Creamer	Jean Ruth
Liturgist: 8:15	Rev. Rodney Miller	George Karnes	Tom Baum	Nehara Andrews	
10:45	(both services)	Patricia Stacey	Jody Blacksmith	Owen Rynex	Bev Krick
Children's Talk	No children's talk (communion)	Cheryl Bargo	Jady Conroy	Donna Ratulowski	Jody Wickenheiser
Nursery: 8:15	Sue Beshore Amy Blakeley	Jo Lower Lucille Wilt	Sue Bishop Dianne Schoefield	Cindy Bailey Barb Kiehl	
10:45	Mary Herr Bev Krick	Donna Ratalowski Paula Taylor	Kari McNelis	Jean Ruth	
Ushers: 8:15	Tom Bailey*, Harry Rodriguez, Susan Beshore, Jed Beshore, Erik Schaeffer, Kurt Schaeffer				
10:45	Scott Bankert*, Jim Strausbaugh, Gordon Taylor, Norm Batcheler				
	*denotes head usher				
Coffee Fellowship	Adult Class	Tuesday Morning Group	Chancel Choir	Adult Class	
Adult SS Teacher	Bob Rosenthal	Rodney Miller	Pastor Peterson	George Karnes	Arun Andrews
Elective SS Teacher	Mary Strausbaugh	Raymond Brooks	Mel Eyer	Rodney Miller	Arun Andrews
Counting Team	Kathy Karnes and Wilma Rokey				

Grandparents in Prayer

resumes on [September 17th](#)

Grandparents in Prayer sessions resume on Monday morning, September 17th. We will begin at 10:45 in the St. John's Room with coffee, pastry and fellowship. This kick-off session will be a time of introductions and prayer. Please come with a current picture(s) of your grandchildren that can be placed on the bulletin board.

As with each session, we spend one-half hour in dedicated prayer. We will continue to read and discuss the book, *The Power of a Praying Grandparent* by Stormie Omartian. This group meets every other week. We invite old and new to our first session on September 17th. We are a friendly group whose focus is on prayer. Consider joining us as we pray for your grandchildren and you pray for ours. Contact Beth Sider at 717-802-2812 if you wish for more information concerning this group.



MUSIC NOTES FROM DAN

A glimpse of the Kingdom of God !

Around 3 p.m. chairs and tables began to appear on the parking lot, next the canopies went up along with a marvelous "Gospel Board" followed by an intermittent procession of cars and trucks with bottled water, sodas, a wading pool, stones, art supplies, a cotton candy machine, a popcorn popper and some grills. Stones were being washed in the kitchen which would become prayer rocks, a sound system arrived and speakers were connected. By 5:30 firetrucks. New Cumberland Police and River Rescue were parked on Bridge St. Just before 6 p.m. Trinity Youth formed a huge prayer circle in the midst of this activity focusing on the central goal, to radiate the redeeming love of Christ !

At 6:00 p.m. the Colors were presented, Michelle lead us in singing the National Anthem, Pastor Arun united our hearts in prayer and our mayor shared words of welcome, all of this accompanied by the beginning raindrops of a seemingly ominous storm. What looked like a threat became a blessing as the air was cooled for an evening filled with joy and motivated by faith.

Now the stories are coming back.....young people having discussions of faith, community leaders forming trusting relationships with youth and parents expressing gratitude for Bible School and Summer in the SON-shine. The blessings of this evening, both known and unknown to us, abound.

I was particularly struck by the way in which those serving, both from Trinity and from the community were smiling; it was contagious. Whether it was cotton candy, pizza, bowling with the scouts, face painting, painting prayer rocks, listening to prayer concerns or rubber ducks in a wading pool, the Body of Christ was vibrant and filled with joy, a powerful witness !

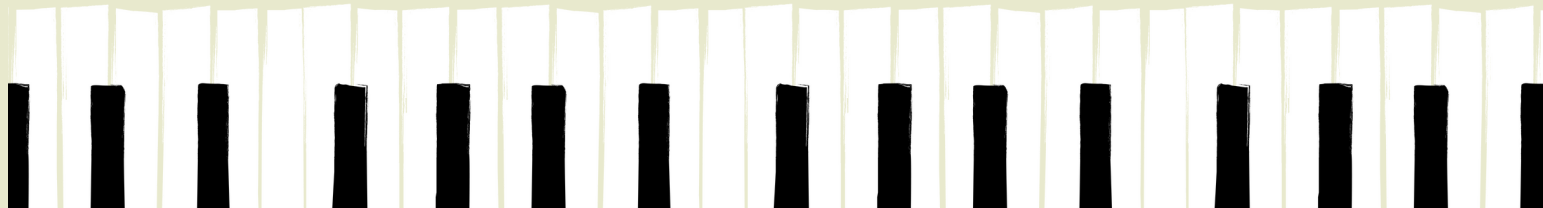
So, maybe the kingdom of God looks like a group of people, allowing the love of Christ to flow through every action. It feels like we get a glimpse of heaven when it happens.

Thanks you, Michelle, Scott and Carol for your vision. Thank you, Trinity, for being "the salt of the earth, the light of the world" in the parking on Aug 7.

Onward !
Dan

Matthew 5:13 a You are the salt of the earth.

5:14 a You are the light of the world.





Tuesday Morning Womens' Group

Fall of 2018

The next session of the Tuesday Morning Women's Group will begin on September 18, 2018 at 9:30 am. The study will end on November 13, 2018. Shirley Sharpe will be teaching on the book of James in the New Testament of the Bible. Women of all ages are welcome. Many of our Trinity women have invited friends from other churches and their neighborhoods to join us. You may want to consider bringing a friend. We have time for sharing our lives, we learn and study the Word. We pray together and encourage one another in our faith walk. We meet from 9:30 to 11:00 in Fellowship Hall. All you need is a Bible, (a study Bible is helpful), a notebook for notes and an open heart to walking closer to Jesus and making His Word a part of your life. As we study the book of James we may become aware of how our actions mirror the faith we proclaim. Do God's people act like God's people. Do I? Do you? Lets' explore these questions together in a safe environment with women who will not judge but instead encourage you. If you are interested in joining this Bible study please contact Jody Blacksmith at 717-761-2066 or email at blacksmith1946@comcast.net

College Addresses

Do you have a student in college? Please give the office their current address so they can be added to the Care Package list. Thank you!

StrongWomen/Growing Stronger

Strength Training Program

Trinity United Methodist Church in New Cumberland and Penn State Extension will be teaming up again to offer the **StrongWomen/Growing Stronger Program** this fall. This 10-week program is geared for middle-aged to older women and men and is based upon years of research on how strength training and proper nutrition improve the health of women and men of all ages. The program was developed to help individuals increase their strength, bone density, balance and energy and help them look and feel better. Participants will meet two times a week for one hour sessions. There is a \$75 fee for this program.

This session will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 10 – Nov. 14, 9:30 – 10:30 am, in the Mt. Olivet Room. Mandatory paperwork must be completed in order to participate in the program and individuals age 70 and over must get a doctor's permission. Past participants must pre-register. Instructor is Sandi Tobias.

For more information or to register for the program, go to: <http://extension.psu.edu/strongwomen/events> and search for Cumberland County classes or call 1-877-345-0691. Contact the Penn State Extension office at 240-6500 or Nancy Rutch at ner10@psu.edu with any questions about the program.

Church Conference

October 1, 2018

6:30 PM

Mount Olivet Room

Professing members are requested to attend



September 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAYS 8:15am Worship Service - S 9:30am 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		1 9:00am Communion Prep (K)
2 6:00pm Youth Group (CR & FH)	3 LABOR DAY Office Closed	4	5	6 10:00am Sewing (YD) 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L&L)	7 9:00am Prayer Breakfast (Ickler's) 5:00pm Community Soup Fellowship (K&FH)	8 10:30am Trinity Flute Ensemble Rehearsal (SJ)
9 9:30am Children's Promotion Sunday (JR) 6:00pm Youth Group (CR&FH) 6:30pm Prayer Shawl (Karnes')	10 9:30am Strong Women (MO)	11 7:00pm N C Town band (FH)	12 9:30am Strong Women (MO)	13 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L&L)	14	15 Tidings Deadline
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30 6:00pm Youth Group (CR&FH)	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		Take 5 to Pray Daily at 8:30 PM	



Trinity United Methodist Church

Susquehanna Conference

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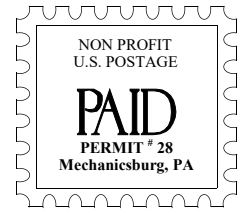
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8: 15 AM and 10:45 AM

Sunday School Classes
For all ages at 9:30 AM

Dated Material

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REQUESTED**



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September
2018



Please submit
articles for the
**October 2018
Tidings**
by Sept. 15th

Spread the Word

by [Jocelyn MacMinn](#)

During Summer in the SONshine this year, the children learned that the crowds grew around Jesus when he preached. They would listen to what he said and those people went and passed on what he said. The game they played to reinforce this lesson was dominoes. Jesus started off the “run” and very quickly the news spread down the line.



The same can be done with all the good things happening here at Trinity. If you are on Facebook, like, comment or share a post - the news will quickly spreads to others. We posted a picture of chicken soup to let everyone know about the New Cumberland Soup Ministry. Thanks to everyone liking and sharing, that post reached over 5,000 people. News got out that Trinity is a caring church and all are welcome here.