

From the Pastor's Desk

My dear Trinity Family,

Valentine's Day is in the air! Someone asked, What's the difference between a \$20 steak and a \$55 steak? The answer apparently is "February 14th". You might be smiling! On deeper thought it might not be hard to admit that much of our celebration does not escape commercialization. Amazon, other online or physical outlets and restaurants have yet another season to look forward to.

Pain is in the air. But where? You don't need to look far. Our cities and towns are shaken with stories like that of Jordon Riley Tawney (28). Jordon was as a generous spirit and a loving heart to those who knew him. When life got hard and coping became difficult, he plunged into an existence of dependence on opioids. He was not alone in the struggle - his mother was with him in the trap. When mom succumbed in 2016 and died of a cardiac arrest in his arms, Jordon's heart was broken and his zeal for life waned. When he died at 28 of an overdose on 20 August 2018, his mortal remains were not claimed for months until recovery advocate Angela Cook worked in partnership with Jordon's half-sister Kayla and others to bring Jordon the honor of a fitting funeral. Churches, businesses and people in the city of New Cumberland and beyond embraced the cause. On 12 January 2019, we came together at Trinity as people of the city to honor the memory of Jordon. It was a service we will not easily forget. In the ABC 27 News report that carried the story, Moss Steward who attended the service and is in recovery spoke words of longing. He said, "I hope and pray that this funeral helps the next drug addict realize that this is not the road they want to go down." Moss told me he had lost three of his friends to opioids.

Hope is in the air. A small group from Trinity make their way to 2nd street in Harrisburg to meet homeless people and those in need. They carry everyday supplies and smiles that touch hearts. What began in the heart of Carol Crossley has launched a ministry that touches people in the heart of Harrisburg, one life at a time: Starfish

Ministries. This is complimented by the soup ministry, prayer shawl and quilt ministries, volunteers at Downtown Daily Bread, LHHH and others.

Love is in the air. Whose love? For more than 2000 years, the love of a carpenter from Nazareth has altered the wooden states of human hearts. His love has cut through the lines of racial prejudice. It has melted the hardness of our sinful resistance. It has broken the deadlock of our adamant refusals. His love has stayed steady and brought prodigals home.

This Valentine's Day can be more than a time for rekindling romance and affirming love. It can be a time when we feel the brokenness within and around and are truly sorry for failing to love like that faithful Carpenter.

Grateful that I am not up and in the air!

Pastor Arun

Love never fails

~ 1 Corinthians 13:8



FEBRUARY 2019 THEME

LOVE THAT SHAPES OUR VICTORY

February 3rd

Love is patient, love is kind

Scripture 1: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 Scripture 2: Ephesians 4:29-32

February 10th

Scout Sunday Service at 8:15 am Love always protects, always trusts

Scripture 1: 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 Scripture 2: Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12

February 17th

Love keeps no record of wrongs

Scripture 1: 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 Scripture 2: Ephesians 4: 26-27

February 24th

Love is not self-seeking

Scripture 1: 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 Scripture 2: Philippians 2:1-5

Dear Congregation,

WE WANT YOU TO KNOW YOU ARE LOVED!
WE INVITE YOU TO OUR

Trinity Valentine's Pay Pasta Luncheon

Sunday February 10th 12 PM

Hosted for YOU by Trinity Youth No Cost, Love Offering Welcome Come join us as our youth help us celebrate together.

Love is in the air and it's sweeter than oxygen!

For hearts that are trying to be sweet and for sweethearts.

Arun Andrews

SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY

"Winning by the power of inner strength" February 26th at 2 PM



The February Sunnier Side of Sixty Service will be held on February 26th at 2 PM. The theme for 2019 is Victorious by being a Winsome Witness. Each service, the last Tuesday of every other month, will focus on a different aspect. The February service will focus on "Winning by the power of inner strength".

The speaker will be Betsy Miller, one of our Trinity Adult Sunday School teachers. Betsy has been involved in many churches as a result of being a pastor's wife. She will bring an interesting angle to this theme.

Soloist is Amy Anderson. Amy is a nurse and a more recent member of Trinity and its choirs.

Dr. Ron will be organist for the hymn singing and the prelude will be an organ/piano duet. Our Trinity minister friends will assist with the serving of Holy Communion. Fellowship Time hosted by the Hospitality Committee will follow the service and take place in the Mt. Olivet Room. All are invited to this Tuesday afternoon service.

STARFISH MINISTRIES

Thank you for all your donations, prayers and volunteers as we continue with this ministry. Many homeless are being blessed with warm coats, sandwiches, hot chocolate and many other items. Come join us when you can. We meet the 2nd Sunday of each month at Second and South Street, Harrisburg at 12:30 pm.

SOUP FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

Attendance has been less than we had anticipated; yet we are encouraged by the relationships we are making and the fellowship we have preparing our soup and sharing the meal. It's been amazing! One area we are making adjustments to is our menu. We have started to add sandwiches or salads with our soup, as well as adding in a few "regular" meals. This is a stretch for us and exciting as well.

February 1st Chicken and Waffles

February 15th Lasagna

Please continue to support this ministry with your prayers as well as your helping hands. It really will be a blessing to you as well as to the guests. Thanks! See you at the Soup Fellowship!

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Boy Scout Sunday will be held at Trinity on February 10^{th} in the 8:15 am service.

We celebrate Trinity Boy Scout Troop #269 and welcome them as they participate in the service.



2017 Boy Scout Sunday - Smiles that will brighten your day!

LENT BEGINS IN MARCH

Ash Wednesday is on March 6^{th.} The evening service will begin at 7:00 pm and imposition of ashes will be administered.

Holy Communion will be on the first Sunday of Lent, March 10th and not the first Sunday of March.



Trinity's staff luncheon at the Olive garden to celebrate Jady's retirement

Greetings Pastor Arun and our Trinity Family,

Just thought we'd share our Victory with you. In December 2017 we took a Bible Study class led by our precious friend Shirley Sharpe. At the end of the class she challenged us to read the Bible from cover to cover in the new year. We accepted her challenge. Dec 31, 2018 we completed reading the Bible for the first time.

There were times when we had to double up on readings. The thing we liked the most was that we were both going to God at the same time which brought about many good discussions.

This year we are reading from different Bibles. We are reading the NLT version of THE ONE YEAR BIBLE plus I am also reading a Guidepost MORNINGS WITH JESUS, DAILY BIBLE. We enjoy the daily encouragement and prayers.

It's Not to late to start the commitment/challenge. Just double up on your readings until you are able to do one per day. You'll be glad you did.

Thank you Shirley & Arun for your love, support and prayers. Thank you God for always being there for us. May we honor You with everything we do.

Arv & Bev Krick
Currently in sunny Ft. Myers, Fl

Thank You!

I was very touched by the many cards and expressions of support and encouragement upon my retirement. Thank you so much

for being such a wonderful church family! You may not find me sitting at the desk in the office in future, but I will certainly be here among you, serving and worshipping. Your love and support have been a tangible thing in my life and I am honored to have you as my brothers and sisters in Christ. Bless you all.

~ Jady Conroy

We want to extend gratitude for all the thoughts and condolences for our Mom and Grandma. It means a lot during difficult times - and a special thank you to Pastor Arun for conducting the Memorial Services for Louise Rosenkrans.

Kind Regards, Linda Le & Family Thank you

Thank You from the Worship Team

Thank you to Kathy Miller and her committee members who took down the Christmas decorations.

Thank you to Sarah Rodgers for programming the carillon to play Christmas carols over the Christmas season.

Thank you to Michelle Loomis for taking the job as coordinator of the Christmas decorating for 2019.

Thank you to all the ushers who attended one of the usher's meetings held in January.

Thank you to each person who volunteered at Trinity in any capacity during the past month!

THE WHY OF 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

During Lent (the 40 days leading up to Easter), we in the church take time to reflect and grow in our faith and journey with Jesus to Calvary and on to a more committed resurrection life. Spiritual growth is God's desire for us whether we are a new Christian or one who has been walking with the Lord for many years.



Ephesians 4:14 tells us, "We are not meant to remain as children at the mercy of every chance wind of teaching....instead we are meant to hold firmly to the truth in love and to grow up in every way into Christ..."

So, how do we grow up in every way into Christ?

We grow when we feed on God's Word; this is our "soul" food. So, as Pastor Arun explained in his sermon of January 13, we *read* the scriptures slowly, *studying* them, *memorizing* them, *meditating* on them and *applying* the Word of God to our lives. So, over the 40 Days of prayer we will be committed to having a daily time with God.

So during these forty days we will be LISTENING to God's Word through Pastor Arun's messages. We will be VISUALLY reading our Workbook and watching the 40 Days of Prayer Videos with Pastor Rick Warren and we will be TALKING with one another in our small group about what we've heard and seen; and we will be DOING IT, actually praying with Jesus throughout these 40 Days.

We grow up in Christ when we develop Spiritual Habits. How do we develop a habit? Repetition and practice of the Spiritual Discipline of being in the Word, spending time alone with God, sharing what God is doing in your life with other Christians, journaling your prayers in your workbook are some ways to establish a habit for Christian living. So, during Lent, we will focus on 4 habits to strengthen us:

- 1. Habit of weekly large group worship Sunday morning 8:15am &/or 10:45 am
- 2. Habit of small group fellowship
 - ⇒ During the Sunday School hour in Fellowship Hall (we will be breaking down into table groups for discussion).
 - ⇒ Tuesday morning Bible Study with Shirley Sharp
 - ⇒ Thursday morning Bible Study with Pastor Peggy
 - ⇒ Wednesday morning Bible Study at 11am prior to the Lenten Lunches at Baughman UMC.
- 3. Habit of a daily time alone with God. Prayer and Bible Study using the 40 Day of prayer Workbook designed to help you during these 40 Days of Lent.
- 4. Habit of memorizing God's Word.

To get your book, please call the office NOW, so we can order enough books for all of you.

We grow when we help each other grow. Spiritual growth is relational. Romans 1:2 says, "I want you to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me and my faith will help you." (NCV)

We Grow when we expect to grow. Set a goal for yourself to complete these 40 Days of Prayer. Plan a time to see and hear from Jesus.

We grow when we commit to grow. Growth is not automatic, it's an intentional choice. In Joshua 24:15, he challenges us "choose for yourself today whom you will serve...as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord"

Together on the journey,

Pastor Peggy

We grow up in Christ when we learn in different ways. Luke 3:18 tells us, "in many different ways John (the Baptist) preached the good news to the people."

TRINITY YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

"A Trinity Youth Christmas" ... Concert Edition

Whether it was in the band, choir, orchestra, or on the team, Trinity Youth proclaimed the joy of Christ's birth this Christmas season! Representing at seven different schools and in all different ways, our youth are using their passions and talents for God's glory and it is inspiring!



Barbara Zimmerman's reflection in the Testimony service led us to hold off on jumping into New Year resolutions, and to slow down, pause, and reflect on God's goodness throughout 2018. He truly is Good! We reflected on some major highlights including the South Carolina Mission's Trip, Impact, VBS, Singing and serving with

the Texas youth choir, the summer kick-off picnic, Summer in the Sonshine, National Night Out, Battleball, Fall Retreat and of course, spending time in fellowship with one another. We wrapped up the 2018 year with our annual Youth Christmas Party where we shared a meal with youth parents, reflected on our favorite memories from 2018, participated in relays, and swapped presents in the traditional Christmas gift exchange. We are beyond excited for all God has in store for Trinity Church and Trinity Youth in 2019, and we hope you will join us and allow us to serve you at the Valentine's Day Luncheon!



Trinity youth and leaders at their annual Christmas Party

SUNDAY DUTIES FOR FEBRUARY 2019

DUTY	FEB. 3	FEB. 10	FEB. 17	FEB. 24			
Altar Guild	Marjorie Creamer	Marjorie Creamer	Sue Butler	Sue Butler			
Liturgist: 8:15	Rev. Raymond Brooks	Jed Beshore	Daryl Potteiger	Ron Winter			
10:45	(both services)	Kathy Miller	Jody Blacksmith	Ethel Brooks			
Children's Talk	No Children's Talk Communion	Rev. Raymond Brooks	Doug Eakin	Haley Warner			
Nursery: 8:15	Jo Lower Lucille Wilt	Doug Eakin Donna Ratulowski	Barbara Kiehl Dianne Schofield	Cindy Bailey			
10:45	Nina Stoner						
Ushers: 8:15 10:45	Jeff Brinton*, Harry Rodriguez, Larry Miller, Tom James, Yvonne James John Mickle*, Barb Mickle, Norm Batcheler, Floss Batcheler						
	*denotes head usher						
Coffee Fellowship	Adult Sunday School Class	Boy Scout Sunday	Chancel Choir	Grandparents in Prayer			
Adult SS Teacher	Ruth Miller	Ron Winter	Shirley Sharpe	Richard Creamer			
Elective SS Teacher	Mel Eyer	Jady Conroy	John Mickle	George Karnes			
Counting Team	Betty Winter, Kathy Miller						

MUSIC NOTES FROM DAN

"Light Dawns On a Weary World"



It was a joy to welcome the large number of guests who along with Trinity members filled the Sanctuary and Mt Olivet Room on December 20th and 23rd. A guest remarked that participants included choir members from ages 5 to 95; they were right!

The leadership provided by Wilma Rockey, director of Trinity Ringers and Sonshine choir, our keyboard accompanists Kari Wiest, Jane Bittner and Cathy Kirkham and 90 members of our vocal and handbell choirs made it all possible.

Particular thanks to Carol Evertts, her team and everyone who provided cookies for both events. Our guests stayed to enjoy the hospitality; several have returned for morning worship services.

Most importantly, the message of Christ's coming was proclaimed....

Light dawns

Love grows

Hope blooms.....

All in the coming of Christ!

Onward!

Dan



SAVE THE DATES

Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast

The first breakfast will be March 9th and will continue through April 13th (on Saturdays from 8-9 AM). Anyone wanting to help out in the kitchen should meet at 6:30 AM. Thanks for your attendance and help!

~Eric Rodgers



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for June 9th to the 14th for Vacation Bible School. You won't want to miss it!



CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER

will be reported on ABC 27, CBS21, Facebook and Trinity's Website



CENTRAL PA BLOOD BANK DRIVE

Thank you, in advance for your interest, support, and commitment to saving lives. This year, as in the past, Trinity will be hosting the Central Pennsylvania "notfor profit" Community Blood Drive program on Saturday, March 23rd from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please remember, for each unit of blood, three people have a chance to see another tomorrow. Consider this "gift of life" in remembrance of our Lord's sacrifice for each of us.

BIBLE READING METHOD

Slow reading (morning)

Read systematically from book to book

Read one subsection., less than ten verses. Pray and ask God to speak to you. Read each subsection four times.

1st Reading: Names, places, times and general observations.

2nd Reading: Visualize if you can.

3rd Reading: Answer the questions: Is there a command to obey? Is there a sin to confess?

4th Reading: Answer the questions: Is there an example to follow? Is there a promise to claim?

Write down your focus verse/word for the day.

Take a blessing break every two hours.

Fast reading (evening)
Bible Reading Plan - Read the Bible in a Year



FEBRUARY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAYS 8:15am Worship Service - S 9:30am Sunday School for All Ages 9:30am Coffee Fellowship - FH 10:45am Worship Service - S 10:45am Kingdom Kids - JR			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 Prayer Breakfast (Ickler's) 5:00pm Community Soup Fellowship (K&FH)	2 9:00am Communion Prep (WR)
3 6:00pm Youth Group (FH & WR)	4 9:30am Strong Women (MO)	5 9:30am TMG (FH) 11:45am Downtown Daily Bread 6:00pm Caitlin's Smiles (MO)	6 9::30am Strong Women (MO)	7 10:00am Sewing (WR) 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L& L)	8 6:45pm Boy Scout Meeting 5-9:30 Parent's Night Out (FH & SS)	9 12:30pm Private Party (FH)
10 Boy Scouts 12pm Valentine's Pasta Dinner (FH) 12:30pm Starfish 1:00pm Youth Gr 6:30pm Prayer Shawl	9::30am Strong Women (MO) 10:45am Grandparents in Prayer (SJ)	12 9:30am TMG (FH) 11:45am Downtown Daily Bread	13 9::30am Strong Women (MO)	14 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L&L)	15 TIDINGS' DEADLINE 5:00pm Community Soup Fellowship (K&FH)	16
17 9:30am Blood Pressure Check 6:00pm Youth Group (FH & WR)	18 9:30am Strong Women (MO)	19 6:30pm Worship Team Mtg. (SJ)	20 9:30am Strong Women (MO)	21 10:00am Sewing (WR) 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L& L)	22	23
24 12:00pm Youth Group Battleball Tourn (CR & FH) 6:30pm Prayer Shawl (Karnes')	9::30am Strong Women (MO) 10:45am Grands in Prayer (SJ) 6:30pm (SJ) Leadership Mtg	26 2:00pm Sunnier Side of Sixty	27 8:30am Assemble Tidings (OC) 9::30am Strong Women (MO)	28 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L& L)		
CR=Creation Room FH=Fellowship Hall PS=Preschool Room MO=Mt. Olivet Room YD=Young Disciple Rm O=Otterbein Conf. Rm WR=Wellness Room S=Sanctuary L&L=Lion & Lamb Room SJ=St. Johns Room JR=Junior Room				Take 5 to Pray Daily at 8:30 PM		



Trinity United Methodist Church

Susquehanna Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Worship Services 8: 15 AM and 10:45 AM

Sunday School Classes For all ages at 9:30 AM **Dated Material**

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED



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

