



VICTORIOUS



BUT THANKS BE TO GOD! HE GIVES US THE VICTORY
THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
I CORINTHIANS 15:57

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear Trinity Family,

Spring is in the air! It already feels like India!! Did I hear our travelling folk from Florida say, "We're returning"? It is a true joy to wish each of you lots of sunshine, outdoor moments and happiness. As we approach another season of Easter, we can make it our prayer to know Christ and the power of his glorious resurrection.

We have truly been blessed with the gift of Pastor Rick Warren's, 40 Days of Prayer. God is using it to shape our prayer lives as a church. Vicky Forman writes, "Gary and I are really enjoying the 40 Days of Prayer." The nearly seventy individuals, consisting of youth and adults, are blessed with daily journaling, learning prayer disciplines and sharing in a small group. Thank you Pastor Peggy and table leaders! On another note, we are looking forward with much anticipation to Youth Sunday. It is going to be a refreshing morning of celebrating with, hearing from, and learning together in worship with our dynamic young people, Youth Director and adult volunteers. We are also truly thankful to God for the renovated Youth Room made possible by your support and prayers. A special thanks to our Trustees and Haley Warner for the work done together.

It was the famed preacher Charles Spurgeon who is attributed to have said that, "A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes." We live in times where truth is on the balance. As we tune into our radios and televisions and move from channel to channel or catch the news on our hand-held devices, we find ourselves in a media-world vying for our attention. It is at times amusing to note how the same incident can be presented completely differently from different points of view. The problem is not just about viewpoints, but about how the main points in the story are often manipulated on account of the political leanings of a reporter or a media house. In World War II, Winston Churchill made his now famous statement: "In war time, truth is so precious that she should always be attended by a bodyguard of lies." While Churchill's remark perhaps refers more to deception and subterfuge, it does, at the very least, imply that truth is such a precious commodity that it should be zealously guarded lest it fall into the wrong hands.¹

The Resurrection narrative in the Bible gives us a window-view into how truth is challenged. In Matthew 27:62-64, the Bible records, “The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. “Sir,” they said, “we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ So, give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.”

This is a revealing record. The religious people of the day were expressing fear of potential lies and a body-guard of lies. That was not a problem in itself. The problem was that they themselves had sought to rely on a bodyguard of lies as they presented the case against Jesus before the Sanhedrin. In Matthew 26:59-60, the Bible records, “The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put Him to death. But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.” When I think of the contradiction of convictions in this conundrum, it reminds me of the quote, “If lying was a job, I know some people that would be billionaires.” The tragedy in this case, or course, was that people who were to protect the truth by virtue of their religious calling, were in fact, abusing it. Did you notice according to Matthew’s record that they had classified Jesus as “that deceiver”.

Down through the centuries, the virgin birth, the cross and the resurrection, which are part of the core of our Christian beliefs, have been challenged by heresies and the onslaught of atheism, other philosophies and sadly, even Christian indifference. Would you pause and think for a moment? If all that the Bible claims about the resurrection can be proven false, we will certainly not have a trustworthy faith. On the other hand, if its claims can be supported by reliable evidence, we will have the most dependable bedrock of belief. Jesus, in His earthly ministry not only taught about truth, not only pointed us to the truth, but embodied it in a unique fashion. He declared without hesitation, “I am the way, the truth and the life.” John 14:6. In our Christian understanding of truth, we are presented with a great challenge in this claim of Jesus. What is the challenge? When we as God’s children are tempted to either disregard, negotiate around or compromise the truth, we are not just dealing with principles, we are dealing with the very personhood of Christ. The next time you are tempted to compromise truth in your life, be it in the words you speak or don’t speak, be it in your actions or in thoughts residing in the deepest recesses of your mind, remember this principle! A violation of truth by Christ-followers is a violation of the person of Christ.

APRIL 2019 THEME

INVITATIONS THAT SHAPES OUR VICTORY

April 7th

When God says ‘No’

Scripture 1: Jeremiah 33:1-3

Scripture 2: 2 Corinthians 12: 6-10

April 14th

When God says, ‘I need you’

Scripture 1: Zechariah 9:9

Scripture 2: Mark 11:1-11

April 18th

MAUNDY THURSDAY

When God says, ‘I love you’

Scripture 1: John 13: 1-5

Scripture 2: Matthew 26: 17-30

April 19th

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

When God says, ‘Forgiven’

April 21st

EASTER SUNDAY

When God says your name

Scripture 1: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-8

Scripture 2: John 20:10-18

April 28th

When God says, ‘Go’

Scripture 1: Matthew 28:16-20

Scripture 2: John 20:19-22

As we consider the resurrection, the apostle Paul gives us a fascinating account concerning eye witnesses. In I Corinthians 15:6 he writes, “After that, He appeared to more than 500 of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.” This is an incredible declaration because Paul’s listeners or readers were in a position to verify this claim with the witnesses who were still alive. I am not sure if you are aware that among the many theories that seek to discount or deny the resurrection of Christ is the proposition that the 500 witnesses probably had a hallucination. Lee Strobel (author of “The Case for Miracles” and many other books) states, “I went to a psychologist friend and said if 500 people claimed to see Jesus after he died, it was just a hallucination. He said, hallucinations are an individual event. If 500 people have the same hallucination, that’s a bigger miracle than the resurrection.”

Lee Strobel, a brilliant legal mind and a convert to Christ through a passionate cerebral search for the truth, is a compelling voice for us to consider. As we continue to think this Easter season, I want to invite you to remember that while the evidence for the resurrection is truly dependable, there is another aspect of the resurrection that is also powerfully compelling. It is the evidence of lives transformed by the Risen Christ.

In 1974, Charles Colson entered a guilty plea to Watergate-related charges. He entered Alabama’s Maxwell prison in 1974 as a new Christian and as the first member of the Nixon administration to be incarcerated for Watergate-related charges. Colson had given his life to Christ a year before that. He served 7 months of a one-to-three-year sentence. After leaving prison, Colson founded Prison Fellowship Ministries in 1976, which since became the world’s largest outreach to prisoners, ex-prisoners and their families. Colson says, “I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Everyone was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren’t true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world-and they couldn’t keep a lie for three weeks. You’re telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible.”

Because He lives,

Pastor Arun



Notes:

<https://www.archives.gov/iwg/research-papers/weitzman-remarks-june-1999.html>

Easter reminds us that there
is no undertaker strong
enough to put truth under.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH AT 12:00 PM

Let's pray for our prayer lives...

...by asking God to increase in us a passion to sit with Him, consult and intercede with Him at a deeper level and with more intentional times of prayer. Yes, God calls us to "pray without ceasing", but let's move from unceasing prayer, to more intentional times praying with boldness of praise, worship and asking for what the Holy Spirit is speaking into our souls.

Thank be to God for Pastor Rick Warren and his teachings on prayer, and our small groups taking it to heart and praying together. My prayer is that your prayer life is being strengthened and you are connecting with friends to share prayer needs and concerns. Let us love one another as we hold each other up in prayer. My prayer is also that each of you have taken to heart your daily devotional journey where you are learning to pray the scriptures.

My thanksgiving goes to our beloved Pastor Arun who has incorporated Rick Warren's material and has added his wonderful wisdom to the subject of prayer.

We continue our study of the 40 Days of Prayer through Sunday, April 7, 2019. Please join us Sunday, April 14 (Palm Sunday) at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall for the bonus video "Why doesn't God answer the first time I pray?"

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Peggy

40 days of
Prayer



Thank you

We wanted to thank everyone for their support, cards and words of encouragement after our car accident. A special thank you to Pastor Arun and Barbara Zimmerman for their home visit and prayers, as well as the delicious soup. We are truly thankful that we all escaped serious injury and have such wonderful people in our lives.

Karen, John and Linnea Zeedick

Dear Trinity family,

We would like to thank each and every one of you for all the cards, phone calls, well wishes, soups and desserts. The visits from Sing and Celebrate to sing for Bob. He really enjoyed that. Especially for the visits from Pastor Arun, Barbara and Pastor Peterson.

In God's love
~ Bob, Millie and Jodi Walters

Thank
You

SECOND HAND SALE

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 29, 30, May 1, 2, 3
from 9 a.m. to 12 (noon)

Evening drop off:

April 30 and May 1
from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Monies from this event will go to support our mission efforts, i.e., UM Home for Children; New Hope Ministries; Mission Central; and many others.

Team L Triple H is providing pick up by request & appointment. Please contact Tom Baum at 717-774-0907 to schedule this service.

Donna Ratulowski at 717-512-3365 is serving as coordinator.

“One person’s junk is another person’s treasure.”

SIMPLIFY & DONATE!



Second Hand Sale Volunteer Opportunities May 2019

Accept Donations 4/29 and 4/30—9 a.m. to 12 noon) _____
5/1, 5/2, and 5/3—9 a.m. to 12 (noon) _____
4/30 and 5/1 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. _____

Set up – Tables, racks, move items from storage
Sunday, April 28 (10:30 a.m.) _____

Opening boxes and staging
April 29 and 30 and May 1, 2, and 3
9 a.m. to ?? _____

Work at Sale – Cashier, floor help Daytime _____
Evening _____

Help in kitchen – provide food for volunteers _____

Donate food for volunteers _____
Type of food item _____

Clean up – Wednesday, May 8th 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 21 is requested, however, your help will be accepted at any time. Your assistance is most appreciated!

Reminder – Sale dates & hours are May 6 – 12 (noon) to 7 p.m.; May 7 – 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; May 8 – 8 a.m. to 12 (noon).

**Team L Triple H is available for pick up at your home.
Contact Tom Baum at 717-774-0907.**

STARFISH MINISTRY

Starfish Ministry is requesting donations for:

- white socks**
- deodorants**
- used sturdy backpacks**

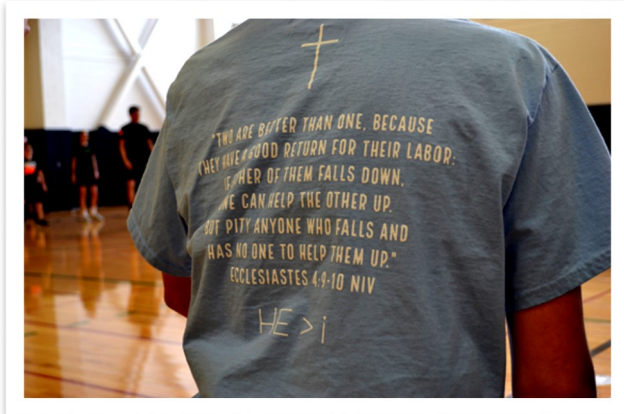
Please place donations on the table in the hallway.

Thank you for your support!

TRINITY YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

Trinity Youth Compete & Worship in Salt 'n Light's Spring Battleball Tournament

Trinity Youth aka "All Stars for JC" represented Christ and Trinity Church as they competed for God's glory and worshiped with each other at the Salt 'n Light Spring Battleball Tournament and Worship Rally. With almost twenty youth groups present it was an unforgettable day of intense and fun competition and fellowship.



Trinity Youth Winter Lock-In

With a recess excursion to the park, a bible memory verse scavenger hunt created by youth graduate Shane Sweger, worship led by our devoted Youth Singer adult volunteers, a movie night and devotional reflection led by youth graduate Rylee Fisher, joining the men for their Lenten breakfast series, a prayer walk around New Cumberland, preparing for Youth Sunday, and of course a minimal night's sleep as we camped out in the church, Trinity Youth grew closer to God, our congregation, and each other at this year's Youth Lock-In. We enjoyed a weekend of worship, prayer, and fellowship as we reflected on what it means to be in this world but not of it and grew in our understanding that every single person is seen as worthy, priceless, and loved by God.



SUNDAY DUTIES FOR APRIL 2019

DUTY	APRIL 7	APRIL 14 PALM SUNDAY	APRIL 21 EASTER SUNDAY	APRIL 28
Altar Guild	Paula Taylor	Kathy Brosius	Sue Beshore	Sue Beshore
Liturgist: 8:15 10:45	Rev. Carl Ford Peterson (both services)	Nick Emig Betsy Miller	Yvonne James Owen Rynex	George Karnes (combined service)
Children's Talk	No Children's Talk Communion	Rev. Raymond Brooks	No Children's Talk Easter	Mary and Dylan Strausbaugh
Nursery: 8:15 10:45	Jo Lower Lucille Wilt Jean Ruth Floss Batcheler	Dianne Schofield Amy Blakely	 Sue Butler	Allyn Litzelman
Ushers: 8:15 10:45	Ryan Wickenheiser*, Greg Cassimatis, Lori Young, Peddrick Young, Doug Eakin George Karnes*, Raymond Brooks, Ethel Brooks, Jim Strausbaugh, Shirly Hetrick *denotes head usher			
Coffee Fellowship	Adult Sunday School Class	Hospitality Team	Chancel choir	Grandparents In Prayer
Adult SS Teacher	40 Days of Prayer in Fellowship Hall			Marcia Haller
Elective SS Teacher	Sharon Sheffer	Janice Ocamb	Sharon Sheffer	Jan Ocamb
Counting Team	Karen Brinton and Kathy Miller			

LENTEN LUNCHESES

Where: Baughman UMC
228 Bridge St. New Cumberland

When: 12:00 PM (noon) - Lunch
12:30 PM - Worship

RSVP: Sign-up sheets will be available
on the information table.

April 3rd St. Paul's Lutheran

April 10th St. Teresa's Catholic

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

Friday at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST

Enjoy our finely cooked homemade hallmark Trinity Men's breakfasts and encouraging lessons from God's word. Breakfasts at 8 am followed by lessons from God's word.



THEME: The Divine Fitbit!
Taking steps to be in sync with Jesus!

April 6: Singing like Jesus
(Finding a song in tough times)

Speaker: Rev. Barry Robison
Harrisburg District Superintendent

April 13 (Co-Ed): Forgiving like Jesus
(Returning good for evil)

Speaker: Rev. Mack Granderson
Pastor at Derry Street UMC

Taking steps to be a little more like Jesus can make our homes, jobs and retirement lots more exciting and purposeful! Join us in a series that can feed your appetite and your soul! For further details contact Eric Rodgers or Pastor Arun.



THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 2, 2019



★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.
JOHN 13:34

PRAYER RALLY KICK OFF

WEDNESDAY MAY 1ST | 6:30 PM

NEW CUMBERLAND CHURCH OF GOD
323 RENO STREET | NEW CUMBERLAND

Youth Groups of New Cumberland participating

24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

MAY 1ST | 7:00 PM - MAY 2ND | 7:00 AM

AT HOMES AND AT TRINITY

praying around the clock

PRAYER RALLY SEND OFF

THURSDAY MAY 2ND | 6:30 PM

GATHERING ON TRINITY STEPS

7:00 PM NATIONAL ANTHEM

PRAYER CHAIN ON BRIDGE STREET

PRAYER CAPTAINS WILL LEAD PRAYER

AT EACH BLOCK

praying for America and our community



TRAINING SEMINARS FOR ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Calling all adult volunteers who work with our church's children or youth in any capacity!

MAY 5 | MAY 19 | JUNE 2

Immediately following the 10:45 AM worship service, we are holding adult volunteer training seminars from 12-1:30 PM. Each seminar is focused around leading and loving our children and will include a light lunch, a guest speaking on a focused topic, and breakout sessions.

Whether you already serve or hope to serve at VBS, Summer in the Sonshine, Kingdom Kids, Youth Group, Sunday School, or another kid-based program, all are welcome and we hope you will attend!

VBS 2019
JUNE 9-14
5:30 - 8:30 pm



To Mars and Beyond will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe.

They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. They'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Add to the adventure with out-of-this-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine!



JUNE 19
JULY 10
JULY 31
9 AM - 2 PM

VICTORY IN JESUS is our 2019 theme for Summer in the SONshine. We'll learn how to celebrate Victory in trying, Victory in teamwork, and Victory in telling. Stay tuned for volunteer signup sheets and registration forms.

SUPPER FELLOWSHIP

What's on the menu for April?

APRIL 5TH

Baked Ham, Mac & Cheese, Chocolate Pudding and Cookies

APRIL 19TH

Spaghetti, Salad, Italian Bread and Sherbet (Supper will be served from 5:00-6:30 pm prior to the 7:00 pm Good Friday Service.)

Invite a friend and come enjoy the great food and fellowship!

TRINITY BIKE EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, May 4th
9 AM - 1 PM

Happening on Community Day in the church parking lot. Trinity Youth Group, in conjunction with Recycle Bicycle and Parthemore Funeral Homes, will take the lead for the event, but as always they can use some adult help. So, keep the date open and think of us!

Contact Jim Uber (717-608-6347) or the church office for details.





APRIL 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	Take 5 to Pray Daily at 8:30 PM	
	1	2 11:45am Downtown Daily Bread 2:00pm National Day of Prayer Mtg 6:00pm Caitlin's Smiles 6:30pm Hospitality (SJ)	3	4 10:00am Sewing (WR) 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L&L)	5 9:00am Prayer Breakfast (Ickler's) 5:00pm Supper Fellowship (K&FH)	6 8:00am Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast 9:00am Communion Prep (WR)
7 12-2:00pm Children's Eater Party (FH) 5:00pm Youth Singers 6:00pm Youth Gr (CR & FH) 6:30pm Prayer Shawl	8 9:30 am Homebound Mtg (FH) 9:30am Strong Women (MO) 10:45am Grandparents in Prayer (SJ)	9 11:45am Downtown Daily Bread 7:30pm NC Town Band (FH)	10 9:30am Strong Women (MO)	11 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L&L)	12	13 8:00am Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast
14 12:30pm Starfish Ministry 6:00pm Youth Group (FH & WR)	15 Tidings Deadline 9:30am Strong Women (MO)	16 7:30pm NC Town Band (FH)	17 9:30am Strong Women (MO)	18 10:00am Sewing (WR) 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L&L) 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	19 12:00pm Community Good Friday Service 5:00pm Supper Fellowship (K&FH) 7:00pm Good Friday Service	20
21 Easter No Youth Group (enjoy time with your families)	22 Office Closed 9:30am Strong Women (MO)	23 6:30pm Worship Team Mtg (SJ)	24 8:30am Assemble Tidings (OC) 9:30am Strong Women (MO)	25 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L&L) 11:00am Staff Meeting (OC)	26	27
28 10:30am 2nd Hand Sale Set Up (FH) 6:00pm Youth Gr (CR & FH) 6:30pm Prayer Shawl	29 9-12pm 2nd Hand Sale Drop Off 9:30am Strong Women (MO) 10:45am Grandparents in Prayer (SJ) 6:30pm Leadership Team Mtg (SJ)	30 9-12pm 2nd Hand Sale Drop Off 2:00pm Sunnier Side of Sixty (S&MO) 6-8pm 2nd Hand Sale Drop Off 7:30pm NC Town Band (FH)		CR=Creation Room PS=Preschool Room YD=Young Disciple Rm WR=Wellness Room L&L=Lion & Lamb Room JR=Junior Room	FH=Fellowship Hall MO=Mt. Olivet Room O=Otterbein Conf. Rm S=Sanctuary SJ=St. Johns Room	



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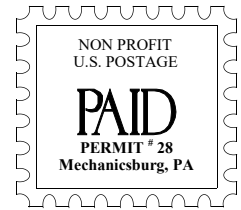
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Sunday Worship Services
8: 15 AM and 10:45 AM

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

April
2019



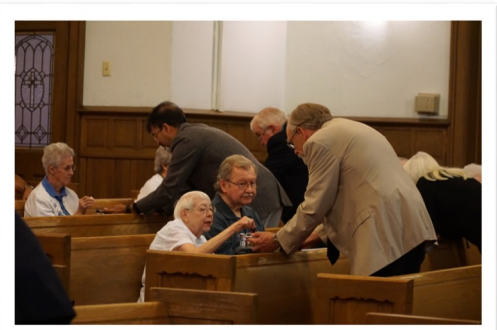
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articles for the
MAY 2019
TRINITY TIDINGS
by April 15th

SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY SERVICE

April 30th at 2:00 PM

“Winning by the Power of the Resurrection” is the theme for the April 30th Sunnier Side of Sixty service. The Tuesday afternoon 2:00 service will

have our retired minister friends assisting Pastor Andrews and administering communion to all. Shirley Sharpe will have a message of challenge and encouragement. Harry Minskey, Jr., long time Trinity member, leader of the Zembo Shrine String Band, and saxophonist, will share in the music ministry. Fellowship Time will be held after the service in the Mt. Olivet Room. Please contact Mary Herr if you are in need of transportation. Thank you to many who assist with numerous aspects of this service!



*“But thanks be to God!
He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

I Corinthians 15:57