

Trinity Tidings to know, grow and show the love of jesus

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From the Pastor's Desk

My dear Trinity family,

What a blessed season of prayer and fellowship this has been! Our experiences at the National Day of Prayer will be hard to describe in a few short lines. It is a matter beyond doubt that the impact of the prayers of God's people will well outlive the period of the 24 hours of our engagement. The focus for this year was brought to us in the Lord Jesus' words "Love one another. Just as I have loved you." John 13:34. The question that we can ask

ourselves is, "How can I continue to pray and continue to love?" Now, that is a struggle for some of us! A little girl wrote this prayer, "Dear God, I need you to make my mom not allergic to cats. I really want a cat and I really don't want to ask my mom to move out." Could that be a subtle commentary on the kind of struggles that some of us face in our prayer life? Isn't it true that we are at times torn between our affections on the one hand and our burdens on the other, as we go to God in prayer?

But go we must! F.B. Meyer noted, "The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer." How can we continue to engage in prayer with a 24/7, 365-day fervor and passion? Those of us who attended the 40 Days of Prayer series by Pastor Rick Warren, can richly draw from lessons and insights we gained through the experience. On the other hand, each of us can make a commitment to pray faithfully, scripturally, and with a true burden for our broken world. Let me say this as best as I can: If we do not have true love, we cannot have true compassion for the hurting. Neither can we have a true burden for the lost or a true concern for the needy. *Heartless prayers are essentially useless prayers.*

At the heart of our relationship with God, is the fact that if all else changes, God will always be dependable. There is a certain line that I heard as a teenager. It comes back to me from time-to-time and refreshes me with a confetti of encouragement. It always makes me smile. What is that line? "The will of God will never lead you, to where the grace of God can not keep you." What a promise! We have been engaged in a sermon series titled, "Miracles that Shape our Victory". We will be continuing to study more scriptures

under the same title in the month of June. Have you been in need of a miracle lately? Or do you know someone that would be grateful for one? What do we usually think of when we think of miracles? Yes, the Bible presents a God who can part the seas, still storms, open blind eyes, cause the lame to walk, raise the dead, and do much more. Much more: those are the two words that I want to draw your attention to. What is the "much more" that God wants to share with us through his miracles? As Jesus displayed his power over the elements, the physical limitations of the human body and over the expressed works of the powers of darkness, he chose his, "much more". For instance, in Luke 5:17-26, Jesus healed a paralytic. It was a spectacular miracle. A man who was limited to a mat and a life of dependence on others, was given his freedom, mobility and dignity - all in just a moment. But in reading the passage, you will find that Jesus chose, "much more". In verse 20, he said, "Friend your sins are forgiven." For Jesus the physical deliverance that had been gifted was meant to be a spring-board for something deeply spiritual. Jesus knew that the man would never be truly healed, if he was only cured of his physical paralysis. He went ahead to the "much more" when he addressed spiritual paralysis that is caused by sin in human life.

There was a season during our ministry in India, when certain television Evangelists were presenting dramatic, miraculous moments in their telecasts. People were not only being promised healing and miracles, there were dramatic moments when people who were prayed over would collapse to the floor and so on. Congregation members would converse with me about such experiences. Some were absolutely enamored, some were rejoicing with gladness, and

JUNE 2019 THEME

MIRACLES THAT SHAPE OUR VICTORY

June 2nd MUSIC SUNDAY Make His Praise Glorious Scripture 1: Psalm 100

June 9th PENTECOST A Miracle for a Seeker Scripture 1: John 3:1-7 Scripture 2: John 7:45-52

June 16th A Miracle for a Family Scripture 1: John 11:1-16 Scripture 2: John 11: 17-37

June 23rd A Miracle for a Community Scripture 1: John 4: 1-26 Scripture 2: John 4: 27-42

June 30th A Miracle for a Condemned Heart Scripture 1: John 3: 16-21 Scripture 2: John 8: 1-11

some were skeptical. The question that I would bring to the attention of my friends would be this one, "If the goal of our Heavenly Father is to make us more like Jesus (Romans 8:29) everyday, would it not be a profitable thing to ask how each experience we go through contributes to that purpose?" Putting it in practical terms, the question would be, "Did the person/persons who experienced a supernatural or miraculous moment, reflect becoming a little more like Jesus on account of the experience?"

We will also do well in noticing that Jesus pursued some more of the, "much more". Luke tells us as do other gospel writers that the miracles of Jesus pointed to the glory to his Father. For instance, when the paralytic was dramatically healed, stood up in front of the crowd and went home praising God, there was a response from the people. What was the response? Luke 5:26 states, "Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God." Jesus had captured another piece of the "much more". He walked out of the limelight to turn the spotlight on the Father. He had willingly, intentionally, and humbly turned the glory in the direction of His Father. Hence the Gospel writer was gifted the opportunity to record the words, "Everyone.....gave praise to God!" What an example to follow!

At Trinity, we are once again anticipating an exciting season of ministering to children and youth through Vacation Bible School and Summer in the SONshine. In all we do, let us not forget that among all the miracles of God, the greatest is that of a life being transformed by Christ.

On a personal note, we request your prayers for us as a family as we prepare to travel to India and visit with our elderly parents/grandparents between June 25 and July 25. Nihal will remain in the U.S. while we will be away. Rev. Raymond Brooks has kindly accepted to oversee pastoral care and help by being present in our church services (with the exception of June 30). We are blessed to have the love and support of parish nurse Barbara Zimmerman. Let us pray for Rev. Carl F. Peterson who is due for a surgery later this month. I would like to join you in thanking Beth Sider and our National Day of Prayer team for their incredible work. We are grateful to Pastor Peggy Spengler for the vision of seeing an interdenominational human prayer chain across Bridge Street. Thanks to each of you who participated in the 24-hour prayer chain and in the services. Most of all, we thank our Lord!

Our sincere gratitude is also extended to:

Cathy and Tom Baum and our team of volunteers who hosted our hotdog counter and children's activity area on Community Day.

Haley Warner and our youth, Jim and Marsha Uber, Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg, Parthemore Funeral Home (celebrating 50 years), for hosting Bicycle Extravaganza.

Donna Ratulowski and our team of volunteers who helped organize the 2nd hand sale.

What each of you did for our Lord and for the community at those events will go a long way.

We also thank God for your participation as a congregation in supporting the New Cumberland Supper Fellowship, Starfish Ministries and our new ASK project. Your gifts and personal involvement are making a difference – one life at a time. Thank you!

May the miracles of God's "much more" continue to baffle and transform each one of us into Christ's likeness.

In his "much more", Pastor Arun JUNE 9-14 5:30 - 8:30 ρπ Trinity U///C

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EXPLORE WHERE GOD'S POWER CAN TAKE YOU!

Registration is available online beginning May 1st at https://trinityumnc.com/ ministries/kids/

Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us! Ephesians 3:20 Thank you to all who participated in the National Day of Prayer. The Wednesday evening Prayer Kick-off Rally, in partnership with Pastor Charlie Zahora (First Church of God), planned by Haley Warner and with the participation of the Trinity youth, was a real blessing and an inspiration. The 24 hour prayer vigil had a record number of people praying. The Thursday evening Prayer Rally with joyful music on the Trinity steps also had a record number of people attending. The Prayer Chain organized by Pastor Peggy was a wonderful and unifying experience for the community. Special thanks to Nihal Andrews for setting up the sound for the outside Prayer Rally.



Thank you to the Trinity National Day of Prayer committee for all of their planning and work: Mary Herr, Jo Lower, Kathy Miller, Betty Winter, Jocelyn MacMinn, Shirley Sharpe, Pastor Peggy Spengler, Norm Batcheler, Wilma Rockey, Carol and Randy Evertts, Dianne Schofield, Haley Warner, Beth Sider, and Pastor Arun Andrews.

My Dear Church Family,

I wanted to say thank you all for the many cards, well wishes and gifts. They mean so much to me! I am truly blessed to have so many people praying for me. A special thank you to Pastor Arun for his phone calls, text messages and visits through this journey. Also, my family who has been there for me through the good and bad days.

1 thank God for each one of you. May God bless you everyday.

In Christian Love! Lisa Leen and family.



We want to thank all who sent us cards and best wishes on our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Thanks to our daughter, Anne-Marie Brandt, who had a surprise Anniversary Party for us. Thanks to Pastor Arun who attended and shared with us and the beautiful flower he gave us. ~ Ruth & Roger Miller A special "THANK YOU" to Carol Crossley and the Supper Fellowship for providing "soup" for the Outreach Ministry. This is a wonderful extension to "community caring" and, soooooo good!

Thanks

My grateful appreciation,

Barbara Z. 💌

I want to thank all who prayed for my recovery from pneumonia and B-strain flue while I was in the hospital. I want to thank all who sent Get Well cards. I want to thank the Chancel Choir for your card, Sing and Celebrate for your card, and the Adult Sunday School for your card. I want to thank Wilma Rockey, Daryl Potteiger, Ken Gable, and Pastor Arun for your calls. Pastor Arun, your prayers meant so much to me. ~ Roger Miller



A Special Thank You to All

The Lord was surely with us Saturday morning, 5/4/19 at New Cumberland's Annual Community Day. You could feel the LOVE in the air and see the LOVE in the eyes of all who participated.

Trinity gave away 680 hot dogs out of the 800 purchased. The other 120 hot dogs were donated for Vacation Bible School in June. Our craft table and face painting stations were a HUGE success with the children and some adults too. It was a site to see!

Thank you to everyone who donated their time, monetary donations and PRAYED for the Community Day festivities!!! I was very proud of Haley and our Youth Group who helped with the Bike Extravaganza & with the crafts and face painting at Community Day, for the children in the COMMUNITY.

THANKS Cathy & Tom Baum



SECOND HAND SALE THANK YOU!

\$3, 200.00 has been deposited into our church mission fund from the sale. AND we continue to sell. We could not have done it without all those who donated so generously of their treasures and those who donated so generously of their time to set up/break down, sort, organize, price, and best of all cook food for us. A BIG thank you from me and from all those who are benefiting from our efforts. Goods that were not sold this year and we were not able to use here at the church, i.e., for the Silent Auction in the fall, were donated to Mission Central's New Digs Program, The Starfish Ministry, Bethesda Mission, Neighborhood Center Harrisburg, New Cumberland Public Library, Goodwill in Lemoyne, and Shining Light Thrift Shop.

We learned this year that your donations will touch many lives in a very personal way. Several shoppers shared that they care for children in the foster system or their own grandchildren and are looking for items of good quality at our sale. One young lady, named Stacey, 13, has started her journey (Four Paws & Two Feet) to have a therapy dog. In order to raise money to purchase her dog she is collecting shoes. We were able to donate the shoes that did not sell to her in support of her mission. One shopper, Mary, who supports our sale every year, was mourning the loss of her sister and came to "look" in order to divert her attention for a few minutes. Please keep all who visited our sale in your prayers that they will be richly blessed by our 2nd hand sale here in New Cumberland.

Donna Ratulowski, coordinator

This year's "2nd Hand Sale" was amazing...neatly organized, attractively arranged, and even topic specific. I was able to acquire many "special" items to gift our HOMEBOUND. Being remembered is a precious blessing. Thank You for your donated treasures, and Thank You Donna and each member of the 2nd Hand Sale Team. Barbara Z. •

TRINITY YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS



National Day of Prayer Youth-Led Kick-Off Rally

To prepare our hearts and minds for the National Day of Prayer, Trinity Youth partnered with First Church of God New Cumberland to lead the first ever National Day of Prayer Kick-Off Rally. Through reflection and worship, the youth broke the Lord's Prayer down for us into four meaningful parts of prayer... P.raise. R.equest. A.dmit. Y.ield. (which we can remember by spelling out the word PRAY). People from the different churches and other parts of New Cumberland joined together in a powerful time of prayer and worship as we proclaimed victory in Christ through prayer over our community, churches, schools, nation, and world.

Trinity Youth Partner with Recycle Bicycle & Parthemore Funeral Home to Host this Year's Bike Extravaganza Through these partnerships, over thirty volunteers, and the leadership of Jim & Marsha Uber, we have been able to connect with and bless local children and families with free bicycles, helmets, and repairs every year at Trinity's bike extravaganza. This year we were able to distribute over 100 bikes and helmets, accept over 40 bike donations (turning at least 25 around to reissue), and register every bike with the police department! The

numbers reflect a ton of success, but we witnessed even more success as we heard testimonies and saw lives touched by the simple gift of a bicycle.

TRINITY SENIORS/ HOMEBOUND PICNIC

Please join us for a picnic lunch at noon on

June 25, 2019 Fellowship Hall

Follow my example as I follow the example of Jesus ~ 1 Corinthians 11: 1

SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY

The June Sunnier Side of Sixty service will follow the Seniors/Homebound picnic and will be on Tuesday, June 25th at 1:15 in the sanctuary. Rev. Karen Atanasoff, an assistant to Bishop Park, will speak. Amy Rynex, one of Trinity's favorite soloists, will minister in music. Communion will be served. The theme will be "Winning by investing in young lives".



WORSHIP TEAM UPDATES:

At their April 23rd meeting, the Worship Team moved to go forward in considering plans for equipment that would allow for better projection in the sanctuary. Your feedback/thoughts are most welcome.

We are aware that there are varying needs within the Trinity community in relation to comfort during worship services. In an attempt to meet those physical needs, we would like to make available comfortable chairs in which persons with physical discomfort may sit in the Mt. Olivet Room during worship. If you have specific needs and could recommend a chair for you, please contact Scott Loomis, trustee chairperson, or one of the trustees. Our choice will be for the common good.

SUNDAY DUTIES FOR JUNE 2019

DUTY	JUNE 2	JUNE 9	JUNE 16	JUNE 23	UNITED SERVICE JUNE 30			
Altar Guild	Bev Krick	Bev Krick	Jean Ruth	Jean Ruth	Kathy Brosius			
Liturgist: 8:15	Music Sunday No Liturgist	Rev. Richard Creamer	John Mickle	Kathy Miller				
10:45		(both services)	Nehara Andrews	Bev Krick	Pat Stacey			
Children's Talk	Cheryl Bargo	No Children's Talk	Pastor Raymond Brooks	Jady Conroy	Owen Rynex			
Nursery: 8:15	Sue Bishop Donna Ratulowski	Mike Schofield	Allyn Litzelman	Doug Eakin Cindy Bailey				
10:45	Nina Stoner	Sue Butler Floss Batcheler	Jean Ruth Linda Young	Mary Herr Cathy Miller				
Ushers: 8:15	*Daryl Potteiger, Ken Keim, Larry Miller, Nevin Bashore, Mel Eyer							
10:45	*Arv Krick, Bev Krick, Melody Oligane, Shirly Hetrick *denotes head usher							
Coffee Fellowship	Adult Sunday School Class	Sing & Celebrate	Chancel Choir	Hospitality	No Coffee Fellowship			
Adult SS Teacher	Betsy Miller	Richard Creamer	Shirley Sharpe	John Mickle	Pastor Andrews			
Elective SS Teacher	Sharon Sheffer	Bob Rosenthal	Mel Eyer	Jan Ocamb	Combined Sunday School			
Counting Team	Dianne Schofield and Tom Baum							

MUSIC SUNDAY

June 2nd at the 8:15 am and 10:45 am services

All of the music groups at Trinity will participate in the service – Sonshine Choir, Youth Singers, Sing and Celebrate, Chancel Choir, and United Bells. We thank all who volunteer their time in the music ministry of Trinity.

"When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, It is as though the whole creation cried, "Alleluia!"

UNITED SERVICE

June 30th is a fifth Sunday and we will have a United Service at 10:45. There will be a small band to start the service with a short segment of approximately ten minutes. We do not have Coffee Fellowship when we have a united service.

HISTORY OF TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN

Russell Wilson began our Prayer Chain back in the early 1980's, where we met at the Day's Inn for a few years. We then returned to Trinity's Fellowship Hall, where our custodian, Julius Bailey cooked us breakfast. Then we moved over to the old parsonage where someone would bring a snack. Joan Ickler started coming to the Prayer Chain and in 2004 we began meeting at her home, where we meet today.



~Joyce Warcholak

Pastor Arun and the congregation express this gratitude to our prayer chain team: Joan Ickler, Matt Ickler, Doris Bernardo, Joyce Warcholak and Barbara Z.

GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS! BUILDING DEBT RETIRED

We are truly thankful to the Lord for his faithfulness to us as a congregation. We would also like to thank each of you in the congregation who have not only prayed but striven hard over the years to help reduce our building debt. As announced earlier, Trinity was blessed with Joyce Long bequeathing a part of her estate to the cause of retiring our building loans and using the rest of her contribution towards our building needs. We are happy to inform you that we have received the final payment due from Joyce's generous gift. The total amount received is \$496,767. We have used \$62,553 to pay off the debt that was outstanding against our office building. We will be clearing the parsonage debt of \$97,220 shortly. Of the amount received, Joyce had designated \$25,000 to the Parish Nurse Ministry, \$5,000 to the camping fund, \$5,000 to youth missions and \$1,000 to the flower fund. The balance will be used in prayerful and careful consideration of the needs that present themselves in our building, including the renovation of our children's ministry area.

We are grateful to each of you for your contributions/tithes towards the ministry of our Lord at Trinity. As you would notice in this announcement, Joyce's gifts are exclusively designated by her for use only for building purposes/needs and the other designated amounts listed above. This means we will continue to need your ongoing financial support to the general fund of the church. The good news is that since our debts will all be cleared, we can use more of our funds for kingdom-building purposes such as Christian education, children's and youth ministry, mission support, equipping our laity and so on. The Lord has been very kind to us – and we are grateful. Let us continue to love, trust and serve our Great, Big, Wonderful God faithfully.

SHARES OF MINISTRY

Bishop Jeremiah Park wishes to convey his gratitude to us as a congregation for giving 100% of Shares of Ministry in 2018. Bishop Park writes, "Through the connectional covenant of shares of ministry, we have healed the sick, visited the imprisoned, clothed the naked, fed the hungry, cared for the vulnerable, educated the illiterate, shared the Gospel and witnessed to the transformative power and redemptive love of God in Jesus Christ. I don't take your commitment to shares of ministry for granted. Your faithful stewardship in generous giving entails sacrifice. Please know that your sacrificial giving makes a difference in mighty ways in so many places as it brings healing and hope to the world with the love of God in the name of Jesus Christ." We want to thank you as a congregation for your continued and faithful support of the ministry of God's church.

COOKIE REQUEST

In order to defray our vacation bible school meal costs we are asking for your donation of cookies. These will be repackaged for the children and adults each evening. Gift cards are also always welcomed. Please take to the kitchen by June 2 if possible and clearly mark for VBS.

Thank you very much!!

Donna and Haley 🙂

SUPPER FELLOWSHIP

What's on the menu?

- JUNE 7 Lasagna, Salad, Italian Bread, Fruit and Ice Cream
- JUNE 21 prepared by Susan Croushore and Barb Hawk

We welcome volunteers to join us for setup, foodprep, serving, and clean-up. You may volunteer by signing up on the info table or online at: https://trinityumnc.com/next-steps/serve/

SAVE THE DATES

National Night Out - Tuesday, August 6

"Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs A going Away Party" More details to come next month.

All Church Retreat - Saturday, August 24 Stay tuned for more details.....

STARFISH MINISTRIES

Senators Baseball Game Fundraiser July 19, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

Starfish Ministries will be featured at this Friday night home game of the Senators baseball team at FNB Park, City Island, Harrisburg.

Starfish Ministries will be throwing out the first pitch, will have an on-field interview, and will have an information table at the game. A section is reserved for our friends. Support us by attending the game! Please email Carol at Cacrossley1@gmail.com for a brochure and information on obtaining tickets. Ticket cost is \$11, with a \$4 proceed to Starfish.

Current Items Needed:

Starfish Ministry needs: small umbrellas, ponchos, socks, back packs, deodorants, belts and blankets.

Our ministry is having a growth spurt. Only one year ago we were serving the homeless from one card table. We're up to 8 tables and about a dozen volunteers each month serving. Please consider coming out to help.

> They have less than we have, but they are not less than we are



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JUNE 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAYS 8:15am Worship Service - S 9:30am Sunday School for All Ages 9:30am Coffèe 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 Annual Conference (Hershey Lodge)
2 MUSIC SUNDAY 12:00pm Adult Volunteer Seminar (FH) 6:00pm Youth Gr (CR & FH)	3 6:30pm Leadership Team Mtg. (SJ)	4 6:00pm Caitlin's Smiles (MO) 6:30pm Worship Team mtg. (SJ) 7:30pm NC Town Banc (FH)	5	6 10:00am Cooking (FH) 10:30am Celebrate from H&S (L&L)	7 9:00am Prayer Breakfast (Ickler's) 5:00pm Supper Fellowship (K&FH)	8 9:00am Communion Prep (WR) 4:00pm Piano Recital (S & MO)
9 PENTACOST SUNDAY 10:45am Kingdom Kids 12:30pm Starfish 5:30pm VBS 6:30pm Prayer Shawl	10 5:30pm VBS	11 5:30pm VBS	12 5:30pm VBS	13 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L&L) 5:30pm VBS	14 6:00pm VBS	15 Tidings Deadline
16 FATHER'S DAY 9:30am Blood Pressure 10:45am Kingdom Kids 6:00pm Youth Group (FH & WR)	17 9:30am Strong Women (MO)	18 7:30pm NC Town Band (FH)	19 9:00am Summer in the SONshine	20 10:30am Celebrate from H&S (L& L) 11am Staff Mtg (OC) 5:30pm VBS Thank You Dinner (FH)	21 5:00pm Supper Fellowship (K&FH)	22 12:00pm private party (FH)
23 Youth Group on Mission Trip 10:45am Kingdom Kids 1	24 Youth Group on Mission Trip	25 Youth Group on Mission Trip 7:30pm NC Town Band (FH)	26 Youth Group on Mission Trip	27 Youth Group on Mission Trip 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L& L)	28 Youth Group on Mission Trip	29
30 UNITED SERVICE 10:45am Kingdom Kids 6:00pm Youth Group (FH & WR)		CR=Creation RoomFH=Fellowship HallPS=Preschool RoomMO=Mt. Olivet RoomYD=Young Disciple RmO=Otterbein Conf. RmWR=Wellness RoomS=SanctuaryL&L=Lion & Lamb RoomSJ=St. Johns RoomJR=Junior RoomS=St. Johns Room			Take 5 to Pray Daily at 8:30 PM	

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Susquehanna Conference

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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



Please submit articles for the JULY 2019 TRINITY TIDINGS by June 15th

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The June communion will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. Pentecost is the birthday of the church, and to add to the celebration we will have geraniums adorning the sanctuary. Might you also consider wearing red for Pentecost?

If you would like to purchase a red geranium, the cost is \$5.00 each. These flowers will be used to decorate the church for Pentecost and then can be planted in your garden at home. Orders are due in the church office, along with cash or check made payable to Trinity United Methodist Church (showing "Pentecost Flowers" in memo) by June 2, 2019.

Please indicate number amount of plants you would like. The flowers you purchased should be taken home Pentecost Sunday June 9, 2019.

