



# 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,

Greetings from “the city of joy”!

“Kolkata” or “Calcutta” as it has been known, is the city in which Mother Teresa labored to spread the message of the Gospel through a revolution of love. In her commitment to share love among the homeless, the abandoned, the dying and orphans, she came to believe that the world is not only hungry for bread, it is hungry for love. She seemed to further understand that the hunger for love is harder to remove than the hunger for bread.

What does “love” mean to you?

Our present time of travel in India has made us more aware of love. “In what ways?” you might ask. For one, Miriam, Nehara and I, were deeply touched by the friends and church members from various churches and denominations in the city of Bangalore who had made the effort to meet us. Many among them had made their way through miles of peak hour traffic to be present at events/services at which I was invited to minister at. In a question and answer time after one of the talks addressing professionals and business people, a gentleman stood up and said, “Arun, the last time I heard you preach was 24 years ago at our college campus”. He went on to ask me his question and told me later that it was the memory of the interaction 24 years ago that brought him back to the meeting in 2019! God’s love can truly bring us back!

Another young man came by to say thanks. He said, “You may not remember, but you prayed for me 15 years ago and since that day things have not been the same again”. He went on to recount God’s incredible work in his life. By the time the evening concluded we had met with people who had waited in line for about an hour and a half. People who came just to say, “We care about you! You matter to us. Thank you”.

We may never fully comprehend the power of love in the little acts we do. When we served the people of Bangalore, India over a period of 25 years, we may have sometimes felt that what we were doing was either too small, too little or too insignificant. Not so in God's eyes. No wonder Mother Teresa said, "we ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

Have you lately been touched by returning love that was inspired by gratitude?

One of the people we met that evening was Col. Sam T. The Colonel, his wife and daughter had been faithful members of our previous congregation. We were meeting him for the first time after his dear wife passed away. If tears could spell "love", we saw it spelt many times over on the face of a colonel whose heart was bruised by the hand of bereavement. Upon listening to and praying with him, it came afresh to me that true love will and can never forget. The inability to forget is not a sign of the absence of faith but a sign of the presence of love.

Do you experience pain because of the presence of genuine love?

As we make our way through this time in India, Miriam and I feel a deep sense of gratitude that God would allow us the privilege of spending our annual savings on trips to India. Being only four and a half years in the US and with only one member in the family earning for the first three years, we have had to make a choice. It is either a bigger bank balance or a bigger love balance! Each time we leave India and wish our parents goodbye, we are not sure if there would be a next time. Yet, we know this for sure – we will never regret the choice to come back home to love!

Are you investing towards a bigger love balance?

Mother Teresa is noted to have said, "What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family." Wise words that face the risk of falling on deaf ears. Her words remind me of words of regret that I have heard more than a few times at cemeteries. Words spoken moments after someone's mortal remains have been laid to rest. "If only I had known it would happen this way, I would have taken the time to care". "If only....." Unfortunately, as the English line says, "Time and tide will wait for no one".

## AUGUST 2019 THEME

### TESTS THAT SHAPE OUR VICTORY

#### August 4th

##### The test of affluence

Scripture 1 : Proverbs 11: 28

Scripture 2 : Job 1:1-5

#### August 11th

##### The test of affections

Scripture 1 : Proverbs 17:6

Scripture 2 : Job 1: 6-21

#### August 18th

##### The test of acceptance

Scripture 1 : Proverbs 3:5-6

Scripture 2 : Job 2:1-10

#### August 25th

##### The test of authenticity

Scripture 1 : Proverbs 11: 3

Scripture 2 : Job 3 : 1-26



As we think of the pain of such a predicament, we pause to ponder upon God's expectations of us. The apostle Paul admonishes believers with these words, "So watch your step. Use your head. Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times! Don't live carelessly, unthinkingly. Make sure you understand what the master wants." Ephesians 5: 16-17 (The Message)

The words, "make the most of every chance you get" point us to an inspiration and an expiration. The inspiration is to use God-given opportunities to the best of our abilities for his glory. The expiration is a reminder that there will come a time when there will be no more time!

Are we making the most of our opportunities to love?

While we made the effort to make the 8000 miles plus trip to India, our elderly parents, (in their nineties and eighties) left no stone unturned to host us. Welcome notes, new bed spreads, towels, orders for sea-fresh fish, laborious processes involving personally making homemade Indian savories/ sweets, days and hours of organizing and planning meals and hospitality. The list goes on! How do we reciprocate? Apart from all the Pennsylvania goodness that we carried back to them in our bags, we do something simple. We spend all the time we can with them. Nothing becomes more valuable than spending time with those we love and doing it in a manner that means the most to them.

Mother Teresa once said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." We have once again seen such love in the face of our parents and in their acts of generosity.

In a few days from now, we will be boarding our flights back to the United States of America. We will feel the pain of leaving. On the other hand, the words of song writer Cesáreo Gabaráin will resonate in our hearts:

***O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me  
And while smiling have spoken my name  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me  
By Your side I will seek other seas***

God has indeed been faithful and your love and welcome as a congregation has made our journey in America all the better. Thank you for all you mean to us!

By his grace and for the sake of the Gospel,

Pastor Arun





## THANK YOU... From the Worship Team

Thank you to Mel Eyer...

You do a great job coordinating the Children's Talks at Trinity. We have a short talk each Sunday during the worship service, with the exception of Communion Sundays. Mel contacts and schedules speakers, and then closer to their date furnishes them with the scriptures and theme for their particular Sunday. Thank you, Mel!

Thank you to all who do Children's Talks...

It's great to have the youth involved, also! Let's continue to pray for the children who hear these talks each Sunday. Let's pray that they are challenged to follow Christ through these talks.

Thank you to Jeff Brinton...

Jeff is a welcoming presence and is an important person at Trinity!

Jeff is the head usher on the August and February 8:15 ushering team.

Jeff, along with the head usher, is responsible for overseeing the offering following the 8:15 service.

Jeff copies the recording of the 8:15 service onto tapes for the Homebound Ministry.

Jeff is the umbrella brigade who helps those in need get into the church with an umbrella before the 8:15 service.

Lastly, we have heard from Pastor Arun that he shares the Pastor's jokes with those at work. This has made a bridge for him to speak of the church with his co-workers.

All this is done with a smile! Jeff, thank you for your service for the Lord.

Jeff will be taking a little break from his volunteering but we hope to see him at church soon. We thank God for His healing mercies to Jeff. May we all be inspired by Jeff Brinton to do what we can in the ministry and mission of the church!

Dear Trinity Church Family,

God is good all the time. Thank you so very much for letting God's goodness shine through you. When I fell and broke my right arm on April 30, my world was turned upside down. But your prayers, calls, cards, food, gifts, transportation, visits, etc., assured me that I was not alone. I am so grateful for your support. A special Thank You to Parish Nurse Barbara who came to the ER and to Pastor Arun and Miriam for their visit that evening and his follow-up calls.

Wilma Rockey

*Thank you*

## *With Gratitude...*

I am very grateful to Pastor Raymond Brooks and Parish Nurse Barbara Zimmerman for their pastoral and congregational care expressed during my absence. Thanks to our preachers in July 2019. Thanks to all of you in the congregation who continue to cherish doing acts of love and service for Jesus sake. Thanks to our youth and adult volunteers for their faithful service during the mission trip to South Carolina. Thanks Haley! Thanks to the Summer in the SONshine team led by Mary Herr for their dedication— and to our office staff for their work of love. Thanks for your prayers as a congregation, especially for Haley Warner and the Andrews family during our respective travels abroad this season. Looking forward to once again serving Christ alongside each of you.

Sincerely, Arun

## BLANKET SUNDAY

Sunday, August 18th

The Church World Service Blankets+ Program is a worldwide effort to provide emergency supplies in the aftermath of a crisis. First blankets, then tents and food, then tools to rebuild and training for the future.

As people recover from disaster or adjust to resettlement, the blankets provide comfort, and shelter, can be used as a sunshade or provide a dry place to sit and rest. Blankets are distributed wherever they are needed and may end up on the other side of the world, or in our own community. Following the devastation of Hurricane Matthew in the Caribbean and United States, Church World Service provided over 46,000 kits and blankets to aid recovery.

Church World Service is a collection of 37 different denominations, including the United Methodist Church. UMCOR relies on CWS as part of its disaster response program. Supplies are ready to go at the moment they are needed.

If you would like to know more about Church World Service, check out the CWS website at [cwsglobal.org](http://cwsglobal.org) or visit UMCOR's website at [UMCOR.org](http://UMCOR.org). The blankets program is assigned UMCOR Advance #982810.

Please plan to pin your donation to our sample blanket on August 18, or take an envelope to contribute later, or bring a blanket to be used locally.

*Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.  
Looking unto Jesus. Hebrews 12: 1-2*

# 2019 CHURCH RETREAT

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*Running your race to win!*

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AUGUST  
**24**  
8 AM TO 1 PM



## TRINITY YOUTH STOP TO SERVE

### South Carolina Missions Trip 2019

*"The measure of a man's greatness is not the number of servants he has, but the number of people he serves." John Hagee*

Sixteen of Trinity's youth and youth leaders partnered with Salt 'n Light Youth Ministry and devoted the last week of June to serving the people of Bennettsville, South Carolina. Jobs varied from roofing to painting, food packaging, providing summer lunches for low-income children, building ramps, visiting with homeowners, and others. No job was for the faint-hearted, and most of them required great determination through the hot days, but I can attest that each of us was blessed by and filled with the joy that comes to us when we serve. All of us enjoyed time together and time spent with the Lord as we disconnected from technology (thanks to a lack of cell service) and our busy everyday routines back home to simply worship and serve. Thank you to every person who supported us and prayed for us. Without your prayers and support, none of this would have been possible!

### Trinity Youth Serve Supper Fellowship

Trinity Youth, and Supper Fellowship volunteers blessed almost thirty lives on the street side from Trinity's front steps with dinner on a Supper Fellowship Friday. Trinity's youth were excited to put on their aprons and invite all members of the family (dogs included) for a night of visiting together with a cooked meal and good company.



## SCARECROW CLOTHING NEEDED!

Trinity youth are back at it! September 28th is the Annual New Cumberland Apple Festival and the youth need your help! Please donate any extra clothing you might have! We especially need belts, baseball hats and pantyhose (small runs are okay!), but we are also collecting colorful long-sleeved button-down shirts, jeans (small holes are okay!) and neckties. Please place your donations in the bin labeled in the hallway. Thank you for all your help!

# SUNDAY DUTIES FOR AUGUST 2019

DUTY	AUGUST 4	AUGUST 11	AUGUST 18	AUGUST 25
Altar Guild	Millie Walters	Millie Walters	Ethel Brooks	Ethel Brooks
Liturgist: 8:15	Pew Communion Rev. Miller (Both)	Daryl Potteiger	Nick Emig	Jed Beshore
10:45		Bill Northey	Owen Rynex	Deb Sisk
Children's Talk	No Children's Talk	Dianne Schofield	Wilma Rockey	Raymond Brooks
Nursery: 8:15	Doug Eakin Sue Grubb		Jo Lower Lucille Wilt	
10:45	Donna Ratulowski Kathy Karnes	Bev Krick	Mary Herr	Kathy Karnes Paula Taylor
Ushers: 8:15	* Larry Miller (head usher), Harry Rodriguez, Tom James, Yvonne James, Bruce Wiest *Gordon Taylor, youth *denotes head usher			
10:45				
Coffee Fellowship	Adult S.S. Class	Sing & Celebrate	Chancel Choir	
Adult SS Teacher	Jed Beshore	Grover Herr	John Mickle	Raymond Brooks
Elective SS Teacher	Richard Creamer	Sharon Sheffer	Mary Strausbaugh	Jan Ocamb
Counting Team	Kathy Miller and Karen Brinton			

## GRANDPARENTS IN PRAYER BEGINS ANOTHER SEASON

Grandparents in Prayer are preparing to begin another season on Monday morning, September 16th at 10:45 in the St. John's Room. We will be using the book, Preparing My Heart for Grandparenting by Lydia Harris. It is a study for grandparents at "any stage of the journey". We will use these Bible-study lessons each session, in conjunction with one-half hour of focused praying.

We welcome new grandmothers and grandfathers to come and join together with the 25 other grandparents who attend. In 2018-2019 we prayed for 108 grandchildren. What a support it is to know that others are helping you pray for your grandchildren! As my own grandson said about Grandparents in Prayer, "It is really nice to know that other people are praying for you."

Contact me, Beth Sider, either in person at church or by phone (717)802-2812 or email ([ronsider@gmail.com](mailto:ronsider@gmail.com)) if you wish to have a book ordered for you or just come on September 16th and check out the group.





Join us in the parking lot to celebrate National Night Out. Many hands are needed to make this successful. Please sign up ASAP. Contact Carol Crossley, Michelle Loomis, or Renee Cassimatis with questions.

## JUICE DONATIONS

for Summer Adventure

Trinity's annual 100% juice collection for the Neighborhood Center Summer Adventure program continues until August 11th. Bring your contributions to the table in the hall. For more information please contact Marsha Uber 717-938-3108.

## SUPPER FELLOWSHIP

What's on the menu?

**AUG. 2** - Sausage sandwiches, potato salad, blueberry pie

**AUG. 16** - Meatball sandwiches, coleslaw, brownies

**AUG. 30** - Hot dogs, baked beans, corn on the cob

We welcome volunteers to join us for setup, food-prep, serving, and clean-up. You may volunteer by signing up on the info table or online at:

<https://trinityumnc.com/next-steps/serve/>

## SUMMER IN THE SONSHINE FUN!

We're having a great time at Summer in the SONshine this year learning about "Victory in JESUS". Our first day was held on June 19th and the day's theme was "Victory in TRYING". David Sharpe talked about whatever God calls you to do, don't be afraid to do it. On June 10th the theme was "Victory in TEAMWORK". Tracey Jones brought her two pups and a sweet little kitten to talk to the kids about TEAMWORK. She went through each of her animal's characteristics and showed the kids how over time you can change your behavior. "No stinkin' thinkin'" was her quote for all of us. Our last day will be held on July 31st, "Victory in TELLING".







## WALK OUT OF DARKNESS

Each year, suicide claims more lives than war, murder, and natural disasters combined. Yet suicide prevention doesn't receive anywhere near the funding as other leading causes of death. Together we can change the conversation about mental health and put a stop to this tragic loss of life. I have bipolar disorder with psychotic features and have attempted to take my own life 3 times since I turned 21. I'm walking with team Please Live in the Out of the Darkness Harrisburg Walk to fight suicide. Details of the walk are below:

Walk Date: **09/07/2019**

Walk Location: **FNB Field, City Island - Harrisburg, PA**

Check-in/Registration Time: **9:00 am**

Program Begins: **11:00 am**

Walk Begins: **12:00 pm**

Walk Ends: **1:00 pm**

**Friendly, leashed dogs are welcome at the Walk!**

**To sign up for the walk visit:**

<https://afsp.donordrive.com/> and find the Harrisburg Community Walk, I'll be walking with team Please Live.

If you would rather not walk and prefer to make a donation you can do so through my donation page here: <https://afsp.donordrive.com/participant/1913757> or there will be a donation jar in the lobby of the church.

If you are in crisis, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or contact the Crisis Text Line by texting TALK to 741741.

Thank you,  
Faith Saylor

## ALPHA COURSE AT TRINITY

**What is Alpha?**

The Alpha course is an opportunity for anyone to explore spirituality from a Christian perspective. Relaxed, non-threatening, low key and fun, Alpha is a place to ask anything - no question is considered too simple or too hostile.

**When & Where is it?**

Alpha will be held in the Youth Room on Wednesdays from 6:30pm - 8:30pm beginning September 11th and running until November 27th.

**What's involved?**

Twelve thought provoking weekly sessions. Alpha guests share meals, listen to a series of talks, and then have small group discussions. Everyone is welcome to contribute their opinions and no question is considered hostile or too simple.

**What does it cost?**

The Alpha Course is free

**Who is Alpha for?**

- People interested in investigating the Christian Faith
- Newcomers to the church
- People who have just started following Christ.
- All who want to deepen their faith and be renewed.

**How to register?**

Registration will begin online August 1st.

# BACK TO SCHOOL BONANZA

**Distribution date: August 1st**

**Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM**

Trinity United Methodist Church  
415 Bridge Street, New Cumberland



# AUGUST 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SUNDAYS</b> 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				<b>1</b> 10:00am Cooking (FH) 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L&L) 6:00pm Back to School Bonanza	<b>2</b> 9:00am Prayer Breakfast (Ickler's) 5:00pm Supper Fellowship (K&FH)	<b>3</b> 9:00am Communion Prep (WR)
<b>4</b> 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>5</b> 6:30pm Church Retreat Planning Meeting	<b>6</b> 6:00pm National Night Out (Parking Lot)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L&L)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 3:00pm Private Party
<b>11</b> 12:30pm Starfish 6:00pm Youth Group (FH & WR) 6:30pm Prayer Shawl	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Hospitality Meeting (SJ)	<b>14</b> 10:00am Cooking	<b>15</b> Tidings Deadline 10:30am Celebrate from H&S (L & L)	<b>16</b> 5:00pm Supper Fellowship (K&FH)	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> BLANKET SUNDAY 9:30am Blood Pressure 6:00pm Youth Group (FH & WR)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30 Worship Team Mtg (SJ) 7:30pm NC Town Band (FH)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L & L)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8AM-1PM ALL CHURCH RETREAT (CAMP HILL UMC)
<b>25</b> 3:00pm Adult Sunday School Picnic 6:00pm Youth Group (FH & WR) 6:30pm Prayer Shawl	<b>26</b> 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting (SJ)	<b>27</b> 2:00pm Sunnier Side of Sixty	<b>28</b> 8:30am Assemble Tidings	<b>29</b> 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L & L)	<b>30</b> 10:00am Cooking 5:00pm Supper Fellowship (K&FH)	<b>31</b>
<b>Take 5 to Pray Daily at 8:30 PM</b>				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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## Sunday Worship Services

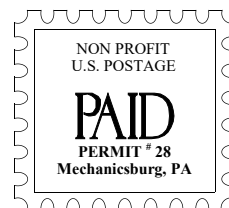
8:15 AM and 10:45 AM

## Sunday School Classes

For all ages at 9:30 AM

**Dated Material**

**FORWARDING SERVICE  
REQUESTED**



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August  
2019



Please submit  
articles for the  
SEPTEMBER 2019  
TRINITY TIDINGS  
by August 15th

## SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY SERVICE

The last Tuesday of August, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM is the Sunnier Side of Sixty Service. The theme will be "Winning by the Power of Forgiveness". Parish Nurse, Barbara Zimmerman will bring the message. Messiah College students, vocalist Daphne

Rinkus and trumpeter Casey Hovanec, will minister in music. Communion will be served to all in their pews by the assisting ministers. Fellowship Time will follow in the Mt. Olivet Room. A special "thank you" to many who work together to offer this service. All are welcome to attend!

