

A REFLECTION ON CHANGE

"To God be the Glory, great things He hath done." ~Fanny Crosby

The end of 2019 marks the faithful ministry of our Leadership Team. The team was reconstituted with effect from January 2014 under our new minimal structure of leadership. Prior to this time, representatives from the Susquehanna Conference had engaged in listening sessions with the congregation and tried to envisage a future path for progress. Studies at that time of the state of the church had raised concerns about what might become of the congregation in the coming years. But there was a deep and sincere commitment to pray and seek God and his work at Trinity. This spirit of prayer was spearheaded by Janice Ocamb and the Leadership Team.

It has been a heartening season of thanksgiving and looking back for us as a congregation. This thanksgiving time draws us into new praise for God's doing. We want to thank God for each of you and for your commitment to Christ and involvement in the life and ministry at Trinity. November 2019 also marks the completion of 5 years of pastoral leadership of Pastor Arun.

At the August Leadership Team meeting, Bob Rosenthal was asked to provide a comparison of our financial breakdown in 2014 versus 2019. Bob writes, "Let's recall that at the beginning of 2014, Trinity was embarking on a new governing structure from the traditional Council form of multiple committees and lots of meetings to the Leadership Team form, a much slimmer operation. At that time, we were more than \$280,000 in main building debt, our general fund budget was around \$330,000, we contributed \$12,000 annually toward missions and had a budget of \$4,000 towards youth activity. We were not anticipating a new minister being appointed to Trinity.

Through the faithfulness of God and the faith of our members, we will end 2019 with no debt on our books, our annual budget is nearly \$490,000, our mission giving is more than \$25,000 and our youth budget, in addition to adding a Director of Youth Ministries, is more than \$18,000."

From the Pastor's Desk

My dear Trinity family,

Thanksgiving is a time to ponder, Upon the handiworks of God, The Universe in all its grandeur, Testifies in one accord.

Starry hosts to Mountain Laurel, Accentuate his mysteries, His mighty power in time and space, Is writ upon the galaxies.

The human mind with keen awareness, Contemplates the works of God, His fingerprints in all creation, Is hard for us to disregard.

The Scriptures speak his revelation, The heart of God is full of love, The prodigal that's deep inside us, Has a Father up above.

The skeptic and the true believer, Are given gifts of grace to see, Friendship, love and all his wonders, Most of all, at Calvary.

Beyond the pumpkin pies and turkey, Comes the call to celebrate, The gifts of God and all his mercies, Telling us that He is great!

> Happy thanksgiving! Pastor Arun Poem © Arun S. Andrews

NOVEMBER 2019 THEME

THANKSGIVING THAT SHAPES OUR VICTORY

November 3 Thankful for the witness (All Saints Sunday) Scripture 1: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8 Scripture 2: Hebrews 12: 1-2

November 10 Thankful for God's Word -Part 1 (Honoring our Veterans) Scripture 1: Psalm 119: 33-40 Scripture 2: Luke 1: 1-4

November 17

Thankful for God's Word -Part 2 Scripture 1: Psalm 119: 129-136 Scripture 2: Luke 1: 5-13

November 24 Thankful for Thanksgiving (and pumpkin pie!) Scripture 1: Psalm 13: 1-13 Scripture 2: Psalm 103: 1-3

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and support to us as a family in our ministry at Trinity. It is amazing and truly a testimony to God's faithfulness and your partnership that we as family complete five years of ministry at Trinity on November 20, 2019. Grateful for the trust of Bishop Park, Superintendent Rev. Barry Robison and the cabinet of the Susquehanna Conference. Grateful to Janice Ocamb and the Leadership Team for their outstanding support. Thanks to each of you for your faithful service to Christ and his glory. Special thanks for your touching and gracious birthday and Pastor's appreciation greetings. In five years, 1 have lost more hair, gained more grey, learnt a whole lot more about snow, turkey dinners, corn fritters and Christian love!! Hurrah Pennsylvania! Thank you Trinity!

Truly grateful along with Miriam, Nihal and Nehara. Arun

Five years! How time flies!

Dear Brothers and Sister of Trinity

We are thankful to God for His wonder working power. Whether it be to share our testimony in person or by putting our words of gratitude unto paper, we are delighted at the opportunity. Although paper has no life we know and believe God's Spirit can bring the words to life. Words that inspire, words that can ignite a fire, words that can cast out all darkness and give birth to hope.

In May of 2017 a team of Doctors who specialize in heart failure told us to say our "goodbyes" to our 7 week old son. Our son's heart was failing and we were told he could not survive with his own. It is any parents worst nightmare and for our family it was our reality. When our son was at his weakest, we asked his Cardiologist if there was a possibility he could heal and her response was "only a miracle.". Despite the grim diagnosis we received, God in His mercy had different plans, "...plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11. It turns out the cardiologist was correct, only a miracle, and that's exactly what God in His mercy did.

Today our son is thriving with his own heart and is recovering with each day passing. He has no limitations and his last ECO came back normal. He is growing healthy like any 2 year old can. For us the "terrible twos" stage doesn't exist, for we are rejoicing in every moment we have with him.

There are no words, not enough words, nor time to express to God our gratitude but what we can do is live our lives by following in Christ's footsteps and therefore shine. We hope that in sharing our testimony, our words and story will be a beacon of light to anyone who finds themselves hopeless.

We feel indebted to Trinity and every member who prayed for our son and our family during such a difficult time in our lives. Having the opportunity to meet the brothers and sisters face to face was truly memorable. What impacted us the most was the love that radiated through every person who greeted us. From the very moment we walked into the church and all the way to the local Burger King parking lot (where we were greeted by a church member as we were heading home) we felt welcomed and loved. The love continued and followed us back to New York where upon returning our car rental we had the opportunity to witness to an employee and she asked for prayer on the spot. Only God can allow for these opportunities that we must cherish and embrace. We hope our visit to Trinity was the first of many.

We also feel indebted to Pastor Arun and Sister Miriam who answered our call of distress and desperation with the love of Christ. We feel indebted above all to our God, who alone deserves all glory and honor.

We give thanks to God for his miraculous touch on our son's heart and grateful to God for his church Trinity.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,"-Philippians 1:3

The Romero Family

Thanks to each of you who joined us at the Children's ministry vision meeting to dream, pray and think together. We had a great start! Looking forward to continuing in this journey of sharing the Gospel with our children and families in New Cumberland and beyond. Thanks to you for the overwhelming response to our Volunteers Appreciation Supper! Over 100 in attendance!! Your presence meant at lot! Thanks for all you do through the year to add to the life and ministry at Trinity. May our Lord continue to bless you and use you for his glory.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Loving and praising, voices still raising glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

It is an honor to serve as Director of Music Ministries at Trinity United Methodist Church! During the past two months, I have come to know the power and depth of the music program!

The choirs, the many instrumentalists, the many soloists, the many ensembles, and all who take part are very active in proclaiming the Word through music. In our hymns and in our musical offerings, it is an impressive and inspiring sound to hear the spirited singing on Sunday mornings! It is indeed a joy to work with so many gifted musicians.

The staff has been encouraging, helpful, and supportive. Daily interaction with staff and members is an uplifting and positive part of my day.

Cathe, Hayden, and I feel warmly welcomed into the family of Trinity United Methodist. We have made many friends, and look forward to making many more! Hayden is finding fun and loving learning, from Sunday school to Kingdom Kids to Sonshine Choir, and with our participation in Youth Singers and Youth Group.

Looking ahead, I am excited the Christmas Musicale. All choirs and various instrumentalists will take part in this year's program. Join us as we celebrate Christmas; in preparation and in proclamation; in reigning, and in rejoicing; and in peace and silence.

May we always rejoice, may we always give thanks, and may we always sing in many and various ways to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Christmas Musicale

DEC 19 · 7:00 pm DEC 22 · 10:45 am

Soli Deo Gloria! Todd

CHRISTMAS POIN	ISETTIA ORDER
We will be decorating the church with poinsettias for Christma orders are due in the church office, along with your cash or (showing "Poinsettia" in the memo) by <u>Sunday, Decemb</u>	check made payable to Trinity United Methodist Church
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SUPPER FELLOWSHIP

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

November 1 Lasagna and salad

November 15 Homemade Pizza and Salad

November 29 Sirloin Patties with Gravy and Mashed Potatoes

Supper will be served from 5:30 - 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Come for the food, stay for the fellowship!

GRANDPARENTS IN PRAYER

How blessed we are to be part of a church where grandparents come together to pray for grandchildren! We believe this generation is living in a difficult time. Sometimes, as grandparents, the best thing we can do is to support our grandchildren in prayer.

When our own children went out the door, we wanted them to have on the appropriate jacket, coat, etc. Now, as grandparents, we can be responsible to send our grandchildren out clothed in prayer.

Grandparents in Prayer meet every other Monday at 10:45 to 12 noon in the St. John's Room. The November sessions are November 11th and 25th. You are welcome to join this group of men and women as we pray for each other's grandchildren.

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD

We will be serving lunch at Downtown Daily Bread Tuesday, November 5 and 12. We meet in the church parking lot at 11:55. Men (or ladies) if you don't want to wear a hairnet, bring a cap to cover your head. Sign up across from the mailboxes or contact Carol Crossley at 717-379-9030

STARFISH MINISTRIES

IT WILL SOON BE COLD OUTSIDE

Starfish Ministries will be collecting blankets and coats throughout the next few months. Place them in the Starfish bin in the upstairs hallway. We can always use warm socks, tarps, chapstick and deodorant.

GIVING WALK

Walk Date: 11/16/19 Walk Location: City Island - Harrisburg, PA Check-in/Registration Time: 9:00 am Walk Begins: 10:00 am

It's almost here! Walkers are needed to help make awareness of the homeless situation in our area. Walkers will be sharing items with the homeless they meet as they walk, as well as inviting them to return to the island for lunch. Registrations are due November 1 as we need to order T-shirts. Registration forms can be found on the information table. Please join us in this outreach to our friends on the street as well as a way for us to raise funds for future uses.

To know more about Starfish Ministries, please contact Carol Crossley.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The New Cumberland Thanksgiving event will take place on Sunday, November 24 with the following schedule:

5:30 P.M. Community Tree Lighting Service (intersection of Bridge and 7th Street)

- 6:00 P.M. Community Thanksgiving Meal St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
- **7:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Service** St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

We will not be hosting a Thanksgiving Turkey dinner at Trinity this year.



TRINITY YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

by Haley Warner

Fall Retreat 2019

"Everything this weekend was powerful. This weekend helped me (and others I'm sure) take a break from real life and step back to enjoy life and God's creation that surrounded us. Overall, this weekend was amazing, and I wanted to share God's love with everyone and my experience on this amazing fall retreat, I'm thankful for everyone." – 11th Grade student

"Finding Life seems kinda scary when you first think about it, but when you take a step back and really think about it-it's not scary at all. These people help give me reasons to keep finding life and finding Jesus every day. They help me to find Him in the big and small things of this world and I am forever grateful. Thank you for making my first and last retreat as a youth one of the most unforgettable experiences of my life." – 12th Grade student

"Alright so I just need to say this: God is literally so great. I love him so much, it's unexplainable. His love is always fighting and winning in not just my life but this world. God's love is always there. Retreat this weekend was amazing and I really want to spread God's love to everyone because every single person on this earth deserves to feel how fulfilling, reckless, and truly wonderful God's love really is." – 10th Grade student

Fall Retreat is such a special weekend away where these youth get to disconnect from everyday life and connect deeper with God. 34 youth and leaders attended this year's Fall Retreat at Wesley Forest for a truly unforgettable weekend of worship, time together in God's creation and word, friendship, and lots of memory-making and laughter. In the confusion of all that we search for and go to, we sought to "Find Life" and discovered that true life is found when we find God and step out beyond ourselves to bring life to the world around us!

Scarecrow Fundraiser Thank You!

Trinity Youth enjoyed the beautiful day and time connecting with families during our annual scarecrow fundraiser at this year's Apple Festival. Thank you so much for all the items you donated and for making this fundraiser possible! We were able to raise so much support for our youth ministry and for our youth to attend this year's Fall Retreat. We are especially grateful to Sue & Jed Beshore for donating straw, and to all the adult volunteers who spent their day stuffing scarecrows for these youth!!!

SUNDAY DUTIES FOR NOVEMBER 2019

DUTY	NOVEMBER 3	NOVEMBER 10	NOVEMBER 17	NOVEMBER 24		
Altar Guild	Joy Hamsher	Joy Hamsher	Allyn Litzelman	Allyn Litzelman		
Liturgist: 8:15	George Karnes	Rev. Raymond Brooks	Yvonne James	Ron Winter		
10:45	Ethel Brooks	(both services)	Nancy Miller	Kathy Miller		
Children's Talk	Owen Rynex	No Children's Talk	Richard Creamer	Betsy Leppo		
Nursery: 8:15	Amy Blakeley Jady Conroy	Cindy Bailey Dianne Schofield	Jo Lower Lucille Wilt			
10:45	Cherice Swick Barb Mickle	Nina Stoner	Pat Roh Linda Young			
Ushers: 8:15	*Jim Wertz, Eric Rodgers, Scott Loomis, Brian Weller, Erik and Kurt Schaeffer					
10:45	*Dave Leppo, Mickey Minnich, Melody Oligane, Norm and Floss Batcheler *denotes head usher					
Coffee Fellowship	Adult S.S. Class	Tuesday Morning Group	Chancel Choir	Sing & Celebrate		
Adult SS Teacher	Shirley Sharpe	John Mickle	George Karnes	Rodney Miller		
Elective SS Teacher	Mary Strausbaugh	Jady Conroy	Sharon Sheffer	Jan Ocamb		
Counting Team	Dianne Schofield and Tom Baum					

ARE YOU A VETERAN?

If you are new to Trinity, please complete the form below with your service information and return it to the office by mail or the office church mailbox in the hallway. This only needs to be done by veterans who have not previously given the church office your information. We will honor our veterans on November 10th.

Veteran's Name		
Address		
Telephone number or ema	ail address	
Branch of Service	Rank	Years of Serviceto
Special Medals or Honors_		

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But numbers taken as a snapshot of conditions do not speak entirely to what has happened in these past 5 years. Listed here below are activities/ministries/appointments/capital investments/renovations that were compiled together by the Leadership Team. (Not listed chronologically but with a focus on ministry and outreach.)

- ~ Established a daily prayer time at 8:30 PM to take 5 to pray.
- ~ Empowered more laity to be actively involved under the supervision of the Pastor.
- ~ Honored Rev. Carl Ford Peterson as our Pastor Emeritus.
- ~ Added Pastor of Prayer, Discipleship and Evangelism (part time).
- ~ Added Director of Youth Ministries (full time).
- ~ Add Communications Administrator (part time).
- Blessed with involvement of our retired ministers in the congregation. We thank God for Rev. Peggy Spengler, Rev. Marcia Haller, Rev. Carl Peterson, Rev. Raymond Brooks, Rev. Rodney Miller and Rev. Richard Creamer.
- ~ Celebrated the growing ministry of Parish Nurse Barbara Zimmerman.
- ~ Celebrated the growing office staff team.
- ~ Prayer box with pencil and paper placed out in front of Trinity for those passing by to use.
- ~ Prayer box placed in the narthex for prayer requests from attendees.
- Began a united service on the fifth Sunday of each month to bring the entire congregation together in worship.
- ~ Blessed to have an increase in members serving as liturgists, especially the inclusion of youth as liturgists.
- ~ Received 76 people into membership.
- ~ Adult baptisms: 2; youth baptisms: 8; reaffirmation of baptism by youth: 7; children/infant baptisms: 9.
- ~ Participation in Vacation Bible School grew from 30 to 90 students.
- ~ Participation in Summer in the Sonshine grew from 50 to 75 students.
- ~ Partnered with Recycle Bicycle to host Bike Extravaganza
- ~ Established Kingdom Kids worship service.
- ~ Established Grandparents in Prayer.
- ~ Established Team LHHH (Loving Hearts and Helping Hands).
- ~ Adult Sunday School class began volunteering at Mission Central
- ~ The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible study grew to more than 30 members.
- ~ The men's Lenten breakfasts grew from approximately 30 to 70 participants
- ~ Hosted the Community National Night Out for New Cumberland.
- ~ Established an Annual Full Church Retreat.
- ~ Established the Heart and Spirit Bible study.
- ~ Established multiple Chat & Chew Bible study groups.
- ~ Conducted the 40 days of prayer Lenten Bible study with more than 70 participants.
- ~ Began an Alpha Program with 37 participants and leaders, as well as youth Alpha.
- ~ Established the Sunnier Side of Sixty service and fellowship time afterwards.

- ~ Encouraged lay members of congregation to speak at the Sunnier Side of Sixty services.
- ~ Established the Friday Night Supper Fellowship.
- ~ Sponsored support of the Starfish Ministry.
- ~ Established a working relationship with the ASK program.
- ~ Expanded support for Vickie's Angel Walk
- ~ Established support for Medard's House.
- ~ Added Children's Department interns
- ~ Children's Talks in the worship services: Pastor invited laity to do talks in his place.
- Expanded the Christmas Musicale from being presented one time to two times, bringing more people in from the outside.
- ~ Ministered outside the church building by Sing and Celebrate and the Chancel Choir.
- Joined with many nationwide to celebrate and pray on the National Day of Prayer. Trinity's leadership in this area has inspired the coming together of all the New Cumberland churches with a vision for more prayer, prayer walks and a human chain.
- Expanded flower ministry with the option of supporting the supper ministry by using silk flowers instead of live flowers.
- ~ Encouraged support of memorial donations for various ministries on All Saints Sunday.
- ~ Expanded number of church members who are safe sanctuary trained from approximately 70 to 146.
- \sim Had an outside audit conducted on the church books for the first time in our history.
- ~ We bought, furnished and paid off a parsonage valued at \$265,000.
- ~ Renovated the old parsonage creating the Winter Room for \$108,000.
- ~ Renovated the youth room for \$11,900.
- ~ Renovated the Chancel area for \$29,000.
- ~ Renovated the Rental property stairs, porch and roof for \$30,000 (405 Bridge Street).
- ~ Restored the organ console for \$85,000 and had a celebration concert.
- ~ Repaired church bell in steeple so it can again be rung.
- ~ Electronic giving cards placed in pews making option more visible.
- ~ Members making banners again after many years of inactivity.
- ~ Electronic sign to share messages with the town.
- ~ Installed security cameras
- ~ Gluten free bread available during communion so no one is left out.

The psalmist says in Psalm 40:5, "Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare." We look back with gratitude. We do not want to view this list of God's works in any other way but with singular praise and glory to Him. The question before us today is: what are we going to continue to do in our service for God, the people of New Cumberland and beyond, that will help "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world"?

"Give me 100 preachers who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth."

~John Wesley

NOVEMBER 2019



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

Sunday School Classes For all ages at 9:30 AM



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 DECEMBER 2019 TRINITY TIDINGS by November 15th

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again, Trinity is partnering with Operation Christmas Child. There will be a display with a brochure on How to Pack a Shoe Box in the bulletin early October with all the information that is needed. Another source of information is on the website: www.Samaritan'spurse.org/OCC. Simply scroll to the bottom of the page and you will see a link of FAQ's where many questions will be answered. There is a \$9 donation to be placed in each shoe box to cover costs of shipping. This year all shoe boxes are going to be collected the week of 11/18-25. Therefore, all shoe

boxes will be need to be in no later than 11/17. There will be further information that will be in the October and November bulletins with regards to the location of the display and where your shoe boxes will be placed. To know more contact Jane Bittner or Patricia Stacey.

