



From the Pastor's Desk

My dear Trinity Family,

Merry Christmas!!!! I join our Leadership team, staff and families to wish you and your loved ones a truly blessed season of celebrating the birth of Christ, our Lord, Savior and King.

What a season! It truly seems like the most wonderful time of the year! The season with its carols, colors, caring, camaraderie, concerts, congregations and more, make Christmas a truly unique and joy-filled experience. In the Andrews family, we have the practice of playing Christmas Carols in our car when we get to October each year. If you think that is a bit too early, we won't hold it against you! Our favorite music this season once again: A Pentatonix Christmas. It is especially heart-warming to be driving through country and small-town roads on a beautiful fall day while listening to Christmas carols. Try it the next time and you might be tempted to agree that the Indian pastor isn't too crazy, after all!

This has been a truly fulfilling time of ministry at Trinity. We have been privileged to support individuals and families in need through our participation in the Vicky's Angel walk, the Crop walk and the Starfish giving walk. We have been blessed with wonderful times at our Community Supper Ministry (72 individuals in all participated when our youth served on Nov 15th!) and have been blessed with your support to Operation Christmas Child and World Hunger Sunday offerings.

In our worship experiences, we have been blessed with the gift of music in a truly uplifting manner. Todd Davis, our Director of Music Ministries has gracefully worked with our singers and musicians to present us with some truly precious moments in worship. It was special to have our Chancel Choir and Sing and Celebrate serve together. The coming together of our young people in such large numbers and our Sonshine Choir (Thanks Wilma) has added so much joy to the heart and to our corporate worship experience as a congregation. Our United Bells are a blessing as always. We bow in adoration and worship of the One who is the source of our songs and the reason for our worship.

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We have been blessed with the participation at our recently completed Alpha course. It has been a safe place for questions and also making good friendships around a meal and God's word. Pastor Peggy and team are working at two offerings of Alpha in early 2020. A daytime Alpha and an evening Alpha. What a blessing! It was our privilege to also celebrate our veterans at Trinity and thank them for their dedication to duty, honor and country.

At our church conference, which was held on 16th November, we celebrated looking back at God's faithfulness in our life and ministry as a congregation. We were reminded by District superintendent Rev. Barry Robison, of the privilege of being one people and one body for Christ – where every individual is precious and loved. At the conference we also celebrated God's provisions as we approved our 2018 audit report. We thank each of you for your faithfulness in supporting the Lord's ministry at Trinity through your prayers, presence, participation and gifts. We also thank God for the faithful work done by our Leadership Team – and especially thank the following individuals who will lay down their offices the end of December 2019: Janice Ocamb (Chair, Leadership Team), Bob Rosenthal (Chair, Finance), Ken Gable (Chair, Staff Parish) and Norm Batcheler (Trustee). What a blessing you have been!! We welcome/ affirm the following individuals who will fill the following vacancies in the Leadership Team beginning January 2020: Shirley Sharpe (Chair, Leadership Team), Gary Foreman (Chair, Finance), Rick Bitner (Member, Staff Parish) and Brian Weller (Trustee). As a congregation, we want to request your continued prayers for the team in transition and for heavenly wisdom and guidance as we seek to pursue our mission and vision statements as a church.

To complete this letter, I would like to focus on ten words in the Christmas narrative that changed the world. Ten words that welcome the prodigal, give hope to the hopeless and send love to the loveless. Ten words that welcome the cultural outcast, the penitent felon, the repentant teen drug user, the rejected and lonely unwed mom, the list goes on... God could have skipped those ten words in the story. It would have been much easier for him if he did. He was already sending his son all the way from heaven to earth. *The journey was not long because of the distance in miles, but because of the distance of sin.* Those ten words put the Christ child out of a cozy spot into a ragged, jagged space. From the splendor of heaven, he was laid in the humble settings of a manger. Coming to think of it, was this not a deliberate move from the heart of God? A move not to insulate his son from discomfort, so that those in discomfort might have a friend in Him. It was a move that qualified

the Incarnation as a true adorning of all that is truly human. What were those ten words? Luke, the Gospel writer, pens them for us in chapter 2, verse 7. The Bible, in sharing the greatest story of all, has these words in it, *"Because there was no room for them in the inn."*

2020 BIBLE READING

Don't forget to be prepared with your Bible, journal, and pens for your 2020 daily times with God's word.

Feel free to talk to the Pastor or leaders of our ministries for guidance.

As we engage in our December 2019 series titled, "A Place for You This Christmas", may the most broken, rejected and lonely ones in our circle and beyond, find a welcome. May those of us who have known that welcome, go out and share it with our neighbors, colleagues, relatives, friends-and even strangers.

Merry Christmas!

Because there is room for you in the Story.
Pastor Arun

P.S : Miriam, Nihal and Nehara join me in wishing you – and so do our parents from India!

DECEMBER 2019 THEME

A PLACE FOR YOU!

Is there a place for loneliness, doubts, fears, anxieties and even our dreams in Christmas?

Join us in experiencing this riveting story of love written by the hand of God.

Yes! There is a place for you this Christmas – because you are part of the story!!

December 1

A place for you in the midst of darkness

Scripture 1: Isaiah 1 :1-7

Scripture 2: John 1: 1-14

December 8

A place for you in the midst of doubt

Scripture 1: Luke 1: 5-10

Scripture 2: Luke 1: 11-25

December 15

A place for you in the midst of fear

Scripture 1: Isaiah 41: 10

Scripture 2: Luke 1: 26-38

December 22

A place for you in the midst of

Holy Spirit moments

Scripture 1: Luke 1: 39-45

Scripture 2: Luke 2: 25-32

December 24

A place for you in the story

Scripture 1: Luke 2: 1-7

Scripture 2: Luke 2: 8-20

December 29

**A place for you to say thanks
(Testimony Sunday)**

Scripture 1: Psalm 103: 1-4

Scripture 2: Psalm 40 :1-8

We welcome Rev. Dave McCullough (December 15th) and Rev. Carl Ford Peterson (December 29th).

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2019 CHRISTMAS MUSICALE

Rejoice & Sing!

CHILDREN'S "SONSHINE" CHOIR
YOUTH SINGERS
UNITED BELLS
SING & CELEBRATE CHOIR
CHANCEL CHOIR
CHAMBER ORCHESTRA &
VARIOUS INSTRUMENTALISTS

FAMILIAR CAROLS &
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

BRIEF MESSAGE:
REV. ARUN ANDREWS

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS FOLLOW

12.19.19 | 7PM

12.22.19 | 10:45AM

Trinity's Sanctuary
415 Bridge Street
New Cumberland PA

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

All are invited to the 2019 Christmas Musicale at Trinity United Methodist Church! Bring a friend, or two!

Come to hear and sing familiar Christmas carols. Included in the program is a special setting of "Silent Night" for audience, choirs, handbells, flutes, violins, and guitars. All will feel like they are surrounded by an angelic heavenly chorus! The program also offers a variety of musical selections and audience participation so that all might "Rejoice and Sing!"

A brief message by Pastor Arun closes the program. Refreshments follow.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Todd

Thank you for all the cards and prayers, the visits from Pastor Arun and Rev. Brooks, Barbara and Rev. Spengler. I'm doing better each week. It is a slow process with lots of therapy. I also want to thank Mike Schofield, Tom Baum and Daryl Potteiger for the clean up around my house and Harry Rodriguez for the great hand rail.

God is good
Thanks, Jeffrey Brinton

*Deepest
Gratitude*

We are grateful to our Trinity Church family. During Jim's painful back issues you prayed for him. You sent cards praying for healing. When he was able to come to church you gave him hugs and words of encouragement. A special thanks to Barbara Zimmerman, Pastor Arun and Pastor Carl for the uplifting visit and delicious soup. The visit lifted his spirits and the soup warmed our souls and tummies. We give thanks for our great God who heals and brings people into our lives who reflect His love.

With thanksgiving and love,
Jim and Jody Blacksmith

Thank You

Hello Trinity Family,

Thank You for your continual support of Medard's House. We want you to know how much we appreciate you and all that you do in the community. You all are doing wonderful work and we are just very thankful to be a part of it!. Bless you and your whole congregation!!

Respectfully,
Saudra Colello

1 Timothy 4: 12

The Luncheon and Silent Auction held October 27th, was again a HUGE success! This year we had approximately 100-120 people attending this event and we all helped to raise a grand total of \$3,331.01. The proceeds from this event will go toward the new nursery and the Children's Sunday School classes.

Carol Everetts, Jean Ruth, Mike Schofield and I want to thank everyone who participated in any way with this event. Also, thanks to the businesses who donated items for the auction. This is always a great "team effort" on behalf of everyone in the church. "Go team"!!!!

God is GOOD all the TIME!!!
Thanks Cathy Baum

*Thank
You!*

God is so good!

An answer to many prayers over many years has come. Our son-in-law Brendan Boyle was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma several weeks before their daughter Audrey was born. Today she is 8 years old and Brendan's oncologist has declared him healed! Praise God! You, the Trinity Church family have prayerfully supported Brendan and Jill over the years. You have offered prayers, cards, encouragement and financial support when he had to travel to Florida for treatments. Our entire family is thankful to you all and to our AWESOME GOD for His goodness. Charles Wesley said, "Help us heal each other, Lord, each other's cross to bear. Let each his friendly aid afford, and feel his brother's care." You have helped us and them bear the burden. THANK YOU. Jim and Jody, Jill and Brendan, Doug and Melissa

Vickie's Angel Walk 2019 "Team Heart & Sole"

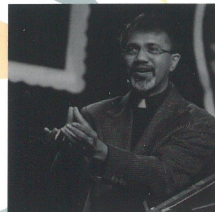
To everyone who supported or joined Trinity Youth in our 2nd year walking together in Vickie's Angel Walk as a Trinity Church family, thank you for being an angel. Thank you for uniting with us to walk for this amazing foundation and all they do to support local families battling cancer.



Preaching Festival

January 20 - 22
Hershey Lodge

susumc.org/festival



Arun Andrews



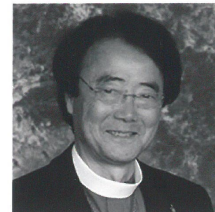
Janelle Walker



George Reynolds



Elizabeth Brake



Bishop Park



Jason Mackey



Michelle Whitlock



Paul McReynolds



Rebecca Holland

Clergy and Laity are invited to attend the Bishop's Retreat 2020 Preaching Festival at the Hershey Lodge. The rate for the Festival is \$250 per person which includes lodging for 2 nights and all meals. Registration is available online at susumc.org/festival.

TRINITY YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

by Haley Warner

Fall Battleball 2019

“Family on 3, Forever on 6” 1,2,3 Family! 4,5,6 Forever! Trinity Youth played “All for Him” and joined over 15 youth groups that came together to compete and worship together at Salt ‘n Light’s annual Fall Battleball tournament. It’s a full day of intense “dodgeball-like” games and powerful worship. Youth were called up front and asked to uncover the shirt “hiding” under their jackets. We don’t just have “good” news... we have the BEST NEWS! So why are we so quick to “mask” and cover up our faith or to hesitate to talk about Jesus with our friends and the people God puts in our lives? We can all be challenged and inspired to unmask and be unashamed! (Romans 1:16)

Opportunities to Serve

From assembling care bags for those in need, to hosting and serving Friday night supper fellowship, and joining the Starfish Ministries Giving Walk, Trinity Youth have taken advantage of some opportunities this month to serve God and others! These youth LOVE to SERVE! Upon reflection, many of the youth have shared how powerful and life-giving it is to serve others, and how you can serve God and get closer to Him through the act of serving others. Service is faith in action, and these youth are always excited for opportunities to share and live out their faith!



SUNDAY DUTIES FOR DECEMBER 2019

DUTY	DEC 1	DEC 8	DEC 15	DEC 22	DEC 29
Altar Guild	Bonnie Minskey	Bonnie Minskey	Carol Evertts	Carol Evertts	Millie Walters
Liturgist: 8:15	Rev. Peggy Spengler	Mel Eyer	Kaity Wickenheiser	Ryan Wickenheiser	
10:45	(both services)	Patricia Stacey	Andrew Wickenheiser	Jody Wickenheiser	Riley Sorrels
Children's Talk	No Children's Talk	George Karnes	Pastor Raymond Brooks	No Children's Talk	Rylee Sorrells
Nursery: 8:15	Kari McNelis		Dianne Schofield Sally Keim		
10:45	Cherice Swick Barb Mickle	Betsy Miller Floss Batcheler	Bev Krick Sue Butler	Marjorie Creamer	
Ushers: 8:15	*Daryl Potteiger, Ken Keim, Larry Miller, Mel Eyer, Rex Hood *Norm Batcheler, Floss Batcheler, Shirley Hetrick, Meredith Hetrick, Mickey Minnich * denotes head usher				
10:45					
Coffee Fellowship	Adult Sunday School Class	Betsy, Rodney and Allison Miller	Chancel Choir		No Coffee Fellowship
Adult SS Teacher	Betsy Miller	Raymond Brooks	Marcia Haller	John Mickle	Pastor Peterson
Elective SS Teacher	Mel Eyer	Rodney Miller	Bob Rosenthal	Shirley Sharpe	Combined Sunday School
Counting Team	Norm Batcheler and Arv Krick				

NEW CUMBERLAND TOWN BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, December 13th at 7:30 PM | Trinity's Fellowship Hall





STARFISH MINISTRY

Thank you to all those who supported Starfish Ministries in their Giving Walk. It was a rather brisk day and 60 walkers came out to walk for us. Thank you to all who supported us financially, and prayed for us, the Youth who prepared the giving bags, those who helped to serve, those who prepared food and to Pastor Arun for sending off the walkers with prayer! We raised over \$3000 and hope to do big things in the future for our friends on the street.



THANK YOU HARRY MINSKEY

Harry Minskey will be retiring from his position as a head usher and head communion usher at Trinity. Harry has been a head usher for January and July 8:15 services. He has been an usher at Trinity for over 50 years, and has had a very reliable team which has worked with him. When Rev. Calvin Cole was pastor at Trinity, Harry became a trustee. At that time the trustees were the communion ushers. It was at that time he became a communion usher for the 8:15 service.

Due to his position as head communion usher, Harry has been on the Worship Team, and has been a faithful member since the leadership of Rev. Carl Peterson. Harry's faithfulness and insight on the team has been greatly appreciated. His knowledge of overseeing the logistics of a smoothly run communion is being shared with the team. We appreciate that Harry is willing to help in this transition.

Harry began attending Trinity when he was a teenager and was invited by some of his friends to come and play in the Trinity Sunday School Orchestra. Since then his extended family also became involved at Trinity. Harry is the husband of Bonnie and sister of Sally Keim. Bonnie is a faithful member of the Altar Guild. Harry and Bonnie have two married sons and four grandchildren. Thank you, Harry for your many years of service as an usher at Trinity! You inspire us as we think about the influence of one teenager.

SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY

The December Sunnier Side of Sixty Service will be on Tuesday afternoon, December 10th at 1:15 and will follow the seniors Christmas luncheon.

The service will be held in the beautifully decorated sanctuary and will focus on the theme, "Winning Because of Bethlehem". The Greenwood Muse led by Diane Hanse and Fred Jenkins will minister in music. Rev. Andrews will be the preacher. Communion will be served to each person right in their seat. Thank you to all who work together to present this service on a Tuesday afternoon. All are invited to attend.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO:

- All who attended ALPHA
- The Team of host and facilitators
- Harry Rodriguez for carrying tables from other churches when we first began and setting them up every week
- To Norm Batcheler who was convinced that we needed round tables for good conversation & fellowship.
- To Shirley Hetrick & TJ who did food preparation, served us and cleaned up after the meals
- To Carol Crossley who cooked meals for Supper Fellowship and made enough for us too!
- To Dave Sederes, the Chef, who prepared some of the meat dishes.
- To the Trustees who saw that everything came into place
- To the Leadership Team that trusted God for what He had planned through ALPHA.
- To God for His divine intercession into each evening as we experienced His presence during ALPHA.
- And YES to the person who showered Shirley & I with a “Thank you” gift basket. You are all blessed for being part of this wonderful group!
- Thank you Pastor Arun for your faith, your prayers and your vision for Trinity & ALPHA, and your steadfast presence with us all. Trinity is blessed to have you as their Spiritual Leader/Shepherd.



You're invited.
Try Alpha.

#TryAlpha



I cannot begin to tell you how thrilled I am to be a part of your lives and the life of New Cumberland and the surrounding area. It is with great JOY that I invited you to be part of the next ALPHAs.

ALPHA begins on Wednesday evenings, January 15 @ 6:30 pm in the St. Johns Room and then on Thursday mornings, January 16 @ 9 am. Thursday mornings we will be hosting folks from Baughman Church and the community, so invite your friends to either ALPHA. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship and learn more about your Christian faith.

Pastor Peggy

SUPPER FELLOWSHIP

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

December 6

Chicken Noodle Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

December 29

Baked Ham
Au Gratin Potatoes
Green Bean Casserole

REQUESTING YOUR PREFERRED PHONE NUMBER

We are in the process of updating phone numbers to set up an additional calling facility to keep you unformed of important announcements (for instance, weather-related, etc.)

We will be grateful if you can let us know of your preferred number to be used by us. Should you feel that you would not wish to be included in this list, kindly let us know. Please call or email the church office with your name and preferred home/cell phone number.



DECEMBER 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 (begins 9/11/19) 6:30-7:15 PM SONshine Singers (begins 9/4/19)	THURSDAYS 6:30-7:30 PM United Bells (begins 9/5/19) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (begins 9/12/19)	Take 5 to Pray Daily at 8:30 PM	
1 6:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm Prayer Shawl	2 9:30am LIFT (MO) 4:00pm New Hope Ministries Volunteer Dinner (FH)	3 6:00pm Caitlin's Smiles (MO) 6:30pm Worship Team Mtg. (SJ) 7:00pm NC Town Band (FH)	4 9:00am Crocheting Group (SJ) 9:30am LIFT (MO)	5 10am Sewing (WR) 10am SF Cooking 10:30am Celebrate from H&S (L&L) 6:30pm Alpha Wrap-up (SJ)	6 9am Homebound Cookies (FH&K) 9:00am Prayer Breakfast (Ickler's) 5:30pm Supper Fellowship (K&FH)	7 10:00am Children's Christmas Party (FH&SS)
8 12:30pm Starfish Ministry 3:00pm Blue Christmas (CUMC) 5:00pm Youth Singers 6:00pm Youth Group	9 9:00am Setup for Homebound Lunch 9:30am LIFT (MO)	10 12:00pm Homebound Christmas (FH) 1:15pm Sunnier Side of Sixty (S) 7:30pm NC Town Band (FH)	11 9:00am Crocheting Group (SJ) 9:30am LIFT (MO)	12 10:30am Celebrate from H&S (L&L)	13 7:30pm Town Band Christmas Concert	14 5:00pm Adult Sunday School Christmas Party (FH)
15 Tidings Deadline 9:30am Blood Pressure Checks 6:00pm Youth Group	16 10:45am Grandparents in Prayer Lunch (FH)	17	18 9:00am Crocheting Group (SJ)	19 10am Sewing (WR) 10am SF Cooking 10:30am Celebrate from H&S (L&L) 7:00pm Christmas Musicale (S)	20 5:30pm Supper Fellowship (K&FH)	21
22 10:45am Christmas Musicale (S) 6:00pm Youth Group	23	24 Christmas Eve 6:30pm Family Service (S) 10:30pm Music 11:00pm Candlelight Service (S)	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28
29 6:00pm Youth Group	30 Office Closed	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed		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

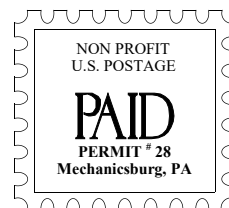
8:15 AM and 10:45 AM

Sunday School Classes

For all ages at 9:30 AM

Dated Material

**FORWARDING SERVICE
REQUESTED**



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

December 2019



Please submit
articles for the
JANUARY 2020
TRINITY TIDINGS
by December 15th

THEME FOR 2020

Your Story for God's Glory

For I am not ashamed of the
gospel, because it is the power
of God that brings salvation to
everyone who believes.

Romans 1:16a



How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?
And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not
heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to
them?

Romans 10:14

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will
make your faithfulness known through all generations.

Psalms 89:1