



From the Pastor's Desk

My dear Trinity Family,

Greetings from Camp Michawana, Hastings, Michigan! Let me begin by wishing you a wonderful, blessed and purpose-driven New Year!

We are here on location to celebrate the wedding of my niece Kim Kim Andrews and Benjamin Seward. In this part of Michigan, it sure is a bit colder than Pennsylvania but the warmth of being with family is unbeatable! Being together with my brother Ashok and his wife Mai, my sister Asha and her husband Arvind - our niece Rahel and nephews Nikhil and Akash has been delightful.

My brother Ashok who serves as a pastor in the city of Kolkata, India preached a message in the wedding service using the letters "KB". K for Kim Kim and B for Benjamin. Ashok told the couple that he did not usually expect couples to remember sermons preached at their weddings, but he hoped this one would stay. His point was captured in the two letters: KB (Knows before). It was a powerful reminder to everyone as Ashok focused on the faithfulness of God. His main focus in the sermon was that "The God who knows before, goes before!"

I want to leave that thought with you as you live each new day, steward each new opportunity, navigate each new bend in the road and come through victorious with God's help through each new challenge in 2020.

It was not only a great matter of joy that Kim Kim and Benjamin pledged their lifetime commitments to each other but that they are both individuals who love the Lord and come from families who have lived their faith genuinely and served in missions passionately. Benjamin's parents, the Seawards have served as missionaries overseas in Africa and other parts of the world for several years - affording Benjamin and his siblings a cross-cultural experience of life. My brother Ashok and his wife Mai have labored faithfully for the sake of Gospel in Bangalore and Kolkata, India - and in preaching at various locations across the Indian subcontinent and around the world.

A sweet part of Kim Kim and Benjamin's story as a couple is that some years ago Benjamin and his parents were visiting the campus of the University at which Kim Kim was studying. They were making a Campus visit to consider options for Benjamin's future studies. On that day, Kim Kim happened to be their tour guide for the day!! In a few days Benjamin asked Kim Kim, "I know India is a country of 1.2 billion people, but is there any chance that you would know a pastor in India by the name of Ashok Andrews? My mom and a group of ladies are going to India to serve on an overseas mission trip with Pastor Ashok and his team in Kolkata"

Kim Kim said, "Of course, I know Pastor Ashok Andrews pretty well! I'm his daughter!"

Any guesses if God was at work?

It's a long story. After a few years of being friends, Kim Kim and Ben prayerfully felt guided to their commitment to marriage.

We are at Camp Michawana, not because it is the most ideal setting for a wedding, but because it is a Camp at which Ben has served youth for five years. I got to know that the big reason that motivated them to choose the simple location for their wedding was because all payments made towards the use of the facilities would go to sponsor kids to youth camp so that they can discover the love of Jesus.

What a powerful witness and message! As we engage in our 2020 theme, "Your story for God's glory", let us pray that we too can seek to make the "most of every opportunity" (Eph 5:16) for the sake of winning people to Christ.

I am leaving Camp Michawana, with my cup running over, my heart warmer than the cold Michigan air and my spirit inspired! I am challenged to walk in the steps of a young couple who just taught me a fresh lesson about sharing God's love.

Thanks KB!

### Have a wonderful New Year, Trinity!

Because of Him who knows before and goes before,

Pastor Arun



#### **JANUARY 2020 THEME**

# YOUR STORY FOR GOD'S GLORY

January 5 Why the world needs your story

Scripture 1: Romans 10:1-15 Scripture 2: Acts 3: 1-10

January12

What's your story in a word?

Scripture 1: John 9:1-12 Scripture 2: John 9: 13-34

January 19 Is prayer the power behind your story?

Scripture 1: Ephesians 6: 18-20 Scripture 2: Mark 9:14-29

January 26 How flawed people can still tell the greatest story

Scripture 1: Luke 22:54-62 Scripture 2: John 21:15-19

## A PASTORAL ENCOURAGEMENT

Let every empty pew not discourage you, but remind you that one more life is in need of hearing the Gospel of Christ!

# READ YOUR BIBLE. PRAY EVERY DAY!

Don't miss your daily scoop of the best nourishment in all the world! An old time Sunday School chorus says it well, "Read your Bible, pray every day, it will make you grow!"

How about sleeping 15-30 mins less than usual to catch an extra 15-30 minutes every morning for prayer and Bible reading?

Yes. Pray. Pray. It is nice we can pray all through the day – while we are working, driving, eating, etc. But God invites us to set aside a special time each day to pray in our quiet rooms, maybe on our knees – alone with the Lord. Mark 1: 35 – Jesus practiced this discipline.

We also invite you to follow the daily Bible reading guidelines that Pastor Arun had shared with us in November 2019. If you don't have your copy, contact our office. Plunge into the slow, meditative readings (Suggested for the mornings) and the fast, overview-style reading (suggested for the evenings). Keep your daily journal, makes notes on the pages of your Bible, enter your key verse for the day and take your every two-hour blessing break to let the key verse sink in a little deeper into your soul. And don't forget to add to your daily spiritual wealth by picking your copies of the free devotionals "Upper Room" and "Our Daily Bread".

Finally, would you consider attempting to Read the Bible in a year?

Visit:

https://www.bible.com/ https://www.biblegateway.com/





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# Thank you

Thank you, Trinity UMC and friends for your support and generosity. We collected 41 shoe boxes filled with goodies for children less fortunate around the world as part of Samaritan's purse. Extremely privileged to be part of this great effort.

Jane Bittner and Patricia Stacey

Good morning Pastor God bless you.

Please let me know how you are doing.

Also I wanted to share that baby Javier was wean off one of his medication for the last couple of weeks and by God's Grace he is doing great.

Now he is down to just 3 medications! Keep in mind that at one point he was on 11 of them.

May the Lord bless you Pastor.

Thanks so much to you and the people of Trinity Church for encouraging us on the day we visited you. Thanks for praying for us.

Frank Romero

Those of you who were present when the Romero family shared the testimony will remember that baby Xavier was to have a heart transplant but was healed by God's power and grace. He is living on his own heart and is progressing day by day.

Thanks for praying for us.

Thank You from the Worship Team

Thank you to all who worked together during the Advent and Christmas season from those who decorated the church to the families and groups that lit the Advent wreath. The Altar Guild with the Communion Steward, the liturgists, greeters and hospitality team all are important parts of the church body.



# Love - Faith - Hope

Thanks for the \$300 from All Saints Day at Trinity. Add that to the \$3,461.26 and the total is \$3,761.26. And 100% of the total will go to local families. We are blessed.

We are so blessed with such a great mission by being a "beacon of hope" for families who because of cancer cannot work and therefore cannot pay their bills. We take away the toxic stress allowing them to focus on healing.

I cannot thank all those at Trinity for their support. Onward together helping those in need.

~Mickey and his Angel "Vickie"





# FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come..."

Happy New Year! 2020 promises to be an exciting musical year. Thankful for all who participate in the music ministry, I look forward to the many musical opportunities that wait!

Cathe, Hayden, and I are enjoying many new friendships and opportunities to take part in the many ministries of Trinity United Methodist Church. We look forward to the new year with great joy!

"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home."

Soli Deo Gloria! Todd











Pictures from the 10:45 AM Musicale Service held on December 22, 2109. Thank you to all the musicians who participated!

### YOUR STORY FOR HIS GLORY

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

Psalm 89:1

#### TRINITY YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

by Haley Warner

#### Trinity Youth Celebrate and Share Christ this Christmas!

Trinity Youth celebrated and shared about Christ's birth through the whole month of December! From decorating and celebrating as a youth group and with their families to Christmas caroling with Starfish Ministries on the streets of Harrisburg, for the residents at the Woods, for local church families, in the Musicale and Sunday services and in their school holiday concerts, Trinity Youth couldn't stop proclaiming the good news of hope and joy and all that God has given us in Christ this Christmas!









#### Stronger Together, Trinity Youth Partner with Local Youth Groups!

Faith is a whole lot more fun and powerful when we do it together! This month Trinity Youth joined Baughman's youth group for a "Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" and Fishing Creek Salem's youth group for a "Summer Camp in December" event. All the youth had a great time making new friends, seeing school friends, and worshiping together!!







#### ORANGE WE GLAD you bought oranges!!

Thank you so much for supporting Trinity Youth and purchasing Florida oranges this year!! It's fundraisers like this and your support that makes lots of what we do possible for our youth! We hope you enjoyed the citrus!

### SUNDAY DUTIES FOR JANUARY 2020

DUTY	JAN. 5	JAN. 12	JAN. 19	JAN. 26				
Altar Guild	Betty Caboot	Betty Caboot	Joy Hamsher	Joy Hamsher				
Liturgist: 8:15	Rev. Raymond Brooks	Bill Northey	Doug Eakin	Kathy Miller				
10:45	(both services)	John Mickle	Mickey Minnich	Patricia Stacey				
Children's Talk	No Children's Talk	Faith Sylor	Marjorie Creamer	Shane Sweger & Emily Wenger				
Nursery: 8:15	Doug Eakin							
10:45								
Ushers: 8:15	Dianne Schofield*, Judi Meyer, Jo Lower, Irv Kiehl							
10:45	John Mickle, Barb Mickle, Gordon Taylor, George Karnes, Matt Ickler * denotes head usher							
Coffee Fellowship	Adult Sunday School Class	Tuesday Morning Group	Chancel Choir	Youth Group				
Adult SS Teacher	Jed Beshore	Rodney Miller	Betsy Miller	Grover Herr				
Elective SS Teacher	Sharon Sheffer	Raymond Brooks	Mary Strausbaugh	Shirley Sharpe				
Counting Team	Mary Herr and Kathy Karnes							

### YOUR STORY FOR HIS GLORY

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

### SAFE SANCTUARY GRATITUDE

We are truly grateful for the meticulous and faithful work that Dianne Schofield and Donna Ratulowski have done over the last 4 years as our safe sanctuary coordinators. What a blessing it has been especially in our ministry among children and youth! Both of them had informed me a few months ago that they would serve in the position till the end of 2019. We are grateful for Patricia Stacey and Betty Caboot who have accepted to serve as our new coordinators from January 2020. Peggy Morrison will be a team member. Thanks to all to you in the congregation who have been willing to be safe sanctuary trained and certified. May our Lord continue to bless our ministry to all ages as we recommit ourselves to treasure and keep Trinity as a safe space for all.

In his service, Pastor Arun

#### 2020 PROMISE CARDS

Promise cards will be distributed at the January 5th and 12th Sunday services. Extra cards will be available in the church office for those who did not receive one.

#### SUPPER FELLOWSHIP

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

January 3

Ham and Green Beans

January 17

Sirloin Patties with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas

January 31

TBD

February 7

Chili, Corn Bread, Jell-O Salad

\* Subject to Change

#### ATTENTION

Sunday School Teachers, Small Group & Ministry Leaders

We are required to submit a yearly report to the Susquehanna Conference detailing our discipling and missions activities for the year. I will need a roster of members for each Sunday School class, small group, choir, ministry and mission outreach activity for 2019. If you have led ANY group in 2019, please send me a roster of your group's members. Also, if you are leading an outreach ministry, I need an estimate of the number of people served by the outreach. Information can be emailed to me at treasurer@trinityumnc.com

Thank you! Carol Wilson

#### GRANDPARENTS IN PRAYER

Grandparents in Prayer will meet again in the St. John's Room on January 27th at 10:45 to 12:00 noon. This is an open group and we welcome any grandparents to come and be part of grandparents who focus on prayer support for our grandchildren. We meet twice a month. Please see Beth Sider for more information, or phone at 717-802-2812.

#### **COFFEE CANS**

We will no longer be collecting coffee cans for the distribution of flowers. Thank you to Sharon Immell for covering the cans that we used, and thank you to all who brought in coffee cans. Flowers will be put in a higher and wider vase providing easier transportation and distributing of flowers to homebound friends.

#### SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY

The next service will be the last Tuesday of February, February 25th at 2:00 PM. A Trinity teenager will speak and Stephen W. Hallman, tenor, will minister in music.



#### KINGDOM COME PRAYER

An invitation from Alpha to pray for the Church and the world.

For three days, twice each year, churches around the U.S. unite together to pray for God's Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. We long to see the Church revitalized and more people than ever before discovering and developing a relationship with Jesus.

Save the dates for Kingdom Come Prayer in 2020: Jan. 7-9 and Aug. 18-20

Sign up for a time to pray on your own. Go to https://alphausa.org/kingdom-come-prayer and click "I WANT TO PRAY". FREE Prayer Guide when you register!

Alpha is a chance to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

#TryAlpha

You are invited to Alpha!

Join us for a great meal and conversation with others who are exploring life and faith; no strings attached.

If you come, we won't call you after, write, or ask you to pick up the check—the ball is completely in your court.

What do you have to lose?



2 Courses will be offered beginning Jan. 15

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM or Thursdays at 9:00 AM St. Johns Room

www.trinityumnc.com



You're invited.

#TryAlpha



### YOUR STORY FOR HIS 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



### JANUARY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAYS			WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	m 1	
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			6:30 PM Sing & Celebrate (begins 9/11/19) 6:30-7:15 PM SONshine Singers (begins 9/4/19)	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	
CR=Creation Room FH=Fellowship Hall PS=Preschool Room MO=Mt. Olivet Room YD=Young Disciple Rm O=Otterbein Conf. Rm WR=Wellness Room S=Sanctuary L&L=Lion & Lamb Room SJ=St. Johns Room JR=Junior Room			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 10am Sewing (WR) 10am SF Cooking 10:30am Celebrate from H&S (L&L)	3 9:00am Prayer Breakfast (Ickler's) 5:30pm Supper Fellowship (K&FH)	9:00am Communion Prep (WR)
5 6:00pm Youth Group	6 9:30am LIFT (MO)	7 11:45am Downtown Daily Bread 7:00pm NC Town Band Friends (SJ)	8 9:00am Crocheting Group (SJ) 9:30am LIFT (MO)	9 10:30am Celebrate from H&S (L&L)	10	11
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26 6:00pm Youth Group	9:30am LIFT (MO) 10:45am Grandparents in Prayer (SJ) 6:30pm Leadership Team Mtg (SJ)	28	9:00am Crocheting Group (SJ) 9:30am LIFT (MO) 6:00pm Alpha (SJ)	30 9:00am Alpha (SJ)	31 5:30pm Supper Fellowship (K&FH)	



### **Trinity United Methodist Church**

Susquehanna Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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 FEBRUARY 2020 TRINITY TIDINGS by January 15th

# WHEN YOU CLICK A SHARE BUTTON YOU CAN TOUCH A HEART



Are you on social media and following Trinity? If you aren't, we would love it if you did. Our theme for 2019 is "Your Story for His Glory". Simply by sharing a link, you are sharing His Glory to others and letting them know that God loves them. If you need help in how to share, please contact Jocelyn MacMinn, Communications Administrator and she will be happy to help you.

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