



What's your story in a word?

From the Pastor's Heart

My dear Trinity Family,

Apart from all the happiness and laughter that surrounds our lives as a congregation, there are some special moments that especially make us smile – and learn from. I wish to share one such moment with you.

‘Grandparents in prayer’ is a special group at Trinity with a very precious mission. We live in times when our grandchildren are prone to be enticed by temptations, hurt by adult failures, manipulated by evil people, carried away by the waves of social media, confused about their self-worth - and sadly unsure at times of God’s love for them. It is much to our dismay that very talented and gifted young lives are lost every day in a world of substance abuse and suicides. The growing years which were once upon a time, carefree have tragically become joy-free in the lives of some young people today.

In my years of serving as a pastor, I have come to believe that there is often a very special bond between grandparents and grandchildren. There may be many reasons for this. Here is one that Sam Levenson offers: “The reason grandparents and grandchildren get along so well is that they have a common enemy.”

Keep smiling! If you are a grandparent with a passion for your grandchildren’s spiritual and overall wellbeing, ‘Grandparents in prayer’ is a group I would encourage you to join.

On January 13, 2020, we were enjoying our time at the ‘Grandparents in prayer’ lunch hosted by Dr. Ron and Beth Sider. During our lunch gathering, Betty Winter told us about her grandson. After completing his duties as an acolyte one Sunday, he came to Betty with a big smile and said, “Nan, that’s one more Sunday when I didn’t burn the church down!”

As much as we laughed, that made me think. Especially in the light of our present conversations with regard to human sexuality as the United Methodist Church. Maybe he has a point we all must consider deeply. For a

church that has its universal symbols in the cross and the flame, we are called to live by God's love and God's truth. Love as reflected at Calvary. Truth as brought to us by the Holy Spirit from God's Holy Word. A church with an obsession for love and scant regard for God's truth will become *rudderless*. On the other hand, a church with an obsession for truth and scant regard for God's love will become *heartless*. Is there a way in which love and truth can walk hand in hand – and reflect God's grace and yearning for all people? The Lord Jesus embodied this perfectly and is therefore described as *full of grace and truth*. John 1: 14. Please note that the scripture does not say he had some of grace and some of truth. It affirms that He was full of grace and truth.

As a disciple of the Lord Jesus, I delight in our Lord's command to love everyone. If the question ever is, "Must I love everyone without discrimination or favor?" The resounding answer of the Bible is YES! That is, in fact a "no brainer". Moreover, it is a non-negotiable Scriptural standard. Jesus said in Mark 12:31: "The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Yes. Love must be our native air – our second nature.

What I am concerned about on the other hand is the fact that Jesus measures *our love for him* by one important indicator. Guess what that is? Obedience. He said in John 14:15, "If you love me, obey my commands". As I speak with my friends across a spectrum of opinions about human sexuality, one of my appeals to them is, "Please do not interpret my understanding of Christian marriage (Based on our Lord Jesus' words in Matthew 19:4-6) as an intent to isolate, discriminate or alienate". Having served in the pastoral ministry for thirty years, having been with various kinds of people in their times of joys, pain and struggles and having travelled across cultures and spoken in global contexts, I can honestly say that I very much love people. I have been blessed to have friends of different nationalities, cultures, religions, sexual orientation and worldviews. I have friends who have agreed with me heartily and disagreed with me passionately – and we've still been friends! I have had friends who love spicy Indian chicken curry and those who can't stand it! Having said that, I remember the prayer that a little boy wrote to God, "Lord, I can't believe you can claim to love all the people in the world! I have four people in my family, and I find it impossible". Don't we all need grace to love more.

As you see my friend, my struggle in our present times is not about loving people unreservedly, it is rather about failing to love God as He expects me to. This struggle certainly has nothing to do with hate or phobias but has everything to do with love. A love for the God who died for me on the cross – and a love for the people He died for. A love for the One who created me – and a love for the ones He created. A love for each human being created with worth, beauty, gifts, graces – most of all his image. A love for each human being who has been endowed by the Creator with the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. A love for God who is the very source of my breath, life, purpose, mission and salvation. *My dilemma of love in the light of Jesus' call to obedience: Could I end up loving others more and God less?*

Those of us who have seen our other acolytes carry the flame for the altar candles at church services, know exactly what he is talking about. The more I thought about his words, the more I was drawn to a lesson. He not only focuses on his God-given task as an acolyte, he and our other acolytes steward the light well!

Maybe his words hold out a challenge for us. Can we as United Methodists light our candles without "burning the church down"?

Praying with you and with much burden for our beloved Church and for all who are hurting in this present conversation. Let us not yield to panic but rather to prayer. Let us never forget that when God writes the last line in our corporate story, it will always be good. Let us in settled trust, give him our pen and paper.

With much love and fixing our eyes on Jesus,
Pastor Arun



God is love (1 John 4: 16)

God is light (1 John 1:5)

FEBRUARY 2020 THEME

WHAT'S YOUR STORY IN A WORD?

Glimpses from Mark's Gospel

February 2

John the Baptist: Unworthy

Scripture 1: Mark 1: 1-8

Scripture 2: Mark 1: 9-12

February 9

8:15 am: Scout Sunday

10:45 am: Valentine week special

Simon and Andrew: Immediately

Scripture 1: Mark 2: 13-14

Scripture 2: Mark 1: 14-20

February 16

Simon's mother-in-law: Grateful

Scripture 1: Psalm 40: 1-8

Scripture 2: Mark 1: 29-34

February 23

Jesus in a solitary place: Still

Scripture 1: Psalm 46: 10-11

Scripture 2: Mark 1: 35-39

February 26

Ash Wednesday

A man with Leprosy: Clean!

Scripture 1: Psalm 51: 1-12

Scripture 2: Mark 1: 40-44

TIMES OF PRAYER FOR THE FUTURE OF THE UMC

It is anticipated that General Conference 2020 would be a time of potential decision-making with regard to the future of the UMC. May 5-15 at Minneapolis, MN.

We will be including regular times of prayer at our church services for the United Methodist Church even as preparations for General Conference are underway. You are requested to *pray a lot, love a lot and trust a lot* as we enter this season of waiting.

2020 TRINITY PRAYER BLAST

Everyday people all over the world are posting on social media. They hope people will read/ watch/ like their posts. Some are pleased, others disappointed with the results. Unlike posting on Social media, prayer is not a hit or miss experience. God is eager to listen to us pray. His modem is synced to ours. His wi-fi router is on. His password is : jeremiah333

At Trinity we are embarking on a new season of praying with practical reminders. When we pray, we can help lift the cares of our world, country, state, city and all the people that God places in our lives.

Keep posting your prayer!!



FEBRUARY PRAYER CHALLENGE:

Would you pray for the United Methodist Church every time you open a door in February? It could be your car door, refrigerator door, door at home, work or in public places.

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WEDNESDAY SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - 7 PM

On behalf of Meade and Lucille Wilt,

Thank you for your prayers, cards and words of encouragement during their recent health problems. They are now residing at The Woods. Also thank you to Pastors Arun and Carl, and Barbara for their visits.

Blessings to you all,
Jo Lower

Thank You

Huge Thank you to the people at Trinity for your donations to New Hope Ministries. 300lbs of food was given to the West Shore location. They also wanted to thank you for your generosity. Donations are accepted throughout the year and they are always looking for volunteers at any of their locations.

*God is
so good!*

Mystery Christmas Gift?

Not a secret sister as that has just begun in January. Well, thank you to the person who left this beautiful cup with scripture on it in the Church Office for me. I cannot tell you how touched I am to receive such a beautiful tribute. Thank all of you for all your cards, gifts and the poinsettia. I felt like a kid again at Christmas.

Trinity is the greatest! May we share our stories for God's glory all through the year

Prayerfully,
Pastor Peggy



SECRET SISTERS

Secret Sisters has begun and is a ministry that offers dedicated prayer for each and every woman. Come fellowship with us at the monthly meetings to receive encouragement, loving support, food and fun. You do not reveal yourself the entire year to your Sister. Everything shared is to be completely confidential. We will be building lasting friendships and at the same time give and receive sustaining nurturing from your Sister with daily prayer covering, notes of encouragement to your Sister. You will receive the same care from your Sister. We would love for you to attend the monthly meetings but this is not a requirement to join us. We eat and fellowship together as sisters for an hour from 10 to 11 in the Winter's Room, every 3rd Saturday, for a time of rest, relaxation and refreshment. A pink sheet must be completed prior to you being assigned a Secret Sister and your name being given to a Secret Sister. We will reveal ourselves to our Secret Sister at the Christmas gathering. A pink sheet that details this program is available for requirements of a gift on Mother's Day, birthday, Easter and Christmas. Please contact Vicky Forman at 717-623-6568 directly or vickyforman1@gmail.com with any questions or concerns anytime.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Last month, we began exploring an exciting new area of music ministry! The Praise and Worship Team had its first rehearsal on Tuesday, January 14th, led by Jocelyn Goranson. On Sunday, January 26th, the group will lead worship at the 10:45 am service. Drawing from a wide range of contemporary music, the musicians included singers, piano, keyboard/synthesizer, guitar, bass guitar, drums, cello, and flute. As the Praise and Worship Band continues, the group is open to involvement by more musicians, and those who feel called to serve in this ensemble! The team will meet bi-monthly, and take an active role in worship bi-monthly. Any questions? Please see me, Beth Sider, or Pastor Arun to make your interest known!

Trinity Church is blessed with many musicians with many gifts. Whatever the gift may be, there is one common denominator, the praise and glory of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

May He continue to richly bless us, and may we continue to tell our story for His glory.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Todd

***“Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God’s praises sing...”
~ Henry F. Lyte***

LIFT CLASS

Strength-Training Program continues at Trinity!

Penn State Extension is offering a group-based strength-training program for inactive to moderately active adults aged 40 and older this winter and spring at Trinity UM.

“LIFT,” which stands for Lifelong Improvements through Fitness Together, will be held Feb. 10 – April 1, 2020, Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:45 am in the Mt. Olivet Room. Participation may result in improvements in functional fitness or the ability to perform activities of daily living with ease.

“LIFT” sessions are held twice a week for one hour and fifteen minutes over the course of eight weeks and include an active warmup, strength-training exercises and a cool-down period. A weekly nutrition lesson is also part of the program.

Strength training offers physical, mental and emotional benefits including increased muscle mass and strength; improved bone density; reduced risk for osteoporosis and related fractures; reduced risk of diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, depression and obesity; and improved self-confidence, sleep and vitality.

Cost of the program is \$60. Some insurance policies may reimburse participants with 80 percent or better attendance; those attending should check with their insurance provider for more information.

To register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/lifelong-improvements-through-fitness-together-lift> or call 877-345-0691. For more info, please contact Nancy Rutch, Penn State Extension in Cumberland County at ner10@psu.edu or 717-240-6512.

SUPPER FELLOWSHIP WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

February 7

Chili, Corn Bread, Jell-O Salad

February 21

Potato Soup, Corn Chowder
& Hot Dogs

March 6

Lasagna & Salad

- Subject to Change

STARFISH MINISTRY

Starfish Ministry is requesting donations for:

Used Sturdy Backpacks
Umbrellas
Deodorants
Multi-Vitamins
Cold & Flue Remedies
(no liquids)

Most items can be purchased at the Dollar Store. Please place donations on the table in the hallway.
Thank you for your support!

TRINITY YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

by Haley Warner

Trinity Youth soaked up every last minute of 2019. It was a truly "victorious" year with Christ! Some highlights that stand out include ten youth baptisms and re-affirmations of faith at "Impact", the blessing of our new youth room renovation, and braver and bolder prayer warriors for each other and this world in our youth! We know God has big things in store for 2020, and we're excited to invite you to join us at our upcoming Valentine's Day Luncheon and Youth Sunday Service!



*"By this everyone
will know that you
are my disciples,
if you love one
another."*

John 13:35

Trinity Youth Valentine's Day Luncheon

Sunday, February 9th, 2020
12 PM

(Following the 10:45 AM Service)

No cost, a love offering will be received to help
support youth events through the year

Trinity Youth Invites You To:
Youth Sunday
March 29th 2020
10:45 AM United Service

"FINDING LIFE"

*Finding God, Others, Yourself, Time,
& Purpose in an Age of Searching!*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TIME OF LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
AND FELLOWSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AND THE YOUTH
ROOM FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SUNDAY DUTIES FOR FEBRUARY 2020

DUTY	FEB. 2	FEB. 9	FEB. 16	FEB. 23
Altar Guild	Joy Hamsher	Ethel Brooks	Millie Walters	Millie Walters
Liturgist: 8:15	Rev. Peggy Spengler	Donna Ratulowski	George Karnes	Nick Emig
10:45	(both services)	Ken Gable	Gordon Taylor	Jane Gable
Children's Talk	No Children's Talk	Cheryl Bargo	Kara Sweger	Pastor Brooks
Nursery: 8:15	Doug Eakin Donna Ratulowski		Marjie Creamer	
10:45	Nina Stoner	Vicky Forman Cathy Baum		Linda Young
Ushers: 8:15	Larry Miller*, Harry Rodriguez, Bruce Wiest, Tom James, Yvonne James John Mickle*, Barb Mickle, Norm Batcheler, Floss Batcheler, Mickey Minnich *denotes head usher			
10:45				
Coffee Fellowship	Adult S.S. Class	Boy Scout Sunday	Chancel Choir	Grandparents in Prayer
Adult SS Teacher	Ruth Miller	John Mickle	Shirley Sharpe	Lenten Series Begins
Elective SS Teacher	Mel Eyer	Jan Ocamb	John Mickle	Lenten Series Begins
Counting Team	Betty Winter and Kathy Miller			



CHAT, CHEW AND VIEW

Sunday, February 16, 2020 in Fellowship Hall

The Tuesday night Chat 'n Chew group invites you to join them for lunch and a movie. The recently released movie, *Overcomer*, is inspiring, uplifting and heartwarming according to us and the critics. It reveals real life challenges and how our faith and trust in Jesus helps a small town coach and young girl find direction and peace amid life's conflicts and setbacks. Join us after church on February 16th for lunch and a movie. A sign up sheet is available on the information table across from the mailboxes. To know more, speak with George Karnes, Kathy Karnes or Janice Ocamb.



VBS

As stated in an article entitled, Is VBS worth it? by Landry Holmes – “VBS is worth it – all the effort, all the expense, all the hours, all the tears. Why? Because VBS is the one week that mobilizes the entire church to reach the community with the gospel while simultaneously providing a unique discipleship experience for the individual child and volunteer.”

**Parents & Volunteers
please mark your calendar:**

June 7-11 from 5:00-8:30 PM

June 12 Closing Dinner 6:00-8:00 PM

Additional information coming soon.



TRINITY'S NEWEST MEMBERS

Seven new members joined Trinity on December 24, 2019. They are from left to right: Terry Renzetti, Michelle Meckley, Matthew Ickler, Charles Massic, Nancy Massic, Shane Sweger, and Clayton Ort (not pictured)

SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY

February 25th at 2:00 PM

The Sunnier Side of Sixty service will be held on Tuesday afternoon, February 25th at 2:00 PM in the Trinity sanctuary. The Sunnier Side theme for 2020 goes with our all church theme. It is “Sharing Your Story, No Matter What!” The specific theme for February 25th is “I Will Love You – No Matter What!”

Speaker will be a Trinity teen. She has been a member of the Trinity community since birth. She came to a personal faith in Christ last year, and is now vocal about living out her faith. You will be encouraged and challenged by her message.

Soloist will be tenor, Stephen Hallman. Stephen was a member of Harris Street United Methodist Church before its unfortunate closing. Dr. Ron and Beth Sider will assist with the music.

Trinity retired minister friends will assist Pastor Arun with the service and also serve communion. A Fellowship Time will follow in the Mt. Olivet Room and will be hosted by Cathy Baum and the Hospitality Committee.

Thanks to Allyn Litzelman for preparing communion for this services, and to Floss Batcheler and Mary Lou Twigg for the communion clean-up.

And to Ken Gable, who sets-up the Mt. Olivet Room and to Wilma Rockey who helps clean-up. Many work together to offer this ministry to the New Cumberland community. Come and be a part of the February 25th service.

For transportation needs, please contact the church office, or Mary Herr.

DR. PAUL AND ANNETTE PITTS

Those of you who have seen the internationally acclaimed presentation of, “The Scribe” by Dr. Paul Pitts, will be very excited to know that Paul and his wife, Annette, will be with us at both services on Sunday, May 17, 2020. Save the date for a great time of worship in the presence of the Lord. Await further announcements.



SECOND HAND SALE

May 4 - 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

May 5 - 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

May 6 - 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Day time drop off:

April 27, 28, 29, 30, May 1

from 9:00 AM. to 12:00 PM (noon)

Evening drop off:

April 29 and 30

from 6:00 PM. to 8:00 PM

Mike Schofield at 717-938-3548 will coordinate pick up by request & appointment. Donna Ratulowski at 717-512-3365 is serving as coordinator. Monies from this outreach event will go to support our mission efforts, i.e., UM Children's Home; New Hope Ministries; Mission Central; and many others. Thank you!

THANK YOU DIANNE SCHOFIELD AND DONNA RATULOWSKI

We are truly grateful to Dianne and Donna for their faithful work and leadership in our safe sanctuary program. Your work helped children, youth and adults love and serve the Lord in a safe and precious space. Thank you!

THANK YOU CHARLIE KLINGER!

A big thank you to Charlie Klinger for his faithfulness in taking care of the Trinity cards fund raiser program. Charlie's faithfulness over the years has added tremendous blessings to us as a church and a community. Thank you, Charlie!

TRINITY 'S LEADERSHIP TEAM

Senior Pastor - Rev. Arun Andrews

Chair Person - Shirley Sharpe

Lay Leader - Mary Herr

Finance - Gary Forman (Head) and Gordon Taylor

Staff Parish - Beth Sider (Head) and Rick Bittner

Trustees - Scott Loomis (Head), John Mickle, Bill Northey, Dave Leppo, and Brian Weller

Lay Delegates to Annual Conference

Kathy Miller, Jed Beshore, Joyce Klinger (Alternate), and Sue Beshore (Alternate)

Also special thanks to outgoing members for their faithful service:

Chair Person - Janice Ocamb

Finance - Bob Rosenthal (Head)

Staff Parish - Ken Gable

Trustee - Norm Batcheler

LAY LEADERSHIP & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR 2020

Chair - Rev. Arun Andrews

Lay Leader - Mary Herr

Members

Sue Beshore

Jane Gable

Ben Saylor

Greg Cassimatis

Sally Ray

Barbara Zimmerman

Jody Wickenheiser



FEBRUARY 2020



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	
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						1 9:00am Communion Prep (WR) 11:00am Private Party (FH)
2	3	4 9:30am Tuesday Morning Group (FH) 6:00pm Caitlin's Smiles (MO)	5 9:00am Crocheting Group (SJ) 6:30pm Alpha (SJ)	6 9:00am Alpha (SJ) 10:00am Sewing (WR) 10:00am SF Cooking (K) 10:30am Celebrate from H&S (L&L)	7 9:00am Prayer Breakfast (Ickler's) 5:30pm Supper Fellowship (K&FH)	8 5:00pm Parent's Night out
9 12:00pm Valentine's Luncheon 12:30pm Starfish Ministry 6:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm Stitchin Sisters (Karnes)	10 9:30am LIFT (MO) 10:45am Grandparents in Prayer (SJ)	11 9:30am Tuesday Morning Group (FH)	12 9:00am Crocheting Group (SJ) 9:30am LIFT (MO) 6:30pm Alpha (SJ)	13 9:00am Alpha (SJ) 10:30am Celebrate from H&S (L&L)	14	15 Tidings Deadline 10:00am Secret Sister Meeting (WR)
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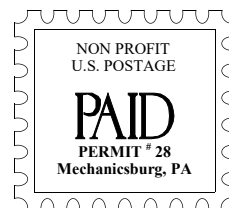
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Sunday Worship Services
8:15 AM and 10:45 AM

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

February
2020



Please submit
articles for the
MARCH 2020
TRINITY TIDINGS
by February 15th

Parent's Night Out



Drop your children with our Safe Sanctuary trained volunteers for a safe night of food, crafts, games, and fun

Trinity United Methodist Church wants to help the parents in our community enjoy a "Parent's Night Out" on Saturday, February 8, 2020. Enjoy a night away as you leave your children with our Safe Sanctuary trained volunteers for a safe night of food, crafts, games, and fun! This event is open to children who are potty trained and as old as fifth grade. The event will run from 5-8:30 pm and will include dinner, crafts and other hands-on activities, games, and story time. Questions about the event can be directed to Cindy Bailey or the Church Office. Registration for the event is open until February 5 and can be completed using the following link:
<https://tinyurl.com/tumcparentsnightout>