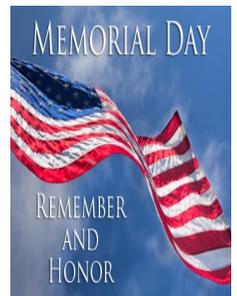


The Trinity Tower

May Trinity Tower is sponsored in memory of my father, Robert Kitzmiller, by Bonnie Smith



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Scriptures and
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It has been over a month since the Consistory of Trinity made the decision to transition from in person worship, meetings, outside groups and other church activities. Wow, we have learned a lot of new skills!!! These past weeks have brought so many questions and just as many changes in how we function, worship, offer mission and outreach, and stay connected.

Although the Lenten season, Holy Week and Easter were not typical, I truly believe this holy time for the church took on an entirely new significance this year. Our worship has been very meaningful to me and I hope you, too have felt a deeper connection to God and each other. Kara's painting that was revealed on Easter Sunday took a completely different turn from her original concept. When we noticed the people emerging from the paint drips and brush strokes within the earth, both of us knew that these figures should be the focus with the message that God is with us, always.

I wish to thank the members of Consistory and Rayna Cooper for her leadership as we continue to carve our path forward. I also need to thank our amazing church staff who has been working diligently and sometimes around the clock, to make sure we remain connected, sane, and Spirit filled. The decision to have Trinity continue to abide by the State's social distancing recommendations through the end of May was not an easy one to make, but is one that keeps us safe.

Trinity remains financially secure and has all of you to thank! Our weekly offering giving has been steady and we are just about on track with our budget for this time of the year. I have appreciated everyone's efforts in ensuring worship continues, and although I have never dreamed of becoming a televangelist, I am becoming more and more comfortable preaching into the camera. **HOWEVER, I LONG FOR THE DAY WHEN I CAN SEE YOUR SMILING FACES LOOKING BACK AT ME!**

Zoom meetings are becoming the norm for many of our churches, and I appreciate your willingness to step out of your comfort zones to join in the conversation. More and more of our committees will be using Zoom technology for meetings in the near future.

This Sunday, May 3rd, is Good Shepherd Sunday and I leave you with these familiar verses of Psalm 23.

- The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
- ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
- ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.
- ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Many Blessings!
Pastor Fred

**ALL MAY IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES, MEETINGS,
OUTSIDE GROUPS AND OTHER GATHERINGS
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED THROUGH THE MONTH OF MAY**

Children/Youth and Family On-Line Faith Formation!



CHRIS' AMAZING SUMMER ADVENTURES 2020 Children and Youth Story/Activities

I have been thinking a lot lately on what I might be able to share with our church families during this time of social distancing. Looking through some of the series that I have created over the years, I came across an old friend, and thought, now is the time for you to meet, *Christopher Lockard*. Over the next few months, I will be reading a short story featuring Chris, his buddy Rick, his sister, Julie and many others. I'll let you all in on their adventures during one amazing summer.

A video clip of the story and a link to an activity sheet with related Bible text, discussion questions, crafts or activities, a few corny jokes and a prayer will be available by clicking on the **Faith Formation link** on Trinity's webpage. Most weeks include suggestions for additional stories to read. I hope that you enjoy these stories as much I have loved telling them over the years. I can't wait for you to meet Chris!

Find the link at www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org

Hartman Center Camps have been cancelled. Vacation Bible School will not be held this year.

Continue to check Faith Formation page on our website for additional resources.

"Trinity Talks" Virtual Gathering Area!

Zoom Weekly Check-In and Prayer Time!

Join us on Thursday mornings at 10AM for a weekly chat time via Zoom! Keep connected, share stories and join in a prayer led by Pastor Fred. The hope is to continue these informal Sunday morning-like "Gathering Area" conversations throughout May and into the summer months. Connection information may change, but below you will find instructions for joining our virtual gathering area! You may join by your computer or telephone.

Computer

Time: Thursdays at 10AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87699608322?pwd=VVcwUDFHZEZrMmwrejdjbS9RWFEyZz09>

Meeting ID: 876 9960 8322 Password: 421225

OR

Dial by your location (Land Line)

Phone: 1-301-715-8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 876 9960 8322 Password: 421225

Join us on Thursday mornings!

Hello Trinity Congregation,

Part 1

*Following our mid-March in-person meeting of the Consistory, 2 special meetings via Zoom were held to address time sensitive issues, and then we held the scheduled April meeting via Zoom. I would like to share the major points of each meeting with you. **Our next scheduled meeting will be held the 3rd Tuesday in May.** Thank you for the support you have extended to Consistory and Staff, as we have adapted to new ways of communication and worship. As always, I am open to your ideas.*

Rayna Cooper, Consistory Chair.

Key items acted on or discussed were as follows:.

March 31, 2020, Special Zoom Meeting of Consistory:

Website Upgrade & Technical Assistance package: MAJOR Designs' proposal for a redesign of Trinity's website to include staff training videos and support for improving the ease of updating and maintaining the website was considered. Motion to contract with MAJOR Designs per the proposal was seconded and approved.

Purchase of Laptop: The need for a laptop for Deb to work from home under certain circumstances, and alternatively for use with a projector for presentations, group use, presenters, etc. A motion to buy a laptop with software to meet the needs of the church, was seconded and approved.

Worship services: We will continue having Open Sanctuary from 9-11 on weekdays until the Governor issues a "stay at home" order For Adams County. Continue offering virtual services (only) through April and reassess the CV-19 situation. Discussed ways to limit exposure to church personnel/access to offices.

Treasurer Resolution: The resolution states signature authority for bank accounts; the documents are available for signing in the Gathering Area.

Pastor Young – CARES Payroll Protection Program federal loan: Our Penn Central Conference Minister encouraged members to apply for the Payroll Protection Program forgivable loan offered to small businesses and non-profits by the Small Business Administration. The purpose of the loan is to assure the church can continue to fund payroll expenses during the national emergency of COVID-19. The loan is forgivable (will not have to be repaid) if spent on approved expenditures. Due to the time constraints for loan application, a motion was made to investigate and move forward with the application for the CARES PPP Federal Loan. The motion was seconded and approved.

April 2, 2020 Urgent Zoom Meeting of Consistory:

Discussion of where we stand and current uncertainties within Trinity due to the Corona Virus Pandemic.

Old Business: Discussion of CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program Federal Loan – application period is opening tomorrow, April 3:

- i. The Trinity Constitution states requirements for loan approval. Due to the extraordinary pandemic, it is not possible to hold a congregational meeting for loan approval.
- ii. Quick action is needed to apply for this loan. Consistory approved going forward with the loan application on 3/31.20. An attorney will be consulted to determine a proper approval process.
- iii. In the event the congregation does not approve the loan, or the attorney advises against, Trinity can repay the loan anytime.
- iv. Motion was made to apply for a loan to cover two months payroll and utilities expenses through the CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program, to consult an attorney for recommendations on legally meeting requirements for borrowing funds set forth in our church's constitution with a vote of membership during a national emergency when it is necessary for them to stay at home. Motion was seconded and carried by 7 to 4.

April 21, 2020 April Monthly Meeting of Consistory at 6:45 PM By ZOOM

Key items acted on or discussed were as follows:

Pastor Young provided a report and thanked staff and others for organization and transition to on-line worship and other congregational connections. He reviewed the sad losses of beloved Trinity members that have occurred in the past month.

Treasurer's Report/Update included completion of Signatories change; plans for addressing the audit committee recommendations. An internal document delineating the active signatory authorities for all current accounts of the church will be developed.

Scott Wehler and Rayna Cooper reviewed our insurance coverage and found it to be adequate, after several questions were addressed by the company.

The laptop has been purchased and put into use.

Loan Application thru Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) – Rayna reported our loan application was submitted April 3, 2020 to ACNB and was accepted and subsequently approved by our lender and the Small Business Administration. Harry Eastman was consulted, and his "advice" is to hold a congregational meeting when it is safe for the congregation to come together again to ratify the loan application and acceptance. The loan is forgivable and will not need to be repaid if used for designated categories of payroll, utilities and pastor insurance/health benefits. The funds must be used within 8 weeks of receiving them and must be tracked. Proceeds will likely be deposited to Trinity's ACNB account this week. The amount of the loan is \$31,300.

Easter Service and Floral Easter Tree –thanks to the Hilbert's for the idea and arranging the flowers. Picture made it into the front page of the newspaper. Service went well.

Hartman Center Scholarships – No camps this summer

All Church Retreat (Oct 16-18) – Still planning for it in October at this point. This may change.

Penn Central Conference & Annual Meeting – Moved to August 29th (one day) to Colonial Park UCC in Harrisburg. Pastor Fred, Kara, Rayna, and Rev. Kuhn will be attending unless someone else would like to attend.

Consistory Vacancy exists for class of 2022. - Let Nominating Committee know of suggestions or volunteers. A Chair for the Property Committee is also needed.

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Coldsmith Roof Estimate/ Brethren Mutual Inspection Letter – An inspection from our Insurance company mentioned a problem with shingles lifting and moss growth - likely covered under warranty from sanctuary roof replacement two years ago. A more thorough roof and brick evaluation was provided, with a proposal, by Coldsmith to address current and future roofing, bell tower, and water infiltration issues. A property committee is scheduled this week to assess these issues. Lewis mentioned that his employer may be able to donate the sealer for the brick areas. Computer Needs/Treysta proposal discussion – Discussion resulted in the recommendation to purchase 1 computer of the 3 Treysta recommended (one has a failing hard drive). Motion carried to purchase one computer.

Expanding Committee Meetings via Zoom – “How to” Tutorial provided to Consistory. Recommendation made that the work of the church continues, and this is one way of holding meetings during the current pandemic.

Trinity Connections: Discussion on supporting our members during this pandemic.

Pastor Fred suggested a “zoom” call open to all the congregation, using computer or phone connection. It could be once a week for people to be able to connect to each other. Rev. Kuhn said they do something similar at Wellspring with prayer concerns. It is a call-in event, people call to connect with others, offer prayers and prayer requests, etc.

Rev. Kuhn suggested calling members just to be in touch with them. Each Consistory member (and others) could will call a portion of our membership to connect with them. Provide notice by bulletin, newsletter, and website announcing this.

Georgia made suggestion of getting Hymnals to members at home to be able to sing along during on-line worships.

What are the options to get worship available through Channel 12 Broadcasting station?

Steps to Normalcy: Conversation on planning for the resumption of Worship – How will that look?

Monthly subscription to Zoom Video Communications was purchased to be able to have meetings during this “stay-at-home” time. The paid version allows meetings longer than 40 minutes and can enable video connections as well as phone calls.

A motion was made to continue worshipping on-line only, through May, with evaluation at our May meeting. The motion carried. The online worship may be something we continue to offer, as we now have that capability, which can be accessed by members at home.

Possible plan for restart would be first Sunday in June along with Summer Schedule of one service. Concern was stated that two services would offer better spacing and protection than one service. More room between seated pews and within pews will be needed for people to stay 6’ apart. Members may not be traveling as much this year nor attending park service worship, so 2 worship services may be justified. Tabled until May meeting and re-assess at that time.

Staff will place orders for the touch-free hand sanitizer stations, though delivery may be delayed. These are a good option for the future, in any case.

Next Meeting Date – May 19, 2020

Submitted by Rayna Cooper, Consistory Chair

Current ZOOM Meeting Schedule

Our Consistory has been meeting via ZOOM quite successfully.

A few other committees have also had wonderful conversations from the comfort of our homes. The following committees have scheduled meetings that will use this technology:

<u>DATE/TIME:</u>	<u>COMMITTEE:</u>
4/28 @6:30PM	Worship
4/29 @6PM	Christian Education
5/4 @7PM	Personnel
5/7 @7PM	Outreach
5/14 @7PM	Finance
5/19 @6:45PM	Consistory

Instructions will be sent on how to access these meetings on the computer, but you may also phone into the meeting to listen and add your voice to the discussion.

Spiritual Council

The current Elders of Trinity along with the Pastor make up the Spiritual Council.

As we continue to navigate unknown territory in worship and church life, if the Pastor is not available for Pastoral Care or other concerns, an Elder may be contacted to assist with the needs of the church.

Continue to call the church office or the Pastor to relay your concern or need and together we will make sure all are contacted.

Pastor Young	717-578-3226	Church Office:	717-334-7266
Bette Bunce	rinhartb@superpa.net	Cindy Blevins	717-334-4824
Scott Breininger	717-549-2122	Peter Kuhn	717-659-7274
Joan Peck	717-253-1348	Scott Wehler	717-334-0230



Olivia Landes
May 1

Mason Rushwald
May 13

Jay Cutshall
May 18

Francis Lyons
May 11

Marilyn White
May 16



In our thoughts and prayers:

Ashur Bowley, Darla Jean Christopher, Alice Fritz, John Harrison Hoffman, Donald Hubbard, Sr., Evelyn Kretz, MacKenzie Kretz, Josh Langley, Mary Lovelace, Bob Miller, Kathy Murphy, Loel Rosenberry, Casey Mullooly, Ashlee (Black) Pyne, Bonnie Smith, Tom Smith, Julie Strickland, Bill Swisher, Mary Timmins, Brea Thomas, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, Mckenna Voss, Brenda Wagner, and Teeyara Jo Weiant. (Please notify the office when a name can be removed from the list).

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the **Langley and Kretz families** in the death of **Pete Wilson, April 1st** and **Andrew Langley April 14th;** as well as the family of **Ryan Stouch** who died **April 20th.** May God's loving embrace provide comfort and peace to these families during this time of mourning.

Church Pictorial Update

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions and the generous offer of Scott Wehler to compose and layout our church directory we are going to handle things ourselves. As a result we need the congregation's help to complete the directory. We are asking each individual, couple, or family to supply a photograph that they would like to appear next to their address information in the directory.

Specifications for photographs:

Photos may be digital or hard copy. Hard copy photos will be scanned in and cropped to fit the space available.

Deadline to submit July 15th.

We also would like photos of any events in the life of Trinity that you would like to submit that may be used throughout the directory as well.

Please submit photographs to:

Sue Churchill
355 Sachs Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Looking forward to the future:

***Please* hold the dates for this years**

42nd Trinity UCC Bazaar: December 4, 5, & 6.

We are distributing close to \$11,000 to various Community Charities from 2019 Bazaar proceeds.

Please mark your calendars and make this the year you give us some of your time.

Find out what you have been missing!

Suzy Miller, Bazaar Chair

Getting to know staff:

Deborah Ann Guiher

Trinity's Administrative Office Coordinator Since 2013 Deb was born in Clearfield, PA. When asked what she enjoys most about her job, she immediately replied the people and that it is a perfect fit. The part time work is working well.

Deb and her husband Bruce have two sons Brandon and Preston, and two daughter's-in-law. There are four grandchildren, 3 girls & 1 boy. Their 3rd "child" (grand dog son) is Frank the Tank, a yellow lab (plus 2 cats).

Some of Deb's favorite hobbies are cross stitching, camping (in a camper or renting a cabin), walking, and riding bikes. Fish, especially salmon, and poultry are her favorite foods. She loves family gatherings. She and Bruce love to cook for these gatherings.

She is member of the Gettysburg United Methodist Church and is active in helping in the kitchen for events. As a support member of the Barlow Fire Department, she volunteers for community events there as well.

Deb's answer to, "Tell us something about yourself that others might not know?" is that she is basically shy
Yep, I have to force myself out of my shell.

Deb has an extensive bucket list. She would like to see all the special things about each state like Mount Rushmore, Redwood Forest and the Grand Canyon.

Ways to continue to support the work of Trinity!

Now more than ever it remains vital that we support our church, spiritually and financially. Even though we are not physically worshipping together, the work of our church continues.

- E-Giving: Find instructions under either the Members tab or
- Missions in Giving tab on our website at www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org. Or request a printout of the 2 page information leaflet from the office.
- Use the automatic bill paying service your bank provides you (if applicable). You can set up single payments or regular payments to be transferred into the church account, or to be mailed to the church through the post office, depending on your bank.
- Mail your offering envelope to the church by U.S. mail Trinity United Church of Christ, 60 E. High St., Gettysburg, PA

Worship Attendance

In-person May Worship services are being live-streamed through our Facebook page and are available on our web page for later viewing. Attendance on the live-stream has been between 200 - 400 each week.



Financial Status as of April 26, 2020

Envelope offering needed: **\$60,486.00**

Envelope offering received to date: **\$58,137.71**
(\$56,078 in 2019)

Property Fund needed: **\$5,236**

Property Fund received to date: **\$4,650**

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Permit No. 199

Trinity United Church of Christ
60 E. High Street
Gettysburg, PA 17325—2319
(717) 334-7266

Staff

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young, Pastor

Deb Guiher, Admin. Assistant
Karen Lentz, Account/Payroll Mgr.

John McKay, Director Senior Choir
Jane Eiker, Organist
Audrey Blackstone, Asst. Organist

Lisa Reinoehl, Sexton

Rayna Cooper, Consistory Chair
Joan Peck, Consistory Vice Chair

Worship May 2020

**May 3
Holy Communion**

Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10
Psalm 23

**May 10
Mother's Day**

Acts 7:55-60 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

May 17

Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21
Psalm 66:8-20

May 24

Acts 1:6-14 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

**May 31
Pentecost Sunday
Wear Red**

Acts 2:1-21 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23
Psalm 104:24-34,35b

**To access our on-line worship feed,
please go to our website:
www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org
Or our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/GettysburgTrinityUCC**

*Trinity truly believes that whoever you are,
and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

