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A message from the Pastor

*God, I am sorry I ran from you.
I am still running, running from that knowledge,
that eye, that love from which there is no refuge.
For you meant only love, and I felt only fear, and pain.
So once in Israel love came to us incarnate,
stood in the doorway between two worlds,
and we were all afraid.*

Annie Dillard

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Happy Easter!

This Sunday, April 4th, is a day of great celebration, joy and new beginnings! Easter is a day when we can live as if all that has happened before has been made fresh and new. Theologian, Annie Dillard in her words above, remind us that although Easter brings joy and wonder, the events leading up to it and the actual empty tomb, can also bring fear of the unknown. This past year has certainly presented us with many moments of fear and doubt. Yet our faith and belief in Christ's Resurrection provide hope that such uncertainty is nearing an end!

Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:3-6

As our journey through Lent moves us into Good Friday and eventually Easter Sunday, I invite you to think about how you will allow Christ to live within you instead of running away in fear of what that might truly mean for your life. What will need to change for you to truly live in Christ? The Pharisee who came to Jesus under the cover of the night sky sought the answers to these questions too. Nicodemus argued with Jesus about the possibility of someone being born again. Perhaps when he finally understood this to mean that Christ would live within his heart and such love would radiate from him through his outward faith, he stopped running from such love.

*May you live life renewed this Easter Season
with hearts of love and light!*

Pastor Fred

**PASTOR
FRED WILL
BE ON
VACATION
MONDAY,
APRIL 5TH
THRU
SATURDAY,
APRIL 10TH**

Easter Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 1st

Facebook Live at 7PM with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 2nd

*Gettysburg Ministerium Community Worship Service
12PM and 7PM via the communitymedia.net website. Hosted by TUCC*

Easter Sunday, April 4th

*In-Person 9AM at the REC Park (Lion's Pavilion)
and Facebook Live with Holy Communion.
Please bring your own communion elements*

Consistory Meeting Synopsis - March 16

Regular monthly Consistory Meeting via Zoom – the following items were discussed:

Minutes from the February meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report: Karen Lentz reviewed the budget for February 2021. Scott Wehler provided a monthly report as well. Some of those points follow:

Envelop giving was much improved from February. We are ahead of the budget by over \$1000.

Contributions to the property fund were \$400 above budget, but still lag budget year to date

Parking space revenue continues strong. We are currently about \$1000 above budget

Utilities were above budget – expected during the winter months

Investment income continues to be below budget

Technology expenses were over budget as consistory approved some additional spending to help facilitate operating procedures

Parking lot maintenance is running over budget. This could be from snow removal expenses.

Overall, this month provided much needed improvement in cash flow. Overall, we about \$1500 behind our budget in cash flow, but all of that difference and more is caused by unbudgeted IT expenses approved in order to improve our online worship service as well as some improvements in abilities to work from home.

The endowment funds are virtually unchanged from February. The United Church Fund balance was \$757,017.56. The ACNB Trust account was \$34,883.73. With a balance of \$757,017.56 in the UCF account, Trinity can tap that fund for capital improvements. By our policy, we need over \$647,500 to do so. That means that \$109,517.56 could be available for a capital project. No new funds were added to the Endowment Fund in 2020 or thus far in 2021.

Pastor's Report: Wednesday outdoor prayer services continue. There will also be in-person Easter worship at the Rec Park. The worship committee is also planning additional outdoor services as we inch our way toward resuming in-person worship at Trinity. Pastor Fred is working on sending Easter cards. Check your mailboxes for their arrival.

Technology; Consistory approved the formation of a technology committee. It will be led by Georgia Hollabaugh. The first meeting is scheduled for March 30. So far the computers in the sanctuary have been updated and streamlined. Our church administrator, Deb can now fully access her computer files and programs from home.

COVID updates: Consistory continues to review current COVID conditions. There will be a special meeting on Monday, March 29, 2021, to update our outdoor worship criteria. Consistory members are currently making check-in calls. They may ask you if you've been vaccinated or if you need help scheduling a vaccination. Vaccinations and resulting recommendations from the CDC will help to inform our decision about returning to in-person worship.

Church Empowerment Series – Pastor Fred, Rayna Cooper and Joan Peck attended (via Zoom) the second of three workshops outlining how to connect with new people in the “New Reality of 2021”. It was led by Rev. Paul Nickerson who has done this work for many years. Remember the following information:

Personal invitations to others are the most effective way to bring new people to church.

Our first task is to identify **What is Trinity's purpose?** Team members brain stormed ideas connected to Trinity's purpose. The overwhelming idea centered around service and worship. Please take time to read the article further describing these thoughts.

Tech Committee – The first meeting will be held March 30, 2021. This committee will be added to Trinity's by-laws in the near future.

Committee Reports – Representatives shared information from their various committees. Of special note is the Property Committee's work in planning for the bell tower repair and brick sealing as well as roof repair, exterior painting and repair/replacement of the front windows in the parsonage. We hope to have received all of the estimates by April's meeting so that a timeline of work can be created and the actual projects can begin.

The worship committee has planned in-person worship opportunities on Wednesdays during Lent. There will be an outdoor Easter at 9:00 a.m. on April 4, 2021, at the Rec Park pavilions.

Consistory meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:45 pm. Additional meetings may be held as needed.

Next meeting is Monday, March 29, at 6:00 p.m. A COVID discussion meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2021. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 6:45.

Christian Education & Faith Formation Highlights!



Spring Messy Church
At the REC Park
April 18th and May 23rd
3-5PM
"In the Beginning"

April 18th for a fun afternoon of a **Scavenger Hunt** along the REC Park's Fitness Trail!
We will meet at the Lion's Club pavilion.

May 23rd **Scripture, Prayer and Pottery!!!**
Under the Horizon Pottery
will be with us for a fantastic day of learning and creativity! The Lion's Club pavilion!



Messy Church is Intergenerational!
Join us for worship!!!

Check out the Faith Formation link at www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org for Children & Adults.

Trinity Meets Its Goal of Supporting Staff during Pandemic

The Personnel Committee wishes to thank all members of Trinity for their giving during the Pandemic. With the support of Consistory, Personnel has been committed to keeping our staff on payroll during these difficult times. Due to a sizable and forgivable PPP loan, as well as your continued giving, we have been able to keep that commitment. The PPP loan has been provided by the federal government and specifically designed to help small businesses and non-profits like ours to continue to pay their employees during this Pandemic.

You may not notice them, but our church employees and Pastor are working hard behind the scenes. Pastor Fred and Deb have additional work-loads due to the Pandemic. Our housekeeper, Lisa, has new duties to keep the church clean and sanitized. In addition to Karen's normal duties, our bookkeeper went above and beyond to obtain the PPP loan, which has been extremely beneficial to our church. Karen recently prepared documents required to request forgiveness of this loan.

Although you may not always see our music staff, Jane, Audrey, and John continue their work duties to bring forth our online and upcoming outdoor services each week. Their duties may have temporarily changed, but they are still hard at work behind the scenes. They continue to attend music staff meetings with Pastor Fred, research and choose hymns, compose various music for services, line up musicians, and organize for special music. Currently they are planning for our upcoming Easter service.

Finally, we would like to introduce our new *Buildings and Grounds Keeper*, Bruce Guiher. We have returned the Sexton job to two positions, a *housekeeper* and a *buildings and grounds keeper*. We are so happy to have Bruce on our team. He brings with him years of experience as a church sexton and has industrial maintenance experience. He also has many ideas about making the buildings and grounds run more efficiently and cost effectively.

So, if you see Bruce, welcome him to Trinity. And, make sure to thank all church staff members for stepping up and out of their comfort zones to ensure we continue to connect with our membership during extenuating circumstances.

Property Committee April 2021

Trinity welcomes Bruce Guiher to the maintenance and grounds position. He has offered some suggestions to make life at Trinity a bit easier. He adjusted the cover at the top of the bell tower stairs so that it may be lifted rather than crawled under to ring our bell. We don't need to be gymnasts to get there. It's much appreciated.

We continue to wait for estimates. Our goal is to have at least two estimates for each of our projects. When those estimates are received, we can plan the timeline to begin these projects. These estimates include the following:

- Masonry work including pointing the belltower, sealing the bricks, and /replacing the caulking between the coping stones

- Roof repair over the office area as well as Fellowship Hall

- Exterior and interior painting at Trinity and exterior painting at the UUG church

- Replacement of the carpeting with hard surface flooring in our classrooms, downstairs hallways and chapel

- Replacement of the parsonage's front windows. The pulleys and weights were removed during the earlier window replacement and were replaced with a system that isn't strong enough to hold up the windows

- Service contract for our boilers as well as an estimate on upgrading our air conditioning system in the sanctuary

Hopefully, all estimates will be received by our April meeting, and prioritizing projects and setting a timeline for the work can be brought to Consistory for approval. It is wonderful to worship in a beautiful, historic church, but that historic church does require some TLC.

The property wants to extend a heartfelt thank you to Lewis and Harry Hilbert for their expert wood working skills. They have made hand rails, tables, a cabinet for our historic items as well the organ pit platform to name just a few. These items are beautifully executed and completed in short order. Thank you to the Hilbert Family!

A Glimpse at Trinity's Heart

Did you ever wonder how Trinity found its Mission? Well, we're not sure, but the Congregational Empowerment team, working with Penn Central Conference has taken baby steps in moving toward a short and descriptive Purpose Statement for Trinity. We want something that is so descriptive and memorable that every Trinity member will have it inscribed in their heart!

We asked these questions of Trinity's Consistory members: What are we? Why are we here? What do we do? Who do we serve? Members assigned 1 to 3 points to the ideas under each question, which had been put together as a brainstorming event.

We thought you might be interested in what 3 items ranked the highest in the scoring by Consistory:

What are we?

A place to . . .

- Worship

- Deepen our faith

- Remember Christ's compassion together

Why are we here?

- To make a difference

- To serve

- To worship

What do we do?

- Worship

- Provide hope

- Feed the hungry

Who do we serve?

- Our members and the online community of worshippers

- The hungry and the homeless

- The community

These are the seeds of what will become Trinity's new Purpose Statement! Stay Tuned!

Worship Attendance

Worship services are being live-streamed through our Facebook page and are available on our web page for later viewing. Our live-stream has been between 100 - 300 views each week.



Financial Status as of March 28, 2021

Envelope offering needed: **\$46,839.00**

Envelope offering received to date: **\$39,330.32**

Property Fund needed: **\$4,004.00**

Property Fund received to date: **\$4,335.00**



Audrey Blackstone
April 4

Ann Harner
April 20

Marjorie Lyons
April 29

Kenneth Mummert
April 9

Ruby Warren
April 9



In our thoughts and prayers:

Please notify the office when a name can be removed from the list).
Ashur Bowley, Dorothy Breininger, Thomas Busche, Darla Jean Christopher, Joyce Golden, Lois Grim, Mary Jane & Harry Hilbert, Lewis Hilbert, John Harrison Hoffman, Donald Hubbard, Sr., Evelyn Kretz, MacKenzie Kretz, Charlie Krietz, Josh Langley, Mary Lovelace, Bob Miller, Kathy Murphy, Loel Rosenberry, Casey Mullooly, Ashlee (Black) Pyne, Tom Smith, Bill Swisher, Todd Taughinbaugh, Mary Timmins, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, Mckenna Voss, Don Walsh, Teeyara Jo Weiant.



The Hilberts
Mary Jane & Harry
April 26th - 57 yrs



Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family of Mary T. Crockett who died February 28th at her home.
May God's loving embrace provide comfort and peace to the family during this time of mourning.

DIAPER DRIVE -TenderCare Pregnancy Center. A box is located inside the main doors at the church to drop of diapers. Any size, any brand. Cash donations accepted as well to purchase more diapers. **Outreach Committee**

2021 SPONSORS NEEDED!

Altar Flowers: \$25 Altar \$30 Piano
 May 16, 23, & 30 September 12, 26
 July 4, 18 October 3
 August 1, 29 November 14, 21

Newsletters: \$50 a month
 September November
 October December

Times Monthly Ad:
 \$35 to share the month
 \$70 for the whole month



Our Ruth's Harvest team had fun Wednesday March 10th at Lincoln Elementary. We packed 100 food bags for Gettysburg elementary students to take home for the weekend. We had great conversation walking around the table loading our bags. It felt rewarding to be part of this community effort! Thank you Trinity Team! **Sandy Busche**



Mark your calendars!

It is time to start thinking about and planning the Holiday Bazaar We welcome your help, time, input and creativity. Please join us on Monday, May 3rd at 2pm

Coffee w/Friends and Lunch w/Friends
 We hope to begin meeting again in May.
 Watch bulletins for more information.



Reminder: Knit for Kids

If you have questions or need the instructions, please contact me. The sweaters have tags in them that say they are knit by ladies at Trinity UCC, Gettysburg.

Need a baby gift? Baby blankets are available to help the Bazaar Coffers.

Call Suzy Miller (717) 334-0771 for more information or if you can help.

APRIL 2021 Camp Activities

April 1 Facility reservation book opens for 2022

April 3 Summer Camp Early Full-Pay Registration Discount deadline

April 11 Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

April 24 Work Day at All Sites

April 25 Earth Day Celebration at Kirchenwald

April 30-May 1 Men's Retreat at Kirchenwald



Still weighing your options for what to do this summer?
Maybe this ***incredibly generous incentive*** will help tip the balance in favor of a week (or more!) at camp!

**PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE WILL PAY 50% OF YOUR CAMP REGISTRATION
AT NAWAKWA & KIRCHENWALD** (*minus any additional discounts*)

Additional Discounts Available

- Early Registration (4/3 Deadline)
 - * Camp Person
 - * Multiple Child
 - * Multiple Weeks
 - * Invite-A-Friend
- * Church Contributions/Scholarships

Quick Links to Camp Program Options There are camp programs at both Nawakwa and Kirchenwald for all ages.

- **Youth Camp** <https://www.lutherancamping.org/summer-camp/youth-summer-programs/>
- **Family Camp @ Nawakwa** <https://www.lutherancamping.org/summer-camp/family-camp-at-nawakwa/>
- **Family Camp @ Kirchenwald** <https://www.lutherancamping.org/summer-camp/family-camp-at-kirchenwald/>
- **Elder Camp @ Nawakwa** <https://www.lutherancamping.org/summer-camp/elder-camp/>

And, as always, please don't hesitate to reach out with questions.

-Anne Rankin Outdoor Ministry Liaison

Penn Central Conference Outdoor Ministries pccucc.org 717-652-1560



Current ZOOM Meeting Schedules for April 2021

DATE/TIME:

6th @ 6:45pm
 12th @ 7:00pm
 13th @ 7pm
 20th @ 6:45pm

COMMITTEE:

Covid Consistory
 Stewardship
 Personnel
 Consistory

Ways to continue to support the work of Trinity!

- E-Giving: Find instructions under either the Members tab
- Missions in Giving tab on our website (more info available in office)
- Use the automatic bill paying service your bank provides you
- Mail your offering envelope to the church by U.S. mail:
 Trinity United Church of Christ, 60E. High St., Gettysburg, PA 17325

**Outdoor Wednesday Prayer Services extended thru May 23rd Noon and 6PM
 APRIL 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7p Maundy Thursday w/Holy Communion	2 12p & 7p Good Friday by Gettysburg Ministerium - Hosted by TUCC	3 Holy Saturday
4 8a Easter w/Holy Communion Lion's Pavilion at the Gettysburg	5 PASTOR OUT	6 PASTOR OUT 6:45p Covid Consistory	7 PASTOR OUT No Mid-week Prayer service	8 PASTOR OUT	9 PASTOR OUT	10 PASTOR OUT
11	12 7p Stewardship	13 7p Personnel	14 12p and 6p Prayer Service	15 Consistory Committee Reports Due	16	17
18 9a Worship Lion's Pavilion at the Gettysburg Rec Park 3p Messy Church at the Rec Park	19	20 6:45p Consistory	21 12p and 6p Prayer Service	22 May Newsletter Articles Due	23	24
25	26	27	28 12p and 6p Prayer Service	29	30	

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**, Housekeeper
- Bruce Guiher**, Bldg & Grounds Keeper
- Joan Peck**, Consistory Chair
- Sandra Busche**, Consistory Vice Chair

APRIL 2021

Worship April 2021

April 1

7pm Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion
Via Facebook

April 2

12pm & 7pm Good Friday
Gettysburg Ministerium Community Worship Service
via communitymedia.net website. Hosted by TUCC

Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunday - Holy Communion
9am Worship
(Please bring your own communion elements)
Rec Park Lions Pavilion
In-Person and Facebook

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18

Sunday, April 11

Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 18

Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Sunday, April 25

Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

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!*

