

The Trinity Tower



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Dear Trinity Family,

As the summer months wane, we continue to cope with the effects of the pandemic. As I write this article, COVID cases in Adams County continue to spike, and Adams County is categorized as an area of high transmission. We hear that booster shots are likely to be recommended in order to keep our immunity strong. Because the Delta variant is much more easily transmitted (even people who have been vaccinated can spread the virus), Consistory voted to recommend that we resume wearing masks when we are inside Trinity. We wear our masks to protect each other. Many of us are grandparents whose grandchildren are not yet eligible to receive the vaccine. Some people have weakened immune systems and cannot receive a vaccine. Wearing masks will help to protect those who are vulnerable to the virus. For these reasons, we again ask that everyone wear masks upon entering Trinity and continue wearing them while inside the building.

For the past decade or more we have discussed the number of worship services that Trinity offers. As many long-time members remember, for many years we had one 10:30 worship service. Sunday School was scheduled at 9:15. During our renovation, we held worship at the YWCA. Two services were necessary because the space could not accommodate all of us at one service. When we returned to Trinity that pattern continued – services were offered at 8:15/8:00 and 10:30 with Sunday School scheduled at 9:15. During the summer months, one service was scheduled for 9:00.

Over the past fifty years, church life has become less important to many families and attendance at many churches has dwindled. Trinity has experienced that same phenomenon. We have struggled to grow our membership. In order to increase our vitality, vibrancy and membership, Consistory approved attendance at a Church Empowerment series that was offered by our Conference. Four members attended the three virtual sessions, and we worked with a coach who helped us with our assignments and helped us to refine our ideas. We learned that the ideas that we developed meshed with the vibrancy initiative that we had begun just before the pandemic struck. The pandemic caused us to worship virtually for over a year with a few opportunities to worship outside together. Kudos to our tech team who rose to the challenge of presenting worship on Facebook Live!

Eventually, we were able to resume in-person worship in our beautiful sanctuary. In order to allow the tech team enough time to set up and make sure elements of our worship “broadcast” were ready for those who could not attend in-person, worship time was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. During the most recent meeting, Consistory voted to continue our 9:30 worship time through December. Sunday School will begin on September 12. Adult Sunday School is scheduled for 8:15 and children and youth classes are scheduled for 10:30. We will evaluate this decision early in 2022. We made this decision because we felt it was important for us to be together as a church family. We need this opportunity to worship together – in unity there is strength. From a very practical perspective, our sanctuary can accommodate all of us very easily even with social distancing. I know this decision may evoke many emotions for some of us. May I remind all of us that our congregation has survived a turning point battle during the Civil War, the Spanish flu pandemic, World Wars I and II as well as becoming the United Church of Christ (previously Evangelical and Reformed) to name a few of our challenges over the years. We are resilient and faithful. We look forward to this opportunity to become reacquainted.

We will continue with a single 9:30 worship service through December. Adult Sunday School is scheduled at 8:15 and children and youth will meet at 10:30.

Faithfully yours,
Joan Peck
Consistory Chair

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Financial Status as of August 22, 2021

Envelope offering
needed: **\$122,502.00**
Envelope offering rec'd
to date: **\$112,721.28**
Property Fund
needed: \$10,472.00
Property Fund rec'd
to date: \$13,520.00

September 2021
A note from the Pastor

As we move into the fall, I would like to think that we are heading back to a sense of new normal. However, the pandemic resurgence has cast an uncertainty over our immediate future. I am grateful for our Tech Team and the A/V System that was installed last summer. It is my understanding that a few of our members watched from the beach and from out west, this past Sunday, that would not have been possible before! Our technology continues to keep us connected.

Yesterday following worship, many of you expressed joy over the opportunity to sing old hymns that reminded you of younger days. Our theme for the day surrounded our hope in an eternal home and through Scripture, prayer, and song, we found reassurance that that place is right here and now when God lives within us. know it has been extremely difficult to figure out how to gather safely to worship and do the work of the church. There will come a time when the pandemic is behind us and our church will still be here to tell future generations how we creatively continued to gather. Until then, hear these words from our closing hymn:

Shall we Gather at the River

(Refrain)

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.*

Many Blessings!
Pastor Fred

Treasurer's Report - August 2021

Each month Scott Wehler and Karen Lentz provide detailed reports to inform Consistory of Trinity's finances. The following represents highlights for the end of July, 2021. Overall, July had expenses below budget and contributions fell about \$400 below budget.

The quarterly distribution from the UCC Endowment was \$2,435.00 and helped to increase this month's revenue. Expenses are down this month. Our choir director receives no pay in July and August. Our housekeeper and sexton reported fewer hours.

There are 5 Sunday's in August which results in an extra week of offering. This is helpful as storm water fees (\$1,372) and taxes (\$5,685.59) are due in August.

Envelope giving was below budget and year-to-date envelope giving is about \$5,500 behind the budget

Contributions to the property fund are about \$2,700 over budget as of this time

Rental of parking spaces is about \$1,000 above budget

Investment income continues to be below budget. Year-to-date we are behind investment income about \$1,800.

IT expenses are above budget because of additional spending in this area early in 2021 as we prepared for on-line worship

Utilities are still over budget YTD

The rent from UUG for July was \$1550 which is the new higher rent

We are right on target with OCWM

Endowment balance as of 07.31.2021 was \$797,126.05 which is an increase of about \$3,000 from June. The ACNB Trust account was \$36,334.05 on August 1, a slight increase from last month. With the balance of \$797,126.05 in the UCF account, Trinity can again tap that fund for capital improvements. By our policy, we need over \$647,500 to do so. This means that \$149,626.05 is available for a capital project. No new funds were added to the Endowment Fund in 2020 or 2021.

We thank the faithful members of the Finance Committee for keeping track of our budget and reporting our financial status.

Property Report - September 2021

Trinity's repair projects have begun. The new air conditioning unit is on the roof. It was very interesting watching the crane operator remove the old unit (which will be recycled) and lift the new unit onto the roof. After fabrication of a few parts, the unit will be connected and should be working by our worship service on August 29. We will now have fresh air exchanges which should help to mitigate COVID transmission.

Repair has begun on the lower roof which means sealing seams (called stripping in) and replacing sealant around the three air conditioning units that are placed there. Roof replacement and repairs will continue after September 15 when we will ask the Historical Architectural Review Board to permit us to sheath the coping stones (stones that line the perimeter of the roofs) with metal.

We are also waiting for the chimney on the high roof to be repointed before that roof can be replaced.

Repointing of the bell tower has not yet been scheduled, but we hope to hear when that work will begin soon. We thank all of you for your support of these much needed projects.

Marketplace 29 A.D.

Coming in September... Step back in time and join us at a first century marketplace in ancient Jerusalem! We will visit interactive shops and explore games, music, crafts, and stories that come alive while we experience life in a biblical town. Children will learn what it was like to live and work during the time of Jesus. Marketplace 29 A.D. will bring new adventure to our Sunday morning faith formation and we hope to see you in the fall!



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

Music Notes!



Due to the COVID cases in Adams County continuing to spike and Adams County being categorized as an area of high transmission, Consistory decided to implement wearing masks while in the building and during singing. With this change it was decided to postpone the return of the Choir and Chorus until the beginning of October at which time the situation will be re-evaluated. Please stay "tuned" for updates in future bulletins!



Now that we have returned to worship in the Sanctuary, we are in need of additional Acolytes, Greeters, Lay Liturgists, and Ushers. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the office.

COUNTERS NEEDED: Please contact the office if you would be interested or for more information. The position is not hard, training will be provided, and it is only once a month..

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Coffee w/Friends
September 3rd 10:00am
Ragged Edge, Chambersburg St.



Lunch w/Friends
September 17th 11:30am
Friendly's, Steinwehr Ave.

Speros Marinos identified the '1900 pound stone cross' atop the West end of our church building in a circa 1900 picture. You can see this picture in the hallway outside the pastor's office.

It may have been taken down during the construction of the Fellowship Hall of 1949-1950. Church records report it being 'delivered for a charge of \$250.'

But, we still do not know where it was taken/delivered!

Can you help the History Task Force (HTF) locate it?

If you have a copy of Rev. Roy Fauth's Trinity United Church of Christ 1790-1990 there is also a picture labeled 1929 where the cross is barely visible.



Autumn Blevins
September 26
Mary Brown
September 29
George Christopher
September 27
Martha Dehoff
September 16
Richard Dodds
September 8
Bonita Filsinger
September 27
Suzanne Miller
September 3



In our thoughts and prayers:

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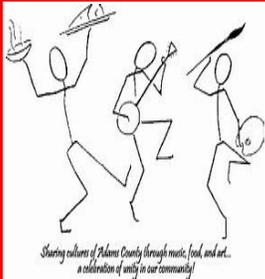


Thank you for the lovely basket of flowers for our 60th Wedding Anniversary. They were beautiful! Thank you also for all the cards sent our way. We appreciate being remembered. *Annabelle and Bill Swisher*

Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement celebrating our 55th anniversary. *Buck & Ann Harvey*



The Dehoff's
Martha & Burnell
September 9
The Mummert's
Sara & Ken
September 22



30th Adams County Heritage Festival

Sunday,
September 19th
Noon - 5:00pm
at the Gettysburg Rec Park

FREE event ! (accept food)

"Sharing cultures of Adams County through music, food, and art A celebration of unity in our community!"

Dancers from the Coyle School of Irish Dance; Downtown Tumbao, a Latin jazz band; Chinese Lion Dancers from the University of Pennsylvania; and N-A Chord, an African American male quartet and band. Ethnic food, children's activities, cultural displays, craft vendors and demonstrators, non-profit booths and a children's bike parade are also on the schedule.

Bring the family, bring your own chairs and enjoy a celebration of unity!

Trinity's Christian Education, History and Outreach committees will be manning a booth for Trinity from noon until 4:00 pm

Stop by!

Summer Outreach!



The table set up at the front door of the church. Please bring in your fruit, vegetables and flowers to share with others.

Those wishing to purchase any of these items, may leave their money in the designated container after choosing their items.

All money donated will be sent to Agape House. This program is designed to help families identify and overcome the obstacles that keep them trapped in poverty and homelessness. Through the program, they also learn essential life skills and basic Bible truths while they are provided with temporary housing. This program is run through the Adams Rescue Mission.

Summer Outreach will run through the summer with a special designated offering Sunday September 26th.

Thank you for your support! Social Concerns Committee



Save the Date!

Due to popular demand the Bazaar Committee is revived. We will have an event **Nov 19 and 20** that will include wonderful roast beef dinner on Friday, bake sale and Fantasy Auction. We need high end articles for the auction. More details in October.

Misty Mountain Charity Knitters
starting Sept 14th
second Tuesday
each month
4pm to 6pm
Gathering Area.
All welcome!



Reminder: Knit for Kids

Sweaters - If you have questions or need instructions, please contact Suzy Miller. The sweaters have tags that say "Knitted by the Ladies of Trinity UCC, Gettysburg".

Baby Blankets - Only two left. Contact Suzy to purchase



Sundays beginning September 12th

8:15am Adult Church School

9:30am Worship

10:30am Children/Youth Church School

**DON'T FORGET TRINITY'S MUCH NEEDED
ON-GOING MINISTRIES:**

The Blessing Box;
Diapers for TenderCare;
Cancelled stamps for the Brethren Home;
Soda can tabs for Hershey Medical Center
We are no longer accepting Box Top Labels

September 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--|---------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | 1 | 2 6p G. Scouts 6p Christian Ed 7p Outreach | 3 DEB 7:45a-10:45a 10a Coffee w/Friends | 4 |
| 5 Worship 9:30am Holy Communion 12:30p-4:30p MDANA | 6 Labor Day CLOSED | 7 8:45a Bldg Staff 6p Personnel 7p Stewardship | 8 2:30 Bazaar | 9 DEB 7:45a -10:45a 7p Stamp Club 7p Social Concerns | 10 DEB OUT | 11 |
| 12 Church School Starts | 13 2p Pastoral Relations 3:30p-5p Yoga 6p-8:30p Scouts 6p G.C.S Pot Luck 7p-9p G.C.S. Practice | 14 4p-6p Knitting | 15 | 16 Consistory Committee Reports Due 6p G. Scouts 7p Vibrancy | 17 11:30a Lunch w/Friends | 18 Gburg Assoc. Picnic 12p-4p |
| 19 12p - 5p Heritage Festival | 20 8:45a Bldg Staff 3p Called /Care 3:30p-5p Yoga 6p-8:30p Scouts 7p-9p G.C.S. Practice | 21 6p Spiritual Council 6:45p Consistory | 22 6p Christian Ed | 23 October Newsletter Articles Due | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 DEB OUT PASTOR OUT 3:30p-5p Yoga 6p-8:30p Scouts 7p-9p G.C.S. Practice | 28 10a Music Staff 5:30pm Tech Committee | 29 | 30 | | |

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- 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

September 2021

September 5 @ 9:30am

Holy Communion

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125
Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17 Mark 7:24-37

September 12

Church School Starts

Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19
Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38

September 19

Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1
Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 Psalm 54
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37

September 26

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Psalm 124
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19:7-14

8:15 am Adult Church School

9:30am Worship

10:30am Children/Youth Church School

September 12th through December 26th

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

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please go to our website:**

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