A message from Pastor Fred

October is the month of two very important church celebrations, World Communion and Reformation Sunday! I enjoy worship for both of these festivals because they remind me of who and whose we are as followers of Christ.

October 3, 2021, is World Communion Sunday. Traditionally, this worship offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith.

Sunday, October 31st is Reformation Sunday! Throughout the year we preach about many things in church. About how we live our daily lives, the choices we make, the habits of our faith. On Reformation Sunday we are brought back to the most important thing – the thing that compelled Martin Luther and others to risk their lives. In our worship we are invited to return to the core of our faith:

God loved us first, and God continues to shower us with grace and mercy.

Both of these special times of worship calls us to be more loving and grace-filled, because God was gracious and merciful to us. We are called to repent of the times that we have placed barriers that have kept others from hearing the Good News. We are called to remember that all that we are is a gift from God. And this grace and love is for all children of God!

As we continue to worship together and online, I invite you to consider joining us as we celebrate church, community and Christ!

As always, my door is open for visitors! If you have any joys or concerns to share, please stop by the church office, I’ll brew some coffee and we can talk!

Blessings!
Pastor Fred

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**Financial Status as of September 26, 2021**

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What a spectacular, beautiful, sunny day!
Trinity’s booth at this year’s Heritage Festival in Rec Park attracted multitudes of visitors!

The Historical display inspired many questions for Carl Barrick and Jane Malone. Even a group of Gettysburg High School girls stayed to listen for at least 10 minutes!

Our Christian Education committee displayed an authentic wooden stall from our Market Place 29 A.D. Sunday School program. Young and older visitors were welcomed into the stall to help us weave a colorful, ribbon prayer mat. They also picked out brightly colored bracelets, mint candies, and flyers about our Sunday School program and our upcoming “Trunk or Treat”. Some of our committee members dressed in biblical attire! The booth setting also inspired lots of Trinity camaraderie and laughs.

**Marketplace 29 A.D.**

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

Check out the Faith Formation link at [www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org](http://www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org) for Children & Adults.

**Book Study for October and November**

**Books available in the Church Office**

**October 4-25th Monday’s** from 1-2PM (Gathering Area)

**The Four Agreements** is a practical guide to personal freedom written by Don Miguel Ruiz. Don Miguel became an apprentice under a shaman and has extensive knowledge of ancient Toltecs. The Toltecs were an indigenous Mexican culture of great warriors and artists that lived around 1000 years ago. *Be impeccable with your word. Don’t take anything personally. Don’t make assumptions. Always do your best. Join us to find out how!*

**November 8-29th Mondays** from 1-2PM

The cross and the lynching tree are the two most emotionally charged symbols in the history of the African American community. In this powerful new work, theologian James H. Cone explores these symbols and their interconnection in the history and souls of black folk. Both the cross and the lynching tree represent the worst in human beings and at the same time a thirst for life that refuses to let the worst determine our final meaning.
2021 September Consistory Highlights

“Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God.”

September 21 - Regular monthly Consistory Hybrid Meeting – the following items were discussed:

Minutes from the August meeting were approved

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

- August had a deficit of $3,107.65 and YTD there is a deficit of $7,368.80.
- Envelop giving was above budget for the month, but we are still about $2,400 behind the planned budget.
- Contributions to the property fund were $3,400 above budget, and over budget year to date.
- Parking space revenue continues strong. We are currently about $1000 above budget.
- Investment income continues to be below budget by approximately $2,500 YTD.
- Utilities are still over budget YTD.
- Technology expenses were over budget as consistory approved some additional spending in January to help facilitate operating procedures.
- We are on target with OCWM.

Overall, we are about $2400 behind our budget in cash flow, but most of that difference is caused by unbudgeted IT expenses this year.

The endowment balance at United Church Funds as of 08.31.2021 was $808,587.60 which is an increase of approximately $11,500 from the prior month. The ACNB Trust account was $35,720.06 on September 2, down slightly from last month. These two balances would allow Trinity to tap that fund for capital improvements. By our policy, we need over $647,500 to do so. That means that $161,870.06 is available for a capital project. No new funds were added to the Endowment Fund in 2020 or 2021.

The CD’s from the Davis Trust are deposited at Members First. Two of the CD’s were cashed in during 2020 to pay for upgrades to the audio-visual equipment at the church. Three CD’s at Members First still remain as shown below:

- $5,001.23 Due 2.10.23
- $10,000.00 Due 4.19.22
- $10,000.00 Due 3.17.22

COVID updates: Consistory continues to review its COVID procedures. With the current uptick in cases, we are requesting that members wear masks when inside Trinity. Your ongoing cooperation is very much appreciated! The pandemic’s tenacity is exhausting!

Church Empowerment Series: The empowerment team (along with teams from 8 other churches) met virtually with Paul Nickerson on September 25 to continue to learn new strategies to help Trinity to grow in these unpredictable times. Building relationships with unchurched folk is one way to accomplish that goal. Personal invitations to others are the most effective way to bring new people to church.

Worship Consolidation: In August Consistory voted to continue with one Sunday worship service scheduled at 9:30. In mid/late October there will be an opportunity for members to share their thoughts about this change. This schedule continues through December.

Vibrancy: The vibrancy committee continues to meet monthly and develop strategies to grow Trinity. We are exploring several possibilities. Among them is a series of book studies and a knitting group. The Choral Society is planning a concert on December 10, and there may even be a New Year’s Eve dance if the virus cooperates.

Property: The new air conditioning unit has been installed. It provides a total fresh air exchange in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. 10 fresh air exchanges per hour which is above current industry recommendations. HAR approved metal sheathing for coping stones on Fellowship Hall. That work will continue as soon as the metal arrives which is projected to be 4 - 6 weeks. We hope the chimney on the upper roof can be repointed by that time.

Education: The education committee highlighted Marketplace AD at the annual Heritage Festival. A history of our bell also attracted interest from passersby. We thank Sue Churchill for her excellent sewing skills. She made robes for all of us to wear at Marketplace AD. So far youth have made jewelry and planted herbs. There is temple time each week when we learn songs and learn about events in the Bible. Last week we learned about seraphs and their role with Isaiah. Do any of you remember seraphs? Could you draw one? Messy church is planned for the upper roof can be repointed by that time.

Safe Church Policy: That policy was approved

Bereavement Policy: Bereavement leave was approved as part of the benefits chapter in the Personnel Manual.

Refugee Resettlement: We discussed the possibility of partnering with other churches to sponsor a refugee family. We did this several/more years ago with the Mao family. Families may come from Afghanistan, Haiti or other places in the world.

Bazaar Committee: The bazaar is back on depending on COVID. It will be held during Remembrance Weekend on November 19 and 20.

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

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. As in the past it will a hybrid meeting via Zoom or attendance in person.
**Church History Moment:** On Sunday, Sept. 19th at the Gettysburg Heritage Festival, Trinity had a booth featuring our Sunday School program—Market Place 29 AD, and a display about the work of two Trinity members during World War I. Featured on the display were Esther Tipton and Rev. T.J. Barkley.

Esther Tipton was one of only 14 women from Adams County who served as a nurse on the Western Front during the hostilities. Rev. Barkley organized a countywide, fundraising campaign to feed the starving millions in Europe in 1914—before the U.S. was involved in the fighting. The contributed money was used to purchase barrels of flour which were sent to Europe on what were called "flour ships".

Then and now, Trinity members have volunteered to serve those in need.

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**Property Report**  
**October 2021**

The new air conditioning unit has been installed and insulation of exterior duct work is completed. It provides fresh air exchange every six minutes for a total of 9-10 fresh air exchanges per hour. Some roof repair (stripping in seams) has been completed on the lower roof over Fellowship Hall. Repointing of the chimney on the upper roof is next on the schedule followed by replacement of the upper roof and the sunroom on the parsonage.

HARB approved sheathing the coping stones on the perimeter of the upper and lower roofs with metal. They previously approved a similar project on the Court House which helped our cause. The metal should arrive in 4-6 weeks. Then the roofing replacement will be done on the upper roof as well as the sunroom in the parsonage.

We are waiting to hear when work on the bell tower is scheduled.

We are making progress!

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**Welcoming the Stranger**

There has been a lot in the news about vulnerable Afghan citizens who were instrumental in assisting the US armed forces during the 20-year war in Afghanistan. Many of those who aided the U.S. mission are arriving as in the U.S and are being resettled around the country. As the UCC denomination is deeply committed to welcoming the stranger and loving our neighbors, UCC Congregations are under a special call to welcome Afghan refugees and advocate for them.

Under the Social Concerns committee, Trinity is exploring a partnership with one or more additional churches in Gettysburg to see if we can and how we can provide support for one or more refugee families. The idea came out of our Vibrancy Committee, and was referred to Social Concerns Committee, where it found a home through Committee approval.

A couple of local Gettysburg churches have expressed interest in cooperating with this effort. Currently, an effort is being made to determine which churches will commit and how the cooperative effort will go forward.

The Vibrancy Committee and Social Concerns Committee have submitted the recommendation “to continue to explore this partnership with other Gettysburg churches to sponsor one or more refugee/refugee families, in good faith” to Consistory. Consistory considered and approved this action at the September meeting. If you might be interested in serving with this effort or want more information you may contact Rayna Cooper, who will be serving with Social Concerns for this project. Rayna’s Contact Info: 717-337-1074 or cooperjeffreyw@comcast.net

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**Coming Soon! Camp Ministries this Fall at Camps Nawakwa and Kirchenwald:**

- Capture the Flag Spectacular, Sunday October 3rd
- Fall Foliage Days, Sunday, October 24th
- Annual Quilt Auction, Sunday November 7th
- Women’s Craft Retreat, November 12th - November 14th

Look for the colorful flyers in the Gathering Area for more information.
In our thoughts and prayers:
Ashur Bowley, Thomas Busche, Darla Jean Christopher, Alice Fritz (Lisa’s mom), Grim, Joyce Golden, Harry Hilbert, John Harrison Hoffman, Donald Hubbard, Sr., Evelyn Kretz, MacKenzie Kretz, Josh Langley, Bob Miller, Kathy Murphy, Lisa Reinoehl and son Brandon, Ashlee (Black) Pyne, Tom Smith, Bill Swisher, Todd Taughinbaugh, Alexia Thomas, Emma Thompson, Mary Timmins, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, Mckenna Voss, Teeyara Jo Weiant.

(Please notify the office when a name can be removed.

My heartfelt thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, cards, gifts and planter arrangement at this time of the loss of my husband and stepmom. It meant a lot.  Lisa Reinoehl

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone that donated diapers for Tender Care over the past few months. We recently delivered 1,709 to Tender Care and they were very thankful as they had just run out of diapers. Year to date we have delivered a total of 3,183.00 diapers and 336 wipes. Your ongoing generosity is greatly appreciated by Tender Care and the Outreach Committee as this is an important on-going mission within our community.

Many thanks! Outreach Committee

Save the Dates!

Fall Bazaar
November 19th
November 20th

Event to include:

Soup and sandwiches available both days for lunch. Soups will be available for take-outs

Friday night roast beef dinner

Fantasy Auction: The Congregation is being asked to donate articles and crafts. (The recent Woman's Club scholarship fundraiser was able present 120 items donated by the membership and their friends. We are sure we all have lovely items to donate to our community charity's fundraising auction.)

Bake Sale: We are depending on our marvelous bakers and candy makers to donate to the Bake Sale. You can drop off Auction items Oct 31st thru Nov 17th. Also please save coffee cans for the event.

Craft Items: Members of the community have expressed hopes that our crafty ladies will have hats, scarfs and other handicrafts available, so we are planning a downsized craft table.

We will need many workers! If interested please contact Sandy Busche, Kathy Murphy, Suzy Miller, or Mary Jane Hilbert (for kitchen help).

We live in challenging times and ask for your support so we can continue to give back to our less fortunate neighbors.

Thank you.

BAZAAR COMMITTEE

Summer Outreach!

Our Summer Outreach vegetable table has been retired until next summer.

Thank you for your generous monetary donations as well as all the delicious produce and beautiful flowers!

Total offerings so far for Agape House are: $732.19.

If you still want to make a contribution, there is time left to help.

Dear Trinity United Church of Christ,

Thank you very much for your donation of $600. Generous donations are vital to our non-profit Christian ministry and our shared mission to provide affordable housing via no-interest mortgages to Adams County residents. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization with nominal administration costs entirely run by volunteers. Your donation helps make it possible for us to fulfill Habitat’s worldwide mission:

“A world where everyone has a decent place to live.”

Thank you again for you wonderful donation, on behalf of the entire Adams County Habitat for Humanity Board.

Sincerely,

Lori Wright
Board Secretary
October 2021

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www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org
or our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/GettysburgTrinityUCC

October 3, 2021
Holy Communion
Job 1:1, 2:1-10 and Psalm 26
Genesis 2:18-24 and Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 10, 2021
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 17, 2021
Job 38:1-7, (34-41) and Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Isaiah 53:4-12 and Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 24, 2021
Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)
Jeremiah 31:7-9 and Psalm 126
Hebrew 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

October 31, 2021
Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146
Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Psalm 119:1-8
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

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

Worship with us!