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Pastor Fred will be out of the office several dates through June & July:

<u>June 28th - July 5th</u> *General Synod, Indianapolis, IN* July 7th – July 12th

Craigville Colloquy, Cape Cod, MA

<u>July 13th – July 19th</u> Vacation

JULY/AUGUST Trinity Tower In memory of loved ones by Nancy MacMeekin

Confirmation Journey Session 3
Why should I pray and worship?

Teenager Alexx claims: "Praying is about opening yourself up to God. If we can and practice prayer everywhere in our lives, we can be constantly in touch with God and always feel God's love." (Bass and Richter 275). When do you feel most alive and open to God? Maybe it is when you are in Sunday School or sitting in the pew with your family during worship. Guess what, being open to God does not have to be contained in a church building! Have you ever taken a walk through the woods on a fall day and were amazed at the beauty and the smells around you? What about the feeling you get when you are with your friends or playing your favorite sport? Next time you engage in an activity you enjoy, ask God to come along. When you are aware of God's presence in what you are doing, any activity can become prayer and worship! Worship can happen anywhere, anytime, in a group of any size. Our worship and prayer practices link us with our past, connect us in the present, and point us toward the future as a family of Christ's followers. All worship should be designed to help bring our everyday lives together with our prayers, songs, and scripture with the benefit of giving you renewed spiritual energy to help you complete your daily tasks throughout the week. Invite God the next time you step out on the soccer or football field, or the stage. Say a prayer and center yourself right before that big test or impossible homework or term paper. See what a difference Jesus can make in your life outside of church!

Activities and Sharing

- What is prayer? Discussion on different types of prayer.
- Describe how you have experienced worship at your church? What do you do in worship, besides sleep?
- · Praying outside of church
- Create a group Call to Worship
- Create an Intercessory Prayer (praying for others).

Sample of actual confirmation curiculumn

Journaling your Journey

- What did you learn about worship and prayer from our discussion?
- Why is it important to worship as a family of God?

God, we feel good when we offer you our heartfelt praises. Help us to see your presence and the richness of your glory in all aspects of life. Give us the willingness to do everything in worshipful prayer.

Confirmation at Trinity will begin in October for those young teens in grades 7th-10th who desire to learn more about their faith and their church! The sample is a typical confirmation gathering of teens and their adult mentor. We will gather once a month on a Sunday following worship for two hours. Each session will include lunch and fellowship around the table. This will be a one-year commitment.

More information will be sent to the homes of youth within this age group later this summer.

Blessings! Pastor Fred

Pastoral Care Coverage and Worship leadership:

The Care Team will be the first line of contact for any emergency when Pastor Fred is away from June 28-July 19th. Please contact the church office to arrange a home or hospital visit.

The following pastors are on-call to assist the Care Team if needed:

Rev. Peter Kuhn: 717-659-7274 – June 29-July 6 Rev. Ed Gobrecht: 717-334-2512 – July 6- July 9 Rev. Sterling Fritz: 484-529-6269 – July 10- July 19

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Peter Kuhn will be leading worship on July 2, 2023

Rev. Ed Gobrecht will lead worship on July 9th

Our Seminary Student, Grace Winakor will be leading worship on July 16th!

A huge thank you for everyone who will be covering for Pastor Fred while he is away!

Ministries and Missions

HELP WANTED: Polish Pottery Bingo Volunteers

Trinity will sponsor a Polish Pottery Bingo fundraiser on Saturday, September 23 here at the church. Members Becky and Tim Woodward are so graciously donating the pottery and will provide their expertise at the Bingo. We need volunteers to work with Becky and Tim. This will be lot's of fun – can you help?

Please contact Deb in the church office as soon as possible so the planning can begin.

Ministry & Missions Survey – As of 6/25/23

The most requested 5th Sunday Special Collections are:

Hoffman Home Adams Rescue Mission SCCAP Ruth's Harvest

Thank you for your support.

YTD FINANCIAL STATUS JUNE 2023

Envelope offering needed: \$93,262.00
Offering rec'd to date: \$82,929.00

Property Fund needed: \$10,504.00 Property Fund rec'd to date: \$10,905.00

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

The Blessing Box;
Diapers for
TenderCare (Sizes needed 5, 6, 7);

Incontinence Supplies for Office for Aging;

Cancelled stamps for the Brethren Home;

Help Wanted-Summer Outreach - Please contact Kathy if you can spare time to help. Thank you

We will be able to share our produce and flowers soon. Kathy Murphy is project leader and a few volunteers are needed to monitor the table during the week for freshness.

The recipient of our gardening efforts will be Adams County Children's Advocacy Center.

The Advocacy Center focuses on children achieving brighter tomorrows with programming designated to support those facing the trauma of abuse. The Center assists local law enforcement via investigative process, community education aimed at preventing abuse and ongoing support to children whose trauma resurfaces thru their lives.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING PROCESS

The Open and Affirming Process Committee has been named. Thank you to those who volunteered and agreed to be a part of this work: Sandy Busche, Jane Eiker, Lucy Greene, George Steckert, and Roberta Weiant.

The committee met on June 22, 2023. George Steckert agreed to serve as the chairperson and Lucy Greene agreed to take minutes. The committee determined its scope of work, which includes drafting a tentative ONA Covenant, setting a timeline for completion of its work, developing a confidential method of conducting a vote when that time comes, and developing ways of conducting education and discussions. The committee also decided to develop a survey to let members of the congregation help to identify issues that concern them and suggest topics for education and discussion.

In the meantime, until the committee gets organized and begins its work, here are a few books which address the topics associated with homosexuality and the Bible.

What the Bible *Really* Says About Homosexuality, by Daniel A. Helminiak, Ph.D. (121 pages, paperback; \$14.00 Amazon) Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality: Explode the Myths, Heal the Church, by Jack Rogers. The revised and expanded edition was published in 2009. (228 pages, paperback; \$17.73 Amazon)

Two Views on Homosexuality, the Bible, and the Church is a book by four contributors and a moderator from 2016. (237 pages, paperback, \$11.49 Amazon)

<u>Unclobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality</u> by Colby Martin, also from 2016. (187 pages paperback, \$16.29 Amazon)

TUCC BAZAAR - Join us for our next meeting Monday, August 14th at 2:30pm

The Fall Festival/Bazaar is scheduled for November 17th & 18th this year. We are in great need of extra help. We have decided to attempt to have the bazaar with hope that church members volunteer. This could very well be our last bazaar if the congregation does not support us with their time and talents. Many thanks to those of you that have helped in the past!

& Mary Jane Hilbert; **Baked Goods** - Suzy Miller; **Crafts** - Kathy Murphy; and **Silent Auction** - Becky Woodward. Please contact one of the above individuals to volunteer your help. Thank you. **Connie Howe; Secretary/Treasurer**



Christian Education is planning two more events this summer. We will be singing to and entertaining the folks at SpiriTrust home on Sunday, July 23rd at 2pm as Community Service activity. Sometime near the end of August, date to be determined by local Monarch butterflies. We will travel to Waynesboro on the grounds of the Church of the Apostles UCC. We will participate in helping raise Monarchs with homemade nurseries and eventually releasing them at Trinity.

For both activities we are planning on wearing our Trinity tie-dyed t-shirts! (If you haven't tie-dyed a shirt yet and are interested, call Sandy at 717-309-3748)

HARTMAN CENTER SPIRIT CAMP 2023!

Scholarships available.
Brochures are located in the Gathering Area.

When: July 31 – August 5
Where: Hartman Center (PCC is renting the whole camp).
Who: Camps available for everyone.

What: Enjoying some HC traditions and creating new ones while growing closer to God and siblings in faith in God's beautiful creation.

Theme: "This is Our Prayer"

The Lutheran Camping Corp of Central PA



SUMMER CAMP ACTIVITES& MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Check out LutheranCamping.org for Summer, schedule, news & updates



Erilynne Ann-Justice Roser July 21

Perla Gish July 25

Judy Miller July 24

Genevieve Shaffer July 26

AUGUST Burnell Dehoff August 31 Harry Hilbert August 31



JULY The Swishers

Annabelle & Bill July 15

The TimminsMary & Bill
July 1

AUGUST

The Coopers

Rayna & Jeffrey August 23

The Dodds
Marge & Richard

August 31 The Harvey's August 27



In our thoughts and prayers: Ashur Bowley, Brayden Beamer, Dr. Douglas Eyer, Alice Fritz, Joyce Golden, Harry Hilbert, John Harrison Hoffman, Evelyn Kretz, MacKenzie Kretz, Josh Langley, Jim Lohuis, John Lucas, Jen Mickelson, Bob Miller, Jeff Miller, Kathy Murphy, Pam Poland, Lisa Reinoehl, Brea Thomas, Bill Swisher, Mary Timmins, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, Mckenna Voss, and Teeyara Jo Weiant. Please notify the office to be removed).

Our condolences to George Christopher and family in the death of Darla Jean Christopher June 13th. Memorial services were held Monday, June 19th at 11:30am here at Trinity. May God's loving embrace provide comfort and peace during this time.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the help and support given to Darla Jean and me over the past months as we struggled with her health issue. Thanks to Pastor Fred for his visits, his spiritual guidance and his work putting together a very meaningful funeral service, for Jane for her musical support, to Ted

Gilbert who lent his musical talent to our son and daughter-in-law in presenting the special music, to Mary Jane Hilbert and her crew for the preparation of the luncheon, to Deb Guiher for that special bulletin, and to all who came to help send Darla Jean to her heavenly home.

George Christopher

Dear Friends at Trinity,

When we still spent our summers in Fairfield we greatly enjoyed worship on Sundays with all of you. And we were impressed that you remembered our birthdays and anniversaries (65th this year) after we returned to FL for the winter. John Fuss was your faithful "ambassador" in this. The last couple of years Pastor Fred took on this labor of love. We are both doing well, came through COVID with no incidents, and are now almost 88 & 89. Slowing down a bit Peace to you!

Reverends Margaret & Dick Dodds

Coffee Hour has returned!

Sundays between worship services in the Gathering Area.

A sign-up sheet is located in the Gathering Area should anyone like to provide a snack.

Please note Hosts are responsible for clean-up after Coffee Hour



Coffee w/Friends
Friday, July 7th
Friday, August 4th
@ 10:00am
Ragged Edge,
Chambersburg Street



Mountain Knitters
Tuesday, July 11th
Tuesday, August 8th
from 3:30pm to 5:30pm
in Gathering Area.
Anyone is welcome!



Lunch w/Friends
Friday, July 21st
Friday, August 18th
@ 11:30am
Dunlap's Restaurant

Property News for July and August

The property committee has been busy these past few weeks.

Ed Hamilton has completed the work on the 'Knox box' which helps fire companies know important fire-related information if the event of a fire. Ed has been relentless in completing this task and we thank him whole-heartedly. He has also discovered that our bell tower doesn't have a lightning rod and is investigating information pertaining to that.

The parsonage deck has been repaired and repainted with new railing installed. It looks wonderful and was a perfect place for the choir to stand during Don Walsh's memorial service. The memorial garden is also complete and is a peaceful setting that encourages contemplation and reflection.

The louver above the sanctuary is being fabricated will be installed soon. Along with that, the parsonage gutters will be cleaned and the chimney flashing will be replaced to prevent leakage into the parsonage bathroom. The roofing company will also aid in the replacement of the UUG round window by providing a lift and some manpower.

Last, but certainly not least, the parsonage bathroom renovation will begin on August 5. The supplies have arrived, the dumpster will be ordered, and demolition will begin. We will provide pictures to show progress. It is said "all good things take time". Hallelujah!!





Sundays at Trinity

8:00am Worship 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship (Gathering Area) Choir Practice 10:30am Worship

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Pastor Out 4p-7p Flutes Practice
2 Pastor Out Communion Rev. Peter Kuhn Guest Pastor 12:30p-4:30p MDANA	3 Pastor Out 8p G.C.S concert at Seminary	4 Pastor Out July 4th CLOSED	5 Pastor Out	6	7 Pastor Out 9a-11a Flutes 10a Coffee w/Friends Consistory Reports Due	8 Pastor Out
9 Pastor Out Rev. Ed Gobrecht Guest Pastor	10 Pastor Out 2:30p Bazaar	11 Pastor Out 3:30p-5:30p MM Knitters 7p Personnel	12 Pastor Out	13 Pastor Out	14 Pastor Out 9a-11a Flutes	15 Pastor Out
16 <mark>Pastor Out</mark> Grace Winakor Student Intern	17 Pastor Out	18 Pastor Out	19 Pastor Out	20 Deb Out 9:30a-10:30a	21 9a-11a Flutes 11:30a Lunch	22
23	24	25 6p Safety Team	26	27	28 9a-11a Flutes	29
30 10:30a One Service Church Picnic	31					

DAIL	ALTAR CARE	GREETERS	LAY READERS	USHEKS	ACOLYTES
July 2	Mary Jane Hilbert Nancy MacMeekin Audrey (E) Roberta (E)	10:30am Ruth & Terry Krietz	8am <i>Nina Redding</i> 10:30am <i>George</i> <i>Steckert</i>	8am 10:30am	10:30am Buck Harvey
July 9	Same as above	10:30am Jane Malone Suzy Miller	8am Dave Churchill 10:30am Scott Wehler	8am 10:30am	10:30am Bonnie Smith
July 16	Same as above	10:30am Jane Alleman Ruby Warren	8am Jen Mickelson 10:30am Cathy Hammons	8am 10:30am	10:30am <i>Bonnie</i> Smith
July 23	Same above	10:30am Steve & Janet Sheely	8:00am <i>Roberta Weiant</i> 10:30am <i>Nancy</i> <i>MacMeekin</i>	8:00am 10:30am	10:30am Janet Sheely
July 30 10:30a One Service Church Picnic	Same above	10:30am Sandy Busche Neil Hollabaugh	10:30am Ann Harvey	10:30am	No acolytes needed



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August 2023

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			1 7p Personnel	2	3 7p	Pastoral Relations	4 9a-11a Flutes 10a Coffee w/Friend Consistory Reports Duc		
6 Communi 12:30p-4:30 MDANA		7	8 3:30p-5:30p M.M. Knitters	9 6p Polish Pottery Bingo meeting	10		11 9a-11a Flutes	12 11a-1p G.C.S. Auditions	
		14 6p Worshp 6:30p Fellowship	15 6p Spiritual Council 6:45p Consistory	16	17 Deb Out 9:30a-10:30a		18 9a-11a Flutes 11:30a Lunch w/Friend		
20		21 6p-8p G.C.S Auditions	22	23 6p Music Staff	Ne	Deb Out wsletter articles Due	25 9a-11a Flutes	26	
27		28	29 7p Finance	30 7p Choir	31				
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August 6	Bonn Audr	e Hamilton nie Leedy rey (E) reta (E)	10:30am Ann & Buck Harvey	8am <i>Elder</i> 10:30am <i>Elder</i>		8am 10:30am		10:30am Buck Harvey	
August 13	igust 13 Same as above		10:30am The Gromley Family			8am 10:30am		10:30am Bonnie Smith	
August 20	ust 20 Same as above		10:30am Jane Alleman Suzy Miller	8am Jen Mickelson 8am 10:30am Lucy Greene 10:30am		10:30am <i>Bonnie</i> Smith			
August 27	st 27 Same above		10:30am Ruby Warren Neil Hollabaugh	8am <i>Roberta Weiant</i> 10:30am <i>Joan Peck</i>		10:30am		10:30am Janet Sheely	

Staff

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young, Pastor

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

John McKay, Director Senior Choir Jane Eiker, Organist Sara Shank, Assistant Organist

Deb & Bruce Guiher, Housekeeping Bruce Guiher, Bldg & Grounds Keeper

Nina Redding, Consistory Chair Ruby Warren, Consistory Vice Chair



July August *2023*

Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking

God!

July 2 **Holy Communion** Rev. Peter Kuhn,

Genesis 22:1-14 and Psalm 13 OR Jeremiah 28:5-9 and Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Matthew 10:30-42 Romans 6:23-23

July 9 Rev. Edward Gobrecht

Genesis 24:34-38 42, 49, 58-67 and Psalm 45:10-17 OR Song of Solomon 2:8-13 or Zechariah 9:9-12 and Psalm 145:8-14 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16

Grace Winakor, Seminary Student

Genesis 25:19-34 and Psalm 119:105-12 OR Isaiah 55:10-13 and Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23

July 23

Genesis 28:10-19 and Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 OR Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8 and Psalm 86:11-17 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30

10:30am One Service and Church Picnic

Genesis 29:15-28 and Psalm105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128 OR 1 Kings 3:5-12 and Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 12:31-33, 44-52

August 6

Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 17:1-7, 15 OR Isaiah 55:1-5 and Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

August 13

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 and Psalm105:1-6,16-22 OR 1 Kings 19:9-18 and Psalm 85:8-13 Matthew 14:22-33 Romans 10:5-15

August 20

Genesis 45:1-15 and Psalm 133 OR Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 and Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

August 27

Exodus 1:8-2:10 and Psalm 124 OR Isaiah 51:1-6 and Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

8:00am Worship 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship Time **Choir Practice** 10:30am Worship

REMAINING

Sunday Mornings - One Service 2023 - 10:30a

July 30 - Church Picnic October 1 - World Communion **November 5 - All Saints Day December 10 - Annual Congregation Meeting December 24 - Christmas Eve Morning**

To access our on-line worship feed, please go to our website:

www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org

or our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ **GettysburgTrinityUCC**