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April Trinity Tower

*In honor of all April Birthdays
by Nancy MacMeekin*



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!

Easter Day is a day of great celebration, joy and new beginnings! 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.

Our lives often present moments of fear and doubt. Yet our faith and belief in Christ's Resurrection provide hope that such uncertainty will not last forever.

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

I invite you to think about how you will invite Christ into your life this Easter season. 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 the miracle of the empty tomb
fill your heart with love this Easter Season !*

Pastor Fred

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Financial Stats: as of March 24, 2024

Envelope offering needed: **\$44,052.00**
Offering rec'd to date: **\$40,127.00**

Property Fund needed: **\$5,088.00**
Property Fund rec'd to date: **\$3,460.00**



Ways to continue to support the work of Trinity!
E-Giving: Find instructions under either the Members tab;
Missions in Giving tab on website (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.

Scan your phone across the QR code to make a donation



Audrey Blackstone
April 4

John Cornillon
April 7

Marjorie Lyons
April 29

Nancy MacMeekin
April 5

Kenneth Mummert
April 9

Barbara Spicer
April 18

Ruby Warren
April 29



The Hilberts
Mary Jane & Harry
April 26



Coffee w/Friends
Friday, April 5th
@ 10:00am
Ragged Edge,
Chambersburg Street



Misty Mountain Knitters
Tuesday, April 9th
3:30pm-5:30pm
Gathering Area.
Anyone is welcome!



Lunch w/Friends
Friday,
April 19th
@ 11:30am
Friendly's,
Steinwehr Ave



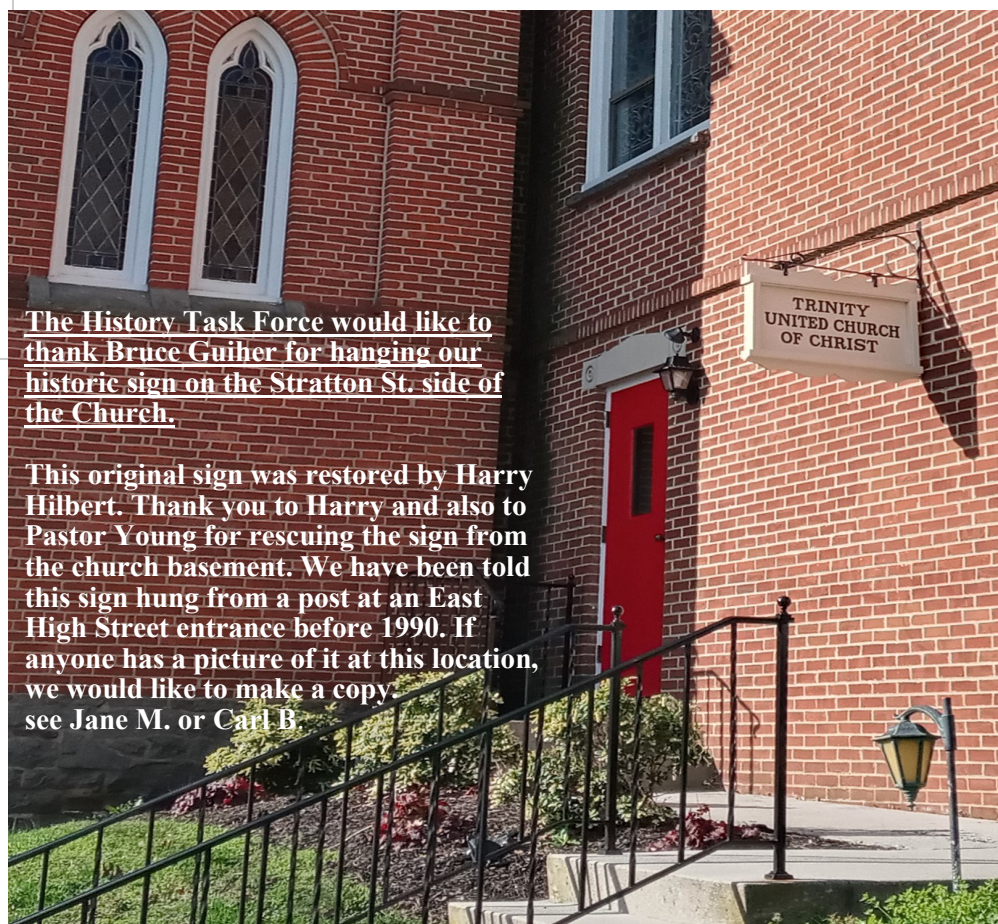
In our thoughts and prayers:

Ashur Bowley, Brayden Beamer, Kathy Ciolino, Sonny Coble, Dr. Douglas Eyer, Alice Fritz, Joyce Golden, Lois Grim, Linda & Harold Heller (Sara Shank's parents), Harry Hilbert, John Harrison Hoffman, Dan Irwin, Evelyn Kretz, MacKenzie Kretz, Josh Langley, John Lucas, Nancye Marinos, Jen Mickelson, Suzy and Bob Miller, Kathy Murphy, Lenore O'Rourke, Lisa Reinoehl, Fischer Samuelson, Bill Swisher, Brea Thomas, Mary Timmins, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, McKenna Voss, and Teeyara Jo Weiant.

**** If you wish to keep your name on the prayer list, please notify the church office ****

**Thank you to everyone who helped with the Palm Sunday Dinner.
You are all amazing!!**

Mary Jane & Harry Hilbert



The History Task Force would like to thank Bruce Guilher for hanging our historic sign on the Stratton St. side of the Church.

This original sign was restored by Harry Hilbert. Thank you to Harry and also to Pastor Young for rescuing the sign from the church basement. We have been told this sign hung from a post at an East High Street entrance before 1990. If anyone has a picture of it at this location, we would like to make a copy. see Jane M. or Carl B.



On Sunday March 24, the Trinity Bazaar committee handed Jane Malone, Consistory Chair, a check for \$5,000 for the property fund and capital campaign.

Other donations included:

Gettysburg Soup Kitchen	\$1,000
Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S	500
Adams County Prison	300
Mercy House	300

Total donated was \$7,100.

The 2023 Fall Festival was the final Bazaar function for Trinity.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP (F & F)

Our Christian Education committee continues to think about ways to engage our members both young and old. Activities include focus on both faith and fellowship. We began planning those activities for the first half of 2024 in hopes of attracting a wider response.

The following is a list of **Faith and Fellowship (F & F)** plans:

April – Nothing planned as of yet.

May 19 – 3:00 PM – trip to the **Grotto in Emmitsburg**

June - Stay tuned. Something may pop-up.

July 21 - 2:00pm - Totem Pole - Tuesdays with Morrie. Details will be available soon.

Some dates/times may be subject to change as availability changes.

Please plan to attend some/all of these opportunities. It's a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Trinity members just a little better.

We had great plans to see the show “*Daniel*” at Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster during April. However, those plans turned out to be much more ambitious than we thought. The price of tickets far exceeds our budget. That is very disappointing!

However, we have another plan. “*Tuesdays with Morrie*” will be playing at the Totem Pole in July. We are planning to go. There will be a signup sheet in the Gathering Area within the next two weeks. We need to have at least 10 members for a group rate. We are hoping for many more. A description of the show from Totem Pole's website follows: Based on the 1997 New York Times bestseller by Mitch Albom that sold over 20 million copies, “*Tuesdays with Morrie*” is the autobiographical story of an accomplished sports journalist driven solely by his career, and Morrie Schwartz, his former college professor. Sixteen years after graduation, Mitch happens to catch Morrie's appearance on Nightline, a television news program and learns that his old professor is battling ALS. Mitch is reunited with Morrie and what starts as a simple visit turns into a weekly pilgrimage and a last class in the meaning of life. Stay tuned for more information and watch for the sign up in the Gathering Area.

Ministries and Missions thanks you for selecting local organizations as recipients of our 5th Sunday Special Collections.

This year's four most popular local organizations receiving the 5th Sunday Special Collections are:

Adams Rescue Mission - March - an envelope was included in your March envelope packet dated March 31, 2024 which also the final collection day.

Ruth's Harvest - June

Adams County Office of Aging - September

S.P.C.A. - December

Thank you to everyone who took the time to identify local organizations which the Trinity Congregation would like to help with our 5th Sunday Special Collections. These special collections were started when Consistory found it necessary to forgo listing them in our budget.

#votes

Adam Rescue Mission	27
Ruth's Harvest	22
Adam's Co. Office of Aging	17
S.P.C.A.	15
Mission of Mercy Mobile Health Care	14
Halal Meal (Afghan Families)	12
Agape House	10
Youth Services	9
Hoffman Home	8

#votes

Gettysburg Senior Center	7
Soup Kitchen	7
Gettysburg Fire Department	4
SCAAP	4
Refugee Resettlement Program	3
Healthy Adams County	3
YWCA	2
John's Meals	1
Adams Co. Children & PA Prison Society Gburg	1

Ministries & Missions:

Adams County Library System is asking if we would like to participate in the **Annual Fun Fest June 14th**? We do have 2 volunteers signed up to help but there needs to be someone to be the Team Leader! Any one or group willing to do this would be appreciated. Without a leader soon, our participation can't happen!

Crop Hunger Walk April 28th, starting at the YWCA. The Church World Service, of which the United Church of Christ is a member, will return 25% of the money collected to Gettysburg (SCCAP's Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen, and Ruth's Harvest.) We are looking for someone to be our Team Leader. If interested see the flier in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

Contact Carl Barrick if you would be interested in being a leader for one or both of these events.



Habitat for Humanity Blitz Builds (two)

1st Blitz Build Thursdays through Saturdays 8am - 2pm
April 4 - 6; April 11 - 13 April 18 - 20

41/43 Craftway Dr., Littlestown, PA (located off Lumber St., Littlestown)

2nd Blitz Build Saturdays only 8am - 12p

April 27 - May 25

Same address as above



Sign-up sheet in the gathering area for anyone interested. Please bring safety glasses and work gloves.

Snacks in the morning and lunch at noon will be provided.

Trinity is signed up for the first Thursday (April 4) noontime meal which we have provided in previous years.

Normally we provide a cold sandwich, chips, fruit, dessert and cold drink.

If you don't use a hammer, maybe you would like to donate toward this meal in any way or amount.

Please contact Janet Sheely for more information or to sign-up.

Trinity United Church of Christ, Gettysburg, PA

Polish Pottery Bingo

Saturday, April 20, 2024

DOORS OPEN 5:00pm

Games start at 6:00pm

20 Games, Jackpots, and Door Prizes

\$20.00 Advanced Sales

Tickets at Gettysburg Polish Pottery or the church office.

Pizza and beverages will be available for purchase as well as desserts.

We are asking for donations of baked goods!!

Please drop off at the church on Friday or Saturday or bring to Gettysburg Polish Pottery.

PROPERTY April 2024

As we wait for better weather to complete the masonry sealing and joint repair as well as the replacement of the parsonage front windows, we will address the chairs in the sanctuary. The ushers and choir members are most familiar with how uncomfortable these chairs have become. The property committee members tested chairs to determine which ones were most need of repair. As it turned out, they all need repairing to provide the support necessary for the seats to be comfortable. Harry Hilbert and Steve Sheely will work on this project and replace the plywood and foam that have deteriorated over the years. We look forward to the completion of this project. Thank you, Harry and Steve!!



Sundays at Trinity

8:00am Worship

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Fellowship (Gathering Area)

Choir Practice

10:30am Worship

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pastor Out	2 Deb Out	3	4 Pastor Out 8a-2p Habitat Build w/TUCC Lunch 5:30p Dinner Church	5 Pastor Out 8a-2p Habitat Build 9a Flutes 10a Coffee w/Friends	6 Pastor Out 8a-2p Habitat Build
7 Communion 12:30p-4:30p MDANA	8 2:30p Care Team via Zoom	9 3:30p-5:30p Knitting Group 7p Personnel	10 7p Choir	11 8a-2p Habitat Build	12 8a-2p Habitat Build 9a Flutes Consistory Reports Due	13 8a-2p Habitat Build
14	15	16 6p Spiritual Council 6:45p Consistory	17 7p Choir	18 8a-2p Habitat Build 9:15a-10:45a Deb Out	19 8a-2p Habitat Build 9a Flutes 11:30a Lunch w/Friends	20 8a-2p Habitat Build 5p-9p Spring Pottery Bingo
21 Good Shepherd Sunday 2p Gburg Assoc. Spring meet @ TUCC	22 Earth Day	23	24 7p Choir	25 Newsletter Articles Due	26 9a Flutes	27 8a-12p Habitat Build 1p-9p Private Event in FH
28	29	30 7p Finance				

DATE	ALTAR CARE	GREETERS	LAY READERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
April 7	Nancy MacMeekin * Cathy Hammons Pat Ziegler Roberta Weiant - E Audrey Blackstone - E	10:30am Suzy Miller M. Jane Alleman	8am Elder 10:30am Elder	8am Jane Malone 10:30am Jane Malone Roberta Weiant	10:30am Buck Harvey
April 14	Same as above	10:30am Ruby Warren Neil Hollabaugh	8am Jim Orner 10:30am Lucy Greene	8am Jane Malone 10:30am	10:30am Bonnie Smith
April 21	Same as above	10:30am Sandy Busche Suhua Dong	8am Cindy Blevins 10:30am Nancy MacMeekin	8am Jane Malone 10:30am	10:30am Bonnie Smith
April 28	Same as above	10:30am Janet & Steve Sheely	8am Jen Mickelson 10:30am Catherine Hammons	8am Jane Malone 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

Sara Shank, Organist

Deb & Bruce Guiher, Housekeeping

Bruce Guiher, Bldg & Grounds Keeper

Jane Malone, Consistory Chair

Lucy Greene, Consistory Vice Chair



April 2024

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

**Awakening
joyful
service
guided by
our still
speaking
God!**

April 7 **Communion**

Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-22
John 20:19-31

April 14

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

April 21

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

April 28

Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

2024 Sunday Mornings - One Service - 10:30a

May 19 - Pentecost

July 28 - Outdoor Worship

October 6 - World Communion

November 3- All Saints Sunday

December 8 - Annual Church Meeting

December 29 - 1st Sunday after Christmas

Watch bulletins for added information/changes.

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www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org

or our Facebook page:

**[www.facebook.com/
GettysburgTrinityUCC](https://www.facebook.com/GettysburgTrinityUCC)**