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# May Trinity Tower

In memory of my father Robert  
Kitzmiller by Bonnie Smith



*He said: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation,  
my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence.*

**2 Samuel 22:2-3**

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God's love is like an island  
In life's ocean vast and wide.  
A peaceful, quiet shelter  
From the restless, rising tide.  
God's love is like an anchor  
When the angry billows roll.  
A mooring in the storms of life,  
A stronghold for the soul.  
God's love is like a harbor  
Where our souls can find sweet rest  
From the struggle and the tension  
Of life's fast and futile quest.  
God's love is like a beacon  
Burning bright with faith and prayer.  
And through the changing scenes of life  
We can find a haven there!

**Helen Steiner Rice**



We have heard a lot about love this Easter Season. God's love for Jesus, Jesus' love for us, and the love we are to share with each other. We've learned that most of the Gospel of John is spent describing the abiding love of Jesus and how much love we put into our lives when we walk with Christ. We have also heard that love is at the heart of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Christ has shared a commandment which exceeds the others before: "*Love your neighbor as Christ has loved you!*" In this poem, Helen Steiner Rice reminds us of what God's love is like, not that we might recognize such love but in hopes that we will emulate that love. In a world where hate is expressed in just as many ways as love, how do you share the love of Christ with another?

Blessings!  
Pastor Fred

Helen Steiner Rice, *Daily Bouquets*. Fleming H. Revell. Grand Rapids. 1990.

### **PASTOR FRED'S SCHEDULE**

**Monday and Wednesday** Grace UCC, Hanover

**Tuesday and Thursday** TUCC, Gettysburg

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Worship** 8:00am TUCC & 10:00am Grace UCC



**Francis Lyons**  
May 11  
**Mary Jane Hilbert**  
May 22  
**Billie-Ann Guise**  
May 26



**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, Juene McGlaughlin, 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.  
**Please contact the office to be removed from the list.**

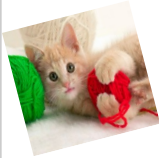


**Coffee w/Friends**  
Friday, May 3rd  
@ 10:00am  
Ragged Edge,  
Chambersburg Street



**SYMPATHY:** Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family of Jean Proctor who passed away Thursday, April 25th.

May God's loving embrace provide comfort and peace to Bob and the family.



**Misty Mountain Knitters**  
Tuesday, May 14th  
3:30pm-5:30pm  
Gathering Area.  
Anyone is welcome!



The Basket Team wishes to thank everyone who contributed to our Spring Basket Silent Auction, including basket donors and basket bidders! **The Silent Auction raised \$1,000.00, which will go to "Mission of Mercy, Inc"**. This organization operates a mobile medical and dental clinic providing free health care and dental care to those who need it in Gettysburg and other sites. **Thank you!**



**Lunch w/Friends**  
Friday,  
May 17th  
@ 11:30am  
Friendly's,  
Steinwehr Ave

**TUCC Bazaar-Connie Howe,**

We are so grateful for your donation to the **Prison Society of Adams County**. It is a wonderful gift. We use the money wisely, trying to get inmates home if they have no money or family. Sometimes we need to get bus tickets or plane tickets if they have no money or family help. Many sad stories for sure. We are grateful for the help. We also get books into the Prison Library. **Thank you so much! Janet Landon, Treasurer.**

**Dear Connie, Bazaar Committee and the Congregation,**

Thank you so much for this **generous donation (\$1,000.00)**. With the guest numbers staying high, your kindness helps assure that we are able to feed everyone in need. In 2023 the Soup Kitchen served close to 19,000 meals including 1,157 meals specifically to children. Thank you and God Bless you! **Sandy Lutz, Gettysburg Soup Kitchen**



**Dinner Church**  
**Thursday**  
**May 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**5:30pm**

A monthly gathering where all the most important things happen at the table. Think of a good dinner party with a spiritual twist – and then just add art (music, poetry, Scripture), robust conversation and prayerful moments. Worshipers are asked to please bring a dish or dessert to share with the larger group. Please join us! Reservations not needed. Just show up with food.

**Ministries and Missions would like to thank everyone who contributed diapers and incontinent supplies over the past few months.**

**We recently delivered 688 diapers to Tender Care and 284 products to the Adams County Office for Aging.**

They were very thankful for these donations as they are very much needed. The staff expressed their gratitude to Trinity for our continued support over the years. Your ongoing generosity is greatly appreciated by Tender Care, Adams County Office for Aging and Ministries and Missions as this is an important mission we look forward to continuing. **Many Thanks!**

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**Thank you for your generous donations. Your support is greatly appreciated for these programs:**

- South Central Community Action Program: Food Banker - \$1, 840 plus food.
- One Great Hour of Sharing - \$1,386.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Special Collection (March): Adams Rescue Mission - \$170.00
- Mission of Mercy: Silent Basket Auction - \$1,000.00

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**TOP RED FLAGS**

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A message with a sense of urgency



Don't click on any links or attachments.

Web links in the text or email [www.clickhere.org](http://www.clickhere.org)

Call a verified number to confirm if the request is real.



Poor spelling and/or grammar *Please send for me*  
Asked to buy giftcards or

Think before you react.

Never send sensitive information via unsolicited messages



send money **\$\$\$**

Unexpected request for personal information

The Bazaar Committee has been working diligently to empty the closet that kept our goodies for over 40 years. Our extra supplies will be displayed on tables in that back hallway downstairs, starting Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please help yourself to any materials you could use. The remainder will be donated, recycled, or discarded after a few weeks. If you have any questions, please call Connie Howe at 717-334-7130. Thanks again for the congregational support of our past bazaars and festivals for charitable benefits!!

## 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:

**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.**

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.

**“Tuesdays with Morrie” will be playing at the Totem Pole July 21st.** There is a signup sheet on the table at the back of the Gathering Area. We need to have at least 10 members for a group rate. We are hoping for many more. We've already paid the \$200 deposit to save our seats. 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.

### Results of the Open and Affirming (ONA) Covenant Vote

A ballot was mailed to each member of Trinity in early March. 104 were returned by the end of Easter Sunday worship services and tabulated by volunteers at the Penn Central Conference.

They report:

**79 ballots were marked "Yes". (76%)**

**25 ballots were marked "No". (24%)**

The ONA Process Committee and Consistory had decided that we needed to achieve 80% positive responses in order to consider the covenant accepted.

Although the majority voted to accept the covenant, we did not achieve the established percentage. Therefore, we will not be considered an Open and Affirming Church within the United Church of Christ at this time.

I would like to thank the members of the Open and Affirming Process Committee for their diligent work over the past year: Sandy Busche, Jane Eiker, Lucy Greene, Cathy Hammons, and Roberta Weiant.

I'd also like to thank the many members of our congregation who attended the education and discussion sessions, as well as the presenters, participants, and mediators.

**George Steckert, Committee Chairperson**



The Adams County Heritage Festival contacted Trinity to see if we are participating in this year's event. **September 15, 2024 Noon - 4:00pm at the Gettysburg Rec Park.**

We have a proposed theme for our display. If someone has other theme ideas please let us know. A 'Team Leader' is still needed to coordinate persons to man the tent and/or help construct the display.

Please signup on the display in the Gathering Area or see Carl B. or Jane M. with any questions.

### Housing Authority Parking Spaces available to Trinity

Please note that spaces #14-#20 are not part of Trinity's contract.

Please refer to the Parking Map posted in the Narthex.

**WHERE: #32 - #44 plus 2 Handicap** (along Trinity's side)  
**and the Handicap plus 4 Visitor** (across from Trinity)

**WHEN: Mon – Fri AFTER 5:00pm** and weekends anytime



# Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build

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



**Saturdays**  
**8am - 12pm**  
**April 27 - May 25**



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

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

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

## Capital Campaign dollars a work! Parsonage Bathroom before and after pictures . . . .



There is some good news from the Property Committee. First of all, Bruce has finished matching the various switches and electrical outlets with the appropriate breaker box. It was an enormous undertaking, but Bruce stuck with it and completed the work. You will notice labels on each receptacle and switch delineating which breaker controls its power. Thank you, Bruce!

The windows in the parsonage have been replaced. Pastor Fred and Kara now have windows with screens that can actually be opened and closed. These windows are energy efficient and are no longer covered with storm windows which improves the parsonage's façade. We seem to grind along slowly, we are moving forward.

The round window in the UUG church will be re-installed as soon as temperatures are reliably in the 70's. The replacement of the front door will follow shortly. Bill Jacobs is working on the preparation work for that now.

The remaining project is sealing and repairing our historic brick. That has been scheduled, and we are waiting appropriate weather.

A big thank you to Harry Hilbert and Steve Sheely for working on the chairs in the sanctuary. They will replace the plywood seats and foam, making the chairs much more comfortable. The choir will be particularly grateful for the repairs. The cost to repair each chair is \$5.50. There are 43 chairs. If you'd like to donate some money toward completing this project, please label your notation "chair fund". Many thanks for any help you can offer.

**From the March 1990 Trinity Tower newsletter this timely article was found:**

*"Choir Chairs" -*

*At a special meeting, our Consistory approved the purchase of 48 chairs to match the pews and carpet. Cost per chair is \$94.00. We are looking for 48 contributors for the chairs at \$94 each.....*

**The May 1990 Trinity Tower newsletter said under the heading:**

*"ODDS and ENDS" Choir Chairs -*

*To date, 37 have been purchased. 11 are still available. Cost: \$94.00*

**Now, 34 years later, Steve Sheely and Harry Hilbert are refurbishing these well used chairs. Any contributions for materials should be marked for "Property".**

**Financial Stats:  
as of April 21, 2024**

Envelope offering needed: **\$58,736.00**  
Offering rec'd to date: **\$53,877.00**

Property Fund needed: **\$6,784.00**  
Property Fund rec'd to date: **\$3,505.00**



Scan your phone across the QR code to make a donation

**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.





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**JOHN MCKAY, DIRECTOR**

**Friday, May 24th at 7pm**

FIRST CHURCH OF HANOVER  
200 FREDERICK STREET  
HANOVER, PA 17331

**Sunday, May 26th at 3pm**

UNITED LUTHERAN SEMINARY CHAPEL  
61 SEMINARY RIDGE  
GETTYSBURG, PA 17325



This program is supported in part by the Adams County Arts Council's STAR GRANT PROGRAM which is funded by the ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG, and the ROBERT C. HOFFMAN CHARITABLE ENDOWMENT TRUST

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

# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7p Choir	2 5:30p Dinner Church	3 9:30a Flutes 10a Coffee w/Friends	4 8a-12p Habitat
5 Communion 12:30p-4:30p MDANA	6 7p - 9p G.C.S. practice	7 7p Personnel	8 7p Choir	9 Ascension Day	10 9:30a Flutes	11 8a-12p Habitat
12 Mother's Day 10a Pastor Fred @ Grace UCC Grace Winakor @ Trinity	13	14 3:30p-5:30p Knitting Group 6p Worship	15 7p Choir	16 9:15-10:45 Deb/Bruce out	17 Committee Reports Due 9:30a Flutes 11:30a Lunch w/Friends	18 8a-12p Habitat
19 Pentecost ONE SERVICE Wear Red 3p-5p F & F to Grotto, Emmitsburg	20	21 6p Spiritual Council 6:45p Consistory	22	23 Newsletter Articles Due	24 9:30a Flutes	25 8a-12p Habitat
26 10a Pastor Fred @ Grace UCC Kara @ Trinity	27 Memorial Day CLOSED	28	29	30 Pastor Out thru June 9	31 Pastor Out 9:30a Flutes	

DATE	ALTAR CARE	GREETERS	LAY READERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
May 5	Ruth Krietz * Lucy Greene Roberta Weiant - E Audrey Blackstone - E	10:30am Ann & Buck Harvey	8am Elder 10:30am Elder	8am Roberta Weiant 10:30am Lucy Greene	10:30am Buck Harvey
May 12 Mother's Day	Same as above	10:30am Sandy Busche Suhua Dong	8am Jim Orner 10:30am Joan Peck	8am Cindy Barley 10:30am	10:30am Bonnie Smith
May 19 Pentecost ONE Service	Same as above	10:30am M. Jane Alleman Ruby Warren	10:30am Julie Strickland	10:30am Edwin Hamilton Carl Barrick	10:30am Bonnie Smith
May 26	Same as above	10:30am Janet & Steve Sheely	8am Jen Mickelson 10:30am Scott Wehler	8am Jane Malone 10:30am George Steckert	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



**May  
2024**

**POST TO TRINITY'S  
FACEBOOK!**



- SEND AN EMAIL TO [TECHTUCC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TECHTUCC@GMAIL.COM)
- PUT [FACEBOOK](#) IN THE SUBJECT LINE
- ATTACH PHOTOS, SHORT VIDEOS, POSTERS, INFORMATION OR OTHER CONTENT
- LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT THE ITEM POSTED "AS IS" OR ENHANCED BY OUR TALENTED STAFF!



**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!**

**May 5  
Communion**

Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

**May 12  
Mother's Day**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

**May 19  
Pentecost Sunday  
ONE SERVICE 10:30am**

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekial 37:1-14 Psalm 104:24-34, 35B  
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21  
John 15:26-27; 16; 4b-15

**May 26**  
Isaiah 6:1-8 and Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17

**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](http://www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org)**

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