

Trinity Tidings ~ August 2020

“If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind” Philippians 2:1-2

Most of us have grown up in the church and find that not being there every Sunday has been strange and seems wrong. There is a void in our lives now, a sense of loss. Church has been an ongoing tradition where we gather, we see, we hear, we sing, we taste, we touch...then we go on our separate ways hoping this precious time *together* has fulfilled our needs and will strengthen us for the upcoming week. We need each other - to hug, hold prayerful hands and offer the Peace of Christ. We need to hear scripture, pray, sing and enjoy fellowship while laughing, eating and having our precious coffee. How foreign is the concept of ‘fellowship’ right now? Technology may allow us to see and speak to one another, but we do not have that familiar intimacy. Yet, none of this diminishes our ability to be a united body in Christ. Though COVID19 has limited our time together, nothing gets in God’s way. Time and space bend to the will of the Holy Spirit. Nothing can keep us from being what Paul implores us to be, of the SAME mind as Christ and of one another.



If we are united in our goals, our ministry, our outreach, and our love for Trinity then we should be able to gladly accept this new challenge. I believe threads of harmony are woven from a willingness to explore through conversations and creativity. Since we cannot treasure each other’s company on Sundays the most important thing to remember is that God goes *with* us out into the mission field; into our homes, our workplace and wherever we play. We are called, literally, to be the hands and feet of Jesus. While I am writing this I am listening to Matthew West’s song “Do Something” which echoes the words of the late John Lewis; “If not us, then who; if not now, then when?” Though West may have been inspired by a college student whose heart kept her in Uganda after seeing the plight of an orphanage, the sentiment is the same: to make this a better world in which everyone can live.

Modeled after the first church in Acts, we continue to be unified through common love and conviction. The Reverend Jeremiah Cheung of the Christian Bible Church of the Philippines said this about that first church, “At that time, they no longer asked who was greatest, whose sin was worst, instead, they were concerned only on how they could fulfill the Great Commission. This is the reason for unity in the church – everyone must have the same goal.” So let us go a little longer, reach out a little further and continue to take that moment to write a letter or make a phone call. Those who will cross our paths today, whether through airwaves or in person, need to know that Christ is always present and lives in each one of us. Will you be His voice, His compassion and His strength for someone who truly needs it? We can work toward fulfilling the Great Commission through God’s Work, Our Hands.

We *will* be together, again, in familiar surroundings and I hope it will not be the same, but better, stronger and more cherished. And because *“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”* Romans 8:28

Be safe, be well, be still and know God.
Blessings, *Pastor Cheri*

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When you come to Trinity on Saturday, August 1st

SOME THINGS TO



- ♥ Pickup communion elements for the month of August so that you can join us, at the Lord's Table, on line each Sunday.
- ♥ Drop off canned goods or money for our 3 local food banks.
 - Suggested items: Spam, chunky soups, beef vegetable soup, canned spaghetti with meat, hamburger helper and canned pineapples
- ♥ A basket will be set out if you want to contribute toward Mike and Kassie Chapman who lost their home in a fire July 18.
- ♥ Tubs will also be set out for your Personal Care kit and Back Pack items.



In August we will re-ZOOM our gatherings Mondays and Thursdays at 5 and 6 pm respectively.

7-5-20 Council Meeting via Zoom (Pending Approval)

The meeting was opened with devotions by Wendy Hammer. In attendance were Pastor Korte, Rich Scanlon, Audra Spang, Earl Smith, Wendy Hammer, Craig Korte, Jeff Keener, Pennie Freet, Bill Calhoon and Dan Hardy. Missing were Tim Yeingst and Jess Writer.

- June minutes were read and approved with a motion from Earl and a second from Bill. •Treasurer's report was presented and accepted with a motion from Rich and a second from Earl. •Financial Secretary's report was resented and accepted with a motion from Earl and a second by Jeff. •There was no Pastor's report.
- The Annual Community Picnic will be cancelled this year due to the corona virus.
- The Barb Hardy family requested use of the fellowship hall, December 19, Family Christmas party, but voting was postponed awaiting determination of government meeting regulations in an enclosed area.
- Carpeting of the Sunday School floor will take place beginning July 8th and work is expected to take one week to install.
- The installation of the door on the steps to the basement was unfinished with some work being done quickly due to the winter cold. The vendor is expected to return in the near future to re-do the job properly. This will mainly involve re-caulking the doors and any other work deemed necessary.
- Jeff Keener presented a scenario in which we could possibly reopen with outside services. We would be marking off 10' circles for social distancing and some there were some questions involving use of the sound equipment. Dan reported that the sound equipment was up to the challenge. Wendy reported mowing in the morning and there is plenty of shape for the hot summer mornings and in the event of inclement weather we would probably cancel services. A question arose about liability waivers and liability, in general, if someone became ill as the result of services. Craig reported a rise in insurance premiums and someone asked if we might be getting a rebate due to not using the facilities. (We probably will not get a rebate).
- Pastor is hoping we might be able to do a special communion service. We have pre-packaged communion glasses with wafers available and they would be available the Saturday before the service. People can pick them up between 11 am and noon and the next morning Pastor would ask everyone, via the prerecorded service to partake of communion.
- Wendy asked about making it known that we are doing various outreach projects and people could bring their donations to church when they pick up their communion cups. July 19 and 26 will be a test run for communion. After we get people acclimated we can begin the outreach collecting in August. Wendy was asked to "bullet point" the various programs for clarity and information will be dispersed to the congregation via the prayer chain.
- Bill made a motion to adjourn and Wendy second and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.
- The next council meeting will be August 2 with devotions by Wendy Hammer.

Respectfully Submitted, Dan Hardy



Bill Calhoon, Pennie Freet, Wendy Hammer (Vice President), Dan Hardy (Secretary), Jeff Keener (President), Rich Scanlon, Earl Smith, Tim Yeingst and Jessica Writer
Council Meets the First Sunday of the Month

Finance Committee:

Dan Hardy, Jeff Keener (Chair), Craig Korte (Treasurer), Audra Spang (Financial Secretary), Brad Yeingst, Bob Yeingst

Christian Education Committee (Adult, Youth & Children's Education, VBS & Field Trips): *Meet Every Other Month*

Dan Hardy, Heather Kimmel, Audra Spang, Sandy Walborn

Property Committee: *Meet as Needed*

Bob Hammer, Dan Hardy, Rick Fox, Greg Kulp, Steve Miller, Brad Yeingst

Social Outreach Committee (Evangelism, Fellowship, Social Ministry, WELCA): *Meet Every Other Month*

Bill Calhoon, Diane Carroll, Pennie Freet, Wendy Hammer, Dan Hardy, Marie Martin

Worship and Music Committee (Plan Liturgy, Music and Worship Setting): *Meet Quarterly*

Joe Buchmoyer, Dan Hardy, Karen Miller, Sandy Walborn

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sue Baney; Mike & Kassie Chapman; Ben Chicoria; Carol Gingrich; Amelia Granthon; Lucrecia Hardy; Remington Hardy; Donna Lefevre-Hoover; Katelyn Keener; Kelly Morgan; Doris Savage; Nikki Scolet; Bob Sells; Mary Lois Smith

Grieving – Lillian Minney & Family on the death of her Aunt Ruth; The Family of Pauline Greiner; The Family of Russell Boozel (Mindy Weaber's dad)

Assisted and Skilled Care – Ellen Gepfer

Others in Need – Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation

First Responders – Abigail Romberger; Brad Yeingst; Dylan Yeingst; Tim Yeingst

Military – Matthew Buchmoyer; Todd Campbell; Roger Daub; David Martin; Sawyer Mundorf; Townsend Mundorf; William Rimmler; David Walborn; Andrew Yeingst



To have the Prayer Chain activated for a family member or friend in need of our prayers, please contact:



1. Pastor Cheri at 717.606.8851 to begin the prayer chain.
2. If Pastor Cheri is not available, call Barbara Hardy.
3. If Barbara Hardy is not available, call any other person listed.

Margaret Daub	717.964.3342	Lillian Minney	717.964.5032
Barbara Hardy	717.867.1286	Pennie Freet	717.269.3292
Karen Miller	717.304.7012	Connie Weirich	717.665.6448



Michael Chapman (Aug 1); Mariah Carroll (Aug 11); Sharon Albertson & Amelia Granthon (Aug 12); Bradley Yeingst (Aug 14); Harold Brown (Aug 15); Grayson Leedy (Aug 17); Tom Haney (Aug 19); Melody Kulp (Aug 26); Katelyn Monette (Aug 27)

Bill & Alma Stober



FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE

"In the morning, Lord, You hear my prayer. In the morning I lay my requests before You and wait expectantly." Psalm 5.3

How can we pray for you today? Contact me or join me at 10 for prayer.

Topic: Zoom FRIDAY PRAYER Meeting
Time: This is a recurring meeting 10 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8083683898?pwd=Y3Rwd1BxM1BFTDNtNkUwWHc3VEJnUT09>

Meeting ID: 808 368 3898

Password: 258736



PROJECTS ON THE MOVE...HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

While we are unable to meet at church please continue to gather these items as you are able. Thanks so much and God bless you all...for all that you do in His name.

Social Outreach Committee

■ LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS **COLLECTING UNTIL AUGUST 30**

ONE - medium weight bath-size towel (52"x27"), dark color
TWO or THREE - 4 ounce bars of soap, in original wrapping
ONE - adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
ONE - sturdy comb, no picks or fine-toothed combs
ONE - metal nail clipper

DONATE \$\$\$ and let someone else do the shopping or put towards shipping of \$2.65 per kit (includes cost of toothpaste).

Items can be dropped off at church. Look for containers in the narthex.

If you wish to make a cash donation:

- Look for donation folders in the narthex.
- Donations can be sent to Marie Martin, 996 West Ridge Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Please make sure "Personal Care Kits" is marked.

■ LWR SCHOOL KITS **COLLECTING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 20 & BLESSED ON SEPTEMBER 27**

FOUR - 70 sheet notebooks wide or college rule
ONE - 30 centimeter ruler (or one with centimeters on one side and inches on the other).
~~ONE - Pencil sharpener~~ NO LONGER NEEDED
ONE - Pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
~~FIVE - Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers~~ NO LONGER NEEDED
FIVE - Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
ONE - Box of 16 or 24 crayons
ONE - 2 ½" eraser

DONATE \$\$\$ and let someone else do the shopping or put towards shipping of \$1.40 per kit.

Items can be dropped off at church. Look for containers in the narthex.

If you wish to make a cash donation:

- Look for donation folders in the narthex.
- Donations can be sent to Marie Martin, 996 West Ridge Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Please make sure "School Kits" is marked.

■ LEBANON SHELTER NO SEW FLEECE BLANKETS

Fleece blanket kits can be purchased on your own.

DONATE \$\$\$ and let someone else do the shopping. The cost is \$15.00 (they have gone up in price).

If you would like to cut or tie blankets at home, please contact Wendy Hammer (717.682.5339) or Marie Martin (717.367.2999).

Blanket kits can be dropped off at church. Look for containers in the narthex.

If you wish to make a cash donation:

- Look for donation folders in the narthex.
- Donations can be sent to Marie Martin at 996 West Ridge Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Please make sure "Fleece Blankets" is marked.

Hello from Social Outreach

Lunch



We wanted to say Thank You to all the helpers with the Manheim Zion Summer Lunch Program.....organizers, pot pie cooks, and cookie bakers! We are scheduled to help for their July 29th lunch and watch out for more requests.....they may need some desserts for August!!



Our baby collection for the Appalachian Outreach in West Virginia will extend to the end of August if you still want to contribute. You can drop-off at church or contact Wendy Hammer for pickup. Diapers and wipes will be donated to our local food banks.

Suggested Items: diaper rash ointment, baby powder, baby shampoo, baby oil, Vaseline, thermometers, receiving blankets, onesies, sleepers, shoes and socks, hats, brushes and combs, bottles and nipples, spoons, bibs, pacifiers, rattles, teething rings, stuffed animals



Local Food Bank Needs - A box will be out when you stop on a Saturday morning to pick up your communion cups or items can be dropped right inside the front door if you would like to contribute. Some items that are needed spam, chunky soups, beef vegetable soup, canned spaghetti with meat, hamburger helper and canned pineapples.

VA Medical Center Masks & Hearts

It all started when Bill Calhoon asked Marie Martin if it would be possible for the Prayer Shawl & Quilt group to help make face masks as Covid-19 hit with a vengeance. The VA was also requesting donations of sewn hearts for patients – one for a patient and a matched one for their family as they prayed together.

Trinity Lutheran Church takes any opportunity it can to open its heart in helping others. The word went out from Marie and the response was instantaneous. Tracy Hoy and Lillian Minney started sewing, Marie Martin donated fabric and friends and neighbors donated fabric and elastic. Close to 100 masks and more than 25 pairs of hearts were made!



UPDATE



ADDRESS CHANGE

Jess and Joe Writer, Amelia Granthon
501 E Maple Street
Palmyra, PA 17078

TIDINGS INFORMATION & ARTICLES

September 2020 Tidings Deadline

Sunday, August 23

Items can be emailed to grannycalhoon@gmail.com or sent to Diane Calhoon, Westwood 2J, PO Box 125, Cornwall, PA 17016-0125.

Please remember to include your name with submissions.

