

June/July 2020

# Trinity Tidings

*“And you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve him with single mind and willing heart; for the Lord searches every mind, and understands every plan and thought.” 1 Chronicles 29:9*

Taken from the Old Testament, these words of encouragement are meant for us today as well as in the days of King David. Though he initially hoped to build God’s temple, David obeyed God and left that privilege to his son, Solomon. It must have been difficult to not see his dream come true, yet faithfully David listened to God and gave his son a foundation upon which to build the temple. He also taught Solomon to have a true heart for God. When asked what he desired most, Solomon didn’t ask God for riches and power but rather for wisdom and knowledge. When we pray this should be our request, right after praise and thanksgiving for what we already have. We, too, will be blessed tenfold when we put all our requests at the foot of the cross and allow the Holy Spirit to fill us with understanding. We will make better decisions with God’s help as we simultaneously learn acceptance, patience and endurance.

Wisdom is the one thing we need most to get through these next few months and years. I hope we truly grasp the importance of living in Christ so that wisdom will prevail. The Psalmist proclaims, *“God looks down from heaven to see if there is any who understand, any who seek God”* (14:6). We want to adhere to the advice of the experts but we still have to make our own decisions daily. What we do matters. And sometimes what we do or don’t do may have a severe effect on others. With that being said I ask that you pray for our congregation as we meet and discuss future plans for our church. This is an opportunity for us to do better and do more while honoring tradition. Trinity has always been willing to think outside of the box and accept the changes we’ve made over the years. Perhaps it is even more important, now, to embrace innovative ways to worship. Future generations will benefit from *whatever* we do today. Our actions will impact both Christians and soon to be Christians. We hold the future in our hands...handle it wisely and ask for God’s direction.

We will soon be celebrating 250 years of worship on our sacred grounds. Though Trinity Colebrook has been dubbed various names over the years, and has called several pastors to serve, the one constant is your true heart for mutual ministry. Together, each individual contributes their gifts and that is what makes up the One Body in Christ. I am so thankful for this congregation, its frequent guests and our Church neighbors. I am overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness you all continue to exhibit. Your support of ideas and willingness to go down paths of adventure means the world to me. Mostly I am glad that you take me as I am. Though imperfect, I am continuously energized by those around me while embraced by the Holy Spirit. I have learned that when I get out of the way and ask God to lead good things happen! For *“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”* Romans 8:28

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



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## THE HOLY TRINITY – SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Trinity Sunday is a day that celebrates and honors the Holy Trinity. We commemorate and celebrate God who is three in one: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday falls on the Sunday after Pentecost.



### Trinity's YouTube Church Services – How Do They Do That?



Making Trinity Colebrook's on-line services wonderful and meaningful to all of us begins with Pastor Cheri's vision and leadership and requires the power of teamwork.

Craig Korte and Joe Buchmoyer handle the behind-the-scenes technical wizardry of taping, mixing, editing, dubbing, etc. But, before all of that happens there are volunteers including Samijo Lund playing guitar and singing the prelude each week, Joe and other choir members singing and the growing list of lesson readers. The results are amazing!

**When You Hand Good People Possibility, They Do Great Things**

### 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.

Cheri Korte is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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

## 5-3-20 Council Meeting via Zoom (Pending Approval)

Dan opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. In attendance were Pastor Korte, Dan Hardy, Jeff Keener, Jess Writer, Pennie Freet, Earl Smith, Tim Yeingst, Audra Cuthie, Craig Korte, Wendy Hammer and Bill Calhoon.

- The agenda was presented and accepted with a 1<sup>st</sup> by Dan and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl. •Previous minutes were presented and accepted.
- Treasurer's report was presented. Craig reported that Pastor is not receiving Social Security at this time but must enroll in Medicare. This is creating a minor problem involving payment. Money is going out and coming back due to government requirement. The report was accepted with a 1<sup>st</sup> by Earl and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan.
- Audra had little to report due to the corona virus.
- Pastor's report to presented and accepted.
- Pastor reported correspondence in from the "Bells across Pennsylvania" initiative and Greg will ring the church bell tonight at 7 p.m.
- There was no correspondence out.
- Membership concerns were involving attempts to contact and interact with various members of the congregation.
- There were no meetings so there were no meeting reports.
- Jeff will check with Steve Miller, property chairman, on progress with Steigel Carpeting regarding working on the carpet previously okayed at the last meeting.
- Regarding new business: we are awaiting Synod and Governmental guidelines on when and how we can begin meeting again.
- Continuation of the Annual Church picnic was briefly discussed with a suggestion to possibly hold a "Take Out" picnic.
- It was reported that Camp Kirchenwald will be closed for the summer. There are also concerns about the ability to hold the Mission Trip this year. Bill is expecting information in the near future.
- There was a motion to adjourn by Dan and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be June 7, possibly by Zoom at 11 a.m. again.

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):**

Dan Hardy, Heather Kimmel, Audra Spang, Sandy Walborn  
*Meet Every Other Month*

### **Property Committee:**

Bob Hammer, Dan Hardy, Rick Fox, Greg Kulp, Steve Miller, Brad Yeingst  
*Meet as Needed*

### **Social Outreach Committee (Evangelism, Fellowship, Social Ministry, WELCA):**

Bill Calhoon, Diane Carroll, Pennie Freet, Wendy Hammer, Dan Hardy, Marie Martin  
*Meet Every Other Month*

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

Joe Buchmoyer, Dan Hardy, Karen Miller, Sandy Walborn  
*Meet Quarterly*

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# FROM THE PASTOR



On April 17 I received a call from Earl Smith. His son in law, Rick Schilt, who manages an old warehouse in Lebanon (Keystone Weaving), on Cumberland told Earl he had 5 skids of food that were out of code, but not 'past use' date. The owner is currently in the process of subdividing into offices, but the current renter has used the facility as a distribution center buying food in bulk and selling at retail through companies like Amazon. This ultimately created excess for the seller who evidently did not want it. So Rick packed five skids full with the leftover unsold items. This is where Craig and I came in. After a few phone calls we were able to connect with Makenzie Cuthie at Caring Cupboard to make the final transaction.

The following week we received this note, *"Hey Rusty! I just wanted to say thanks for calling me about your donation connection! Because of you and the church 4,500 lbs were donated on Monday. Additionally, we now have a relationship with the Wear-house where they will be contacting us every few weeks for a pickup!"* Thank you Earl, for going the extra mile. Pastor Cheri

Our second month of confinement brings us a little closer to reentry, where hopefully we can gather at our favorite worship space. In the meantime, the isolation can bring deafening silence unless we stay in touch with each other. I know these are difficult times and more so for some than others and so I am thrilled to hear that some of you have reached out (and continue to) write, call, text, or video chat our members. Please go through your directory to see if there is someone you think might need their spirits lifted today. Ask yourself "Who has God laid on my heart today?" ❤️



Let's stay positive and keep on connecting with one another. Pick up the phone, take out the pen, or simply let your fingers do the walking, and reach out to someone today. We have gone without any COVID19 up to now as our own members remain healthy, praise the Lord. We keep in prayer those who have been affected. Remember I am always here in my home office. I am only a phone call away. 717-606-8851. God bless you all for all that you do in these strange times. Stay tuned for news about reconvening worship as one body of Christ.



## ZOOMING IN AND OUT

We continue to meet through an app called Zoom - twice a week we continue to catch up, razz each other and offer trivia. Every Friday morning we pray together for the needs of the church. Council as well as other teams have also met over Zoom. If you have internet, computer, ipad or phone I hope you will join us.

## THINGS TO KNOW AND THINGS TO PONDER



### **How do we remain socially connected while staying physically distanced?**

As the weeks turn into months there is some angst and curiosity about the future. We do not know when we will be able to gather at Trinity for worship, but we do know that God is as present as ever in our lives. *“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* Romans 8:38-39

We do not want to rush in to this. And we should take the time to mourn our losses; loss of lives, loss of work, loss of play; loss that includes missing out on weddings, graduations, births, sporting events, concerts, travel plans...the list goes on. Don't be afraid to be sad. But do know that in God's time this too, shall be resolved. My best advice is to listen to the experts, not hearsay, Facebook, Twitter, or any news outlet unless it is quoting a respected scholar. Until a vaccine is found and administered, we will need to be vigilant in our gatherings. We all know that a carrier can be asymptomatic for up to 17 days.

We do not know what worship will look like when returning to Trinity. Many concerns and possible solutions have been voiced regarding the logistics. At this time, we have more questions than answers. However, Church council and the Worship committee have met to unpack some of the potential ideas. The following points are the results of said meetings.

- It is imperative that we stay distanced physically when we do gather, possibly 10+ feet
- A temperature reading will be taken at the entrance.
- An automatic hand sanitizing station will be used and monitored.
- Gloves and masks will be required.
- Anyone feeling ill will be asked to stay home or unfortunately leave if they arrive with a fever.
- Our first worship would most likely be outdoors, weather permitting.
  - We will park cars in allotted spaces and set lawn chairs in front of said car.
  - We will not sing but perhaps we find other ways to appreciate the sound of music.
  - We will not hand out bulletins or booklets
  - We may have a temporary liturgy that honors God in Word and Sacrament. The service booklet could remain in possession of the member from Sunday to Sunday.
  - Pastor would be central with microphone.

These are just a few things we've covered so far. When we are able to worship inside the church there will be additional measures put in place such as blocking out every other pew, offering plate set apart in the narthex, holding more than one service on a given day etc. Trinity Colebrook is hospitable, collaborative and resourceful. We will find creative ways to be true to Christ, support and encourage one another and serve our neighbor while offering praise and thanksgiving to our loving Triune God, because *“Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”* 1st Corinthians 13:7



We are in an in-between time, as our minds consider what was and what will be. But ... *“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.”* Deuteronomy 7:9

Pastor Cheri



## **Congratulations Class of 2020**

### **Whose Senior Year Was Cut Short by the Covid-19 Epidemic**

"I know you may not feel like it, but you are indeed the chosen class for such a time as this. Of course, this is not the graduation ceremony you envisioned. You've been dreaming about that walk across the stage, your family and friends cheering you on, the caps flung joyously in the air. But even though there may not be pomp because of our circumstances, never has a graduating class been called to step into the future with more purpose, vision, passion and energy and hope." – Oprah Winfrey

#### **Savannah Calhoon**

Granddaughter of Bill and Diane Calhoon. Savannah is graduating from Twin Valley High School, Elverson.

#### **Noah Chicoria**

Grandson of Bill and Diane Calhoon. Noah is graduating from Robert Turner College and Career High School, Pearland, Texas, on June 2 and from Alvin Community College with an Associates Degree on a date to be determined.

#### **Madison Grace Newill**

Granddaughter of Bob and Sandy Walborn. Madison will have a virtual graduation from Susquehanna Township High School on June 5. She plans to attend HACC to major in biology.

#### **Noah Spencer**

Son of Marc and Kelly Spencer and grandson of Margaret Daub. Noah is graduating from The Vista School of Hershey.

#### **Luke Weaber**

Son of Douglas and Joan Weaber and grandson of Barb Witmer. Luke is graduating from Palmyra High School. He is busy working on a farm and with a contractor.

**Celebrating all you've accomplished and wishing you a bright future filled with many blessings.**



### **THANK YOU LILLIAN MINNEY!**

The VA Medical Center in Lebanon put out the word that they were in serious need of cloth face masks. Lillian, who all of us here at Trinity know is a talented sewer, answered the call. In no time at all, she made and donated 24 well-made and stylish masks. To quote the VA person who received them, "God bless you" Lillian.



### **HI ALL...**

Thanks for your calls and concerns and prayers for me this past week. I am home and returned to a former "normal" after 2 days at Hershey Med. It began with a sudden incident of fever spike, difficulty breathing, spastic shaking and sudden stomach distress. Result of ER diagnosis & day of observation was no Covid but invasion of unspecified bacteria through aspiration caused bacterial pneumonia which responded extremely well to a course of antibiotics. The teaching hospital found this to be a challenging case and I was tested & poked thoroughly so that I have a new confidence in knowing the state of my health. (the + of this event) Thanks again. Looking forward to seeing you all soon. +BOB

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sue Baney; Gretchen Burford; Ben & Wendy Chicoria; Carol Gingrich; Pauline Greiner; Remington Hardy; Betty Kreider; Denny Martin; Branson Morgan; Alyssa Newell; Suzanne & William Rimmler; Doris Savage; Nikki Scolet; Mary Lois Smith; Sandra Stager; Jerry Urich; Bob Walborn; Ken Zellers; Charlie; Jean; Lorenzo



Grieving – The Family of Doris Bucks (Long-time Trinity member); The Family of Helen Pattishall from Covid-19 (Sister of Betty Kreider); The Family of Amy Kreider (Jason Haney’s Sister-in-Law); The Family of Nancy Applebach (Brown’s grandchildren’s other grandma); The Family of Nancy Haas (Friend of Pennie Freet)

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

*There are many people working including some of our own – Heather Fanus, Kristi Leedy, Tiffany Speraw and Angie Zentz who are working overtime, all health care, emergency services, food and agriculture, energy, water and sewage treatment, transportation, information technology, hazardous materials, financial services, chemical, and defense-industrial sectors.*

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



Skylee Sweitzer (June 9); Mindy Weaber (June 16); Mary Stager (June 17);  
Betty Lighty (June 20); Kayleigh Leedy (June 26); Marti Speck (June 28)

Earl & Mary Lois Smith (June 6); Tom & Diane Haney (June 11);  
Brian & Sally McGeehan (June 19); Leonard & Tracy Monette (June 24);  
Bob & Sandy Walborn (June 24)



Marlene Stehman (July 3); Tracy Craig (July 6); Kassie Chapman (July 8); Pennie Freet (July 12); Connie Weirich (July 17); Gabrielle Craig (July 20); Trenton Sweitzer (July 23); Barbara Witmer & Wayne Defelice (July 25); Brayden Speck (July 27); Robert Yeingst (July 28); Barbara Buchmoyer & Helen Row (July 29)

Warren & Carol Gingrich (July 7)



## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROJECTS

While we are unable to meet at church please, as able, continue to gather these items and hold them at home.



### Personal Care Kits

#### Items Needed for Each Kit

- 1 medium-weight bath-size towel (52" x 27"), dark color
- 2-3 bath size bars of soap, in original wrapping, totaling 8-9 ounces
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed combs)
- 1 metal nail clippers
- Shipping cost of \$2.65 (includes cost of toothpaste)

### School Kits

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning lead to a better life for them, their families and their communities.



#### Items Needed For Each Kit

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| 4 – 70 sheet notebooks (wide & college ruled) | 1 – ruler with centimeters and inches                               |
| 1 – box of 24 crayons (24 count)              | 1 – ages 6+ scissors (with imbedded steel blades)                   |
| 1 – 2 ½ inch eraser                           | 5 – black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel – secure with rubber band) |
| 1 – pencil sharpener                          | \$1.40 shipping per kit   |

**ITEMS NOT NEEDED: PENCILS & PENCIL SHARPENERS**



### LEBANON LUTHERAN MISSION TRIP NEWS

Due to the pandemic, both the West Virginia and local mission trips have been cancelled for this year.



## TIDINGS INFORMATION & ARTICLES

No Tidings Published in July

August 2020 Tidings Deadline

Sunday, July 19

Items can be emailed to [grannycalhoon@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

