



Trinity Tidings

September 2020

“In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters” Genesis 1:1-2

I think most everyone knows the first words of the Bible, but do we realize it is only the beginning of portraying God as an artist? God created the heavens, the earth, the sky and the sea, the land, animals and humanity and that's just in the first book. Creativity is at the heart of all scripture. God created and continues to create pathways, mountaintops, and waterways so that our skills, ingenuity and knowledge can be learned and applied to achieve our purposes. Throughout history God's hand is seen in the world's fruition. Every day we witness seasons change as we explore the uniqueness of each living animal, bird, fish, and microbe.

Human beings are created in the image of the Creator which makes us all artists too! Some might disagree, asserting “I can't even draw a stick person,” or “I can't carry a tune in a bucket.” But we truly *are* His architects! Daniel Wolpert in his book, *Creating a Life With God*, believes we are artists and don't know it! What we label “work” or “chores” or the drudgery of “life” actually hold potential as creative endeavors.” The list is endless: from decorating our home or office to getting dressed for the day or special occasion; from cooking, cleaning, child rearing and building to taking photographs, painting, speaking and teaching; from crafting words on a page to choreographing a dance; from making beautiful music with voice or instrument to a million other things, all demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit. As the church calendar changes, I enjoy the teamwork of transforming our church into the next colorful liturgical wave - blue, white, purple, gold, red, and green. Maintenance, finance, music, worship, education and outreach are also a matter of design. Everything has meaning and draws, from us, renewal as we embrace life's journey. Wolpert says the “beauty of the practice of creativity...is self-sustaining and unfolds endlessly” (p99). Joy, like a river, moves us and changes us and those around us.

We are His creation. We are His unique vessels. We illuminate God's love for His world. Similar to rocks shaped and smoothed by a surging stream, we are molded into beautiful living stones and reflect the living light of Christ. We create for and with one another. Perhaps a person, opportunity, or near miss has helped shape your life. I always thought the word coincidental should really be God-incidental, but one could argue the ‘co’ in coincidental suggests we have a part in our providence. We co-create with God, windows of opportunity just as we probably co-create doors that close. Through prayer and constant communication with God, our ‘artist’ emerges more and more each day. The exhilaration of making something beautiful with one's own hands, feet, voice or mind should overwhelm us as much as it offers encouragement, confidence and satisfaction. Have you felt such happiness? Unleashing your creative side is like a fountain overflowing with love. Art is natural! When we understand the magnitude in which God exists right down to the tiny toe, when we truly believe that every breath we breathe is the movement of His Holy Spirit, our talents will evolve. Through prayer, reflection and self-examination we have the potential to create a more perfect world.

Let's do it! Let's be artists! *“For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” Ephesians 2:10.*

Be safe, be well, be still, be creative!

Blessings, Pastor Cher

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Things You Should Know



Pastor Cheri will be on VACATION
September 1st -7th

but will be available for emergency
phone calls: 717-606-8851



Lower Susquehanna Synod

God's work. Our hands.



A Reconciling in Christ Synod

Sunday, September 6, 2020

We will worship with Bishop Dunlap on line. A link will be sent to you.

A NEW date to pick up Communion elements for the month September



Saturday, September 12th 11AM until Noon

You will receive 3 packets per person so that you have them
during our on line worship September 13, 20, and 27.

And most importantly you should know...

God is good all the time – all the time God is good

First, I want to **thank you** for your continued faithfulness regarding the health and wellbeing of Trinity Colebrook. Though I speak to some of you infrequently, others more often I sense TLC is doing alright.

Thank you for sending cards, texts, emails and making those phone calls.

Thank you for sending your offerings in the mail, using automatic giving and dropping your collected items at church.

Thank you for joining me in Home Holy Communion. I prayed on it a long time before I felt it was the right thing for us to do.

Thank you for responding to our needs whether food bank, Chapman fire or the other gatherings in which we are in the midst.

Thank you for the servant hearts who gather items which will help keep Lutheran World Relief sustainable.

Thank you for the tender loving care given the church and the grounds that surround it.

Thank you for following through on whatever mission you began before COVID19 and persevering.

Thank you for allowing council to safely guide us all through this season as tenuous it may feel at times.

Thank you to for your willingness to contribute to our online worship whether you were a reader, musician, artist, interviewee, producer or listener.

God offers silver linings to every situation...these are just a few that I see:

- Comradery over Zoom
- Communication continued
- More worship viewers on line – between 65-90 per week (Easter 147)
- Friends around the country reaching out to support our ministry
- More patience and understanding
- An opportunity to learn
- Opening our eyes to the abundance we may take for granted
- More time for self-care and reflection...more time for God

We truly are blessed beyond measure.

Be safe, be well, be still...for a little while
Pastor Cheri

8-2-20 Council Meeting via Zoom (Pending Approval)

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

- The agenda was presented and accepted with a motion by Dan and a second by Bill.
- The Treasurer's report was presented with questions regarding check deposits and funds clearing. Jeff tries to make timely deposits but with the current climate of social distancing and quarantining that can be difficult. Understanding and patience is requested and advised. There is a general concern about income vs. expenses. It was asked if some financial information could be made available in Tidings as donations are making it difficult to meet expenses. Craig reported contacting some of our service providers regarding expenses but had little success in lowering expenses. Jeff made a motion to suspend monthly donations to synod with a monthly review toward giving. The motion was passed. Financial secretary and Treasurer reports were accepted.
- Pastor presented her monthly report with questions regarding a Zoom meeting with Bishop Dunlap. The Bishop meets via Zoom and discusses difficulties with resuming services synod-wide and synod recommendations.
- There were no committee report but Jeff spoke to Steve Miller on property and Steve would like to cut down three diseased and dying trees in the picnic area. This would be done by Trinity members at no expense to the church. This was accepted with a motion by Bill and a second by Rich.
- Pastor reported an upcoming auction in November by Lutheran Camping Corporation and asked if Social Outreach could prepare something for the auction.
- There was a tentative approval for the Hardy family to use the facilities on December 12.
- Wendy spoke to Mandy Yeingst, our custodian, regarding any needs or problems. Mandy said there is a musty smell due to dampness and the building being closed. It was reported that the dehumidifier in the unfinished basement is working and questions arose about a second dehumidifier being available. Craig says he will check the youth room, as an additional dehumidifier may be located there.
- The carpet installation in the Sunday school building is done and was under budget. Also corrections to the door installation are nearing completion.
- Please note that the September meeting has been moved to September 13 at 11 a.m. due to Labor Day weekend holiday and Earl Smith has devotions.
- The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Dan and a second by Bill.

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

Dave Albertson, Sue Baney; Mike & Kassie Chapman; Ben Chicoria; Lori Colwill, Carol Gingrich; Amelia Granthon; Lucrecia Hardy; Remington Hardy; Donna Lefevre-Hoover; Katelyn Keener; Kelly Morgan; Ernie and Marion Roney; Doris Savage; Nikki Scolet; Bob Sells; Mary Lois Smith; Marlene Stehman; Mike and Lorenzo

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



Trenton Leedy (Sept 2); Phillip Row (Sept 9); Alma Stober (Sept 11); Janet Hoy (Sept 17); Renie Sanders (Sept 22); Joshua Buchmoyer (Sept 23); Wendy Hammer & Shirley Keener (Sept 26); Diane Carroll (Sept 28); Kristi Leedy (Sept 29)

Joseph & Barbara Buchmoyer (Sept 11)
 Michael & Kassie Chapman (Sept 17)
 Steve & Karen Miller (Sept 27)



FRIDAY ZOOM PRAYER SERVICE

How can we pray for you today? Contact Pastor Cheri or join in at 10:00 for prayer.

Connection: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/855957967>

Meeting ID: 855 957 967

No password required



CORRECTION TO ADDRESS CHANGE

Jess and Joe Writer, Amelia Granthon
 501 **W** Maple Street (not E as previously reported)
 Palmyra, PA 17078



Lutheran World Relief - Personal Care Kits Update

Trinity will be sending 72 kits to LWR. We thank everyone who gave items, funds and the person who used their Thrivent card to purchase towels and provide some shipping funds. YOU WERE GREAT!

Lutheran World Relief - School Kits

School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.



Collecting Until the End of September

Items Can Be Dropped Off at Church – Look for Container in Narthex

ITEMS NEEDED FOR EACH KIT:

- FOUR - 70 sheet notebooks wide or college rule
- ONE - Box of 24 crayons (24 count)
- ONE - 2 ½" eraser
- ONE - Ruler with centimeters and inches
- ONE - Ages 6+ scissors (with embedded steel blades, no very pointed tip)
- FIVE - Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink, secure with rubber band)
- FIVE - Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- ONE - ~~Pencil sharpener~~ NO LONGER NEEDED

For 2020, we will be sending 150 School Kits to LWR – the same as last year.

- We still need 100 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel) to finish our kits.
 - We also need \$158.00 for shipping.
- It would be great if we had some surplus items to help for next year.

We sincerely thank everyone who provided items and funds.



Lebanon Shelter No Sew Fleece Blankets

Fleece blanket kits can be purchased on your own. Drop off at church – look for container in Narthex.

DONATE \$\$\$ and let someone else do the shopping. The cost is \$15.00 (they have gone up in price). Look for donation folder in Narthex or send to Marie Martin, 996 West Ridge Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

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

Social Outreach Update

Even though we are not being very "social" these days, we continue with our "outreach" with help from all of you! You have all been very generous with your giving, many lending a hand on organizing, and Marie Martin keeping us all on track with our LWR Projects. Many cut and tie fleece blankets have been purchased and ready to be worked on.

The end of August we will wrap up our baby collection for the Appalachian Outreach. You can still donate baby items and leave them in the crib up at church. **Numbers 4 & 5 size diapers, pull-ups, and wipes are needed locally and will not be sent to Appalachian.**

We provided lunch for the Manheim Community in July and the end of August a few members will provide dessert for the program. We also would like to provide a donation for the Church Camp Quilt & Craft Auction that will be held November 1st. It may be an online/virtual event, but donations are still needed. Watch for details coming out soon! So, as you can see, the outreach continues and it is all because of you.....THANK YOU!!



THE LITTLE BOX THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Our Community Aid Box was closed down for a few months but once summer rolled in the box re-opened for donations. We received a news letter that unfortunately some area boxes had some unsightly dumping and their box will have to be removed ... **BUT** I think we can safely say our box should be fine. Our community held off and kept our area looking clean, and once open, started filling it again. We have received \$136.00 from donations given, and that is after having it closed 3 out of the 6 months! Check out the list below, you just might have more to donate!!

Acceptable Items:

Men's, women's, and children's clothing, new and used
Shoes, purses, wallets, belts, ties, wigs and hats
Household items, such as pots, pans and other kitchenware
Home decorative items and knick knacks
CD's, DVD's, and video games
Children's toys & stuffed animals
Books, records, TV & movie memorabilia
Artwork and other collectibles
Small furniture items such as night stands and end tables
Fully functional electronics
Linens, towels, blankets, bed sheets and curtains

Not Acceptable Items

Text books, library books, encyclopedias
VHS and cassette tapes
Large furniture and mattresses
Infant furniture, Televisions
Computers & computer accessories
Air conditioners, Lawn Mowers
Large exercise equipment
Dehumidifiers
Tires and rusted tools
Kerosene heaters, Weapons



PLASTIC LIDS PROJECT

Please bring any and all outstanding caps to Trinity. We have nearly enough caps for a bench. Arrangements are being made to deliver our caps to a factory in Indiana to purchase a bench. Thank you to all that helped with this program. We look forward to having and using this new bench. We will no longer be collecting caps after the end of August. For any questions contact Dan Hardy.

TIDINGS INFORMATION & ARTICLES

October 2020 Tidings Deadline
Sunday, September 20

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