



Trinity Tidings

September 2023

“Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” Philippians 4:6.

As summer wanes, we may become anxious about fall and the beginning of a new school year. Even if we do not have children returning, we know what it is like to see our loved ones go off to what has now become a more perilous environment. I remember the anxiety I felt on the first day my daughter got on the bus to go to kindergarten, 40 some years ago, and we did not have near the worries. And even if we do not have grandchildren in school, we understand the emotional toll it can have. There is no denying the shift in the country’s overall mood. However, I believe there are good teachers, aids, coaches, and staff guarding our children despite distractions and safety issues. And God wants to hear everything that is on our minds and hearts, big or small!

There are many reasons to be on edge, I suppose, but even in the Old and New Testaments there were conflicts, clashing of opinions and lost souls. However, what we see and experience in the 21st century is on a whole new level. In addition to increasing number of natural disasters, our war continues to be against hatred, and discrimination, and now, cyber trolls and strangers invading our personal space. Ruth Chou Simons, author and artist, in her book, *Gracelaced*, reminds us that “To lay down our big view of self is to throw ourselves on the mercy of an infinitely bigger God” (p133). When we look toward a higher power for sustenance, confidence and encouragement, we realize God made us just the way we are and that should be enough.

As we try to do what is right in the face of conflict and change, remember that pride and peer pressure can influence how we navigate the crazy cycle of being genuine, or the person everyone expects us to be. Today kids will be laughed at or chastised for being who they are, or who they are not, and unfortunately there are adults who still need to learn to accept people from all walks of life. Peter, in his first letter to new persecuted Christians, says we must first humble ourselves...so that God can exalt us. Too often, outside influences pierce our thoughts and minds as we work to become better Christians. Even the most faithful can experience a numbing of the heart. We cannot lose our way; we owe it to the following generations to find a clearer path by laying all our concerns at the foot of the cross. We must humble ourselves to the point of vulnerability allowing God to take the lead. “We can’t find Him faithful to care for our worries and concerns if we don’t take ourselves off the throne that rightfully belongs to Him,” writes Simons (Ibid).

To strengthen our resolve, Peter tells us to “*Cast all your anxieties on to God, because He cares for you*” (5:6-7). When we cast our anxieties onto God, and let our requests be made known to Him, we are free to be our best person for God and then we will find this amazing peace. Notice the hovering clouds in the above photo, infringing upon the pretty flowerbed. Indicative of life, this picture also reminds us that we can still be beautiful in the middle of chaos, threats and bullies. “We lose nothing (but our pride and control) and gain everything (His care and provision) when we humble ourselves and esteem Him Ruler of All” (Simons Ibid.). Now look at the clouds in this second photo where the cross stands strong midst the clouds projecting beauty and majesty. When we surrender and put our hope in the One who made us, “the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:7).



Blessings upon blessings, Pastor Cheri


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"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



We know that the gospel changes lives and that God's power and grace are real and at work today. We live our purpose through worship and service, in our congregations and communities, through our individual vocations and our collective work as church together. "God's work. Our hands." Sunday offers a special opportunity to be church together and to share Jesus' love by joining in a day of service.

Please join us to celebrate "God's work. Our hands." Sunday — September 10 — to assemble school kit back packs and enjoy a school luncheon of pizza, salad and ice cream. (Trinity will continue to collect items for the LWR School Kit Project until Sunday, September 3.)

Remember to wear your yellow shirts!



FREE Dinner and a Movie Night!!

**Friday, September 8th
6:00 pm**

**Pizza ■ Refreshments ■ Fresh Popcorn
Door Prizes including the DVD and Poster**

**We are looking for helpers to set up, clean up and make popcorn.
If you want to help, see Pastor Cheri, Craig or Barb Buchmoyer.**





FALL SING-A-LONG — EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Tuesday, September 12th at 3:00 pm

Come join us for some singing and fellowship with the residents of *Celebration Villa* in Lebanon.

See Debbie Olweck if you'd like to go or have any questions.

We are hoping to make this a regular event.



SCHOOL KITS PROJECT UPDATE - Lutheran World Relief

We have reached the goal of 150 back packs! GREAT JOB!

Shipping funds are still needed and more college ruled 70 sheet notebooks will help fill more pack packs. We will continue to items until Sunday, September 3.



Please join us on Sunday, September 10, to assemble the back packs and celebrate 10 years of "God's work. Our hands."

Following will be a school luncheon of pizza, salad and ice cream.



PRAYER SHAWL & QUILT MINISTRY NEWS

On Sunday, August 13, Pastor Cheri blessed the 24 quilts we will be sending to Lutheran World Relief.

Quilts in Tanzania — The Erick Memorial Foundation for Education and Rehabilitation of the Disabled (EMFERD) provides education and rehabilitation, and assists with the general welfare of people with disabilities in Morogoro, Tanzania. Most of the children at the EMFERD orphanage have been abandoned by their parents and caregivers, overwhelmed by the prospect of caring for a disabled child. To help lighten the financial burden of providing care, LWR provided the orphanage 29 Mission Quilts, plus School Kits, rice, beans, tomatoes and bananas. LWR also installed a rainwater catchment system so they have clean safe water.



LCCM (EMERGENCY FAMILY SHELTER) NO-SEW FLEECE BLANKET PROJECT

We could use more kits. Please consider purchasing a kit or giving Marie Martin \$20.00 for a large or \$15.00 for a child's blanket (50% off).

On Sunday, October 22, we will have our annual knot/tie Sunday event with a luncheon. Thank you.

MONTHLY FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS



SEPTEMBER FOOD GIVING (throughout September) is for Lebanon County Christian Ministry (LCCM)

UPDATED FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS: Instant brown rice & whole grain blends, Bisquick (Heart Smart preferred), Flour and Sugar (2 lb. bags or boxes), Salad Dressing, Olive Oil, Ketchup, Mayo, Mustard, 24-ounce jars/cans of tomato sauce, Soup - Chunky/Progresso soups (ready made - no water added - low-sodium soups preferred), Whole grain pasta, Men's and Women's deodorant, Toothpaste (5 oz. tubes and larger), Diapers - size 5, 6, and 7, Adult Diapers - size XL and XXL. **Monetary Donations** will go to the pantry we are collecting for this month.



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Nancy Balmer; Ruth Beane; Carrol Brown; Evonne Buckner; Mary Carroll; Rod Carroll; Ben Chicoria; Ariella Coyin; Wayne DeFelice; Charlotte Funk; Janet Hoy; Carol & Rick Keener; Bonnie Korte; Ronald Lance; Betty Lighty; Lois Lum; Dana Lutz; Wilder Emmanuel McCullough; Steve Miller; Karlyn Morgan; David Peaslee; Renie Sanders; Gerrie Scheidler; Bill & Alma Stober; Katie Vaughn; Gary & Jen; Caleb



Condolences – Jeanie Small Family (Bob Connell's sister); Freddie Ray Family (Tom Haney's brother)

Assisted & Skilled Care – Ed Schaeffer

Others in Need – Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation; the people of Ukraine; the people of the Hawaiian island of Maui; the people of Southwest US recovering from hurricane flooding; the people of Washington state battling wild fires

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

Military – Drue Gerasimoff; David Martin; Gavin Overholser; William Rimmier III; Adam Thieroff; Luke Waltz; 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 Sandy Walborn at 717.838.1681
3. **If Sandy Walborn is not available**, call Carrol Brown at 717.367.4053
4. **If Carrol Brown is not available**, call any other person listed below

Margaret Daub 717.964.3342
Pennie Freet 717.269.3292
Karen Miller 717.304.7012

Lillian Minney 717.964.5032
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);
Bob & Susan Connell (Sept 17)
Steve & Karen Miller (Sept 27)



BAPTISM CELEBRATION

Casen Samuel Moore, Child of God, was baptized on July 23. Parents are Mariah and Shane Moore. The family was blessed to have grandparents Rod and Diane Carroll, Marti Carroll, Pat Graham and great-grandmother Gerrie Scheidler in attendance as well!

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Galatians 3:26-27 NIV



FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE

A prayer service is held every Friday at 10:00 AM. Bring your concerns, thoughtful support and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ bring peace and healing to our world.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY HELEN!



Following church service on July 30 — A surprise cupcake party was given by Helen Row's family to celebrate her 93rd birthday.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE



DAVID PEASLEY

Masonic Village
Evergreen Apt 3893A
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
David's cell phone remains the same



2023 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Barb Buchmoyer, Diane Carroll, Pennie Freet, Bob Hammer, Dan Hardy (Secretary), Greg Kulp (President), Sally McGeehan, Steve Miller (Vice President) and Rich Scanlon

Finance Committee:

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

Cemetery Association:

Rod Carroll, Bob Hammer, Greg Kulp (Treasurer), Shaina Kulp, Steve Miller, Brad Yeingst and Tim Yeingst

Banking Summary - Last month 7/1/2023 through 7/31/2023

8/7/2023	Category	7/1/2023-7/1/2023	7/2/2023-7/8/2023	7/9/2023-7/15/2023	7/16/2023-7/22/2023	7/23/2023-7/29/2023	7/30/2023-7/31/2023	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME								
	ELECTRONIC PAYMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,972.00	2,972.00
	SPECIAL IN-OUT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,701.23	0.00	4,701.23
	SUNDAY OFFERING	0.00	2,040.00	3,233.00	1,040.00	1,816.00	2,044.34	10,173.34
	TOTAL INCOME	0.00	2,040.00	3,233.00	1,040.00	6,517.23	5,016.34	17,846.57
EXPENSES								
	Uncategorized	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	ADMINISTRATION	300.00	175.37	605.32	242.96	1,815.14	2,312.00	5,450.79
	ADMINISTRATION UTILITY	0.00	241.88	0.00	221.44	0.00	0.00	463.32
	IN AND OUT	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
	IN-OUT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	984.17	0.00	984.17
	LANDSCAPING FUND	0.00	172.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	172.80
	SERVICE CHARGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.87	35.87
	SOCIAL OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	172.95	0.00	500.00	0.00	672.95
	WORSHIP AND MUSIC	0.00	322.70	0.00	159.06	0.00	0.00	481.76
	TOTAL EXPENSES	300.00	912.75	1,278.27	623.46	3,299.31	2,347.87	8,761.66
	OVERALL TOTAL	-300.00	1,127.25	1,954.73	416.54	3,217.92	2,668.47	9,084.91



Treasurer Report

TIDINGS INFORMATION & ARTICLES



October 2023 Tidings Deadline
Sunday, September 17

Items can be emailed to grannycalhoon@gmail.com or put in Diane Calhoon's mailbox

ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC

Saturday, July 22



Greg Kulp



Becky & Phil Row



L to R: Rodney Carroll, Bob Connell & Hunter King
Shaina Kulp in background



Shaina Kulp



L to R: Sandy Walborn, Susan Connell & Mel Kulp