



Trinity Tidings

Celebrate. Connect. Communicate.
Connecting God's Love Story with our Community

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OUR ONLY GOAL IS TO PLEASE GOD... 2 CORINTHIANS 5:9A (ICB)*

My dear Church Family,

I am writing this letter on board American Airlines flight AA2469 from Dallas, Texas to Harrisburg, PA. I am returning after a time of retreat with the people of the Christ Church of India, a congregation consisting predominantly of people of South Indian origin. The journey came with a tall order in the invitation: "Pastor Arun, we would like you to preach 6 sermons beginning Friday night and concluding by noon on Sunday." I was given an hour for each of the six sessions. I had to unlearn my Trinity training instantly!! You would appreciate the context. Having woken up at 3 am to prepare to leave for the airport on Friday, March 8th, I arrived in Dallas at 9:15 am, and had breakfast with a friend who had been a fellow itinerant in the team I had served between 2007 and 2014. It was a joyous reunion. We caught up on life and how the Lord has been leading us. It was a breakfast at which I quickly became aware that the Lord was going to teach me some special lessons. So, I took up my mental note pad and turned on my "learning mode".

Lesson 1: Simple ideas can have profound implications.

We were attended to by a very friendly steward at the table. As Krish ordered his omelet, I opted for blueberry pancakes. I always like to interact with the people who wait on us at restaurants. Krish beat me to it. He quickly found out the name of our waiter and then said, "We are two pastors here and will shortly pray before we have breakfast. Is there anything we can pray for you?" The young man thought for a moment and said, "My wife just lost her grandmom. I will appreciate your prayers for us." Just like that. In a simple act of grace, someone felt comfortable to open a personal grief to strangers who offered to pray. The moment represented a crossing of inhibition and the cultural divide. Here were two pastors of Indian origin being given a gift of trust by a man of another culture whose wife was hurting. As we left the restaurant, I said to Krish, "I am going to borrow the idea. How neat. How non-threatening. How compassionate!". So, if you find me talking with a waiter at a restaurant, you might not have to guess hard about what might be happening.

Lesson 2 : The circle of grace is almost magical in the rear-view mirror

After breakfast with Krish Dhanam, (who had been personally trained by the legendary Zig Zigglar and served in a leading role in the motivator's company), I arrived at the home of the pastor who had invited me to preach. As we drove through the beautiful development of brick finished houses, I had to reorient my mind – those houses literally inspired back door entries! There are no garages in the front!

A three-hour drive took us to the retreat center in Palestine, Texas. By the time we settled into our rooms, it was almost 7 pm. The evening moved on with pleasant exchanges, and an evening session that began at 8.30 pm. Here were a group of people who had been through a whole week of work/ life, were at the end of a rather long Friday and were eager for a sermon from God's word at 8:30 pm! I felt the strength of Trinity's 8:30 pm "take 5 to pray" moments even as I got to the pulpit. The next morning, Texas was in for a surprise. We had Pennsylvania weather! My weather app said it felt like 39°. The pastor opted to drive me to the dining hall for breakfast. It would not have been a long walk, but it sure did feel good in a heated car. After I preached in my second session, I was in for a delightful surprise. God would allow me a glimpse in the rear-view mirror of time. A lady walked up to me and said, "I was a young lady attending the church at which you were pastor in Bangalore." She went on to describe with great joy that the Lord had indeed blessed her walk with him through our ministry there. It was humbling but refreshing. By the next session, another lady walked up to me and asked, "Do you remember, my brother? He used to attend the church you pastored in Bangalore?". The next morning, she showed me photographs that her brother had sent overnight from India. It included a picture of me dedicating their apartment about 20 years ago. One thing was indisputable, I had much more hair on my head then!

The retreat proved to be a blessed time of experiencing the Lord and his work. The lessons I carried home were invaluable. We might forget what God has done in our lives in the past, but he has a magical way of reminding us.

In the first Easter narrative, Jesus teaches us the power of simple ideas. When a heartbroken Mary Magdalene was distraught at the tomb, Jesus did not preach a sermon. He simply used the power of simple ideas. He called her by name. "Mary".¹ In that one act, he turned a woman lost in her sorrow to the joy of a new hope and promise.

Simple ideas and simple acts matter.

In the first Easter narrative, Jesus also used the power of a rear-view mirror experience. As two disciples were walking down their boulevard of broken dreams, Jesus walked with them. He turned their journey on the Emmaus Road into a walk down the memory lane of God's handiwork in history. And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.²

What an impact it had on them! They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"³

This Easter, the Risen Jesus will continue to use the power of simple ideas and the power of his divine rear-view mirror to touch lives. He wants to use us in his outworking of new life and transformation. He is in the business of touching lives – one heart at a time, one story at a time, one miracle at a time.

Would you and I be on board?

I landed in Harrisburg and even as Nihal drove me back to the parsonage, I gave thanks to the One who continues to baffle us by the power of his love and his risen presence.

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!⁴

He is risen indeed!
Arun

PRAYER FOCUS FOR APRIL

For elections in the US and India.

TRINITY CHURCH OF NEW CUMBERLAND | TRINITY ON BRIDGE
STATEMENT OF FAITH | BOARD APPROVED

Trinity Church of New Cumberland is under the lordship of Jesus Christ; therefore, we are committed to living singularly for his pleasure, will and honor.

As embodied in our mission statement, “Trinity is a Christ-centered, Bible-believing, community-focused, caring church. We believe God's Word and love transform people and that the Gospel is the means of salvation from sin. Our mission is to celebrate, connect, and communicate God's love with individuals through an intergenerational and culturally diverse congregation. Relying on the Holy Spirit and prayer, we want to serve as a bridge to connect God's love story with our community locally and online.”

Section 1 - The Bible

God's Word has the last word in our church life. While God reveals Himself through His creation, so that no one is without excuse; He most clearly and convincingly reveals Himself through the Bible. The Bible is God's Word to all mankind. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is complete in its present form, and we should not add to it or subtract from it. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. The Bible is inspired by God, it is truth inerrant and infallible – the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

Whatever is not revealed in or established by the Holy Scriptures is not to be made an article of faith, nor is it to be taught as essential to salvation. Reason, tradition, or experience are not sufficient for Christian doctrine.

Romans 1:20; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:18-19; Psalm 119:105; Psalm 12:6; Proverbs 30:5; Isaiah 40:8; 2 Kings 17:15; Ephesians 4:17–18; Colossians 2:8

Section 2 - God

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He eternally exists in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. These three comprise the Trinity, are co-equal and are one God. God the Father is the First Person of the Trinity. The Son and the Holy Spirit are equal with the Father, but voluntarily submit to His will. The Father is an invisible spirit who is all-knowing and present everywhere at all times.

Genesis 1:1, 26-27; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Philippians 2:5- 11; Romans 1:20

Section 3 - Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, became fully human, yet lived a sinless life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all by dying on the cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory where He sits at the right hand of the Father and makes intercession on behalf of those who trust in Him.

Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 4: 1-11; Luke 1:27, 34; Luke 4:1-13; John 1:1-5; John 14:10-31; Hebrews 4:14-15; Hebrews 5:5-10; Hebrews 7:23-28; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11; John 17:22

Section 4 - The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity with divine personhood, equal with the Father and the Son. He is present in the world convicting human beings of sin and making us aware of our need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with sanctification and power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right to become more like Jesus every day. The Christian seeks to live under His control daily.

2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-14; John 14:25-26; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:9-11, 15-16, 26-27;
 1 Corinthians 2:12; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 12:3; Ephesians 1:13, 5:18; Galatians 5:25

Section 5 - Human Beings

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Because the first man Adam disobeyed the revealed will of God in the Garden of Eden, he passed down to mankind a sinful nature. All people are sinners by nature and by choice and are therefore spiritually dead, and in need of salvation.

Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 8:3-6; Genesis 3; Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:22; Isaiah 53:6a; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Isaiah 59:1-2

Section 6 - Salvation

Salvation is by God's grace – a free gift to us; but we must accept it in order to obtain eternal life – thus avoiding eternity in hell. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by accepting Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and trusting God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we repent, turn from our self-ruled, sin-filled life, and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one trusts Jesus Christ as Savior by faith. Our greatest hope and promise is that we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

John 3:16-17; John 6:39-40; Romans 6:5-8; Romans 6:23; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6; John 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1

Section 7 - Eternal Security

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the believer is justified and secure in his or her salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot "lose" it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and power of God that gives this security. Recognizing our Wesleyan heritage, we espouse the journey towards perfection by the grace of God.

John 10:29; Romans 8:37-39; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 10:10, 14; 1 Peter 1:3-5

Section 8 - The Believer

Every believer has direct access to God through prayer and Bible reading. The Bible teaches that every Christian is called to full-time Christian service, regardless of his or her vocation. We practice the truth that every believer is a minister by encouraging every member to find a place of service and ministry. The Holy Spirit endows each believer with spiritual gifts, as He determines and reveals to them for the common good of the body of Christ.

1 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 2:18; 1 Timothy 2:5; Matthew 4:4; 2 Corinthians 2:15; John 14:15; Ephesians 2:10; Ephesians 4:11-12; 1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 12:11-13, 12:19, 12:31; Galatians 5:25

Section 9 - The Church

The church is God's redemptive fellowship for His people, in which His word is preached by those divinely called, and the sacraments are faithfully administered, according to Christ's own demonstration. Christ is the recognized head of our Church, not any person, group or religious organization. Under the discipline of the Holy Spirit, the church exists for the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers, and the redemption of the world.

Matthew 16:16-18; Acts 2:42-47; Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Galatians 6:1-2; Ephesians 1:19b-23, 4:3-10; Ephesians 3:20-21; Colossians 3:14-15.

Section 10 - Baptism and Dedication

Water baptism is a symbol used to describe our salvation experience and to publicly declare our commitment to Christ. We practice baptism by sprinkling or immersion. Baptism is not a means of salvation; it declares the meaning of salvation.

Children are welcomed into the family of God through the Covenant of God with His people, as heirs of the kingdom of God, and are acceptable for Christian baptism. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me.” Parents may baptize their infants and children but may also instead choose to dedicate them to Christ.

All children should be nurtured and lead to personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior. Those dedicated as infants/children should be baptized as believers when they are able to make their own profession of faith.

Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 2: 22-40; Luke 3:21-22; Luke 18:15-17; Acts 2:41; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 10:44-48, 16:15, 16:30-34, 18:8; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 1:16; Colossians 2:11-12

Section 11 - The Lord’s Supper

The Lord’s supper is a means of grace, a representation of our redemption, a remembrance of the sufferings and death of Christ, and a token of love and union, which Christians have with Christ, and with one another. The Lord’s Supper consists of two elements; the bread and the cup. The bread symbolizes the broken body of Jesus, and the cup represents the blood He shed. After a period of self-examination, we as believers are to take the bread and cup in a worthy manner to remember what Jesus did for us on the cross.

Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:17-20; John 6:53-59; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Section 12 - Marriage

Marriage is a covenant relationship designed and ordained by God from the very beginning of creation as a union between one man and one woman. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. A civil government’s sanction of a union will be recognized as a legitimate marriage by this church only to the extent that it is consistent with the definition of “marriage” as found in this Statement of Faith.

Genesis 2:23-24; Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 5:22-33

Section 13 - Human Sexuality

Human sexuality is part of God’s plan and a gift to be expressed only within the context of marriage (as described in Section 12 above). God has commanded abstinence from any form of sexual activity outside of a marriage between one man and one woman and that any other expression is a perversion of God’s created order. God created human beings male and female; therefore, we hold the distinction between the two sexes to be sacred. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to change the appearance or identity of one’s biological sex by medical, surgical, non-binary acts, conduct, or by any other means.

Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:18–32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20

Section 14 - Creeds

We believe and confess the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds as accurate representations of Scripture’s teaching.

Section 15 - Our Ongoing Purpose

Our God-given purpose is to love and serve everyone without reservation or discrimination and to share the love of Jesus with them in the spirit of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. We believe that we are ordinary people, sinners saved by grace, in the service of our extraordinary God. We believe that by pursuing to live in the footsteps of Jesus, we can make a life-transforming and eternal difference in the lives of those we serve. Since 1873 this congregation has held steadfastly to God’s love, God’s Word, and God-ordained ways of doing life, and we are committed to stay true to those truths with our eyes set on eternity. God has been faithful; He has never failed us, and we have no reason to doubt Him ever. It is our prayer that when the story is read backwards from heaven’s perspective, it could be said that we as God’s people, imperfect, broken and sinful as we are, had by the mystery and marvel of His grace been servants and ambassadors of His Great Gospel and Kingdom and brought Him joy.

Genesis 12:1; Exodus 19:5-6; Matthew 22:37-39; Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 4:7; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 2:8-9; 1 Peter 3:15; 1 John 2:6; Revelation 3:16

WORSHIP ITEMS by Beth Sider

APRIL SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY

April 30th will be the next Sunnier Side of Sixty service. Everyone is invited to this briefer service followed by a fellowship time with refreshments. The service is at 2:00 in the sanctuary with the theme "Making a Difference With Your Time". Rev. Kenneth Meyer, a rather new attendee will speak and Louis Lynch will minister on the harp. Communion will be served to all in the pews. The Caring Ministry Team will host the refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Please mark your calendar for the National Day of Prayer on the first Thursday of May, May 2nd. This year's theme is "Lift Up The World- Light Up The World". Plans will be coming, following our March 19th planning meeting, for the National Day of Prayer observance at Trinity. *For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. 2 Samuel 22:29*

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Fellowship is a wonderful time to connect with ones in the Trinity community and find out how God has been blessing their lives. Thanks to Jo Lower, Coffee Fellowship Coordinator, and to the Coffee Fellowship Team for hosting Coffee Fellowship. A big thanks goes to the various groups that provide the tasty snacks each week. You are welcome to contribute.

APRIL'S THEME

Under new management

April 7

That's what friends are for!

Mark 2:1-12

Holy Communion in both services

April 14

Come on people, let's go party!

Mark 2:13-17

April 21

A time to be happy and a time to be holy?

Mark 2:18-22

April 28

Doing it right while doing it "wrong".

Mark 2:23 - 3:6

ALL CHURCH RETREAT

Theme: You Belong

Saturday, June 8

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Bongiorno Retreat Center, Carlisle

A fun day of fellowship, worship, scripture, conversations, and food.

To register use sign up forms/

Go online to www.trinityonbridge.com



STARFISH MINISTRIES



Contact Carol Crossley
for more information.

April 14
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Behind Chase Bank,
10 S. 2nd St., Hbg.

Needs: deodorant,
individual packets of
tissues, tarps, shelf stable
milk, cough drops, gently
used mens/womens
sneakers

We will begin a 2nd outreach in April at the Fairview Township Fire House. They have a free community dinner every Tuesday and Starfish will be there the 4th Tuesday of each month. What this means is we will be in need of more toiletry items, new socks, etc.

MUSIC RETREAT

Let us make his praise glorious.
Psalm 66:2

Saturday, April 27

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Bongiorno Retreat Center, Carlisle

Register : Use sign up forms/
Go online to www.trinityonbridge.com

Contact Todd Davis, Wilma Rockey, Jamie Bream
or Pastor Arun for more information.



April 2, 9, 30
from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Needs: April 2 - brownies
April 9 - bundt cakes
April 30 - pies
(no cream pies please)

All baked goods must kindly be at the church by 11 o'clock each Tuesday.

THE PRAISE CORNER by Todd Davis

“Christ Is Risen”

“Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.”

(Words: Brian Wren, 1984; Music: Polish Carol, W ZLOBIE LEZY)

CHOIRS

It's April; spring is here! The Chancel Choir continues to prepare for upcoming services. You've noticed that the Chancel Choir has resumed choral traditions that the pandemic impacted. One of these traditions is singing an introit and/or benediction from the back of the sanctuary. Another is singing a brief prayer verse before the reading of the Holy Gospel. Apart from these traditions you will find we might employ an organ 'fanfare' or extended introduction for a hymn as the choir begins its procession. We pray that these inclusions will add meaning in our worship experiences and allow for music to blossom, speak to our hearts, and praise the everlasting One who is our light and love!

On Sunday, May 19th, we will highlight the ministries of the choirs and all musicians with Music Sunday! The Chancel Choir will present "Worthy Is the Lamb" by Lloyd Larson and "God You Made All Things for Singing" by John Ferguson. The following week, May 26th, the Chancel Choir will sing "A Prayer for Our Time," written by Joseph Martin. The anthem was written in response to the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The Chancel Choir recorded this anthem on their CD under the direction of Dianne Huffman Morningstar.

The Chancel Choir warmly welcomes your voice. Please join us!

MIDWEEK MUSIC CONCERTS

Midweek Music concerts continue! Many, many thanks to everyone who attends and watches online! This month, as springtime is upon us, we'll hear the masterful and pleasing harmonies of "Spring" by Antonio Vivaldi. We'll hear the inspiring text and melody of "This Is My Father's World." And, of course, many more! Also, we continue with our reading of the Psalms. Concerts are on Wednesdays at noon and last approximately 30-40 minutes. Come for the reading of Holy Scripture, prayer, great music, and of course, the fun!

“CHRIST IS RISEN”

The hymn quoted above is found in The United Methodist Hymnal, #307. With its short musical phrases, we can easily relate to the exhortations and truths found in the text. "Celebrate this day of days," today and every day. We stand forgiven at the cross!

Almighty God,

You give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection.

Give us also the joys of life in your service,

and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer found in The United Methodist Hymnal, #321)

SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY: A precious time of worship and fellowship



A CHOICE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE by Jamie Bream

“But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15 (NLT)

Have you ever thought about how much of a difference a single choice can make, or how much more valuable a good choice can be than a bad one? One event that emphasizes the importance of good choices is the NCAA March Madness Basketball Tournament. With 68 teams playing 67 games over a three-week period, the March Madness tournament has evolved into one of collegiate sports’ most anticipated events with an average of 10 million viewers per year, and at the center of the craze is the bracket challenge. Several days before gameplay begins, the general population has the opportunity to guess who will be victorious in each of the tournament’s 63 main games, from the initial Round of 64 playoffs all the way up to the championship. Millions upon millions of brackets are submitted each year, yet no one has ever managed to fill out a perfect one. Why? Well, the official odds of filling out a perfect bracket are 1 in 9,223,372,036,854,775,808, or 1 in 9.2 quintillion. One wrong guess and the entire bracket is “busted”, crushing any hopes of a perfect bracket and rendering it useless for the rest of the tournament. Even though I may guess 62 of the outcomes correctly, anything less than 100% accuracy simply will not do. One choice can make all the difference.

Joshua knew about the importance of choices. Having been Moses’ apprentice for nearly 40 years, he had witnessed firsthand the consequences of decisions made by God’s people during their time of wandering in the desert. Over and over again, the Israelites’ poor choices resulted in God’s immediate and holy judgement - oftentimes leading to the deaths of those involved. However, Joshua had also witnessed God’s faithfulness to the community despite these choices, as He had provided them with nourishment, safety, and ultimately His very presence for four decades of wandering. I’m sure Joshua had these memories in mind when he delivered his famous challenge to the Israelites: “Choose today whom you will serve. As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15). In reality, this is one of the most important choices we can make, and at times, the only choices that truly matters!

“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I... I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.” These lines from Robert Frost’s poem “The Road Not Taken” highlight the importance of each decision we make. Frost does not say whether taking the road less traveled was a good or bad choice; rather, he simply says taking it “has made all the difference”. As we journey along this road called life, remember to make wise, God-honoring decisions at each opportunity - ultimately, these choices will make all the difference.

THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER:

- Studies indicate that the average human makes approximately 35,000 conscious decision each day. Think about some (not all!) of the choices you have made today and consider whether they were wise or unwise. Which decisions were wise, and what led you to make the choice you did? Which decisions would you change, and what could you do to avoid making the same choice next time?
- Take a moment to pray Joshua’s challenge over your home and your family today.



SECRET SISTERS: APRIL 27 @ 10 AM

April showers bring May flowers. Bring a plant to exchange with another secret sister. If you don't have any live plants to exchange, bring a silk one. No plants..bring a packet of seeds to place in a pot or garden. Please RSVP to Vicky Forman by 4/24 text to 717-623-6568

In March, each lady chose a word for the year, they played " A Day in the Life of a Woman", Barbara Mickle won the door prize, prayer requests submitted, several picked up their secret sister's gift, and all enjoyed an Easter buffet meal, sides & wonderful desserts.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY! FAITH STORIES FROM OUR STAFF

The Gift by Barbara Zimmerman, Parish Nurse

Each year provides many occasions for gift giving, but ask a child what occasion is their favorite. Chances are they will say, "The ones that have gift getting." This past year, I was given, or I should say received, the best gift. It was a bit overwhelming as I had neither requested nor expected this blessing for myself. It was not meant for me, yet I too received. I find more often than not, our Lord works in ways most unexpected and at times even a little mysterious.

When I haven't seen a member of our church family for a time, I like to call and reconnect. On one such occasion, one of Trinity's own confided, "I don't ask for much. It's only a little thing, but for me it's everything. All I want or ever wanted is to hear from my friend. We've been estranged a long time." Illness had taken its toll and financial insecurity made a move necessary. Relocation out of state and away from family and friends made it painfully clear that despair was replacing any joy in living. Still, somehow, the hope of reconciliation prevailed.

A daughter pleaded with the estranged friend to no avail. "Please! Just come or call. Maybe say everything is ok. Maybe just say it's all right to let go." Her request was denied. It remained unanswered. I can only imagine the emptiness and hurt. Our friend, now desperate, in poor health and feeling defeated was alone. All seemed lost. I listened as they wept and we prayed. Then one day without expectation or fanfare came the call. By this time our friend was so weak that there were no longer sentences, only words in response. With that call, the heart's desire was fulfilled by God's grace. Sometimes the best gifts are not found under a tree.

This little miracle, for our friend a blessing most precious, was a prayer answered. Now the gift - what of the gift? It is now, was then, and remains for all time - Forgiveness. That for which our Saviour gave Himself for us.



MID- WEEK LENTEN BIBLE STUDY : MAX LUCADO'S IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAVIOR

A blessed time of taking a journey in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspiring teaching content, great conversations, daily personal Bible study, and excellent dinners! Thanks to Carol Evertts, (Coordinator, Caring Ministries) and all our faithful volunteers.



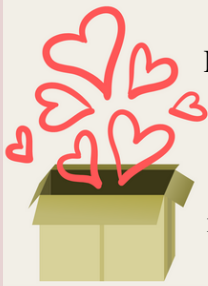
DUTIES FOR APRIL 2024

	GREETERS	WORSHIP LEADERS	CHILDREN'S TALK	CLOSING
APRIL 7	Rich Jones	Donna Speelman	No Children's Talk	John Mickle
APRIL 14	Betty Caboot	Mike DiMatteo	Genevieve Lupold	Gordon Taylor
APRIL 21	Bob/Millie Walters	Tom Baum	John Mickle	Ken Gable
APRIL 28	Carol Crossley	Barbara Hawk	George Karnes	Rich Jones
	USHERS	9:30 NURSERY	11:00 NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD
APRIL 7	Daryl Potteiger Michelle Meckley	Jan Snyder Betty Caboot	Jan Ocamb Betty Caboot	Jane Gable
APRIL 14	Daryl Potteiger Rex Hood	Jan Snyder Amy Blakeley	Sandy Williams Tracey Williams	
APRIL 21	Michelle Meckley Gordan Taylor	Jan Snyder Dianne Schofield	Todd Davis Missi St.Cyr	
APRIL 28	Rex Hood George Karnes	Jan Snyder Allyn Litzelman	Charlotte Wagoner Jane Gable	Michelle Meckley

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 OFFICE CLOSED 10:45 AM Grandparent's in Prayer	2 10:00 AM TMG 11:30 AM DDB 8 PM FB Live Prayer	3 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	4 10 AM So 'n Sews 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (LL)	5	6 9 AM Communion Prep 9:30 AM Leadership Team Retreat
7 Communion	8 2 PM NDP Committee Mtg	9 10:00 AM TMG 11:30 AM DDB 8 PM FB Live Prayer	10 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	11 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (LL)	12	13
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28	29 6 PM Leadership Team (Board) Meeting	30 6 PM Walk Thru Prayer Time *No FB Live	SUNDAY SCHEDULE 8:15 - Adult Sunday School 9:30 - Traditional Worship 10:30 - Coffee Fellowship 11:00 - Revive Worship and Children's Sunday School			

THANK YOU! I would like to thank my Trinity Church family for all the cards and prayers for my healing from hip surgery and a special thank you to Pastor Arun and Barbara Zimmerman for their visit and prayers. God bless you all. Bonnie Minskey



April 18th from 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Food Items Needed: canned vegetables, pasta, oatmeal, pasta sauce, pancake mix, syrup, canned fruits, and potato chips

We have distributed 3,315 love boxes ending the month of March. The team and I would like to say thank you so very much for your generosity in helping the families that receive this food. Contact person: Carol Evertts 717-774-3207

FREE TRINITY LOVE BOXES



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Dated Material

**FORWARDING SERVICE
REQUESTED**



Please submit articles for the
May 2024 Trinity Tidings by
April 15th.

Trinity's VBS 2024

Register at 717-774-7146
or trinityonbridge.com

415 Bridge Street,
New Cumberland PA

June 17
June 21

5:00 -
8:30 PM



Pre K -
8th grade

FREE
Dinner

Gear up for praise and worship, drama, crafts, games, and lessons on loving Jesus. At Scuba VBS, kids dive into friendship with God! Scuba is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

LIFT UP THE WORLD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD
2 Samuel 22:29-31

PRAYER VIGIL

Wednesday, May 1 at 6 PM to Thursday, May 2 at 6 PM

COMMUNITY PRAYER RALLY
Thursday, May 2 at 6 PM

PRAYING GROUPS and PRAYER WALK
Thursday, May 2
Following Prayer Rally