

Trinity Tidings

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

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Our sins were washed away, our guilt was taken away, the stone was rolled away, and heaven is no longer away!

Oh, what a Savior!

God is still in the business of turning crucifixions into resurrections.

Arun Andrews

My dear Friend,

Would you join us in changing the world – one kid at a time?

Let's work together ...

So, the next generation would know, and all the generations to come—
Know the truth and tell the stories so their children can trust in God,
Never forget the works of God...
Psalm 78:6-7 (The Message)

Join us.

Pray with us.

Volunteer with us.

Support us.

Invite a child.

Invite a family.

Let's see the Gospel change lives again.

Inviting you to support VBS 2025.

For kids and the Gospel,

Arun

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

by Barbara Zimmerman

"Health is the greatest gift, Contentment - the greatest wealth, Faithfulness - the best relationship..." Buddha

My dear Trinity Family and Pastor Arun,

Thank you for your cards, caring, concern and especially for your prayers on my behalf. Challenges are inevitable. Hurt happens. But with God, family, friends, neighbors and my Trinity Church Family, I can honestly say "It is well with my soul."

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, People will forget what you did, But people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou

Dear ones, I will never forget your kindness. Your Parish Nurse - Barbara Z.

2025 THEME: Immeasurably More!

APRIL'S THEME: Turning Crucifixions Into Resurrections.

April 6

How Can I Make It To The Finish Line? John 19:28-30 & Luke 23:44-46

Holy Communion
Rev. Dr. John Smith

April 13 - Palm Sunday How Can I Be Useful In Ministry? Matthew 21:1-11

April 17 - Maundy Thursday Service at 7 PM A Garden Prayer Mark 14:32-41 Altar Rail Communion Bishop Pauline Peifer

April 18 - Good Friday Trinity's Tenebrae service at 7 pm

April 20 - Easter Sunday Pre-service at 8:45 AM Service at 9 AM How Can God Turn Crucifixions Into Resurrections? John 20:11-18

April 27
How Can I Find Truth For My Doubts?
John 20:19-21

Good Friday - West Shore Theater Community Service at 12 PM

Easter Sunrise Service - Borough Park Hosted by Baughman Church

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for homes where love needs to be rekindled.

SAVE THE DATE

Trinity's All-Church Retreat Saturday, May 17 9 AM - 4 PM

At Christian Life Assembly

We picked a place nearby so that everyone can attend.

PALM SUNDAY

Raise your palm on Palm Sunday, April 13th as we declare "Hosanna!" Everyone will be given a palm as they enter the sanctuary. Thanks to the youth who will help to split the palms the day before.

APRIL COMMUNION

The Maundy Thursday 7 PM Sanctuary Service will give the Trinity congregation an opportunity to come to the altar and kneel, or stand, for communion at the altar rail. Assisting in serving this communion will be Pastor Arun, Pastor Brooks, Rev. Dr. Abayasekara, and Bishop Pauline. Communion Steward, Jane Gable will prepare the communion.

The Homebound Team, assisted by Mary Herr and Barbara Zimmerman, will distribute communion packets to the homebound friends as they join with those in the sanctuary in celebrating the Holy Supper. Communion will also be served on Sunday, April 6th.

SPECIAL FLOWERS

Thanks to Tracey Williams and her team for arranging and helping to distribute the special Easter flowers on April 20th and the red geraniums on Pentecost, June 1st. Thanks to all who help make these Sundays festive by sponsoring flowers.

THANK YOU

I am so grateful for my Trinity Family, for their prayers and cards, and for their visits during Tom's hospitalization and his passing. Your cards have been very comforting to me. God's blessings on each and everyone of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Yvonne James

SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY

The Sunnier Side of Sixty lunch and service will be held on Tuesday, April 15 (during the Holy Week). The lunch will be hosted by the Caring Ministry Team headed by Carol Evertts. Please contact Mary Herr or the church office for a reservation for the 12 noon lunch.

Pastor Raymond Brooks, Pastor Ken Meyer, and Bishop Pauline Peifer will assist in this Holy Week service at 1:15 in the sanctuary. Pastor Arun will preach and Debbie Sisk and Jamie Bream will minister in music. Communion will be served and hymns will be sung. All are invited to this Holy Week service.

MAY 1st- NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER POUR OUT TO THE GOD OF HOPE AND BE FILLED

Trinity will again be called to prayer as we join with others around the nation. Throughout the month of April we will have opportunity to sign up for a slot in the Trinity 24 hour prayer vigil. During the overnight hours people will pray at home with a written prayer guide. In the day- time hours, people will be encouraged to pray in the sanctuary with the assistance of an on- screen prayer guide. We pour out our hearts in prayer for our families, our church, our community, our state, and our country.

A SPECIAL GIFT FOR WORSHIP AND SHARING THE GOSPEL

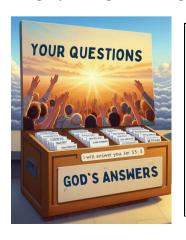
A gift of \$25,000 shared by Eloise and Randy Kemmerling (In loving memory of mom, Doris Bair) is significantly going to transform our worship experiences in Fellowship Hall. Heart-touching videos to go with the words sung in worship are known to have a deeply moving impact on worshippers. The LED wall that will be installed will also give opportunity to radically transform how we communicate with kids at VBS, host movie nights for the congregation and friends, make our "Touch-Life Concerts" more impactful and help us with reaching lives through our online teaching ministries. Join us in rejoicing and praying for our efforts to reach God's world with God's Word.

WHY ARE YOUR QUESTIONS IMPORTANT TO GOD? SIMPLE. BECAUSE YOU ARE PRECIOUS TO HIM.

As your Pastor I would like to begin a preaching series based on the top, most-asked questions from our congregation about our walk with the Lord. The topics can span Biblical questions, practical life-issues, doubts, hard-to-reconcile concepts, or even a happy fun question (Like what does the pastor do to keep his bald spot shinning? No, sparkling! Well, tough luck, such questions will come with a \$1 fee to restore the hair I will lose in trying to answer them) Just kidding.

I plan to begin this series in May 2025 so, let's get to work. I will seek to address the top most-asked questions based on your submissions. Please drop your questions into the Question Box in the lobby/ Genesis Room or email them to pastor@triniyonbridge.com (Please enter in subject line: My question). Should you desire a personal response to your question, or prayer, or pastoral support, please write your name with your question.

Pray for me
as I take the hot seat!
All for JESUS and for your
added strength in the journey.



TRINITY'S YOUNG ADULTS CONNECT GROUP

Launch date: Sunday, May 4

Time: Begins 9.30 am with prayer moments

Space: Fellowship Hall.

Vibe: Authentic, Fun, Biblical.

Weekly on Sundays

Contact Jamie Bream to know more.

THE PRAISE CORNER

by Todd Davis

"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

"Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands, for our offenses given;
but now at God's right hand He stands, and brings us life from heaven;
wherefore let us joyful be, and sing to God right thankfully
loud songs of Alleluia! Alleluia!"

(Words: Martin Luther, 1524; Music: Geistliche Gesanguchlein, 1524)

CHOIRS Lent will soon come to an end. We will move through Holy Week and celebrate Easter morning with grand and triumphant musical tones! Be it Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, or Ordinary Time, the seasons of the church recall the saving work of Christ with sacred remembrance, shape our faith, and tell the story of Jesus and his love. This story is indeed TOO wonderful not to repeat!

In our music, we follow the story of Jesus and His love throughout the seasons of the church year. The Chancel Choir has sung great texts during the Lenten season: Psalm 51 and "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord, have mercy...). On Palm Sunday, the choir will sing, "Hosanna to the Son of David," an arrangement by Hal Hopson of a Handel anthem. Our children will also sing in this service. On Maundy Thursday, the choir will sing, "Behold Him in Dark Gethsemane," by Jay Althouse. Good Friday will feature selected works from Joseph Martin's cantata, "A Time for Alleluia." On Easter morning, there will be several anthems presented by the Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir. There will also be music for eight-hand piano with trumpet and timpani, and more!

MIDWEEK MUSIC CONCERTS Midweek Music concerts continue! This month, we'll celebrate Easter and spring music! Concerts are on Wednesdays at noon and last approximately 30-40 minutes. Many, many thanks to everyone who attends and watches online! From music to trivia to jokes, and even some poetry, we offer worship through music, reading Scripture, and praying. Come for all of this and come for the fun!

CONCERT SERIES The music ministry is working towards hosting the Messiah University Concert Choir. No date has been finalized yet; although, it may very well be the Fall of 2025 or the Spring of 2026. Also, the Hershey Handbell Ensemble will present a concert on April 24, 2026. Please plan to attend these very special events!

SCRIPTURE AND SONG Please note that the church's website has a link titled "Scripture and Song." The link is updated often! The selections you hear are brief, original meditations on a particular hymn and its related scripture.

CHRIST JESUS LAY IN DEATH'S STRONG BANDS (UMH 319) This is a hymn I particularly like. Simply put, the hymn is an unequivocal statement of joyous faith and our response to this good news! Although we do not sing it, I strongly urge you to read the text and listen to it. Many great pieces were written on this hymn, including works by Johann Sebastian Bach, namely Cantata No. 4.

Is there a way for you to praise the Lord through music? Feel free, anytime, to contact me directly!





ABIDE IN HIM by Jamie Bream

"I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to Me, and I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit. But you cannot do anything without Me." John 15:5 (CEV)

It's no secret that I spend a fair amount of time each week leading worship, whether at Trinity or elsewhere. Not long ago, I had the opportunity to play keys for a two-day youth conference at Christian Life Assembly, the theme of which was "Abide In Him", reflective of Jesus' words in John 15:5. While the constant click of the metronome in my ears and the worship team's text thread going off every five seconds made it difficult to actually follow along with the messages, the theme itself has stuck with me for the past several weeks (it might help that I have a t-shirt with the theme printed on its front - it's quite comfortable, too!). So, I thought I'd share some of my thoughts on this topic.

At its core, the concept of "abide" is pretty simple - the dictionary defines it as "to bear patiently, to endure without yielding, to wait for." Essentially, abiding is waiting with a hopeful outlook, which makes sense in a Christian context: we best abide in Jesus when we spend time with Jesus while hoping for more of Jesus! However, this is far from our default stance. In fact, it is probably the direct opposite. I don't know about you, but there aren't many days when, given the choice, abiding in Christ is my first preference. More often I'd rather spend time with friends, take a walk, write a new song, or simply sleep in a bit more! And, leading worship certainly isn't a "get-out-of-jail-free" card (or, maybe better phrased as "stay-in-jail-with-Jesus card") when it comes to abiding. There has been more than one occasion where I've been leading a song about going deeper in our faith while personally feeling more shallow in mine than ever. That's why I value the times when I can attend a church service or a retreat as part of the audience rather than the worship team. As much as I am called to lead and enjoy leading worship, being able to sing out without having to worry about the correct pitches or even lyrics gives me the opportunity to simply focus on abiding in God's presence. In fact, I will often stop singing completely and start praying instead because that feels to be the only appropriate response to all that Jesus has done for me. For more than one reason, this can be very difficult to do while leading worship, whether as the main leader or as part of the team.

Abiding in Christ is the same "living sacrifice" scenario Paul writes about in Romans 12. As opposed to a dead sacrifice, a living sacrifice is constantly trying to crawl off the altar in search of better things. As the sacrifice ourselves, we must make the choice to remain on the altar in pursuit of the things of Heaven rather than pursuing the things of Earth. That's why Jesus uses the designation "if", not "when", when He speaks these words. It's not a guarantee that we will "stay joined to [Him]," as the CEV states. But we must. Think of things that can become unjoined - for example, branches from trees, train cars from each other, and bracelets or necklaces from themselves. What happens if these things will not stay joined together? More often than not, they are disposed of, as Jesus warns in the very next verse: "If you don't stay joined to Me, you will be thrown away. You will be like dry branches that are gathered up and burned in a fire." Choose to abide in Him, as James states: "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to You" (ESV). Remain joined to Him, and live.

IMMERSION BAPTISMS: I HAVE DECIDED Baptism class: Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 pm

Collect Baptism packet including 8- day preparation workbook.

Please return completed application on or before Sunday, April 6th.

Baptisms on Easter Sunday, April 20 at the end of the Revive Service



STARFISH MINISTRIES Contact Carol Crossley for more information.

STARFISH MINISTRIES April 13 from 12:00 - 1:30 PM

Our needs are growing, so here are suggested needs for our April outreach. Needs: refillable cups, puzzle books, laundry pods, umbrellas, athletes foot cream, foot powder, deodorant, lidocaine patches, first aid kits, triple antibiotic ointment, bandaids, toothbrushes, leggings (gently used), hoodies, men's jeans (sizes 30 and 32), men's white T-shirts (new) sizes L, XL and 2XL. Many of these items can be purchased at your local Dollar Tree. Thank you in advance for anything you are able to contribute. Donations may be left on the Starfish table on the 1st floor.

Secret Sister Meeting

Contact Vicky Forman for more information.

April 19 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Happy Easter, Secret Sisters! We will be watching the *Heaven's War* for our meeting. This is a 94 minute movie about a battle which is raging for every soul. Come relax and enjoy a short rest. We will be having popcorn and some candy snacks. Please RSVP to Vicky by March 11th by texting or calling 717-623-6568.



ASK PROGRAM W.S.S.D

Thank you for your support in giving monetary and food contributions to ASK, placed on the ASK table in the hallway for distribution to West Shore School district students. I look forward to your continued support for this outreach program in assisting students of the West Shore School District. Blessings, Cathy Baum



Total of 1451 houses have been covered.



Ukulele music from Nashville, TN
Brief music foretaste in morning services that day.
Bring your friends to the concert.

TRINITY CHURCH FREE LOVE BOX MINISTRY



APRIL 17 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Love Boxes will not be distributed in April but we are donating a ham to our Love Box families for their Easter dinner. March we distributed 76 Love Boxes, for a total of 3,926.

If you know of anyone who is in need of food please let The Love Box Team know. Thank you so much friends for all your help and prayers.



Kids for Christ: Armor of God

GRANDPARENTS IN PRAYER ATTEND LEGACY SUMMIT

Fourteen grandparents from Trinity joined approximately 100 grandparents in Dillsburg for an awesome grandparenting summit on Saturday, February 22nd. The theme was "For This Purpose", and founder Larry Fowler challenged grandparents with this statement:

"I believe there is a heaven, don't you? And I believe it will be better than life here on earth. I also believe God wants the best for you and me. With those thoughts in mind, the question I ask is, if God wants the best for me, and heaven is better than life on earth, then why am I still here?"

We were challenged throughout the day with practical and spiritually ideas of how to fulfill our purpose as Christian grandparents. The summit was simulcast to churches throughout the United States and Canada. We heard nationally known speakers and were able to follow along with a provided workbook. We had food, snacks, and prizes all day long! We all left feeling better equipped to fulfill our purpose as Christian grandparents. It is our hope and prayer that Trinity can be a summit site in 2026.



Pictured are those from Trinity attending. (Missing is Dr. Blacksmith.)

CROSS TALK - LENTEN BREAKFAST CONVERSATIONS













TOUCH LIFE CONCERTS

Pastor Arun invites you to share in a vision of reaching people with the love of God and the Gospel through music. The Touch-Life concert series will seek to combine music and worship experiences that will bring people together as the Gospel is shared. Our present concert listing is as follows:

2025/2026 TouchLife Concert Series (as of 3/25)							
Who/What	When	Time	Location				
Night Of Worship #1	Wednesday, January 29, 2025	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall				
Brothers In Grace	Sunday, February 16, 2025	9:15 AM & 11:00 AM Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall					
Webb-Tigert Ukulele Duo	Sunday, April 13, 2025	6:30 PM	Fellowship Hall				
Haney Love	TBD	TBD	Fellowship Hall				
Night Of Worship #2	Wednesday, September 3, 2025	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall				
The Millers	Sunday, October 26, 2025	9:15 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall				
Messiah University Concert Choir	Sunday, November 9, 2025 OR Sunday, November 16, 2025	9:15 AM & 11:00 AM	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall				
Voices Of The Valley	Friday, December 5, 2025	7:00 PM	Sanctuary				
New Cumberland Town Band	Friday, December 12, 2025	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall				
Christmas Musicale	Thursday, December 18, 2025	7:00 PM	Sanctuary				
Christmas Musicale	Sunday, December 21, 2025	9:15 AM & 11:00 AM	Sanctuary				
Hershey Handbells	Friday, April 24, 2026	7:00 PM	Sanctuary				



Team building activity. Revive worship team and families



Wednesday Study Dinners Hosting team members



Welcome! Greeters, the Bailey Family

DUTIES FOR APRIL 2025

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	GREETERS	WORSHIP LEADERS	CHILDREN'S TALK	
APR 6	Barb Coulter	Rev. Raymond Brooks	No Children's Talk	
APR 13	Scott/Deb Copenhaver	Mike DiMatteo	Barb Hawk	
APR 20	Judi Meyer	Barb Hawk	No Children's Talk	
APR 27	Wini Ward & Karen D'Angelo	Sandy Williams	John Mickle	
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APR 6	Rex Hood, Michelle Meckley Barb Mickle	Jan Snyder, Dianne Schofield	Jan Ocamb, Beth Sider	
APR 13	Matt Ickler, George Karnes	Jan Snyder, Vi Humphrey	Betty Caboot, Melissa St Cyr	
APR 20	Gordan Taylor, John Mickle, Barb Mickle, Daryl Potteiger	Jan Snyder, Elliott	Donna Ratulowski, Nancy Jense	
APR 27	Jed Beshore, John Mickle	Jan Snyder, Tracey Williams	Jane Gable, Charlotte Wagoner	
MAUNDY THURS.	Greeter: Kris Leibold	Worship Leader: Ush Rev. Dr. Dilip Abayasekara	ers: George Karnes, Mike DiMatteo, Gordan Taylor	
GOOD FRIDAY	Greeter: Matt Ickler	Worship Leaders: John Mickle & Susie Puller	Ushers: George Karnes	

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY S 8:15 - Adult Sund 9:15 - Traditional 10:30 - Coffee Fel 11:00 - Revive Wo Children's	ay School Worship Iowship	1 8 PM Facebook Live Prayer Time	2 12 PM FB Live Music 5:30 PM Lenten Study 6 PM Youth Group	3 10 AM So N' Sews 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit	4	5 9 AM Communion Prep
6 Communion Sunday	7 6 PM After School Study Time	8	9 12 PM FB Live Music 5:30 PM Lenten Study 6 PM Youth Group	10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit	11	12 10 AM Splitting Palms
13 12 PM Starfish Ministry 6:30 PM Ukulele Concert TIDINGS DEADLINE	14 10:45 AM Grandparent's in Prayer 6 PM After School Study Time	15 12 PM Sunnier Side of Sixty 8 PM Facebook Live Prayer Time	16 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	17 9 AM Love Boxes 10 AM So N' Sews 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit 7 PM Maundy Thursday	18 7 PM Good Friday	19 10 AM Secret Sister's
20 Easter Sunday	21 2:30 PM Pray & Go 6 PM After School Study Time OFFICE CLOSED	22 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group 8 PM Facebook Live Prayer Time	23 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	24 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit	25 6:30 PM Game Night	26
6:30 PM Starfish Volunteer Dinner	10:45 AM 28 Grandparent's in Prayer 6 PM After School Study Time 6 PM Leadership	29 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group 8 PM Facebook Live Prayer Time	30 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group		FACEBOOK AYER TIME TIME 8 PM 8 PM	

REMINDER ABOUT GIFT CARDS

This is a reminder that you can purchase Giant, Weis and Karns gift cards from the church office to give as gifts or for your own use. We have them in \$100, \$50 and \$25 denominations. Trinity Church benefits by receiving 5% of the proceeds for each card you purchase. We would be happy to receive your order by phone, letter or email in the church office. We will mail them to you and you can pay for them by check through the mail if you are not able to come to the office during the week. Matt Ickler also sells cards at Coffee Fellowship on Sundays. We thank each of you for the many generous ways in which you support the Lord's ministry at Trinity.

Dated Material

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED



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Please submit articles for the May 2025 Trinity Tidings by April 13th.



Volunteers are needed to help with hospitality, logistics, crafts, Bible teachings, registrations, games, decorations and sets, audio and video, and praise and worship. We welcome donations in the way of sponsoring an evening's snacks, helping us with the cost of renting the tent, or donating any other amounts towards VBS. Please write "For VBS" on your cash envelope or in the memo line of your checks. To volunteer or to know more, please contact Miriam Andrews.