Trinity Tidings

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My dear Fellow-Traveler,

It is not the length of the journey but the burdens we carry that shape us.

On the 28th of June 2025, Angeline Moses, wife of Rev. Sundarsingh Moses passed away on account of an unexpected rise in blood pressure and a life-altering brain hemorrhage. Angie was a thriving, happy, healthy 60-year-old who was due to retire in a few days from her teaching position from the University that she taught at. She was the joy of her husband, children and family. She had blessed and mentored so many in their faith walk with the Lord.

Angie and I go back many years in our association and friendship in Jesus. We were blessed as kids to have our faith shaped in the Sunday School and youth Group of the Emmanuel Methodist Church in Chennai, India. We were mentored by the same youth advisors and for a few years served together on the Youth Leadership Team. When she was President of the youth group, I was privileged to serve as vice-president and vice-versa. Both of us also happened to pursue degrees at the Madras Christian College during the same years, and were part of "The King's Messengers", a well-loved Christian drama and music team that drew talent from the city's churches across denominations. Those were great years of growing in our faith. When I received my call to ministry, Angie encouraged me very much and prayed for me.

In a beautiful outworking of grace, Miriam (whom I knew then only as a talented young lady who was invited from time-to time to be a guest singer at our famed Church choir's concerts) had also become friends with Angie. Miriam, Angie and another young lady friend grew to enjoy good times together during that season of life.

Over the years, life took us in different directions. Angie and her husband Pastor Sundarsingh Moses served as a pastoral family in the pastoral ministry of the Methodist Church in the city of Lucknow in North India. Miriam and I served as a pastoral family in the pastoral ministry of the Methodist Church in Bangalore, South India. From there, the Lord brought us in 2014 all the way to serve at Trinity Church in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

Miriam and I were on vacation in Orlando, Florida on the 27th of July 2025 when we got news of Angie's hemorrhage. Our youth fellowship advisor Dr Jayakumar Christian who along with his wife Vidhu mentored us in our younger days reached out to me and asked us to pray for Angie. Our vacation was plunged into sadness, anxiety, and prayer. Before long, we received news of Angie's passing on to be with Jesus. Dr. Jaykumar Christian wrote, "She was such a guileless person and always cheerful." Since that day, Miriam and I have at several times sighed and whispered about how unbelievable it seems that she is gone.

On that 28th day of June 2025 when I opened the phone app that receives my international messages, I found that Angie had sent me a picture of our group of friends who were confirmed together in the 1980s. She had sent the picture to me just five days before she had the brain hemorrhage. Unfortunately, I had not opened that phone app to check messages during those days. Loss and grief are a real part of our human journey. Earlier today I reached out to Angie's younger sister Pearline in India to express our love and prayers. She responded, "Arun Annan it is so tough!" (Annan means "elder brother" in the South Indian language of Tamil).

As your pastor I share in your grief. I want you to know that I have mine too. We are human beings together in the common journey of life. As I mentioned at the start of this letter, it is not the length of the journey but the burdens we carry that shape us.

I reflect upon these words from the poem, 'Along the Road' by Robert Browing Hamilton:

I walked a mile with Pleasure;
She chatted all the way;
But left me none the wiser
For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with Sorrow; And ne'er a word said she; But, oh! The things I learned from her, When Sorrow walked with me.

As we think about the people of Central Texas and what the Guadalupe River and flood waters have taken away from them, it is impossible to understand the magnitude of their grief.

We can pray. We can give.

We can listen.

But we must resist the temptation of many words.

For at such times of deep pain, the most fitting response might be the quiet gift of an understanding silence.

Let me close with this revealing section from the book of Job. It is an observation about Job's friends and how they initially responded to his tragic losses: Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was. Job 2:13

Learning once again, as sorrow walks with me, Arun



Angie is the one standing on the far left in the second row.

Can you guess where I am in this picture?

Answer on page 9.

2025 THEME: IMMEASURABLY MORE!

AUGUST'S THEME: Your Questions, God's Answers.

August 3 - Holy Communion
Why I enjoy following Jesus as a youth?

1 Timothy 4:12

Guest Speaker: Derek Kanakaraj

August 10

How can I make music from my heart?

Ephesians 5:19

Farewell to the Davis Family Haney Love Family music

August 17 Are ghosts real?

Job 7:9-10, Ephesians 6:10-18

August 24

What makes Jesus so special?

Philippians 2:5-11

August 31

Pastor, what about, "Jesus Christ Superstar"?

John 10:17-18

PRAYER FOCUS:

Families who lost loved ones in recent floods.

DEREK KANAKARAJ

Derek Kanakaraj has a heart to love Jesus and follow Him. Derek has preached at our Sunnier Side of Sixty service and serves weekly as our camera tech at Revive. He has also served at the sanctuary to help with our audio and video needs. Derek graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Cumberland Valley High School and is enrolled in the Pre-Med program at the University of Pittsburgh. We are delighted to have a young man like Derek to preach/share from God's word on August 3rd. Keep shinning for Jesus, Derek.

SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR MAKERS RETREAT

Saturday, October 25 from 9 AM-1:30 PM @ Christian Life Assembly

THANKS TODD

We were blessed to have Todd's excellent organ playing skills and talent bless us in worship since 2019. We praise the Lord for how he blessed us through the musical offerings of the Choir directed by Todd and for the partnership with Wilma Rockey and the United Bells. We appreciate how Todd created a unique musical experience in our mid-week music times and through Scripture and song online.

We wish Todd, Cathe and Hayden the very best. Todd has accepted to serve as Director of Music at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, York Springs, PA. Todd's last day of service at Trinity will be August 15, 2025.

We thank Hayden for faithfully serving as an acolyte.

With gratitude for the partnership, for the sake of the Gospel, Todd. Thanks especially for seeking to align the music in worship to go with the themes we worked towards. Sincerely and with gratitude,

Arun

HANDBELL REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

Help us keep the handbells ringing. They are in need of attention. We have not done major maintenance on them for several years now. We are working on beginning a refurbishment, restoration and refinishing project for the handbells to help us make music to the Lord for many years ahead. You support and contributions will be beneficial for this project. We are working on confirming an estimated cost. We will share the information with you when we have it. You can give online or in person by noting the "Ring the bells project" in your memo line. Thank you. We deeply appreciate how carefully Wilma Rockey has personally taken care of the set of bells we have. They probably qualify as some of America's most cared for bells -:) And, thank you, to all our faithful bell ringers. You are a big blessing.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 FROM 6-8 PM

This year's event will take place on Third Street from the light @ Bridge, toward the river and then on either side of Market Street. Trinity Church will be providing children's games, free hot dogs, a prayer tent and a Caitlyn Smiles tent. Volunteers will be needed!!! Please see Ken Gable, Jan Snyder or Carol Crossley to volunteer.



AWANA INVITATION

Thanks to those of you who have responded to the invitation to consider serving through the Awana Bible program. If you are not sure about whether you would be able to participate but just want to know more about the program (without any commitment), please fill the same form and place it in the offering plate or send it to the office. We will have a meeting in which we can get to know more about the program. We just need to know how many volunteers we might finally have.

THE PRAISE CORNER

by Todd Davis

The Music Ministry at Trinity Church has a long, rich musical history. It was, and continues to be, looked upon with great respect in the community. Having come to know the church and each of you for the past six years, it is more than evident why this is the case. Week to week, Sunday to Sunday, from prelude to postlude, the music program is active and vibrant!

In September of 2019, I began my role as Director of Music Ministries at Trinity Church. Cathe, Hayden, and I were welcomed warmly. To this day, we still feel welcomed and have formed many friendships. Our walk with the Lord continues today stronger than ever. Pastor Arun has been gracious, loving, and so kind in his support for us as a family. I am confident in saying that he is one of the most caring people I have had the opportunity to serve with in church. I would be remiss if I did not mention Ms. Wilma. She has been a positive and strong influence on Hayden and his growth. It has been a joy to see him mature in his service as an acolyte from week to week. The two have a very close connection.

Before Trinity Church, I served several places. From 2000-2004, I served at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Spring Grove, PA. From 2004-2019, I served at Christ Lutheran Church in York, PA. From 2019-2025, I served at Trinity Church. Looking back through the years, I know the Lord has led me and continues to do so. I cannot look at my life and say there is no God. There IS a God who leads us, guides us, and knows us. In the words of Psalm 23, "The Lord IS my shepherd." It's not the Lord who was my shepherd, or the Lord might be my shepherd. It's the Lord IS my shepherd.

Although I informed Pastor Arun of my decision to resign as Director of Music Ministries at Trinity Church, Cathe, Hayden, and I appreciate Trinity Church. To fully list all those things would take up more space than is allotted here for this article. I have accepted a position at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Spring Grove, a position I will be returning to serve as Director of Sacred Music. Cathe, Hayden, and I are very excited about this opportunity. We will be going back to Cathe's home church. The relationships and friendships we have in the Spring Grove community are important and dear to us.

Cathe, Hayden, and I have been blessed by the support and love of the congregation of Trinity Church. We wish everyone the best. We especially pray for Pastor Arun and Trinity's leadership that, as they continue to lead and guide the church in the years to come, it will flourish and continue to preach the Gospel.

FAREWELL FOR TODD DAVIS

August 10th will be Todd, Cathe and Hayden Davis' last Sunday at Trinity. We are sorry to say "good-bye" to Todd after being at Trinity for six years as Director of Music Ministries. We will have a time of prayer for the Davis family at our 9:15 AM service. We have placed a basket in the lobby area for you to place your cards of appreciation.

Please also attend Coffee Fellowship where you will have an opportunity to have a piece of cake and wish Todd well as he leaves to minister in music at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Spring Grove, PA.

WORSHIPING AN AUDIENCE OF ONE by Jamie Bream

"Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ."

Galatians 1:10

I first heard the phrase "performing for an audience of One" as a member of the Liberty University Marching Band. Often said by Dr. Kerr or one of the field commanders, this simple phrase reminded us that no matter the weather, no matter the score of the game, and no matter how bad our grades were, when we crossed the white line at the edge of the football field (physically or metaphorically), we were performing for God rather than for anyone in the stands or even for those marching beside us on the field. In fact, following the closing chord at the end of each show, we would do the "sizzle": eyes pointed to the sky, finger extended, acknowledging our audience of One and making sure everyone knew Whom we served and represented, whether in uniform or out of uniform. To us, worshiping an audience of One meant giving our very best for Him, no matter the circumstances and no matter what others thought.

In 2020, I was reintroduced to the "audience of One" concept as a worship intern at Christian Life Assembly. Starting my internship at the onset of the COVID period was an interesting experience, to say the least - while I was fortunate to be physically present at the church six days a week, the church itself was empty, aside from our maintenance team and a few IT technicians. Leading worship on Sunday mornings to an empty 1,900-seat auditorium was simply... unsettling (though it did get us all home a little earlier on Sundays). Early on, I remember Pastor Kristian telling our team, 'I've always said that we should worship as if the curtain was closed, but I never thought it would become a reality!". While we all had a good laugh at the time, and while we were all extremely grateful when the congregation returned in June, that phrase has stuck with me ever since. Fundamentally, it aligns with the "audience of One" mindset: our primary aim in everything we do should be to honor and please God, rather than seeking the approval of others. If you are worshiping with the curtain closed (again, physically or metaphorically), you will likely worship in the way that you always should, as there will be no external pressure to try to impress anyone other than God.

In Galatians 1, the apostle Paul asks a simple question with a loaded answer: "Am I trying to be popular with people? If I were still trying to do so, I would not be a servant of Christ" (GNT). Paul, having previously sought to please people under the guise of pleasing God, is aware of the significant difference between the two and highlights a clear contrast between them - truly following Jesus! In a culture and a world that increasingly values pleasing others no matter the cost, we must choose to live a life that honors our audience of One, making sure that everyone knows Whom we serve and represent. There is no room for halfheartedness or indecisiveness - we must cross the white line and choose to give our worship of God our all, even if the curtain is closed. Today, I hope that you will choose to live a life that glorifies an audience of One. "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

RALLY DAY

Looking ahead, Rally Day will be a special service at Trinity on September 21st. This is the year to have a combined 10:00 service at Revive in the Fellowship Hall. Come, bring a friend, and worship together with our greater Trinity family. Coffee Fellowship will be out on the sidewalk from 8:30 to 9:30.

Secret Sister Meeting

Contact Vicky Forman for more information.

August 16 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in the St John's Room

Join to do the craft/project shown here. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Please confirm your attendance by Aug 9 (to Vicky at 717-623-6568 by text or voicemail) so there are enough craft materials for those attending. We look forward to those able to attend. Secret Sisters celebrated "Christmas In July" on 7/19. Many favorite holiday cookies were baked and recipes shared. Prayer time was provided for family, friends & members ill or with concerns.



COLLECTING SHOES

Cooper and Parker Bailey, members of BSA Troop 284, are collecting shoes as a fall fundraiser. If you have any gently used shoes that you want to donate, please let Tom or Cindy Bailey know or you can drop them in the collection box in the hallway near the bathrooms. Shoes of all types and sizes are acceptable, as long as they are gently used and not water damaged. The Bailey boys appreciate your support with this collection, but if you don't have shoes to donate, you can also support the Troop through their popcorn and nut sale this month and next.

FLOOD RELIEF SUPPORT

The sorrow of our nation has been truly great. Sometimes it feels too overwhelming, even as we see pictures and messages from lives that have been dramatically altered by the flooding in Texas.

At Trinity, we seek to do what we can to reach out and help in times like these. Thanks to each of you for your sacrificial giving that makes it possible. We invite you to make your contributions by adding in the memo line of your checks: Texas/ Flood relief. If you are contributing by cash, you may kindly include that notification in your envelope. If you are contributing online, please use the same approach.

VBS 2025















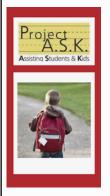


Our bible study will be on vacation till September.

Celebrate from Heart & Spirit Bible Study

Contact Cindy Durborow 717-574-0445





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



STARFISH MINISTRIES AUGUST 10TH from 12:00 - 1:30 PM

Current items needed: disposable razors, travel size shave cream, bug repellent, umbrellas and ponchos, foot powder, small size toothpaste, tarps, men's larger size sneakers (12+), gently used ladies tank tops, spray deodorant, men's belts, baseball hats and visors. Many thanks to all who have contributed to this ministry. Donations may be left on the Starfish table on the 1st floor. God bless you all for contributing to this ministry.

STARFISH MINISTRIES Contact Carol Crossley for more information.

APPROVED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Below is a summary of the May 2025 financial information for the General Fund that was presented to the Leadership Team at their June 30, 2025 meeting.

May 2025 2025 YTD 2024 YTD

Total Income

Total Expenses

Income over Expense

A full copy of the May 2025 financial statements is available with Carol Wilson in the church office and on the "For Members" page of the church website. Please feel free to contact Carol if you have any questions. The Lord has been faithful. Thanks for your financial support that helps us connect God's love story with ours.

DUTIES FOR AUGUST 2025

	9:15 GREETERS	11:00 GREETERS	USHERS
AUG 3	Cathy & Tom Baum	Mary Dimm 📗 F	Rex Hood, Daryl Potteiger, Mike DiMatteo
AUG 10	Kathy Brosius	Ken & Jill Ross	Matt Ickler, George Karnes
AUG 17	Sue Butler	Tom & Cathy Baum	Gordon Taylor, Keith Turner
AUG 24	Bob Rosenthal	Sue Grubb	Barb Mickle, John Mickle
AUG 31	Donna & Ron Speelman	Jeff Wakefield	Scott Bankert, Mike DiMatteo
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	Eloise Kemmerling	Jan Snyder, Lucille Rodrigue	Beth Sider, Nancy Turner Jane Gable, Melissa St Cyr
AUG 10	Eloise Kemmerling Kris Leibold	Jan Snyder, Lucille Rodrigue Jan Snyder, Vi Humphrey	Beth Sider, Nancy Turner Jane Gable, Melissa St Cyr Sandy Williams, Vi Humphrey

PART-TIME POSITIONS

We are prayerfully seeking to find two individuals who can serve part-time as:

- 1. Director of Traditional Music.
- 2. Church Organist.

We pray for gifted individuals who love the Lord, will be committed to Trinity's Biblical convictions and who will serve together with our team and choir to further our worship through music for the glory of God. Applications may be sent to treasurer@trinityonbridge.com. To know more please speak with our staff parish team of Ken Gable and Beth Sider. Or contact us at 717-774-7146.

AUGUST SIRTHDAYS

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FACEBOOK LIVE PRAYER TIME ONLINE DATE TIME LEADER August 12 8 PM Beth Sider August 26 8 PM Arun Andrews		SUNDAY SCHEDULE 8:15 - Adult Sunday School 9:15 - Traditional Worship 10:30 - Coffee Fellowship 11:00 - Revive Worship and Children's Sunday School		1	9 AM Commuion Prep	
Communion Sunday	4	5 6 PM National Night Out	6 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	7 10 AM So N' Sews	8	9
10 10:30 AM Farewell to Todd 12 PM Starfish Ministry 6 PM Haney Love Concert	11 2 PM Worship Committee Mtg	12 8 PM Facebook Live Prayer Time	13 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group TIDINGS DEADLINE	14 10:30 AM Youth Ministry Mtg	15	16 10 AM Secret Sister's 11 AM Youth Ministry- Slght & Sound
7 PM New Cumberland Town Band Concert	8 AM Youth Retreat 6 PM Pray & Go	19	20 6 PM Youth Group	21 10 AM So N' Sews	22	23
24	6 PM Leadership Team Mtg	26 8 PM Facebook Live Prayer Time	27 6 PM Youth Group	28	29	30

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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.

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Dated Material

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED













Please submit articles for the September 2025 Trinity Tidings by August 13th.

Haney Love Concert Sunday, August 10 @ 6:00pm







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Night of Worship Wednesday, September 3 @ 7:00pm