Trinity Tidings

Celebrate. Connect. Communicate. Connecting God's Love Story with our Community June 2024 ISSUE 6 VOL. 63



My dear Church Family,

Biblical compromise is like sailing towards the iceberg that sunk the Titanic. Innocuous at a distance, but destructive on contact.

The devil's trick is to post deceptive sticky notes on the iceberg. Notes that read, "culturally appropriate", "diversity friendly", "politically correct", "progressive and pleasing", and so on. God's Word reads, "Don't let the world squeeze you into its mold." ¹

The three men who faced the fury of the blazing furnace in a foreign land could have cried for their mamas, cursed their predicament, or easier still, blended with the crowd. They could have saved themselves from the horror of facing a red-faced emperor and an even more red and blazing furnace which was ordered, "seven times hotter". ² Instead, they held their own and held their ground. They would rather die being obedient than live being cowards. Sacred reverence shaped fearless obedience. Their devotion to their Lord and his holy call set the stage for their defiance of the King and his unholy call.

That moment in history and some other more recent times remind me of these words of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism: "Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on Earth." ³

That day in Babylon, those three young men went down in history for their courage and witness. The media were all set to publish the headline: Hebrew boys burn for Emperor defiance. But the scripture's promise that God honors those who honor Him, came to pass. 4 There, in the blazing furnace, the God of truth stood with his boys. That's how headlines were changed then and are still changed now! Let's keep changing the headlines.

In it with, "The Fourth Man." Arun

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Trinity's ministry, missions and outreach are made possible and made stronger by your faithful giving. We are truly thankful for each one of you who gives of your time, energy and efforts to build this ministry for the glory of God. We are grateful to all of you who are consistent financial supporters of this ministry. During this season of Trinity's new chapter as a newly registered corporation and church, we welcome those of you who have not yet committed to regularly support this ministry, to consider doing so. You can give using our offering envelopes (you can request for a box if you don't have one), place checks or cash in the offering plates, or by going online. We trust the Lord to lead this ministry for the blessing and transforming of lives through the power of the Gospel. Thank you for your support!

NEW CUMBERLAND MINISTERIUM

Did you know that the New Cumberland Ministerium brings together the pastors of all our local churches and leaders of parachurch/ministry organizations? The Ministerium meets once a month. In a more recent approach to help people in the community, an evening of free laundromat service was sponsored and hosted. Also, the Ministerium is working with various organizations to host periodic resource fairs at the fire house.

STANDBY WORSHIP LEADERS

Would you be willing to help in the rare occasion when a volunteer is unable to fulfill the commitment to serve as worship leader. If yes, please contact Barbara Zimmerman.

TRANSPORTATION HELP

Are you able and willing to help with transportation for seniors? Contact Barbara Zimmerman

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

You are welcome to join its summer lesson series "Women of Faith" at 8:15 Sunday Mornings.

SERIES TITLE: Remarkable!

JUNE'S THEME The King and I.

June 2

Are you in God's inner circle?

Mark 3:31-35

Holy Communion in both services

June 9

How deep is your love?

Mark 4:1-20

June 16

How bright is your light?

Mark 4:21-25

June 23

Make America godly again.

Mark 4:26-29

June 30

Not a "big deal", but what a big difference! Mark 4:30-34

Wiaik 4.50-54

June 30 Revive Service:

Lisa and Rich Alioth, ministering

NEW CUMBERLAND TOWN BAND CONCERT

Don't miss the spring concert of our Town Band on Sunday, June 30th at 7 PM at our Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR JUNE

Every time you see the flag, would you pause and say, "Lord, thank you, for the privilege of being part of this great Nation.

Please make America godly again"

TRINITY'S DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDIES

Save the dates:
October 2 through November 20.
8 weeks

Contact Bishop Pauline Peiffer to know more.

MUSIC RETREAT

A wonderful time of fellowship, fun, learning together and sharing our faith. The Bongiorno Retreat Center hosted members of our music ministry and treated us to a wonderful day on April 27th. The day's program included a brief devotion by Pastor Arun, a session titled, "Music as a vehicle for the Gospel" by Jamie Bream, a session titled, "Lesson from a hymn story" by Todd Davis, creative hymn lyric writing by choir members, games and activities led by Sue Grubb, discussion and prayer. A day well spent joyfully together. Thanks to Todd and Jamie for their excellent sessions and to all who participated.













MY TESTIMONY by Carol Wilson

I was raised in the Lutheran Church and cannot remember a time when I didn't believe in God. There was a picture of Jesus, holding a shepherd's staff and a lamb, hanging on the wall above my bed when I was a child. My brother had a similar picture in his room. Those pictures were still hanging in the same spots when we began cleaning out our parent's house after our mother's death last year.

I must admit, my perspective on being a Christian back then was to go to Sunday school and church on Sundays, and just try to be good during the week. I was active in the youth group during high school, which planted a lot more seeds for the future. I lived at home through college, but stopped attending church except for Christmas and Easter because there really wasn't anything for college-age and young adults at my church.

After Dave and I were married, we agreed that we needed to find a church and begin attending regularly. We lived near Ski Roundtop and joined a small, country church near our home. All those seeds that were being planted earlier finally sprouted roots and began to grow. I began to see something more in the lives of the people at Mt. Airy Church. Hearing their testimonies, listening to their heartfelt prayers, sharing in their praises for answered prayers and seeing how their faith was their lifestyle – seeking to live for Jesus – contributed a lot to my spiritual growth. I joined their women's group, the Pioneer Women, and continue to attend their monthly meetings to this day. They have all had such a huge impact on my faith walk.

When we moved to New Cumberland and joined Trinity Church, we found another church family like the one at Mt. Airy. People seeking to live for Jesus and spread the Gospel. And I found another group of women, the Tuesday Morning Group, that have poured so much into my faith walk. I'm not able to attend these meetings anymore, but I remember and treasure all of the things I have learned and the friends I have made.

One of my favorite scriptures is Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths." I know I don't always get this right, but God has been faithful, nonetheless, in directing my path.

SECRET SISTERS: JUNE 15@ 10 AM

Secret Sister's are doing a service project for Vickie's Angel's. Each lady will decorate the cover of a notebook, and include a personal note inside. We will add a scripture pen and verse inside each packet. Bring along any creative ideas for the cover you may find. Watermelon will be served as a refreshment. Contact Vicky Forman at 717-623-6568 with questions.

June 20 from 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Needed: Cereal, canned fruit, vegetables, canned soups, pasta sauce, small boxes of sugar, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, hamburg helper, cookies. We also accept Food Gift Cards. Food items may be dropped off at church and put on the Love Box table in hallway.



Many thanks for the food donations of cereal and other food items and money donations for the month of May. Without Trinity and your support the Love Boxes would not exist and many families depend on our help.

> Contact person: Carol Evertts 717-774-2307



June 4 & 11 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Needs: June 4 - cakes June 11 - brownies

All baked goods must kindly be at the church by 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday. Volunteers are needed each time we serve, so please consider joining us. There are signup sheets on the table opposite the mailboxes or contact Carol Crossley with questions.

FREE TRINITY LOVE BOXES

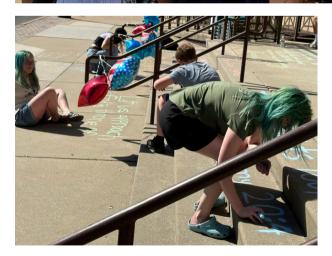
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER (MAY 1-2)

We are thankful for the blessing of united prayer. These two days brought us together, not only as a local church and local community, but also as the churches of the United States. At Trinity, we were blessed with 89 individuals signing up to pray in ½ hour slots at home and in the sanctuary. The 24-hour prayer chain culminated in a street-side rally with street art by the youth decorating the space, members of the New Cumberland Town Band sharing their music, members of the Chancel Choir presenting anthems, people from the town, including our mayor, Joan Erney, and pastors and leaders of churches, coming together. Following the rally, people were invited to gather in small groups where more prayer was uttered for seven areas of our social life in America. A truly blessed time of prayer and seeking God.

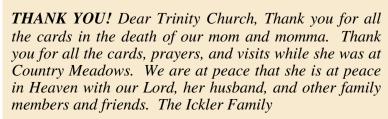
We are thankful for the prayer guide that Beth Sider and Pastor Arun have worked on over the last many years. We are thankful to Nihal for working with Pastor to create the 30-minute video prayer guide for the sanctuary. The work of the National Day of Prayer committee, led by Beth Sider and consisting of Pastor Arun Andrews, Jamie Bream, Mike DiMatteo, Mayor Joan Erney, Mary Herr, Jo Lower, Janice Ocamb, Wilma Rockey, Beth Sider, Charlotte Wagoner.













WORSHIP ITEMS by Beth Sider

SANCTUARY SERVICE TIME

Thank you for being flexible, and for your overwhelming support in the change of service times here at Trinity. It has been a positive change. We however, have seen the need to tweak the schedule. Beginning Sunday, June 2, we will start the Traditional Service in the Sanctuary at 9:15. This change is requested after discussion with Pastor Arun, Todd Davis, Jamie Bream, the Adult Sunday School Class, the Worship Committee, and the Leadership Team.

These extra 15 minutes will give a little more time in transition between the services, pastoral interactions at the door, coffee fellowship, and more parking spaces for people coming to Revive. It also gives us more leverage for time in the Sanctuary Service, especially when we have communion.

We do hesitate to do this after you have been so gracious with this transition, but it seems best to fix this now, rather than make another change down the road. As usual, we will continue to begin with announcements and the prelude. This will not take place until June 2nd. We appreciate your continual support as we make this adjustment, and we don't take it lightly.

SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY AND SENIORS PIZZA PARTY

June 25, 2024

12:00 – Pizza Party in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Mary Herr (717-938-1910) by 6/19

1:15- Sunnier Side of Sixty in the Sanctuary. Bishop Pauline Peifer will be preaching, Music by Trinity Youth, and Communion will be served.

JUNE 2ND COFFEE FELLOWSHIP - A TASTE OF INDIA

Join us for a special Coffee Fellowship on June 2nd at 10:30 for an Indian breakfast. Thanks to the Indian families participating.

MUSIC SUNDAY (MAY 19)

As this issue of Tiding is being prepared, there is great anticipation of Music Sunday. We want to give a shout out to Todd Davis, Wilma Rockey, Jamie Bream, members of the Chancel Choir, members of the United Bells and all who will serve to make the day an amazing experience of worship.



Mom Hats! What a hit of a skit!
Thanks Moms and Mom figures.
Great job Susie Puller and Genevieve Lupold.
Props/ stage design: Maria Lugo
Thanks for the hat supply to Patricia Stacey
and Harry Rodriguez.



Precious baptism moments. God bless Ryan, dad and mom.

THE PRAISE CORNER

by Todd Davis

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines forth at God's command, and all the stars obey.

(Words: Isaac Watts, 1715; Music: Trad. English melody)

CHOIRS

The Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir have faithfully served in worship throughout the year. A highlight was the Cantata, "Worthy Is the Lamb," last month! Thank you to all who took part and to Jamie for his help in organizing the musicians.

It is now time for some time off! The choirs will end on June 16th and resume in late August/early September. You will notice on June 2nd and June 9th that the choirs are not singing or ringing. Our family will be away on a musical journey to France with the East Berlin Community Singers. The Community Singers has the awesome and high honor of opening the D-Day ceremonies in Normandy on June 6th. Please pray for us, our trip, and the music to be presented, that it may be worthy of the events we are taking part in. To God alone be the glory.

As always, I will be asking and inviting musicians to offer their gifts in the worship services this summer. Please let me know if you have an interest!

MIDWEEK MUSIC CONCERTS

Midweek Music concerts continue throughout the summer! Many, many thanks to everyone who attends and watches online! We continue with our reading of the Psalms. On February 23, 2022, we began our journey through the reading of the Psalms with Psalm 93. If all goes as planned, we should complete our reading of 150 Psalms on August 7th of this year. What a glorious scriptural journey! 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!

Please also note that the church's website has a link for "Scripture and Song." The selections you hear are brief meditations on a particular scripture and a related hymn. This is updated on a frequent basis. Check back often!

"I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD"

Very creedal in nature, it's list of reasons to praise God are unequivocal! The second stanza, not quoted above, states that one only needs to look down or up to see 'how thy wonders are displayed. God's hand in creation is plainly set out for us. These are reassuring texts and truths. When I think about the words, "built the lofty skies," it humbles me. Building anything for me is terribly difficult. Planning, screws, bolts, etc. take precise measurements to make exact cuts and proper alignments. Knowing that the ultimate builder and composer of creation is in control, it is indeed a comforting and timeless truth. Let's continue the song and the singing!

Soli Deo Gloria!



FACEBOOK PRAYER TIMES & WALK-THROUGH PRAYER TIMES

Thanks to all who have faithfully participated since the pandemic and to those who have joined us on Tuesday nights to pray together. We are planning to make a change by hosting prayer times twice a month instead of four times a month. This month we will have two prayer times at 8 pm on Tuesday, June 11 and on Tuesday, June 25. We request your continued participation. The two prayer times in June, will be a combination between online and walk-through prayer times (especially when the weather is good)

We are thankful to Beth Sider and Genevieve Lupold who partner with Pastor Arun in hosting the prayer times.

CAST YOUR BREAD UPON THE WATERS... by Jamie Bream

"As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything... remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body."

Ecclesiastes 11:5, 10a (ESV)

If you know your Bible well, you may recognize the title of this article as the first words out of Ecclesiastes 11. Ecclesiastes 11 has been one of my favorite Scripture passages ever since I interned at Beach Road Baptist Church in Southport, NC during the summer of 2021. The church was on the back end of their Ecclesiastes sermon series when I arrived in town, and the very first sermon I heard preached at Beach Road was on this passage. It was almost as if God was telling me not to worry, even though I was at a new church with new people, five hours from college and eight hours from home, for the purpose of learning how to professionally do something I had only been doing for a year (leading worship). It was slightly overwhelming! As the summer progressed, there were many other times when worries came around, and more than one of those times were due to valid concerns (such as when our main projector was fried by a lightning strike or when the worship minister and I were exposed to Covid and had to work from home for a week). However, each of the trials I faced played a part in better equipping me to serve the Church, and I completed my internship with much more confidence both in leading worship and in working in and with the Church than I had when I first started. I often did, and still do, think back to that sermon on Ecclesiastes 11 and how true it was during my time in Southport. Of course, it continues to be true today, as well!

In the weeks and months leading up to the launch of Revive, Pastor Arun and I had several conversations about the whole process - how the renovations were coming along, how the team was coming together, if the gear we had purchased was working properly... and so forth and so on. However, the February 12 launch date was fast approaching, and I think everything that could be running behind was running behind. It was absolutely a cause for worry. However, having seen God's faithfulness at bringing me on staff at a church fifteen minutes from my hometown, providing the funding for a major renovation, and surrounding me with leaders and volunteers that supported and encouraged me no matter what, I had little reason to be stressed. And on February 12, 2023 (and every Sunday morning since), God came through, just like he always does. I'm sure I reflected on Ecclesiastes 11 at least once that morning and, more specifically, its first verse, which reads:

Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days.

Though this verse is often interpreted as an exhortation to charity, it is a reminder to me of the importance of living with faith and trust (and no worry) in God. Though I may not always understand His ways, I am certain that He is sovereign and will return my trust to me through the fulfillment of His purpose and His plans. And I am always grateful when I am fortunate enough to be a part of those plans!

UPCOMING REVIVE DATES

July 14 - Dr. Paul and Annette Pitts

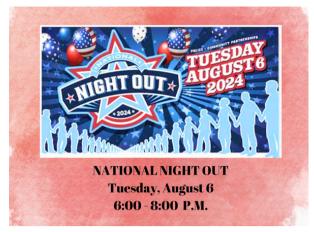
Dr. Paul and Annette Pitts, renowned singers and worship leaders, will be joining us for a sing-along worship experience at both of our services. They will lead worship and share testimonies of God's grace and power in their lives. As a special treat, Paul and Annette are requesting the congregation's choices of hymns or songs to include during the service. You can submit your suggestions by emailing or calling the church office or by writing them down on the sheet across from the mailboxes. The last day to submit suggestions is June 30.

August 16 @ 5:00pm - Revive BBQ

To close out the summer season, we will be holding our annual Revive BBQ at the New Cumberland Borough Park. This is a church-wide cookout where everyone brings a dish to share. We will also have a time of worship, devotions, and (of course) volleyball! Please make plans to attend - it's going to be a great time!

September 22 - Eric and Anissa Haney at Revive

We will have the privilege of welcoming my friends Eric and Anissa Haney. IMB missionaries who served abroad in Sweden for 11 years, Eric and Anissa share the Gospel through music with their band, Haney Love. They have released several albums together, the most recent of which, "Stories of Hope", tells biblical stories such as those of Zacchaeus, Jairus, and Peter through jazz "big band" settings.



National Night Out will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 6 from 6-8 p.m. Once again it will be held on Bridge Street from the 300 block to 4th Street. Since Trinity is not celebrating another anniversary this year, our part will be scaled down. We are responsible for volunteers to man the milkshake truck; provide hot dogs and children's games. Of course, any of the groups that participated last year are welcome to do so again this year. You won't be turned away! Sign up sheets will come out the beginning of July. Watch for them. Any questions or suggestions, see Carol Crossley



PRAY& GO
The Outreach Program for EVERYONE
Contact Sharon Sheffer for more information.

JUNE 10 @ 6:00 PM (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

If that date / time does not work for you and you want to walk with a partner(s) at another time, so as not to duplicate houses, please contact Sharon Sheffer 717-774-3137 (sesheffer@outlook.com) for where to Pray & Go. Once you walk, please e-mail Sharon Sheffer with street and house numbers you covered. Any questions, please contact Sharon Sheffer, Coordinator of Pray & Go. As of May 20, our team has prayed for 1,206 homes in our town.

June 9 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Behind Chase Bank, 10 S. 2nd St., Hbg.

STARFISH MINISTRIES



Contact Carol Crossley for more information.

Needs: sunglasses, sunscreen, foot/body powder, ladies sports bras, smaller size NEW ladies underwear, tarps, gently used sneakers, deodorant, baseball caps, NEW white socks

Our next outreach will be serving our friends on the street a picnic! Thank you to everyone at Trinity who helps in any way toward this ministry. The need is growing and you continue to bless our folks.

Starfish Ministries is a proud partner with Community Aid. If anyone donates things to any of their facilities and uses our Partner #50218, we will receive credit quarterly.

We have a 2nd outreach, the last Tuesday of each month, at the Fairview Township Fire Station. Please pray for that ministry. I thank you for your continued support in helping those less fortunate.

DUTIES FOR JUNE 2024

	GREETERS	WORSHIP LEADERS	CHILDREN'S TALK	CLOSING
JUNE 2	Judi Meyer	Jody Blacksmith	No Children's Talk	Ken Gable
JUNE 9	Nancy/Keith Turner	Janice Ocamb	Nehara Andrews	Scott Bankert
JUNE 16	Sharon Sheffer	Angel/Kaylynn Snyder	John Mickle	Gordon Taylor
JUNE 23	Michelle Meckley	Karen D'Angelo	No Children's Talk - VBS	John Mickle
JUNE 30	Barb/John Mickle	Kristin Schaeffer	Todd Davis	Bob Rosenthal
	USHERS	9:15 NURSERY	11:00 NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD
JUNE 2	Harry/ Joann Rodriguez	Jan Snyder Millie Walters	Jane Gable Charlotte Wagoner	Allyn Litzelma
JUNE 9	Daryl Potteiger Rex Hood	Dianne Schofield Betty Caboot	Sandy Williams Missi St.Cyr	
JUNE 16	Daryl Potteiger Rex Hood	Jan Snyder Amy Blakeley	Jane Gable Jan Ocamb	
JUNE 23	Harry Rodriquez Matt Ickler	Jan Snyder Nina Stoner	Jan Ocamb Missi St.Cyr	
JUNE 30	Matt Ickler Michelle Meckley	Jan Snyder Allyn Litzelman	Tracey Williams Charlotte Wagoner	

ALL CHURCH RETREAT - POSTPONED

New date will be announced later.

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2024

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY **SATURDAY** FACEBOOK 1 **SUNDAY SCHEDULE** 9 AM Communion LIVE 8:15 - Adult Sunday School Prep 9:15 - Traditional Worship time of prayer 10:30 - Coffee Fellowship 9 AM VBS Prep 11:00 - Revive Worship and TUESDAYS @ 8 PM Children's Sunday School 2 3 5 7 6 8 11:30 AM DDB 12 PM FB Live Music 10 AM 9 AM VBS Prep Communion So 'n Sews No FB Live Prayer 6 PM Youth Group 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (LL) 9 12 11 13 14 10 15 11:30 AM DDB 12 PM FB Live Music 10:30 AM Celebrate 10:45 AM 9 AM VBS Prep from Heart & Spirit Grandparent's in 12 PM Starfish 8 PM FB Live Prayer 6 PM Youth Group (LL) 10 AM Secret Ministry Prayer Sisters 6 PM Pray & Go **TIDINGS DEADLINE** 17 16 19 9:00 AM Love 20 21 18 2.2. Boxes 5 - 8:30 PM 5 - 8:30 PM 5 - 8:30 PM 5 - 8:30 PM **Father's Day VBS** 10:30 AM Celebrate **VBS VBS** VBS from Heart & Spirit (LL) No FB Live Prayer 5 - 8:30 PM VBS 23 26 27 12 PM Senior 25 28 29 24 Pizza Party 10:30 AM Celebrate 10:45 AM 12 PM FB Live Music from Heart & Spirit Grandparent's in 1:15 PM Sunnier Prayer 6 PM Youth Group (LL) Side of Sixty 6 PM Leadership 8 PM FB Live Team Mtg Prayer 30 Trinity Church's Celebrate from **PRAYER** 7 PM New WALL Cumberland Town Band

Concert





Thursdays 10:30 AM - 12 PM Lion and Lamb room **Heart & Spirit** Bible Study

The Believer's Authority: Luke 10:19

Contact Cindy Durborow 717-574-0445

Dated Material

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