

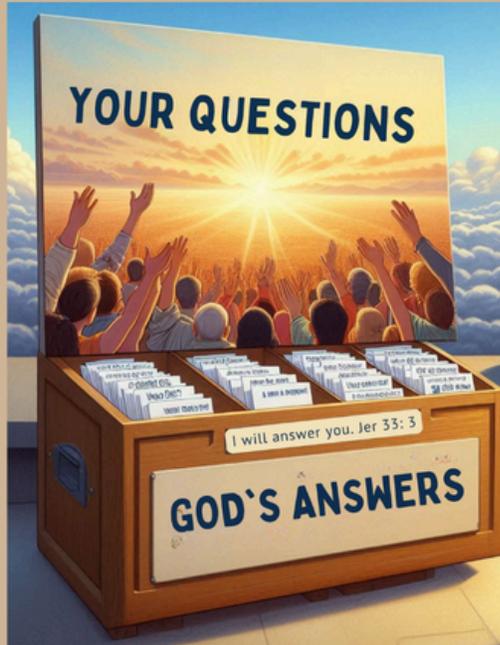


Trinity Tidings

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Connecting God's Love Story with our Community

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YOUR Questions, GOD'S Answers.

My dear Friend,

It was a nice cool May evening. Perfect for a game of Pickleball. We were out there on the court as a family, enjoying our game. Lots of laughter and jesting. It is crazy how much crazy there can be in a family!

Even as I watched Miriam, Nihal and Nehara playing in the court along with me, I hit a pocket of nostalgia. My mind went back to the days when the children were little and how much we enjoyed those growing years. It's hard to believe how quickly time flies (and hair too!) Was I grateful for those Pickleball moments? I certainly was. Would I have liked to go back in time when the kids were smaller, and life was different? Certainly, yes!

I guess the battle between going forward and looking back, never ceases. It is part of the human journey. But the gift of memories is one of the greatest we can have. Memories of times when we particularly remember those fragrances, those places, those people, those delicacies, and those moments where we especially saw the grace and salvation of our Lord – all of which made a lasting impression on us.

While we talk about memories, we know that, for some people, their memories are their prisons. They are held in bondage because memories from the past plague every day in the present and threaten every day in the future. If you are struggling with memories like that, it is important that you address them and seek help. Unhealed memories, like unhealed wounds can threaten well-being.

Jephthah's story, found in Judges 11, is one of rejection, perseverance, and tragic choices. Born to Gilead and a prostitute, Jephthah faced rejection from his family and society. His half-brothers denied him his inheritance and drove him away to the land of Tob, where he lived among outlaws. Despite these scars, Jephthah rose above his past when the elders of Gilead sought his military expertise to fight the Ammonites. In Judges 11: 6-7 we read, "Some time later, when the Ammonites were fighting against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to get Jephthah from the land of Tob. "Come," they said, "be our commander, so we can fight the Ammonites." Jephthah said to them, "Didn't you hate me and drive me from my father's house? Why do you come to me now, when you're in trouble?"

The pain in his words is palpable. He seems to be saying, "you rejected me then; do you really want me now?" and he goes on to ask that if he was indeed given victory over the Ammonites, they would truly consider him their leader. Rejection causes longing for approval and often affects our ability to trust again. Yet, he rose above the pain and accepted the challenge. However, his unresolved pain influenced impulsive decisions, including a vow to God promising to sacrifice what greeted him upon his victorious return. Tragically, his only daughter greeted him, leading to heartbreaking consequences. Jephthah's life demonstrates the importance of addressing past wounds to avoid shaping our future in regrettable ways, while assuring that faith and humility can lead even the broken to redemption.

As we enter VBS month, I think of the positive and happy memories that we the church can gift the little boys and girls and young people who will come through our doors in this season. Some of them have been through painful memories and might still be struggling. Tragically, sometimes the happiness of children is sacrificed on the altar of adult conflict. I met a young person who found it very difficult to address God as, "Father" because of the pain, distress, disharmony and pain his own father had caused him. The gospel reminds us that the past can be forgiven, and we can have a brand-new reset. It's a factory reset by the Maker. All we need to do is give the broken pieces to God.

*Down in the human heart,
Crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Touched by a loving heart,
Wakened by kindness,
Chords that are broken will vibrate once more.*

Fanny Crosby

Lord, help us to treasure good memories, heal from bad ones and make great ones in the future.
In Jesus' name. Amen



2025 THEME:
Immeasurably More!

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

June 1 - Holy Communion
Questions and Answers
 Psalm 8:1-9

June 8 - Music Sunday
Make His Praise Glorious!
 Psalm 100
 Graduate Recognition, Pentecost

June 15 - Father's Day
Thanks, Dad.
 Luke 15:11-32

June 22
Questions and Answers
 Revelation 5:1-14

June 29
The Psalm of an old man
 Psalm 71:1-20
 Rev. Dr. John Smith

FATHER'S DAY

On June 15th all men attending Trinity services will receive a gift from Trinity. This is in honor of your commitment to model a Christian lifestyle to the next generation.

PENTECOST

Pentecost, the birthday of the church, is on June 8th. Thank you to those who sponsored a red geranium. Please take it home with you after the service. Pentecost is a day that many like to wear red to the service. The color red symbolizes the "tongues of Fire" that descended on the apostles at the first Pentecost.

PRAYER FOCUS:

**Pray for families whose loved ones
 are held as hostages of war.**

THANK YOU!

Thank you, everyone, for the flowers and the get well cards. I do appreciate everything and everybody. Thank you so much. Joann Rodriguez



Trinity's VBS 2025

June 16 - June 20

Pre K - grade 8

5:00 - 8:15 PM

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 or 717-774-7146

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FELLOWSHIP HALL RENTALS

We are grateful for the spaces that God has given us at Trinity. We seek to be good stewards of our facilities in keeping them clean, functional and up to code while prioritizing their use for ministry and the blessing of God's people.

Regarding the renting of Fellowship Hall, our kitchen or other spaces for personal or family moments, please note that they may only be rented by church members and their immediate family members. Availability will depend on dates and times that do not clash with church activities or programs. In view of Trinity's growing ministries, we are unable to offer spaces to outside organizations or individuals for continuously running programs or events. As an exception we do have a long-standing partnership with the New Cumberland Town Band for their practices and concerts.

There is an application form to be filled and a fee to be paid for rental use. To know more, please contact Carol Wilson at 717-774-7146 or email us at office@trinityonbridge.com.

Questions? Please feel free to contact our Trustees; Scott Sundy (Chair), John Mickle, Rich Jones, Mike DiMatteo, or Russ Marburger.

THANK YOU CHARLIE KLINGER!

Over the last 10 years, Charlie Klinger has helped Trinity faithfully week after week. Charlie has been the lead for processing our weekly offerings along with the faithful support of volunteers – more recently Tom Baum and Dianne Schofield. We are grateful for all of the others who have helped us in this process in the past – especially those who worked with Charlie. Charlie also helped us with the sale of Trinity's gift cards from Giant, Weis and Karns. He has opted to step down from this role actively on account of his health needs. We appreciate Charlie very much and wish him better health in the days ahead. We are grateful to Matt Ickler for his willingness to help us with this task going forward. Matt also took over the sale of gift cards a while ago and we are grateful. Charlie, to put it simply, what you did really counts!

STARFISH MINISTRIES June 8 from 12:00 - 1:30 PM

STARFISH MINISTRIES



Contact Carol Crossley
for more information.

Thank you to Ken Gable, Tom Baum and team for preparing and serving a wonderful turkey dinner for our Volunteer Appreciation Night. Volunteers can sign up on our website under Events. www.starfishministrieshbg.org Our numbers are growing. This past month we served 142 homeless folks at our outreach. Here is a list of needed items for the month: toothbrushes/toothpaste, foot powder, gently used bag chairs, gently used sneakers (men/women), tarps, deodorant, anti itch (hydrocortizone) cream, band aids, first aid kits, triple antibiotic ointment, umbrellas, baseball caps, tissues, smaller sized shorts, We do NOT need Tylenol or Advil. Mission Central has supplied us with 8 cases! Donations may be left on the Starfish table on the 1st floor. God bless you all for contributing to this ministry.

THE PRAISE CORNER by Todd Davis

*“Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.”*
(Words: Joseph Hart, 1759; Music: The Southern Harmony, 1835)

CHOIRS Yes, indeed, Easter continues! The banners stay up, reminding us of the season, and perhaps more importantly, that the great truth of the Resurrection isn’t limited to one day. The season will come to an end on Pentecost, June 8th, when we also celebrate “Church Music Sunday”. On this day, the Chancel Choir will sing a significant portion of the service. This will include pre-service music which will begin at 9:00 am.

This summer, we are creating a singing group for the many Sundays! It may be simply thought of as singing for the summer and is intended for anyone who wishes to sing. Much less formal than ‘choir,’ there will be no robes, no processions, no weeknight rehearsals! Our weekly rehearsal will be on Sunday mornings, approximately 30 minutes before the service. Musical offerings will be easily adapted for each Sunday morning worship experience. Please consider singing!

MIDWEEK MUSIC CONCERTS Midweek Music concerts continue! This month, as we move from spring into summer, we’ll celebrate with festive music! Perhaps a setting of Vivaldi’s Le Quattro Stagioni (“The “Four Seasons”) will be heard. So, move in from the heat to hear great music in the cooler corridors of the church! Concerts are on Wednesdays at noon and last approximately 30-40 minutes. I especially enjoy the time of hymn requests during the concerts. The words and music of these hymns touch us now as they did to those who penned and heard them in years past. 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 This month, I will be accompanying, on piano, a concert outside of Trinity Church on Sunday, June 8. The concert will feature “Five Mystical Songs” by Ralph Vaughn Williams. Baritone Matthew Robinson will be singing. You may remember Matthew from Midweek Music and the Christmas Musicales. The “Five Mystical Songs” are very interesting, intriguing, and intricate for voice and piano. The music is set to a text by the poet George Herbert (1593-1633). The program is at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 3435 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, PA.

SCRIPTURE AND SONG Please note that the church’s website has a link titled “Scripture and Song.” The link is updated often!

COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY (UMH 340) This hymn has been requested, more than once, during our Midweek Music Concerts. In the first three stanzas alone, there are 11 reasons why we need Jesus, why we need his pity, his love, his power! The refrain is our response, our urgent response, to the awesome love of Jesus. How can we share that love, the love so ‘immeasurably more’ than we can conceive? One way is to join the choir and to share the good news through music! I have heard many times that someone has come to know scripture through a particular hymn, anthem, or piece of music. Music is a great vehicle to hear, learn, and teach the Word of God! Will you join us? Come, be a part of the music ministry!

VICIOUS BEASTS AND UNYIELDING FAITH by Jamie Bream

“My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.

I will praise You, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of You among the peoples.

For great is Your love, reaching to the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be over all the earth.” Psalm 57:7; 9-11 (NIV)

These four verses from Psalm 57 have been some of my favorites ever since I heard them narrated at the beginning of Michael W. Smith’s album *Worship Forever*. For me, they signify the start of something beautiful, the prelude to a series of 15 arrangements so enchanting that they seem beyond human creation, with the initial notes of “Forever” becoming audible just as the reading concludes. Containing such songs as “The Heart Of Worship,” “Above All,” “Agnus Dei,” and “Way Maker,” *Worship Forever* takes the listener through such a moving journey that upon listening to it for the first time, I clearly remember calling my mom and saying, “If you don’t get me this for my birthday (which was less than two weeks away), I’m going to go and buy it myself!” It is that exceptional of an album and, furthermore, that exceptional of a worship experience. Although the opening thirty-three words of the album share a similar tone with the rest of it, the psalm itself actually begins with a markedly different mood; in fact, it is nearly the complete opposite!

While the second half of Psalm 57 displays David’s confidence in and praise of God, the first half expresses his fear and desperation at being pursued by Saul and his men. He likens his enemies to vicious beasts, whose “teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.” These are men he has done no wrong to, yet they hunt him regardless. Like Daniel approximately 400 years later, he finds himself “in the midst of lions”, surrounded with no way out. I can imagine him writing these lines as Saul’s men surrounded his cave, blocking every entrance and exit, and ensuring his death if they only walked down the correct corridor. Maybe that’s your situation as you’re reading this. You feel trapped, alone, or done in. You feel that if you make one wrong move, everything will be over as you know it, and obviously, this can be quite a frightening prospect. Frankly, your situation seems hopeless.

Let’s return to David in the cave. Though he had recently been delivered from danger at Gath, his cave was still a long way from the throne of Israel which God had promised him, and it likely seemed a world away from the throne while surrounded by bloodthirsty men! However, before he utters a word of worry, anger, or regret, David is proclaiming his confidence in God, stating that, “I will take refuge in the shadow of Your wings until the disaster has passed.” David knows where his help comes from and where true refuge from life’s trials is found, regardless of his situation. “We should notice that David does not call the cave his refuge, though it was a refuge in a certain physical sense” theologian Jame Montgomery Boice states. “Rather, it is God whom he calls his refuge.” David didn’t wait for his circumstances to change before he praised God “above the heavens,” as the final lines of the psalm state, and you don’t have to, either. Even in the midst of his cave, he reaffirmed his commitment to praise God, recognizing that God’s steadfast love and faithfulness provide refuge and deliverance in a seemingly refuge-less and deliverance-less situation. And soon enough, he found himself leading God’s people as the king of Israel, just as God had promised him.

Let God be your refuge today. Pour your cares out on Him. Worship Him for who He is and all He has done. And don’t forget to praise Him in the middle of your cave.

AMAZING GRACE ~ ON THE EDGE OF A MIRACLE

I believe that everything happens for a reason, and while I did not (could not) walk away unscathed - I live to pray another day. My life was spared on "Good Friday"...Jesus saved me twice in both body and soul.

Before this encounter, I sincerely thought HIS plans for my life were "my purpose". Now, I am not so sure. I'm searching... Is there a lesson to be learned? How would HE have me fulfill HIS plans for me?

If you have been given another chance, pray you use it wisely. Seek first HIS truth. Reflect HIS light on someone's path. Trust, Obey, Surrender. I remain so thankful, so very blessed. That, dear ones, is my prayer for each of you.

Affirming the Amazing Grace, compassion, and love of our Father, Savior, and Holy Spirit.
Your Parish Nurse, Barbara Z.



PRAYER VIGIL ON MAY 1ST

What a powerful example of Trinity's commitment to prayer to have so many of you sign up for a ½ hour prayer slot in the 24 hour prayer vigil! Many people comment how the time goes by so quickly. Those who prayed in the Trinity sanctuary were led in prayer by a presentation on the screens. It was a quiet time of prayer in the sanctuary. Those who prayed at home had a written prayer guide and were blessed in their home, even during the late night and early morning hours. Thank you for participating in the National Day of Prayer.

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16

SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY

Tuesday, June 24th is our summer picnic. We will enjoy a 12 noon lunch/picnic in the Fellowship Hall, made and served by Carol Evertts and her team. Please respond to Mary Herr or the church office with your reservation. All are invited!

The 1:15 communion service in the sanctuary will follow the lunch and will feature the youth of Trinity Church. Youth will be ministering in music and word. Speaking will be Derek Kanakaraj, a graduating Cumberland Valley senior. Derek is a regular attendee at Revive with his parents. You can often see him in the media booth at both Revive and the Sanctuary service.

The 2025 theme of the Sunnier Side of Sixty services is "There's More!"
"Now to him who is able to do more than all we ask or imagine." Ephesians 3:20



THANK YOU, GRANDPARENTS IN PRAYER!

Joshua and Kavitha Kanakaraj are very grateful because Ariel's grand parent in prayer, Bishop Pauline, along with Dr. Ron and Beth Sider, went over to see their daughter Ariel perform in the musical Willy Wonka Jr. Congratulations Ariel!!

We as a church are truly thankful for the precious intergenerational connections that are being created through the powerful ministry of grandparents in prayer. This is such a special gift to our youth and grandparents! Praise the Lord!



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





PRAY & GO
The Outreach Program for EVERYONE

JUNE 9 @ 6:00 PM

Coordinator of Pray & Go:
Sharon Sheffer 717-774-3137
(sesheffer@outlook.com)

Total of 1505 houses have been covered.

Secret Sister Meeting

Contact Vicky Forman for more information.

June 21 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Picnic in pavilion #4
New Cumberland Borough Park



TRINITY'S GAME NIGHT



Happy summertime dear ladies. Secret Sister's will be supplying the hamburgers and rolls, paper goods, utensils, as well as sodas and condiments. Please contact Vicky at 717-632-6568 by June 14 with a side dish or dessert you are bringing to the picnic and if you have a guest. This way there is a headcount. Thank you!

During the May meeting Secret Sister's hosted a lively thrift exchange. Kathy Miller presented Lisa Walsh with a Trinity prayer shawl for her daughter, Hannah, and baby Oliver who was born early, at 25 weeks.



KIDS FOR CHRIST: FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



Trinity Church's PRAYER WALL

Need someone
to pray for you?

Pray for requests by logging onto
our website. Tell a friend about
our prayer wall.

DUTIES FOR JUNE 2025

	9:15 GREETERS	11:00 GREETERS	USHERS
JUNE 1	Vicky & Gary Forman	Linda Klitch	Rex Hood, Michelle Meckley, George Karnes
JUNE 8	Sandy & John Williams	Pam Dunham	Michelle Meckley, Daryl Potteiger
JUNE 15	Donna Ratulowski	Jean Ruth	John Mickle, Barb Mickle
JUNE 22	Barb Coulter	Jim & Jody Blacksmith	Michelle Meckley, Mike DiMatteo
JUNE 29	Kris Leibold	Karen D'Angelo	George Karnes, Daryl Potteiger
	WORSHIP LEADERS	9:15 NURSERY	11:00 NURSERY
JUNE 1	Bishop Pauline Peifer	Jan Snyder, Betty Caboot	Nancy Turner
JUNE 8	Ken Ross	Nina Stoner, Dianne Schofield	Melissa St Cyr, Jane Gable
JUNE 15	Ariel Kanakaraj	Nancy Turner, Millie Walters	Sandy Williams, Beth Sider
JUNE 22	Donna Ratulowski	Jan Snyder, Dianne Schofield	Sandy Williams, Vi Humphrey
JUNE 29	Nancy Turner	Jan Snyder, Allyn Litzelman	Jan Ocamb, Charlotte Wagoner

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY									
1 Communion Sunday	2 6 PM After School Study Time	3 8 PM Facebook Live Prayer Time	4 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group 6 PM VBS Music rehearsal	5 10 AM So N' Sews 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit	6 5 PM All Church Picnic - NC Park	7									
8 Pentecost Sunday 12 PM Starfish Ministry	9 2 PM Worship Committee Mtg. 6 PM Pray & Go 6 PM After School Study Time	10	11 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	12 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit	13 TIDINGS DEADLINE	14									
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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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