

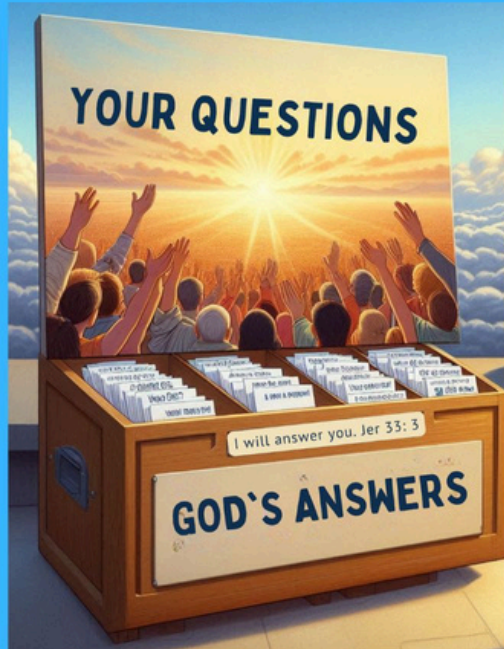


Trinity Tidings

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

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YOUR Questions, GOD'S Answers.

My dear Church Family,

Vision keeps the fire and flames alive. Fire doesn't always burn things down, it moves things forward. I remember traveling in steam engine driven trains in my younger years. By the time we reached our destination, in those non-air-conditioned coaches with windows open, we had soot and signs of coal on our faces and in our hair. Ask any steam engine driver who kept the coals burning to keep that train moving! Vision is to the Church what burning coals is to steam engines. The Bible warns in Proverbs 29:18 that where there is no vision, the people perish. Let me ask you a question, kindly. What do you remember quickest when you hear the words, "I have a dream"? Most people with knowledge of American history will immediately go to the famed speech by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Of course, lovers of the music pop culture might also remember the Swedish pop band ABBA for their song, "I have a dream".

I believe you, as God's people at Trinity, are faithful to His call to love Him and to live for Him. I have witnessed as your pastor over my nearly 11 years of serving at Trinity, that the Gospel indeed finds loving hands and willing feet in the mission of Christ. This is not a church with just lip service, but with life service. I believe that the seeds sown by those who went before us, the many prayers that were raised to God, continue to yield their spiritual blessings upon our present community.

What would Trinity look like 50 years from now? What would it look like 10 years from now? How about 2 years from now?

I dream of a church which is full of kids, teenagers, youth and young adults who are nurtured in our holy and sacred faith by the authentic witness of adults and elders, who love Jesus and will do anything to please him. I dream of a kid's ministry that ministers to 70 to 100 children every week. I also dream of thriving youth, young adults, young couples and neighborhood connect groups that bond and cement our relationships with God and with one another.

So, where do we begin? Presently, our teachers in the children's ministry tell me that we have been experiencing inconsistent numbers in terms of weekly attendance. The team is faithful but few. They work hard to plan Bible lessons, crafts and snacks. Right now, in our children's ministry there is a sense of, "we don't know what it would look like next week". With parents being busy with their life-demands (and the temptation that Sunday could be a good day to sleep in and slow down), with all the pressures that kids go through (especially when parents are separated), and with the challenge of Sunday sports, getting kids into our Church doors on Sundays has been increasingly challenging.

But we have noticed that it's different with VBS. (Of course, VBS is hosted only once a year) but please think with me, nevertheless. I wonder if the parents who send all those kids to Vacation Bible school (Registration is now over 80 kids as I write) might be willing to send them to Trinity if we had a midweek program of Bible teaching and fun? For a while now, I have desired for Trinity to host the Awana Bible program here at Trinity. It is a program known to bless kids in their knowledge of the scriptures and their love for the Lord and his mission.

We can make it happen. We have a beautiful space. We have a strategic location. We have you. Yes! YOU!!!

I am requesting you to pray about this need. I believe we will need 25 to 30 volunteers on a weekly midweek basis to run a program like this. At VBS, we have almost 70 volunteers and it is just fantastic.

We need not run the program all year around. We could run it in two cycles or seasons.

If you are interested, please fill the form that we will be making available and place it into the box at the lobby/ Genesis Room.

Who knows? The vision-language in this case, might by God's grace, the Holy Spirit's nudging and your obedience to, "We have a dream".

If you think I am dreaming crazy, don't wake me up. This is a great dream!!!

Arun

PRAYER FOCUS:

Starting the Awana Bible program at Trinity and for our Kids for Christ ministry.

**2025 THEME:
Immeasurably More!**

**JULY'S THEME:
Your Questions, God's Answers.**

July 6 - Holy Communion
Does infant baptism save?
Ephesians 2:8-9

July 13
Is cremation a sin?
1 Corinthians 15:42-58

July 20
**How can I take care of my body
as God's temple?**
1 Corinthians 6:19-20

July 27
**How can I bond in marriage
without abandoning my parents?**
Genesis 2:24, Exodus 20:12

THANK YOU WORSHIP COMMITTEE

by Beth Sider, Worship Committee Chair

Thank you to each member of the Worship Committee. Staff members and many volunteers work together to support the worship services: the Pastor, the Director of Music, the Revive Worship Leader, the Worship Committee, Secretary, and many coordinators.

Coordinators oversee the following areas: 9:15 greeters, the Revive greeters, the 9:15 worship leaders, the Altar Guild, the ushers, Communion, Coffee Fellowship, Special flowers (Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost), the nursery volunteers, the ushers, the acolytes, homebound communion, and the Sunnier Side of Sixty lunch and service.

All coordinators have many volunteers working with them. If you are looking for a place to serve at Trinity, look at the list and find an area where you would like to volunteer.

GRANDPARENTS IN PRAYER

Grandparents in Prayer were pleased to celebrate the graduation of four of our Prayer Buddies and eight of our grandchildren. We have supported our grandchildren and our Prayer Buddies in their accomplishments over the year – concerts, games, and graduation.

We have prayed with each other for our grandchildren over the past number of years, and our Prayer Buddies over the past two years. We believe that God hears our prayers, and the prayers have not fallen on deaf ears. We commit each grandchild and Prayer Buddy to God and ask that He makes Himself known to them in a personal way. Our prayers may be answered now, or after we are gone to heaven.

Grandparents in Prayer, grandfathers and grandmothers, will meet several times outside the church building during the summer. We will resume our Monday morning meetings in the St. Johns Room in September. If you would like to learn more about the group and how you can be a part, please contact Beth Sider. The group nears 20 in number, and there's always room for you!

NEWCOMER'S DINNER

Have you been a new attender coming to Trinity Church over the past 6 months? We are planning a special dinner for us to get to know you. On Sunday evening, **July 20 at 5:30 p.m.** there will be an opportunity for you to informally meet with Pastor Arun and some of the church leaders. Not only will we have a tasty meal but you will have an opportunity to meet our staff and learn more about Trinity ministries. It will also be a good time to ask questions and hear more about ways to get involved if you wish.

To let us know that you are coming, please sign up on the sheet at one of the tables outside the sanctuary or inside Revive in the Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday, July 13. You can also call the church office at 774-7146 and give them your name. We look forward to seeing you there!

ALL CHURCH BARBEQUE

What a fun day it was on Friday, June 6! With the tempting aromas of food from the grill and a sumptuous spread of food brought by participants, it became an irresistible pull to the table. God gave us very fine weather in spite of heavy rain prior to our gathering. We were blessed with a time of worship, a Biblical inspiration focusing on the "Twelve: Twelve principles" from Romans 12:12, great conversation, happy play time and enjoying the wonderful food that was laid before us. Thanks to all who helped behind the scenes – Carol Evertts for coordinating the hospitality team, Ken Gable and Daryl Potteiger at the grill, Tom and Cathy Baum, Jamie Bream and Harry Rodriguez for help behind the scenes. Thanks especially to Jamie for keeping the vision that we would gather in spite of a busy season.

THANKS TRUSTEES

It is amazing to see what Trinity's trustees and volunteers have done for God and His work over the years. This beautiful space has been maintained and kept to code as best possible by their faithful support. When we recently repaired the roof sections that had been impacted by leaking and aging, we wondered how we might restore the interiors that were damaged in the exit section towards the parking lot. Then came Russ Marburger. Russ single-handedly repaired the ceiling and added beautiful LED lights. Mike DiMatteo joined him to help repaint the section. Both of them have committed to repaint the walls of the walkways in our children's ministry area. With the kind of appreciation we have been hearing about the restored stairwell space and ceiling, we have a strange suspicion that more people might like to gather there than anyplace else in the church! Thanks Russ and Mike! Our other trustees who work faithfully are Scott Sundy (chair), John Mickle and Rich Jones.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

We are deeply thankful to Barbara Zimmerman and Mary Herr and all those who have worked with them over the years to serve our homebound members and friends. At a recent worship committee meeting, Mary Herr told us of how they put together 27 bags and drove around to visit individuals and hand them personally. We appreciate the support of Matt Ickler and the inspiration that Sharon Marburger and her therapy dog Coco bring on visits.

THE PRAISE CORNER

by Todd Davis

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

*“Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home;
swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.”*

(Words: Afro-American Spiritual (2 Kg. 2:11); Music: Afro-American Spiritual)

CHOIRS This summer, there is a NEW singing group, the “Summer Singers”! It may be simply thought of as singing for the summer and is intended for anyone who wishes to sing. Less formal than ‘choir,’ there will be no robes, no processions, no weeknight rehearsals! The weekly rehearsal will be on Sunday mornings, approximately 30 minutes before the service. Offerings will be easily adapted for each Sunday morning worship experience. Please consider singing and joining at any time!

MIDWEEK MUSIC CONCERTS Midweek Music concerts continue! This month, we move fully into summer and celebrate the Fourth of July. We’ll do so with the music of spirituals. 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

August 10: Haney Love, singing for the Sanctuary Service, Revive, and at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

August 17: New Cumberland Town Band, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

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

SWING LOW, SWEET CHARIOT (UMH 703)

The United Methodist Hymnal has 27 spirituals and The Faith We Sing has 13 spirituals. Three of these spirituals are found in UMH at 703, 704, and 706. I strongly urge you to listen to each one. As we celebrate Independence Day this month, it is important to reflect upon these spirituals’ contributions to our faith, the history of music, and the American story. Our faith is further strengthened by the words and melodies of these moving songs of praise, suffering, and prayer.

STARFISH MINISTRIES



Contact Carol Crossley
for more information.

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

As reported on our FaceBook page we served 156 folks at our June outreach and turned some away. Our main stock has been wiped out so we are in need of much. Here is a list of needed items for the month: NEW white socks, sneaker socks, men's white t-shirts and men's boxer briefs (M<L<XL), gently used men's sneakers, sweatpants, lightweight hoodies, women's leggings, travel size body lotion, shampoo and toothpaste, deodorant, foot powder, tampons, small packs of tissues, chap sticks, sunscreen, bug repellent, tents and tarps, toilet paper and wipes, solar lanterns, blankets, umbrellas. Donations may be left on the Starfish table on the 1st floor. God bless you all for contributing to this ministry.

FOREVER AND EVER by Jamie Bream

*"I exalt You, my God the King, and praise Your name forever and ever.
I will praise You every day; I will honor Your name forever and ever."*

Psalm 145:1-2 (HCSB)

What comes to your mind when you think of the phrase "forever and ever"? For some, it may conjure up memories of vows shared on a wedding day. For others, it might represent the years since they have seen their friends from high school or college. Some may even feel it best describes how long Friday lasts before the weekend finally arrives! If I stood on a street corner and asked one hundred different people what they thought of when they heard the phrase "forever and ever", I would probably get one hundred different answers.

David's repetition of this phrase in the Psalms – three times alone in Psalm 145 – leaves no question as to what it means to him. Clearly, David's interpretation of "forever and ever" translates to "eternally – in a way that continues or lasts permanently", especially in reference to his worship. Is this the frequency with which we worship the God of all gods, the Alpha and the Omega? Or are we simply content to worship in church on Sunday and then try to make it through the rest of the week without lifting so much as a song of praise to God? Our worship should be a daily, continuous flow of praise to God in response for everything He has done for us and continues to do for us. Truly, He alone is worthy to be praised, "forever and ever"!

THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER:

- Do we approach Sunday worship as a continuation of our praise from the past week? Or do we consider it a once-a-week, "fill-up-the-tank" kind of experience?
- How has your personal worship life been this past week? Is there something preventing you from worshipping God daily, and if so, what?

YOUNG ADULTS CONNECT

We had conversations with young adults who have been coming off-and-on to Trinity. Pastor Arun especially went on campus and met Messiah University students to get their feedback. The church board invited Xavier Bryant, a Messiah student (who worships at Revive and plays drums on the worship team) for his insights. We came to one important conclusion. Young adults will be more prone to stay long in a church circle, if the church provides a Young Adults ministry for them. We are very grateful that Jamie Bream has accepted to be the leader of our Young Adults Connect group. The group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM at Fellowship Hall. Please pray for this ministry and also invite a young adult whom you might know. The group is going to launch into a study of Rick Warren's book, "The Purpose Driven Life".

IMPORTANT NEED: PLEASE PRAY AND THINK

Do you love children? Have you been an elementary or middle school teacher? You may be someone God is looking out for to support Trinity's "Kid's for Christ" ministry. If you have been a middle school or high school teacher and love teenagers and youth, you might be in the wanted list for youth ministry.

We, as a church, have a burden to serve and reach more kids and youth for Jesus. We need your help. Please contact Pastor Arun if you are interested.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES AND FAMILIES

On Sunday, June 8, we were honored to celebrate eight graduates from our church circle and eleven graduates from our extended church family circle. We are so happy for each of these dear graduates and their families. We wish them the very best and most of all, the joy of living for God's purposes in the future. Thanks to you as a congregation for your faithful financial support which enabled us to gift each of the graduates a nice Message version of the Bible and two very valuable books, authors being: Max Lucado, Lee Stroebel and Jonathan Morrow. Special thanks to Bishop Pauline for praying for the graduates and to Shirley Sharpe (Trinity's bag lady) for the excellent wrapping and gift bags that she organized.



Pastor Arun, Miriam, Ken Ross, Bishop Pauline, Ron & Beth Sider attended Derek Kanakaraj's Graduation Ceremony on June 7th. Thank you for the continued support, blessings and prayers from the Grandparents in prayer ministry in Trinity. Felt like having family over to join us in our proud and happy moments of our lives. Thanks, Kavitha Beulah



On June 2 Trinity's Golf Team participated in the 48th Annual CCU Help Ministries Golf Tournament helping to raise more than \$15,000 for Help's work. Trinity's team of Bob Rosenthal, Jon Brett, Bob Nailor and Jim Potteiger finished 3rd in the Church division and 7th overall at -10, 36 teams participated. Trinity helped start this Tournament and has played every year.

thank you

My wife, Judy Wigginton was called home May 24, 2025. I want to thank everyone for the prayers and cards. Thank Barbara Zimmerman, Reverend Carl Ford Peterson, Sharon Marburger & Coco, and Scott & Debra Copenhaver for their visits. Thank you to Grover & Mary Herr for the packages you sent. Judy always enjoyed the reading material. A special thank you to Pastor Arun Andrews for his visits and all he did after the passing of Judy. Thank you everyone. Carlis Wigginton

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are so blessed by the dedication of every volunteer who made VBS 2025 possible. To bless little boys and girls and their families with the gift of faith in the One who is our True North is a blessing and a privilege. We thank God for parents and grandparents who believe in Trinity's VBS ministry and send their children year-after-year. We are grateful to Miriam Andrews for her faithful coordination done over a few months to achieve the success we have. Let us pray that every boy and girl who God gifted us this season in ministry will walk with Him. Thanks again to all of you who generously support VBS with your prayers, time, teaching, practical help and financial contributions.



ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT

On May 17th, we gathered in retreat at the beautiful facilities of the Christian Life Assembly. Our day was very profitably spent with members who attended and participated cheerfully. The morning began with a sumptuous spread of breakfast that Carol Evertts and team organized. Further, we were blessed with a Biblical devotion by Ken Ross, who did an excellent job in sharing from God's word. Following that, Bishop Pauline led us in a very meaningful panel conversation about friendship. Mary Dimm, Tom Baum and Joshua Kanakaraj participated with authentic and practical responses. This was followed by a time of testimonies in which we heard some wonderful witnesses of how God is working in our lives. Beth Sider led the group in a half hour prayer time that was well organized with a prayer guide and focus on a variety of mission and ministry needs especially. Todd Davis led us in a hymn sing which turned out a great time of worship. We do appreciate Todd's magical memory for hymn numbers! The lunch from Chick-fil-a was just perfect. After lunch, Pastor Arun requested those present to consider Trinity's vision for the future as we walked to Christian Life Assembly's kids and youth ministry spaces. He encouraged the group to pray and think and be open to bigger things God can do at Trinity. The retreat ended with prayer.



**Our bible study will
be on vacation till
September.**

Celebrate from Heart & Spirit Bible Study

The Believer's Authority:
Luke 10:19

Contact Cindy Durborow
717-574-0445

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.

Project
A.S.K.
Assisting Students & Kids



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

JULY 21 @ 7:00 PM

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

Total of 1573 houses have been covered.

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.

Secret Sister Meeting

Contact Vicky Forman for more information.

**July 19 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Fellowship hall**

Secret Sister's will be celebrating Christmas in July. There will be decorating of a tree, baking Christmas cookies and enjoying Christmas carols. Each sister is to bring a favorite mixed cookie dough with your recipe to share and a plastic container to take cookies home. Chocolate chip cookies will be provided. RSVP to Vicky by July 14.



DUTIES FOR JULY 2025

	9:15 GREETERS	11:00 GREETERS	USHERS
JULY 6	Shirley & John Keefer	Ken & Jane Gable	Rex Hood, Daryl Potteiger, Gordon Taylor
JULY 13	Vi & Gene Humphrey	Larry & Kathy Miller	Jed Beshore, Gordon Taylor
JULY 20	Linda Klitch	Ralph & Barb Hawk	Jed Beshore, Daryl Potteiger
JULY 27	Sharon & Russ Marburger	Scott & Deb Copenhaver	John Mickle, Mike DiMatteo
	WORSHIP LEADERS	9:15 NURSERY	11:00 NURSERY
JULY 6	Pastor Ken Meyer	Jan Snyder, Allyn Litzelman	Beth Sider, Betty Caboot
JULY 13	Michelle Meckley	Jan Snyder, Tracey Williams	Nancy Turner, Jane Gable
JULY 20	Charlotte Wagoner	Jan Snyder, Dianne Schofield	Melissa St Cyr, Jan Ocamb
JULY 27	Mary Dimm	Jan Snyder, Millie Walters	Sandy Williams, Charlotte Wagoner

SAVE THE DATES

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 will be providing grilled hot dogs and children's games. Watch for sign ups and any way you are able to help with his community event.

MUSIC RETREAT - Saturday, August 9 from 9 AM-1:30 PM @ Christian Life Assembly

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

CALENDAR FOR JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	3 10 AM So N' Sews OFFICE CLOSED	4	5 9 AM Communion Prep
	6 Communion Sunday	7	8 8 PM Facebook Live Prayer Time 6 PM Youth Group	9 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	10	11
	12	13 12 PM Starfish Ministry TIDINGS DEADLINE	14	15	16 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	17 10 AM So N' Sews
	19	20 5:30 PM Newcomer's Dinner	21 7 PM Pray & Go	22 8 PM Facebook Live Prayer Time 6 PM Youth Group	23 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	24
	26	27	28	29	30 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	31
						

FACEBOOK LIVE PRAYER TIME ONLINE

DATE	TIME	LEADER
July 8	8 PM	Beth Sider
July 22	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

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

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SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

FOLLOWED BY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP AND REVIVE

AGES 18-30

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