

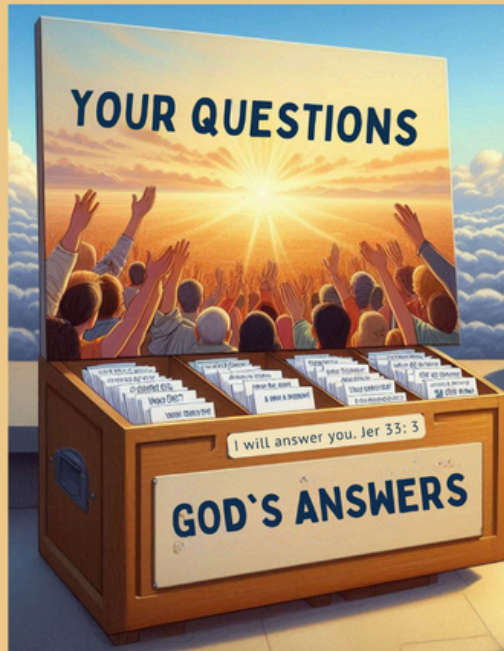


Trinity Tidings

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

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YOUR Questions GOD'S Answers

My dear Friend,

A few years ago, I was walking down some steps at the Westshore Pinnacle Hospital in Mechanicsburg. I was heading from the parking lot to the reception area to visit a church member who was admitted in the hospital. As I approached the final steps, I heard my phone ring and did not resist the temptation to pick the call. That was a big mistake! Before I knew it, I heard what seemed like the cracking of a twisted ankle. I had missed three steps and had landed on it. For a moment, I thought I had broken something inside!

It was God's mercy to me that I healed well after that experience and did not need any special treatment. Nevertheless, that incident reminds me of two scriptures. Galatians 5:25 says, "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit". In Hebrews 12:1-2, we are called to run the race marked out for us with perseverance. In that scripture, we are reminded to set aside everything that hinders us, and to keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Amidst all the pressures of life, have you been distracted and missed a few steps, maybe more, even at the risk of breaking your spiritual ankles? I can tell you that I am as prone to faltering as you are. In a recent time of worship and quiet with the Lord, I came upon this scripture: They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from God, the Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek Him. Psalm 24: 5-6.

My time of reflection led me to write a prayer. I hope it speaks to your heart even as it translates mine: Lord, I am part of a culture that seeks its own face. A selfie and selfish generation. Help me as I navigate ways with road signs that spell "self-glory", "self-obsession", "self-praise", and "self-righteousness". Lord, please forgive me and save me from myself. Help me to seek your face - really seek YOU with all my heart.

May the evidence of that seeking be witnessed in the blessings you send - countless and priceless. Help me to never hoard my blessings but to share them unreservedly - so that this generation will be inspired to seek your face. Thank you for so great a calling and so rich a blessing. All the glory belongs to YOU alone. In Jesus' name, Amen.

In his book "Replenish", pastor and author Lance Witt, who had served on the team of Saddleback Church (along with Pastor Rick Warren) as an executive and preaching pastor, writes a chapter about the problem of "approval addiction" among leaders. In the course of the chapter, he mentions about a reporter interviewing a woman from the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra. "How does it feel to get a standing ovation from the crowd at the end of your performance and then wake up in the morning to a negative review in the newspaper?" She said overtime she has learned not to pay attention to the applause of the crowd or the disapproval of the critics. She was only after the approval of her conductor. After all, he was the only person who really knew how she was supposed to perform. ¹

Lord, let me fail except when I perform for YOU alone. Amen.
Arun

1- Lance Witt, Replenish, Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI, p. 51

BYOB - BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE

My dear friend in Jesus,

I know that you love the Lord and His Word. It shows in the way you make worshiping at Trinity your weekly priority. It shows even more in who you are and how you serve Christ and His kingdom. As your pastor, I am truly grateful for your devotion and firmly believe that the Lord honors those who honor Him.

I am writing this note with a desire that I have held dearly in my heart over 35 years of pastoral ministry. May I encourage you to bring your own Bible to church? I believe that this practice can create a better connection between your time with the Word at church and your time with the Word at home. Mark your Bible, add side notes, underline, highlight and get deeper!

From time-to-time, I am planning to introduce a pledge to the Bible in our worship services. What a special gift it will be to raise our Bibles and speak words of gratitude and commitment to God's Word. Someone said, "Carry the Bible when you are young, it will carry you when you are old". Millions in time can testify to that truth. I personally have a desire to be remembered in God's heart, not so much as a preacher of the Bible, but as a faithful, life-long student of His Word. What a gift we have in this Holy book from God's own heart to ours! As Augustine of Hippo said, "The Holy scriptures are letters from home".

Thank you so much for considering my request.
Open my eyes that I may see, wonderful things in your law. Psalm 119:18
For the Word and for your blessing,

Arun

**2025 THEME:
Immeasurably More!**

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

May 4
Questions and Answers
Psalm 15
Holy Communion

May 11
Questions and Answers
2 Samuel 7:18-21

May 18
Questions and Answers
Psalm 8:1-4

May 25
Questions and Answers
Psalm 73:11-17

PRAYER FOCUS:

**For faculty and students who shine
as witnesses for Christ in School,
Universities and higher education.**

SERVE AS AN ACOLYTE

Do you attend our 9:15 service? If so, have you ever thought that you would love to serve as an Acolyte? Acolyte duties may include lighting the altar candles, carrying the Cross, and the Bible. If you would be willing to serve in this way, please contact Wilma Rockey, 717-938-4444, to receive training. We look forward to hearing from you.

MOTHER'S DAY

On May 11th all women attending Trinity services will receive a gift from Trinity in honor of their commitment to model a Christian lifestyle to the next generation.

PENTECOST

Pentecost is June 8th. Sponsor a geranium that will grace the sanctuary or fellowship hall. An order form is attached to this Tidings. Take your geranium home afterwards and enjoy it for the summer. Pentecost is also a day on which many will wear red to services.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

All Trinity graduates will be recognized by Trinity on June 1st. Please notify the office if you have a family member graduating from high school or college.

THANK YOU TO OUR RETIRED PASTORS

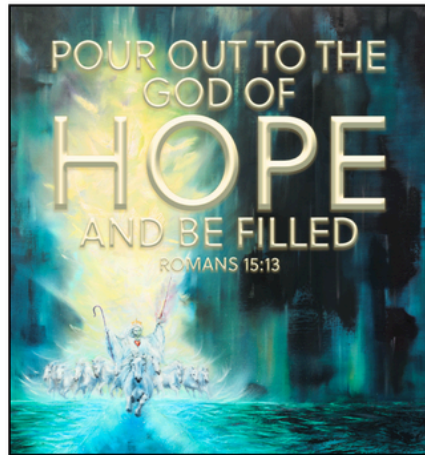
Thank you to the retired pastors who regularly minister here at Trinity. We are indeed grateful to God for your willingness to continue to serve during your retirement years. Thank you for serving as worship leaders, assisting in communion services, preaching, and participating in the Sunnier Side of Sixty services. Thank you to: Rev. Dr. Dilip Abayasekara, Rev. Raymond Brooks, Rev. Kenneth Meyer, Bishop Pauline Peifer, and Rev. Dr. John Smith. May God bless you for your service to Him.

PRESCRIPTION GLASSES DONATIONS

Trinity members donated 16 pairs of prescription glasses to the Lions Club during the first quarter of 2025. **THANK YOU!** The collection box is on the table across from the coat racks in the Narthex Hallway.

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

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ~ NEW CUMBERLAND, PA THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025



*Pour Out To The GOD of HOPE
And Be Filled. Romans 15:13*

PRAYER VIGIL

Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 PM to
Thursday, May 1 at 6:30 PM

COMMUNITY PRAYER RALLY

Thursday, May 1 at 6:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, May 1

Prayer Rally conclusion at Church of God
Cups of ice cream donated by Reesers

All Church Retreat - Best Friends at Church

A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17

May 17 from 9 AM - 4 PM

Christian Life Assembly, 2645 Lisburn Rd, Camp Hill, PA 17011



Includes Mid-Morning refreshment and Chick-Fil-A Lunch, Nursery for kids

A happy, fun day to celebrate the gift of friendship in Jesus

Register online or use the sign-up sheets at church



Trinity's VBS 2025

June 16
-
June 20



Pre K
-
grade 8



Register at trinityonbridge.com
or 717-774-7146



5:00 -
8:15 PM



Trinity Church of New Cumberland, 415 Bridge Street, New Cumberland PA

THE PRAISE CORNER

by Todd Davis

*"Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!
The heavens are not too high, God's praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!"*
(Words: George Herbert, 1633; Music: Erik Routley, 1960)

CHOIRS With Easter Sunday over, choirs will continue! There are seven weeks of Easter along with two important dates in the church year upcoming, Ascension and Pentecost. The latter, Pentecost, is celebrated on June 8th of this year. On Pentecost Sunday, we will also celebrate "Church Music Sunday." So, there is a lot to rehearse and take part in until such time!

"Church Music Sunday" and/or the time around this celebration is typically the point at which the choir begins their well-deserved summer break. This year, however, we are going to create a singing group for the many summer Sundays! It may well be called the "Summer Choir" and be simply thought of as singing for the summer. It 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, we'll celebrate with spring music! Concerts are on Wednesdays at noon and last approximately 30-40 minutes. Many, many thanks to everyone who attends and watches online! From music to trivia to jokes, and even some poetry, we offer worship through music, reading Scripture, and praying. Come for all of this and come for the fun!

CONCERT SERIES The music ministry is working towards hosting the Messiah University Concert Choir. No date has been finalized yet; although, it may very well be the Fall of 2025 or Spring of 2026. Also, the Hershey Handbell Ensemble will present a concert on April 24, 2026. Many other events are taking place in the Fall of this year! Be on the lookout for more publicity. There will be so many opportunities to hear great music! Please plan to attend these very special events!

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 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! The selections you hear are brief, original meditations on a particular hymn and its related scripture.

LET ALL THE WORLD IN EVERY CORNER SING (UMH 93). I like this hymn because of its obvious allusion to singing. It describes a singing that is bursting at the seams with praise! The second stanza states it well, "The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out." Will you join us in choirs? Do you have a special musical talent? Come, be a part of the music ministry!

STARFISH MINISTRIES



Contact Carol Crossley
for more information.

STARFISH MINISTRIES May 11 from 12:00 - 1:30 PM

Starfish Ministries next outreach will be May 11 (Mother's Day). We are in need of new white socks, foot powder, chapstick, umbrellas, Bibles, sunglasses, sports bras, first aid kits (Dollar Tree), cargo shorts and baseball caps. NOTE: We handed out many of the tracts provided by the Wednesday night Bible study group! Thank you all so much for continuing to support this growing mission! Donations may be left on the Starfish table on the 1st floor.

HANG IN THERE! by Jamie Bream

*“Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9*

Contrary to popular belief, pursuing music as a collegiate major can be highly challenging, requiring students to balance rigorous academic and practical demands such as rehearsals, ensemble performances, individual practice sessions, and regular coursework. Composer and conductor Eric Whitacre knows this from personal experience - it took him seven years to earn his bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. “By the time I graduated”, he writes in the introduction to his piece *Godzilla Eats Las Vegas*, “I was ready to eat Las Vegas.”¹ 30 years later, however, Whitacre has earned a Master of Music degree from the prestigious Juilliard School in New York, has won a Grammy Award, and has conducted concerts with renowned orchestras such as the London Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. He is currently also a Visiting Composer at Pembroke College, Cambridge University, and an Ambassador for the Royal College of Music in London.² All of these successes hinged on his decision to continue on his chosen path during those seven years (difficult years, undoubtedly) at UNLV. He now shares a semi-annual reminder on social media urging music students to persevere through tough times and to recall the initial passion that drew them to music before their collegiate studies began.

The above verse comes from a passage in which Paul is instructing his readers to do good to all, reminding them that they will reap the benefits of their work if they do not give up. This is contrary to our world, which often considers giving up as its first line of defense. We give up on jobs because they ask too much or because we don't like every aspect of them. We give up on friends because they take too much time or have different views on certain topics. We give up on marriages because our partner doesn't always see things eye-to-eye with us or things “just aren't working out” after the first six months. And of course, we give up on God because we think He hasn't come though for us, doesn't care about us, or simply has forgotten about us. However, this is not what we see in Paul's instruction to the Galatians, nor often the example we see in Scripture. Rather, we see Godly individuals pressing on to follow God's leading in their lives, even when it is difficult, seems impossible, or simply does not make sense. Consider stories such as those of Moses, Elijah, David, and Joseph. How might these narratives have differed if these individuals had abandoned those that they were leading? What about if they had lost faith in God?

During one semester at Liberty, my choir director (who is now the Dean of the School Of Music) shared the following message with our class:

*“Do what you must to complete the task at hand.
Rest if you must - sometimes we get tired.
Slow down if you must - sometimes we start out too fast.
Pause if you must - sometimes we need a break.
Ask for help if you must - some things we cannot do on our own.
Cry if you must - sometimes we need that release to keep us refreshed.
But above all, press on - you must!”*

Persevering through difficult times is not always going to be easy - in fact, the term “persevere” suggests quite the opposite! But if God has led you into it, you can have faith that He will see you through it. Let us “run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart” (Hebrews 12:1b-3).

Discern God's leading in your life. Honor and trust God through it. And hang in there!

1- “*Godzilla Eats Las Vegas!* – *Music Catalog*,” Eric Whitacre, September 26, 2022, <https://ericwhitacre.com/music-catalog/godzilla-eats-las-vegas>.

2- “*Biography*,” Eric Whitacre, February 12, 2025, <https://ericwhitacre.com/biography>.

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

TRINITY'S YOUNG ADULTS CONNECT GROUP

Launch date : Sunday, May 4
Weekly on Sundays at 9:30 am
Space : Fellowship Hall.
Vibe : Authentic, Fun, Biblical.
Contact Jamie Bream to know more.

Secret Sister Meeting

Contact Vicky Forman for more information.

May 10 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The Secret Sisters meeting has been rescheduled to May 10th at 10:00 am. It will be a white elephant exchange of a thrift item or jewelry. Items are to be in excellent condition and everyone is to bring at least 1 item. All items are to be wrapped in any kind of paper. Each person will pull 3 numbers and when your number is called, you will select a gift from the pile of gifts or take a gift from someone else. After all numbers have been called, you will open your selected item to take home. Please RSVP to Gary by text or voicemail at 717-919-9846 by May 3rd.



TRINITY CHURCH FREE LOVE BOX MINISTRY

May 22 from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

For the month of April, we distributed 37 hams to our friends in need. We heard so many stories of thankfulness, but also some of sadness. For the month of May, we are in need of small bags of sugar and flour, hamburger helper, cereal, snacks, etc. We can always use gift cards. Thank you to everyone that helps to support our Love Boxes. You all are so much appreciated. Contact Person; Carol Evertts. 717-774-3207

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.



**Thursdays
10:30 AM - 12 PM
Lion and Lamb room**

Celebrate from Heart & Spirit Bible Study

The Believer's Authority:
Luke 10:19

Contact Cindy Durborow
717-574-0445

The Andrews family and Trinity
Staff thank you for your loving
Easter wishes and cards.

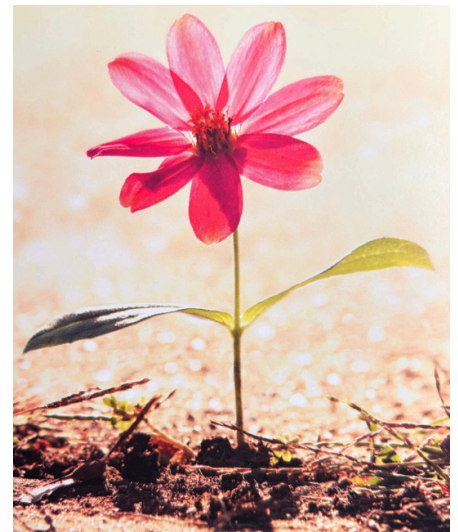


COMMITMENT TO SALVATION OFFER

Dear Fellow Sojourners,

In the Trinity Baptism study guide, we were challenged to look deeply into ourselves. I found it illuminating, if not revealing. I reflected on my commitment and my promise to God, sharing with you now - thoughts from the foot of the cross.

We have all been impacted by stress, illness, sorrow, grief, and sin. We know frustration, uncertainty, and fear. We share common goals and needs, not only with each other, but perhaps with all humanity. There are times that I, much like the “little flower”, struggle just to survive and grow. Trying to squeeze through the crack in the sidewalk and feel the sunshine on my petals...



Through this study, I’ve learned once again that life’s trials may happen around us. Difficulties may find us, even when we hide or try to outrun them. We may be overwhelmed, even to the point of tears, but then, a God-Moment, and we realize it’s the good things that happen “within us” that truly matter. Good things, because of the struggle.

I’ve become more aware of God’s providence. HE fortifies us - strength, endurance, purpose, trust, gratitude, hope, and joy - Yes, I said JOY. The joy that comes with “overcoming”. Power over our doubt, anxiety, and temptation. Could all of our struggles truly be God’s divine plan from the beginning?

A final thought - When I come up from the water, “baptized by water and of the Spirit” John 3:3-5. My sins washed away, even at my age, to have a “new beginning” (It’s never too late to show God you love Him!). Though we may follow the difficult, challenging path - called “life”, we emerge victorious!

Hallelujah! Thanks be to God! Your Parish Nurse - Barbara Z.
(Prayers for her good recovery after God saved her through the accident.)

THANK YOU Sincerely, Franklin Graham

Dear Friends,

I am writing to thank you for the generous gift you sent to Samaritan’s Purse for U.S. Disaster Relief. We are deeply grateful for your investment in what God is doing through this ministry.

We have teams and equipment deployed in Oklahoma, Missouri, Kentucky, West Virginia, California and Hawaii, helping families who have been devastated by storms and wildfires. In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee, we are continuing to help people recover and get back on their feet and have begun rebuilding houses destroyed by the storm. We have also ordered and received 57 replacement mobile homes so far, are working onsite preparations, and look forward to dedicating the first of these very soon for families in need.

As we bring relief in Jesus’ name to people who are hurting, it is our prayer that many will put their faith and trust in Christ. Jesus said “*I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live*” (John 11:25). May God bless you.

**A REFRESHING EVENING OF GOSPEL MUSIC AND FUN!
THE WEBB-TIGERT UKULELE CONCERT| CHANCEL CHOIR**



CHURCH HAPPY MOMENTS PICTURES

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DUTIES FOR MAY 2025

	9:15 GREETERS	11:00 GREETERS	USHERS
MAY 4	Nancy & Keith Turner	Dave & Susan Sederes	Daryl Potteiger, Rex Hood, Gordon Taylor
MAY 11	Millie Walters & Tracy Williams	Don & Deb Plummer	George Karnes, Michelle Meckley
MAY 18	Nancy & Keith Turner	Gordan & Paula Taylor	Jed Beshore, John Mickle
MAY 25	Kim & Jeff Wakefield	Don & Hilda Estep	Jed Beshore, Michelle Meckley

	WORSHIP LEADERS	9:15 NURSERY	11:00 NURSERY
MAY 4	Rev. Kenneth Meyer	Jan Snyder, Dianne Schofield	Jan Ocamb, Vi Humphreys
MAY 11	Hayden Davis	Jan Snyder, Kavitha Beulah	Beth Sider, Sandy Williams
MAY 18	Michelle Meckley	Jan Snyder, Nina Stoner	Jane Gable, Melissa St Cyr
MAY 25	Scott Copenhaver	Jan Snyder, Tracey Williams	Charlotte Wagoner

Sermon by Phone

Those who don't use the internet can hear short sermons from Trinity by telephone.
Dial 717-774-0108

Please share this information with those who are not using the internet and may be interested in listening.

PRAY&GO

The Outreach Program for EVERYONE

MAY 19 @ 2:30 PM

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

Total of 1459 houses have been covered.

THANK YOU! To my dear Trinity church Family and Pastor Arun,
I am overwhelmed with the healing of God's power. Your prayers lifted me to. Thank you for your beautiful cards, concern, prayers through it all. These all really do help in recovering. Thank you, Pastor Arun, for visiting me in the hospital. God's blessings on you all! Linda Young

MAY BIRTHDAYS

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FACEBOOK LIVE PRAYER TIME ONLINE DATE TIME LEADER May 6 8 PM Arun Andrews May 20 8 PM Beth Sider				1 National Day of Prayer 10 AM So N' Sews 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit	2	3 9 AM Communion Prep
4 Communion Sunday	5 6 PM After School Study Time	6 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group 8 PM Facebook Live Prayer Time	7 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	8 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit 10:30 AM Youth Ministry Meeting	9	10 10 AM Secret Sister's
11 MOTHER'S DAY 12 PM Starfish Ministry	12 10:45 AM Grandparent's in Prayer 6 PM After School Study Time	13 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	14 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	15 TIDINGS DEADLINE 9 AM Love Boxes 10 AM So N' Sews 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit	16	17 9 AM All Church Retreat
18 2 PM Serving Ministries 2:30 PM Pray & Go 6 PM After School Study Time	19	20 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group 8 PM Facebook Live Prayer Time	21 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	22 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit	23	24 9 AM Worship & Media Training
25	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	28 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	29 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit	30	31

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.

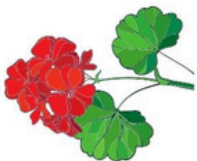
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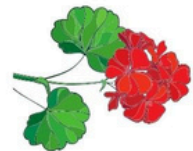
**FORWARDING SERVICE
REQUESTED**



Please submit articles for the
June 2025 Trinity Tidings by **May 15th.**



PENTECOST GERANIUM ORDER FORM



Pentecost Sunday is June 8, 2025

Order due by May 19, 2025

Cost: \$9.00 per plant

The church will be decorated with Red Geraniums. It is the hope that the congregation will be happy to sponsor and purchase the plants and plant them at home.

Orders are due in the church office, along with your cash or check made payable to Trinity Church (showing "Geranium order" in the memo)

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

AMOUNT ORDERED: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

CHECK: _____ CASH: _____