

Trinity Tidings

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

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My dear Church Family,

October 1st reminds us that there are 92 days remaining in 2025. We are headed to what is promising to be "the most wonderful time of the year".

October 2025 at Trinity heralds the good news that there are some very special gifts on the way. For one, we will be meeting in small groups around God's word in homes. This is a big step in our journey as a church. Home Bible study groups around the world have resulted in making believers significantly stronger/ bolder in their faith and witness – and spiritually nurturing congregations. We are very thankful for the impactful and faithful ministry of Bishop Pauline Peifer and for her leadership as Trinity's Discipleship Coordinator. We are also thankful for each of you who are willing to participate, lead groups, and open your homes.

Another special gift is the provision that God has made for our Traditional Music Ministry. It is a very joyful thing for us to welcome Andrew and Joy Meade, along with their children Lydia and Elliott, into the fellowship of Trinity. Andrew Meade will be our new Director of Traditional Music Ministry. Having a Master of Music degree from the Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ, Andrew comes with rich experience in choral direction, bells direction, organ music, directing intergenerational music ministries, celebrating the gifts of the people of the congregation, blending orchestration, ensembles, and bells into congregational worship. It is his favorite thing "to have the whole congregation involved in worship through music". He also serves as adjunct instructor of Applied Organ, Applied Piano, and Music History at Messiah University, is the co-founder and co-artistic Director of the Grantham Consort, a professional Chamber Choir based in Harrisburg, PA, and is also a Board member and Education Chair of the American Guild of Organists.

Before moving to Trinity, he has been serving as the Executive Director of Worship Ministries at Grace United Methodist Church, Hummelstown, PA. The son of a Baptist pastor, Andrew affirms Trinity's Statement of Faith as Biblical and compassionate. We pray Andrew and his family feel the warmth, welcome, and love of our Trinity Family. We pray that their presence and ministry among us will be a very distinguished blessing to everyone who worships and fellowships with us in person and online. As I write this section with the deepest gratitude to the Lord for His provision in Andrew, I would like to join the congregation in thanking our Staff Parish Team of Ken Gable and Beth Sider and the members of Trinity's Board for their work in this appointment. Beth Sider has especially been used by the Lord in this process, and I am thankful for Bishop Pauline Peifer for her willingness to share insights with us in the steps we took. All we can say is, "Thank you, Lord!".

On October 26th, we will enjoy the blessing of having the Millers with us, a Southern Gospel Ministry based in Winchester, VA who are widely listened to and loved. The Millers will minister in song at both our Church services and present a concert that evening at 6:00 p.m. As October leads into November, we will look forward to our thanksgiving concert with Charles Billingsley (7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 21). Mr. Billingsley is a reputed, respected, and much-loved concert personality and worship leader. The tickets for the concert are priced at \$15. The reason we have had to ticket this concert is to ensure that we do not exceed our seating capacity, keeping fire code and statutory regulations in mind. The proceeds will go towards future Touch-Life concerts. We are truly grateful for the sponsorship that we have received to host this concert. Please plan to purchase your tickets early as they are anticipated to be in demand once the public becomes more aware of the concert through radio and other announcements.

In December, we will have the joy of more musical moments. The Voices of the Valley will be in concert at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 5th. The Voices of The Valley are celebrating over 40 years of choral excellence. Trinity's Christmas Musicale at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 18 and at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, December 21 will bring together the wonderful and faithful gifts of our Chancel Choir, United Bells, and congregation. I am truly grateful to Jamie Bream for helping us with inviting musicians and teams/ choirs to make our Touch-Life Concert Series possible and special. Jamie has done an outstanding job.

We will also be sharing our sanctuary with the Sylvan Chorale, who will present a ticketed concert at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 13 and at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 14.

Bottom line: This is promising to be a season of opportunities to share God's love. May I invite you to please use the church information cards that we have placed in the lobby/ Genesis Room. Hand them over, mail them, take a picture and text them, do whatever it takes to share an invitation. Because sometimes, all it takes is one word: Come.

Could it be that "come" might be one of God's favorite words in the Scriptures?

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!" Isaiah 55:1

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Because HE came, Arun

2025 THEME: IMMEASURABLY MORE!

OCTOBER'S THEME: A Faith for Every Day

October 5 - Holy Communion
Faith in Trials: Maturity Through Testing
James 1:1-11

October 12
Faith in Action: Living What You Believe
James 2:1-12
Pastors Appreciation Lunch after Revive

October 19
Faith in Speech: Taming the Tongue
James 3:1-12

October 26
Faith in Humility: Living for God, Not Self
James 4:1-12
The Millers at both services.
Evening concert at 6:00 p.m.

PRAYER FOCUS: FOR OUR COUNTRY

RALLY DAY

Thanks to those of you who invited a friend to Rally Day. Thanks to all who worked behind the scenes to make Coffee Fellowship, our Kids for Christ ministry, and the United service a blessing.

THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC!

Thank you to those who so willingly assisted in music during this time of transition in the traditional music ministry at Trinity: Ronald Sider, Kendall Bankert, Cathy Kirkham, Loine Bert, Bruce Snyder, John Sharpe, Cooper Bailey, Susie Puller, Jane Bittner, Derek Kanakaraj and family, Miriam, Nihal and Nehara Andrews, the women of the Chancel Choir, the quartet, and the Chancel Choir. To God be the glory.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The price for altar flowers is \$35 for two altar vases and \$40 for a centerpiece. Call the church office to sponsor flowers for a particular Sunday or occasion. Following the service, please get your flowers and enjoy them or give them away.

CALENDAR MAKER'S RETREAT Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 AM-1:30 PM @ Christian Life Assembly

Requesting all leaders of our ministries and programs to submit your program plans with dates, title, times, and locations for 2026. Please send details to Carol Wilson on or before September 28th. All leaders of our ministries and programs, please plan to attend our Retreat at the Youth Center of Christian Life Assembly.

TRINITY LEGACY GIVING

Trinity has been blessed for many years with Legacy Giving from our members which has supported our church renovations and parsonage purchase. This has come from wills, estates, and memorials where Trinity is remembered by the individuals. It is easily accomplished by specific reference to Trinity Church of New Cumberland or Trinity on Bridge in your will, estate plan, or by naming Trinity as a beneficiary to an insurance policy or special account. As your heart is moved, we can work with you to guide your giving. Please contact the office to meet with your Finance team.

AN IMPORTANT FINANCIAL APPEAL SUPPORTING THE LORD'S WORK IN AND THROUGH TRINITY CHURCH, OUR MINISTRIES, AND MISSIONS

My dear Church Family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

When I started ministry as a young pastor in the year 1989, the Lord laid it on my heart that he would provide people and resources for the ministry. I can testify that God has never failed his promises. We want to thank each of you for your faithful support to the ministry at Trinity. I would like to share an appeal on behalf of the finance team of the church (Bob Rosenthal, chair, Gordon Taylor, and Carol Wilson). We thought it would help you to know the needs and therefore plan your ongoing support to the ministry of seeing lives touched by the Gospel.

At this point in time, Trinity is in need of your increased/ new/ extended support to help us grow our ministries and also meet some of the more recent larger maintenance and building expenses that have come upon us. If the Lord lays it upon your heart, would you please consider going the extra mile to support Trinity at this time and in the new financial year? We are hoping to appoint staff in part-time positions to help us with our kids, youth, and young adults ministries. We hope to start the Awana Bible program to reach the kids of our community.

In recent times, we have had unexpected expenditures come upon us, especially related to the building and maintenance of our beautiful space. We have tried to be careful and good stewards of the dollars. Our Trustees (Scott Sundy, chair, John Mickle, Rich Jones, Mike DeMatteo, and Russ Marburger) have sacrificially taken on projects and from time to time have personally done jobs themselves so that we don't have to pay outside contractors. For instance, Russ Marburger recently fixed the false ceiling in our parking lot access stairwell and Mike DeMatteo joined Russ to repaint the walls doors and railings. John Mickle had taken on leading the project of building the audio/ video booth at Fellowship Hall, the nursery & music rooms renovation project, the Winter Room renovation project, and the Fellowship Hall renovation project. Rich Jones comes in and does carpentry and plumbing jobs as his service to the Church. Scott Sundy installed water heaters recently and has sought to take on annual maintenance of some of our equipment to save dollars in contracts. Scott also oversees a lot with the Trustees. Harry Rodriguez, our custodian, seeks to do his part to help us with in-house jobs as well. We are thankful to each one of these dear ones and to all in our extended ministry areas who sacrificially serve to help us optimize our resources and maximize our impact for the Gospel.

Nevertheless, there are projects/ jobs that we have had to give out to outside parties. Recently, we had a problem of leaks in the windows in the office section and ended up having to spend about \$7,000 for the job of securing all window sections in our office/ St. John's Room section of the building. The computers in the office had to be replaced because of aging and becoming software incompatible, and we also had to replace computers used for our publications/Tidings/Bulletins, etc. and Fellowship Hall operations. The cost for all computers was approximately in the range of \$10,000.

Our latest unexpected project has been the repair of the false ceiling of the sanctuary. This week, we had an important call made by our Trustees, and workers have rectified one section of the ceiling (costing us \$4,800), which restores seating in some pews that we had cordoned off in the last couple of weeks. However, we have much more to do in terms of the ceiling and wall surface needs in the sanctuary, and we also have pending air conditioning needs in our music areas.

Here is a brief overview of works Trinity has undertaken and works that were pending when we presented our Church Conference report on December 11, 2024:

The projects we undertook:

New air conditioner-Sanctuary/Mt. Olivet \$176,000 New flat roof-rear of building, near parking lot \$20,000 New shingled roof over sanctuary \$37,000 Construction of sound booth in Fellowship Hall \$3,781 Various renovations to 405 Bridge Street to prepare it for rental \$14,433

Our pending projects are ...

Shingled roof over Mt. Olivet Room \$55,000 Air conditioner-music rehearsal room \$15,000-\$20,000 Ceiling & wall repairs from roof leaks-sanctuary & parking lot stairwell \$25,000

We know the Lord has his hand upon this ministry and we trust Him to provide. We look forward to your continued support to God's work in and through Trinity. Attached are some pictures for your kind attention.

With you in this – ALL FOR JESUS, Arun

P.S: As mentioned in our regular financial updates in the Tidings, we are committed to a transparent approach and welcome any questions that you might have. Please feel free to contact our Treasurer, Carol Wilson, at the Church Office. Trinity's books and financial records for the year ending December 31, 2024, were recently audited by Hamilton & Musser, P.C.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Malachi 3:10.

Pictures

Recently, the stairwell ceiling was restored to new by Russ Marburger, and Mike DeMatteo joined Russ in painting the space, doors, and railings. A big thank you!

A section of the false ceiling in the sanctuary that has been repaired.







PRAISE: YOUTH MINISTRY INTERIM COORDINATOR AND TEAM

Our youth ministry has been growing. Barbara Hawk has recently accepted to serve as our Interim Youth Ministry Coordinator. She is doing an awesome job coordinating/leading our sessions centered in God's Word. The youth had a great time at a recent retreat at Camp Hebron, and this is a picture of them at a cookie baking time in our church kitchen that Barb organized.

We are deeply thankful to Jan Snyder for her steady and faithful leadership as coordinator until recently, for her personal connection with youth/youth parents, and her ongoing support (Jan stepped down from coordinating in order to renew her health). Sue Grubb has been faithfully present week after week and is the fun and joyful activities/games lady and a good listening ear for youth to share their hearts. We are also grateful to Mary Dimm for her support, especially with crafty things. Bishop Pauline has begun a once-a-month session on praying for the nations of the world with the youth. Jamie Bream is also part of our teaching team, and I do my part to pitch in as needed. It has taken us quite a lot by God's grace to get to where we are today, and we are thankful and praying that our kids ministry and young adults ministry will also flourish. Our kids ministry has a truly dedicated team who are doing their best - but we are praying more kids join in. Do pray and invite kids to church. The Lord can use you to start a kids ministry revolution! I am serious. You can make a profound and eternal difference in the lives of children. The special thing in our youth group is to see youth bring in friends to youth group. The Lord bless them and keep them strong in their faith. Thanks for your prayers for our precious youth, kids, and adult leaders/teachers. We love our kids and youth.

THANK YOU, ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

On Wednesday, September 10, the adult Bible class hosted a sumptuous dinner for our youth group. This is not the first time that such generosity has been expressed by the adult Bible study class. Taking the lead, Mary Herr, worked with a wonderful team of volunteers which included Barbara Mickle, Tom and Cathy Baum, and Matt Ickler. The evening began with a welcome from Mary Herr and a devotion reading by Sue Grubb and grandson Cooper Bailey. This was followed by dinner, and later bingo hosted by Elliot. The whole evening was a sweet time to let our youth know that they are loved. Elliot thanked the adult Bible class on behalf of the youth.





Secret Sister Meeting

Contact Vicky Forman for more information.

OCTOBER 18 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sharon Marburger and Coco, her therapy dog, will be guest speakers. Sharon will be sharing a Caitlin Smiles video and two projects will be worked on. These precious bags and handmade cards are donated to children spending the night in the hospital.

Reminder: For those Secret Sisters who are attending the Nov. 1 Christmas show "Deck The Halls" at the American Music Theater, ticket reservations were made and ticket payments are due by Nov. 1. You may make your \$31/ticket check payment to Vicky Forman. Please contact Vicky at 717-623-6568 with any questions.

LOVE BEYOND OVERLOOKED LYRICS by Jamie Bream

"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

At Revive several weeks ago, I shared my thoughts on how often we forget things we probably shouldn't. For instance, I often listen to each week's worship setlist shortly before leaving for church on Sundays since I usually don't remember the songs I chose while planning for the service. In the moment, I was sharing how the lyrics of "This I Believe" (which we were about to sing) simply put our beliefs as Christians into song form; however, it can be extremely easy to sing the song's lyrics without ever putting a second thought into them (by "second thought" I mean any sort of thought of joy, hope, or even gratitude for what God has done for us). Given that we are all sinful human beings, I'm sure each of us has done this at least once, but most likely more. Take John 3:16, for instance. How often have we read that verse without truly understanding its depth, or simply rushed past it because we thought we already knew it? Or what about John 14:6, which states that "no one can reach the Father except through [Jesus]"? Surely, these are only a few of the many verses whose true depth is often overlooked.

My first worship pastor, Troy Peterson, recorded a song called "Lord Have Mercy" on his album of the same name. The bridge lyrics, based on Psalm 130:3, read as follows:

If You would mark iniquity, O Lord, who could stand Mercy like a fountain flows from Your hand

The stark difference between our former state and our current position as Christians is impossible to overlook, as clearly illustrated in these brief lines. They echo the sentiment expressed in Ephesians 2, where Paul clearly tells the Church at Ephesus that they were once "dead in [their] transgressions and sins". Dead things don't live. They don't feel. And they certainly don't make plans for the future. But God, who is "merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy", gave us a a fresh beginning and an enduring hope, one where His mercy is renewed every single morning. There's nothing we could ever to earn that gift, and we certainly don't deserve it, yet God gives it freely to us and to all who believe in His Son.

Like the forgotten verses and overlooked song lyrics, we often fail to grasp the depth of God's divine love. Yet, by placing our faith in Jesus, God graciously extends a lasting hope and a transformed life, one we are continually invited to receive and live out each day. It is a gift we could never earn, yet it is freely given to all who believe, demonstrating His unwavering love even while we are still sinners. Embrace this profound grace today, letting it transform your outlook and direct your steps forward in faith.

CONCERT UPDATE

Trinity Church is thrilled to announce a season filled with exceptional musical events for all to enjoy. The nationally recognized southern gospel trio The Millers will perform a free concert on Sunday, October 26 at 6:00 pm as part of the ongoing Touch-Life concert series, complete with refreshments. Following this uplifting performance, prepare for an unforgettable evening with GRAMMY®-nominated artist Charles Billingsley. Billingsley, known for headlining over 3,300 concerts and achieving seven #1 Inspirational radio hits, will perform on Friday, November 21 at 7:00pm. This promises to be a powerful and inspiring musical experience. Secure your tickets for Charles Billingsley's concert online at trinityonbridge.com, through Matt Ickler, or by visiting the church office. Don't miss these incredible musical events that promise to enrich your season!

FALL SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES by Bishop Pauline Peifer, Discipleship Coordinator

Studying the Bible in a small group can be so inspiring and encouraging. It can also help you to learn to know others in the church and help you grow in your faith in a most wonderful way.

Over the past several years, we have held Bible Studies in the church on Wednesday nights. This fall, we are moving the studies out into the homes of our Trinity Family in our community. We will all be studying the book of James in the Bible along with a study guide authored by Max Lucado. There will be no videos, just reading the Bible together, answering some questions in the study guide, and learning together.

So, you are all invited to join a 6 week small group Bible Study of 8-10 people in the home of one of our Trinity Church family during October and November. Some have already volunteered to be hosts in their homes. The group can choose to hold it on any evening of the week with the time that is suitable to your group (not necessarily Wednesday). Each group will have a leader. It will not include a meal, but the group may decide to rotate providing a snack since Trinity people love to eat! (but that is not required).

On a table in the Trinity lobby is a basket along with an "Interest Survey" form for you to indicate your interest in joining a Bible Study. Place your completed paper in the basket provided. Be sure to sign your name! I am very eager to help you select which home would be most convenient for you to go to. If you have questions about how all this will work, there is a place for you to check (x).....(I) have some questions.), and I will be in touch with you!

I hope many of you will give Home Bible Studies a try. This is an exciting venture. I believe God will bless all of us in a special way as we study the Word together for these weeks in October and November.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE Beth Sider, Committee Chair

PASTOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and we will celebrate with a luncheon on Sunday, October 12th at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Leadership Team invites you to this luncheon! Please sign up on the form found on the table in the hallway across from the mailboxes, on the table at Revive, or phone the church office.

We will celebrate the ministry of Pastor Arun and the retired ministers who support Trinity with their service. We appreciate the active involvement and service of Bishop Pauline Peifer, Rev. Raymond Brooks, Rev. Ken Myers, Rev. Ken Ross, and Rev. Dr. John Smith.

The luncheon will be a prepared meal hosted by Carol Evertts and her team. Your presence at the luncheon, along with your cards of appreciation, will help to thank Pastor Arun and our retired pastor friends. We greatly appreciate their service to God and to Trinity.

GRANDPARENTS IN PRAYER

There's still time to join Grandparents in Prayer as we pray for the next generation. This is a guided prayer group. We are all learning how to pray more effectively. We meet in the St. John's Room from 10:45 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. For questions, see Beth Sider or phone or text at 717-802-2812.

Touch-Life Concert Series

Trinity Church 415 Bridge Street New Cumberland, PA 17070



The Millers Sunday, October 26, 2025 9:15 & 11:00 AM; 6:00 PM Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall



Charles Billingsley Benefit Concert- tickets required Friday, November 21, 2025 7:00 PM Fellowship Hall



Hershey Handbells Friday, April 24, 2026 7:00 PM Sanctuary



Voices of the Valley Friday, December 5, 2025 7:00 PM Sanctuary



New Cumberland Town Band Friday, December 12, 2025 7:00 PM Fellowship Hall



Christmas Musicale Thursday, December 18, 2025 7:00 PM Sanctuary Sunday, December 21, 2025 9:15 AM Sanctuary



Christmas Eve Services Wednesday, December 24, 2025 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary

DUTIES FOR OCTOBER 2025

	9:15 GREETERS	11:00 GREETERS	USHERS
OCT 5	Linda Young	Matt Ickler I	Rex Hood, Daryl Potteiger, George Karnes
OCT 12	Jeff Wakefield & son	Jean Ruth	Matt Ickler, Michelle Meckley, Daryl Potteiger, Mike DiMatteo
OCT 19	Matt Ickler	Dave & Susan Sederes	Michelle Meckley, Jed Beshore
OCT 26	Rev. Raymond & Ethel Brooks	Gordon & Paula Taylor	Jed Beshore, George Karnes
	WORSHIP LEADERS	9:15 NURSERY	11:00 NURSERY
OCT 5	Mickey Minnich	9:15 NURSERY Jan Snyder, Nina Stoner	
OCT 5 OCT 12			Sandy Williams
	Mickey Minnich	Jan Snyder, Nina Stoner	Sandy Williams eld Jane Gable, Vi Humphrey

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:15 - Adult Sur 9:15 - Tradition 10:30 - Coffee F 11:00 - Revive W	al Worship ellowship	***	1 6 PM Youth Group	2 10 AM So N' Sews 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart and Spirit Bible Study	3	4 9 AM Communion Prep
5 Communion Sunday	6 PM Youth After School Study Time	7 8 PM Facebook Live Prayer Time	8 6 PM Youth Group	9 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart and Spirit Bible Study	10 TIDINGS DEADLINE	11
12 PM Starfish Ministry 12:30 PM Pastor Appreciation Lunch	10:45 AM Grandparents in Prayer 2 PM Worship Mtg 6 PM Youth After School Study Time	14	15 6 PM Youth Group	9 AM Love Boxes 10 AM So N' Sews 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart and Spirit Bible Study	17	18 10 AM Secret Sisters
19	20 5 PM Pray & Go 6 PM Youth After School Study Time	21 8 PM Facebook Live Prayer Time	22 6 PM Youth Group	10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart and Spirit Bible Study	24	9 AM Calendar Maker's Retreat
26	10:45 AM 27 Grandparents in Prayer 6 PM Leadership Team Mtg 6 PM Youth After School Study Time	28	29 6 PM Youth Group	30 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart and Spirit Bible Study	31	All are invited Monday, November @ 6:00 p.m. Celebrating God's goodnes
	and stewardin God's blessing					

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.

Dated Material

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED



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Please submit articles for the November 2025 Trinity Tidings by OCTOBER 10th.



STARFISH MINISTRIES: OCTOBER 12 from 12:00 - 1:30 PM

The outreach in September served 142 homeless folks and also providing furniture and household goods to seven different persons in one month with two more on our upcoming schedule. <u>Current needs</u>: travel size shave cream, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste, bar bath soap, foot powder, disposable razors (all of these can be purchased at Dollar Tree). Also in need of men's gently used and clean long sleeved Tshirts, hoodies, men's belts, lightweight jackets, and men's jeans. Thank you as always for your continued support. Remember, "Our friends on the street have less than we do, yet they are no less than we are." Carol Crossley

STARFISH MINISTRIES



Contact Carol Crossley for more information.