



# Trinity Tidings

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## LET'S *Talk* ABOUT Ministry



My dear church family,

I trust that you are enjoying these beautiful days. I am writing this letter to share encouragement with you about what God is continuing to do in our lives as a church. But hang on, let me start with a burden, I think I have not hidden my burden from you about Trinity needing to see a greater influx of children, youth, young adults and younger families. The leaders of this church saw their pastor in tears not too long ago. I probably am one of those guys who cries easily. 😊 But, there is a bigger story.

In the book of Nehemiah, the king looked at his cup bearer and asked him what the sadness in his heart was about. Obviously, Nehemiah, the trusted cup bearer of the king, could not hide his burden of heart. Nehemiah responded and told the king that his heart was heavy because his homeland had been through devastation and his people were not in a good place. In fact, in Nehemiah 1, we hear of the news reaching Nehemiah. Jerusalem was in trouble. Those who survived the exile and were back in the province were in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem was broken down and its gates had been burned with fire (Nehemiah 1:1-4). What did Nehemiah do? The Bible says: When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I moaned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. What a friend I have in Nehemiah!

Nehemiah could have avoided the sorrow, he could have tried to ignore the pain of his people, he could have insulated his emotions from heading in the direction of his homeland, to be engrossed with all the glory and pomp of the foreign land in which he was. But tears became a vehicle that transported Nehemiah to the heart of God.

Like Nehemiah, I see myself moved by God from my homeland to be part of the great American story. I cannot describe in words how grateful I am that my family and I could spend the last 10 years in the United States, and especially with you, the wonderful people of God at Trinity. As I ponder what God has done in the past, and see what God is doing in the present, I yearn for what will come in the future. The second church I served in India brings me powerful inspiration. When I reported there as their pastor in 1997, we had a weekly average attendance of about 80 people. I had moved from a church of over 1,000 people on a weekend to this lovely, cozy circle of 80 people. I enjoyed getting to know everyone and visiting everyone on their birthdays. There was a spiritual secret to this church. A group of members had been gathering every day at 6 a.m. to pray. God was orchestrating things in response to the burden that those people laid at his feet. As I continued to care and preach and work on strengthening our team of volunteers and staff, God began to move. We saw people experiencing salvation, people coming to Jesus, people being healed of their brokenness and even miraculously healed from diseases, and people having visions of Jesus when they came to worship with us. God was stirring the hearts of his people. People began to feel a burden for their friends and relatives and colleagues. They started praying for them. They started inviting them to church. They started sharing the Gospel. In the next few years, the church saw a building project of 7 million Indian rupees started and completed in 18 months, debt free. The outreach ministries grew significantly with youth serving regularly at the prison fellowship of India and a home for the destitute, feeding poor people on the streets, doing musicals to share the Gospel, hosting Gospel Sundays/events, hosting a lunch time fellowship for young adults working in corporate jobs, a minister to home helpers and the Alpha Course.

It was not too long after the new building was dedicated on July 8, 2001, that God started bringing more and more people in. By the time I finished my tenure of ministry there in 2006, we were averaging about 700 people in our morning services and about 300 in our evening services weekly. When I joined that congregation, we had about 8 home groups for fellowship and Bible study, but when I finished, we had 26. One of my greatest joys in that church was to mentor youth and adults in becoming servants of God's word. I managed to introduce one new person to preaching at the pulpit every month after a few years of serving there. Since we had two distinctly different worship services every Sunday, we ended up with needing 8 different sermons. The morning preaching series was different from the evening preaching series. This made it possible for me to give away one of my preaching slots to others. By the time I finished my ministry in that church, over 100 people, including teenagers, had preached God's word from that pulpit.

Sometimes, the past reminds you of God's special promises. In fact, Israel were told by God to never forget what he had done in the past. Their deliverance out of Egypt and the great Passover, were to be remembered forever. Why am I sharing things from my previous church? Not because I think I did anything of significance there. To tell you the truth, I often felt, as I saw that church grow, that it was like being in an aircraft, a huge aircraft with lots of people. I found myself in the cockpit, but I was not the pilot. Jesus was at the controls. I was only an eyewitness to His glory.

As I think about Trinity, my heart is filled with gratitude for what God has done and is doing. My heart is also filled with a deep burden to see God do greater things among us. The Bible tells us in Proverbs 29:18 that, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

I am writing to you as my beloved people who I believe are a visionary people, a loving people, a giving people, and an amazing people. I am writing to ask you to consider how you might pray all the more, give all the more, volunteer all the more, and most of all, invite people to God and to church all the more.

Just imagine if 100 people at Trinity took this call seriously and began to pray for two friends or relatives or neighbors. Pray for a while and then invite those people to church. Just imagine, with that math, 200 people would have received an invitation to come to church. It might take some courage. It might take some perseverance, but there is hope.

Let me close with these illustrations to inspire you. There is a lady in our church who week after week asks me to pray for a neighbor and family. She has been trying to share God's love with that neighbor and invite that neighbor to church. This week, she came to church and took some literature about Trinity to share with that neighbor. Does that not encourage you? In another instance, one of our church members told me that he is motivated to walk the streets of New Cumberland and hand out flyers about Trinity to people. He said, "People are quite open and friendly as I share with them." Does that not encourage you? A couple of days ago, I got a call from a young adult who worships faithfully in our sanctuary services. He said he heard my words about trying to win the younger generation for God. He texted me on a Friday night (it was my day off), but when he told me it was about reaching young people, I called him well past 9 p.m. in the night, I called to hear his vision. We talked and are hopefully going to plan more details to follow up. Does that not encourage you?

Thanks for reading another long letter from me. I am grateful to partner with you for the Gospel. Thanks to those of you who have responded about the Awana program. We will have an informational meeting where I hope more will join us without any strings attached, to just understand more about the program and see if we can make it work to reach the kids of our community. Mary Herr told me the other day that she believes in Awana because of how it positively impacted her grandchildren and their faith. My nephews in Michigan were blessed by it immensely.

Even as we pray for God's provision for appointments in our traditional music area with Todd moving on, we trust the Lord to show us His ways. I also want to urge you to pray fervently that we find a person who can work with our fine, faithful team to grow our kids ministry exponentially.

I am hoping to have church-wide conversations about the vision for Trinity. I plan to include them as part of the Sunday church service experience and look forward to talking more with you. In the meantime, let's keep praying and if the One who died on the old rugged cross moves us to tears, may they be tears that bring a greater harvest of hearts for his glory.

Blessings,  
Arun

## 2025 THEME: IMMEASURABLY MORE!

### SEPTEMBER'S THEME:

Let's talk about ministry

This conversational series is being approached with a prayer that we will hear God's encouragement, call and promise to us as a congregation in ministry. Be prepared to participate.

**September 7 - Holy Communion**  
**What motivates us to minister?**  
 1 Corinthians 15:58

**September 14**  
**What do we do well as a church?**  
 Acts 2:42-47

**September 21- Rally Day**  
**We're better together!**  
 Ecclesiastes 4:9-12  
*8:30 - 9:30 AM - Coffee Fellowship*  
*10:00 AM - United Service in Fellowship Hall*

**September 28**  
**What's our vision for future ministry?**  
 Psalm 78:4-7

## SAVE THE DATE

### CALENDAR MAKERS RETREAT

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

## PRAYER FOCUS:

**For Trinity's children's ministry**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The price for altar flowers has been lowered to \$35 for two altar vases and \$40 for a centerpiece. You may call the church office to sponsor flowers for a particular Sunday and occasion. Following the service please get your flowers and enjoy them or give them away.

## SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY

Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the fall Sunnier Side of Sixty service. Lunch will be served at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Carol Everetts and her team for the delicious lunches. Mary Herr is taking reservations for lunch. You also may call the church office at 717-774-7146 during office hours to reserve a place.

Our retired pastor friends will assist with the service and also serve communion. Skylar Diehl, a graduate of Messiah University and Bowling Green University, will be our guest flutist. Jill Ross will bring the message. Jill is active in the Stichin' Sisters and Grandparents in Prayer. She and her husband, Ken attend Revive.

The theme of the service will be "More in Fostering Peace and Love". The theme of the Sunnier Side of Sixty services continues to partner with the yearly theme "There's More!" You are welcome to attend regardless of whichever side of sixty you reside.

## UPDATE FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Beth Sider, Committee Chair

### **RALLY DAY**

Join us at Revive for Rally Day on September 21st. This combined service will be at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Each year we rotate the combined service from the traditional service in the sanctuary to Revive in the Fellowship Hall, and this year it is at Revive. It's always inspiring when the Trinity family can be together!

Special music is planned to combine traditional and contemporary music. Children will be in the service and will go off to their special feature during the sermon time! Coffee Fellowship will be on the sidewalk from 8:30-9:30. Invite a family to come with you. Take the challenge!!

Rally Day will also be Name Tag Sunday. Name tags will be available in the lobby. How about learning to know some new names. Each person is important at Trinity!

### **SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING**

Thank you for supporting Trinity with your tithes and offerings. At the recent Worship Committee meeting, it was decided that on the second Sunday of each month, starting September 14th, the offering plates will be passed in both the Sanctuary and Revive services. Offering plates will not be in the usual places on those Sundays. For those who give electronically there will be a card that you can put in the plate when it is passed to you that says "I give electronically". We invite you to come prepared. Also, if you give electronically, this could be an opportunity to add more to your giving, as the Lord leads you.

"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

### **HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

Thanks to Mary Herr and her team for delivering bags to the Trinity Homebound. In the bag were elements for Homebound Communion. You may have noticed that the Pastor blessed these elements at the July Communion in the sanctuary. Please contact Mary Herr if you are interested in being part of the Homebound ministry at Trinity.

### **BANNERS**

Thank you to Mary Twigg and Jean Ruth for the banners that they made for Trinity. Currently, two banners that they made hang in the front beside the screens. Mary and Ruth are retiring from banner-making and would like to have someone(s) take their places. Are you creative with artistic talents? There is a place for you in banner making.



## WHEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO by Jamie Bream

*“Show me Your ways, Lord, teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me,  
for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long.”*

Psalm 25:4-5 (NIV)

Have you ever been in a place where the only thing you can think is, “God, I just don’t know what to do”? I’m sure many of us have been in that place before, and it is often the place I find myself on the Tidings deadline date (sorry, Anne!). More often than not, I find myself sitting at my desk, trying to identify topics that will resonate with the diverse generations and varied interests within our church, while also addressing the specific needs of our congregation and the wider world. In fact, that’s exactly where I was when I started thinking of the old Tommy Walker song “When I Don’t Know What To Do”. Featured on Charles Billingsley’s album *God of the Ages*, the chorus of the song goes as follows:

*When I don’t know what to do, I’ll lift my hands  
When I don’t know what to say, I’ll speak Your praise  
When I don’t know where to go, I’ll run to Your throne  
When I don’t know what to think, I’ll stand on Your truth*

In essence, the song encourages surrendering to God's guidance during times of uncertainty, expressing a commitment to trust His perfect plan even when the future is unclear. Even when we don’t know what to do, we can respond in a way that glorifies God.

King Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah exemplified the principles of this song in practice. Faced with an invading three-kingdom army, different translations of the Bible describe his initial reaction as "terrified", "alarmed", and "mounting fear". Rather than giving in to fear, however, he and the people of Judah did exactly what the song states: they ran to God’s throne (vv. 4-5), stood on God’s truth (vv. 18; 20), and spoke God’s praise (vv. 19, 21-22), and I imagine there were at least a few hands lifted during their time of praise. Following the word of the Lord spoken through Jahaziel the Levite, they marched out the next morning, praising the name of the Lord the whole way to the battlefield - and by the time they arrived, the Lord had already acted on their behalf, causing the enemy armies to destroy each other. The people returned to Jerusalem with joy and praise, and the kingdom enjoyed peace because God had given Jehoshaphat rest on every side.

King Jehoshaphat’s story can be your story, as well. When encountering a situation that feels incomprehensible or overwhelming, emulate Jehoshaphat’s example of prayer and praise, and live with the confident expectation that God is actively at work in your life. Once you do, however, be ready—God will act in ways you could never have imagined (Ephesians 3:20)!

## HAPPY SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> GRANDPARENTS DAY!

Grandparents in Prayer will resume our regular meetings in the St. Johns Room from 10:45 to 12 noon on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Our resource book is *The Power of a Praying Grandparent* by Stormie Omartian. The first meeting of this season will be September 8th. What a great way to restart, the day after our national celebration of Grandparents day on September 7th.

We pray for our own grandchildren and each grandchild represented in the group. In addition, we each have a prayer buddy of a youth in the Trinity congregation for whom we pray and support. All are welcome to join the group. See or phone Beth Sider at church or at 717-802-2812 if you wish for more information .

## CONCERT UPDATE

You can hear Charles Billingsley sing “When I Don’t Know What To Do” (see Jamies’ article on page 6) and others LIVE this autumn! Charles will be performing a concert at Trinity Church on Friday, November 21 at 7:00 pm. Beginning his career as a lead vocalist for GRAMMY®-nominated genre giant NewSong, he has since headlined more than 3,300 concerts, released 26 recordings as a solo artist, and garnered seven #1 Inspirational radio hits. Tickets are on sale now - get yours by contacting the church office or by emailing Jamie at [jamiebream@trinityonbridge.com](mailto:jamiebream@trinityonbridge.com). Also joining us this fall are the The Millers, a nationally-known southern gospel trio based in Winchester, VA. Having shared the stage with some of the nation’s most well-known gospel artists, including the Nelons, the Martins, the Whisnants, the Issacs, and Ann Downing, The Millers’ songs are played on gospel radio stations across America and have charted in various publications that track radio airplay. The Millers will be performing a free concert at Trinity Church on Sunday, October 26 at 6:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided. We hope you will join us for one or more concerts this season!

# Thank You



God bless Todd, Cathe and Hayden!

## THANK YOU!

*Dear Trinity on Bridge Family,*  
*Thank you so much for the beautiful book you gifted to me for my graduation. I truly appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness. This book will be such a wonderful guide and source of inspiration as I step into this next chapter of my life. Thank you again for celebrating this milestone with me and for being such a wonderful community to play even a small part in from afar. Sending love from KS to PA. Olivia (granddaughter of Jo and Elmer).*

## THANK YOU!

*I had my surgery on April 24, 2025, 8 hours in surgery. Stayed in hospital for one week. Sent home to recover, it took three months to recover June, July, and August, in my house. I want to thank all of my Trinity Church Family who were praying for me before my triple heart bypass and mitral valve replacement. I have so many cards and Trinity people calling me when I was recuperating at home, they are Bob Walters, Pastor Arun, Barbara Zimmerman, Ken Puller, Todd Davis, Tom Baum, Charlie Klinger, that meant so much to me, that I was not alone in this Journey. I survived prostate cancer, triple bypass and mitral valve replacement. GOD is good all the time, all the time GOD is good. I plan to get back to singing in the choir in September. Roger Miller*





**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
Thank you to all who participated in sharing free hot dogs and children's games with the community . It was a great evening out!



### Haney Love Concert



**Revive Senior Sunday - August 2nd**  
Derek Kanakaraj will attend University of Pitt to pursue pre-med track.  
Charlotte Loudon will attend Liberty University to pursue a nursing degree.





**Begins on Sept 4 at  
10:30 AM.  
Battlefield of the Mind  
by Joyce Meyer**

## Celebrate from Heart & Spirit Bible Study

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

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2025  
@ 5:00 PM**

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

Total of 1604 house have been prayed for.

## Secret Sister Meeting

Contact Vicky Forman for more information.

**September 13  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

The Secret Sisters meeting for September is rescheduled from Saturday the 20th to the 13th at 10:00. We will be doing a book exchange in the St John's Room. Please bring one or more books to exchange. We look forward to seeing you there for fun and fellowship! Light snacks will be provided. Any questions please contact Vicky at 717-623-6568.



## DUTIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

	9:15 GREETERS	11:00 GREETERS	USHERS
SEPT 7	Jed Beshore	Daryl Potteiger	Rex Hood, Daryl Potteiger, George Karnes
SEPT 14	Kris Leibold	Missi St. Cyr	Matt Ickler, Michelle Meckley, Daryl Potteiger, Mike DiMatteo
SEPT 21	Irv Kiehl and Sons	Irv Keihl	Michelle Meckley, George Karnes
SEPT 28	Nancy & Keith Turner	Nancy & Keith Turner	Michelle Meckley, Gordon Taylor

	WORSHIP LEADERS	9:15 NURSERY	11:00 NURSERY
SEPT 7	Bishop Pauline Peifer	Jan Snyder, Tracey Williams	Melissa St Cyr, Sandy Williams
SEPT 14	Donna Speelman	Jan Snyder, Nina Stoner	Vi Humphrey, Nancy Turner
SEPT 21	<b>RALLY DAY</b>	<b>10:00 Combined Service:</b> Jan Snyder, Betty Caboot	
SEPT 28	Sharon Sheffer	Jan Snyder, Dianne Schofield	Jane Gable, Charlotte Wagoner

### LOVE BOX MINISTRY

**SEPTEMBER 18 from 9:00 - 10:00 AM**

The Love Box needs for the month of September are as follows: cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit, and jelly. You may bring food to the church and please put it on the table that has a Love Box sign. (Over 4,500 Love Boxes have been shared with families in our community.) Our Love Box Ministry started one week after the Covid Pandemic. Thank you so much Trinity friends for all your prayers and help. Contact Person: Carol Evertts 717-774-3207



## TRINITY CHURCH



**FREE  
LOVE BOX  
MINISTRY**

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# CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	2	3 6 PM Youth Group	4 10 AM So N' Sews 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart and Spirit Bible Study	5	6 9 AM Communion Prep
	7 Communion Sunday	8 10:45 AM Grandparent's in Prayer 6 PM After School Study Time	9 8 PM Facebook Live Prayer Time	10 5 PM Adult Class Picnic 6 PM Youth Group	11 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart and Spirit Bible Study	12  <b>TIDINGS DEADLINE</b>
	13 10 AM Secret Sister's	14 12 PM Starfish Ministry	15 5 PM Pray & Go 6 PM After School Study Time	16 6 PM Youth Group	17 9 AM Love Boxes 10 AM So N' Sews 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart and Spirit Bible Study	18 20
	19	20	21 8:30 Am Coffee Fellowship 10 AM Combined Service	22 10:45 AM Grandparent's in Prayer 6 PM After School Study Time	23 12 PM Sunnier Side of Sixty Lunch & 1:15 PM Service	24 6 PM Youth Group
	25 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart and Spirit Bible Study	26	27	28	29 6 PM Leadership Team Mtg 6 PM After School Study Time	30 8 PM Facebook Live Prayer Time
<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> 8:15 - Adult Sunday School 9:15 - Traditional Worship 10:30 - Coffee Fellowship 11:00 - Revive Worship and Children's Sunday School						

## 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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**Dated Material**

**FORWARDING SERVICE  
REQUESTED**



Please submit articles for the  
October 2025 Trinity Tidings by **September 12th.**

### **STARFISH MINISTRIES SEPTEMBER 14 from 12:00 - 1:30 PM**

Current items needed: light weight jackets, hoodies, ladies' leggings, disposable razors, sun screen, hair brushes, Depends for ladies, mens jeans sizes 32, 34, and 36, blankets (totally wiped out), bath towels, deodorant, foot powder. Donations may be left on the Starfish table on the 1st floor. Our August Outreach served 139 folks. We blessed many so much of our inventory was depleted. Please pray for Ralph who found out the day prior that his brain cancer had returned and was given a 6 month expectancy. Thank you for your support, donations and especially prayers for our friends on the street.

### **STARFISH MINISTRIES**



**Contact Carol Crossley  
for more information.**