

Trinity Times

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My family and I once went to a Pirates game in Pittsburgh. While that may be not very intriguing, the problem lies in that I was cheering for the visiting team, the Cleveland Indians. Being a fan for the visiting team amidst a crowd of fans for the home team can be a pretty intimidating prospect. If you have ever been to any kind of sporting event, baseball or football, being a fan for the “other” team may result in a little or quite a bit of hostility towards you. So fans for the visiting team sometimes try to stay hidden from the other fans. Maybe they don’t wear their jerseys or cheer when their team scores and most certainly they do not boast about winning around those who lost. Or else you may end up getting hit by a beer bottle being thrown at you, or maybe that happens only in Cleveland.

So too, does it happen in our faith. The many self-proclaimed lords of our communities become greatly hostile towards us when we proclaim to the glory of God that Jesus Christ is Lord and they are not! When we are forced to choose between loyalty and allegiance to God and loyalty and allegiance to our country, our government, our families, our wealth, our possessions, our _____; we find ourselves in conflicts with those who still follow those things. Simply put, we are intimidated by being faithful to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ in the midst of a community that is faithful to a whole host of other gods. So we choose to try and keep our faith a secret; we hide.

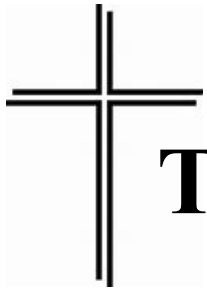
But, we are not the only people of God who have in ages past desired to keep our faith hidden because of fear. A woman suffering for 12 years from incurable hemorrhages, who knows and believes that Jesus can cure her in the deepest recesses of her spirit, is afraid to speak with Jesus face-to-face. Afraid of being discovered, she hides amongst the crowd until she can sneak her way close to him, only to touch the fringes of his cloak. *She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped (Luke 8:44).* Her faith has made her well and she can return to her home with the crowd and Jesus none the wiser.

But, Jesus is not going to let her stay hidden. He knows. He knows not only of her faith, he also knows his power healed her, but, he also knows that she is trying to stay hidden. So he calls out to her, “Who touched me?” She knows that he knows. She knows he is talking to her. The very thing she is afraid of is the very thing that transpires around her and fear seized upon her. *When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been immediately healed (Luke 8:47).* Her faith has made her well, but she cannot return to her home without anyone knowing; He knows.

But is there rebuke? Is there a finger pointed at her in judgment? Is there laughter and ridicule? Is there scorn and hostility? No, there is “Go, in peace!” She was afraid of hostility, she received peace instead. She was afraid of judgment, she received inclusion instead. She was afraid of wrath, she received love instead. Such is the character and actions of Jesus Christ, our Lord!

My brothers and sisters in Christ, which of us is not afraid? Which of us is not gripped by fear to be bold and confident in the face of a hostile nation and community around us? We all fall short of the courage necessary to *let our lit lamps sit upon the lampstand*. But the good news for us is the same good news for her, if Jesus can give this woman courage to shine before others, then Jesus can and will do the same for us. If Jesus is able and willing to minister to this woman, then Jesus is able and willing to minister courage to us. That in it of itself is worthy of an Alleluia. *To God be the glory, honor and blessings of all his people, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to us. Amen!*

In Christ,
Rev. Mark



Trinity Times

A Note From Session

A Note From Session

As we move out of our summer break, session is looking forward to proceeding with projects that were discerned through our Town Hall meetings, including repair work in the church building, and clean-up of the church property.

We continue to have an “Elder on Call” each month. If anyone has concerns about Trinity, or suggestions for Session, please avail yourself to the Elder on Call or to any elder. Pam Bloom (440.344.7277) is the Elder on Call for August.

We thank you for your prayers for us as we carry out the work of Session.

Blessings,

Mary Belding, Clerk



Trinity Scrip Fund

August 2019

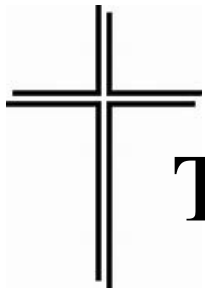
Please think about using scrip for home projects. We can get gift cards for Home Depot and Lowes!!

Thanks to all who support this mission.

Mary Belding

Dee Fassett





Trinity Times



From The Classrooms of Christian Education

Wow, time really does fly when you're having fun and Christian Ed has been having a blast this summer!

We kicked off our summer by going on a Safari!

Life was wild, it was good, it changed, it was sad, it got a little scary, but through it all we learned that **GOD IS GOOD!!**

It was such an amazing opportunity to connect and engage with the kids in our congregation. I'd like to offer a special thanks to the incredible adults who gave so freely of their time, energy, resources, and talents to make this happen. You are all such an awesome group of people and I hope it was as special for you as it was for our kids, we genuinely couldn't have done it without you!

We felt like we were still on Safari when we traveled to see the Lake County Captains in the middle of a heat wave!! It was a great night of fellowship, fun, and even fireworks!!

As summer comes to an end, we're looking forward to the next year with our SPY's. We are going to be planning some fun activities with our Adopt a SPY project, so be sure to keep an eye out for those. We spend a lot of time planning big events for our kiddos; but, the real work is weekly in the classroom, making connections and building relationships.

If you're interested in helping in the classroom, please see Sarah or Beth, or just stop into one of our meetings!



Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.



Trinity Times

Property & Finance

The Property & Finance committee has continued to work on the upkeep of our building and grounds throughout the summer.


The yard where the house once was has been raked and seeded. We now have grass!

The door in the maintenance room has been replaced.

We are currently working with a contractor to secure a date to replace the flood lights in the front of the sanctuary that shine on the velvet Jesus picture. No date has been set yet.

Unfortunately, our summer groundskeeper provided by Youth Opportunities (YO) did not work out. Naturally, we learn by trial and error and if in God's plan, will revisit this opportunity next year. Until then, If anyone has time and is interested in mowing and/or weeding, please contact Beth Dougherty at 440-661-1416. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the unknown helpers who graciously gave up time in their day to mow and weed, July 26 or 27th. We are so thankful for you!

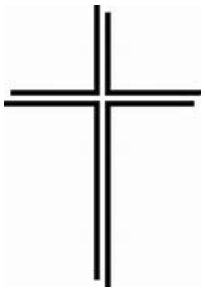
Next time you are in the Church go to the kitchen and look up.  The ceiling tiles have been replaced. That ceiling looks great! We still need to plan another beautification day as there is much more to do. There are more ceiling tiles to be replaced, a few cracks in the concrete to fill, touch up painting inside, painting around the windows and doors outside, additional yard maintenance, and I'm sure we have a few other things not on this list. More information to come in the near future.

For all Church committees and groups-if you have not had the opportunity to go through your cabinets/cupboards, or any storage area you currently have, please do so as soon as possible. It's time to go through all those years of savings and determine what needs to be kept and what can be parted with. Let Beth or Dorrene know if you have a need for additional storage space or do not need all the storage area you have been using.



Blessings to all,

Beth Dougherty



Trinity Times

Cro-Knit Club



The Cro-Knit Club has started and will continue to meet each Wednesday at 11am.

The ladies are now in the process of crocheting hats for cancer patients, the homeless and baby blankets for birthcare and Mya.

The Club welcomes anyone and everyone who would like to help with making these projects.

If you have any questions regarding the Cro-Knit Club, please contact Gail Frenz.



Our local Food Pantry is in need of Peanut Butter and Jelly

Please drop off your donation and place it in the soup barrel located in the hallway of the church by the kitchen.

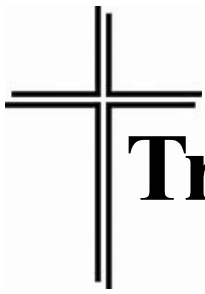
Book-Nook

Check out The Book-Nook in the parlor bookcase.

Bring in your books and magazines to exchange, read and return.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail Frenz 440-964-9581



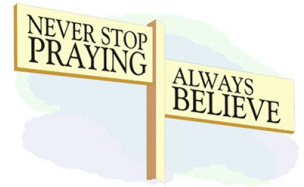


Trinity Times

Thank you to everyone for your concerns and cards while I am recovering from surgery.

I especially appreciate your kindness, thoughts and prayers during this time.

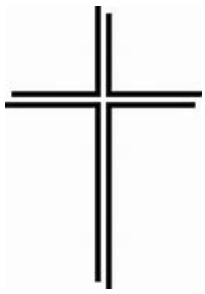
Norm Jepson



United States Armed Forces, Lynda Bennett, Shirley Bogner, Hilda Cook, Norm Jepson, Maryann Jordan, Raymond Pegg, Mark, Nathan, Pam, Karen Scott, Donna Shiflet, Norma Strock, Christi Stroud, Trinity Shut-Ins, Fran Wilson, Ken Zaebst

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night I dreamed I was walking
along the beach with the Lord.
Many scenes from my life flashed
across the sky. In each scene I
noticed footprints in the sand.
Sometimes there were two sets of
footprints, other times there was one
only. This bothered me because I
noticed that during the low periods of
my life, when I was suffering from
anguish, sorrow or defeat,
I could see only one set of footprints,
so I said to the Lord,
"You promised me Lord,
that if I followed you, you would walk
with me always. But I have noticed
that during the most trying periods of
my life there has only been one set of
footprints in the sand.
Why, when I needed you most, have
you not been there for me?"
The Lord replied,
"The years when you have seen only
one set of footprints,
my child, is when I carried you."



Trinity Times

Geranium Dedication

On The Day of Pentecost, June 9th, our sanctuary was filled with beauty honoring our loved ones.

In Memory Of

Harold and Nell Shiflet

Margaret Barb

Beatty-Cotton Loved Ones

given by Dwight and Barb Beatty

Loved Ones *given by Cheryle Chiaramonte*

Jean Babcock, Don and Pearl Fassett

given by Dale & Kathy Fassett

Al Headman *given by Pauline Headman*

Loved Ones *given by Jack & Susan Hogle*

Rose and Donald Childs *given by Norm & Mary Jepson*

Lloyd & Fannie Folmer and Frank & Mildred Kenny

given by Mike & Marj Kenny

Loved Ones *given by Dick & Peggy LaDu*

Ann Cox, Faye Waldman, Phil & Molly Huffman

given by Alison & AJ Lysiak

George & Steve Mochoskay, Clyde & Betty Stevenson, Maggie Walter

given by Shirley Mochoskay

Jean Cairns, Barb & Art Rodgers, Frank Northrup, Arthur & Mary Anderson, Neal Gifford

given by The Northrup Family

Grace Whitney *given by Wanda Schwentker*

Parents, Family, and Warren Truesdell

given by Ed & Pat Strock

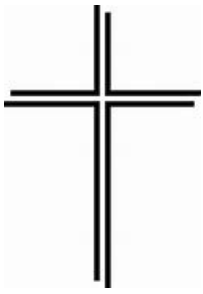
Parents and David Strong *given by Martha Strong*



In Honor Of

**Mary Belding, Hobart and Donna Shiflet, Jan Stanquist,
& Martha Strong**

Given by Margaret Barb



Trinity Times

VBS 2019

Please stop by the board in the Fellowship Hall to see the original pictures.



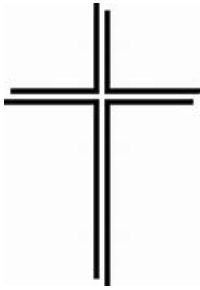
GOD IS GOOD!

Trinity Presbyterian Church Picnic



Sunday August 18, 2019
Worship 10:30am /Picnic following
Lakeshore Park
Overlook/Wilpula Pavilion

Come join us! Everyone is welcome!



August 2019

Elder on Call: Pam Bloom 440-344-7277

Deacon on Call: Pauline Headman 998-1923

USHERS: Jessie Smith and Kathy Depp

LITURGIST: Pauline Headman

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Card Ministry 6:30pm	2	3 Cluster Mtg. Rome 10am
4 COMMUNION Worship 10:30am	5	6 Al-Anon 8pm	7 Adult Study 10am Finance Mtg 11am Cro-Knit Club 11am	8 Property & Finance 6:30pm Card Ministry 6:30pm	9 Brown Bag Ladies 10am	10 Fellowship Hall in use 12-5pm
11 2 ^d A Meal Collection Worship 10:30am	12	13 Romeos 8am Game Day 11:30am Al-Anon 8pm	14 Adult Study 10am Cro-Knit Club 11am	15 Card Ministry 6:30pm	16	17 Transformers Mtg 10am
18 Church Picnic Worship 10:30am Overlook Pavilion Lake Shore Park	19 1st Day of School MRC Mtg 6:30pm	20 Al-Anon 8pm	21 Adult Study 10am Cro-Knit Club 11am Community Outreach 6pm Session 7pm	22 Card Ministry 6:30pm	23	24
25 Worship 10:30am	26	27 Game Day 11:30am Al-Anon 8pm	28 Adult Study 10am Cro-Knit Club 11am Women's Association Mtg TBA	29 Card Ministry 6:30pm	30	31