

Trinity Times

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a boy, I went on a three day canoe trip in Southern Ohio. The first two days were spent on a lazy jaunt down a local river with the third to be spent on the Ohio River. As an impressionable young boy, I was dreadfully afraid of sinking in my canoe. We had all of our belongings in our canoe and I was afraid of tipping over and losing all of my things on the bottom of the Ohio River. We never made it to the Ohio River though, as the second night some local drunks untied our canoes and sent them down river without us in them. But that is another story.

Just as I was afraid of my boat tipping over and/or sinking, so too were the disciples afraid of their boat sinking. Having embarked in their boat in an attempt to cross the Sea of Galilee, the disciples find themselves being bombarded by both wind and waves. Being threatened by the severe weather, the disciples fear for their lives. Will they take on water and sink? Will they tip over and drown? Fear gripped the hearts of the disciples stronger than any rope or strap.

Are we also not afraid of sinking? Maybe not a literal sinking, unless on a boat cruising down the Ohio River. But maybe a sinking nonetheless. Perhaps, your job is not providing enough means to live upon. Perhaps, your family relationships are not as healthy as you would like. Perhaps, your purpose in life is starting to decay. Perhaps you are suffering a loss or change of some kind. Whatever our life's situation is are we not afraid of having all that we have and all that we are fall apart? Are we not all afraid of sinking?

But, God has given us a balm for our fear. God has given us a Word of Hope. To the disciples floundering on the Sea of Galilee, Jesus speaks, *Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid*. By walking on the water, Jesus not only terrified the disciples, who thought he was a ghost, but he also reassured the disciples, by having authority over the water and wind. God reassures his people that he still does have authority over all things. In plain terms, God says as Jesus Christ, relax, I got this.

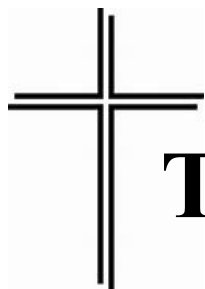
If God said this to the disciples floundering on the Sea of Galilee, does God not also say this to the disciples floundering wherever they are? To all of us who are threatened by something, who are afraid, who are anxious, God speaks a Word of hope in Jesus Christ, by telling us, *Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid*. We who are sinking are recipients of a Word of assurance from God telling us that even while we might be sinking, God has authority over the things in this world dragging us under.

It seems then that is precisely when we are sinking and being dragged under, that we find ourselves being caught by the hand of Christ. Not only caught by the one who has power and authority over all things, but caught by the one who has the love to bother reaching out for us in the first place. In those moments of our sinking into the depths, we find ourselves being saved by the hand of God, the man Jesus Christ who loves us to the point of saving us.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, if we possess such a Savior, we have love to match his power. Then let us be not disciples of little faith watching only the waves and the wind. Let us become disciples of a greater faith watching only Christ. Let us not sink into the depths of fear, but let us sink into the depths of Jesus Christ. Let us choose more faith, and less fear.

In Christ,

Rev. Mark



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A Note From Session



What a joy to be worshipping together again and seeing smiling faces!

Session worked through a plan as how to move forward with fewer restrictions. The back portion of the east side of the sanctuary will remain taped off for those who want to maintain social distancing. Masks will be worn there. The rest of the sanctuary will have no mask or distancing requirements. Please be respectful of those who wish to remain cautious.

Our committees are working diligently.

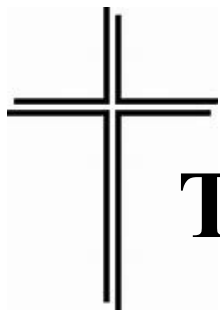
- The Worship and Music Committee (Peg LaDu) will be finding an organist to play for us until such time as Marj Landfried feels able to return.
- The Memorial Committee (Nancy Sabo) is soon to have the new stove installed.
- The Fellowship Committee (Nancy Sabo) has reserved the pavilion at the Rock Garden at Lake Shore Park for our worship service on August 8th.
- The Personnel Committee has met to assess the work of our new custodian, and are pleased with the work Billy Mong is doing in that capacity.
- The Ministerial Relations committee meets on the third Monday. Please address any comments regarding the pastor with them.
(Beth Dougherty, Dale Fassett, Pam bloom, Mary Belding).
- The Nominating Committee will meet in August. Please prayerfully consider answering a call from them.
- The Christian Ed Committee is considering how to move forward. Anyone interested in being part of that please talk with Rev. Mark.
- Property and Finance, Community Outreach and Scrip have notes in this newsletter.

We look forward to continuing to worship and work together to strive to discern where God would have Trinity move. Please keep us in your prayers.

Blessings,

Mary Belding, Clerk





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A Note From Scrip

Woo hoo! Scrip is back to normal.

Cards are available in the parlor before and after church service on Sunday.

Call or text 440.862.6786, call 964.6073,

or e-mail at mbelding237@gmail.com if you miss us there.

Thank you for all the support you are giving to the Scrip program.



Blessings from Co-coordinators of Trinity's Scrip Program,

Trinity Eden Project

Our garden is growing!

Thanks to Dee Fassett, Dale and Kathy Fassett for planting, watering and weeding.

Some of our neighbors have stopped by to talk about the garden and how much they enjoy it.

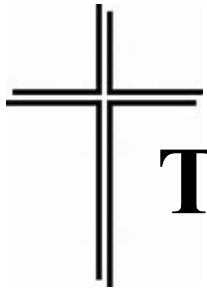
The benches that were provided as a memorial to the Hoffmans by Beth and David Adams are often in use by passers-by.

The garden reaches into the neighborhood helping us share the love of Christ with our neighbors.

Blessings,

Mary Belding and Joyce Kren





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A Note from Community Outreach

Trinity, through the Community Outreach Committee, continues to share the love of Christ through many endeavors.

In June we have been collecting new or gently used shoes to be delivered to GO Ministries. Thank you to all who contributed.

We have adopted a calendar of events for the year which include:

In July we will be accepting back-to-school donations for AACCS. We will once again be collecting spiral notebooks. We will have a tote in the sanctuary to gather them.

In September we will be gathering donations for Spices and other kitchen needs for GO's kitchen. A full list of needs will be available later.

October – Trinity Neighborhood Halloween Party

November/December -Christmas donations TBD

We continue to support the Faith Lutheran Food Pantry with your contributions. We asked them if there are specific needs. They gave us this list:

Bars of soap, Pudding cups, Fruit cups, Jelly- small jars, Canned meat, Anything shelf-stable – boxed and canned, Personal hygiene items – shampoo, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brushes.

Linda Crawford from Faith Lutheran has sent a heartfelt Thank You note to Trinity for our assistance.

We also continue to support Youth Opportunities with Giant Eagle Scrip cards. We will be serving dinner to the young folks at YO on July 12th and August 9th.

It was noted at our meeting that because of recent evictions, YO has been inundated with more young people who are homeless. They are in need of personal hygiene products, pop-top cans of food, and can openers. Community Outreach, on behalf of Trinity, and because of your generosity is purchasing those items.

We assist Plymouth United Methodist Church food pantry with cash for meal boxes.

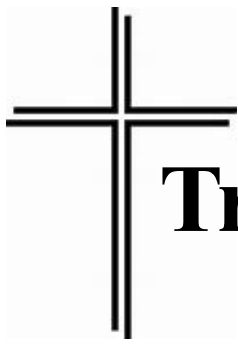
Thank you for your contributions throughout the year.

If you have any suggestions for where we can reach out, please let us know.

All are welcome to join this committee!!

Barb, Dee, Joyce, Kathy, Mark, Mary, Nancy, Pam, and Ruth Ann





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Property and Finance Committee



Grateful....Thankful....Blessed....

Our Capital Improvement Fund totaled \$23,653.83 in 2020. Wow! We ask that you continue to believe in Trinity's future. This church is more than bricks and mortar. We are the church, bearing witness to the gospel and sharing the love of Jesus Christ. As a congregation we are grounded in faith and hope. Hope grows here. Ignite the faith. Let your light shine.

After all 2020 projects were completed, our beginning balance for 2021 is \$1,622.38. The first three projects that we have quotes for and have been approved by the congregation are new blinds, gutters, and replacement of the sanctuary doors. These three projects total \$9,055.00.

Please consider supporting the 2021 projects.

*God has a plan for everyone and everything. That includes you, and it includes
Trinity Presbyterian Church. None of us can fully know God's plan—the best we can do
is pray and listen for clarity.*

Our custodian will be on vacation in July. If anyone is interested in helping to keep the church clean, please contact Beth Dougherty. Cleaning will need to be done before July 4th and July 11th church services.

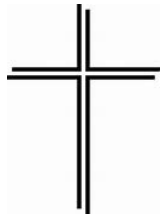
As previous years, the Property and Finance Committee will not meet in July. Meetings will resume in August.

Per Capita for 2021 is \$32.41.

God's blessings to all,

Beth Dougherty





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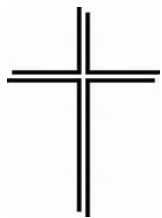
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 No evening Bible Study	2	3
4 Independence Day Face-Face Worship 10:30 Pulpit Supply Hobart Shiflet	5	6 Al-Anon 7pm	7 N/A 7pm	8 No evening Bible Study	9	10
11 2¢ A Meal Collection Face-Face Worship 10:30am Pulpit Supply Amber Bowers	12	13 Al-Anon 7pm	14 N/A 7pm	15 Bible Study 7pm	16	17
18 Communion Face-Face Worship 10:30am Video Worship	19	20 Al-Anon 7pm	21 N/A 7pm	22 Bible Study 7pm	23	24
25 Face-Face Worship 10:30am Video Worship	26	27 Al-Anon 7pm	28 N/A 7pm	29 Bible Study 7pm	30	31



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1 Communion Face-Face Worship 10:30am Video Worship	2	3 Al-Anon 7pm	4 Deacons Mtg 6:30pm N/A 7pm	5 Bible Study 7pm	6	7
8 Worship / Picnic Overlook Rock Garden Pavilion –Lake Shore Park 10:30am	9	10 Al-Anon 7pm	11 Property & Finance Mtg. 6:30pm N/A 7pm	12 Bible Study 7pm	13	14
15 24 A Meal Face-Face Worship 10:30am Video Worship	16 MRC Mtg 6:30pm	17 Al-Anon 7pm	18 Community Outreach 6pm Session 7pm N/A 7pm	19 Bible Study 7pm	20	21
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