

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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**JUNE 2022  
NEWSLETTER**

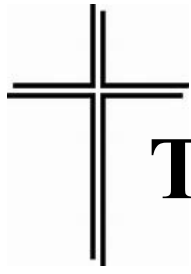


Sunday, June 5



A man's mind plans his way, as he journeys through life, but the Lord directs his steps and establishes them

*Proverbs 16:9*



# Trinity Times

## My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I sit here and type these words, I will have been Minister of Word and Sacrament for both Trinity and East Side Presbyterian Churches for 30 days. Time seems to have sped up as I cannot grasp that my first month has gone by. But, over the course of this time, I have had to learn not only how to Pastor a second congregation, but I have had to adjust to balancing time between them. But one thing that remains constant and steady over the entire “yoke” process is the Word from God that says, *look, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?* New work also means new energy, and God not only is doing this new thing, but giving us a new means and power to fulfill it; and we truly have only begun to see the plans God has for us.

But, with the new energy and joy that comes with a new focus or endeavor also comes new struggles. Entering unfamiliar territory means surprise difficulties that no one could foresee but still must be navigated. Questions of policies and processes and procedures must be worked out between congregations. Times must be adjusted, and people must adapt to every changing circumstances. For the people of Israel while in exile about to experience God’s deliverance once again, they also faced the joy and difficulties of God’s new work. But Isaiah reminds them not only of God’s faithfulness but also of God’s power.

Not only was God doing a new thing, but God had planned and made a way forward, *I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland*. God knew the barriers standing in their way. God knew the difficulties they would have to face. God knew what they needed to accomplish a second Exodus. But God made a way through for them in exile, exactly as God made a way through Red Sea on the first Exodus. Since God was faithful and mighty then, in God’s new thing now, God is still faithful and mighty.

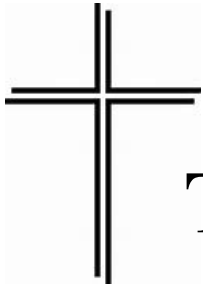
So too with us, we are in the midst of God’s new thing, but we have a long history of God making ways through things: through the Red Sea, through the exile, through the cross, through the Dark Ages, and the Middle Ages and the Reformation Ages, and the Renaissance, and the Industrial Age, and the Atomic Age and now the Information Age. God is still faithful and mighty to make a way through. Even a way through this time of yoking together one church to another: faithful to love us through abundantly and graciously, and omnipotent to create something good out of nothing.

Perhaps then the faithful response on our part is to press forward instead of looking to the past or going back, *forget the former things; do not dwell on the past*. We are not called to forsake or abandon our histories or those who came before us, that would be absurd and detrimental because those memories and history have formed who we are. But we are called to be re-formed into the new people God has provided for us to be. We are called to be formed by our past and to be re-formed by and into our present situations.

My friends, no one faces more struggles and daily surprises than I, but I rest content not in my own abilities or strength. But I rest solely on the foundation that this is God’s new thing and God will make a way through. This means that our Yoke has divine help. We have our Faithful God to love us through this time of change and we have our Mighty God to carry us over Jordan. But if this is our help, then our challenging discipleship is to follow *through the waters, the fires*, and the “Yoke” with faith and hope and not to quit and return to the familiarity and security of the past. Let us press forward through the next 30 days and through all the time God has commanded us to yoke together because God is Faithful and Mighty, and we want to be a part of God’s new thing. Amen.

In Christ,  
Rev. Mark





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## A Note From Session

.Session will be listening to reports and suggestions/mandates regarding safe Covid procedures. As things change, so will we. We will now Pass the Peace during worship, if you are comfortable with being close and shaking hands.

Trinity's committees have been busy.

**Community Outreach**, with Pam Bloom as chair, is collecting Walmart gift cards (available through Scrip) to be donated to Homesafe of Ashtabula. Julie Sundquist from Homesafe shared a minute for mission with us during worship May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bike and Build will be visiting us June 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>. Plan to share Saturday dinner with this amazing group of young adults.

**Property and Finance**, with Beth Dougherty as Chair, continues with projects to maintain the church property. The brick repair will be starting soon.

**Fellowship**, with Nancy Sabo as Chair is planning our summer worship/picnic at Lake Shore Park in August. East Side will be joining us at the Overlook Pavilion.

**Worship and Music** – Nancy Sabo and Peg LaDu are searching for pulpit supply for Rev. Mark's vacation. Rev. John Gehring-Anders will be with us on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Contact this committee to assist with worship as ushers and liturgist.*

**Ministerial Relations Committee** Dale Fassett, Beth Dougherty, Pam Bloom, and Mary Belding are available for any questions or concerns of the congregation and the pastor.

**Yoke**, Craig Reiter, Beth Dougherty, and Mary Belding will meet as needed with East Side' members of the committee (Cathy Burnham, Doug Gill, and Jim Booth). Please continue to pray with us for success in this endeavor.

Discussions with the sessions of each Church are in process to change the worship schedule to a 3-month schedule rather than a 6-month schedule. If this is approved by each session, our worship time will change in August rather than November.

If you have any questions or concerns for any of these committees, or want to join them in their work, please contact the committee chair.

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.

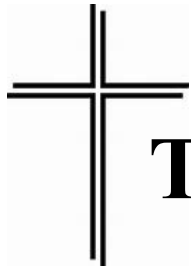
Blessings,

Mary Belding, Clerk

## Prayers

Annika Kelner, Eli Strock, Beverly Cigani, Maryann Jordan, Nate Johnson, Teddy, Tim Truesdale, Marion Shipman, Marilyn Anderson, Dick LaDu, Megan Davis, Barb, Buffalo, Ulvade Texas, Kathy Sechrist, and Jenni and Lois Fassett





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2022 per capita is \$34.91

## Property and Finance

Capital Improvement Fund balance: \$13,340.71.

Trinity will soon have an Office Manager! Kathy Fassett will be assisting in the office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. We are looking forward to Kathy's help.

Current items on the committee's agenda:

- Work on repairing the bricks and mortar will soon begin.
- We continue to work with S&B Flooring to have the chancel carpet stretched.
- We hope to have the air conditioning serviced soon.
- Replacing clocks that are not functioning

<b>Church Office Hours</b> Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
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God continues to lead us to do amazing things. Thank you for your support 😊

Beth Dougherty, Rich Fassett, Craig Reiter, Norm Jepson, Josh Hall, Terry Karvonen, Mark Mong, Hobart Shiflet

## Community Outreach

Julie Sundquist spoke during Church on Sunday, May 15, 2022, regarding what Homesafe does and how the community can help. Community Outreach has hosted a collection of gift cards and physical items requested of the Homesafe Organization during the months of April and May. Thank you to all that have contributed!

Bike and Build will be arriving Saturday, June 25, 2022 in the afternoon and will spend the night and pedal back out bright and early Sunday morning, June 26<sup>th</sup>. The Committee is planning a "Mexican" night with ice cream for dessert. A signup sheet for Mexican style toppings and sundae toppings will be posted in the fellowship hall if anyone can assist. The Bike and Build group will give a short presentation about the day in the life of a cross country cyclist as well as their insights on affordable housing as they trek across the country. Anyone that would like to join us on Saturday to greet and have dinner with them are encouraged to join us.

Mission funds continue to be given to Plymouth United Methodist Church for their food pantry program as well as Youth Opportunities for their food needs on a monthly basis.

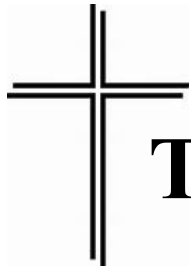
Rev. Mong had been contacted by Assistant Principal of Lakeside High School, Janie Carey, regarding monetary assistance to provide an appreciation luncheon for several retired teachers that were missed due to 2021 covid restrictions.

We will be inviting Teacher and Youth Opportunities Advisor, Stacy Gancos, to share information regarding her new endeavor "Stacy's House". She has recently opened a home on Route 20 for young teenage boys. We will be asking for your assistance in providing some of their immediate needs in the near future. Looking forward to assisting this youth outreach opportunity in our own backyard!

May we be grateful for all the blessings we have and all the blessings we can share with our neighbors!

Nancy Sabo, Ruth Allen, Ruth Ann Ayers, Kathy Fassett, Barb Beatty, Dee Fassett, Mary Belding, Rev. Mong, Joyce Kren, Pam Bloom

*Sharing Brings Joy to Us.... To Others.... To God*



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## Bike and Build 2022

CAN YOU HELP US FEED THE CROSS-COUNTRY BIKE RIDERS ON JUNE 25, 2022?

Community Outreach on behalf of Trinity will once again be hosting the Bike and Build riders on June 25. We are planning a "Mexican" Dinner and would like your help in providing the following:



### TACO AND SALAD TOPPINGS:

Chopped Tomatoes  
Chopped Onions  
Chopped Black Olives  
Chopped Peppers  
Black Beans



### ICE CREAM SUNDAE TOPPINGS:

Brownies/Cookies  
Cherries  
Sundae Syrups  
Chopped Nuts  
Whipped Toppings



Please contact any member of the Community Outreach committee: Nancy Sabo, Ruth Allen, Ruth Ann Ayers, Kathy Fassett, Barb Beatty, Dee Fassett, Mary Belding, Rev. Mong, Joyce Kren, Pam Bloom

## Stacy's House

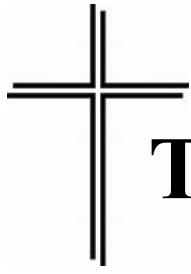
Teacher and Youth Opportunities (YO) Advisor Stacy Gancos has opened a home for teen age boys with nowhere to live called Stacy's House. In the month of June we are going to collect food for Stacy's House. Below are some ideas that they need and could use;

Doritos red or blue bags  
Cookies  
Gatorade  
Paper plates  
Cereals

Fruit snacks  
Muffins  
Bottled water  
Napkins  
Any other nonperishable food you might think of.

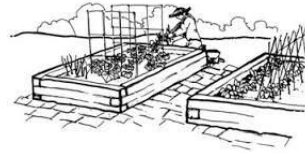
There is a blue tote box in the back of the sanctuary to deposit your donations. If there are any questions please contact Kathy Fassett 440-228-8880 or Pam Bloom 440-344-7277.





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## The Eden Project



Our motto is "Growing Food, Growing Faith".

**You are welcome to join us in the garden! You are welcome to choose a bed to plant and/or tend. Come to the garden to see how you can help.**

Hopefully, we will be able to provide some nutritious enjoyable food again this year. The project started out with much help from many people. We have been able in past years to donate produce to the International Harvest soup kitchen located at the Dream Center at West 57th Street and Washington Avenue. We spoke with them this spring asking what they would like us to plant. They welcome any food we can bring. We also will bring produce into the church to share with the congregation whenever possible.

Our two wonderful benches donated in honor of the Hoffmans are on the north east corner of our garden area and are still as nice as new. Our Ashtabula neighbors respectfully use them.

We are grateful that Trinity Presbyterian Church recognizes the need to provide nutritious food to those in need.

Blessings and Bounty, Joyce Kren and Mary Belding

## Scrip

### January-April 2022 Report

Dee Fassett and Mary Belding have been providing gift cards that, in turn, provided rebates that made it possible for the Scrip Program to contribute to the Trinity Operating Expenses.

<b>Beginning balance 1/1/22:</b>	<b>\$ 1,295.18</b>
<b>Income from sales:</b>	
<i>Jan</i>	<i>875.00</i>
<i>Feb</i>	<i>2,220.00</i>
<i>Mar</i>	<i>3,310.00</i>
<i>Apr</i>	<i><u>5,110.00</u></i>
<b>Total sales:</b>	<b>\$11,515.00</b>
<b>Cost of cards (incl. shipping):</b>	
<i>Jan</i>	<i>880.83</i>
<i>Feb</i>	<i>2,165.89</i>
<i>Mar</i>	<i>3,227.20</i>
<i>Apr</i>	<i><u>4,538.73</u></i>
<b>total Cost (incl shipping):</b>	<b>\$10,812.65</b>
<b>Proceeds to Trinity:</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>
<b>Ending balance 4/30/22:</b>	<b>\$ 797.53</b>

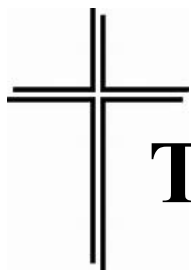


Thanks to all who continue to purchase gift cards from scrip for gifts, groceries, gasoline, and more.

Keep the possibility of using scrip cards for large or small projects around your home. We can order your cards and have them within a week—so plan ahead!

Thanks to all who support this mission.

Peace and Blessings, Mary Belding and Dee Fassett



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## Committee Spotlight

### Ministerial Relations Committee (MRC)

The goal of the MRC is to nurture, strengthen and build the relationship between Mark and you, the Congregation.

The Ministerial Relations Committee (MRC) meets monthly with Mark to discuss any concerns he has and also bring to him any concerns from church members. We are also advocates for Mark's leadership in the church and facilitate communication between Mark and the congregation.

#### **What is the Committee's Role?**

Provide a Vital Communication Link between Mark and You– One of our primary objectives of the committee is to promote healthy dialogue with all involved.

Deal with Conflict – While the committee seeks to foster understanding and prevent unnecessary conflict, it may arise. This committee will serve as a reconciler for conflict.

We will also assist the various committees in understanding what Marks expectations of said committee are and what responsibilities of that committee will fall to Mark.

Please give us the opportunity to work with you for a resolution and not risk damaging relationships.

Dale Fassett, 440-228-4119

Mary Belding, 440-862-6786

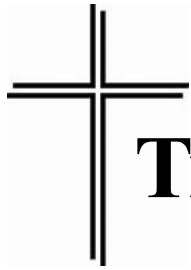
Pam Bloom, 440-344-7277

Beth Dougherty, 440-661-1416

### **Father's Day Trivia**

When was Father's Day made an official U.S. holiday?	1914, 1808, 1972, 1966
What is the most common Father's Day gift?	Socks, Tie, Screwdriver, Slippers
How many pairs of fathers and sons have served as US President?	1, 2, 3, 4
Which President made Father's Day a national holiday?	W. Wilson, R. Nixon, L. Johnson, C. Coolidge
Who is known as the "Father of History"?	Aristotle, Thucydides, Ctesias, Herodotus
The official Father's Day flower is	Roses, Tulips, Lilies, Carnations
Which state hosted the first citywide Father's Day celebration?	Virginia, Washington, Chicago, New York
How does Father's Day rank among holidays with the largest number of greeting cards exchanged?	7th, 3rd, 5th, 4th

# Happy Father's Day



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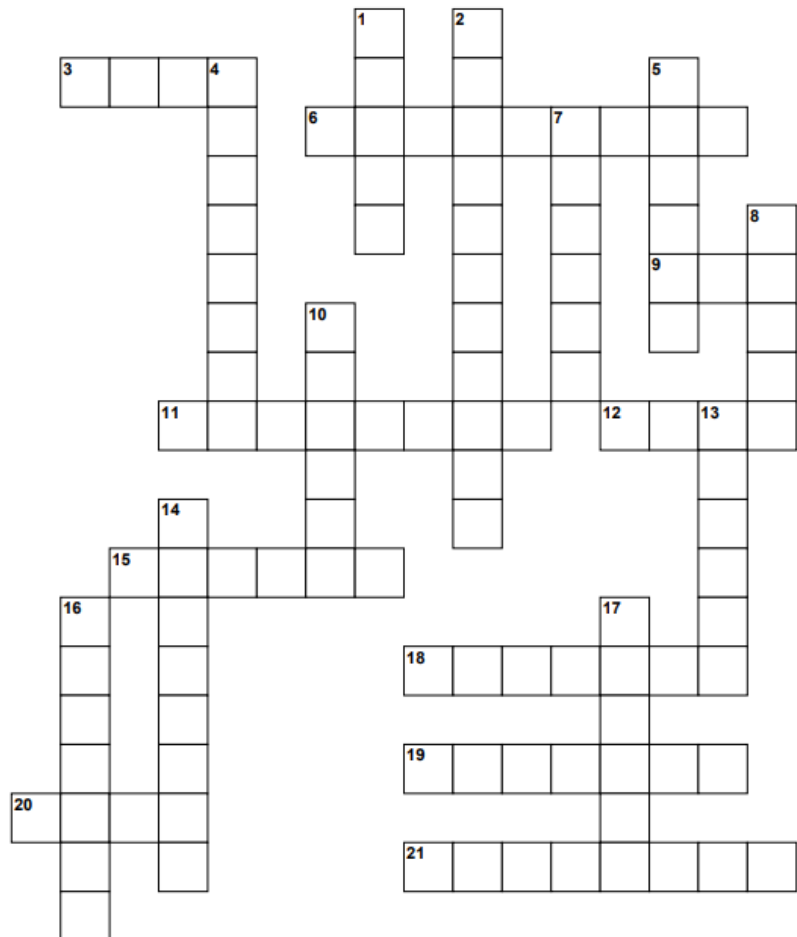
## ACROSS

- 3 Helpful
- 6 Person who guards against harm or danger
- 9 A person's male child
- 11 Person that is the source for or supplier of what is needed
- 12 Woman to whom a man is married
- 15 Group made up of parents and their children
- 18 Man who is married
- 19 Instructor
- 20 Having understanding and good judgment about what is true or good
- 21 Willing to give or share

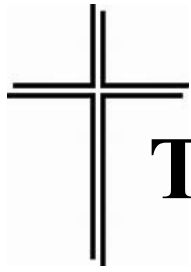
## DOWN

- 1 Gathering of people to celebrate or have fun
- 2 Having a great ability to reason and understand
- 4 A person's female child
- 5 Truthful
- 7 Worry or concern
- 8 Brother of one's father or mother
- 10 Cheerful, friendly, and merry
- 13 Person whom you know well and like and who likes you
- 14 Expression of mirth
- 16 Capacity to do something
- 17 Dad

## FATHER'S DAY







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## Sunday, August 14

Lake Shore Park  
Overlook Pavilion  
(East on 1<sup>st</sup> street)  
Worship at 10:30

Hot dogs furnished by Trinity  
Bring a dish to share  
Don't forget your place settings



## **Rummage Sale**

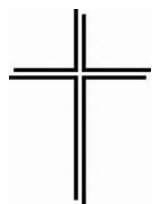
Saturday August 13

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Bake Sale

Lunch

Donations can be dropped off in the Hoyt room during office hours. Call Kathy Depp if you need items picked up. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Thursday and Friday. Cashiers and helpers are needed for Saturday. Contact Kathy Depp for more information or to volunteer. 440-466-2267









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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Church Office Hours</b> Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 AM-12:00 PM		1 Bible Study 10am East Side Card group 7pm N/A 7pm	2  Bible Study 7pm	3	4
5 <b>PENTECOST</b>  2¢ A Meal Collection Face-Face Worship 9:30am Video Worship	6	7  Al-Anon 7pm	8 Bible Study 10am East Side  Property and Finance 6:30pm N/A 7pm	9  Bible Study 7pm	10 B  Brown Bag Lunch packing 10 am	11
12 <b>Trinity Sunday</b>  Face-Face Worship 9:30am Video Worship	13	14  FLAG DAY Al-Anon 7pm	15 Bible Study 10am East Side  Session 7pm N/A 7pm	16  Bible Study 7pm	17	18
19 <b>Father's Day</b>  Face-Face Worship 9:30am Video Worship	20  MRC 6:30pm Presbytery meeting 6:30 pm	21 <i>Summer Begins</i>  Al-Anon 7pm	22 Bible Study 10am East Side  Book Club 7pm N/A 7pm	23  Bible Study 7pm	24  <b>Mark's Office hours</b>	25
26  Face-Face Worship 9:30am Video Worship	27  Mark on Vacation	28 6/27-7/10  Al-Anon 7pm	29  N/A 7pm	30  	<b>Trinity</b> Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am-11:30 am 12:00pm-2:30pm	<b>East Side</b> Monday and Wednesday 8:30am-11:30 am 12:00pm-2:30pm