

## ***Amazing Proof of Life After Death!***



Dear Trinity Presbyterian Church Members & Friends,

I must confess that more than once I have stolen fleeting glances at the scandal sheets displayed near the checkout lanes at the local Weis Market and Target Stores. Naturally, since I want to be “informed” along with the rest of my fellow citizens, I find that I am usually

ready for any extraordinary headline, however far-fetched. Interestingly, a few weeks ago, one of these tabloid newspapers (and I use that term lightly) carried this headline, *Amazing Proof of Life After Death!*

As I’m sure you can all imagine, that is not such an earthshaking disclosure, especially for those of us who embrace the reality of the living God. After all, I think that most of us have had proof of life after death for a long time. So, I did not yield to temptation and purchase the newsstand publication to read about the source of the writer’s amazing proof. The reason I did not purchase the newspaper is that I already knew I had amazing proof that is best summarized by the Apostle Paul in his letter addressed to the Church at Corinth. *For if the dead are not raised, then Christ had not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.* (I Corinthians 15)

Moreover, the same affirmation is revealed to us in John’s Gospel, Chapter 14, when Jesus tells his disciples: *In my father’s house are many rooms, if it were not so, I would have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for*

# GOOD NEWS OF TRINITY

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**April 2023**

*you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also.*

Ah, yes, but the supermarket tabloid informed me that its story is based on fact; my proof is based solely on faith, *the evidence of things not seen*, to quote Scripture. Thus, it seems that the issue comes down to this . . . My proof is only valid if one accepts the premise that the words of Scripture are the truth. The simple question thus becomes, can you trust the Bible? Can you trust Jesus Christ?

I believe the answer is embedded in our response to the fundamental question, “Who is your Lord and Savior and do you intend to be his disciple and obey his Word and be a reflection of his divine love in action?” Only if you and I can respond with the unhesitating affirmation that, “Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior and I intend to be his faithful witness forever,” will the reality of life beyond the grave become manifest.

I believe that trust in Jesus Christ is implicit to our faith. Remember Jesus said, *If it were not so, I would have told you . . .*

Amazing proof of life after death? I hope and pray that we, who trust in Jesus Christ; we, who are witnesses to the resurrection; we, who are witnesses to the Easter experience, most certainly have it!

May the light of our Lord’s wondrous resurrection abide with us all this Easter Season!

Yours in the Living God,

**Murray**

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**Men's Club**

On Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 830 a.m. Lum’s Fernbrook there will be a meeting. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

NOW ACCEPTING JEWELRY - The annual rummage sale is just around the corner. That means it's time to get your jewelry that you never wear out of your jewelry box and get it to Allyson Lord as soon as possible. Also, if you have any small jewelry boxes that you won't be using, bring them along too. Allyson will be accepting jewelry and small boxes until further notice. Thank you in advance for your donations.





Our group met for the first time this calendar year at the Irem Restaurant on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We opened the meeting with prayer by Meryl Davis.

We thanked Allyson Lord for hosting our group last December. It was good to be back together again.

Greeting Card Ministry report was given by chairperson Betsy Fairchild who is busy all year reaching out to many in our congregation.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering was received.

In review - end of year giving – (\$720) monetary donations to five local charities and Samaritan's Purse. We received thank you notes from all of them.

Bakeless Bake Sale – planned for Jan. / Feb. 2023. New date: May 1, 2023.

We voted unanimously to make a \$200 donation to the church heating fund.

Our church rummage sale will take place on June 9 and 10. All of the women in the church are encouraged to help make it a success. Work sign-up sheets will be posted in late April or early May. *Save your good stuff!!!*

Several women signed up to attend the Back Mountain Memorial Library luncheon on Sunday, April 30 at 11:30 a.m. at the Appletree Terrace.

A volunteer sheet was passed around the table to sign up to host a women's luncheon meeting at members' homes. Five members will host throughout the year. The other four meetings will be held in various restaurants.

As always, we extend our thoughts and prayers for our members, our families, our country and our world.

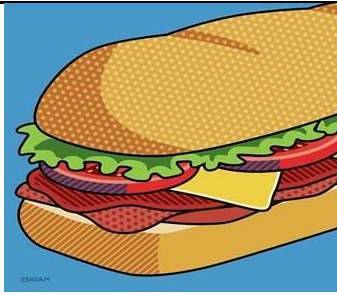
Our next meeting will be on April 12<sup>th</sup> at noon at Lum's Fernbrook Inn, 700 Main Road, Dallas. Watch for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. All women of Trinity are invited and encouraged to attend.



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Mark your calendars for a Spring Fellowship Potluck that will be held after worship service Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.





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TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## HOAGIE SALE

J&J Deli is offering any 8" Sub UP TO \$8.00.  
For each hoagie sold, J&J Deli will return \$2.00  
to Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Hoagie coupons do not expire and are redeemable at J &  
J Deli.

Hoagie sales will begin on April 16, 2023  
Please see any member of the Helping Hands Committee  
to purchase your tickets.

*Thank  
you!*

"I want to thank each of you for sending me cards and phone calls while in the hospital and nursing home. I especially appreciated your many prayers - they have meant so much to me coming from my church family. Thank you and may God bless each of you." Nancy Williams

I sincerely wish to thank family, friends and my Church family for the prayers, cards and encouragement. It's been a challenging time, and the prayers have kept me going. An update on our trip, after a stay in London to celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary we travel home to North Wales, to say good-bye to family and friends. God Bless Meryl & Windsor

*Thank You*  
  
*for your Kindness*



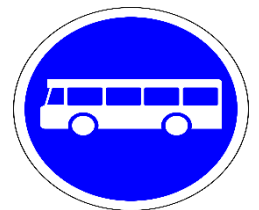
Planning Ahead . . .

The Mission Outreach Committee has decided to get a "Jump Start" on "Operation Christmas Child." You may recall we asked for donations of packed boxes at Christmas time last year for needy children in support of The Good Samaritan's Project. Rather than wait, we thought it might be better to spread it out over the months leading up to Christmas and by the time the supplies are needed to pack

the boxes we will have the donations already accumulated. So - - -

Each month you will see an item list in the bulletins and the Newsletter which you can donate on a monthly basis. There will be a receptacle underneath the desk in the hallway every month for your donations. **The items requested during the month of April are facecloths and hand towels.** Please keep in mind these will be packed in boxes which are the size of shoeboxes, so nothing extremely large. We sincerely appreciate your kindness in giving, as we have so much and tend not to think of those young children who have so little.

The Moosic Presbyterian Church, (where Jan Hunt is the commissioned Pastor), is sponsoring a Church Bus Trip to Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster for the production of "Moses." The bus will leave from their church at 7:30 a.m. on Sept. 26, 2023. The church is located at 625 Main St. in Moosic. The cost is \$165 per adult and \$120 per child ages 3 to 12. This includes the bus driver's tip, hoagie, beverage, the show and a lunch buffet at the Bird-in-Hand Restaurant. Full payment is due upon making your reservation. Payment can be made in cash or check (made payable to Moosic Presbyterian Church), and given to Barb Rinker who will get it to Pr. Jan Hunt. Plan ahead to see this amazing show.





**Flower Chart** There is a flower chart sign-up sheet in hallway for anyone wishing to honor a loved one. The cost is \$50 per week so please plan accordingly

May 7, 2023	
May 14, 2023	Kristina Coy
May 21, 2023	
May 28, 2023	Meryl Davis



**Meals on Wheels**~ If you would like to volunteer for Meals on Wheels on any open dates, please call Meryl Davis @ (570) 310-1556.

April 6, 2023	Windsor & Meryl Davis
April 20, 2023	Wayne & Marianne Williams



### April Birthdays

04/04	Cindy Mulloy
04/06	C. Don Kocher
04/06	Karin Thompson
04/08	Ella Fleschut
04/09	Mari Johnson
04/20	Nancy Williams
04/21	Carl Sgarlat Jr.
04/30	Jennifer Sgarlat

### May

05/07	Nicole Fleschut
05/07	Harry Cooper
05/13	Alice Kocher
05/15	Zach Coy
05/28	Kurt Williams



### April Anniversaries

04/03	Neil & Mary Morrison
04/10	Windsor & Meryl Davis
04/17	Michael Salvati & Beth Davis

**LITURGISTS** - The Session wishes to thank everyone who has volunteered to serve as Liturgists.

If you are interested in serving as a Liturgist, please check the poster on the bulletin board in the hallway and select a date. Rev. Dr. Murray is available to talk to anyone who has never been a liturgist but wants to give it a try.

April 2, 2023	Barbara Rinker
April 9, 2023	Ella Fleschut
April 16, 2023	
April 23, 2023	Josh Coy
April 30, 2023	

Nicole Fleschut, Administrative Assistant, will send you your material prior to the date you are scheduled to be the Liturgist.

Thank you, Art Peoples, Clerk of Session



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Trinity Presbyterian Church Building Use Calendar - The Session is requesting everyone who wishes to use the facilities at Trinity to schedule their events with Nicole Fleschut, Administrative Assistant. By phone: 570-675-3131

Or by email: [trinitypress@frontiernet.net](mailto:trinitypress@frontiernet.net). This will ensure that everyone has an opportunity to use the building for approved activities, and we won't have double bookings. Thank you for your support. Art Peoples, Clerk of Session



**Announcements** need to be either emailed to [trinitypress@frontiernet.net](mailto:trinitypress@frontiernet.net) by **Tuesday morning at 10 am** or written on one of the forms found on the bulletin board and deposited in the office. **Newsletter articles** need to be submitted to the church office by **April 26<sup>th</sup>**. They need to be emailed to [trinitypress@frontiernet.net](mailto:trinitypress@frontiernet.net) along with any images.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Members of Trinity:**

Rich Burkhardt	Mary Chappell & Walter Chappell	Meryl Davis
Tom Pickett	Jim Snyder	Doug Stevens
Nancy Williams	Phil & Leona Walter	Shirley Wolfkeil

**Friends of Trinity:**

Sandy Goodwin – Dr. Curt Goodwin’s sister  
 Carol Gumienny- Stroke- eyes & balance- Nancy Thomas’s sister  
 Barbara Jones – Betty Handley’s sister  
 Bill Morrison – poor health – Neil’s brother  
 Amy Wert – paralyzed from accident – daughter of Janie Millers co-worker  
 Richard Zim – Allyson Lord’s brother-in-law

\*If any names need to be added or can be removed, please let Nicole know. Thank you.

**Trinity Helping Hands** is going to do something new. We will be doing an insert in the bulletin on Mother's Day. We will be providing forms for you to complete in order to include those special women in your life, either in memory of or in honor of. These could be your wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister or just someone who has helped fill this special role in your life. We will be asking for a donation to include your special lady/ladies in the special insert. This is a simple way to say thank you to those special women in your life and at the same time help to increase the general account of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

The forms and an envelope will be available on the table in the hall and Nicole will include the form in an email for those of you not able to make it to church. All forms will need to be submitted and received by Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. This is necessary so that the insert can be typed up and added to the Mother's Day bulletin.

If you have any questions, please contact Karin Thompson at 570-332-5319. Please make your check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church.

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## Mother's Day Remembrance

From: (Contact phone # \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ENVELOPE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

*An Easter Invitation*  
**Trinity Presbyterian Church**

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***Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor***

The Great Vigil of Easter is upon us with its promise to open our hearts to the Resurrected Christ.

At Trinity Presbyterian Church, we cordially invite you to join with us to help make this season an extra special time during which we will follow God's final journey to the

Cross in a sermon series highlighting:

The Prodigal's Father; The Fragrance of the Glory of God;

The Joy Set Before Us; Is it I, Lord;

The Seven Last Words from the Cross;

At Dawn on the First Day of the Week; And so it Begins ...

**Sunday morning worship begins at 10 a.m.**

featuring special music and anthems provided by the Trinity choir and soloists.

**During Holy Week there will be:**

**April 6 at 7:00 p.m.** - Maundy Thursday Communion Service

**April 7 at 12:00 Noon** - Good Friday Service

**April 9 at 7:00 a.m.** - Easter Sunrise Service

**April 9 at 10:00 a.m.** - Easter Service with Communion

Celebrating the Resurrection

The Good News of Christ's resurrection is the highlight of our Easter Vigil.

Join us in-person or on-line as we sojourn with God in our Spring celebration of the gift of eternal life, while retelling of the wonderfully Good News radiating from the Gospel.



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