



Dear Friends

I am so excited that summer is finally here and underway. As I write to you Nat is doing final preparations for Camp Lackawanna and we are getting ready for the Fourth of July at our house. July is always my favorite month of summer as the pace of life slows and the chance to enjoy the slow fun of summer increases.

We hope that you are planning on joining us on July 18th for the Church Picnic and worship outside. We are excited to take up this old tradition in the life of the church and enjoy some time in nature worshipping God with friends.

This summer I hope that you have some time to rest and reflect on what God is doing in your life and how God is inviting us forward. Summer is a great time to find quiet time with God and to begin to build patterns in your life that you can continue in the busy season of fall.

I hope that this summer is a season of blessings for you and that you can come and enjoy some wonderful worship and fellowship time together

Blessings

Pastor Jen

GOOD NEWS OF TRINITY

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July 2021



The Women of Trinity Notes July 2021

The women met at the home of Barbara Rinker on June 11. We thank her for her generous hospitality enabling us to have some fun and fellowship together in a beautiful setting in Sweet Valley. The meeting was opened and later closed with prayer by Janet Hunt.

Carol Hobbs gave the treasurer's report and the prayer shawl report, and Betsy Fairchild gave the greeting card ministry report which has been very busy lately.

The women planned the hosting of the reception on the lawn for Father's Day, June 20th. Thank you to Allyson Lord, Betsy Fairchild, Meryl Davis, Nancy Williams, Bette Handley, and Janet Hunt for providing the paper products and refreshments.

The women will provide the flowers for the sanctuary on August 29 at a cost of \$35.00.

The women decided to do the Bakeless Bake Sale again this year to raise the funds for our annual \$1,000 donation to the general fund of the church. A letter and return envelope will be sent to each member to facilitate their participation in the project.

Allyson Lord has volunteered to host our December meeting at her beautiful "Christmas House." We will all be thinking of a Christmas project that we can do in our community.

Our July meeting will be at the Irem Clubhouse on Thursday, July 29th at noon. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board by early July or call Sandy Peoples at 570-674-9006 if you wish to attend.

We continue to pray for our church, our members and their families.

*Thank
you* 

A note of Thanksgiving: This note is a little late in coming, procrastination is a terrible disease - But here goes – On January 26, 2021 I broke my right ankle, January 28, 2021 had surgery to fix it. Went to John Heinz on February 1, 2021 for rehab and came home on February 16, 2021. I want to thank everyone for their prayers, slacks, snacks, dinners lovingly fixed and delivered, telephone calls, and cards sent. Our church family is so loving & caring. Thank you so much for loving me so much. Alice R. Kocher



July

07/08 Deborah Cooper
 07/11 Karen Sassaman
 07/12 Michael Perzia
 07/20 Wayne Williams
 07/21 Drew Fleschut
 07/24 Robert Pilger
 07/25 Andrew Sgarlat
 07/31 Larry Rittenhouse

August

08/10 Russ Newell
 08/10 Maria Pavlick
 08/13 Brian Johnson
 08/ 26 Aime McGrady



July

07/01 John & Tanya Christ
 07/08 Carl & Julie Sgarlat Sr.
 07/15 Russell & Sherri Newell Sr.

August

08/05 Fred & Janet Hunt
 08/21 Chuck & Kim Borland



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

July 1, 2021	Windsor & Meryl Davis	
July 15, 2021	Volunteers needed	
July 29, 2021	Meryl Davis	Curtis Goodwin

Outreach and Deacons are Hosting a School Supplies Drive in August

Be on the lookout for good school supplies prices and scoop up those deals to help out locally and nationally for children and families who need school supplies. We will be collecting the first few weeks in August. Here is what we need: backpacks, binders, notebooks, tablets, pens, pencils, washable markers, erasers, permanent markers, crayons, tape, scissors, staples, binder clips, rulers, pencil sharpeners, white paper, construction paper, glue sticks, post it notes, paper clips, highlighters, pencil cases, rubber bands.





Come as You Can Church Work Days!

As we enter into summer, we would love your help with some projects around our building! Call the church office to let them know what you would like to help with and about when you are able to come:

- Power washing the Exterior
 - Weeding
 - Trimming hedges
 - Clean out the Gutters
 - Painting touch ups interior
 - Sprucing up the Memorial Garden
 - Weed control in back parking lot
 - Sealing cracks in back parking lot
 - Closet clean outs
 - Kitchen Cleanout and restock
 - Basement Clean out
 - Replace stained ceiling tiles
- And we are open to more suggestions!

Come use your gifts and tools and help our facilities to shine!

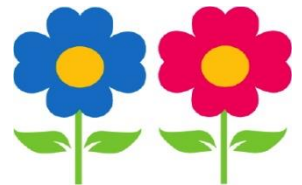


Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship

Join us on July 18th as we celebrate summer with our annual Church Picnic and worship in the garden. Weather permitting, we will spend time together in worship and in fellowship. This will be a great chance to gather together. Men’s Club will be grilling and you are invited to bring whatever sides you would like

Flower Chart for 2021 is up

There is a new flower chart sign-up sheet in hallway for anyone wishing to honor a loved one. The cost of flowers has increased to \$35 per week so please plan accordingly. Available dates:



July 4, 2021		August 8, 2021	Nancy Williams
July 11, 2021		August 15, 2021	
July 18, 2021	Linda Baines	August 22, 2021	Nancy Williams
July 25, 2021		August 29, 2021	Women of Trinity
August 1, 2021		September 5, 2021	



Good morning!

At the beginning of May, we had the opportunity to celebrate my mom's completion of her commissioned pastor program. The weekend included phone calls and zoom visits with her kids and grandkids and gifts from the family. My dad treated her like a queen for the weekend taking care of everything around the house, cooking for her, and taking her to a winery and out to a nice dinner with her sister and brother-in-law.



Near the end of the weekend, my dad gave her the box with all of your letters and cards. Thank you all so much for the joy your words brought her. This box was so meaningful and will be enjoyed for years to come. You all hold a special place in her heart as I know she does in yours. I'm attaching some pictures of her as she opened the box. Thank you all! Jen Clifton (Jan Hunt's daughter)

If you missed this chance to send a note or trace your hand for handprints it is not too late. You can send handprints or cards to the church office and we will get them to Jan.



Trinity Men's Club

Probably the biggest news from the Men's Club is that Ken Jones has stepped into emeritus status after many years of service as our president. On behalf of all our members, past and present, I want to thank Ken for all his hard work and dedication to the work of the club for the benefit of Trinity and the glory of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The officers of the club are now:

Fred Hunt - President & Chaplin

Wayne Williams - Vice President & Treasurer

We want to thank everyone who helped and supported the club with our "take out only" Chicken and Biscuit Dinner on May 22nd. In addition to some truly "good eatin" the dinner was a financial success. Based on that success, the Club voted on June 5 to donate \$500 to the Outreach Committee as they go about raising funds for the Rise

Against Hunger event they are planning for the fall. The earnings from the dinner also position us well to support the other causes that we traditionally support including a year-end contribution to the Trinity General fund.

The Men's Club would like to congratulate the Deacons, the Rummage Sale Committee and all those who pitched in and made that event a huge success, The men were happy to help with the set up on the 12th and we raised a little money as well via the efforts of our grilling team through the sale of hot dogs and drinks. Thank you, Karen Perzia, for those great Wimpies!

In July our planned activities include:

- Cooking for the HamFest, a gathering of Ham Radio Operators and a modest fund raiser for the club. As of this writing, we need one more volunteer for this activity (Call Fred Hunt)
- Grilling for the Church Picnic on July 18

Our July breakfast meeting will be on Saturday the 10th @ Lum's on Main Road in Dallas @ 8:30. All of the men of Trinity are invited and welcome.

In August we will return to the first Saturday of the month and will meet on August 7th.

DEACONS NEWS

Pictorial Directory

The Deacons have restarted the work on a printed pictorial directory of the members of Trinity

Presbyterian Church. Rather than engage a professional photographer and go through all the issues that brings, we are simply going to publish small casual photographs of each family. For that purpose, we need a family picture from each family unit as they want to appear in the directory. This can certainly be a "selfie", and we hope many of you can just forward a photo from your smartphone to Nicole in the church office. Nicole also has the tools and skill necessary to work with a paper photograph, if you would prefer to supply that. She can scan and crop it as appropriate for our directory, and then return the photo to you. If you need a photograph taken, watch the weekly bulletin for opportunities following worship on Sunday morning. If neither of these options work for your family call your Parish Deacon, or Fred Hunt and we'll come up with a plan.

Board of Deacons: Cindy Williams, President	
Linda Baines	Al Brown
Tracey Chappell	Fred Hunt
Sandy Peoples	Barb Rinker
Michelle Rittenhouse	Karen Sassaman
Nancy Thomas	Nancy Williams



Last year we made a sincere effort to update all the contact information for each Trinity Family and each member. All of that data has now been entered into our new software so our directory will pull from the latest information that we have. If you know that there are mistakes in the last printed directory that you received or if your information has changed, please contact the church office with the updates. Through this new software, we intend for all mailings and lists to come from a single, regularly updated source, eliminating past problems that occurred when different people were keeping different lists for different purposes.

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. Baer is available to talk to anyone who has never been a liturgist but wants to give it a try.

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

It will be in a large print format.

Thank you, Art Peoples, Clerk of Session

July 4, 2021	Meryl Davis
July 11, 2021	
July 18, 2021	Barbara Rinker
July 25, 2021	Ken Jones
August 1, 2021	Janet Hunt
August 8, 2021	Fred Hunt
August 15, 2021	Jim Snyder
August 22, 2021	Meryl Davis
August 29, 2021	Barbara Rinker
September 5, 2021	

July is "No Hungry Tummies" Month at Trinity

The Board of Directors of the Back Mountain Food Pantry have created a summer nutritional program to provide extra food for school age children during the months of June, July and August.



The children are home all day and cannot take advantage of school breakfasts and lunches. They might otherwise go hungry except for the extra assistance given by this innovative program.

While all non-perishable foods are needed and welcome at any time, the greatest needs to make this program work are breakfast and lunch foods that children can easily open and prepare for themselves. These items include: cold cereal, instant oatmeal, canned milk, peanut butter and jelly, juice, macaroni and cheese, tuna fish, Spam, canned fruit, soup, granola bars, and prepared Jell-O and pudding.

Food may be dropped off any day during the month and placed in the bins underneath the table in the hallway. Any cash donations may be made by checks payable to the Back Mountain Food Pantry and given to Sandy Peoples for delivery to the pantry. Thank you for your generous support of this vital program.

SESSION
HIGHLIGHTS

Session members: Arthur J. Peoples, Clerk of Session

Mark Chappell

Sharon Davis

Mary Jane Leo

Sherri Newell

Karen Perzia

Jennifer Sgarlat

Kathy Stevens

Wayne Williams

The regular meeting of the Session was held on June 28, 2021, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas, PA. The following items were discussed and acted upon by the Session.

1. Elder Chappell reported the LED light conversion project is completed.
2. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania lifted the mask requirements on June 28, 2021. The Session approved a no mask policy for Trinity Presbyterian Church and Trinity Learning Center. No mask will be required unless people feel the need to wear them. This goes into effect June 28, 2021.
3. Worship in the Garden is scheduled for July 18, 2021 (Rain date July 25, 2021). A church picnic will follow the service.
4. The Session was advised that our Per Capita bill has been received. We are assessed at \$35.00 for 119 members. Thus far 52 members have paid their Per Capita. We hope those who have not paid their Per Capita, will do so as soon as possible.
5. July has been approved as “No Hungry Tummys” month at Trinity.
6. November 6th is tentatively scheduled for Rise Against Hunger. We still are considering the project, but we still need to raise approximately \$2,000.00.
7. The Pastor is scheduled for the following training.
 - a. September 13 – 17, 2021 – Stewardship Kaleidoscope
 - b. September 29 – 30, 2021 – Presbytery Clergy Retreat
 - c. October 4 – 9, 2021- Mid Council Leader Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur J. Peoples, Clerk