

### **Dear Friends**

I am so excited that soon we will be able to worship together, even if in a new way.

In June we are going to begin worshipping together with drive in church. We have purchased a FM transmitter, and you will be invited to join us in the parking lot where we will all be able to sing and praise God together from the safety of our cars.

It is such a joy to think of seeing your smiling faces and to celebrate together. We know that not everyone will be able to join us in person so we will be continuing Worship @ Home for the summer.

I hope that as we ease into yellow you can find ways to stay safe as we prepare to worship together. We here at Trinity are pleased to be here to support and encourage each other through this season. So please let us know how we can be helping and how we can be praying for you.

It seems fitting as we prepare to celebrate Pentecost this Sunday to give thanks for the gift of the Spirit which lets us know that God is with us even as we worship in different ways.

Looking forward to seeing you this summer

Pastor Jen

### GOOD NEWS OF TRINITY

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### **Notes from the Women of Trinity**

Even though we are unable to meet in person right now, we have made many efforts to stay connected through these trying times.

One of the things we have done is to make a donation to the Northeast Sight Services. This organization is in the process of retooling their operation so they can offer support on line to their clients. This process is labor intensive and expensive. We are hoping that our donation will help them in this effort to deliver a much needed level of service and support to their client base.

Several women of Trinity were featured in an article in the May edition of the Back Mountain Community News, page 3, for their efforts to provide more than 1,500 masks for medical professionals to use as they take care of the rest of us. The participants were: Karen Perzia, Nancy Williams, Cindy Williams, Barbara Rinker, Meryl Davis, Carol Hobbs and a friend, Jenny Vehoski. Thanks to them for making a difference in our community.

Many of the women take the time every week to touch base with one another to make sure that all is okay at everyone's household. Thanks to all who have made the calls, especially to our members who live alone.

We hope that our church is fully open and we can host the lemonade on the lawn on July 19.

And we look forward to December 13 when we will host the Christmas reception.

Until then, be safe, be well, God Bless. Sandy Peoples, Moderator



If you would like to volunteer to deliver Meals on Wheels in the future, please call Meryl Davis (570-310-1556).



**First Friday** – Outreach is currently working on a plan for hosting First Friday online. Check our Facebook page for more information.

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

June Birthdays		July Birthdays	
06/05	Rev. Roger Griffith	07/08	Deborah Cooper
06/11	Vera Supey	07/11	Karen Sassaman
06/15	Aiden Burkhardt	07/12	Michael Perzia
06/17	Luke Sgarlat	07/16	Diane Dreier
06/19	Rowan Yurko	07/17	Janet Carey
06/20	Elizabeth Handley	07/20	Wayne Williams
06/27	Richard Gorgone	07/21	Drew Fleschut
06/28	John Fleschut	07/24	Robert Pilger
		07/24	Nicole Macri
		07/25	Andrew Sgarlat
		07/28	Kimberly Miller

June A	nniversaries
06/09	John & Rev. Jennifer Bear
06/19	Don & Alice Kocher
06/23	Joseph & Nadine Dreier
06/29	Robert & Charla Pilger

July Anniversaries			
07/01	John & Tanya Christ		
07/08	Carl & Julie Sgarlat Sr.		
07/15	Russell & Sherri Newell Sr.		
07/19	Jeffery & Diane Dreier		
07/29	Anthony & Lois Macri Sr.		

NOW ACCEPTING JEWELRY - The Rummage Sale has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 28 & 29, 2020. That means it's time to get your jewelry that you never wear out of your jewelry box and get it to Allyson Lord when we begin worshipping in person again. Also, if you have small jewelry gift 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 to



jewelry and small boxes until further notice. Thank you in advance for your donations.

### **No Hungry Tummies Program**

The Session has approved the No Hungry Tummies Program to be conducted at Trinity again this summer. During the months of June and July, please bring nonperishable food and place it in the buckets under the table in the hallway. Please make your donations in the form of "kid friendly" food that is ready to eat or easy to fix such as cereal, juice, prepared pudding and Jell-O, fruit cups, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, tuna fish, soup, etc. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to the Back Mountain Food Pantry. You may hand the check to Food Pantry Board Member Sandy Peoples or put it in an envelope marked "Back Mountain Food Pantry" and place it in the offering plate to be directed to her mailbox. Thank you for your continued generous support of this program to feed needy children in our community during the summer months.

#### **DEACON'S NEWS**

# Rummage sale postponed at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas

The Deacons at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Irem Road, Dallas have postponed their annual rummage sale which was to be held in late **Board of Deacons: Karen Perzia, President** 

**Secretary, Cindy Williams** 

Linda Baines Al Brown

Richard Burkhardt Tracey Chappell

Fred Hunt Janie Miller

Thomas Picket Adam Reynolds Karen Sassaman Nancy Thomas

May. They are looking at a tentative date later in the summer and will announce the date as soon as their plans can be finalized. They appreciate the interest and support of area residents for this much- anticipated annual event, and hope that they can bring it to the community as soon as possible.



Session Members: Arthur J. Peoples, Clerk of Session

Alice Bartlett Edward Marchakitus

Mark Chappell Jen Sgarlat
Mary Jayne Leo Kathy Stevens

Jan Hunt Warren Zarr

The Session met on May 27, 2020 to address issues related to Trinity Presbyterian Church. The meeting was conducted via Zoom because of the COVID 19 restrictions.

### 1. <u>BUILDING COMMITTEE</u> reported on the following issues.

- a. The committee is obtaining bids to have a tree removed from the property line. The tree is located on the driveway that connects the front and rear parking lots.
- b. We continue to have complaints from the neighbors regarding the intensity of the new lights in the rear parking lot. Art Peoples has been requested to contact the concerned neighbors and schedule a meeting between them and the Session. The Session would like to meet within the next 14 days.
- Mark Chappell is continuing to replace the lights in the church with new LED cost efficient lights.
- d. Mark Chappell has also purchased a mist spraying device to sanitize the church. This will meet all CDC COVID -19 requirements. When the equipment arrives, Jane and Kim, our cleaning crew, will be instructed on the proper use of the equipment.

### 2. OUTREACH/MISSION COMMITTEE

a. Last month the committee reported that the "Rise Against Hunger" was in

desperate need for food. The committee contacted their representative and proposed that we schedule a date in late September or early October. Rev. Baer and Ed Marchakitus will coordinate with Ryan, the Rise Against Hunger contact.

b. The Session approved the months of June and July be designated as "No Hungry Tummies" months. During this period, we will collect food and cash donations. If you desire to make a cash donation, please make the check payable to the **Back Mountain Food Pantry**.

### 3. SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMITTEE

- a. Janet Hunt reported that the committee met, and in an effort to attempt to return to normalcy, we will start having "Drive-in" church services. We are awaiting the arrival of equipment to enable us to transmit to car radios. We anticipate we will start the services in the middle of June. The gathering will comply with all CDC COVID-19 requirements. Additional information will be provided later.
- b. Rev. Baer reported that she will return to her office starting in June. It is requested that you call to schedule an appointment. Again we are requesting that we all comply with the COVID-19 requirements for condition Yellow.
- c. The committee is in the process of preparing Sunday school items that will be distributed to all the children.
- d. The Adult Sunday School has decided to recess for the summer months.

### 4. TRINITY LEARNING CENTER

a. The Trinity Learning Center requested permission to hold a Drive-In Graduation on June 9, 2020. The Session requested that TLC provide the Session with an outline on how the program will be conducted to ensure compliance with all CDC COVID -19 requirements.

### **Art Peoples, Clerk of Session**

The Per Capita for 2020 has been set at \$35.00 per person. The total is divided among the Presbytery - \$23.65, the Synod of the Trinity - \$2.40, and the General Assembly - \$8.95. It is requested that each member place their "Per Capita Apportionment" in the light blue envelope provided in your box of envelopes. Remember the Per Capita apportionment is per member. Your support is greatly appreciated. Art Peoples, Clerk of Session



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Dear Friends at Trinity Presbyterian Church,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We can't say it enough for the masks in memory of Ruth Glahn.

They are very special to us!

Ruth was a member of our family for years and, like you, we miss her. She was a giving and caring "LADY" who always had a smile and a love of life that was transferred to all that came in contact with her. We are sad at her passing however she will forever remain in our hearts! We are blessed to have known her!

To give of your time and talents to provide masks for our residents and staff at Meadows Nursing & Rehabilitation Center touches us deeply! During this medical crises you all demonstrate your compassion and commitment to helping those most vulnerable to the virus.

Not only are you our Friends, You are our ANGELS!

With deepest gratitude,

Cristina Tarbox, NHA