



GOOD NEWS OF TRINITY

Dear Members & Friends of Trinity Presbyterian Church,

Perhaps one of the most meaningful Gospel passages for me is the one where Jesus asks Peter following the resurrection, Do you love me? He asks this question three times over. When Peter says yes, each time, Jesus reminds him, Feed my sheep! Interestingly, nowhere does it say anything in the Scriptures about the “diet” of the sheep. And today, as we look around the communal life of the church, we discover that there are various tastes and needs of folks who are part of “the flock”. Just as our physical, mental, and emotional requirements differ from person to person, likewise, so do our spiritual needs vary from one person to another.

While some of our Trinity family of faith are fed at Sunday morning services of worship and prayer, others enjoy being fed at special fellowship events that highlight fun, food, and friendship. Some are centered in Holy Communion, others in Scripture, and others in service to the Session or Deacons. All of these, I believe, along with many other aspects of our Christian faith and witness are valid, and each committed Christian can enjoy any combination of food from that spiritual menu at any time throughout his or her spiritual journey.

When one earnestly studies either the Old Testament or the New Testament, it soon becomes abundantly clear “spiritual variety” is not lacking anywhere among God’s chosen people. Hence, it evermore seems to me that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord can and should minister to those around him or her no matter their background. All believers alike, I think, have been called to spread the Gospel and to minister in his name wherever they find themselves in God’s world. Here in the heart of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, we, as a vital part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) should

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especially recognize our various gifts of the Spirit and different roles in the church as we embrace one Lord. It seems to me that if each of us is conscious about our particular ministry, then all of the Lord's sheep will be fed throughout the life and witness of Trinity Presbyterian Church here in Dallas, PA and beyond.

I like to think that the multiplicity of views we gladly share within our fellowship are significant beyond calculation and reflect, to my way of thinking, different facets of the jewel that is the Good News. With the Good News shining forth from our hearts and souls, together we can go out to make new Christians, and bring into the Lord's sheepfold new disciples who will also embrace our church's mission to be a witness to God as a welcoming community of faith for today and tomorrow.

Embracing the Jewel of Faith with along with you, Murray

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Women of Trinity – May 24, 2023

Our May 24th meeting at the T&C Grille in Tunkhannock was opened with prayer by Karin Thompson.

Greeting Card Ministry report – Betsy Fairchild.

Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering envelopes were made available for those who wanted one.

Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering – year to date - \$26.50.

Bakeless Bake Sale – Start date: May 24, 2023 – to raise funds to donate to the general operating account of the church. Please respond by August 31.

Our church rummage sale will take place on June 9 and 10. Please plan to help.

Allyson Lord is accepting all jewelry to sell at the sale.

Work sign-up sheets have been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. This year the event will be managed by the new Trinity Helping Hands Committee. All proceeds will be donated to the general operating account of the church. *Save your good stuff!!!*

The women will host a Lemonade on the Lawn on July 23, 2023. At next month's meeting, we will plan our food and beverages, etc.

Thoughts and prayers for our members, our families, our country and our world. Please continue to pray for peace.



Welcome and congratulations to Grayson McKinley who became our newest member at Trinity last month. Grayson is 13 years old and he is in the 7th grade.

Congratulations to Nancy Williams who celebrated her 90th birthday last month.

"With sincere gratitude, I would like to thank everyone for helping me celebrate my 90th birthday. I thoroughly enjoyed my many cards, greetings and well wishes. Everyone helped to make my day a huge celebration. Thank you. In God's love, Nancy Williams



Thank you to everyone for your kindness, whether they were sincere wishes, cards, notes, phone calls, etc. on the death of my mom. What a wonderful church family, I belong to! Barb Rinker



The Outreach Committee's good Samaritan Christmas project donation item for the month of **June is small stuffed animals**. Perhaps the size of beanie babies as they need to be packed in a shoebox. Please do not forget we will also be shipping who may not necessarily like a pink plush kitty cat. Thank you for your willingness to donate to this project.

The Outreach Committee, sponsored a small reception for the children and families of the Trinity Learning Center on the last day of their school's program. Happy Summer to all!

Mission/Outreach Mtg. at the church. It is scheduled for June 19,2023 at 7:00 p.m.





EARLY NOTICE!!! If possible, please set Saturday, July 22nd aside on your calendar. The Thompsons will be hosting a light luncheon Open House from 11:00 until 2:00. We hope to see YOU at our home. More information will follow closer to the date. Murray & Karin



Men's Club

On Saturday June 10th @ 830 a.m. Lum's Fernbrook there will be a meeting. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

June 4, 2023	Coy Family
June 11, 2023	Newell Family
June 18, 2023	Betsy Fairchild
June 25, 2023	

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.

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



June 1, 2023	Windsor & Meryl Davis
June 15, 2023	Walt & Susan Yeager
June 29, 2023	Rich & Drena Gorgone



Trinity Helping Hands would like to thank you for all the Mother's Day Remembrances that were submitted. We will now be doing an insert in the bulletin on Father's Day. We will be providing forms for you to complete in order to include those special men in your life, either in memory of or in honor of. These could be your husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother or just someone who

has helped fill this special role in your life. We will be asking for a donation to include your special man/men in the special insert. This is a simple way to say thank you to those special men 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 Sunday, June 4th. This is necessary so that the insert can be typed up and added to the Father's Day Bulletin on Sunday, June 18. If you have any questions, please contact Karin Thompson at 570-332-5319. Please make your check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church.



Trinity Rummage Sale committee plans annual event in Dallas

The rummage sale committee has set Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10 for our annual gigantic rummage sale in the fellowship hall and parking lot at the church. Residents of the Back Mountain and surrounding areas eagerly look forward to our event every year, and we are pleased to be able to bring it to our loyal customers.

The sale will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 9, and from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 10. Saturday will be bag day: all you can stuff into a large brown grocery bag for only \$2.

Your help is needed for the sale, so please sign up on the **bright pink chart in the hallway**. There are many jobs to do, and we would appreciate everyone's help. We would also appreciate your donations of clothing, household goods, jewelry, etc. **We always especially need clothing for children**.

Please bring all donations to the church by Wednesday evening, June 7th so that we have time to sort and price them accordingly.

If you would like a **rummage sale flier** to put where you work or where you do business, please speak to anyone on the committee and we will be sure to get one to you.

Thank you in advance for helping us make this a successful fundraiser and outreach to our community. Please join us as we bring back this much-anticipated annual event. All proceeds will go to benefit the general operating budget of our church.

Caption: Committee members met to plan the sale. Seated from left: Kristina Coy, Karen Perzia, Nancy Thomas. Standing from left: Cindy Williams, Allyson Lord, Sandy Peoples.

ACCEPTING JEWELRY - Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Your help is greatly needed. The rummage sale is June 9 and 10 and jewelry is coming in very slowly. Our jewelry counter is very popular and people flock to the jewelry as soon as the doors open. Everyone has jewelry they no longer wear. Please go through your jewelry and give your cast-offs to Allyson Lord as soon as possible. Thank you.

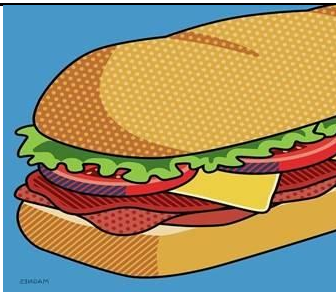


DEACONS NEWS

Information from the Deacons to Trinity's Members and Friends. In order to better serve our

Board of Deacons: Beth Davis, President	
Chuck Borland	Deb Cooper
Josh Coy	Megan Davis
Michele Steele	Kathy Stevens
Karin Thompson	Nancy Thomas, Treasurer

congregation as the helping and caring arm of our Church, the Deacons will be making calls and/or emails to all members and friends. These will be done occasionally, just to check and see how you are doing and if you need anything that the Deacons might be able to help you with. One of the things we will be asking is for you to let us know if having a meal provided at any point would be helpful. If you, your spouse or family member are sick, in the hospital or just getting home from the hospital, we would like to help by making a meal or several meals for you, in order to free up some of your time and make your day a bit easier. If you would appreciate a meal or several provided, please let Nicole (570-675-3131), Karin Thompson (570-332-5319) or the Deacon you are talking to know and we will make arrangements to get the meal(s) to you. Please let us know if there is anything you really don't like, are allergic to or cannot eat due to dietary restrictions. We want to provide a meal you can enjoy eating. If you would be interested in helping to provide meals to other members or friends in need, please let Karin Thompson know as she will be arranging the meals.



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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.

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

June 4, 2023	Josh Coy
June 11, 2023	Sherri Newell
June 18, 2023	
June 25, 2023	

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.

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

June Birthdays	
6/11	Vera Supey
6/17	Luke Sgarlat
6/19	Rowan Yurko
6/20	Elizabeth Handley
6/28	John Fleschut



July Birthdays	
07/05	Kristina Coy
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



June Anniversaries	
06/19	C. Don & Alice Kocher
06/29	Robert & Charla Pilger

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



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**Session
Highlights**

Session members: Arthur J. Peoples, Clerk to Session

**Kristina Coy
Sharon Davis
Sherri Newell
Karen Perzia**

**Meryl Davis
Ken Jones
Sandy Peoples
Barbara Rinker**

Wayne Williams

The regular meeting of the Session was held on April 18, 2023, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas, PA. The following items were discussed and acted upon by the Session.

1. After completing confirmation classes, Grayson Michael McKinley was accepted into membership of Trinity Presbyterian Church on April 16, 2023. The Session sends their congratulations to Grayson and welcomes him into membership at Trinity.
2. At the request of Montview Presbyterian Boulevard Church, Denver, Colorado Trinity transferred the membership of Carol Vanstory to their church. Carol was a very active member of Trinity and will be missed.
3. The Annual Statistical Report to the General Assembly dated March 22, 2023 was sent to the Presbytery indicating our membership at 99 active members.
4. April 11, 2023 was Administrative Professionals Day. The Session wishes to extend our appreciation to Nicole Fleschut for her hard work and dedication to Trinity. Rev. Dr. Thompson took her to lunch to show our appreciation.
5. Rev. Dr. Murray Thompson submitted his report for the period 1 March – 18 April, 2023 reflecting:
 - a) One hospital visit.
 - b) Three home visits.
 - c) Thirteen contacts
 - d) Nine meetings with committees, members, and church services
 - e) Correspondence – 45 to members and friends of Trinity
 - f) Provided spiritual guidance to the American Legion at Memorial Services
 - g) Attended Committee on Ministry on February 23, 2023
6. Rev. Dr. Murray Thompson indicated that, as part of his ministry, Karin and he appreciate the opportunity to visit with members of the congregation in their homes. The visits provide them with the

opportunity to have some quality time with the members of the congregation.

7. Rev. Thompson advised the Session that the Board of Deacons has divided the congregation into groups of five or six members. One deacon will be assigned to each of the groups. They will keep in contact with their group providing any assistance that may be necessary for the good health of the congregation.
8. Elder Karen Perzia reported that in the annual report she indicated that we would have a deficit of approximate \$15,860.00. Since the beginning of this year members of the congregation have donated \$3,695.00 to the heating fund, \$500.00 to the hoagie fund and \$400.00 to the Mother's Day Memorial Fund. This leaves a balance of approximately \$11,265.00. The revenue from the rummage fund generally results in a donation of \$4,000.00.

9. **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

- a. Elder Wayne Williams advised that Harry Rosecrans has submitted an estimate of \$4,800.00 to make the repairs to the parking lot.
- b. Thanks to Wayne Williams, the trees that were in need of removal have been cut down.

10. **THE FRANK LINDEN HOWORTH AND MARGARET JONES HOWORTH MEMORIAL**

- a) The Howorth Trust Fund Committee met on April 23, 2023 to determine the distribution of the fund's annual allocation. This year the allocation is in the amount of \$13,619.77.

11. **MISSION/OUTREACH**

- a) On March 23, 2023 a TLC Open House was held in the Miracle Building.
Mission Outreach Committee supplied cookies, water and juice boxes.
- b) RISE AGAINST HUNGER:
Date confirmed is Nov. 18, 2023. Howorth application submitted for \$2500
for remaining funding (Total is \$4000).

12. **PRESBYTERY, COMMISSIONER TO:**

a) The Presbytery meeting of the Lehigh and the Lackawanna Presbyteries took place on Saturday, May 6, 2023 in Saylorsburg, PA at the Chestnut Retreat Center.

b) Voting on Amendments from the 225th General Assembly.

The 225th General Assembly submitted 33 amendments for approval by the Presbyteries. The 33 amendments are fully described in the

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page document attached to the Presbyteries notification. If you are interested in reviewing the amendments in their entirety,

please go to

the Presbytery website.

13. HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE: Elder Karen Perzia

1. Annual Church Rummage Sale - June 9th and 10th

The sale will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 9, and from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 10. Saturday will be bag day: all you can stuff into a large brown grocery bag for only \$2. Please join us as we bring to the public this much-anticipated annual bargain hunting event which also generates about \$4,000.00 for the church.

2. **Your help is needed for the sale**, so please sign up on the charts in the hallway when they are posted in May. There are many jobs to do, and we would appreciate everyone's help. We would also appreciate your donations of clothing, household goods, jewelry, etc. Thank you in advance for helping us make this a successful fundraiser. All proceeds will benefit the general operating budget of the church.

14. Pastor's full request for annual leave.

a) Wednesday, June 21 through Saturday, June 24, 2023.

a. Emergency Coverage – Rev. Janet Hunt

b) Wednesday, August 16 and returning on Saturday, September 2, 2023.

a. Emergency coverage needed for Wednesday, August 16 through Saturday, September 2 will be provided by Rev. Janet Hunt.

b. Pulpit Supply for August 20, 2023 - Elder Barbara Rinker

c. Pulpit Supply for August 27, 2023 – Marge Ziegler

c) Thursday, September 7 through Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

a. Emergency coverage will be provided by Rev. Janet Hunt.

d) Pulpit Supply required for: (Pulpit supply will be obtained by the Clerk)

a. September 17, 2023 - Donna Dickinson

b. September 24, 2023 – Marge Ziegler

15. Pastor's open house at Rev. Dr. Murray & Karin Thompson's house.

a. Saturday, July 22, 2023 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

16. The Session discussed Live streaming our morning Worship Service. We now have a

listening community of 55 people. We will continue to Live Stream morning services.

17. Rev. Dr. Murray Thompson will be conducting Bible Study on the first five books of

the Bible.

18. Graduation Recognition Day at Trinity

Rev. Thompson indicated we will recognize the young adults of our congregation who

are about to graduate from college, high school, technical school, those entering the

military and Eagle Scouts who are graduating this year on Sunday, June 11, 2023. A

reception will be held following the morning worship.

19. The Heating Fund – At the request of a number of the members of the congregation,

we will continue the Heating Fund for the remainder of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

[Arthur J. Peoples](#)

Arthur J. Peoples, Clerk to the Session



Announcements need to be either emailed to 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 **June 22nd** . They need to be emailed to trinitypress@frontiernet.net along with any images.

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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. 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members of Trinity:

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

Friends of Trinity:

Erika Dixon – Seizure 16-year-old great niece of Rev. Murray & Karin
 Cameron Faux – Heart issues- 17-year-old friend of Ella Fleschut
 Sandy Goodwin – Dr. Curt Goodwin’s sister
 Carol Gumienny- Stroke- eyes & balance- Nancy Thomas’s sister
 Wren Hopper – Murray & Karin’s 8-month-old great-great niece. She’s blind and has many other serious health problems.
 Barbara Jones – Betty Handley’s sister
 Bill Morrison – poor health – Neil’s brother
 Amy Wert – paralyzed from accident – daughter of Janie Millers co-worker
 Jeanette Yatsko - Concussion
 Richard Zim – Allyson Lord’s brother-in-law

Gigantic Rummage Sale



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105 Irem Road, Dallas

(off Rt. 309 - across from Country Club Shopping Center)

Friday, June 9 • 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday, June 10 • 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Saturday is \$2.00 Bag Day



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