



### ***This We Can Know***

Dear Members & Friends of  
Trinity Presbyterian Church,

I went to my primary care physician recently whose office is located in Pittston, where Karin and I formerly resided just over 20 years ago. Sadly, it was time for my regular checkup that included a weigh-in, blood pressure check, lab tests, and the usual “admonishment” to get more exercise on the treadmill. My

doctor came into the examination room when it was my turn to have my body probed and analyzed and said, *Well, Murray, what do you know?* " I hesitated to respond to his opening query since I suspected he did not want to hear a “sermon” coming from his patient, although this is my calling. So, in response, I said this: *I know I'm planning to do a bit of venturing toward this coming Fall, along Karin, to one of the most scenic places on the world map. We are planning to go to the island of Sicily in September. Known as the home of delicious Italian cuisine that is often topped with the best tasting tomatoes known to humankind. Moreover, we plan to see Mt. Etna that so wondrously overlooks the beautiful towns that grace this lovely Mediterranean island just off the coast of southern Italy. And I'm sure that we both will be delighted to visit some of the ancient Greek building sites that include nothing less than a wonderfully preserved Greek amphitheater that graces the hills above Syracuse. All this, doctor, is what Karin and I are eagerly looking forward to seeing.*

My doctor said that he envied my plans in the coming weeks. Whereupon, I said: *Doctor, you should also set aside time when you can enjoy the many blessings of the upcoming summer season along with your family.* Frankly, I do not know if he thought he could do it or not by the expression I noticed on his face. Probably my plans for the upcoming weeks were more than he wanted to hear, when all he wanted to do was to examine my

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“aging AARP body” and determine if I had need for even more prescription drugs, which, thankfully, I did not. Whew, at least for the time being, no more trips over old Route 11 to Pittston to visit the doctor’s office, at least for the next few months!

Only, my physician’s opening question got me thinking about “what do I know.” It occurred to me that what I DO know, since I now fully realize that my life is way more than half over (alas). I know that the planet Earth will likely survive for some time to come (pending the coming again of our Lord), even though current events in the news are terribly dehumanizing. I know someday that life in those very troubled spots around the globe will, hopefully, improve, but not necessarily in my lifetime. I know that American politics will continue to be querulous, no matter who is serving as our nation’s leader in the next few years. And I know that this will be a very good year for Trinity Presbyterian Church of Dallas, Pennsylvania with all the wonderful members and friends we enjoy as part of the Lord’s family of faith in this time and place.

Yet, what I know with *absolute certainty* in my heart of hearts is this: I know that almighty God is in charge of the universe and that He is the one who is a very present help on planet Earth. We cannot see God and only know a handful of men and women who claim to have heard God’s voice in times past. Nevertheless, the existence of God is a sure thing. If this were not so, I am quite confident that an awareness of God in the world would have withered on the “vine of history” a long time ago. His reality is known to us and we know that we can count on this cornerstone of our faith in time to come.

One of my favorite verses in the Bible highlights this reality in which it says, *Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the Earth. God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable. God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint. - (Isaiah 40:28-31)*

Here, I believe are powerful words from the Holy Bible that inform my knowledge and I presume yours as well. Because – as one of the ancient Psalm writers phrased it – *Fools say in their hearts, ‘There is no God.’* (Psalm 14:1) And those of us who call upon the name of the Lord are not foolish! So, my Trinity Church family, I encourage everyone to be of good cheer as you and yours embrace whatever plans you may have for the coming months of summer and fall in a spectacularly beautiful world where God truly does live!

Abiding with you in the sure knowledge of the love of Christ,

**Murray**



## Women of Trinity meeting – April 2023

The meeting at Lum’s Fernbrook Inn in Dallas was opened with prayer.

Greeting Card Ministry report – Betsy Fairchild will send out Mother’s Day cards.

Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering – total to date: \$26.50.

Bakeless Bake Sale – New start date: May 7, 2023 – to raise funds to donate to the general operating account of the church.

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

Rummage Sale work sign-up sheets will be posted in May. *Save your good stuff!!!* 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.

We will recognize Nicole Fleschut on Administrative Professionals Day to show our appreciation for all of her hard work at the church.

We voted to host one or two Lemonade on the Lawn events this summer.

We offer our thoughts and prayers for our members, our families, our country and our world and continue to pray for world peace.

**May meeting – Wednesday, May 24 at 12:00 at T&C Grille in Tunkhannock.** We will carpool from the church at 11:20 a.m.



**Men's Club**

On Saturday May 13<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 - 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.

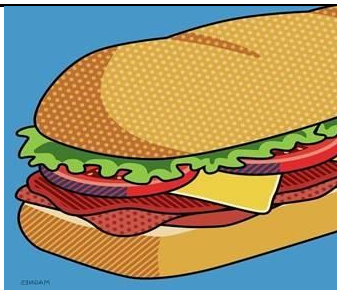


## **DEACONS NEWS**

Information from the Deacons to Trinity's Members and Friends. In

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

order to better serve our 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.

**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



The Mission Outreach **items requested during the month of May are small water bottles or cups.** 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.

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



May 4, 2023	Windsor & Meryl Davis
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**LITURGISTS** - The Session wishes to thank everyone who has volunteered to serve as Liturgists.

May 7, 2023	Sherri Newell
May 14, 2023	Barb Rinker
May 21, 2023	
May 28, 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



### May Birthdays

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

### June Birthdays

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



### June Anniversaries

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

**Session minutes for April will be included in June's Newsletter.**



## Annual Church Rummage Sale - June 9th and 10th

The rummage sale committee at Trinity 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. Please join us as we bring to the public this much-anticipated annual bargain hunting event.

**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.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

#### **Members of Trinity:**

Rich Burkhardt

Neil & Mary Morrison

Doug Stevens

Shirley Wolfkeil

Mary Chappell & Walter Chappell

Tom Pickett

Nancy Williams

Meryl Davis

Jim Snyder

Phil & Leona Walter

#### **Friends of Trinity:**

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

Richard Zim – Allyson Lord's brother-in-law



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It's that time again – GRADUATION.  
On June 11, 2023, Trinity wishes to recognize  
all our graduating students from:  
High School  
College  
Technical School or Technical College  
and  
Entering the Military  
Attained the level of Eagle Scout

Please help us by providing the names of all our members  
who will graduate, enter the military or who have become an  
Eagle Scout during this year.

1. Name of the Student:	
2. Graduating from and date:	
3. Branch of the Military: Date Entered:	
4. Eagle Scout: Date obtained:	
5. Attending University/Trade School-Any additional achievement	

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**HELPING HAND**



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 11. 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.

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Father's Day Remembrance

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

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

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

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

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