



Dear Friends

Welcome to October. We hope that this month is filled with blessings for you. We begin this month with World Communion Sunday, where we celebrate around our gathered table and around our scattered tables the grace and feast of God offered for us. This feast is a powerful reminder that even when we cannot all be together, we are still joined in one fellowship by the work of the Holy Spirit. It has been hard to worship in different places but as we celebrate that the spirit who draws us together with Christians from Africa and Asia also draws us to our brothers and sisters who are worshipping at home.

We close out the month with Reformation Sunday. The moment when we remember that the church was once very different and in a faithful way, we stepped forward to find a new way to be God's People. As unsettling as this season of change has been it is not unheard of in the life of the church. God is calling us to new ways of being faithful just like God called to John Calvin.

This month God is reminding us that we are drawn together even when we feel scattered, God is leading us even when we feel lost.

Blessings

Pastor Jen



GOOD NEWS OF TRINITY

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2021



The Women of Trinity Notes October 2021

The next luncheon meeting of the Women of Trinity will be on Wednesday, October 20th at 1:00 p.m. at the Rickett's Glen Hotel, Rt. 118, Benton. A carpool will leave the church parking lot at 12:15 p.m. Please sign your name on the chart in the hallway if you wish to attend.

The November meeting date will be announced soon.

The December meeting will be at the home of Allyson Lord. Date and time to be determined.

To date we have collected \$100 to be sent to the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

The women decided to donate \$100 to the Rise Against Hunger program.

The Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women will take place in October. Since 1888, Presbyterian women have expressed their deep sense of gratitude for God's blessings in their lives by giving back to people in their communities and around the world. Through the Thank Offering, we can help fund programs that provide education, relief from disasters, safe housing, cooking instructions, training for justice and advocacy work, and so much more. If you wish to make a donation, look for the blue envelopes on the table in the hallway. Please make your check payable to the Women of Trinity so that we can pool our donations and send one check from the Women of Trinity.

Our Bakeless Bake Sale fundraiser will take place in November and December. All proceeds will be donated to the general fund of the church to help with the operating expenses of Trinity.

As always, we lift up in prayer our members, their families, our country and our world.



October

10/02	Betsy Fairchild
10/03	Beth Davis
10/12	Chuck Borland
10/12	Sara Davis
10/18	Janet Hunt
10/22	Linda Baines
10/25	Janet Cunius
10/27	Charla Pilger
10/29	Tracey Chappell

November

11/03	Richard Burkhardt
11/06	John Baer
11/13	Kyle Borland
11/14	Kim Borland
11/15	Meryl Davis
11/22	Scarlett McKinley
11/24	Julie Sgarlat
11/26	Natalie Baer



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October

10/09	Brian & Mari Johnson
10/11	Harry & Deb Cooper
10/29	Kevin & Erin Yurko
10/31	Art & Sandy Peoples



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

October 7, 2021	Volunteers	Needed
October 21, 2021	Volunteers	Needed
November 4, 2021	Volunteers	Needed
November 18, 2021	Volunteers	Needed

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.

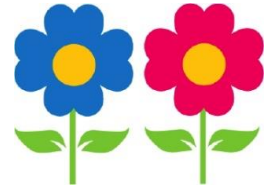
It will be in a large print format.

Thank you, Art Peoples, Clerk of Session

October 3, 2021	Meryl Davis
October 10, 2021	Doug Stevens
October 17, 2021	Sherri Newell
October 24, 2021	Barbara Rinker
October 31, 2021	Sherri Newell
November 7, 2021	Meryl Davis
November 14, 2021	Wayne Williams
November 21, 2021	Barbara Rinker
November 28, 2021	Doug Stevens

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.



October 3, 2021	Betsy Fairchild	November 7, 2021	Jim Snyder
October 10, 2021	Nancy Thomas	November 14, 2021	Beth Davis
October 17, 2021	Carol & Allan Hobbs	November 21, 2021	Betsy Fairchild
October 24, 2021		November 28, 2021	
October 31, 2021	Art & Sandy Peoples	December 5, 2021	



TPC Books with Friends will meet on October 6th at 7:00 PM to discuss the story of Ruth, "Unshaken" by Francine Rivers. All are welcome to join us as we will also be picking our next book. Any questions, please contact Cindy Williams.

Trinity Men's Club



Men's Club

We met for breakfast on September 11th

Chaplain, Ken Jones opened the meeting with a review of the prophesy of Habakkuk, as it appears in the 35th book of the Old Testament. Habakkuk spent the first 2 of the 3 chapters in an active conversation with God, in fact you could probably call it an argument. Habakkuk felt like God was acting too slowly and did not like the methods God was employing to address the problems of the day. Ken reminded us that not only is it God's will that will be done (not ours) but that God will act in his time not ours. Of course, this truth applied in the time of Habakkuk (about 606 BC) and it applies in ours.

Rich brought up the fact that we'll be cooking Hot dogs and Hamburgers for the Pot Luck Dinner following the 10:00 service on Rally Day (Sept 19).

We finalized our plans for the September 25th Chicken and Biscuit dinner.

We talked about possible events in October, November and December.

Our next meeting will be on October 2nd, @ 8:30.



Mark your calendars! The Mission Outreach Committee will be packing 1000 meals on November 6, 2021 here at the church. Please save the date as we will need volunteers who can spare some time to help feed some very hungry people at this Rise Against Hunger event. More information will be coming.

The Community Ecumenical Men's Breakfast has resumed meeting after a pause for Covid. They are meeting on Thursday Mornings for Breakfast at KB's. They start promptly at 8:00 and end by 9:00. For more information or to let them know that you are coming please email Bernard Walter @ bernardlaw@mac.com.



DEACONS NEWS



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

On Sunday November 14th, the Deacons will be hosting 2nd Sunday in honor of our veterans.

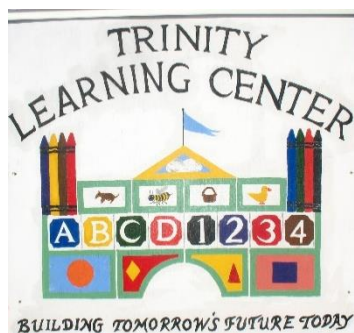
If you are a Veteran and are able, please plan on attending so we can get a group picture. If you are not able to attend, please send us a picture of you in your uniform. If you know of a Veteran who has passed, please send us their photo as well. We will be creating a "Wall of Honor" that we can keep on display. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Williams or Cindy Williams.

The Deacons will be collecting non-perishable food items starting the week of 10/17, and ending 11/21. The food will be donated to the Back Mountain Food Pantry. We are also adopting 6 families from the Back Mountain, and will be presenting them with Weis gift cards if you would prefer to make a cash donation.



The following food items are needed:

peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, canned fruit, gravy, instant potatoes, canned or bottled juice, rice or rice mixes, cereal, sugar, salt, flour, cake mixes, icing, canned tuna or chicken, coffee, tea, pie filling, canned soup, pudding & Jell-O mixes, spaghetti or tomato sauce, pasta, powdered drink mixes.



This summer our camp staff welcomed more than 75 students to our 9 weeks of camp offerings. I want to thank our summer staff that helped to keep our campers safe and having fun; Lisa Degraba, Jessie Dixon, Kendall Decker, Ella Fleschut, Joan Rovinsky, Chloe Dudick, Lexie Strobel, and Nancy Doherty. Special thanks to our summer camp staff leaders; Deb Baloga, Alexa Decker, and Madison Baloga. Valerie Hutzinger led our efforts in cleaning, organizing, and helping us

prepare for the 2021-22 school year, and all of our staff played a part in reorganizing our classrooms to better use our shared resources.

Despite the large turnout for summer camp, our fall enrollment at TLC is smaller than desired. Many parents are still unsure about sending children to nursery school while COVID-19 is still present in the community. TLC typically enrolls 75-85 children during the school year, and we have less than half of these students this year. We also lost the potential for afternoon Kindergarten Enrichment, as the Dallas School District has replaced their half-day offering with a full day. In responding to these set-backs, we have realigned program hours and staff to minimize the financial burden of this decreased enrollment. Even so, TLC has notified session that a rent decrease is necessary this year to sustain operations. Trinity Learning Center usually accounts for over \$36K of income for TPC. With the decreased income at the learning center, it is important that TPC has the ability to offer a rate reduction that corresponds to the lost income potential. Please keep this in mind with your planned giving, and consider giving more if you are able to help with this anticipated shortfall.

With a vaccine around the corner, and enrollment increasing, I would expect for this dip in enrollment to be temporary. We are working to minimize the financial impact of decreased enrollment, and plan to offer additional programming that may be more popular at the moment, such as a caregiver and me playgroup.

We had a successful orientation picnic on September 8th. It was a beautiful day, and Rev. Baer graciously assisted at our tie dye station. Silly Willy was on site with his ice cream truck. Pinewood Acres provided the ponies, and Barb Rinker and her daughter Lauren assisted with the pony rides. A great time was had by all, and the excitement of the day helped with a smooth transition back to school on September 13th.

We have a few new faces at TLC this year: Nancy Doherty, Jessica Bonomo, and Emma Simonette. Nancy will be our lead pre-nursery teacher and Jess and Emma are also assisting in the class. Jessica will also be assisting with the All-Day Pre-K class. We are excited to have them and wish them much success this year.

Please note that TLC is in session from 9-2:30 Monday-Thursdays. If you must come to the church during this time, please arrange it with Nicole and limit your visit to the church office. If you will be in any other part of the building, please let me know so that I can communicate it to the TLC staff. With new staff and procedures, it is imperative that all visitors are anticipated. We have drop off and pick-ups at 8:50-9, 10:50-11:30, 1 and 2:30- so these times are especially busy times in which visits should be avoided. Thanks for your cooperation. Jennifer Sgarlat, TLC Director 570-406-9681

**Session
Highlights**

Session members: Arthur J. Peoples, Clerk of Session

**Mark Chappell
Mary Jane Leo
Karen Perzia
Kathy Stevens**

**Sharon Davis
Sherri Newell
Jennifer Sgarlat
Wayne Williams**

The regular meeting of the Session was held on September 27, 2021, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas, PA. The following items were discussed and acted upon by the Session.

1. Elder Chappell reported on the progress of the LED light conversion project.
2. The Session minutes for 2020 were reviewed by Dale Barber, Clerk, Valley United Church, Waverly, NY and determined to be accurate complete and very thorough.
3. The Session reviewed the COVID -19 requirements for the church and voted to continue with the policy established on May 24, 2021. The following are those recommendations.
 - a. As of May 24, 2021 all members and visitors, who have been vaccinated, are not required to wear a mask while at Trinity.
 - b. If you have not been vaccinated, you will still be required to wear a mask and observe social distancing.
 - c. Since children have not been vaccinated, they will still be required to wear masks.
 - d. Members will no longer be required to make reservations for seating.
 - e. All barriers closing off sections of the pews will be removed.

Wearing of a mask by vaccinated individuals is a personal decision, and if you prefer to wear a mask, please feel free to do so.

3. Rev. Baer reported that Presbytery retreat was cancelled as several who were going to attend tested positive for COVID.
4. Rev. Baer will be gone the first week in October at a conference about finding the way forward in a changing world.
5. Karen Perzia, Treasurer, prepared a tentative budget for 2022 in the amount of \$206,975. This budget may require funding assistance from the Endowment Fund.

6. Karen Perzia, Treasurer, submitted a review of insurance for Trinity. After review and debate, the Session approved the insurance policy from Brotherhood Mutual.
7. The Nominating Committee is still seeking names for positions of Elders and Deacons. The names can be placed in the offering plate or in Art Peoples' mailbox in the office.
8. The Trinity Learning Center reported that they had a successful Summer Camp. A special "Thank You" to Jennifer Sgarlat and her staff.
9. The Trinity Learning Center distributed the TLC'S 2021-2022 Student Handbook and calendar for TLC.
10. Elder Wayne Williams reported that the Men's Club had a successful Chicken and Biscuit Dinner with approximately 200 meals served.
11. The Session approved the Deacon's request to hold a food drive starting in the middle of October and ending before Thanksgiving.
12. Special Sunday being celebrated at Trinity:
 - a. October 3 - World Communion Sunday
 - b. October 31 - Reformation Sunday
 - c. November 7 - All Saints Day
 - d. November 14 - Veterans Day
 - e. November 21 -Thanksgiving Day

Arthur J. Peoples, Clerk

NOTICE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. On August 23, 2021, the Session approved the following individuals to serve on the 2021 Nominating Committee.
 - a. Ken Jones - Congregation
 - b. C. Don Kocher - Congregation
 - c. Allyson Lord - Congregation
 - d. Marianne Williams – Congregation
 - e. Nancy Williams – Board of Deacons
 - f. Sherri Newell – Session
 - g. Art Peoples – Session

2. The Nominating Committee is requested to fill the following positions:
 - A. Three Elder positions to comprise the Class of 2024
 - B. Four members of the Board of Deacons for the Class of 2024.
 - C. Replacement of one member of the Board of Deacons for the Class of 2023.

If you have a recommendation for an individual(s) to serve on the Board of Deacons or the Session, please list their name(s) below. Please do not discuss your recommendation with the individual. All recommendations will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee. Those individuals who will be submitted to the congregation for election will be contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee,
Art Peoples (Chair)

I recommend the following member of Trinity for a position as Elder or Deacon. Please circle Elder or Deacon.

(Name)_____ (Position) Elder/Deacon

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You can place your recommendation in the offering plate, place it in my mailbox in Nicole’s office, or e-mail it to me at peoplesart1664@aol.com. Thank you.