

GOOD NEWS OF TRINITY

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Let Us be Bold to Speak!



Dear Trinity Presbyterian Members & Friends,

Many years ago, the Reverend Ben Haden, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee, had a radio ministry that I always listened to late Sunday evenings. Rarely was there a time when I didn't find myself challenged by his message. I distinctly recall in one of his messages that he told the story about Dr. John Dewey, who is known as the father of the modern system of American education. Dr. Dewey, apparently, did not believe in God. In fact, the nearest he came to any kind of religious faith was a simply utilitarian concept that he expressed as follows: *It is wonderful . . . for a man to have at least a religious outlook, because it causes him to look upward . . . and to be a better man . . . for having looked upward.*

However, when his beloved wife died, Dr. Dewey went to a Christian minister in New York City and stated, *Sir, I would like for you to bury my wife. Your name, sir?* The minister asked. *John Dewey. Dr. John Dewey? Yes, sir. The educator? Yes, sir. Sir, you do not understand the kind of funeral conduct. I would talk about Jesus as the Son of God . . . having come from heaven . . . and having become flesh. I know. No, I don't think you realize what I am talking*

about, Dr. Dewey. You see, I never conduct a funeral without talking about both death and life. And Doctor, the reason you would not want me is . . . I believe in the resurrection of the body, by the power of Christ. I know, Dr. Dewey gently replied. Nevertheless, you would want me to conduct that kind of funeral for your wife? The minister asked. Yes sir. That is why I came to you.

Sometimes, it seems we Christians are reluctant to talk about the very thing non-Christians most want to hear – about the God who has entered history and has acted so as to change life and death and life after death. I pray that God will make us bold to speak of this life changing reality to all who harbor a less-than-fulfilling religious outlook as Dr. John Dewey did before he lost the love of his life.

This reminds me that all of us have the opportunity in the month of October to renew our life-fulfilling relationship with the living Lord as we are invited to come before His Table to celebrate World Wide Communion on Sunday, October 1st. In the knowledge that thousands upon thousands of fellow believers around the face of the globe will be joining with us to honor and praise the Lamb of God Himself who is the Author and Sustainer of life.

Let us all be bold to speak on His behalf to all those who may harbor doubts concerning His reality!

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

Rev. Murray



Trinity welcomes three new members

On Sunday, September 3, we were pleased to welcome three new members to our Trinity family. From left: Rev. Dr. Murray Thompson, Linda Armbrust, Dick Armbrust, Jack Dunn, and Clerk to the Session Art Peoples.

Women of Trinity meeting – September 27, 2023

WOMEN OF TRINITY
SANDY PEOPLES,
MODERATOR

Thank you to Barbara Rinker for hosting our September meeting at her home.

We opened our meeting with prayer.

Greeting Card Ministry report – Betsy Fairchild. We continue to reach out to those in our congregation who look forward to and welcome cards being sent to their homes.

Treasurer's report – Presbyterian Women - Birthday Offering. Donations to date: \$215.00 Bakeless Bake Sale – raised funds to donate to the general operating account of the church. Donations to date: \$850.00. Both checks will be written during the month of October.

The women will also participate in the Presbyterian Women Thank Offering in November.

Second Sunday reception: The women will host their annual holiday reception following the worship service on December 10th – “Come Home for Christmas.”

We continue to extend our thoughts and prayers to our members, our families, our country and our world.

Upcoming meetings:

October meeting: 18th – T&C Grille, Tunkhannock at 1:00. Carpool will leave the church at 12:30.

November meeting: 15th – at noon at Lum's in Dallas.

December meeting: 6th - Allyson Lord's "Christmas house" at noon.

DEACONS NEWS



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

We will continue the tradition of collecting food for the food pantry during the holiday season... Starting October 15th through December 17th., please donate nonperishable food items that will be delivered to the Back Mountain food pantry. One delivery will be made the week before Thanksgiving and the second one will be right before Christmas. If you don't feel like shopping, monetary donations will be accepted. They will be added to the monetary donation the deacons will be making.

Please keep in mind that the deacons do have a few activities through the year that include asking for money. We do not expect every person to participate in every activity. Please choose what activities work for your interests and budget.

Thank you very much for helping us serve our community. The Deacons...

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.



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
11/13	Kyle Borland
11/14	Kim Borland
11/15	Meryl Davis
11/22	Scarlett McKinley
11/24	Julie Sgarlat
11/29	Sloane Yurko



October

10/09	Brian & Mari Johnson
10/11	Harry & Deb Cooper
10/24	Rev Dr Murray & Karin Thompson
10/29	Kevin & Erin Yurko
10/31	Art & Sandy Peoples

The Mission-Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who donated to their Hawaiian relief campaign. The money collected will go a long way, and helping those who have been left with nothing as a result of the hurricane.



The Mission-Outreach Committee is sponsoring their annual “Trunk or Treat” again this year for Trinity’s family and friends, as well as the Trinity Learning Center children. This will be held on October 30 at about 10:00 AM in the back parking lot of the church. If you would like to participate and enjoy the children, please see Barbara Rinker. Donations are also welcome to purchase treats for the children.

The Mission – Outreach Committee recently sponsored a “Donuts at Drop Off” Event for the children and those adults who drop the children off at the Trinity Learning Center. Everyone was allowed to select a few donut holes before they started their busy day as a welcome back to school project.



The Mission-Outreach Committee's good Samaritan Christmas project donation item for the month of **October is hats, scarves & gloves.** Nothing too large as we will be shipping in shoeboxes Thank you for your willingness to donate to this project. **November write a letter & enclose a photo if you wish.** Thank you for your generosity.

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 5, 2023	Windsor & Meryl Davis
October 19, 2023	Windsor & Meryl Davis

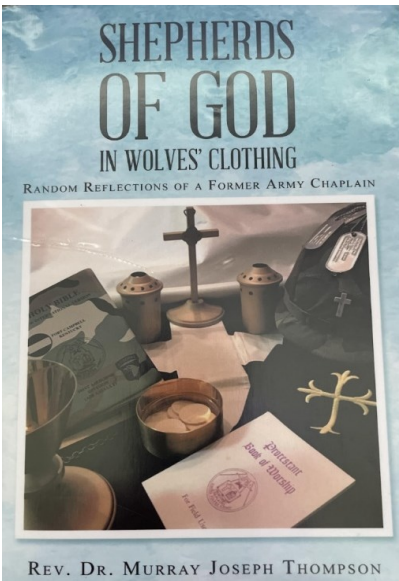


There is a flower chart sign-up sheet in hallway for anyone wishing to honor a loved one. The cost of flowers is \$50 per week so please plan accordingly.

Trinity Men's Club - Trinity Men's Club meets for breakfast on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Club meetings are held Lum's Fernbrook @ 8:30 a.m. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.



TPC's Published Author



Murray has published a book on the history of the Chaplaincy and his time serving as an army chaplain, including his time in Desert Shield/Desert Storm. His book is titled: "Shepherds of God in Wolves Clothing: Random reflections of a former Army Chaplain." If you are interested in purchasing a copy, they are still available online by typing the title of his book in your search engine. I found them available on Thriftbooks, AbeBooks, Walmart, Used Alibris, eBay, Barnes & Noble, and Amazon. Following is a link to the YouTube video produced by his publishers to introduce his book. This book takes the chaplaincy all the way from its beginnings in the Bible to Murray's time as an army chaplain. I think you will find it a very interesting read. I have also attached a picture of the book, so that you can easily identify it. If you have any

questions, please give Murray a call at: 724-525-6008 or email him at: revdoctor70@gmail.com. Karin Thompson
<https://youtu.be/pzxq2pl6JAU?si=8Ejv8S2oq-3ir9nx>



Meditation for World Wide Communion Sunday:

As you prepare to engage in this special day of worldwide communion, take a moment to find a quiet and comfortable place to sit or kneel. Close your eyes and take a few deep breaths, inhaling deeply through your nose and exhaling slowly through your mouth.

Reflect on the idea that today, people from all corners of the globe are coming together in a spirit of unity and shared faith. Imagine the diversity of cultures, languages, and traditions that are represented in this global communion.

Picture a world where all people, regardless of their differences, come together in peace and harmony. Envision a world where love, compassion, and understanding transcend borders and boundaries.

As you continue to breathe deeply, offer your thoughts, prayers, and intentions for global unity and communion. Pray for peace, justice, and healing in the world. Ask for guidance on how you can contribute to a more harmonious and interconnected global community.

Feel the sense of connection with people all around the world who are also participating in this day of communion. Know that, in this moment, you are part of something much larger than yourself.

When you are ready, open your eyes and carry the spirit of global communion with you throughout the day. Remember that your thoughts and actions can make a positive difference in the world.

Pastor Murray