



Dear Friends

We are excited to be heading into September.

We hope to see you either with us in person or online for worship as we get back into the patterns of fall.

This has been a hard season as we have worshipped in different ways and this means that we have dear friends who we haven't seen in person for a long time. This fall we are likely going to still be a little scattered, but this is a great time to touch base with those you care about.

This is a great time to call or write a note to a friend who you haven't seen in worship, just to say I miss seeing you. We all want to know that we matter in the life of another and it is precious to be reminded that you are missed.

I continue to look forward to the day when we can all be together but for the moment, we can hold each other in our thoughts and prayers. We can remember our friends who are away and hope for the day when we are back together

Blessings

Pastor Jen



# GOOD NEWS OF TRINITY

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**September 2021**



## The Women of Trinity Notes September 2021

The Women of Trinity have resumed their monthly luncheon meetings at various restaurants and members' homes. Their offering to Fellowship of the Least Coin now totals \$80. Each year, the women try to send at least \$100 to this organization.

The prayer shawl ministry under the leadership of Carol Hobbs, and the greeting card ministry under the leadership of Betsy Fairchild continue to do their work under the auspices of the Women of Trinity.

The women hosted the Reception on the Lawn for Father's Day, helped with the Deacon's rummage sale, brought in food for the No Hungry Tummies Program, and will place flowers in the church on August 29th.

They will once again conduct the Bakeless Bake Sale in the fall with all proceeds going to the church operating account. They have made donations to NE Sight Services, Meals on Wheels and Camp Lackawanna. They will also sponsor a Christmas project as a donation to the Dallas Senior Center.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 16 at noon at the Irem Clubhouse Restaurant in Dallas. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the hallway.

The women continue to pray for our members, our church, our community, our country and our world.



September		October	
09/12	Neil Morrison	10/02	Betsy Fairchild
09/15	Thelma Smith	10/03	Beth Davis
09/22	Annie McCaffrey	10/12	Chuck Borland
09/23	Windsor Davis	10/12	Sara Davis
09/23	Sherri Newell	10/18	Janet Hunt
09/24	Carol Vanstory	10/22	Linda Baines
09/25	Tanya Christ	10/25	Janet Cunius
09/26	Lauren Cunius	10/27	Charla Pilger
09/27	Robert Stevens	10/29	Tracey Chappell
09/30	Carol Hobbs		



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September		October	
09/04	Dale & Barb Rinker	10/09	Brian & Mari Johnson
09/12	John & Nicole Fleschut	10/11	Harry & Deb Cooper
09/17	Lewis & Linda Baines	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.

September 9, 2021	Volunteers	Needed
September 23, 2021	Volunteers	Needed
October 7, 2021	Volunteers	Needed
October 21, 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

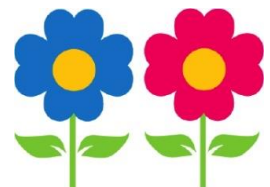
September 5, 2021	Jan Hunt
September 12, 2021	Wayne Williams
September 19, 2021	
September 26, 2021	Barbara Rinker
October 3, 2021	Meryl Davis
October 10, 2021	Doug Stevens
October 17, 2021	
October 24, 2021	Barbara Rinker
October 31, 2021	



The outreach/mission Committee is looking for volunteers to staff a children's tent during the duration of the Luzerne County Fair, Sept. 8-12. You would only need to give a couple of hours in exchange for a free pass to attend the Fair. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Proceeds from this tent will go toward our Rise Against Hunger Event. For further info. please see Barbara Rinker.

**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.



September 5, 2021	Barb Rinker	October 10, 2021	Nancy Thomas
September 12, 2021	Nicole Fleschut	October 17, 2021	Carol & Allan Hobbs
September 19, 2021	Don & Alice Kocher	October 24, 2021	
September 26, 2021	Newell Family	October 31, 2021	Art & Sandy Peoples
October 3, 2021	Betsy Fairchild	November 7, 2021	Jim Snyder



Our **Trinity Book Club** met July 29th, and discussed "The Happiest Man Alive" Our next book will be "Unshaken" by Francine Rivers. This is a story about Ruth. If you would like to join our discussion, please reach out to Cindy Williams at 570-574-1460 or email [cmwilliams1423@gmail.com](mailto:cmwilliams1423@gmail.com).

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Welcome back to fall with **Rally Day!**



Join us on September 19<sup>th</sup> for Rally Day. We will share in some favorite foods and fabulous fellowship.

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### Pictorial Directory

Nicole and the Deacons continue to work on a printed pictorial directory of the members of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Rather than engage a professional photographer and go through all the issues that brings, we are simply going to publish small casual photographs of each family. For that purpose, we need a family picture from each family unit as they want to appear in the directory. This can certainly be a "selfie", and we hope many of you can just forward a photo from your smartphone to Nicole in the church office. Nicole also has the tools and skill necessary to work with a paper photograph, if you would prefer to supply that. She can scan and crop it as appropriate for our directory, and then return the photo to you. If you need a photograph call any of the Deacons or the church office and we'll make a plan.

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### Trinity Men's Club

We met for breakfast on August 5<sup>th</sup>, and after a little drive we had good breakfast at The Red Rooster in Pikes Creek (Lums took an unexpected vacation, at least unexpected by us!).



**Men's Club**

Our new chaplain, Ken Jones lead us in prayer to open the meeting.

Plans were made for our September 25<sup>th</sup> Chicken and Biscuit dinner.

We agreed to sponsor the "Lemonade on the Lawn" on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Obviously, this has already occurred so thanks to all who helped out.

We had a preliminary discussion about the Cub Scout Movie night which has been tentatively scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>.

We will push our September meeting back a week to avoid conflict with other plans on Labor Day weekend so we'll meet on September 11, presumably back at Lums.

### **Chicken and Biscuit Dinner**



The Trinity Men's Club Will sponsor a Chicken & Biscuit fundraising dinner on September 25<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 to 6:30. This dinner will be TAKE OUT ONLY, no sit-down dinner will be served. Tickets will again be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. We will continue to use prepackaged, individually wrapped deserts in consideration of community health concerns.

We need a few volunteers to help with tickets, traffic control and to serve as runners, bringing dinners from the kitchen to the automobiles of our guests. We may also need some help in the kitchen, including preparations the day before. Please contact Wayne Williams or Fred Hunt to confirm your ability to help out, or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the hallway at the Church.

If you need tickets contact any member of the Men's Club or call the church office.

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### **DEACONS NEWS**

With the 2020 Rummage Sale cancelled due to the pandemic, the Deacons were able to hold this Community Mission in 2021. We are

pleased to announce that the rummage sale net was \$4135.28. This could not have been done without the help and Fellowship of the Trinity Presbyterian Congregation. It is truly an event that takes the entire church!

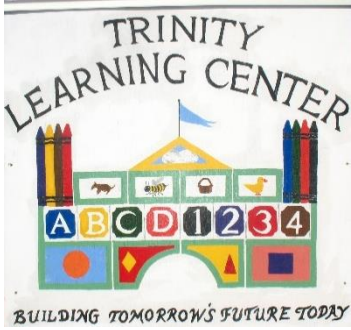
The Deacons met and decided to donate \$3000 to the Church's General Fund as well as \$1000 for the Outreach Program, Rise Against Hunger. We are also reserving some funds for new plastic tables in the spring.

Thank you all for your support of the Deacons and our mission to help the community.

Cindy Williams  
Deacon President

<b>Board of Deacons: Cindy Williams, President</b>	
<b>Linda Baines</b>	<b>Al Brown</b>
<b>Tracey Chappell</b>	<b>Fred Hunt</b>
<b>Sandy Peoples</b>	<b>Barb Rinker</b>
<b>Michelle Rittenhouse</b>	<b>Karen Sassaman</b>
<b>Nancy Thomas</b>	<b>Nancy Williams</b>





## **TLC Get Acquainted Picnic September 8, 2021**

Members are reminded that the get acquainted picnic is on September 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a busy day in our building so we suggest you not plan on visiting then. Join us in praying for a happy healthy day for all our preschool families.

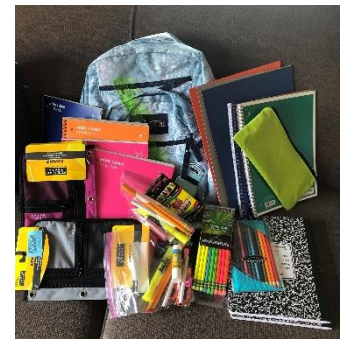
## **TLC is requiring masks for Staff Students and Visitors**

We strongly encourage you to plan on visiting when school is not in session. If you need to visit during the school day, please make an appointment with Nicole or Jen. If you plan on visiting the church building during school hours Monday to Thursday 8 am to 2:30 pm, please plan on wearing a mask.



## **Thanks to Everyone who Donated School Supplies**

We got a great collection of school supplies to help kids in our community and across the country through a variety of charities. Thanks to everyone who donated. If you were not able to get yours in yet go ahead and bring them in and we will get them to local kids in foster care.



### **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 August 23, 2021, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas, PA. The following items were discussed and acted upon by the Session.

1. Trinity is in receipt of a letter from the Law Office of Maureen Thede advising Trinity that we are a beneficiary of the estate of Alice Bartlett in the amount of \$50,000.00.
2. The Session sent out Cards for birthdays (4), Thinking of You (2) and Anniversaries (2) to members and friends of Trinity.
3. **NECROLOGY REPORT**: Jean Hoover entered life eternal on August 19, 2021.
4. Baptism request for Harper Swepston-Ferenchick daughter of Sara Swepston.
5. **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE** reported that only one air conditioning unit is working. Monk is our service representative and is working to resolve the issue.
6. **FUN & FELLOWSHIP** –The Fun and Fellowship committee proposes the following weekly activity for the remained of this calendar year.
  - A. September 19, 2021 – Rally Day – Our kids will be the center of our celebration of the beginning of Sunday School. A pot luck is planned and those attending are encouraged to bring a favorite dish from their childhood. The Men’s Club will grill hamburgers and hotdogs.
  - B. October 3, 2021 – World Wide Communion. A variety of ethnic breads will be on the communion table. At the conclusion of Worship, the kids will take the breads to the Miracle Building where we will share “bread and cheese.”
  - C. October 17, 2021 – Apples and pumpkins. During Fellowship everyone will be able to decorate a pumpkin and do an apple craft or two. Apple and pumpkin desserts will be shared.
  - D. November 21, 2021 – Thanksgiving. With the Men’s Club doing the turkeys and those attending bringing in sides and desserts, we will celebrate an early Thanksgiving with our Church family.
  - E. December 5, 2021 – Possibly an Advent craft, Soup and Sandwich lunch.
  - F. December 19, 2021 – Decorating Christmas Cookies, Soup and Sandwich lunch.
  - G. December 26, 2021 – Possibly a brunch following worship.

On Sundays when no special fellowship activities are planned, we will hold our usual fellowship hour with cookies, coffee and juice. Those wishing to host a fellowship hour can sign up to do so. The Sundays where no one has signed up, Fun and Fellowship will provide cookies and goodies from our “Fellowship



Pantry.” The Fellowship Pantry will also contain some individually wrapped gluten free snacks.

In January 2022 we will resume our weekly fellowship hours and monthly potlucks. Any of our planned activities can be cancelled or modified depending on COVID restrictions and/or mandates that may come into effect.

7. **NOMINATING:** - The Session approved the following members to 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. Arthur Peoples, Session

The Nominating Committee is requested to fill the following positions:

- a. Three Elder positions in the Class of 2024
- b. Four members of the Board of Deacons for the Class of 2024. All members of the Class of 2021 are eligible to be re-elected, but Sandy Peoples, Nancy Williams and C. Don Kocher have requested to be replaced.
- c. Replacement of one member of the Board of Deacons for the Class of 2023

8. **TRINITY LEARNING CENTER (TLC):** The following items were discussed by the TLC Board.

- a. Summer Camp: Jen reported 72 registered, which includes 10 to 14 who registered for Kindergarten Here We Come 3 wk. session.
- b. Fall enrollment is still down.
- c. Mrs. Guyette retired effective immediately.
- d. TLC fundraiser – Jennifer Sgarlat has approached Darlings and will have a sale of Mums in October.
- e. The TLC Banner can be displayed on the fence across from Burger King at two-week intervals.
- f. The Session approved a salary increase for all TLC employees.

- g. The Session approved TLC's request to hold a "Get Acquainted" event at Trinity on September 8, 2021 from 9AM to 11AM.
- 9. Worship and Sunday School Committee –
  - 1. Elder Sharon Davis advised that the first day of Sunday School will be September 19, 2021.
  - b. The new Sunday school curriculum has been order.
- 10. PRESBYTERY -The next Presbytery meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2021.
- 11. TRINITY MEN'S GROUP - The Chicken & Biscuit dinner is scheduled for September 25, 2021 at Trinity. The event, hosted by the Men's Club, is takeout only.
- 12. WOMEN OF TRINITY:
  - a. The Women of Trinity have resumed their monthly luncheon meetings at various restaurants and members' homes.
  - b. The prayer shawl ministry under the leadership of Carol Hobbs, and the greeting card ministry under the leadership of Betsy Fairchild continue to do their work under the auspices of the Women of Trinity.
  - c. Their next luncheon meeting will on September 16 at noon at the Irem Clubhouse Restaurant. All women of trinity are invited to attend. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur J. Peoples,  
Clerk of Session