

Trinity Tidings

October 2017

Trinity Church is a fellowship seeking to share the love and word of Jesus Christ with all.



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.

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Investing in God's Promises Stewardship
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From the Pastor

Investing in God's Promises

Our life of faith is really rather simple. It basically involves answering three questions.

1. Do I believe in God and God's plan?
2. Do I believe in Jesus as God's son and how he taught us to live?
3. How important is my faith compared to everything else in my life?

That third question is a significant one, for life all comes down to our priorities. And if you want to evaluate your priorities, just evaluate how you spend your time and how you spend your money.

At Trinity, we are again in that time when we ask you to answer that third question through the lens of our annual In His Steps stewardship campaign. October is when we invite all parishioners to make a commitment of time and treasure to our ministry for the coming year.

The campaign this year is called INVESTING IN GOD'S PROMISES — and calls us to reflect on the fact that investing our time, our talent and our money in the promises of God always yields some of the greatest rewards in all of life.

Jim (not his real name) has been the recipient of Trinity's prior investments. When he was young, the church invested in curriculum for him to read and learn from in church school. When he was a teen, the church invested in him by providing a youth leader to guide him in faith. When he got a little older, the church invested in him by sending him on a mission trip.

When he went off to college, the church invested in him by giving him a study Bible to use. When he struggled with significant temptations he chose wisely the right paths. When he came home with his chosen life mate, the church invested in him by providing pre-marital counseling. When he and his new bride came to worship, the church invested in him by providing uplifting music to touch his soul.

And all of that investment has yielded great dividends as Jim now guides young souls as *he* is now a youth leader. And Jim volunteers in the church in a variety of ways to bless others. Jim carries high the cross of Christ, telling many others of his faith.

This is just one of thousands of stories of how our investment of time and treasure in God's church called Trinity yields vital and life-changing results.

I pray that you'll choose to invest generously in God's promises through Trinity as we soon come to Commitment Weekend on November 4th and 5th. You'll soon be receiving literature about this campaign. Please prayerfully read and consider it, and thoughtfully reflect on the priority of your Christian life.

Together, we can bless and change many lives as we invest in God's promises.

Blessings and peace be yours,

Frank

World Communion Sunday ~ October 1st

We rejoice that on Sunday, October 1st, we can share in the sacrament of Holy Communion with Christians around the world on this common day of worship. And this year, there's a special new dimension to our celebration as we've "opened" our international flag display in Starr Hall, where the flags of 30 countries hang representing the countries where our parishioners were born. Please make a special effort to worship on October 1st for our special sacramental time together.

Ministry Fair on October 29th

Sunday, October 29th will find Starr Hall filled with exciting displays of ministry and mission at our annual Ministry Fair.

As we observe Stewardship Month in anticipation of Commitment Weekend on November 4th and 5th, the Ministry Fair is designed to help people know more about the places where they can volunteer their time and talent in serving God through Trinity.

Plan to spend some extra time that morning as you peruse the tables and displays and talk to the leaders of about 25 of our ministries.

Trunk or Treat Event on October 26th

Once again, we'll partner with the local school district and other community organizations to hold a fun, family-friendly celebration here at Trinity the evening of Thursday, October 26th.

There are two ways to participate:

- Bring kids, grandkids and all little ones. There's no cost, but there will be dinner items available for purchase.
- We need many families to decorate their car trunk, fill it with treats and participate that evening. Even if you don't have kids, you'll have a great time. Make sure to bring enough peanut-free treats, too. Watch the *Just Say Yes* for trunk sign ups.

We'll gather for the fun from 6 - 8 that evening, rain or shine. Arrival for decorated cars is 5 - 6 p.m. Cars will not be allowed to enter after 6 p.m. or leave before 8 p.m.



**Commitment Weekend
November 4th and 5th**

The Bulletin Board

Martha Friendship Circle: Monday, October 2nd

Martha Friendship Circle will meet Monday, October 2nd at 2 p.m. in the Heath Room in Heath Village. We'll be celebrating the arrival of "fall" with some fun fall activities: "A Fall Festival." Please join us, invite a friend. We always have room for one or two more. We look forward to seeing you and we're sure to have a good time, Ginny and Lauren. If you have any questions, call 908-852-6431.

Trinity UMM Fellowship Breakfast: Saturday, October 14th

Pastor Anthony Pami will lead us in a discussion of *What Does It Mean to Be a Christian Man?* The breakfast is 8 - 9:30 a.m. in Starr Hall (7:45 a.m. coffee for early arrivals). All are welcome.

New Members Reception: October 15th

The process includes a dinner on Saturday, October 14th, and on the 15th, a class at 9:15 a.m. and reception into the fellowship of the church during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. If you find Trinity is a good place for you to worship and serve, please consider joining. For more information or to join, let one of the pastors know, call the church office at 908-852-3020, or indicate your interest on the *Just Say Yes* form in the worship bulletin or on the fellowship sheet.

Baptism: November 19th

The sacrament of baptism for babies, youth and adults is during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. For information, call the church office at 908-852-3020 or see the application online at our website.

Interfaith Hospitality Network:

December 10th – 17th

Safe Harbor Ministry:

Saturday, October 28th

Midnight Run:

Friday, October 6th

Saturday, November 4th

Saturday, December 16th Breakfast Run

World Communion Sunday

October 1st

Small Groups Starting in October!



Date	Small Group
Oct. 1	New Horizons
Oct. 2	Earn Save Give
Oct. 3	All the Places to Go
Oct. 4	Building Bridges (clergy led)
Oct. 8	Immersion Bible Study
Oct. 9	Heath Village Bible Study
Oct. 11	Women's Book Group
Oct. 16	What's Your Story?
Oct. 16	C.S. Lewis Book Club
Oct. 17	Women's Words in the Bible
Oct. 22	Bible Play

Sign up online or contact Pastor Deb at ddevos@catchthespirit.org or 908-852-3020, ext. 17. Details for these groups can be found in the Small Group Booklet or online at [Small Group Booklet 2017](#).

Savor Suppers



Savor Suppers are opportunities for women to gather for faith-filled fellowship, a simple meal and rich conversation. Something beautiful and significant happens when women gather and share something of themselves in small gatherings. It gives each one a chance to be seen, be heard and be known in ways that are sometimes hard in our world today. It gives women a chance to connect with other women at a different level than is possible in a weekend worship service. It expands and deepens women's circles of Christian fellowship, support and encouragement.

If you'd like more information or you would like to host a Savor Supper, please contact Pastor Deb De Vos at ddevos@catchthespirit.org.

A Savor Supper is scheduled for November 9th.

Prison Ministry Meeting: October 18th

Trinity's Prison Ministry will be holding an organizational meeting on Wednesday, October 18th at 7 p.m. in Trinity House. Anyone interested in participating in prison ministry should attend.

We need volunteers to lead a correspondence component of the ministry. This position will involve coordinating letter writing with a national organization that places volunteers together with inmates who would like to correspond. It will also involve helping new volunteers through the orientation process of how to appropriately correspond. We're also looking for a volunteer to lead a backpack component of the ministry. This involves organizing volunteers to assemble a small bag of supplies and a bible for newly-released inmates. And we need volunteers to organize in-jail ministry for either men or women.

Thrift Shop News

Maureen Storey

It's been a busy month of September for Trinity Thrift. Lots of folks are back from trips around the world, the U.S. and New Jersey. We're glad that mostly everyone has returned! All kinds of new people from new programs are joining in Thrift Shop fun. How about you?

We're fully engaged in the autumn season and October brings us into not only those lovely autumn hues, but the fun of Halloween and looking forward to Thanksgiving gatherings. And we have much to be thankful for.

One of the things we're thankful for is our partnership with Hackettstown High School. The HHS Transition Program has returned to us with two students and a job coach four days a week. The students learn various job skills and the Thrift Shop benefits from their youth, energy and enthusiasm! We're very excited to partner with our own local high school and the youth in our community for the third year in a row.

Also, the Centenary students are back! Community Plunge Day in late August saw us with 13 students from the Fashion Program who came in and helped reset the shop for business the following week. We all had a good time and they learned that thrifting can be wonderful! We're expecting to have one or two students working with us again through the Work Study Program at Centenary. They help greatly on the weekends when volunteers are thin (anyone out there interested in lending a hand?).

Be on the lookout for: Autumn, Halloween and Thanksgiving décor and costumes as they make their way into the shops. The Christmas Closet is re-opened in the rear of the Furniture Gallery with all things Christmas! We get many beautiful, fun and funky items from our wonderful donors. Stop in at the Shop and save a lot!

We continue to be the recipients of many beautiful, unusual and amazing donations. Our sorting teams make sure we get the "best of the best" into the shops for our patrons who continue to insist that this is the best thrift shop they have ever been in! If you haven't already, come on by and see what all the chatter is about. One of our regular customers is a blogger, and she blogs about, yup, thrift shops. She told me there are two places she will never blog about, yup, one is Trinity Thrift! Why not? Because she doesn't want people to know where she gets all her treasures – they might take them. This gal told me we're hands down the best thrift shop she has ever been in. We're not your average thrift shop. Come and see what all the volunteers and staff work so hard to make happen every day! We're blessed every day by our donors, volunteers, staff and customers. Thank you!



Fall Day Apart

November 4th

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Location to be determined

Join us as we create some space for quiet reflection and prayer. We'll have the opportunity to engage in spiritual disciplines that help us to connect more deeply with God, as well as have some quiet time alone.

We'll provide guidance for the day.

Lunch and refreshments are included. Further details and directions will be provided after signup. If you can only come for part of the day, you're welcome. The cost is \$35. To sign up, contact Pastor Deb at ddevos@catchthespirit.org or 908-852-3020, ext. 17.

Special Thanks

We're grateful to Rosemary and Dave Robertson for painting a lovely sign for our church garden. It notes that God's blessings grow here!

God in Many Faces

Carol Droppa

In June, some members of the God in Many Faces Social Justice Ministry Team participated in an Immigration and Refugee Training Workshop sponsored by the UMC Annual Conference in Neptune, N.J.

This workshop provided the opportunity to share stories, learn about the politics behind our broken immigration system and strategize about how to effectively organize our congregations to become Immigrant Welcoming or Sanctuary Congregations. Staff from the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) led the workshop through spaces of theological reflection, skills building and action planning.

The UMC recognizes that in communities across our region, and churches across our conference, immigrant families bring an incredible diversity of gifts, and face daily fear of rejection and separation. Participants in the workshop were able to explore questions like: Where is the Greater N.J. Conference and our United Methodist Church in this time? How do we stand together to support our immigrant brothers and sisters and learn the most effective, authentic ways of being a church of welcome and sanctuary?

Recently, changes were enacted to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. If you have immigrant friends or associates that may have questions, below is a reference chart.

If..	Then....
You currently have DACA	You will retain both your period of deferred action and your employment authorization document (EAD) until they expire, unless terminated or revoked.
USCIS received your properly filed initial or renewal DACA request and associated application for an EAD on or before Sept. 5, 2017	We will continue adjudicating your request.
Your DACA expires between Sept. 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018, and you wish to renew it	USCIS must receive your properly filed renewal request on or before Oct. 5, 2017.
You did not request initial DACA on or before Sept. 5, 2017	The DACA process is no longer available to you.
Your DACA expired and you did not properly file your renewal request on or before Sept. 5, 2017	The DACA process is no longer available to you.
You have DACA and your still-valid EAD is lost, stolen, or destroyed	You may submit Form I-765 to request a replacement EAD.

For more information, contact the U.S. Citizen Immigration Services (USCIS) at 800-375-5283 or go to www.uscis.gov/daca2017.

UMM Matters

Bill Blaskopf

Our monthly breakfasts began again on Saturday, September 9th. We had another good attendance. Thank you to Dan Witt and Mike Rennie who spoke about their experiences during this year's ASP trip.

On Sunday, September 10th, the UMM helped to cook for Rally Day. Thank you to cooks Peter Sewell, Gary Droppa and Tony Albanese, and also to Mui Sewell and Fran Blaskopf for helping to serve the hot dogs and hamburgers.

Our October 14th breakfast will have Pastor Anthony Pami leading us in a discussion of *What Does It Mean to Be a Christian Man?* We look forward to having many men and women of the church participate in this most important topic.

Long term, please plan now to attend the February 10, 2018 breakfast. Bishop John Schol will be speaking. Currently, the plans call for that breakfast to be held in the Dining Room on Centenary University campus.

Creation Care

Carol Droppa

Halloween is coming, one of America's favorite consumption holidays. It's estimated we spend as much as \$8.4 billion dollars on Halloween each year (the projected figure for 2016), mostly on candy and Halloween costumes. Most of the candy is likely eaten, but candy packaging remains and many of the costumes will be disposed of. Those are a couple of examples of the environmental impact of Halloween. Can we limit that impact? Here are some suggestions.

- ✓ Reduce the amount of candy you hand out to each child.
- ✓ Purchase your costume or components for a costume from your local thrift shop.
- ✓ Use LED Halloween lights to decorate instead of incandescent lights.
- ✓ Collect candy in a reusable container rather than a disposable bag.
- ✓ When trick-or-treating, walk, instead of driving door to door.
- ✓ Buy your pumpkin from a local farm.
- ✓ Use 100% beeswax or soy candles in your jack-o-lantern instead of paraffin candles.
- ✓ Donate your leftover candy.
- ✓ Compost your pumpkin.

Family Ministry Small Groups

Monday Oct. 2, 16	High School Fellowship Meets 1 st and 3 rd Mondays	7 – 8:30 p.m. Pami residence
Wednesday Oct. 11, 25	High School Girls Meets 2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays	6:30 – 8 p.m. Upper Room
Wednesday Oct. 11, 25	High School Boys’ Group Meets 2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays	6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Varies
Wednesday Oct. 11	Jr. Prayer Shawl Small Group (Ages 8 & older) Meets 2 nd Wednesday of the month	4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Room 104

Jr. Prayer Shawl Group

Jr. Prayer Shawl small group is a fellowship ministry for kids, eight years old and older, who like to knit or crochet *OR* who want to learn to knit or crochet. Our meeting will be on Wednesday, October 11th, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in Room 104.

Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Huff, Mrs. Tuxhorn and Mrs. Neumann are looking forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Thorp at gthorp@catchthespirit.org or 908-852-3020, ext. 16.

Christmas Pageant Fellowship Group

Beginning Monday, October 2nd, a new children’s group will be starting at Trinity! All children in 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grades are invited to participant in this year’s Christmas Pageant, which will be held on Sunday, December 10th during the 9:15 a.m. worship service. This group will meet every other Monday, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

We’ll spend our time learning, sharing and practicing for the pageant. During December, we’ll also enjoy a group trip to see the new animated Christmas story movie, *The Star*. RSVP to Danielle Witt at dwitt@catchthespirit.org if you would like to join this group or if you have any questions.

KidVenture Happenings

Throughout the first three Sundays in October, the children in KidVenture will continue the unit on "Blessings and Birthrights". They'll be rotating through art, spiritual practices and movement as they focus on all the ways God blesses us. During the last two Sundays in October, the "Ten Commandments" unit will begin, and the children will take part in storytelling, as well as music and missions.

KidVenture Special Events

October 1st, 3rd graders will have their first Bible Blast lesson of the year, and the 4th and 5th graders will have acolyte training. Both of these programs will take place during the KidVenture hour.

5th Sunday Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 29th marks the first Children's Sabbath of this school year. Children in the 1st through 5th grades are encouraged to share in worship during the 10:45 a.m. service as readers, greeters, ushers and musicians. Please email Danielle Witt at dwitt@catchthespirit.org if you would like to participate.

Middle School Ministry October Events

Thursday, October 12th

Homework Night! Bring your homework (or just come to chill if you don't have any!) and join us in our Middle School Room and the KidZone. Bring a snack to share (sweet or salty — you decide)!

Wednesday, October 18th

Prep Night for Trunk or Treat and a night to talk about how to serve in our communities! We'll be in our Middle School Room and the KidZone getting ready to make this local mission night (held next week) the best it can be.

Thursday, October 26th

Trunk or Treat Night! Meet us at 5 p.m. in the church parking lot to help set up our area AND to sign up for a 20-minute slot to run our game. (Note: If the weather is poor, we'll be inside, so come rain or shine!) Come in your costume and bring your sense of Halloween fun!

For questions or more information, contact Laura Iacampo, Director of Middle School Ministry, at lvbiacampo@comcast.net or call/text at 201-787-6842.

The Lord's Pantry

Kellie Pennington

As we continue to get ready for the holiday season, we have many opportunities for you to get involved in supporting our ministry. First, we're preparing for our annual Congregational Food Drive. During the weekend of October 21st - 22nd, we'll be distributing brown paper grocery bags to each family after all church services. We ask that you fill your bag with non-perishable foods during that week, and we'll be collecting the filled bags during the weekend of October 28th and 29th. This is the only food drive of the year that we seek donations solely from our Trinity family, so please consider donating food that week. Also, watch for your opportunity to spend some time sorting food on October 29th in future *Just Say Yes* forms. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Another way you can help during this time is to sponsor a food drive at your place of business, organization, school, club or scout troop. We're facing a continued shortage in donations of both food and funds, and the number of people served has increased over the last couple of months. It's often difficult to keep our shelves fully stocked, so we're asking our Trinity family to consider donating to us. Any and all donations are truly appreciated.

We will again be distributing food baskets for the Thanksgiving holiday. These baskets include a turkey and all of the trimmings to make a complete holiday meal and dessert. We're anticipating a very high demand for these baskets, and we're glad that we can make the holidays a little brighter for our clients.

In September, we served 1,325 people (438 families): 421 children, 768 adults, 136 seniors.

Donate to the Pantry on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,
9 a.m. – 12 noon, or take donations to the church office when it's open.



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Greetings Ministry

Come to the Greetings Ministry table in Starr Hall on Sunday, October 8th. We have cards, envelopes, stamps and the names of people who need a friendly, caring greeting from Trinity Church. Every month, about 30 people receive this blessing. All YOU need to do is just sit down for a few minutes and write a note of care, compassion and hope. Or you may know someone who would enjoy receiving a greeting from Trinity. We also want to send mail to service men and women to let them know we remember. Send name and current mailing address for any military folks to Edna Barrier at nebarrier@aol.com or Sue Bernard at bernards1963@aol.com.

With Our Sympathy

- ❖ Hank Snover and family on the death of his mother, Patricia Snover
- ❖ Cathy Hawryluk on the death of her husband, Phil
- ❖ Mark & Joanne Holland on the death of Mark's father, Rev. E. T. Holland
- ❖ Betsy Hart and family on the death of her father, Emil Suarez
- ❖ Dottie Kappers on the death of her husband, Neil

Coming in November: Jaime Jorge Returns

Be sure to worship with your church family on Sunday, November 5th — Commitment Sunday — when internationally-renowned violinist, Jaime Jorge, will return to Trinity to share his incredible gift of music. He'll play in all three Sunday services. Be sure to attend and invite friends — they'll thank you for giving them a great gift of music.

By including Trinity in your last will and testament, you can make a significant and lasting difference in the life of your church. Such funds are urgently needed for the large projects of the church. Or they can be designated to particular causes determined by the donor.

It's a simple matter of adding a codicil to your existing will or to include Trinity in a will you're creating (and everyone should have such a will). If you need a reference to an attorney who can assist you, please speak with Dr. Frank Fowler.

Preparing for Commitment Weekend

Your talent, your time, your treasure. What are you willing to give?

Did You Know?

Nearly one percent of the world's population is affected by forced displacement. It's a crisis of global proportions and immense moral and ethical implications. Forced migration, in all its forms, is a denial of human dignity and a violation of human rights. Historical injustices arising from colonialism and racism continue today to ravage the lives of immigrants and refugees. They experience many forms of racial discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance in their countries of transit and destination.

What the Bible and The United Methodist Church Say

Resource inequality and the unequal development of nations have caused massive displacement and forced migration. The United Methodist Church says, "In order to provide basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, education, health care and other necessities, ways must be found to share more equitably the resources of the world."

Global migration as a factor in the quest for justice is a major priority of The United Methodist Church as a denomination that is global in vision, mission and ministries. This concern is rooted in both a biblical mandate for justice and a commitment to the future of the church.

Radical hospitality, rooted in our biblical understanding of God's abundant love and provision, helps us to imagine a world of plenty, rather than scarcity, and a world of welcome, rather than fear.

Hebrews 13:2 says, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Sign Up for a Small Group. Learn, share, make friends, grow!

Missions

Midnight Run

The team travels to New York City to distribute food, clothing and toiletries to the homeless in several designated locations. Donate large or extra-large men's jeans, coats, hooded sweatshirts, shirts, gloves and jackets; blankets and wash cloths; men's shoes (all sizes, esp. 10 - 12); new men's underwear and socks; travel-sized shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, disposable razors, shaving cream and deodorant; tote bags; gallon-sized Ziploc® bags. Monetary donations accepted. Charlie Mule´ (rivendellatlv@earthlink.net).

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Our guests are Warren County homeless in the process of seeking a place to live. We need people to help set up and break down, make meals and act as hosts. Hosting shifts are 5 – 9 p.m. and overnight at the church, 9 p.m. – 6:30 a.m. If you're a new host, we'll give you a short training session and you'll be paired with a veteran host. There's always two people hosting at a time. Mary Kashmanian (908-684-5362); Carol Munro (908-892-6536); Linda Gonia for food donations (908-813-3865).

The Thrift Shop

Donate clothes and household items in good condition. Hours for shopping are Tuesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, 5 – 7 p.m. Donations can be dropped off Tuesday – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Barn.

Coupons for Community

The Lord's Pantry uses coupons from weekly newspaper fliers and magazines to help purchase much-needed items, including many that are free. One coupon from a weekly flier can translate into hundreds of items if enough folks bring it in. Place your unused coupons in the marked boxes located in the Rotunda, Trinity House and the Pantry.

Safe Harbor Ministry

The fourth Saturday of every month, we take a meal to residents of a homeless shelter in Easton, PA. We meet at Trinity's kitchen at 3 p.m., prepare the meal, depart for Safe Harbor at 5, serve dinner and eat with the residents, and then depart for home by 7 p.m. The cost is a share of the dinner expenses, depending on how many adults participate in the trip. Children are welcome to come with their parents. Sarah Hergert (908-850-1458).

Bread of Life Mission

Students in grades 6 – 12, their friends and families go to Newton to serve the homeless a meal. Cheryl Pami (732-735-0916 or cpami@catchthespirit.org).

Trinity's Prison Ministry

In-Prison Ministry: We offer 12-week classes at Northern State Prison, a men's institution. **Backpack Ministry:** Released prisoners often possess very little other than the clothes on their back. This ministry provides a few days' worth of essential items, including toiletries, clothing, food and a bible.

Correspondence Ministry: Correspond with an inmate who's seeking to know Christ. Contact Peter Smith at psmithtrc@gmail.com.

The View from Here

Living here in my “sabbatical house” is an ongoing experience of discovery and adjustment. It’s often an exercise in rethinking accustomed responses and revising previously held assumptions. But doesn’t life sometimes ask us to do that even when we haven’t made a major shift in our lifestyle and environment? We resort to “Plan B” or “go back to the drawing board.” We may have to send some of our sacred cows out of the barn, or become surprised over a new way of thinking and seeing.

I’m finding, for the most part, that my recalibrations result from basically good things. The concept of rush hour or the thought that you need to leave at a certain time to avoid traffic doesn’t exist here in this mountainous region. That’s because there *is* no traffic to impede your travels at any time of the day.

The population is surprisingly diverse enough so that fussing over how you look when you go shopping doesn’t come to mind. You stroll through the grocery store (supermarket is a meaningless term) alongside farmers, business people, artists, cross-dressers, orthodox Jewry, stay-at-home moms, colorful seniors, folks of various races and ethnicities. Whether you’re dressed to the nines, clad in ripped jeans or splattered with mud — no one lifts an eyebrow.

From a different angle, you don’t know what denizens of the wild might be cruising around at night, so it pays to check things out with a flashlight before venturing too far. Encountering a large black shape lumbering around in the dark is an experience worth avoiding if you want to go easy on your nervous system. The resident porcupines hanging out near the back door are easily approachable, but not when you have a rambunctious dog. Driving significant distances to almost everything, having no cell phone service, easing along washed out dirt roads, and for me, pumping my own gas, are changes that have required varying degrees of adjustment.

But embracing new ways of thinking and responding to situations is how we grow and deepen our knowledge of the world. Sometimes we’re challenged by situations that are uncomfortable at best or downright unnerving. But once we give it a go, we can discover something wonderful: our ability to embrace the new and the knowledge that it was worth the effort.

Here at Trinity, there’s a lot going on to discover, try on for size or become a part of. Ministries, volunteer opportunities, small groups, programs, worship service participation, special events, church “jobs” and just extending a hand to those you can help or sharing a kind word or gesture. We all take a chance at some point. As we prepare for Commitment Weekend, why not you, too?

Be well and God bless, Carol

Serving God with Us in October

Chapel Ushers

Oct. 1 Dennis & Pattie Huff
 Oct. 8 TBD
 Oct. 15 Darryl & Debbie Tuxhorn
 Oct. 22 Bonnie Palma, Betty Cyphers
 Oct. 29 Linda Feula, Sally Hahnes

Scripture Readers – 9:15

Oct. 1 TBD
 Oct. 8 Jane Galley
 Oct. 15 David Dingley
 Oct. 22 Regina Cedeno
 Oct. 29 TBD

Greeters - 9:15

Oct. 1 Kate Stiner, Gail & Bruce Howell
 Oct. 8 Gail & Bruce Howell
 Oct. 15 Karen Riccobono, Gail & Bruce Howell, Leslie Wexler
 Oct. 22 Gail & Bruce Howell, Nancy Harte
 Oct. 29 Gail & Bruce Howell

Greeters - 10:45

Oct. 1 Jessie Gillespie, LaNelle Hoffmann
 Oct. 8 LaNelle Hoffmann, Liz Falco
 Oct. 15 LaNelle Hoffmann, Cindy Hunt
 Oct. 22 LaNelle Hoffmann, Liz & Bob Falco
 Oct. 29 TBD

Ushers – 9:15

Oct. 1 Donna Re, Alyson Reynolds, Bette and Dave Sprandel, Tony Albanese, Cris Hom, Robert Hom, Becky Illnick
 Oct. 8 Curt Peirson, Lois Spender, Bill Bippus, Tony Albanese, Lorry Fulton, Norm Graule, Bette and Dave Sprandel
 Oct. 15 Curt Peirson, Theda and Dave Blackwood, Bill Bippus, Tony Albanese, Becky Illnick, Pat Bristow, Edna Burton
 Oct. 22 Donna Re, Bill Bippus, Tony Albanese, Lorry Fulton, Norm Graule, Michele Risley, Marie Cenephat, Carolyn Sunday
 Oct. 29 Donna Re, Bill Bippus, Christina Gleason, Tony Albanese, Becky Illnick, Michele Risley, Rosann & Frank Cavalvoro

Ushers – 10:45

Oct. 1 John Torkos, Rey & Bob Benanti, Pat Mullen, Dan Fiedler, Scott Matthews, Roger Hammond, Joan Crouse, Bill Blaine, Joan Roehrich
 Oct. 8 Pat Mullen, Nancy Soleau, Kathryn Twaddell, Scott Matthews, Roger Hammond, Joan Crouse, Bill Blaine, Joan Roehrich, Rob De Vos
 Oct. 15 John Torkos, Pat Mullen, Gean Gallagher, Dan Fiedler, Scott Matthews, Joan Crouse, Bill Blaine, Vernon Kilkenny, Joan Roehrich, Andy Hibler
 Oct. 22 John Torkos, Pat Mullen, Kathryn Twaddell, Scott Matthews, Roger Hammond, Faydeanne Henkel, Joan Crouse, Bill Blaine, Joan Roehrich, Laura O'Conner
 Oct. 29 John Torkos, Pat Mullen, Nancy Soleau, Dan Fiedler, Scott Matthews, Mary Brigode, Roger Hammond, Faydeanne Henkel, Joan Crouse, Bill Blaine, Claude Buchman

Welcome Center – 9:15

Oct. 1 Guerdie Nonez
 Oct. 8 Roseann & Frank Cavallaro
 Oct. 15 Sara Hergert
 Oct. 22 Ann Jobbins
 Oct. 29 Pat Vogel

Welcome Center – 10:45

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 Oct. 15 Sue Bernard
 Oct. 22 Glenora Broadwell
 Oct. 29 Dottie Stearns

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 Oct. 15 Keith Ryan
 Oct. 22 Peter Smith
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