

Trinity Tidings

June 2016

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



**Confirmation Sunday
Blood Drive
Small Groups**



From the Pastor

Doing Your Own Thing?

"I just do my own thing."

That's a common idea among people of all ages.

It's become somewhat of a mantra in our society, and the attitude it generates is often aloof isolation, even apathy. After all, people who do their own thing are often not interested in doing what others do.

What has followed is the excessive individualism of our society. It's therefore no wonder that doctors, psychologists, school counselors and pastors are all noticing the epidemic of loneliness in our society, with all its attendant physical, emotional and spiritual illnesses.

But no matter how private we want to be, or how much we prefer to hibernate behind our personal isolation devices (think anything with a screen), there's no denying or evading how God made us. We're created to live in community. We're meant to share life together in the fellowship circles that society has developed.

Thus, there is no private Christianity.

We can't be an isolated Christian.

There's no such thing as a solitary follower of Jesus.

Rather, we're meant to journey in community, in mutual interdependence, and in the joy and fulfillment that comes from being with one another.

The Bible announces clearly, "It is not good for a person to be alone."

Indeed, it is not. So I challenge you to resist the cultural temptation to just do your own thing. Reach out, and let others reach out to you.

By God's design, we all do better together.

Yours in Christ's service,

Frank

Confirmation Sunday ~ June 5th

So often it's said that youth are the future of the church. And there's truth to that, indeed. That's why we can thank God and be grateful for the unique opportunity we have to confirm young people into the Christian faith.

Our annual Confirmation Sunday is June 5th at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. As of this writing, 27 young people are completing their preparations to be confirmed that day. This is a sacred moment in the life of our church, so come and support these youth and their families by worshipping with them.

Worship on June 26th: Thanking Pastor Debbie

Come join us in worship on Sunday, June 26th when we say thank you and farewell to Rev. Debbie Kauffman, who's retiring from her position as Congregational Care Pastor. Debbie has served faithfully and very well with us for the past four years. Come out and say a personal thank you to her!

Last Chance for Pictorial Directory Pictures

There might be some time available in June to have your picture taken. Call the church office immediately to check if you haven't signed up yet. By having your picture included you:

- Receive a free 8 x 10 picture.
- Have the opportunity to buy other pictures (think Christmas gifts).
- Receive a free copy of the church directory. We'll be getting a few extra copies for future new members. Others not in the directory will need to buy one while supplies last.

Non-members who worship with us are welcome to be in the directory. We plan to have the directory available for distribution on Rally Day, September 11th.

The Bulletin Board

Martha Friendship Circle: September

The Martha Friendship Circle meets in Heath Village's Grille once a month. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Trinity UMM Fellowship Breakfast: June 11th

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: June 12th

The process includes a dinner on Saturday, June 11th, and on the 12th, 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: July 10th

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. The next date is September 25th.

Interfaith Hospitality Network: June 5th – 12th

Safe Harbor Ministry: June 25th

Midnight Run Ministry (breakfast run): June 18th

Blood Drive on June 4th

The next congregational blood drive in cooperation with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center will be on Saturday, June 4th, 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. Please consider donating. Every pint saves lives. If you have questions or to sign up to donate, contact Marie James at jem1211@comcast.net or 908-295-8704.

Thrift Shop News

Maureen Storey

The Trinity Thrift Shop vision statement: "The Trinity Thrift Shop ministry will be a community portal to the hub through which individuals may access support, love, compassion and human services through Trinity Church. The Shop staff and volunteers will encounter human loneliness, isolation and deprivation. They will respond with faith, hope and kindness as they sell gently-used and new quality items to help fund the local, regional, national and international mission of Trinity Church."

The Trinity Thrift Shop Oversight Committee recently approved a revised Policy and Procedure Manual which includes the above Vision Statement. All kinds of people come through our doors — women, men, children, all races, faiths, nationalities, and with a wide array of physical, mental and emotional abilities. We welcome them, assist them, refer them to needed resources, talk with them, connect with them. We're a portal, an opening, a doorway through which many people arrive to benefit from the bounty of ministries provided by Trinity Church.

Our volunteers have wonderful attributes: kindness, compassion, humor, generosity of spirit, personal flair, organizing genes, and hands and hearts that serve with grace. They are Trinity ambassadors to the over 2,000 visitors who come into our shops monthly. We live in a melting pot world, even here in Hackettstown, and it speaks well of our community that we seek to better understand those who are different than we are.

In other news, the Thrift Shop upgraded its cash registers, which allows us to better serve our customers. It also allows us to provide Trinity Thrift *Gift Cards* to our customers, and they are renewable! Need a gift for a thrifter? Come see us!

We've also rebooted our eBay site. You can visit us on eBay at [TrinityThrift1833](#) and see the treasure that regularly comes to our door.

If you haven't been in to see our Furniture Gallery in the Annex, I invite you to do so. It's a great space, with wonderful offerings donated to us. Being off the beaten path of Main Street, not everyone knows where we are. Help us let them know — spread the word! You can take a peek at what we have by coming in the shop or visiting us on Facebook at "Trinity Thrift Shop" and checking out the photo gallery pictures we regularly post of our new stock.

Meanwhile, during the upcoming long, lazy days of summer, stop by the bustling shops and see what's right here in town, and the wide variety of people who come through our doors. And enjoy!

Small Group News

All are welcome to participate in small groups at Trinity Church! You can sign up by going to www.catchthespirit.org. To learn more about the Spirituality Type logos (Head, Heart, Soul, Hands and Feet) which appear here, see [The Trinity Discipleship Path booklet](#), and discover how to become more intentional about your discipleship path through our ministries at [Trinity Church](#).

Trinity Garden

Leader: Mary Brigode (304-552-2021, maryloisbrigode@yahoo.com)
Start Date: Join anytime
Duration: Ongoing through fall
Location: Garden Area



Get your hands in the dirt, and grow healthy, whole food for the Lord's Pantry to share with those in need in our community. Whether you're a master gardener or aren't sure whether you've got a green or black thumb, come join, learn, grow together as you help bountiful food and flowers grow. We need waterers, weeders, composters, harvesters, and more! We have a ramp and some beds high enough that no bending is necessary.

Hiking God's Creation

Leaders: John & Jenny Forestiere (jlf1017@gmail.com, 908-328-9215)
Join any or all of the upcoming local hikes:
Sunday, June 26 – Ken Lockwood Gorge
Sunday, July 24 – Schooleys Mountain County Park
Sunday, August 28 – Voorhees State Park
Sunday, September 25 – Teetertown Ravine
Sunday, November 6 – Delaware Water Gap (Sunfish Pond trail – allow extra time)



Time: All hikes will begin at the church at 1 p.m.

Have you ever felt connected to God through nature? By exploring God's creation, we can know him better. Our goal with this small group is to find new paths by which to further our spiritual journeys as we explore trails and step away to connect to God through his creation. Part way through each hike, we'll take a break for a group devotion and personal prayer and reflection.

Savor Suppers: Food and Conversation for Women

Coordinator: Pastor Jenny Smith Walz (jsmithwalz@catchthespirit.org, 908-852-3020)

New dates to be announced soon. We're looking for hosts and participants!



We hear frequently of the desire of women to connect in faith, yet we also hear from so many that it's difficult to join a small group, even for a few weeks. Savor Suppers will make this possible for many! There's no commitment beyond one evening where you don't have to do anything but show up and share in conversation. As you gather for literal bread, we hope you'll also experience spiritual bread. As you savor the meal, we hope you'll also savor the experience of God, grace, and faith-filled conversation.

New Groups Starting in September

Most of our ongoing groups go on summer break for July and August, but will start up again in September and October. The Small Group Ministry Team spends the spring and summer planning ongoing and new fall small groups, all with the purpose of equipping you to know God more deeply and love one another more fully.

We need your help as we strive to create groups that meet a variety of spiritual types, help people connect at different points in their discipleship journey, and happen at various times in the week. We love to hear from you! Consider these questions and email Pastors Jenny or Deb at jsmithwalz@catchthespirit.org or ddevos@catchthespirit.org and help us help you!

- What kinds of groups have made the most impact on you?
- What are you wanting to learn, study, or experience?
- If you've never been in a small group before, what will help you try one out?
- Are you feeling nudged to lead a small group yourself?

Powerful Summer Reading Suggestions

For some excellent book recommendations, check out the [United Methodist Women's Reading Program](#). Each year, the UMW organization puts out a reading plan full of excellent reads on Mission, Leadership, Community, Spiritual Growth and Social Action. There are selections for children and youth, as well as resources in Spanish and Korean. Some you will have heard of and can get anywhere. Others were written just for this program! You don't have to follow the whole plan to gain much from the suggestions. How will your summer reading help you know God more deeply and love others more fully? Check out the list here: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>.

BeADisciple.com – Online Groups

Want to be part of a small group, but just don't have the ability to attend one in person? Do you travel a lot? Is summer the time you actually CAN participate in small groups, just as Trinity's offerings are scaled back? Or maybe you live a distance from Trinity. Maybe you just prefer the online learning platform. We're partners with BeADisciple.com for these very reasons. Connect with others today! Here's a list of upcoming groups. Check www.BeADisciple.com for details.

- ★ Leading Public Prayer
- ★ Journaling with Your Camera
- ★ Meditation on Both Sides of the Camera
- ★ Living into Answers: A Workshop on Personal Spiritual Discernment
- ★ Facing Financial Struggle: 28 Days of Prayer
- ★ Holy Communion: Celebrating God with Us
- ★ BeADisciple High School Academy
- ★ BeADisciple Collegiate Academy

Coming in September: 2016 Women Growing in Faith Retreat

Ladies, mark your calendars for our 2016 Women Growing in Faith Retreat. We'll gather in Ocean Grove for our 12th glorious year on Friday, September 23rd and Saturday the 24th. More information will be coming in the August *Tidings* and the church worship bulletins. Don't miss this wonderful event!



Hope in the Hills of Warren

A Weekend of Hope: June 25th – 27th

Teams of teenagers and adults will work on homes of elderly, disabled or low-income homeowners within the Warren Hills sending district. Projects include painting, light home repair and landscape work. Contact Pat Callahan at lpp5243@gw.njsp.org.

UMM Matters

Tony Albanese

June signals the end of the year for UMM. We'll have our last breakfast meeting until September. But it'll be a good one! Mr. Rich Fritzky will be talking with us. His is an inspiring story of how his faith helped him overcome his disabilities. Be sure to join us on June 11th. I'd like to thank those people who came out to the UMM dance last month. There weren't many of you unfortunately, but those who came had a great time. And you're appreciated! If anybody has any ideas about things we can do that might get people to come out, please let me know. Peace, love and see you in service. You can contact me at anthony.albanese@usps.gov or 201-230-9173.

With Our Sympathy

- ❖ Family and friends of Ethel Brodie
- ❖ Janet Howie on the death of her brother-in-law, Guy Howie
- ❖ Ivy Meyer-Mellow on the death of her sister
- ❖ Mike Galley and family on the death of his sister, Lisa
- ❖ The Alpizar family on the death of Tiburcio
- ❖ The family of Ruth Johnson

Thank You

Thank you for all your support, well wishes, prayers and cards during my injury. I am well on my way to recovering now, so many thanks to all!

Blessings,
Doris Baker

Trinity's Prison Ministry

Lives are being impacted by our ministry in Northern State Prison. Please join us the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in Trinity House for our monthly prison ministry meeting. Contact Peter Smith at psmithtrc@gmail.com for more information.

Did You Know?

Our Monarch butterfly waystation is growing. Many of the plants that were installed last year made it through the winter, and we plan to add more. If you want to help, contact Carren Thomas at carrenanne@comcast.net.

God in Many Faces (Formerly Diversity)

Carol Droppa

My family originates from England, Germany and Poland. When I was a kid, “Polack jokes” were very popular. My Polish great grandfather was a botanist. My grandmother was a schoolteacher. So I couldn’t understand why Polish people were always depicted as being really dumb, and the jokes confused and hurt me.

In a church I used to go to, there was a woman who was younger than me. She was loud and talked and dressed in a way that made me decide to label her as being very different from me. Then we got in a small group together, and I became seriously ill and had to go to a hospital in Newark for tests. My pastor at the time was going to take me, and we needed a third person to go. She volunteered. She was compassionate and supportive, and knew just the right things to say and do. Over time we became best friends, and later I learned she had miscarried in the days before she went with me to the hospital. To my shame, I had judged her for no good reason, just out of my foolish, stupid pride.

We live in a world where our differences can become the defining framework we construct our lives within. Sure, we rightfully draw the line between ourselves and those who wantonly disregard life and seek to reject the most basic human rights. And I understand the angst that arises when we speak about terrorism, for example, and those we hold responsible or think are likely to be threatening — I worked for the Aon Corporation when they had an office in a top floor of the World Trade Center on September 11th. Believe me, I get it. But we also establish no-cross barriers between ourselves and those who *appear* to be different, or who we lump in with other groups, or who we simply define as being alien to our own world view.

There was a saying I remember: “United we stand, divided we fall.” Here’s the thing. It doesn’t have to be this way, but it’s one heck of a challenge to overcome our biases and experiences and ingrained attitudes. Sometimes we don’t even know we have them. And sometimes we’re right to disengage. But one of the hallmarks of Trinity that I see is the church’s ability and desire to be inclusive. As a church, as a faith community, I think we can extend friendship to those who differ from us in faith, ideology, appearance, race, gender, social class, ethnicity, sexual identity or nationality. I think it’s something that makes us stand out as a church. As we continue to embrace diversity, we can both hold to our best beliefs and extend grace to others. Christ asks us to no less. Can we meet the opportunities to do this as they come to us going forward? Stay tuned in the coming months to hear more!

Vacation Bible School - CAVE QUEST July 18th – 22nd



We're **GEARING UP** for the **BRIGHTEST WEEK** ever! Come join us for VBS 2016 – **CAVE QUEST: Following Jesus, the Light of the World.**

The hours are 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Registration forms are available on the website, as well as in the office and the church school office.

To have the best VBS possible, we need many volunteers (students and adults) who can give time, energy and love to the children who'll attend. The following is a list of ways you can help make the program a success. Please check the list and then pray about where God might use you. Volunteer registration forms are available on the website, in the office, in the church school office and in the bulletin.

All Staff Training will be offered twice this year.

The first All Staff Training will be a **refresher training** for anyone who's volunteered at VBS before. This will be a shorter training, concentrating on this year's theme and any changes from last year. If you're going to be a volunteer this year and have volunteered in the past, please attend this All Staff Training on **Tuesday, June 14th in Trinity House, 7 – 8 p.m.**

The second All Staff Training will be **for all new volunteers and anyone who can't make the first training.** This training will be on **Tuesday, July 12th in Trinity House, 7 – 8:30 p.m.**

If you're not able to commit to helping every day during the VBS hours, there are several other opportunities to help.

- Make decorations.
- Prepare for set up on Friday, July 15th
- Set up on Saturday, July 16th and/or Sunday, July 17th
- Help facilitate student lunch/training on Sunday, July 17th
- VBS Community Fun Fair, Wednesday, July 20th
- Thank You Lunch on Friday, July 22nd
- Clean up on Friday, July 22nd
- Mission pack-up on Tuesday, July 26th

FOLLOW HIM!

Whatever your gifts, abilities and time commitment, we've got a place for you! We hope **Cave Quest** will provide a life-changing adventure, so please prayerfully consider your role. Contact Ginny Thorp at 908-852-3020, ext. 17 or gthorp@catchthespirit.org.

Church School News

Children and Youth Sunday on June 19th

During the 9:15 a.m. worship service, all church school classes will attend the **9:15 a.m. worship and sit with their classes**. On this last day of our 2015-2016 church school year, everyone in our faith community will attend worship together. During the service, we'll recognize and celebrate how we've been "Learning the Word" throughout the year. All students should plan to arrive in their classrooms by **8:45 a.m.** Teachers should plan to be in their classrooms by **8:30 a.m.**

At the 10:45 a.m. worship service, Trinity's youth will lead all aspects of the service. Music for the service will be provided by a variety of Trinity's children and youth choirs: Littlest Angels, Music Makers, Trinity Singers and the Youth Praise Band.

SUMMER SUNDAYS AT TRINITY FOR KIDS

STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING DETAILS ABOUT THE SPECIAL WAYS THAT WE'RE INCLUDING KIDS IN WORSHIP THIS SUMMER, BEGINNING ON SUNDAY, JUNE 26th.

Sunday, June 5 th	Confirmation at the 10:45 a.m. worship service
Sunday, June 12 th	High School Senior Breakfast for seniors and their parents in the Rotunda

You're **"WOOL-COME"** to Trinity's Jr. Prayer Shawl Small Group!

Are you 8 years old or older? Do you knit and/or crochet?

Would you like to learn how to knit and/or crochet?

Beginners and those who are more experienced are welcome every 2nd Wednesday of the month in Room 104, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. For additional information, contact Ginny Thorp at 908-852-3020, ext.17 or gthorp@catchthespirit.org).

Please note that there will NOT be any Jr. Prayer Shawl meetings in July or August. We'll resume meeting again on Wednesday, September 14th.

Family Ministry Small Groups

Monday June 6, 13	High School Bible Study Meets weekly on Monday	7 – 9 p.m. Pami Residence
Wednesday June 1, 8, 15	G.I.R.L.S. (Grades 9 – 12) Meets weekly on Wednesday	7 – 8:30 p.m. Upper Room
Wednesday June 8	High School Boys' Group	7 – 9 p.m. Starr Hall
Monday, Wednesday & Friday June 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29	Fitness Club (Grades 6 – 12) Meets weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday	3 – 5 p.m. Starr Hall
Wednesday June 8	Jr. Prayer Shawl Small Group (Ages 8 & older) Meets 2 nd Wednesday of the month	4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Room 104
Saturday June 4, 18	Highest Praise (Grades 1 – 8) Meets every other Saturday	5 – 6:30 p.m. KidZone

Creation Care

Carol Droppa

This is the time of year to think about joining a Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) opportunity. There are a number of them in the Hackettstown and Washington areas. CSAs represent a win-win venture. Small farming operations that are faced with the problems of trying to remain viable grow a variety of vegetables and fruit that they offer for sale by membership subscription for a season. Some offer produce to non-subscribers on an as-available basis. Some also sell meat and eggs. Typically, you can buy a whole share or a half share (a smaller amount of produce), and what constitutes a particular week's full and half share is posted at the stand. Once you've paid for the season, you go pick up what you're entitled to have each week. Other good choices are going to a local produce stand or farmer's market. Most towns now offer a farmer's market on a specific day of the week.

Another good stewardship idea is planting flowers that are particularly attractive to bees and butterflies. Most of us know that bee colonies have been decimated in recent years, and some butterfly species like Eastern Monarchs are dwindling. Be sure to buy organic seeds and plants that have not been treated with neonicotinoids (neo-nih-CAH-tin-oids). These are systemic chemicals that are absorbed into a plant's vascular system, making the entire plant toxic to both target and non-target insects. These chemicals are especially harmful to bees. A good source of seeds and plants is the Prairie Moon Nursery (www.prairiemoon.com), and information can be found at The Xerces Society (www.xerces.org).

The logo features a stylized letter 'M' with a star above it, set against a dark background. To the right of the 'M' is the text 'Middle School NEWS' in a bold, sans-serif font, with 'NEWS' in a larger, bolder font. Further to the right is the word 'June' in a similar bold, sans-serif font.

Happy summer, everyone! Here's some of the Middle School events that will be happening this month. Please check your calendar, weekly texts, Facebook and Instagram posts and emails for updated information!

- June 2nd** Regular meeting in our room. Topic: How do we cope with losing those we love? Guest speaker: Pastor Anthony Pami. Time: 7 – 8:30 p.m. Bring any questions you may have, and any photos of loved ones you've lost.
- June 5th** Confirmation Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. service. Congratulations to all the 8th graders on this huge step on your faith journey. We're so happy for you and proud of you all! Consider worshipping with your family to support them.
- June 9th** Youth Praise Band Night. We'll meet in Starr Hall at 7 p.m. and head over to Trinity House to jam and learn more about this wonderful ministry opportunity. Bring a friend! Pick up is at Trinity House at 8:30 p.m.
- June 16th** Planning is still going on at this time for our last full group meeting before school ends. Details coming soon.
- June 18th & 19th** Youth Weekend. At SNW at 5 p.m. and at the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. services on Sunday, all of you will be celebrated for all you do to make Trinity come alive! Please consider helping at one of the services that weekend. Contact me to see how you can serve.
- June 23rd & 24th** Girls Camp In. Ladies, we'll join up with the high school girls for a night of love and sharing! We'll share in activities that help celebrate us and help us connect to God. Pick up the next morning at the church. More details to come.
- Special note:** Summer WUoWs are coming! Starting on June 29th, our What's Up on Wednesdays will begin. We hope you'll join us whenever you can for these fellowship opportunities over the summer. Remember 5th grade Sprouts can join us now, too! Welcome!

If I can be of any help with questions or concerns, support or volunteer opportunities, please contact me via talk/text at 201-787-6842 or email at liacampo@catchthespirit.org.

The Lord's Pantry

Kellie Pennington

We'd like to offer a great big thanks to all of you who helped us in some way during the Stamp Out Hunger Postal Food Drive on May 14th. Whether you left food at your mailbox or helped out at the Pantry that day, we truly appreciate the gift of your time and effort. This is our biggest food drive of the year, and we're very thankful for all of your help in making the day a success.

As we enter the summer months, we'd like to remind everyone that the Pantry does not close for the summertime. We're open year-round, and continue to serve our community throughout the year. Many families actually have a greater need during this time because their children are no longer receiving meals at school. Please keep this in mind, and consider making a donation of food or funds during this time. Donations are historically quite low over the summer months, and your gift can really make a big difference to people in need.

In May, we served 1,150 people: 397 families, including 335 children, 683 adults, 132 seniors.

The Pantry is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Donations can also be brought to the church office and monetary donations can be mailed to the office. Shoppers use donated funds to shop at NORWESCAP and local grocery stores.

Many times we want to leave a final thought or word. We might say "one more thing" or add a P.S. to an email or letter.

And there's a wonderful way to say a final word in your life. And that's by affirming your faith in Christ and his church by including your church in your last will and testament. By doing so, you'll be loudly "saying" something. Remember to add Trinity to your will, and bless many others in the future by your final gift. Please talk to Dr. Frank Fowler or your lawyer for information.



June 20th: 1st Day of Summer

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 are accepted. **Contact:** 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. Contacts: 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. Even one coupon from a weekly flier can translate into hundreds of items if enough folks bring it in. Please 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 hot 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. Contacts: Sarah Hergert (908-850-1458)

Military Prayer & Care Ministry

The Military Prayer and Care Ministry Team accepts names and addresses of servicemen and women to whom they can send care packages. Please call to provide names and to find out what items are needed. Contacts: Harry & Lauren Mount (908-459-5493)

Bread of Life Mission

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

Midnight Run Sleeping Bag Supplies

Help My Brother's Keeper Quilt Group make bedrolls. Donate neckties, sheets, pillow cases, blankets, bedspreads, comforters, towels, draperies, tablecloths, fabric remnants and yarn. Bag them with a label for LaNelle Hoffmann (lanelle2@ptd.net or 610-381-6262) and place the bag in the Rotunda near the Midnight Run box.

The View from Here

This month the column is a collection of random thoughts, little bits and pieces that have floated into my noggin over recent weeks.

- ❖ I pass a church on the way to Trinity on Sundays, and it has one of those electronic bell systems that play music and tolls. It's nice, but the sound is sort of tinny. It made me think how lovely our big brass bell sounds as it swings back and forth. It's like an audio expression of the church's continuity through the years. That same sound rang forth over a hundred years ago, rich and deep and redolent with meaning. We ring to celebrate, we ring to commemorate, we ring to give voice.
- ❖ When I was drifting through people's Facebook postings, I ran across a little spiritual poster that said in effect that I shouldn't get thrown by the day's stuff because I was the daughter of the King. As a dyed-in-the-wool lover of fairy tales and fantasy, my heart went out to this idea. A son or daughter of the King! Who wouldn't want that? And it's true – best part.
- ❖ I dug my church keys out, being one of the many people here who have keys because we need to get into a building for a group meeting after hours. It's like having keys to your house, and when you unlock the door, you're home. What a satisfying feeling.
- ❖ One of the favorite photographs I've taken isn't a very good shot from a technical standpoint. I was working on getting images of eagles, and one suddenly came into view overhead. I had two cameras, and the one I was holding didn't have a long enough lens, but I saw a little bird chasing the eagle. It was like David and Goliath. Later when I began processing the pictures, I noticed the next picture in the sequence showed a splotch over the eagle. When I blew up the image, there was that little bird flying a couple inches right over the top of the eagle's back with its tiny feet poised to nail the monster bird's head. Fearless! And the eagle was retreating big time. I love the metaphor I see. Don't let the problem or challenge or situation get you because you think it's bigger or intimidating and you can't accomplish what you need to do.

Be well and God bless, Carol

Serving God with Us in June

Chapel Ushers

June 5 Glenn & Cindy Reynolds
 June 12 Bonnie Palma, Betty Cyphers
 June 19 Pattie & Dennis Huff
 June 26 Linda Feula, Sally Hahnes

Scripture Readers – 9:15

June 5 Pat Bristow
 June 12 Eileen Bozzuffi
 June 19 TBD
 June 26 David Dingley

Greeters - 9:15

June 5 Rita Kanouse, Leslie Wexler, Dot Schmidling
 June 12 Leslie Felix-Mule, Joanne Stiehl, Jeff Schulte
 June 19 Gail & Bruce Howell, Joanne Stiehl
 June 26 Karen Riccobono, Dot Schmidling, Alice Davis

Greeters - 10:45

June 5 LaNelle Hoffmann, Ellen English, Fred Bormann
 June 12 LaNelle Hoffmann, Eileen Bozzuffi, Cindy Hunt
 June 19 LaNelle Hoffmann, Fred Bormann, Leslie Felix-Mule
 June 26 LaNelle Hoffmann, Leslie Felix-Mule

Ushers – 9:15

June 5 Joe Thomas, Rich Bonti, Carolyn Sunday, Karen Riccobono, Tony Albanese, Dave Wahl, Sharon Roff, Bill Bippus
 June 12 Joe Thomas, Rich Bonti, Tony Albanese, Michele Risley, Doug Powell, Dave Wahl, Sharon Roff, Suzen & Ken Moye
 June 19 Joe Thomas, Rich Bonti, Carolyn Sunday, Tony Albanese, Sharon Roff, Tedi Granke, Bill Bippus, Jennifer Jordan Parks
 June 26 Joe Thomas, Rich Bonti, Pat Bristow, Cris & Bob Hom, Tony Albanese, Sharon Roff, Bill Bippus

Ushers – 10:45

June 5 Carol Munro, Gary Droppa, Nancy Soleau, Bill Blaine, Dan Fiedler, Joan Crouse, Scott Matthews, Joan Roehrich
 June 12 Carol Munro, Gary Droppa, Ivy Meyer-Mellow, Pat Mullen, Maureen Boer, Nancy Soleau, Jeff Deible, Bill Blaine, Joan Crouse, Claude Buchman
 June 19 Carol Munro, Gary Droppa, Pat Mullen, Jeff Deible, Bill Blaine, Dan Fiedler, Joan Crouse, Joan Roehrich, Scott Matthews, Roger Hammond
 June 26 Carol Munro, Gary Droppa, Ivy Myer-Mellow, Pat Mullen, Nancy Soleau, Jeff Deible, Bill Blaine, Joan Crouse, Claude Buchman, Scott Matthews

Welcome Center – 9:15

June 5 RoseAnn & Frank Cavallero
 June 12 Alice Davis
 June 19 Dottie Stearns
 June 26 RoseAnn & Frank Cavallero

Welcome Center – 10:45

June 5 Mike White
 June 12 Mike White
 June 19 Dottie Stearns
 June 26 Ellen English

Audio – 9:15

June 5 Bill Anzel
 June 12 Peter Smith
 June 19 Keith Ryan
 June 26 Thomas Smith

Audio – 10:45

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Summer Worship Schedule

Please feel free to dress according to the weather.

Saturday Night Worship 5 p.m. in Trinity House

Sunday
8:15 Chapel Worship
9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary



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