

# *Trinity Tidings*

**July & August 2019**

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



**ASP**

**Hoving Home Choir Visit**

**Summer Singers**

**What's Up on Wednesday Student Ministry**

**Trinity at the Movies**

## From the Pastor

### The Ownership Question

The late Bishop Edwin Hughes once delivered a rousing sermon on *God's Ownership*. The sermon offended a very wealthy parishioner.

The parishioner took the Bishop out to lunch and then they returned to the man's great and luxurious farm. They walked through great barns, saw hundreds of cattle, beheld beautiful horses, visited elaborate gardens and ended at the great and immense house where the family lived.

"Now are you going to tell me that all this does not belong to me?" said the parishioner. The Bishop just smiled, and replied, "Ask me in 100 years."

A wise writer commenting on our current cultural scene noted that, "Today, the essence of life is not having.....it is having to have."

These lovely summer days offer a clear reminder that "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." Indeed, all that we have is on loan to us and will soon enough pass through our hands and on to others. And just as it is not ours, it will not be theirs.

Rather, it is ours to steward — which means to use wisely. And Christian stewards wisely use what they temporarily possess for the larger good of the cause of Christ.

May you hold gently in your hand all that you think is yours and remember to whom it really belongs and for whom it is meant to be used.

Together in Christ's service,

**Frank**



## **Summer Office Hours**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Monday – Thursday: Office Open 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Friday: Office Closed**

**Clergy will be available on their regular schedules.**



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



**Happy Independence Day**

## **The Next Methodism**

At the recent session of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, Bishop John Schol announced a significant new direction for United Methodists in New Jersey. Based on the recent decisions of the General Conference, and seeing a strong need to move beyond the divisions that are emerging in the church regarding human sexuality, the Bishop and a special Way Forward team announced several new directions for our annual conference. These will be detailed and set forth in a special session of the annual conference in October of this year.

## **Caravan of Hope 2 Plans Are on the Move**

Great progress is being made in our plan to again feed 5,000 people on one day: September 14<sup>th</sup>. The leadership team is meeting regularly and has already identified over 4,000 destinations for the meals. The team has received over \$5,000 of the needed \$15,000 budget, and has engaged many persons in action items for the caravan.

Save the date of September 13<sup>th</sup> for the joyful meal-making party and consider being a driver or partner for a delivery in our region on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Watch for details in the church worship bulletins.

## **Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip in July**

Wise, Virginia is the destination of our 38-member ASP mission team, which is now making final preparations to go and repair homes in some of the poorest communities in America. The team of youth and adult leaders will travel on July 6<sup>th</sup> and return on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Dedication of the team is on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> in the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Upon their return, they'll report to the congregation in all worship services on July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **Hoving Home Choir Returns July 14<sup>th</sup>**

Many will remember the uplifting music provided by the Hoving Home Choir several months ago. They'll be returning to share music on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> in the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services. And they're bringing many handmade items for sale, with proceeds going to the home. Hoving Home, in nearby Oxford, is a rehabilitation facility for women recovering from addiction.

## The Bulletin Board

### **Martha Friendship Circle: The next meeting will be in September.**

Just a reminder that our Martha Friendship Circle takes a summer vacation, but we'll be back and ready to go on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> with our Friendship Tea and our guest speaker, Dr. Frank Fowler. Watch for additional information as we get closer to the date. This will surely be a meeting you'll want to invite a friend to. Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to gathering again in September. Any questions about Martha Friendship Circle, please call Ginny at 908-852-6431.

### **Trinity UMM Fellowship Breakfast: Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

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: Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

The process includes a class at 9 a.m. and reception into the fellowship of the church during the 10:45 a.m. worship service, followed by a luncheon after worship. 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: Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

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 baptism date is September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Interfaith Hospitality Network:**

**August 25<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>  
November 24<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **Safe Harbor Ministry:**

**Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **Midnight Run:**

**TBD**

### **Holy Communion**

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated in all four worship services on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Greetings Ministry ~ Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>**

Come to the Greetings Ministry table in Starr Hall. We have cards and the names of people who need a friendly, caring greeting from Trinity. Just sit down for a few minutes and write a note of compassion and hope. Or you may know someone who would enjoy receiving a greeting. 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](mailto:nebarrier@aol.com) or Sue Bernard at [bernards1963@aol.com](mailto:bernards1963@aol.com).

## **“Summer Singers” Rehearsals**

Announcing the Summer Singers! Rehearsals will be on Thursdays in the summer starting July 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 - 8 p.m. in the Music Room. This group is for youth going into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade – just graduated 12<sup>th</sup> graders, class of 2019 – the class of 2023. We’ll work on songs for church anthems and special music. For more information, contact Sarah Kuhns at [Kuhns.sarah77@gmail.com](mailto:Kuhns.sarah77@gmail.com).

## **Trinity at the Movies**

We’ll have six free summer movie nights in Trinity House on the big screen. The movies will begin at 6:30 p.m. and free popcorn will be provided. All movies are rated either *G* or *PG-13*. The first three movies will be the basis for the sermons on the weekends following the movie.

*Greenbook* on July 18<sup>th</sup>

*The Boy Who Harnassed the Wind* on July 25<sup>th</sup>

*The Least of These* on August 1<sup>st</sup>

Movies TBA on August 8<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Watch for more details in the worship bulletins and on the website.

## **Good Financial News**

For the first time in many years, our church mortgage has been reduced to below \$500,000. Thanks in large measure to an anonymous 2018 financial gift to the mortgage of about \$500,000, we’re now below the half million-dollar amount. The mortgage in 2008 was about 1.4 million dollars.

## Annual Conference Echoes

At last month's meeting of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, the following appointments were made by Bishop John Schol. Bishops appoint pastors to their churches for one year at a time.

Dr. Fowler, Rev. De Vos and Rev. Gebhard were re-appointed to serve full-time at Trinity for the coming year. Pastor Sharon Hoff was appointed to serve  $\frac{1}{4}$  time at Trinity as a Licensed Local Pastor. Pastor Anthony Pami was appointed to serve  $\frac{1}{4}$  time at the Free Union UMC as a Supply Pastor.

## The Chapel is Getting a Makeover

Our chapel is getting a long-needed upgrade. Recently, it was completely repainted. Soon to come is new carpeting. And eventually a beautiful custom-made stained-glass creation will be hung behind the altar. Each Sunday, we offer an 8:15 a.m. traditional worship service in the chapel, located on the first floor beneath Starr Hall.

My dear Trinity family,

I could never have imagined that first day 18 years ago that going to work in the church office would become a ministry that would both humble me and encourage me these many years later.

I could never have imagined going to work with others who are faith-filled, passionate and committed to "making disciples for the transformation of the world," who have shown grace beyond measure and who continue to inspire me to be all that God desires of me.

I could never have imagined that in going to work, I would witness old and young, fit and frail, stranger and friend volunteering side-by-side filling the needs of others.

I could never have imagined that as I say goodbye to the day-to-day tasks of the church, that I will have countless opportunities to continue to serve alongside you.

Thank you, Trinity family, for supporting me and my staff-mates in "sharing the love and word of Jesus Christ with all."

Until we meet again in the mission field,  
Lois Spender  
Retired Administrative Assistant



## Fall Small Groups Begin in September!

Signups begin the weekend of September 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Rally Weekend! Sign up in Trinity House, Starr Hall or online at [www.catchthespirit.org](http://www.catchthespirit.org)

- Several **Bible Study** opportunities! If you feel uncomfortable with the Bible or would like to know more about what's in the word of God, then a Bible study is the place to start. There are always at least 5 or 6 to choose from, sometimes more!
- **Topical studies** that include how to balance all the demands in life, how to discern God's will for us and many other topics that impact us as Christians in the world today.
- Two **book groups**: One is for women and the other explores Christian classics. Both groups read thought-provoking books and then meet to discuss them and how they impact their lives.
- Small groups where you can experience **spiritual practices** such as Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina.
- Groups where you can express your **creativity**, like Soul of Creativity, Contemplative Creators, Stampin' Angels, Sew and Sews, as well as our Prayer Shawl ministries.
- GriefShare returns on September 10!
- Spiritual Gifts Inventory workshop!
- Weekly small groups for our youth!
- Young Adult Ministry!

Whether you're new to small groups or a veteran, you'll want to take a look at all the opportunities that are available to you. You don't have to be a member of Trinity to participate and you can bring a friend! Check your mailbox for the *2019 Small Group Offerings Booklet*. If you have any questions about a small group, please contact Pastor Deb at 908-852-3020 or [ddevos@catchthespirit.org](mailto:ddevos@catchthespirit.org).

# Thrift Shop News

Maureen Storey

Summer is here...YAY! Time to play "Did You Know?"

Did you know the Thrift Shop is open all summer? Many thrift and consignment stores take a summer break and close, but we stay open with the A/C on and loads of new treasures arriving daily.

Did you know that we have tons of summer dresses, casual dresses, formal dresses, fun dresses and dresses for work? Oh, and shorts, capris, tee shirts, bathing suits, active wear, kids' clothes, shoes and accessories.

Did you know we carry great brand names? Ann Taylor, Jones NY, Tommy Bahama, Coach, Coldwater Creek, Cole Haan, Dooney & Bourke, Ralph Lauren, Fossil, Vera Bradley, Tignanello, Moschino, as well as Old Navy, Under Armor, Forever 21, Nike, Aeropostale, Levi's, Michael Kors and so much more. Quality clothing for less!

Did you know that around mid-August, back-to-school items (eek) will appear to get your younger ones back to school for a fraction of the cost of regular retail? Bookbags, lunch bags, clothing, jackets, pens and pencils, crayons, paint, binders, papers. Yup, we've got lots!

Did you know that lots of our volunteers vacation over the summer? Got some time? Would you like to meet some great folks, laugh a lot, do a good turn for others? Contact us and find out about helping out for a few hours a week and see what happens in that cute little shop on Main Street or inside the walls of the big, mysterious Trinity Mission Barn.

Did you know that Trinity Thrift has a Facebook page? Yep, you can get a sneak peek at our new treasures and fabulous finds by checking us out on Facebook at Trinity Thrift Shop, and then "Like" us and "Share" us.

Did you know that the Seasonal Room (Christmas Closet, Garden Room in the Barn) has expanded its offerings to a Pop-Up Art Space with original signed artworks, and a space for camping and outdoor items and tools? You definitely need to see this!

Did you know that the Furniture Gallery runs a "Thrifty Thursday Sale" event every week? We discount selected items 30% to 50% off our already low prices. Keep an eye out for these great deals.

Did you know that the Thrift serves over 2,000 customers a month? We encounter many, many more people who are looking for something else...a friendly face, a hello, directions, to simply be seen by someone. We do that, too.

Did you know that our volunteers are amazing human beings? Yes, they are. Join them in being the hands and feet of Jesus in this world. You can do it...Just Say Yes!

# UMM Matters

Bill Blaskopf

June 8<sup>th</sup>, our Boy Scout Troop #416 attended and presented the Honor Guard. There were no new Eagle Scouts to recognize this year, but three boys are currently working towards their Eagle Scout Award. The boys also demonstrated the proper handling of the U.S. flag and how to retire a flag correctly. The UMM will be setting up a collection box for old U.S. flags and will be bringing them over to the American Legion for proper disposal. We had our annual election of officers and Bill Blaskopf, Glenn Ashton and Norm Barrier will continue as officers. If **you're** interested in being part of the Executive Committee for UMM, please contact any of the leaders. The Executive Committee always meets the third Monday evening of the month.

Balls and Strikes III took place as scheduled. A report on these two family-oriented events will be in the September *Tidings*. September's *Tidings* will also have the name(s) of the recipient(s) of our Mathias Torgersen Scholarship monies.

Our **September breakfast** will be September 14<sup>th</sup>, the same day as Caravan of Hope II. We'll have breakfast available for people before they go off to deliver their meals and Joan and Bill Caldwell have arranged for a representative from Truck Stop Ministry to speak. We encourage all to attend before heading out.

We continue to sell Trinity Name Badges. If you haven't gotten yours, please look for the order forms around church. We send in an order whenever we get to about 10 badges.

Always remember, **UMM is not just for men**. We invite all members of Trinity to attend. Among our goals is to provide a sense of community, a meaningful presentation and a fantastic breakfast.

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## Have You Remembered?

.....to include Trinity Church in your final will and testament? This is a meaningful way to put an exclamation point at the end of your earthly life by making a clear and profound statement that your faith and your church were a very important part of your life.

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## From the In His Steps Ministry Team

During the past year, our congregation has been continuing to live our stewardship theme: Imagine...Dreaming Big Dreams for God. Trinity has created a giving community that continually offers opportunities to share our time, talents and treasure to help God's world.

The following are direct quotes from members of our church community.

"Trinity is faith in action. The poor are enriched, the hungry are fed, the homeless are housed, the children are blessed, and those that mourn are comforted. At Trinity you can be part of God's work and Jesus' hands and feet." Barbara Madaras

"It's easy to feel God's love and spirit at Trinity. There are many opportunities at Trinity to learn, build great relationships and feel your life has purpose." Anonymous

"I tell everyone I found a home at Trinity, a family and a vessel to help me be the hands and feet of Jesus." Tony Albanese

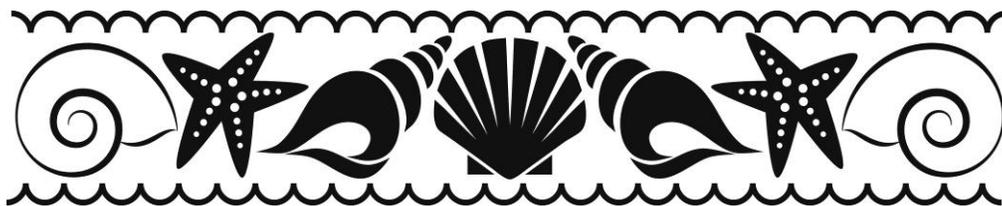
"You'll love to serve God in so many ways at Trinity with good people that brings purpose to your life." Rosemary Robertson

"A very vibrant church. Always something going on. Lots of ways to be involved. Great place for children and children's programs." Anonymous

"There are so many ways to find joy here serving people through Trinity. You can make a dinner or host homeless families here in Hackettstown, or serve food and items to homeless in NYC, or travel to Haiti to spread God's love and bring supplies. Get involved!" Linda Katstra

What comes to your mind when you think about sharing your gifts through Trinity? Please email any thoughts that you have to [inhissteps.tumc@gmail.com](mailto:inhissteps.tumc@gmail.com), and you may see your quotes in a future message.

With all of us working together, our church community can make life better for God's people everywhere!



**TRINITY STUDENT MINISTRY**

**ALL WUOWS 6-8PM**

**JULY**

- 10 BRAMEYER BACKYARD BASH**  
BRAMEYER HOME
- 17 MURDER MYSTERY DINNER**  
STARR HALL
- 24 VBS FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
STARR HALL
- 31 BROADHURST BASH**  
BROADHURST HOME

**AUGUST**

- 9-10 HS BOYS' CAMP OUT**  
HS BOYS ONLY  
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
- SPLASH SLUMBER PARTY**  
MS BOYS & ALL GIRLS  
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
- 14 PAR-TY WITH P-D**  
GEBHARD HOME
- 21 DEVON HOUSE PARTY**  
MCDONAGH HOME

**WUOW CALENDAR**  
"WHAT'S UP ON WEDNESDAY?!"

**QUESTIONS?**  
**CONTACT VANIA STEVENSON**  
**VSTEVENSON@CATCHTHESPIRIT.ORG**

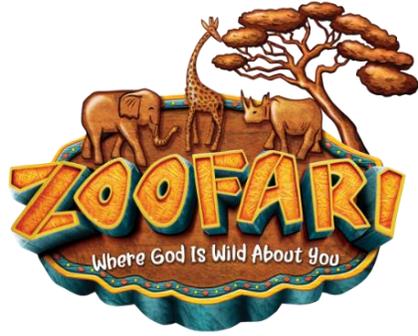
## Help the Midnight Run Mission

The following items are needed for our summer runs into New York City:

- ✓ Men's jeans and shorts, sizes 30-40
- ✓ Men's tee-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies
- ✓ Women's jeans and capri pants, sizes 10-16
- ✓ Women's tee-shirts or tops, sweatshirts and hoodies
- ✓ Sneakers for men and women
- ✓ New men's white tee-shirts and underwear
- ✓ New women's sports bras and underwear

All items should be for adults, and all items should be clean and gently used or new. Items may be left in the bin in the Barn or in the bins in the Rotunda or side porch of the office building.

Thank you for your continued support!



## Coming This Fall to KidVenture!!!!

VBS is the highlight of the year for so many of our children at Trinity. So, this year at KidVenture, we're going to go "Wild for God" and take this summer's VBS **ROAR** excitement into our first unit...**Zoofari!** BUT.....we need YOUR help. Please consider joining in on the fun by being a Station Leader (a three-Sunday commitment) or join our decorating team (decorating dates to be determined).

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES:** I would like to help transform the KidVenture classrooms into a Zoofari wonderland. You can even do some take-home decorating projects.

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES:** I can help lead a station during the 9:15 a.m. service. Please choose the following stations you would be interested in.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Art Station** "Even when you're scared, God is Wild about YOU!" Just TWO Sundays: September 22<sup>nd</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Movement Station** "Even when you're disappointed and struggling, God is Wild about YOU!" September 29<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Imagination Station/Science Station** "Even when you're lonely or worried, God is Wild about YOU!" September 22<sup>nd</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Music/Spiritual Practices** "Even when you're sad, God is Wild about YOU!" September 22<sup>nd</sup>, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup>.

For additional information, please contact Danielle Witt at [dwitt@catchthespirit.org](mailto:dwitt@catchthespirit.org).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email and/or phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop this form at the church office or in the offering plate.

## “Crafting for Miracles”

Calling all crafters! We’re asking members of Trinity Church to each make and donate 10 items of their choosing that will be sold at a craft sale on Sundays between the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services in late November and early December. The money raised will go to the “Miracles Everywhere” campaign.

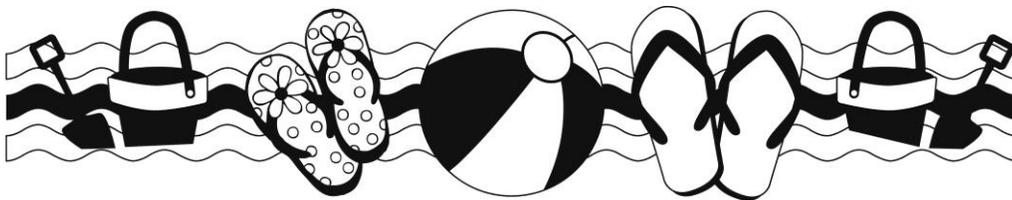
The Miracles Everywhere campaign is a three-year initiative of the United Methodists of Greater New Jersey to invest in transformational good works in our region, our nation and around the world. Specifically, funds are being raised to

- grow disciples and leaders in Greater NJ,
- assist the marginalized in Greater NJ communities,
- rebuild from natural disasters in Puerto Rico, and
- support new clergy in Tanzania.

Items donated can be 10 of the same or 10 different items. Examples could be, but not limited to, the following:

- Crocheted or knitted items, such as hats, scarves, gloves, etc.
- Sewn items, such as aprons, table runners, placemats, Christmas tree skirts, etc.
- Christmas ornaments
- Paper crafts, such as greeting cards, bookmarks, etc.
- Items made from wood, such as signs, Christmas trees, bird houses, ornaments, etc.
- Stained glass
- Pottery and ceramics
- Paintings
- Music CDs
- Use your imagination!

Any questions, please contact JoAnn Heembrock at 908-876-4462 or [jheembrock@comcast.net](mailto:jheembrock@comcast.net).



## Creation Care

Carol Kitchell

With summer comes insects and bites. Can you avoid slathering yourself with chemical repellents like DEET? Natural options deemed safe by the EPA include soy-based products like Bite Blocker for Kids. Oil of lemon eucalyptus is recommended by the CDC as an alternative to DEET for mosquitos and maybe for ticks. This shouldn't be used on kids under three. Citronella, peppermint oil and other plant-based oils haven't been found to be particularly effective.

How about using DEET? It depends. N,N-Diethyl-meta-toluamide is the most common active ingredient in insect repellents. It's a slightly yellow oil intended to be applied to the skin or to clothing and provides protection against mosquitos, ticks, fleas, chiggers, leeches and other biting insects. DEET was developed in 1944 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for use by the United States Army, following its experience of jungle warfare during World War II. It was originally tested as a pesticide on farm fields, and entered military use in 1946 and civilian use in 1957. The current form consists of DEET and polymers that extend the release of the DEET and reduce its evaporation rate.

If you're in an area where mosquitos are known to be carrying disease, like the West Nile virus, you may want to go with a stronger repellent. But use DEET wisely. Most of the problems come from people using the product incorrectly. It's an insecticide that can affect the central nervous system. Use repellents with no more than a 30% concentration of DEET for kids over two months, and don't use it at all on younger kids. A 10% DEET concentration lasts for about two hours. If possible, put it on your clothing rather than your skin. Get a pump spray rather than an aerosol so you don't inhale it. Don't put DEET on kids' hands and wash your own after applying (it's poisonous if ingested in high quantities). Wash your child's skin when he or she comes indoors.

Other bug repellent ideas include: cover your arms and legs with moderately thick fabric, use a fan when sitting on a porch, and eliminate standing water around your house.

Citronella candles expose you to chemicals in the product which you inhale. Bug zappers kill beneficial insects that eat pests and feed birds. Ultrasonic devices don't work. Attraction traps could work if you can tolerate what powers them. Permethrin-treated clothing can work, but permethrin is a neurotoxin like DEET. Wash treated clothing separately from other laundry.

Creation care includes what we put on our bodies!

## Celebrating Those Who Were Confirmed in June

Jordan Alexander	Nathan Bach	Gianna Balella
Joseph Bencivengo	Grace Brameyer	Nathan Braun
Emmalyn Browns	Phillip Cenoplat	Grace Eisele
Amanda Fenton	Andrew Flanagan	Angelina Gambrell
Olivia Gebhard	Casey Gilbert	Sydney Gouveia
Erin Haney	Kevin Magri	Elisabeth Pami
Joseph Racz, Jr.	Alyssia Rapisardi	Adriana Roessner
Kayla Scott	Michael Stehle	Robert Steurer
Karlee Sundstrom-Smith	Ryan Whittle	

The past year of guiding, teaching, mentoring and loving this year's Confirmation Class has been a team effort. A total of 12 volunteers helped lead the class, small groups, field trips and more. Supported by the Trinity pastors, Family Ministry Team and church school, they have had a joyfully busy year. We're so grateful for all of their time, service and love.

### Confirmation Leaders

Rich Bennett  
Jen Caldwell  
Lynn Cameron  
Maggie Matthews  
Arlene McCollum  
Scott Savokinas

### Small Group Leaders

Amanda Bach  
Don Gebhard  
Kristi McCollum  
Anthony Pami  
Cheryl Pami  
Steve Smith

Our 2020 Confirmation Class is open to all students in grades eight and above. Classes begin on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. and conclude with Confirmation on Sunday, June 7, 2020.



## The Lord's Pantry

Kellie Pennington

Hello Summer! We'd like to take a moment to remind everyone that we operate throughout the year, including the summer months. During this time period, donations of foods and funds are historically quite low. We know that people are busy enjoying this time, but we're asking that you please keep us in mind.

Families often have an increased need in the months between school years. Many children receive free or reduced-cost lunch and breakfast at school, and they'll be missing those meals when class is not in session. We want to make sure that no child in our community ever goes hungry. Some child-friendly foods that you might want to consider donating include **hot dogs, peanut butter and jelly, tuna fish, soup, macaroni and cheese and canned dinners.**

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. Monetary donations can be mailed to the church office, marked "Lord's Pantry" in the memo section.

During May, we served 907 people (335 families; 18 new): 265 children, 533 adults and 109 seniors.

## With Our Sympathy

- ❖ Kris Cirule on the death of her mother, Janet Moss
- ❖ Nancy Dean on the death of her father

## Thank You

To all who contributed to Trinity's 2019 Lenten devotional booklet, thank you for sharing of yourselves and your walk with the Lord by providing one or more devotions. My heart was touched, encouraged, held and/or blessed as I read each day how God is working within us, and how you are living your faith in Christ. As a church family, we were able to be beautifully open about our spiritual experiences, which makes me feel that much more "at home" among my Trinity brothers and sisters. Special thanks to those who coordinated the effort to produce this treasure.

Nancy Dean

## The View from Here

“Summer afternoon — summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.”

Henry James’s quote just about sums it up. I was talking the other day about childhood’s summer vacations. My memories were telling me that we got out of school earlier than I see kids getting out now. But this is a trick of the mind. Time is calculated differently in youthful perception. The distance from the end of one school year and the beginning of the next was an ocean wide. It was the passage from one life to another, it seemed. But that first day of freedom and knowing the whole, vast summer was ahead was one of the most wonderful experiences I’ve ever had. Endless possibility. Whole worlds to explore without the restrictions of school days. Naturally, adult work life fraught with responsibility, with a few weeks’ vacation each year, cured me of summertime dreaming.

And then we talked about going back to a new class year, and the excitement of preparation. I don’t know if kids today get enthused about new school supplies and new clothes. Someone mentioned the delightful smell of a bunch of new pencils, and I remembered my heart going out to a new wooden pencil box.

Even though summertime is filled with responsibilities and schedules, the season still offers us islands of possibility and rest. The day’s light is longer, and summer nights are filled with a magic of scent and sound (and, yes, mosquitos; see my Creation Care article). The earth is brimming with plant and animal life. It can be a time of exploration, and a time to savor the little moment. And anticipation of the coming autumn days and what they might hold can fuel our imaginations and our desire to try new experiences.

All time is given to us by a God who holds all our days and nights, all our seasons. What we do with the time we’re given is what matters. May this summer be a time of restoration and wonder. A time of possibility and appreciation for all the beauty of these long, grace-filled days.

Be well and God bless, Carol

# Serving God with Us in July and August

## Chapel Ushers

July 7	Cindy Neumann
July 14	Rob De Vos
July 21	Bonnie Palma, Betty Cyphers
July 28	Linda Feula, Sally Hahnes
August 4	Dennis & Pattie Huff
August 11	Rob De Vos
August 18	Bonnie Palma, Betty Cyphers
August 25	Linda Feula, Sally Hahnes

## Scripture Readers

July 7	Carolyn Sunday
July 14	Emma Browns
July 21	Leah Vondette
July 28	Eileen Bozzuffi
August 4	Bruce Howell
August 11	Tish Carpenter
August 18	Janet Charlton
August 25	Nathan Braun

## Greeters – 9:15

July 7	Tish Carpenter
July 14	TBD
July 21	Laurie & Tom Sokalski, Karen Riccobono
July 28	TBD
August 4	TBD
August 11	Karen Riccobono
August 18	TBD
August 25	TBD

## Greeters – 10:45

July 7	LaNelle Hoffmann, Hope & David Dingley
July 14	Cindy Hunt, LaNelle Hoffmann
July 21	Edna Barrier, LaNelle Hoffmann
July 28	Edna Barrier, LaNelle Hoffmann

## Ushers – 9:15

July 7	Curt Peirson, Eileen Bozzuffi, Liz Browns, Sarah Browns, Rob De Vos, Joyce Jansen, Gary Droppa, Bill Bippus
July 14	Rich Bonte, Brenda Sargeant, Edna Burton, Carol Theys, Eileen Bozzuffi, Bill Bippus, Donna Applegate, Joyce Jansen
July 21	Donna Re, Carol Theys, Tony Albanese, Dave Wahl, Eileen Bozzuffi, Jay Hill, Donna Applegate, Joyce Jansen
July 28	Donna Re, Dave Wahl, Tony Albanese, Carol Theys, Eileen Bozzuffi, Jay Hill, Donna Applegate, Gary Droppa

## Ushers – 10:45

July 7	Kathryn Twaddell, Pat Mullen, Joan Roehrich, Joan Crouse, Bill Blaine, Berniece Mueller, Musline Chiwanza, Gean Gallagher, Roger Hammond, Ed Thomas
July 14	Carol Munro, Pat Mullen, Joan Roehrich, Joan Crouse, Bill Blaine, Musline Chiwanza, Roger Hammond, Ed Thomas, Vernon Kilkenny
July 21	John Torkos, Pat Mullen, Joan Roehrich, Joan Crouse, Bill Blaine, Musline Chiwanza, Roger Hammond, Shea Dibley, Ed Thomas, Faydeanne Henkel
July 28	John Torkos, Nancy Soleau, Pat Mullen, Joan Roehrich, Joan Crouse, Bill Blaine, Roger Hammond, Ed Thomas, Curtis Sink, Bill Caldwell

## Audio – 9:15

July 7	TBD
July 14	TBD
July 21	TBD
July 28	TBD

## Audio – 10:45

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