



THE TRINITARIAN

FROM THE PASTOR

I am now in my third month at Trinity and I would like to thank our members for the kindness you have shown me during my time, here. Trinity is a very welcoming congregation.

I would also like to thank the many dedicated Christian ministers who work so hard to share their gifts at our church. We are blessed by their efforts.

As we look ahead, there are a lot of wonderful things happening at Trinity. We continue our talks with St. Peters, Highspire, about how we can do a joint ministry together. We are reaching out to the community via the Life and Death Group, the Tribe, the tutoring program, and our many contributions to

help those in need. And don't forget our congregation continues to come together every Sunday for worship.

We also continue some wonderful events for which Trinity has become well know. The annual Octoberfest is on the calendar and we continue with our Bible studies and fellowship groups.

As we look to the Fall, continue to pray for our efforts and come join us for worship, fellowship, and study.

Pastor Mike

THE TRIBE RESUMES STARTING SEPTEMBER 10

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Monday, September 10, will begin another year of the Tribe wrestling and faith formation group here at Trinity. The group meets from 6-7 PM in our fellowship hall. In addition to the tribe,

the Harrisburg Youth Initiative will be meeting to work on craft kits.

Although not many of us are wrestlers or can still wrestle, but you can still become involved. We can use people to greet, to bring and serve snacks for the kids, and to help with the craft kits.

Let Pastor Mike or David know if you can help us.

Stewardship of our work life

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. --Colossians 3:17

The priesthood of all believers has been characterized as Martin Luther's most underappreciated theological insight. Simply put, Luther observed that God calls all Christians -- not just pastors -- to lives of holiness. Every one of us, not just priests, accomplishes God's holy work, regardless of what we do for work, whether employed or working at home.

It's a simple idea, and one that certainly elevates our "job" to a new status, but it can be hard to live out. Here are some tips:

Think *disciple*: You may know to be a disciple in church, but prayerfully imagine how you can be a follower of Jesus at work, too!

Think *excellence*: There's satisfaction in doing your best. Knowing that your work is holy can provide not only incentive but also a satisfaction boost.

Think *relationship*: They're not just your coworkers, they're also the neighbors whom Christ commands us to serve and to love as ourselves.

Think *service*: Every workplace holds challenges for your employer, coworkers and customers. How can your experience and gifts help?

Think *priest*: You are called to be a holy person 24/7. How does this awareness invite you to change your behavior and attitude toward your work?

We spend so much of our lives in our jobs, we can't park our faith at the door. Instead, we bring the light of Christ to the workplace as holy people of God's reign!

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STEELTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM

David Tringali has been working with the Steelton-Highspire school district to begin an elementary tutoring project here in Steelton.

There are also other opportunities to assist the Steelton Schools with tutoring and help is also needed to fill back packs with food for the weekend for needy families. (You don't have to supply the food, just help fill the back packs.) For more details, see Pastor Mike

JOINT SERVICE AT ST. PETER'S ON SEPTEMBER 9TH

We will have a joint outdoor service at St. Peters on September 9 at 10:15. (We will also have the 5th Sunday SOHL Service at St. Peter's on September 30.)

After the service, we will have a picnic lunch and then do a work project in Highspire for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday.

There will also be an opportunity to do another Steelton Community Hot Dog Picnic on September 9th led by David Tringali.

BAKE/SOUP SALE



We would like to thank everyone who helped make our primary election day bake/soup sale a success! All our soups were practically SOLD OUT by the end of the week and our baked goods disappeared the following Sunday after church. We thank our soup and chili makers, Gay Rezin, Shelley Radic, Peg Bowling, Ken Smith, and Harold & Robin Cobb. Our bakers did an extraordinary job and we even had some chocolate candies to sell. Thanks also to Karen Schlott for her fantastic, award-winning peanut butter fudge!

We made a profit of \$672 which will be used toward the purchase of a sofa, chairs, and lamps for our newly renovated sitting area in front of the chapel.

The 2018 elections will take place on **Tuesday, November 6** so be sure to get out and VOTE! And don't forget to support our Soup and Bake Sale taking place that day.

We are asking you to bake at least one type of goodie for which you are extremely famous! Brownies, cupcakes, snack cakes, lemon bars, cookies, Rice Krispies treats, and candies are all great choices. Please place them in baggies in amounts to sell for \$.50 or \$1.00. Bring them to church on Sunday, November 4 and place them in the kitchen or deliver them on Monday afternoon from 1 PM until 4 PM when our secretary will be in the office to let you into the building.

We will also need help selling our items on Election Day. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer of church and we ask you for an hour or two of your time that day.

There is a preorder form in this newsletter. Please use it to place in your order ahead of time so that we are sure to have your favorite soups or fudge ready for you to pick up on Tuesday, November 6 or Sunday, November 11.

We thank you for your support.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIPS

OKTOBERFEST NEWS

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 27! Our 22nd annual Oktoberfest will take place at the Chambers Hill Fire Co. Social Hall. Doors will open at 4 PM for those who want to come early and eat their dinner before the music begins at 5.

To prepare for this event, we will be having a **meeting on Sunday, September 16 at 6 PM** on the 2nd floor of the social hall. We will have further information for you after this meeting takes place so watch your bulletins and *Minutarians!*

Our May fellowship was an original! We had a Mexican-themed luncheon with a nacho bar, make-your-own fajitas, beans and rice, flavored corn, and churros for dessert. It was a hit and we want to thank our sponsors, Matt and Mary Hunt, for the great idea and Mike Anthony for whipping it all up and putting it all together!

On **September 16**, we will have a brunch *sponsored by all of you* who are willing to sign up to bring a designated item for the meal. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer of the church. Bring your items to the kitchen that morning, worship with your church family at the 10:30 service, and then enjoy the brunch immediately following!

Our October fellowship will be on the 7th and will be sponsored by our two birthday boys, Richard Schultheisz and John Brunner. Our fellowships in November and December will be on the 1st Sundays of each month with Arthur Berg sponsoring November's and Betty Slavecki & Anna Gawel sponsoring December's.

If you are interested in helping to sponsor a monthly fellowship in 2019, please contact Gay. She'd love to hear from you!

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP UPDATES

Over the summer, David Tringali was on a mission trip to Guatemala. He sent the following updates while he was away:

June 22, 2017



We spent most of yesterday in what was left of the village of El Rodeo at the base of the volcano, Fuego. We met up with Alberto, the cousin of our longtime friend and partner Julio Lopez, early yesterday morning to show us around the ruins. For Alberto, who lost his entire immediate family in the blast, it was the first time he had been able to return to the town since the eruption and was, obviously, very emotional as we explored, pointing out to us where his house used to be as well as the houses of some friends and extended family.

The first few photos attached are of the village. One is the photo of the side of the local church building where someone scribbled on the wall "Cristo pronto viene," or "Christ come quickly."

From the disaster area, we went into the village of Esquintla where most of those displaced from the eruption are currently taking refuge. There, we were able to deliver 200 hygienic care kits provided to us by Mission Central, an organization of some of our partners from the United Methodist Church. We also met with a number of the survivors to offer comfort and hear their stories. One of the men we met with, Nestor, was sheltered in a church building taking people in. Nestor told us about his family, a wife and three daughters, all of whom were unable to escape the eruption. The bodies of two of his daughters have been identified at the morgue, but his wife and middle daughter are still buried by lava in the village. We spent time in prayer with Nestor and let him show us photos of his family as he grieved.



We have networked with the local branch of Habitat for Humanity and are currently working with them to provide immediate support to sheltered families and strategize long term solutions for those in need of resettlement.

Thank you all for your generous support of our work here in Guatemala and keep an eye out for further updates of our work in the coming days.

July 10, 2018

Over the past few weeks, we have been hard at work in the areas of Escuintla and El Rodeo. We spent a few days in Escuintla working with Habitat for Humanity collecting information about the families affected by the eruption. Last week, we set up shop at a local church that is housing refugees and were able to gather family information for 45 families affected by the eruption. Habitat for Humanity is now using that information to begin delivering water filters and clean energy stoves to the locations sheltering these families.



With the money you all provided, we were able to secure 115 clean water filters for those displaced from their homes!

In addition to providing clean water for hundreds of people, your donations have also helped us to provide a future for the many relatives of our beloved Julio Lopez. Once Habitat for Humanity finishes providing basic needs for all of the affected, we have earmarked money specifically to buy land and build a new houses for Julio's relatives.

A few days ago, we networked with another group of Americans who wanted to help with the relief process and, together we were able to gather over 100 large bags of instant vegetable soup, each of which can feed approximately 20 people, to deliver to Escuintla and the families in need after food supplies from the local government run out at the end of 3 months.

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

FOCUS Update

The FOCUS team met and, after over a year of discernment with your feedback and through listening to God, we are in a place to confidently make a recommendation to our councils in September. We believe that God is calling St. Peter's and Trinity into a CO-OP ministry. More details will be coming and remember that the final decision, upon approval from our councils, will be made by a 2/3 vote from each congregation. A Co-operative (or Co-Op) Ministry is a joint ministry of congregations that have been called to come together to serve God by sharing staff (such as a Pastor, etc), resources, and ministry programs. This joint mission is created through a formal agreement which provides flexibility and the opportunity to grow.



Make a Joyful Noise!

Choir Rehearsals have resumed for the fall, starting at 6:30pm. If anyone is interested in joining, please see Arthur Berg or come to rehearsal. We welcome anyone who would like to join us!

EVENING BIBLE STUDY



There is a new evening Bible Study group has formed. We meet every Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Social Hall at the church.

Each month we have a theme, and each week we study a different Bible story, character or book of the Bible based on that theme.

The Theme for September is the Book of Judges, which includes such characters as Deborah, Gideon, and Sampson.

The themes for the near future are:

October – The Devil

November – Saints

December – The story of Jesus' Birth

All are welcome to participate in this hour of fellowship, Bible Study, prayer and fun.

Snacks are provided.

SOHL REPORT (STEELTON-OBERLIN- HIGHSPIRE LUTHERANS)

- **Family Promise:** The next Family Promise week will be November 11 – 18 at St. John's. Volunteers from all congregations are needed and appreciated!
- **Blessing of the Animals** A Blessing of the Animals will be held Saturday Oct 6th from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be two locations – one on Front Street in Steelton and the other at St. Peter's in Highspire. We are looking for volunteers and donations of dog treats and cat treats (not dog food or cat food)! Volunteers will sign up for hour shifts.
- **Live Nativity:** At Salem, the four churches will put on a Live Nativity on Friday December 14th and Saturday December 15th. There will be an open casting call for parts after the joint worship on September 30 at St. Peter's.
- **Joint Worship:** The next 5th Sunday joint worship will be September 30th at St. Peter's.
- **Next SOHL Meeting:** Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next SOHL meeting will be Thursday Sept 6th at St. John's.



The Annual Women's Banquet was held on Saturday, May 19 in our social hall. About 45 ladies attended a fabulous sit-down meal served by several men from our congregation. There was a stuffed chicken breast or vegetarian dinner with all the fixings prepared by our in-house chef, Michael Anthony. After the meal, we were treated to a trio of ladies from a nearby church who entertained us with three-part harmony of various Christian songs. Door prizes, which were in abundance, were then given out.

We want to thank everyone who helped in any way with this fellowship! We especially want to thank Gay Rezin for her leadership throughout. Way to go!

Thank You Notes:

Thank you so very much for all of the cards, calls, prayers and support since my husband, Paul passed away. It has been overwhelming and appreciated.

Thank you from the heart,

Betty Flickinger

On the occasion of its 150th anniversary, Diakon expresses deep appreciation to Trinity Lutheran Church for our continuing partnership to serve and minister to our neighbors.

*Mark T. Pile, MSHA, MSW
President/CEO
Diakon Child, Family & Community*

From the editor...

First of all, I want to start off with an apology. I began the summer with the best of intentions of putting out a summer edition of the *Trinitarian*. However, some unexpected health issues impeded my efforts, the result is we had an unintended hiatus of the *Trinitarian*, for which I apologize.

As always, please send any feedback or suggestions my way either by email at mjonhunt@gmail.com or in my box at church.

Thank you,

Matt Hunt

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- *Pastor Seifried, Pastor Fox, John Michtich, Anne Lentz, and Jan & Ed Holwig* for weeding the banks and cleaning up around the parking lot. If it would only stay that way!!
- *Mary Hunt* for her hard work in preparing for Tuesday night Bible studies. She always has lots of fascinating info to share!
- *John Michtich, Jan Holwig, and Gay Rezin* for cleaning out the kitchen. Outdated items have been pitched and counters and sinks have been cleaned. We're ready for fellowships to begin!
- *Pastor Seifried* for being willing to step into this monumental task of keeping Trinity on track. We are all grateful for his steady leadership at this time in our congregational life. His visits to our sick and shut-ins are especially appreciated.
- The Soup and Bake Sale Committee would like to thank the *Golden Agers* for their \$100 donation toward the new furniture in the chapel foyer. The furniture has arrived, so we invite anyone who arrives early for church to enjoy the new space and have some coffee and donuts! (We hope to add some tables and lamps in the near future.)

THE DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER IS
SEPTEMBER 27, 2018.

SOUP AND BAKE SALE

Here we go again! It is time to get ready for our general election Soup and Bake Sale on **November 6!** The soup makers will be putting the kettles on their stoves and cooking up gallons and gallons of wonderful homemade soups and we will be asking the congregation again to make their cookies, cakes, breads, fudge, and any other goodies they are willing to provide for this event. We here at Trinity are truly blessed with wonderful cooks! We are the envy of many local congregations.

Below, please find the pre-order form for soups and fudge. We ask that you complete this form and return it to **Jan Holwig** (in her mailbox at church) by **October 28** so that we are sure to have your soups and fudge ready and waiting for you on Voting Day.

The Committee would like to thank everyone in the church who helps to make this sale a success! ***This year's proceeds will be used to purchase some end tables and lamps and to replenish our funds after purchasing the new sofa and chairs for the chapel area foyer.***



Soup and Fudge Order Form – due Oct. 28 – put in Jan Holwig’s mailbox or mail to Trinity, 221 S. 2nd St., Steelton 17113 or email Trinity at trinitysteelton@yahoo.com

Your name _____ Phone _____

\$3.00 per pint (soup) \$7.00 per lb (peanut butter fudge)

vegetable beef (made by Peg Bowling & Ken Smith) _____ (number of pints)

chicken corn (made by Shelley Radic) _____ (number of pints)

ham & bean (made by Gay Rezin) _____ (number of pints)

peanut butter fudge _____ pounds You may pay for your food at the time of pick-up.

(Fudge is made by Karen Schlott who won first prize for it at the Farm Show!)

Fall Participants in our Services

Date	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Flowers \$25	Bulletins, Candles \$17
Sept. 2	Judy Krovic, Gay Rezin	Carl Zeiders, Lenny Bowling	Gay Rezin	Jan Holwig	?	Ann Kline
Sept. 9	Joint service at St. Peter's for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday					
Sept. 16	Shelley Radic, Tom Lupkie	Mark Harkins, Matt Hunt	Jim Canning	Judy Krovic	Betty Slavecki	Richard Schultheisz
Sept. 23	Doris Reynolds, Judy Krovic	Dick Schultheisz, Ed Holwig	Lenny Bowling	Anne Lentz	Bowlings	Bill Lux
Sept. 30	SOHL combined service at St. Peter's					
Oct. 7	Sandy Canning, Jan Holwig	Shelley & Mark Radic	Jan Holwig	Ni'Shaun Ward-McMullen	John Michtich	Elizabeth Faul

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Sept: Judy Krovic, Matt & Mary Hunt

Oct: Jan Holwig, Shelley & Mark Radic



We pray for those...

In need:

Michael Brown
John Schenfelt
Joyce Stickle
Anna Zeiders

Bereaved:

Orris family

Serving in our military:

Kyle Anthony
Anthony Szekeres
Scott Whary

Continued prayer:

Amie Varner
Rana Sweiden
Jackie Day
Chuck Korte

THE FOLLOWING ARE THOSE WHO CANNOT GET TO CHURCH BECAUSE OF PHYSICAL PROBLEMS, ETC. PLEASE REMEMBER THEM WITH A CARD, A VISIT, AND/OR YOUR PRAYERS.

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Smith North #382
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Nancy Brunner
2115 James Buchanan Dr.
Elizabethtown 17022

Bernie Campbell
100 Freemason Drive
Masonic Village
Elizabethtown 17104

Jackie Day
335 Wesley Dr. Apt. 601
Mechanicsburg 17055

Fran Dubesky
517 Kelker St.
Steelton 17113

Darlene Martz
97 Brompton Rd.
Hummelstown, 17036

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1205 S. 28th St.
Harrisburg 17111

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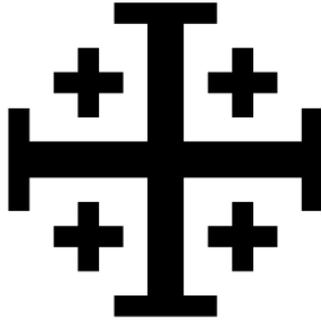
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September 2018

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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9:45am – Choir 10:15am – Joint SOHL Worship @ St. Peter's 11:45am Living Nativity meeting 6:00pm – Life & Death Group						



MISSION STATEMENT

- To work harmoniously within the spirit of the church
- To create a comforting atmosphere for families of believers and a place to heal the soul
- To connect people to Jesus Christ and to each other
- To establish an experience where people feel an allegiance to their almighty Father
- To exemplify our Christian stewardship by representing our members with Christian dignity, proper regards to the rights of others, while promoting God's message of respect, love, and charity

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