

Trinity Tidings for August, 2021

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Renewing Worship and Fellowship

So how are you doing? It has been such a joy over the last several weeks to see people coming back to church as many have been vaccinated and numbers of corona cases are dramatically decreasing in Berks County. Sadly, there are still hot spots across the United States and in other places around the world, and it may still be some time before we can finally say we are all in the clear. But for now, we seem to be on the downhill side of things.

Amid all of this, worship has changed and evolved in various ways that we might provide a safer environment for all. Thanks be to God, as we move forward over the next weeks we will begin to grow our liturgy with hopes of singing a full liturgy in September.

Interestingly, there are two things that have come out of the pandemic. First, our Saturday night crew is now joining us on Sunday mornings. I can't say enough what a blessing it has been to have everyone gathered together on Sunday morning lifting our voices on high especially as we have begun singing again.

Secondly, we have begun a **Third Wednesday of the month gathering for Word and Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.** Begun as a way of providing Holy Communion to a small group who had been sheltering in place during the pandemic, we are now meeting regularly at church with hopes that this group will grow to include others from both our own church community and the community at large.

Different from Sunday morning worship, this group has opportunity to share with one another during the message, ask questions, and comment throughout this informal gathering. It is a time to pray for those we love and care about, hear the gospel and talk about how it relates to our lives, share our highs and lows, and finally, celebrate Holy Communion each time we meet. It has been a great time for fellowship and companionship. This fall—as we continue to emerge from the pandemic—a light breakfast of bagels, doughnuts, coffee, etc . . . will be served following our time of gathering.

The Holy Spirit is guiding us and moving us into new and creative ways of being in community with each other as we share in God's holy word and presence through the bread and cup. Our hope is that this new time of gathering will be a blessing to those who are looking for a more relaxed interactive worship experience that also provides a time for strong community, companionship, and fellowship.

There is more fun on the way:

August 8th: Bishop Christopher deForest will preach as we kick off our 125th anniversary celebration. There will be a reception afterward—our first in over a year.

Please look for and bring in any pictures from Trinity's past of people and events from "back in the day."

August 18th: Third Wednesday Word and Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.

September 12th: *God's Work our Hands Sunday Day of Service* (GWOH). We will be providing 100 free take home bagged lunches after worship. These lunches will be available to the community as well. (This is in lieu of our annual spaghetti dinner.) First come, first serve, one bagged lunch per person.

GWOH T-shirts with Trinity's name on the back are available for purchase. Wear them on *GWOH Sunday Day of Service*. Signup in the Narthex and/or see Kevin Kurtz.

Blessings,
Pastor Julie

On Monday, June 28, Helen Hummel and I delivered a trunk load of shoes to "In Ian's Boots" in Pottstown. Helping Helen unload the bags were Ian's Father, Ron Miller on the left and Dillion, a volunteer on the right.

Thanks to everyone who donated shoes which will be shared with those in need. And to Helen who has said she will be happy to deliver another trunk load in the fall if the congregation decides to continue this service project.



Diane Brown, Mission Interpreter

We are seeking a person to fulfill the duties of Church Sexton starting at any time within the next six months. Anyone interested in the part-time position or knowing of someone who may be should contact the church @ 610-678-1782 or email tlcworship@aol.com. Salary between \$9,500 and \$10,500 upon qualifications. Job description and application provided upon request."

How are We Doing?
Trinity's Financial Summary for June

Average Weekly Giving in June, 2021: **\$3,721.00**
Average in June, 2020: **\$3,540.75**
Total income to date in 2021: **\$91,119.00**
Total income to date in 2020: **\$90,591.73**
Total expenses to date in 2021: **\$93,768.38**
Total expenses to date in 2020: **\$85,611.50**
Total income in June: **\$14,884.00**
Total expenses in June: **\$19574.05**

Percentage of Mission Support for 2021: to Synod: **50%**, to Mission District: **50%**
Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick or recently hospitalized: Eleanor Brossman, Aislin Given, Allison Given, Diane Klinger, Janice Lamm, and Sandra Miller.

Members who are homebound or in care facilities: Joan Kava, Rosie Putt, Betty Reber, Pat Sickles, and Kay Weatherholtz.

The Military: Rena Butcavage, Natalie Ketner, and Justin Klinger.

Family and Friends: Wanda Barnett, Carolyn Bryant, Fred DeLong, Marge Dietrich, Peggy Guido, Glenn Helbert, Betty Kauffman, Shirley Kerchner, Hannah Kramer, Scott Krebs, Bryan Long, Destiny Olivarares, Jake Powers, Claire Putt, Tom Reppert, Charles Young, Jerry Zachousk, and Ann Zimmerman.

Special Ministries: Our missionary in Tanzania-Dr. Stephen Friberg and his Family.

Please let us know when our prayers are answered so we can keep our prayer list current.



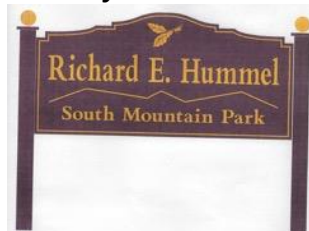
Senior choir rehearsal begins Wednesday, September 1 @ 7:30 PM. We will begin singing Sunday, September 5. Anyone who is interested in singing, please join us.

Intergenerational VBS-First Session-Making Fleece Blankets for Camp Noah



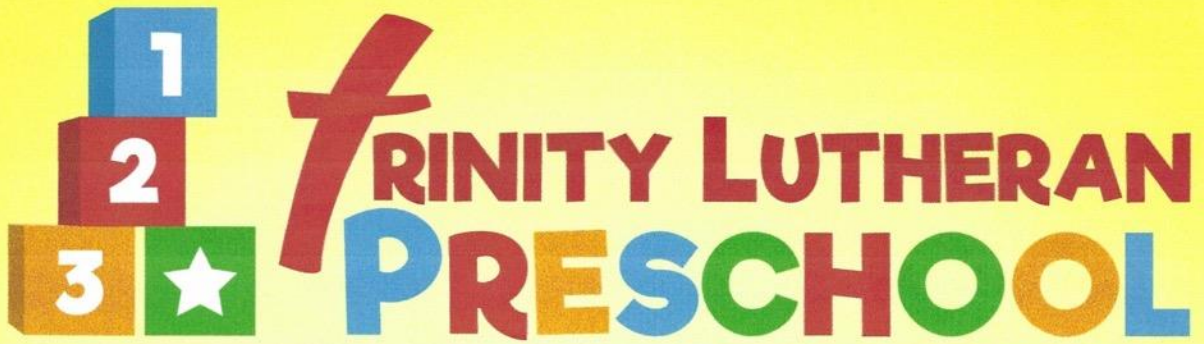


Mark your calendar



Saturday, 9/25/21 @ 1 PM

Ceremony to name South Mountain Park on Hill Rd. in memory of Richard (Dick) Hummel
Everyone is invited. More info in September newsletter.



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Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

The cost of sponsoring the flowers is **\$38.00**. If you are sponsoring the flowers, please note that there are flower envelopes in the narthex beside the sign up list for altar flowers. Please put your check (payable to Trinity) or cash in the envelope and place in the offering plate. The cost of sponsoring the bulletins is **\$15.00**. We also want to remind you that the week you are an altar flower sponsor, please call the office, Nancy Moyer, or contact the altar guild person listed in the bulletin if you want to keep the flowers. Otherwise, the flowers will be given to the sick, shut-ins, or others in need. Thanks. **We need an altar flower sponsor for 8/15 and bulletin sponsors for all the Sundays in August. Please sign up on the appropriate chart in the narthex.**

Altar Flower Sponsors for August: 8/8-Deacon Carol in memory of her father, Rev. William H. Marburger, 8/15-Available, 8/22-Mary Young, 8/29-Mary Young in memory of her wedding anniversary.

Bulletin Sponsors for August: All Sundays available

Helpers for August

Altar Guild: Nancy Moyer

Communion Assistant: Bob Bashore

Council Devotion and Snacks: Carol Koch

Acolytes: 8/1-Jocelyn Enck, 8/8-Barbara Debiec, 8/15-Betty Lou Franzen, 8/22-Alexis Shoumlisky, 8/29-Owen Wentzel

Lay Readers: 8/1-Elaine Briner, 8/8-Deacon Carol, 8/15-Betty Lou Franzen, 8/22-Kerri Searfoss, 8/29-Laura Miller

Ushers: 8/1-Lawrys, 8/8-Bashores, 8/15-Kurtzes, 8/22-Givens, 8/29-Debiec/Rinehimer

Sound System: 8/1-Stephanie Kurtz. 8/8-Scott Franzen, 8/15-Wendell Byler, 8/22-Scott Franzen, 8/29-Stephanie Kurtz.

Counters: 8/1-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 8/8-Hummel/Jarsocrak, 8/15-Debiec/Rinehimer, 8/22-Franzens, 8/29-Rapley/Pirl-Roth

Bulletin Assemblers: 8/4-Barbara Debiec, 8/11-Beverly James, 8/18-Helen Hummel, 8/25-Mary Young, 9/1-Mary Jane Evans.

Newsletter Assembly: Kathy Bashore

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John Ketner will be 90. Happy Birthday John.