

# Trinity Tidings for Sept., 2021

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## “From Where Will My Help Come?”

What a blessing the Trinity Family is to one another. With grateful, yet weary hearts we continue to navigate the threat of the coronavirus. I don't know about you, but in many ways this sickness still feels surreal. How long can we endure? How long will we suffer? The Psalmist writes, “My God, my God why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.” An echo of past Maundy Thursdays, these words of Psalm 22 reflect the feelings of many.

And yet we persist. We place one foot in front of the other forging ahead wearing masks, getting vaccinated, standing physically distant from each other, and lamenting together as we see surge after surge of the virus rise up around us. The psalmist might call this sickness, “the enemy.” And it feels like it, too—the unseen enemy that worms its way into our daily lives and steals away our ordinary days. Through it all we must remain vigilant, wary, and cautious.

The virus will not simply vanish because we wish it away. But it will go away because we take care of ourselves and each other. And that is what we are doing as we strongly encourage everyone to wear masks once again. It protects our children, the unvaccinated (and there are many reasons for not being vaccinated), and the vaccinated—because we know this new strain of virus doesn't care if we are vaccinated.

But here's the thing, we have a choice as to how we move forward. We can move forward in frustration and anger, or we can move forward in peace and determination because God walks with us every step of the way. The Psalmist also writes,

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

*Psalm 121 NRSV*

The words of Psalm 121 are often found on the walls of the children of Jewish parents as a prayer for the life journey ahead. It is also used as a prayer for those who are traveling. And right now we are for sure hesitant travelers through a worrisome landscape.

As students prepare to enter their third school year during this pandemic and we as adults continue to protect them and ourselves, we pray for God's love, protection, and peace of mind even as we face "the enemy" along our journey's path.

Thank you to our council who has met on short notice time and again and continues to be vigilant in considering the health and safety of our church family. Thank you for your patience, your enduring spirit, and your love for each other. May God's grace continue to pour out on us, guiding us, and fortifying us. May we be fed by God's word of hope and love as we are strengthened and renewed in the bread and cup. And though the journey ahead may seem blurry, we know our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Blessings,  
Pr. Julie



## GROWING IN FAITH GROWING IN CHRIST

### Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum/Faith Development

Call it what you will—I kind of like "Faith Formation" because that is what Sunday School really is, isn't it? The faith God gave us is a gift. God freely gives us each a measure of faith—faith that comes to us in the hearing of the gospel message. But what does it mean to have faith? How does our faith shape us and grow us? What does it mean to be a person of faith or live out a life of faith? How does faith inform a person's life each and every day (even when we're not feeling very faithful)? As followers of Jesus, these are the life-long questions with which we wrestle ALL THE TIME!!

And the truth is, listening to the preacher preach isn't enough. It is in fact, very one sided. There is no opportunity for anyone to ask questions, get clarification, disagree, or make connections. That is why we need to search out opportunities to learn more about our faith. Adults may attend the Sunday morning forum beginning at 9:00 a.m. (things get rolling around 9:15). This group meets in the library (or Social Hall).

For students 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up we will offer Faith Formation class every Sunday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. this doubles as Confirmation class. The plan is for students to be confirmed when they reach 8<sup>th</sup> grade and to continue in Sunday School class even after they are confirmed. Younger children will continue to meet during worship after the children's message (on specific Sundays to be arranged in advance).

#### Other opportunities for Bible Study include:

**Men's Group**—4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.—please see Bob Bashore for details.

**Women's Daytime Bible Study**—1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 1:00 p.m.—see Helen Hummel or Charlotte Moyer for details.

**Women's Evening Bible Study**—4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 7:30 p.m.—see Deacon Carol Koch for details.

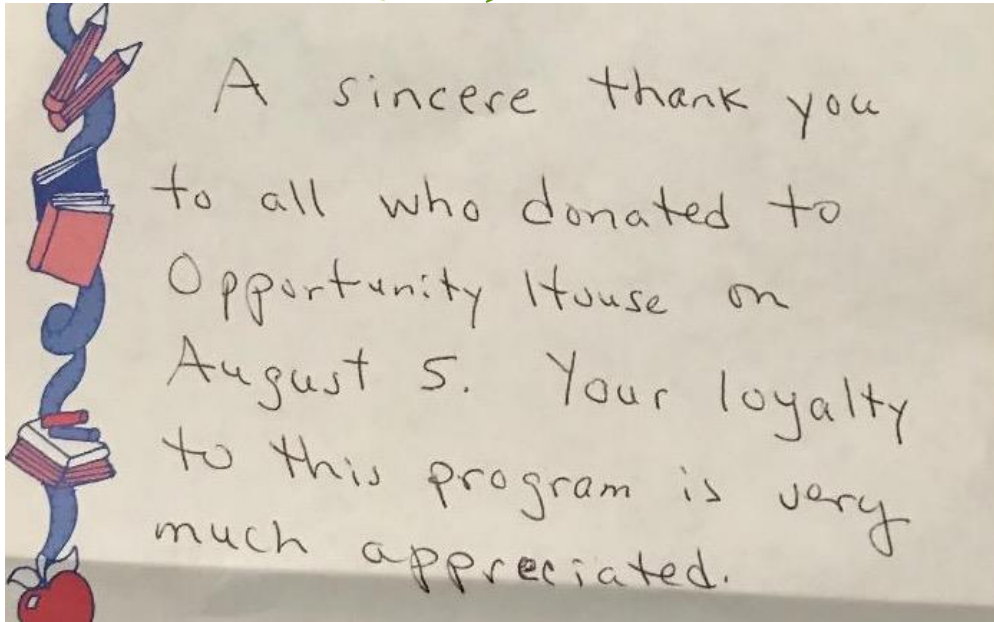
**ALSO**, Lenten Soup, Study, and Sacrament during Lent (coming March 2022)

VBS for all ages (coming summer of 2022)

#### REMEMBER:

Rally Day is September 19<sup>th</sup>

First day of Sunday School is September 26<sup>th</sup>



Thank you to Joe Shoumlisky for the delicious Italian dinner he prepared for our 2nd VBS session. It was enjoyed by everyone. Who knew we had such an accomplished chef in our midst. Don't know if he will consider it a blessing or a curse that the word is out.

*Deacon Carol*

## Celebration of *Life*

*Please Join Us*

For the Celebration to rename the South Mountain Park  
In honor of Richard E. Hummel and his 42 years as a Township Supervisor  
Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021 @ 1 PM  
South Mountain Park, 809 Hill Rd., Wernersville, PA  
*Rain date-Sunday, September 26 @ 1 PM*

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](mailto: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 July**

Average Weekly Giving in July, 2021: **\$4,698.50**  
Average in July, 2020: **\$4,098.50**  
Total income to date in 2021: **\$109,913.00**  
Total income to date in 2020: **\$106,985.73**  
Total expenses to date in 2021: **\$110,689.42**  
Total expenses to date in 2020: **\$99,102.28**  
Total income in July: **\$18,794.00**  
Total expenses in July: **\$16,921.04**

Percentage of Mission Support for 2021: to Synod: **58%**, to Mission District: **58%**  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Members who are sick or recently hospitalized:** Janice Lamm and Sandra Miller.

**Members who are homebound or in care facilities:** Eleanor Brossman, Joan Kava, Diane Klinger, 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, Jake Powers, Claire Putt, Tom Reppert, Jerry Zachousk, and Ann Zimmerman.

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

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

**Intergenerational VBS-Second Session-Making Fleece Blankets for Camp Noah**





**Pictures from the Reception for the Bishop on 8/8**



**Bethany Miller in the Blue Band at Penn State**



### **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 altar flower sponsors for 9/19 and 9/25 and bulletin sponsors for 9/12, 9/19 and 9/26. Please sign up on the appropriate chart in the narthex.**

**Altar Flower Sponsors for September:** 9/5-Carol Koch in memory of her 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, 9/12-Diane Brown in memory of her grandparents, 9/19 and 9/26 available.

**Bulletin Sponsors for September:** 9/5-Ed & Mary Jane Evans in honor of Ed's birthday, 9/12, 9/19, and 9/26 available.

### **Helpers for September**

**Altar Guild:** Laura Krick

**Communion Assistant:** Aislin Given

**Council Devotion and Snacks:** Woody Noll

**Acolytes:** 9/5-Bob Bashore, 9/12-Tacy Grippon, 9/19-Emily Kaiser, 9/25-Sammy Shoumlisky.

**Lay Readers:** 9/5-Bob Bashore, 9/12-Ron Rush, 9/19-Beth Byler, 9/26-Helen Hummel.

**Ushers:** 9/5-Lawrys, 9/12-Bashores, 9/19-Kurtzes, 9/26-Givens.

**Sound System:** 9/5-Scott Franzen, 9/12-Wendell Byler, 8/19-Scott Franzen, 9/26-Stephanie Kurtz.

**Counters:** 9/5-Hummel/Jarsocrak, 9/12-Debiec/Rinehimer, 9/19-Franzens, 9/26-Rapley/Pirl-Roth

**Bulletin Assemblers:** 9/1-Mary Jane Evans, 9/8-June Rapley, 9/15-Connie Fritz, 9/22-Linda Weiss, 9/29-Kathy Lawry

**Newsletter Assembly:** Kathy Lawry

### **Church Council Members**

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Elwood (Woody) Noll 484-638-2057

Cindy Hassler-Schappell 610-451-6131



Ed Evans will be 82. Happy Birthday Ed.

### **Council Highlights**

- Update on the sale of the property will be forthcoming.
- Council meeting is returning to our old schedule of meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 7:30 PM.
- New Laptop computers for Pastor Julie and Deacon Carol are here.
- Bishop deForrest's visit and reception went well.
- Faith Formation and Children's Sunday School will begin on 9/26.
- Due to high recurrence of Covid 19 we will not be returning to full liturgy as planned on 9/12. For the near future we will not be singing hymns either. Council keeps touching base to keep current on this issue.