

THE LOVELETTER

NOVEMBER 2023

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

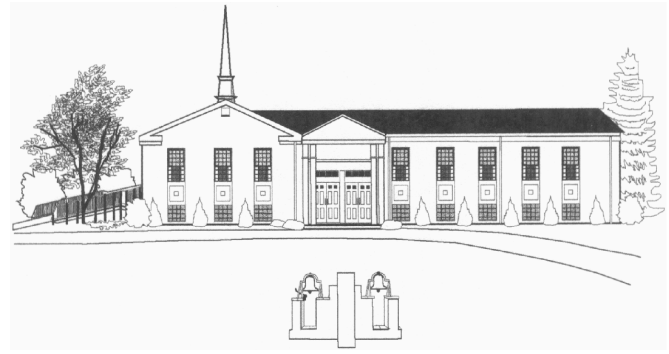
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Civility

My dear friend and colleague the Rev. Steve Atanasoff wrote this story about bicycling in the Borough of Williamstown back when he was pastoring the Williamstown United Methodist Church. Steve was my immediate successor at Williamstown UMC. His experience bicycling in upper Dauphin County, and in many other areas in rural PA is the same as mine:

During the year, I often ride my bicycle to the office and other places I travel. I enjoy riding it and do so as often as I can. Usually all goes well.

However, I have noticed one thing that I do find disturbing. For some reason, there are those who seem to take offense to sharing the road with a bicycle.

I have had cars and other vehicles pull out in front of me. Other times, I have had drivers honk horns or curse if they thought I was traveling too slowly. Then there are those who choose to tailgate to let me know their displeasure.

All in all, I try to ignore it and go on. But I do wonder what such behaviors say about civility and manners. When I consider the fact that most of these folks are adults, and not teenagers, it is especially dismaying.

Recently, many of those who study ethics and human behavior have observed that there seems to be a marked decline in civility – and a sharp increase in rude, boorish behavior at all levels of society.

We see it in the arena of athletics. We see it in all realms of politics and it is reflected in our everyday interactions with each other. Those who can shout the loudest – and spew out the most nonsense – often get the most attention and misguided admiration.

The recent difficulties with electing a Speaker of the United States House of Representatives reveals the deep divisions between and within political parties. I am in favor of people stating what they believe and standing their ground, but I am critical of the “winner take all” mentality that pervades the public policy conversation. I long for the day when politicians were able to sit down, discuss their differences, and come up with a plan everyone can live with.

Such a vision for civility and dialogue can be modeled by people of faith. We who are Christ’s followers can show the world how to disagree and work on solutions which incorporate the best ideas on all sides of a debate. As Christians and concerned, patriotic, and ethical American citizens, we can demand that our elected officials engage in dialogue leads to sound decisions and good public policy.

Pastor Bob

Sunday, November 5

All Saints Sunday

Altar Color: White

Communion Sunday

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon Title: "From Every Tribe"

John saw a gathering before the Throne of God. It was "a great multitude no one could count".

"John, who are these?" asks one of the spiritual beings called "Living Elders" who are perpetually before the throne.

"Who are these?" John didn't know.

"Who are these?" These are the Saints of God, gathered in from all tribes and peoples and languages. These are all who claim Jesus Christ as their Savior and endeavor faithfully to follow him as Lord and King all their days.

Today is All Saints Sunday. Today we celebrate the Saints of Old who gave their lives for the faith. We celebrate the lives of the Saints who nurtured us, whose lives were a clear, compelling witness to the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. We celebrate every Saint who inspired us in our own walk with Jesus.

And we remember that we are part of that vast multitude. Yes, you and I are part of the multitude of Saints who confess Christ, who follow Christ, who witness for Christ, inspire others to give themselves to Christ, and who lay down our lives for the sake of Christ and his ministry.

By the love of God, we are called children, children who are like him, children who are purifying themselves, children who are the saints of God. All of us, not just the special ones, not just the departed ones. All of us who have claimed this faith and who stand in this hope.

But what does that look like? What do we look like as the saints of the church? Jesus told us in the Sermon on the Mount. "Blessed are you..."

Jesus begin his teaching ministry with a word of encouragement. Chapter four of Matthew's Gospel begins with the temptation in the wilderness, where Jesus declares the kind of Messiah he intends to be – to himself, to God, to Satan, to all of us. Then he returns and calls together the community of followers within which he will work his earthly ministry. Finally, he teaches and heals and draws increasingly larger crowds. And then chapter five lets us know his teaching. But in between the wilderness and the calling of the disciples, he makes this statement: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matt 4:17). And "repent" in this case isn't "shame on you," but "get on board, turn around and follow me."

The Beatitudes are a snapshot of the community of faith. Blessed is the community that includes the peacemakers. Blessed is the community that makes room for the meek, for those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for those poor in spirit. Blessed is the community that finds space for those who mourn over the brokenness of the world, for those who are unstained by the impurity of the world. Blessed is the community that knows persecution is inevitable and still decides to make room for those the world thinks are unimportant.

Today Jesus is getting out the old family albums and inviting us to look again to see who we are, see what is among us. He was opening those folders we had forgotten and showing us our true selves.

So, look at the snapshot of the community of faith. You might be surprised how blessed you are. Today, we celebrate not just those we miss, those who died since the last All Saints celebration, but we celebrate what they taught us and what they showed us. Today, we celebrate how the community was enriched by their presence, as it is enriched by those who are still here with us.

Sunday, November 12

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Color: Green

Veteran's Day

Lectionary Readings:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Gratitude Theme Scripture:

Psalm 100

Larry Flood is our guest speaker for the morning

Sunday, November 19

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Color: Green

Philippians 4:4-13

Sermon Title: “Gratitude: In Everything Give Thanks”

If you are a Christian, should it show? Should passersby be able to look at us and know that we are followers of Jesus? Should it show?

On the one hand, of course, that is nonsense. Only God can see into the heart to know what is true and what is a facade. That’s why Jesus warns us over and over not to be so judgmental.

But, on the other hand, we all know that our faith is not simply a head thing. It is not just a set of beliefs that we hold to be true. Faith is instead a way of living, a way of being in the world. This means that our question is not so nonsensical after all. Our faith should be shown in what we do and say; it should be shown in the choices we make and the priorities we set. It should be shown in our habits and in our attendance at public corporate worship.

All of that is true. But there is something more—something more that should show because of our faith; something more that should be in us and come out from us, so that everyone around us sees that something. That something is *gratitude*. Ours is exuberant gratitude that reflects our wonder at being alive in this interwoven world.

When you read Paul, at times, it seems that he gets gratitude mixed up with joy.

Paul was big on joy. It keeps coming up in his writing. Probably the most well-known passage is the reading we chose for this week. Most biblical scholars say that this passage is a conglomeration of several different sayings. Paul is trying to define joy in these verses.

Joy, says Paul, is revealed in gentleness, in how we treat those around us, in how we respond to slights against us, and in how we reach out to those who are hurt. “Let your gentleness be known to everyone,” says Paul. Let it show. Joy is found in the knowledge and experience of the nearness of God (The Lord is near), a nearness that diminishes anxiety and brings out a willingness to connect with God with gratitude and with hope (in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God). Joy is found in that communion, that peaceful confidence that comes from living in Christ.

So, how do we get it? How do we live in this joy? By filling ourselves with the good things of God’s creation – “Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things” (verse 8). “Think about these things,” he writes; live in these things; fill yourself up with these things. And, in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, he writes. There it is - joy blends into gratitude. Joy is the face of a grateful heart. Joy is the center of grateful living.

Then, he says, live in community; that’s where we find joy. Engage in acts of kindness; give, serve, love. Also, be content where you are; bloom where you are planted instead of always wishing things were different. And take risks. Step out in faith, knowing that as long as you walk with God, you cannot fail. (*I can do all things through him who strengthens me*, v.13).

Paul says he has learned the secret to this joy, and it must be that joy is powered by gratitude. Grateful joy, then is dynamic, the result of an ongoing relationship and way of living that keeps us engaged with God and with people. And it leaks out as we engage with others; it shapes our language and our vision. It shows. In everything we do, in who we are, in the attitudes we present, in the face we offer to the world, it shows. So, let it show.

Sunday, November 26

Christ the King Sunday

Altar Color: White

John 6:5-23

Sermon Title: “Gratitude: After Giving Thanks”

The feeding of the multitudes is the only miracle that appears in all four gospels. The only one. What was it about this story that made them all make sure to record it?

Like the disciples, we get caught up in the “how.” We want to explain how it happened. Maybe, we say, maybe when Jesus started, people fessed up and shared what they brought; it was a miracle of sharing. Maybe. But that seems to diminish the real direction contained within the story. This was a story of a *who* and not a *how*—a couple of *whos*.

The first *who* was Jesus. “Where will we buy the bread?” he asked Philip. From you, was the right answer. The *who* is Jesus, the *meeter* of needs, the worker of miracles.

The second *who* is us, or them, the 5,000 hungry ones on the side of the mountain. Who are us too. Get it? We are hungry for something we can’t provide for ourselves. But we are invited to a picnic. Jesus says, “Have the people sit down.”

We are guests at the Lord’s table. That’s the gospel, the miracle here. Then Jesus says to gather up the leftovers so that nothing is wasted. There are no leftovers - food or people. Nothing is thrown aside; nothing is not valued. We are guests at the Lord’s table, not afterthoughts or nuisances. Welcomed, invited, included. Part of the family.

There is something that stands out from this family picnic on the grass—something that is memorable, at least to John if to no one else. So, we have the meal miracle; then we have the walking on water miracle. Then we have a waiting crowd, hoping to catch a glimpse of the miracle worker, hoping to get another slice of that bread. If we keep reading beyond our text for today, we find Jesus getting a little peeved with them for the bread thing, since he thinks they are missing the point.

But maybe John is the one who got the point. And we know that by how he describes the event. Did you see it? It’s there in the final verse of our text. The people were hanging out in the place where it happened. The miracle place. But John doesn’t call it a miracle place. He says that it is the place where they had eaten the bread *after the Lord had given thanks*.

Really? That’s the description? Not where an amazing thing happened. Not where the unexplainable took place. No, where they ate after the Lord had given thanks. Think about it. That’s what John wants us to remember: that this meal, this miracle happened after gratitude was expressed. Gratitude for the abundance that didn’t look like abundance. Gratitude for the satisfaction that came out of hunger. Gratitude becomes a way of seeing and a way of being in the world. We give thanks to God for what is about to happen. We give thanks for what we might not yet see, but what we trust God will provide.

Gratitude is a spiritual discipline. Like any discipline, it is one that we choose and then work at until we become better at it. We live, because of that choice, grateful to God for the abundance that surrounds us. But gratitude spills over into the rest of our lives as well. We are grateful for those in our circles of care; we are grateful to those who help us live in the manner to which we have become accustomed. We recognize that none of the benefits we enjoy come without effort on someone’s part, and we learn to be grateful to those who help make our society run smoothly. If we were to make a list of all those who provide for us, who care for us, who stand with us, we would probably never get to the end. We are truly woven together in a human tapestry of love and caring. Jesus invites us to become more aware of that reality and to live gratefully every day.

“Church council is currently working on updating the church policies. While not all of the policies have been reviewed and updated, attached is the policies that have been updated and approved. As additional policies are reviewed and updated, they will be shared. If you have any comments or concerns with the approved policies, please let a church council member know.”

Then have the approved policies copied into the love letter.

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS...Topaz, Chrysanthemum

04 Brianna Flood	12 Amber Rathgaber	20 Lonnie Flood	25 Randy Stevens
05 Glorianna Hilsinger	Audrey Wiley	Adalyn Lentz	26 Paul Bitner
06 Betty Enders	14 Gary Lautsbaugh	Devon Keiter	Elise Christman
07 Scott Burnhisel	17 Daniel Nenninger	22 Anthony Hasten	27 Gigi Hasten
09 Ginny Frehn	19 Victoria Mathna	24 Susan Clever	29 Kimberly Stitt
10 Lisa Irelan	Abigail Wilson	25 Alanna Grove	30 Nancy Dobbs

HAPPY NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES...

04 Harold and Nancy Wilson
09 Randy and Cheryl Stevens

10 Robert and Beverly Rosenberry

11 Douglas and Sandra Goodhart
15 James and Nancy Dobbs

NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS...

KEYBOARD... COMPUTER...

05 Megan Pipp
12 Kim Holmes
19 Kim Holmes
26 Megan Pipp

LITURGIST...

05 Ron Kunkleman
12 Mike Wadel
19 Marylue Durff
26 Dave Evelhoch

SOUND SYSTEM...

05 Dave Evelhoch
12 Scott Gleim
19 Mike Wadel
26 Scott Gleim

05 Cheryl Stevens
12 Corrie Wadel
19 Crystal Paisley
26 Cheryl Stevens

LIVESTREAM...

05 Charlotte Klingshirn
12 Crystal Paisley
19 Debbie Urso
26 Charlotte Klingshirn

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS...

05 Marylue Durff, Kathy Engel

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11th

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

(wear the colors **red/green**)
red/white/blue)

VETERAN'S DAY

or (wear the colors





			01 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Luncheon @ Greenvillage 07 p.m. Choir	02	03	04 09 a.m./12 p.m. Clothing Bank @ TFC Set clocks BACK ONE HOUR before bedtime
05 09 a.m, Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. Scs 	06	07 07 p.m. Bible Study	08 09 a.m./12 p.m. Clothing Bank @ TFC 07 p.m. Choir	09	10	11 
12 09 a.m, Worship 10:15 a.m. Scs	13	14 07 p.m. Bible Study	15 07 p.m. Choir	16	17	18 09 a.m./12 p.m. Clothing Bank @ TFC
19 09 a.m, Worship 10:15 a.m. Scs Dec. Loveletter Deadline	20 07 p.m. Council mtg.	21 07 p.m. Bible Study	22 09 a.m./12 p.m. Clothing Bank @ TFC 07 p.m. Choir	23 	24	25 09 a.m./12 p.m. Clothing Bank @ TFC
26 09 a.m, Worship 10:15 a.m. Scs	27	28 07 p.m. Bible Study	29 07 p.m. Choir	30		

The November Mission Can donations will go to the Trinity UMC FOOD BANK.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated items to the **FRUIT BELT FARM WORKERS CHRISTIAN MINISTRY**. They were Thankful for everything from Band-Aids to Blankets. God Bless you all.

The Clothing Bank

The DECEMBER LOVELETTER DEADLINE is

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 11, 2023

8 AM ---- 2 PM



Trinity Fellowship Center
110 West Main Street, Walnut Bottom, PA

...Approx. 45 arts & crafts vendors

...Great food – breakfast & lunch & sweets

...Trinity's Clothing Bank bargains ... Free parking

*** **Veteran's Day** – **Wear your red, white, & blue!** ***

Something for everyone!

Please share & invite all your friends!

DIRECTIONS: FROM THE NORTH – Take I-81 south to Newville, exit #37. Turn left onto Rt. 233 south. At intersection of Rt. 233 and Rt. 174 (Walnut Bottom Road), turn right. Drive about 5 miles into the village of Walnut Bottom. Look on your right for Trinity Fellowship Center.

FROM THE SOUTH – Take I-81 north to Shippensburg King Street, exit #29. Turn right onto Rt. 174 (the Walnut Bottom Road). Drive about five miles into the village of Walnut Bottom. Show will be on your left inside Trinity Fellowship Center.

**This craft show with personality IS worth
the short drive into the country!**

For more information - 717-532-7606
www.facebook.com/TrinityCraftShows
Benefit of Trinity United Methodist Church



*Potential arts & crafts vendors – Application info is available
after 1/1 for Spring Bloom and after 7/1 for Country Christmas Craft Shows.*

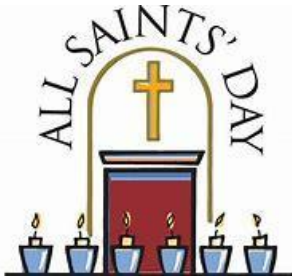


To the Trinity Family, Thanks to all for your loving kindness and for making Mom's service so beautiful. From the Pastor and his lovely homily to the ladies who prepared the luncheon. Thank you for the cards, both now and during Mom's life. Her church was everything to her!

Susan, Joe and

Judith

Sunday, November 05th is All Saints' Day. The service will contain a remembrance of those who have passed this last year.



Porter, Lois	01/06/23
Nenninger, Harry	02/20/23
Naugle, Gregory S.	04/18/23
Long, Gary	?
Calaman, Marcia A.	09/15/23
Hovetter, Aida	09/28/23

Others...Dorosh, Philip	12/05/22
Dorosh, Nicholas	04/16/23

These are Susan Brown's brothers

If you have a relative or know of someone from the church that has gone ahead, please give the information to the office asap. Thank you



SATURDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 04, before retiring to bed, **REMEMBER** to **TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!** We gain that hour we lost in the spring!





Trinity United Methodist Church

Where you are headed is much more important than
what you have left behind.

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November 2023

Please join us every Sunday:

9 AM – worship service

10:15 AM – Sunday school for all ages

Tuesdays at 7 PM – Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7 PM – Choir practice

November 5 – All Saints Sunday/Service

Tuesday, November 7 – South Newton elections at TFC

Saturday, November 11 – Country Christmas Craft Show
from 8 AM -2 PM at TFC

Saturday, December 16 – Wreaths Across America

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 7 PM

*Check the Sunday bulletins for additional activities
and for further details.*

*As you pray during your daily devotions, please
keep Trinity Church in those prayers. Pray that
everyone will keep a positive attitude and be
spiritually enthusiastic in the months ahead,
all for the glory of God.*

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Don't look back with regret.
Look forward with **HOPE**.

Even though there are days I wish I could change some
things that happened in the past, there is a reason the
rear view mirror is so small and the windshield is so big.

Trinity's Clothing Closet

OPEN from 9 AM until noon

- Every Saturday
- AND the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

ACCEPTED - Gently used or new clothing, children's toys, books, & small household items will be accepted when Clothing Closet is open.

FREE - There is also a table in the hallway that is filled with free items such as books, magazines, children's items, and small decorative items. Take what you can use or share with others!



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Trinity United Methodist Church

118 West Main Street, Walnut Bottom, PA 17266

Trinity Fellowship Center

110 West Main Street, Walnut Bottom, PA 17266

**TOGETHER WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY
BY LEARNING, LOVING, AND SEEKING
TO LIVE LIKE CHRIST.**

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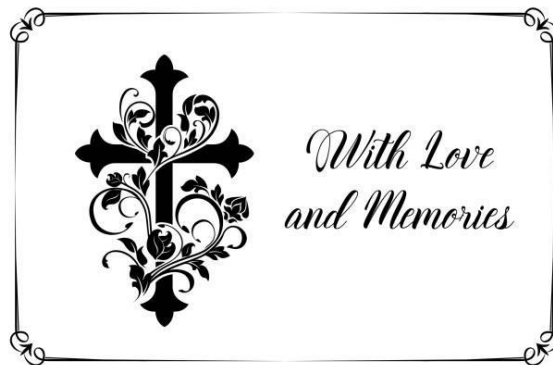
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Pastor Bob Stump – 814-414-8632 or email
rstump@susumc.org

TFC & fax – 717-530-5796

Trinity Day Care Center – 717-530-5315

their room in TFC!



Aida Hovetter

12/21/1917 – 9/28/2023

Aida D. Hovetter, age 105, of Walnut Bottom, passed away at Chapel Pointe Nursing Home, Carlisle, PA, on Thursday, September 28, 2023. She was born on Friday, December 21, 1917, in Walnut Bottom, a daughter of the late Samuel and Ruth (Campbell) Devore.

Aida was a graduate of Shippensburg High School and Joyce Art Beauty Culture College. She served in the Women's Army Corps as a Corporal during World War II and was stationed in Miami, Florida. She was an active, life-long member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Walnut Bottom, and a member of Jacksonville EUB Church prior to its merger with Rehoboth Methodist Church. She was active as a leader in the Walnut Bottom Girl Scout and Brownie Troops and served for many years as the Treasurer of the United Methodist Women. She worked as the secretary for Snoke's Excavating and Paving in Walnut Bottom for many years. She was dedicated to her family and church, and baked the best pies around.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, J. Earl Hovetter; her brothers, John, Charles, and Rodney; and her sisters, Evelyn, Edna, and Lois. She is survived by one son, Joseph E. (Vanessa) Hovetter; two daughters, Susan (Michael) Hartman and Judith (Gray Mercer) Hovetter; four grandsons, Joseph E. Hovetter III, Justin Hovetter, Trevor Otto, and John Workman; two granddaughters, Valerie Hovetter and Rachel Mercer; five great-grandchildren, Calvin N'Koue, Jacques N'Koue, Emerson Hovetter, Brooker Hovetter, and Devon Otto; one sister, Carrie Glass; and numerous nieces and nephews and their children.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at the Trinity United Methodist Church, Walnut Bottom with the Rev. Robert E. Stump officiating. Burial with military honors conducted by The Minutemen of the American Legion Post #223 followed in the Hays Grove Cemetery.

If desired, friends may make memorial contributions to Trinity United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 217, Walnut Bottom, PA 17266. Online condolences may be expressed at www.fogelsanger-brickerfuneralhome.com.



And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord

Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17

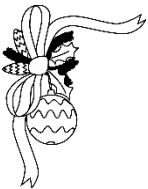
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Sunday School at Trinity --- 10:15 AM

Y-O-U and your family are invited to join our 10:15 AM Sunday school classes. All classes for children and youth meet in Trinity Fellowship Center. Adults meet in TFC and the church. The Hopeful SS Class welcomes all ages in



Saturday, November 11, 2023



Trinity's annual **Country Christmas Craft Show** will be here soon! Please sign up for the work days and also help on the day of the show.

November 11 from 8 AM - 2 PM

WHAT TO COUNT

Count your blessings instead of your crosses.
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes.
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of you tears
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean.
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth.
Count on God instead of yourself.

Using TFC or Pavilion?

TFC is used frequently on weekends, so it is VERY important that **anyone and everyone** who plans to use it for church OR individual uses MUST reserve it in advance. **Do not just assume that it will be available!** Book ASAP in writing. For insurance purposes, all reservations must be **in writing** for everyone --- individuals **AND** church groups **AND** any other groups. Church group needing paper goods? Simple! Just make those needs known in advance & reimburse TFC Building Fund, or buy your own supplies. See Dave Evelhoch or put a note in his church mailbox or call him at 717-422-8907, or call the church secretary for more information.



*In All Things,
Give Thanks*

I Thessalonians 5:18

For all **immediate personal pastoral needs**,
please call Pastor Bob Stump at

rstump@susumc.org.

To add situations or names to the Trinity prayer chain, contact Betty B. Evelhoch at evelhoch@gmail.com or 717-532-7465.



Kudos, Comments,
Suggestions, Questions?

Care enough to share!

Your opinions are important!



Talk to Pastor Bob, Council chair, or rep of another church committee or drop a note in the suggestion box in the foyer.

717-530-5315 or tdcco2012@gmail.com

6 AM until 6 PM weekdays



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IF YOU ARE HEADED IN THE WRONG DIRECTION, GOD ALLOWS U-TURNS.

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Events at TFC? – When we have activities at TFC for the public, please be courteous and park by the kitchen OR on the front yard grass OR close to the church building. Leave the “prime parking spaces” for our guests. Thank you!

SUPPLIES IN TFC KITCHEN

If particular paper goods supplies are running low in TFC, please let Dave Evelhoch know so items can be

re-stocked for the next group who uses TFC. A note in his church mailbox, a call, or an email would be greatly appreciated!

THE GOSS-PILL – A woman goes repeatedly to her doctor, requesting new pills to help her feel better. He has given her every type of mood lifter he is able to prescribe and then finally, realizing that they are members of the same church, recommends she go to speak with their pastor. “Pastor, please, I have tried every type of pill there

is, but nothing makes me feel better. Can you help?" she pleaded.
"Certainly," he answered. "I have something that will help you if you use it daily. It's straight from the Lord, and it is called the Goss-pill!"**Gospel**

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18

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ABCs of BLESSINGS

Always Give Thanks - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19
Build Others Up - 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15
Count Your Blessings - Psalm 103:1-5
Dig into the Bible - Proverbs 2:1-5; Jeremiah 15:16
Enjoy God's Gifts - James 1:16-17; Psalm 34:8, 37:4
Forgive - Colossians 3:12-14
Give Cheerfully - 2 Corinthians 9:6-12
Honor God's Day - Leviticus 19:30; Ezekiel 20:19-21
Increase Your Faith - 1 Peter 1:5-10
Jesus Loves You - Luke 18:16; Romans 5:5
Keep God's Commands - Deuteronomy 30:10; Leviticus 22:31
Let Your Light Shine - Matthew 5:16
Make a Joyful Noise - Psalm 95:1; Psalm 98:4
Never Give Up - Galatians 6:9
Obey Your Parents - Colossians 3:20
Pray about Everything - Philippians 4:6-7
Quit Complaining - Philippians 2:14-15
Remember God's Promises - Psalm 119:11; 2 Peter 1:3-4
Store Up Treasures in Heaven - Matthew 6:19-21
Tell The Truth - Ephesians 4:15-16
Use Your Talents - Romans 12:4-8; 1 Peter 4:10
Volunteer Your Time - Hebrews 6:10; Matthew 25:34-40
Wait Patiently - Psalm 37:7
eXpect Great Things - Ephesians 3:20
Yield to Others - Philippians 2:3-8
Zealously Share the Reason for Our Hope - 1 Peter 3:14-16

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A COFFEE BREAK WITH GOD --- Every time I count my blessings, my love for God grows bigger. And every time I count my struggles, my faith in Gods grows stronger.

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Please invite others to join you in worship & Sunday school!

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Around Walnut Bottom...



At the local South Newton Twp. Vol. Fire Company firehouse on Firehouse Road in Walnut Bottom...Check the website for more

events.
11/18/23 – Soup & Hoagie Sale
12/10/23 – Santa Party for kids– 1-2 PM
Many volunteers are needed for every fire company activity. For additional information or to volunteer, visit www.walnutbottomfire.com or call 717-532-4999.
If you cannot be an active volunteer, then pray for their safety!

RECYCLE, REUSE, RE-PURPOSE

Being a responsible steward of God's blessings is important. Here are some ways you can become a better steward:

Trinity's Clothing Closet - Please donate your unwanted new or gently used clothing of all sizes, children's toys & books, small household items, & decorative items.

Open - Every Saturday from 9 AM until noon **and** on the second & fourth Wednesdays of each month from 9 AM until noon.

Note - There is also a FREE table where you can place assorted unwanted items, such as magazines, household items, books, and other odds & ends. Feel free to take what you can use!

Jacksonville Lion's Club - Our local Lions Club collects eyeglasses & cases, hearing aids, used printer cartridges, medical equipment, assistive devices (wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, shower/tub seats, bedside potty chairs, etc.) If in doubt, ask.

Smaller items can be placed in boxes in the church and TFC foyers. Call Dave at 422-8907 for more donation information or to borrow medical aids on a temporary basis.

Mission Central - This busy United Methodist facility in Mechanicsburg is home to MANY missions within the warehouse and around the world. They accept old cell phones, electronics, large household items, and almost anything else that could possibly be used by others (except TVs). Give them a call at 766-1533 for specific inquiries.

Changing Hands - This equipment exchange & reuse program is run by the United Cerebral Palsy of Central PA. Call 1-800-996-4827 to donate hover lifts, scooters, communication devices, vision aids, and many other items.



Make Sunday school a habit! Be in your SS class each Sunday at 10:15 AM.

Be prepared. Be attentive. Believe!

COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.



MISSION CENTRAL

"Connecting God's Resources with Human Need"

Mission warehouse affiliate of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church that is partnered with other denominations & nondenominational programs in over 80 ministries throughout PA & around the world

Goals: disaster response, mission outreach, and mission education

Contact info - 5 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 Phone - 717-766-1533 www.missioncentral.org

Hours for making donations -

M-F (9AM - 3:30PM); Sat (9AM - 1PM); Sun. (closed)

Warehouse location - just off Rt. 114 (Hogestown Rd./North York Rd.) between Rt. 11 at Hogestown and Mechanicsburg's West Main Street (Trindle Rd.)

How can you help them help others?

Accepted donations - They can find a "home" for almost anything, but this is a list of **accepted** things: computers & all electronic equipment (**NO** TVs); medical equipment - from Band-Aids to hospital beds; gently used toys & stuffed animals & clothing; books; VBS materials; furniture; houseware items from kitchen items to mattresses; nutrition drinks.

UMCOR (*United Methodist Committee on Relief*) Relief Kit supplies - Health Kits, Sewing Kits, Birthing Kits, Layette Kits, School Kits & School Bags, Cleaning Buckets (Specific lists for kits are found on-line or by calling 717-766-1533.) Volunteers are also needed. Call ahead. Cash donations are always appreciated.

Special notes:

1. Food donations for Bethesda Mission can also be dropped off at Mission Central's donation station.
 2. Christmas decorations are only accepted in November.
 3. CANNOT be accepted: TVs; pharmaceuticals; knickknacks; baby equipment; SS materials; used construction materials
 4. If in doubt, call 717-766-1533 and ask.
 5. If you are interested in the ministries partnered with Mission Central, in addition to the Computer Ministry, UMCOR, Bethesda Mission, New Digs Ministry, and Project C.U.R.E., you'll find a long list of 80+ at <http://missioncentral.org/partners/other-partners/>
- NOTE ---- Shoes - all sizes! - are now collected all year round at Mission Central. As long as there is "**soul in the soles**," they are good to donate! Shoes can be placed in short hallway of TFC for delivery to Mission Central.

Everything belongs to Him. May we continually thank Him for each and every thing He has entrusted to us. May we use Godly wisdom in our choices as stewards. It really is true that we reap what we sow.

Welcome to Trinity!
Invite others to join you!



Come with your entire family to 10:15 AM Sunday school!

**Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

The Beatitudes describe the ideal disciple and his or her rewards, both present and future.

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Be satisfied with what you have. Share the good things we have with others because God wants us to.
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Comfort those who are suffering. Help others feel better about themselves after a loss.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Humility is a true sense of who you are. Get the ego out of the way.
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for me they will be satisfied. Do what is fair for everyone. Think WWJD.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. We forgive those who are unkind to us. Look for ways to show kindness to others.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. We do what is right just because we know it is the right thing to do.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. We try to bring God's peace to the world. We control our behavior so people can see Jesus in us.
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. We are willing to stand up for God's laws even if we are teased or insulted.

Susan Hougelman - Simple Life in New Wilmington Pa



Be alert for ways you can help serve our community by learning, loving, & seeking to live like Christ.



Country Christmas Craft Show is always the second Saturday in November. The 2023 Country Christmas Craft Show will be on November 11.

Spring Bloom Craft Show is always held two Saturdays before Easter weekend. March 16, 2024 will be the next Spring Bloom Craft Show because Easter will be March 31, 2024.



Applications are available *after January 1* for Spring Bloom and *after July 1* for Country Christmas. Go to Trinity Craft Shows on Facebook for more information. Preference for space assignments goes to crafters.



**LORD. help me to obey.
with a good attitude.
right away. all the way.
every day.**

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INSTEAD OF LOOKING AT WHAT'S
DEPRESSING,
LOOK AT WHAT'S A BLESSING.

Having an attitude of gratitude has been scientifically proved to have many health benefits. A study from the University of CA, Berkeley, found that people who practice gratitude have stronger immune systems, lower blood pressure, fewer aches and pains, and better nights' sleep. Stay thankful. Dear



BE THANKFUL

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, b/c it means you have made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 11, 2023
8 AM until 2 PM

THANKSGIVING...

kindness..... **family** love happiness

friends helpfulness **caring** *helpful*

..... GIVING *gratefulness* **affection** *peace*

..... good **polite** perseverance *joy*

..... appreciation *grace* manners

encouragement memories

YOU ARE BEING WATCHED.....DO RIGHT!

Several years ago, a preacher from out-of-state accepted a call to a church in Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.

As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it."

Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet."

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change."

The driver, with a smile, replied, "Aren't you the new preacher in town?"

"Yes," he replied.

"Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday."

When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, "Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter."

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people are watching us as Christians, and will put us to the test! Always be on guard -- and remember -- You carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself Christian.

Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

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Mark your calendars:

Every Sunday – Worship at 9 AM and Sunday School at 10:15 AM

Every Tuesday – Pastor's Bible Study at 7 PM in Goodhart Room (upper level of church)

Every Wednesday – Choir Practice at 7 PM

Sunday, November 5 – All Saints' Sunday

Tuesday, November 7 – South Newton Elections at TFC

Saturday, November 11 – Country Christmas Craft Show from 8 AM -2 PM

Saturday, November 18 – Soup & Hoagie Sale at South Newton Firehouse

Saturday, December 16 – Wreaths Across America – opening program at noon in TFC pavilion – Everyone welcome!

Sunday, December 3 – Church Conference – Everyone welcome!

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 7 PM in church sanctuary

**NOTICE – Due to construction at the
SNTVFC firehouse, the elections will be
held in the LGR of TFC on
Tuesday, November 7.**

GRATITUDE TURNS WHAT WE HAVE INTO ENOUGH.

Melody Beattie

Thanksgiving November 23

Count your blessings!

**YOUR help is needed for our Country Christmas Craft
Show!**

1. Please distribute the full-page craft show posters to your friends, co-workers, neighbors, family ... everyone! In addition to the poster in this newsletter, you can pick up posters in the church foyer or the TFC entrance also! PLEASE carry them with you and give them to others!
2. Sign up to donate food items for the TFC kitchen.
3. Sign up to help with food preparations, building clean-up, and set-up prior to the show.
4. Sign up to help in the kitchen or with non-kitchen help the day of the craft show, 11/11.
5. Talk to others about supporting our craft show. Attend. Buy breakfast & lunch from our TFC kitchen. Shop at the many vendor stands. Bring your Christmas lists & start shopping! Treat yourself too!
6. Come to the show! Wear your red, white, and blue in honor of Veteran's Day! Bring some friends! Help. Buy.

Any questions, see Betty Evelhoch.

