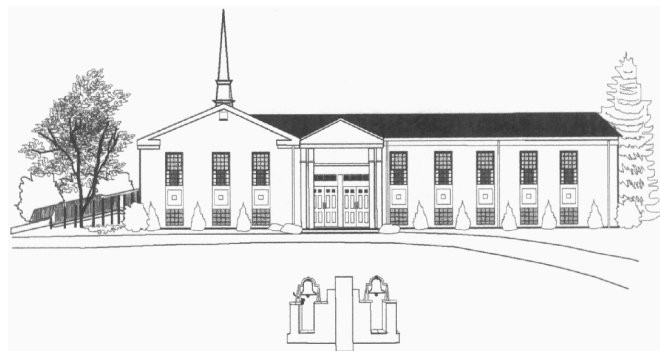


THE LOVELETTER
JULY/AUGUST
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A Regular Guy – Just Like Us

Is real or is it fake? Is it fact, or is it an alternative truth? Is it the truth or is it fake news?

Oh, how much fun it is – we soon will be at the beginning of the Presidential Primary season! So much noise! So much rhetoric to sort through!

I find it difficult to know who to believe!

Some of the ads try to convince us that their beloved candidate is just a regular guy, just like one of us. I remember several campaign ads in previous election cycles which ran along lines like this:

Our most beloved candidate, clad in a hard hat, two-piece suit, white shirt, tie, and shiny shoes arrives at a Ford Truck Plant. You see his limousine park amid a sea of shiny new F-150s.

He and his entourage have come for a tour of the plant. The ad shows scenes from the tour: He's shaking hands with workers, talking with them, laughing, and slapping backs – everyone smiling. The ad ends with the speech he gives at the conclusion of the visit, speaking of his solidarity with the working class.

It was almost like he was one of them – almost! Except he was wearing a business suit, white shirt, tie, and shiny shoes. His hands aren't calloused, soiled, or bruised. He knows nothing of sweating and laboring for a living. He never lived the uncertainty of layoffs. He rides off in his stretched Cadillac limousine, back into the opulent lifestyle to which he has grown accustomed.

A regular guy, just like us – well – call me skeptical.

There is someone who understands us and our needs. He cares so much for us that he gave himself completely, his life for ours – so we could live eternally with him.

Scripture says that Jesus is a man of flesh and blood. He is like us in every way.

He was born the son of a peasant family.

He grew up from infant to crawler to toddler to little boy to schoolboy to teenager to man, just like us.

He looked up to his father and mother and honored them.

He learned a trade from his father and later applied that trade to make a living for himself, his mother, and his sisters and brothers.

He lived and worked and died like any of us.

Jesus was a regular guy, just like us. When he asks us to follow him, he is not asking us for something that is beyond our power. When he commands us to be like him, to do the things we see him doing, he is not asking for something extraordinary.

He is asking us to live as if our faith matters.

He is asking us to honor the memories of our mothers and fathers and all who came before us.

He is asking us to be upright members of the community, looking out most especially for the poor, the orphan, the widow, and the stranger.

He is asking us to love like he loves.

Jesus is just a regular guy.

We can be like him, to the glory of his Father in Heaven.

See you on Sunday,
Rev. Bob

Sunday, July 2, 2023

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Altar Color: Green

Communion Sunday

Independence Day Weekend

*Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; *Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon Title: "The Free Gift of God"

Genesis 22 is close to the top of the list of Biblical texts I would rather not use as the basis of a sermon or use as the focus of a group Bible Study. It's not that it is a difficult text to understand. No, we understand exactly what is going on. It's just that we believe that the God we meet through Jesus Christ in the New Testament would never make such an ask of us.

God said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

Surely Abraham heard God wrong. Why, why would God make such an awful ask?

I don't know! But, the text says God made the ask and surely there were reasons beyond my ability to understand or appreciate.

Ever obedience to the voice of God, Abraham went. His son and two servants traveled with him toward Mt. Moriah. Isaac carried the wood; Abraham carried the fire. Isaac is blissfully ignorant of the purpose of the trip. Curious, he inquires,

"The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son."

"God himself will provide," said Abraham and in the nick of time God did provide the appropriate sacrifice. After slaying the ram caught in the thicket, Abraham lifted his son off of the altar and unbound him. In his place, he offered the ram. Isaac was set free.

The Apostle Paul spills a lot of ink as he reflects on the sacrifice of Christ – the Lamb of God – for the sin of the world. He explained, with considerable rhetorical force, how Christ's offering himself was a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sin of the world.

Since we are so wonderfully saved, set free from sin, what do we do? To go right back to sinning is to return to the slavery we have just escaped through the blood of the cross. No, we are set free so we can become slaves, not to sin but to God, to do God's will.

We find our freedom in slavery to God and doing what he commands.

Sunday, July 9, 2023

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Altar Color: Green

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a; *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon Title: "I Will Give You Rest"

Jesus promised, ***"Come to me ... and I will give you rest."***

Rest.

Why was it hard for me to write this little seed of what I hope will become a sermon by the 9th of July? Is resting too close to being lazy in my mind? Is it that I bought a little too much into the protestant work ethic? Am I taking John Wesley a bit too seriously when he advises pastor not to "trifle away their time"?

In our culture, we have an aversion to admitting the need for rest. We admire those who put in extra hours at work, foregoing family time, vacation time, and time for sleep so they can "get the job done."

A TV commercial ran by one of the premier mattress manufacturers had a young man explain that "on this mattress, he gets 'efficient sleep'," implying that he didn't need to spend a full seven to eight hours in bed to be "fully rested and ready for work."

I don't think so.

Sabbath rest is built into the creation narrative. ***"On the Seven Day, God rested."***

Human bodies need rest.
Animals need rest.
Even the land needs its Sabbaths, or it will not produce.
Jesus offers rest.

This rest is rest from the illusion that the world cannot turn with us. It is rest from the thought that the day's work cannot get done without our input. More simply put, this rest is trust that God has everything under control so it is safe for us to move from labor to rest.

This rest is freedom from striving, thinking that we must earn God's love and approval, that we have no forgiveness unless we prove ourselves worthy, and no salvation unless we earn it. God already loves us. Forgiveness is free for the asking. New life is bestowed upon us because of what Christ has done, not because of what we have done.

This rest is security. We rest because we are held in everlasting arms of love and mercy. Like an infant in her father's arms, we surrender to sleep, peaceful sleep, because we trust in the one who holds us.

Sunday, July 16, 2023 VBS Program

Sunday, July 23, 2023 The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Altar Color: Green

*Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; *Matthew 13:24-30

Sermon Title: "Weed or Flower?"

My first paying job was mowing my Aunt Gertrude Kaufman's lawn. I got the job the summer I turned twelve years old. Aunt Gertrude and her companion, Mrs. Wilson, had a house on a one acre partially wooded lot approximately five miles from my parent's home. (This made it a twenty-minute ride on dad's antique Columbia bike.) They had a nice self-propelled mower with electric start. It was an easy job for a boy like me!

Except for the exotic plants they had in little gardens all over the property! They gave me a tour of the lawn, showed me the gardens, and cautioned me, "Never cut down any of our flowers! And don't be afraid to come to us with any questions." We agreed to a wage of \$1.50 an hour, good money for an eleven-year-old boy in 1972! So, I immediately started the lawn mower and began my life as a working man!

Those exotic plants kept troubling me. I mowed around everything that did not look like a blade of grass. I frequently would go ask Aunt Gertrude or Mrs. Wilson about each plant that looked like it might be one of their exotic plants. Most of them were weeds. I mowed them over. As the weeks went by, I got better at identifying exotic plants.

What is weed and what is plant? – that was the question on my mind in the summer of 1972 when I cut Aunt Gertrude's lawn. There was no way I was going to destroy one of her precious plants if I could help it.

Weeds grew with the wheat in a parable Jesus told the crowds. The servants wondered "What should we do?"

Shall we pull up the weeds and allow the wheat to grow unhindered? There are some problems with this approach. Since it is hard to distinguish the wheat from the weeds, you might throw away good plants. Even if you are careful and pull only weeds, you risk uprooting the wheat.

There are problems, but you could pull out the weeds. Or you could leave them to grow along with the wheat. Even though the weeds might steal water, nutrients, and sun from the wheat, it is the safer option. The sorting can happen later, at the time of harvest. This second approach is what they chose.

In Jesus' interpretation of this parable, the weeds and the one who sowed them (the devil himself) are evil. Yet, Jesus insists that both wheat and weeds remain together, so they may grow and be sorted out later. This is a Parable about judging others. Herein, Jesus reserves judgment to God and to the angels. God and the angels sort things out at the final harvest.

The weeds are thrown away.

What about Jacob? Jacob is a flawed man. A mama's boy, he is on the run, hoping to find a home with his mother's family after playing tricks on his own brother and father.

Jacob is flawed but God used him. God blessed him and promised to be with him.

Always.

Lucky for us. God uses flawed people. He blesses them and leads them through life's journey. We don't know who is wheat and who is weed. It is best to leave it alone because maybe who we think of as weed might become the brightest flower or the most delicious fruit in the Lord's garden!

Sunday, July 30, 2023 The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Altar Color: Green

*Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Romans 8:26-39; *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon Title: "God's Mysterious Grace"

Wasn't that nice? We just attended the wedding of Jacob and the lovely and graceful Rachel. It was a wonderful affair. The bride was beautiful in her dress and veil. The groom looked muscular and handsome. He was the kind of guy who would provide well for a large family. The reception was everything you would expect: Plenty of rich food. The wine flowed abundantly. All was good.

Then Jacob and his bride retire to their own private tent. Jacob lifts the veil: It's Leah, the sister with lovely eyes but nothing else going for her in the looks department.

Jacob is miffed. He goes back to the father of Leah and Rachel and complains of this breach of contract. The father negotiates new terms which require Jacob to work another seven years for Rachel.

Not fair. We must remember that this is Jacob, who was usually tricking everyone else. Now he was tricked. Isn't it about time? I have trouble pitying him!

Doesn't your heart break for Leah?

She is made a pun in her father's scheme to get seven more years of work out of Jacob.

Though she is the first to marry Jacob, she is his secondary wife because of her looks when compared to Rachel.

She is locked in a marriage where she will be forced to behold Jacob's passion for Rachel while receiving almost no affection from him herself.

God is at work amid all this brokenness. Leah bore many sons for her husband. While this did not seem to turn his affections any closer to her, she could find joy raising her children.

God's mysterious grace was there within this dysfunctional family. God did not correct the dysfunction, but he did work through it and around it to carry forward his plan for the redemption of the world. The descendants of the sons of Leah and their brothers would become the Twelve Tribes of Israel, God's chosen people. A descendant of Leah's son Judah would become the savior of the world.

God's mysterious grace was indeed at work.

Hidden, like yeast in a ball of dough which caused the bread to rise.

Like seed scattered on the field it grew and bore grain unto the harvest, though we know not how.

Like a mustard seed, it could hardly be seen but now the earth is full of God's grace and glory.

God's mysterious grace is hidden. It is behind the scenes.

It is visible everywhere in its effects: Changed lives and a transformed world.

This is God's Mysterious Grace.

Praise the Lord!

The Pastor is on Vacation August 6, 13, and 20. Georganne Laughlin is the speaker assigned to these Sundays. She will be giving her Sermon Titles and chosen scripture lessons to us shortly.

Sunday, August 27, 2023 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Altar Color: Green

Blessing of the Backpacks

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon Title: "Upon this Rock"

Bold faithfulness.

Jesus' line of questioning as they travelled through Caesarea Philippi seems to come out of nowhere.

"Who do people say I am?"

"Who do you say I am?"

Up to this point, the question of Jesus' identity is bubbling in the background. Never has it been the subject of conversation.

Not like this.

The answer to the first question was easy. I imagine several of the Twelve participating in the answer.

"Elijah."

"Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"John the Baptist returned from the dead."

The second question required thinking. The one who answered would have to be bold and brash – not afraid to be wrong – but willing to struggle out loud with deep truths. There is a job for none other than Peter.

"You are the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the Living God."

"You are Peter. On this Rock I shall build my church."

Bold faithfulness.

What made Peter's confession the rock upon which Jesus would build his church is that Peter would support these words with bold, decisive action, action that would get him martyred for the faith.

Bold faithfulness.

When we look at these verses from the beginning of the Book of Exodus, we see a world that is falling apart for the Hebrew people. They were enslaved. The Pharaoh pronounced what amounted to sentence of genocide against them. No sons, no people.

Except for the bold faithfulness of some women:

The midwives, who let the sons live, ignoring Pharaoh's murderous edict.

The mother of Moses, who hides him in a basket floating upon the river that Pharaoh intended to be his death.

The sister of Moses, who watches over Moses as a sentinel, to keep him safe.

Pharaoh's daughter, who takes him in as her own.

Bold faithfulness.

And the kicker, due to the quick thinking of his sister, Moses' mother still got to raise him, and was paid out of the royal treasury to do so!

Bold faithfulness.

The community of faith is founded on the bold faithfulness of the saints of the past, who lived the confessions they made with their lips. The community of faith carries on into the distant future through our faithful witness and the witness of those who follow our example.

Blessing of the Backpacks will be held on August 27. Each child will receive a Walmart gift card to purchase back-to-school items. If you would like to make a monetary donation toward this endeavor, please place your donation in the container located at the back of the church. Any extra funds or unused gift cards will be used for Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.



THE CLOSING OF BIBLE SCHOOL...

On July 16, the church service will be held in the TFC beginning @ 9 a.m. The church service will be the VBS closing program

JULY

						01 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC
02 09 am Holy Communion 10:15 am Ssc	03	04	05 12:30 pm Luncheon @ Walnut Bottom Diner	06	07	08 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC
09 09 am Worship 10:15 am Ssc	10	11	12	13	14	15 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC
	BIBLE SCHOOL 05/08 p.m.					
16 @ TFC 09 am Worship 10:15 am Ssc	17	18	19	20	21	22 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC
23/ 09 am Worship 10:15 am Ssc	24/ 31	25	26 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC	27	28	29 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC
30 09 am Worship 10:15 am Ssc Bell Choir						

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS...

KEYBOARD...

02 Kim Holmes
09 Megan Pipp
16 Kim Holmes
23 Megan Pipp
30 Kim Holmes

LITURGIST...

02 Mike Wadel
09 Ron Kunkleman
16 Marylue Durff
23 Mike Wadel
30 Dave Evelhoch

SOUND SYSTEM...

02 Scott Gleim
09 Dave Evelhoch
16 Scott Gleim
23 Dave Evelhoch
30 Scott Gleim

COMPUTER...

02 Debbie Urso
09 Corrie Wadel
16 (Bible School)
23 Charlotte Klingshirn
30 Crystal Paisley

LIVESTREAM...

02 Debbie Urso
09 Corrie Wadel
16 Crystal Paisley
23 Charlotte Klingshirn
30

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS...

02 Marylue Durff & Kathy Engel

JULY HAPPY BIRTHDAYS...Ruby, Larkspur

01 Brady Carr
Keith Cornman
James Dobbs, III
Julie Ellerts
02 Anna Burnhisel
05 Margaret Fulps
06 Mary Wadel
Scott Warner
08 Garrett Walk
10 Judy Stevens

11 James Dobbs, IV
14 John Baum
Kathleen Ginnick
Barbara Howell
Lynn Ramsey
Shirley Rhine
15 Hazel Kunkleman
16 Gayle Christman
Debbie Urso
17 Hannah Durff

18 Alonna Haines
Patrick Long
Janet Nenninger
19 Fred Rosenberry
Christina Rotz
20 Larry Flood
Drew Robinson
Edward Rosenberry
Carol Walk
11 Sharon Durff

22 Joyce Wardle
24 Tyler Clever
26 Robin Burnhisel
Justin Michaels
27 Doris Goodhart
Lilly Pipp
Harold Wilson
29 Melisa Gephart
Bobbi Grim
30 Benjamin Porter

JULY HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES...

12 Dave and Betty Evelhoch
14 Paul and Lori Bigham

14 Zachary and Megan Pipp
Robert and Glenda Stump

22 Michael and Corrie Wadel
29 Kevin and Megan Orris

AUGUST

		01	02 12:30 pm Luncheon @ Greenvillage	03	04	05 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC
06 09 am Holy Communion 10:15 am Ssc	07	08 06 pm Day Care mtg.	09 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC	10	11	12 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC
13 09 am Worship 10:15 am Ssc	14	15	16	17	18	19 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC
20 09 am Worship 10:15 am Ssc Sept Loveletter news due	21	22 Big Spring first day of school	23 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC	24 Shippensburg first day of school	25	26 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC
27 09 am Worship 10:15 am Ssc	28	29	30	31		

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27 Debbie Urso

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AUGUST HAPPY BIRTHDAYS...Peridot, Gladiola

01 Donald Flagle	06 Alice Stauffer
02 Robert Stump	09 Linda Flood
03 Traci Durff	10 Lydia Baker
Kevin Rosenberry	11 Brenda Gleim
04 Michelle Parsons	14 Hailey Flood
05 Marylue Durff	Robert Mattesky
06 Janet Myers	15 Edward Beam
	Nancy Hamman

17 Cindy Adams	26 Gregory Lauffer
Sydney Carr	Martha Sheaffer
18 Brayden Flood	27 Janet Deutsch
Darcy Goshorn	Linda Ramsey
22 Trisha Wardle	29 Susan Davidson
25 Jeremy Paisley	Seth Keiter
26 Richard Dobbs	31 Teri Wardle

HAPPY AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES...

10 James and Leanne Crouse
16 Lawrence and Gigi Hasten
27 Wayne and Mary Wadel



**TRINITY UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH
JULY and AUGUST
2023**

Please join us every Sunday:

9 AM – worship service

10:15 AM – Sunday school for all ages

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Tuesdays at 7 PM – Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday, July 4 – Independence Day

July 10-13 – VBS for children - 6:30-8:30 PM

Sunday, July 16 – Worship & VBS Closing for **everyone** in TFC at 9 AM

August 27 – Blessing of the Backpacks

September 10 – Church Picnic at 11:30 AM

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

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Trinity's Clothing Closet

OPEN from 9 AM until noon

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

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



**REUSE
REDUCE
RECYCLE**  **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!


THANK YOU to everyone who helped support the Clothing Closet with donations or purchases during Spring Bloom Craft Show.

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Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20



Trinity's Prayer Chain

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



For all **immediate personal pastoral needs**, please call Pastor Bob Stump at 814-414-8632 or

email rstump@susumc.org.

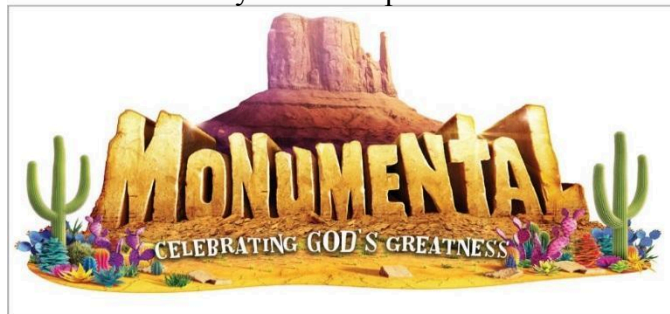
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MONUMENTAL

Celebrating God's Greatness

JULY 10 – 13 from 6:30-8:30 pm

AND **July 16** from 9-10 AM

Trinity Fellowship Center



- God loves you no matter what.
- God is with you everywhere.
 - God is in charge.
- God is stronger than anything.
 - God is surprising.

Vacation Bible School is open to all children from age 3 through sixth grade. Look for the pre-registration forms near the church mailboxes, go to <https://forms.gle/1K4jKfnWzpCnjeKm6>, or call Debbie Urso, the VBS coordinator, at 717-860-6441.

Your unfailing love will last forever.

Psalm 89:2

**For the Lord your God is with you
wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9**

How great is our Lord! His power is
absolute. - Psalm 147:5

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. - Romans 8:38
Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he performs for people. - Psalm 66:5

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**AND LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,
EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE. Matthew
28:20**

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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



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 Trinity Day Care Center – 717-530-5315

Trinity's Shut-Ins

Help brighten the days for our shut-ins! Send a cheery card or note. Call to chat. Stop by to visit. Pray! For questions on our shut-in list, see the church secretary. Go through your church directory and look for people to receive some cheer!



Catch up
with
God!
He loves me
from my head
To-my-toes.

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Always trust God. Have no fear!



*Be a blessing to others every day!
Practice kindness everywhere
you go!*

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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.

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Remember to keep in prayer



the ill and their caregivers, the entire field of medical workers, all first responders, essential workers, struggling families, the unemployed, the overworked, the lonely, the non-believers, the shut-ins, and everyone who is in need of prayer. Go through the church directory and get in touch with those who may need a pat on the back or a pick-me-up word of reassurance.

Trinity Craft Shows Info

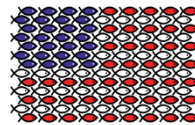
Spring Bloom Craft Show is always held two Saturdays before Easter weekend. The 2023 Spring Bloom show was March 25.

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

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 of handmade items.



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



Using TFC or Pavilion?

Book ASAP in writing. Make any reservations NOW for the TFC or

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.

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!



How can you make a difference in the life of Trinity Church?

Mow, Mow, Mow –

 Volunteers are needed to mow the church and TFC lawns. See Mike Wadel for details.

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I asked for **STRENGTH** and God gave me
difficulties to make me strong.



I asked for **WISDOM** and

God gave me problems to solve.

I asked for **PROSPERITY** and

God gave me brawn and brains to work.

I asked for **COURAGE** and

God gave me dangers to overcome.

I asked for **PATIENCE** and God placed me in
situations where I was forced to wait.

I asked for **LOVE** and

God gave me troubled people to help.

I asked for **FAVORS** and

God gave me opportunities.

I received nothing I wanted.

I received everything I needed.

My prayers have all been answered.

WALNUT BOTTOM YARD SALES

JULY 13, 14, and 15

7 AM until ?

Everything Walnut Bottom on Facebook

HOPEFUL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Do you need a Sunday school class?

Consider yourself invited to the Hopeful SS class in TFC at 10:15 AM each Sunday morning!

Discussion is always lively, and new faces & babies are always welcome. Bring your own Bible, or borrow one of the Bibles provided in the classroom.

In addition to the weekly lessons, the class has developed a prayer ministry of concerns and praises. An email update is sent out with the prayer list & with notes from the day's lesson.

We hope that you will join the Hopeful SS class!



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Come to Sunday School
at 10:15 AM each Sunday!

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WHEREVER LIFE PLANTS YOU,

BLOOM WITH GRACE!

**Have you invited anyone
to join you
in Sunday school or
worship?**



BOILING FROG

----- Beautiful story with an outstanding message!
Put a frog in a vessel of water and start heating the water. As the temperature of the water rises, the frog is able to adjust its body temperature accordingly. The frog keeps on adjusting with increase in temperature... Just when the water is about to reach boiling point, the frog is not able to adjust anymore... At that point the frog decides to jump out... The frog tries to jump but is unable to do so, because it has lost all its strength in adjusting with the rising water temperature... Very soon the frog dies. What killed the frog? Many of us would say the boiling water... But the truth is what killed the frog was its own inability to decide when it had to jump out. We all need to adjust with people and situations, but we need to be sure when we need to adjust and when we need to confront/face. There are times when we need to face the situation and take the appropriate action... If we allow people to exploit us physically, mentally, emotionally or financially, they will continue to do so... We have to decide when to jump. Let us jump while we still have the strength.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

For the first time ever, Wreaths Across America came to Rehoboth and Jacksonville cemeteries in Walnut Bottom on 12/17/2022!

~~~ For those interested in helping this year, save the date --- **Saturday, December 16, 2023.** ~~~

For anyone who would like to sponsor a wreath or two (or more) of the 90 that are needed for our two local cemeteries, see Dave Evelhoch.

This national program serves to *remember* the fallen, *honor* those that serve and their families, and *teach* our children to value freedom.

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



### **ICE CREAM! ICE CREAM! ICE CREAM!**

*Thank you* to everyone who helped in any way on June 22-24 with the ice cream stand at the South Newton Township Volunteer Fire Company.

*Dear God,*

***"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." Psalm 33:12***

## John F. Kennedy



## ***Country Christmas Craft Show***

*Saturday, November 11, 2023*

**It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favors. – George Washington**

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May we think  
of freedom, not  
as the right to  
do as we  
please, but as  
the opportunity  
to do what is  
right.

*Peter Marshall*

**Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood.**

## 1 Peter. 2:16-17

Do all the good you can,  
by all the means you can,  
in all the ways you can,  
in all the places you can,  
at all the times you can,  
to all the people you can,  
as long as ever you can.

*Blessed*  
is the nation  
whose  
**GOD**  
is the LORD.  
~ Psalm 33:12

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"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

John 8:36

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**"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." - Abraham Lincoln**

**"If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God,  
then we will be a nation gone under." - Ronald  
Reagan**

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



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

**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 commodes, etc.) If in doubt, ask. Smaller items can be placed in boxes in the church and TFC foyers. Call Dave at 717-422-8907 for more donation information or to borrow medical aids on a temporary basis.

**Shoes and Purses** – One ongoing project is collecting shoes... and now purses. If you have usable but unwanted shoes or footwear or purses to donate, they can be placed in the short hallway in TFC (the one that leads to the pavilion), or take your donations directly to Mission Central. Give Mission Central a call at 717-766-1533 for specific inquiries.

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*The **purpose of life** is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.*  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

**GOOD POINTS!** --- **RETHINK YOUR CHOICES** ....  
**REFUSE** SINGLE USE .... **REDUCE CONSUMPTION** ....  
**REUSE EVERYTHING** .... **REFURBISH OLD STUFF** ....  
**REPAIR BEFORE YOU REPLACE** ... **REPURPOSE**, BE  
 CREATIVE, REINVENT .... **RECYCLE** – LAST OPTION



## “Connecting God’s Resources with Human Need”



in over 80 ministries throughout PA & around the world.  
Goals: disaster response, mission outreach, and mission education

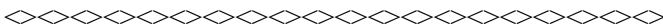
**Warehouse location** – just off Rt. 114 (Hogestown Rd./North York Rd.) between Rt. 11 at Hogestown and Mechanicsburg's West Main Street (Trindle Rd.)

UMCOR (*United Methodist Committee on Relief*) Relief Kit supplies, 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.

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 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/>



**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!







For **G**od so loved the world that He gave His

**O**nly

Begotten **S**on that whosoever believes in Him  
should not

**P**erish

But have **E**verlasting

**L**ife



John 3:16



**Sunday, November 5** – All Saints Sunday at 9 AM worship service



**Sundays, November 5, 12, and 19** – Harvest Home collection at 9 AM worship

**Sunday, November 19** – Blessing of Harvest Home collection in 9 AM worship service



**Friday, December 1** – **Hanging of the Greens** party at 5:30 PM with decorating and meal afterward

*Looking ahead.....*

Please mark your calendar:



Blessing of the Backpacks

**Sunday, August 27** – **Blessing of the Backpacks** – Each child should bring his/her backpack to 9 AM worship. Children will receive a

Wal-Mart gift card to purchase back-to-school items. Monetary donations will be accepted in the container located at the back of the sanctuary. Any extra funds or gift cards will be used for Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.



**Sunday, September 10** – Regular 9 AM worship and 10:15 AM Sunday school with picnic beginning at 11:30 AM in pavilion.



**Sunday, October 1** – World Communion Sunday at 9 AM worship service



**Tuesday evening, October 31** – **Trunk or Treat** with Jacksonville Lions Club and TUMC



**Sunday, December 3 until Sunday, December 24** – Advent



**Sunday, December 24** – regular 9 AM worship and 10:15 AM Sunday school; Christmas Eve service at 7 PM



*Monday, December 25 – Merry Christmas!*

*Stay tuned for more details!*