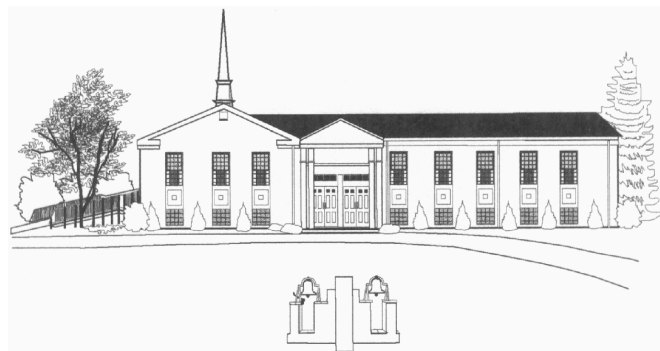


THE LOVELETTER

MAY 2023

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The Holy Spirit – God’s GPS

When I am driving one of our SUVs or the RV, I ALWAYS use my GPS. Since I have a rather poor sense of direction, I love it! It has saved me lots of time and many gallons of gasoline!!

GPS stands for Global Positioning System. Most of our cars have a GPS capability built right in, accessing via some electronic gizmology within your car or through connection to your smartphone.

When you want to go somewhere, you put the address of the place where you would like to go into your GPS, and it will give you turn-by- turn directions and put a picture on the screen showing you how to get there.

Isn’t that amazing? How does it do that?

Well, the GPS device has a map of the area where you are located. Then it connects to satellites orbiting the earth and the satellites send back information to the GPS which shows the directions on the screen.

That is amazing, but wait, there is even more. The GPS will help you find your way — even if you get lost. If you make a wrong turn, the GPS will adjust the directions to get you back on the right track. It tells you how fast you are going, how far it is to your destination, and what time you will arrive!

In trying to find our way through life’s journeys, God has given us a spiritual GPS to guide us. That guide is the Holy Spirit. When we don’t know what to do or which way to turn, the Holy Spirit always points us in the right direction. Do you remember that I told you the GPS needs a map to be able to show us the way? Well, that is true of our spiritual GPS as well. The map we must follow in our daily life is the Bible. It is the map that shows us how to live life in a way that is pure and good.

Some people rely on their feelings to help them make decisions. That’s no good. Our feelings may change from day-to-day, so they cannot be trusted to guide us in the right direction. Besides, just because we feel good about something doesn't mean that it is the right thing to do, does it? We can always trust the Bible to help us to make the right decisions.

Some people look at what others are doing to help them make important decisions. That is no good either. Just because everyone else is doing it doesn’t mean that it is the right thing to do. Tomorrow everyone might be doing something else.

Jesus knew that we needed help in making the right decisions in life. He promised that God would send the Holy Spirit “to guide us in all truth.” That means that the Holy Spirit will help us to understand God’s Word which always points us in the right direction. It points us to Jesus who is “the Way, the truth, and the life.”

I can’t imagine taking a trip without a GPS to help me find the way — and I can’t imagine trying to navigate life’s journey without the Holy Spirit to guide me. Whenever I don’t know which way to turn, I can always turn to God’s Word and let the Holy Spirit be my guide.

Heavenly Father, we are thankful that when our Lord Jesus went away, he sent the Holy Spirit to be our helper, our teacher, and our guide in our daily journey. Help us to follow his guidance. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

See you on Sunday,
Rev. Bob

Parts of this article came from a Childrens’ Sermon I discovered on Sermons4Kids.com about the Holy Spirit, intending to use it on Pentecost Sunday of last year. Like most good Children’s Sermons, it speaks well to preachers and other adults.

Sunday, May 7, 2023

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Altar Color: White

Communion Sunday

Acts 7:55-60; *Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; *1 Peter 2:1-10; John 14:1-14

Sermon Title: "A Living Hope: Built on the Solid Rock"

When Jesus met Simon for the very first time, he gave Simon a new name, a name that stuck: "You shall be called, 'Peter'."

Peter.

This new name means rock. So, Jesus, upon meeting Simon, gives him a nickname: 'Rocky'.

What on earth?

Why would Jesus call Simon, whom he just met, 'Rocky'. Well, the man we meet in the pages which follow this initial meeting tell us a little bit about the man:

He is quick to answer Jesus' questions – and he is often wrong.

He is quick to make comment on something Jesus said or did – and often his comment shows that his thinking is opposite of where Jesus was heading.

On the other hand:

Simon was bold – not afraid to be wrong – and sometimes he got it right!

Simon was bold – he was the one who stepped out of the boat and walked on the water – and then sunk!

In other words, Simon was like a piece of iron ore. The iron was in there, but the refiner's fire needed to be applied to purify him and make him strong!

Simon Peter is now writing as an elderly man. Having been Jesus' Disciple – sometimes faithful, sometimes doubting, sometimes denying – but always trying – he was now an Apostle and founder of the Church of Christ, fulfilling Christ's prediction, "On this Rock I shall build my Church."

Christ called him, Simon, a "Rock" – hard – steady – unmoving!

Simon Peter returns – and ups the ante -- Jesus is a rock – the Rock – the Chief Cornerstone!

Upon Christ and faith in Christ is the Christian Church built.

On Christ the Solid Rock we stand!

All other ground is sinking sand!

All other ground is sinking sand!

But there is more – Christ can use us, even you and me, as living stones, to build His great Church so we can be a witness to all the world. We submit to Him and He gives us the gifts and places us where we can be of most use as He builds His Holy Temple, His Church.

God will preserve Christ's Church "to the end of time for the conduct of worship and the due administration of His Word and Sacraments, the edification of believers, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, and the conversion of the world."

Each of us is a living stone in this Great, Ever-Triumphant, Holy Church! We each have an important part to play in carrying out God's purposes and mission for Christ's Holy Church. We are Spirit-gifted and Spirit led to take our place as living stones in Christ's Holy Church. We are not spectators of the Spirit's work, we are participants with the Spirit of God, filled with the Spirit of God to do the work of ministry. We are coworkers, partners, supporters, and cheerleaders of one another in the important work of ministry.

Sunday, May 14, 2023

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Altar Color: White

Mother's Day

Acts 17:22-31; *Psalm 66:8-20; *1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Sermon Title: "A Living Hope: "Do Not Fear Their Fears"

***Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated.* – 1 Peter 3:14cd.** (The word "they" refers to people outside of the Christian community, who don't hold on to Christ as Savior and Lord.) I like the alternative translation offer in the NRSV, Updated addition:

"Do not fear their fears."

This sermon is for and to me, you are just listening in. I will freely confess that I am a chronic worry wart. I have certain hang ups: I don't do high places. I don't like shots. I don't like TSA screenings at the airport. I don't like checking the status of my retirement account when the market is down.

I am a chronic worrier.

But then we look at the author of our text, Simon Peter. He was bold and brash. As we saw last week, Jesus nick named him Peter or “Rocky”. He also denied Jesus and with the others fled into hiding.

Simon Peter found his footing – after his encounters with the Resurrected Christ. Christ breathed on him and filled him and the others with his life-giving, life transforming Spirit. Beside the lake at an early morning breakfast, the Risen Christ called Simon Peter to mission and ministry three times, mirroring Simon Peter’s three-fold denial: “Feed my lambs.” “Tend my sheep.” “Feed my sheep.”

Simon Peter was restored. Filled with the Spirit’s power, he preached the gospel in the face of fierce persecution. He endured arrest, trials, beatings, and ultimately died by crucifixion – upside down, because he refused the honor of dying in the same manner as his Lord and Savior.

Such boldness and confidence came from his connection with Christ, his steadfast faith in Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Within his First Epistle, Saint Peter calls the Christians within his sphere of influence to the same bold, fearless faith which lived inside him.

“Do not fear their fears” so he told them. Don’t be afraid. Trust. Lean on Christ. Know that he endured even greater suffering than yours and promises to give you the strength to do the same. Testify to the truth of the faith upon which you have staked your life.

It sounds easy when you say it or read it. But ... even Simon Peter’s own testimony shows that it takes time to move statements of faith and conviction from the mouth to the head and into the heart. It takes time for faith like Simon Peter is talking about for such faith to become peace and calm and steadiness of soul that no threat or trial can shake.

I confess – I am not there. I can preach a good sermon about. I can pray a sincere, deep prayer reaching for it, pleading for it. Still, when trials come, blessed assurance most often loses out to anxious, racing thoughts.

O for such peace to control! O for such peace to overwhelm my weak emotions and bring me to a state of joy.

Alas, that kind of peace eludes me. But is this peace which surpasses understanding an emotion or something else, something deeper.

I hope so – and I hope my emotions will one day catch up.

“Do not fear their fears.”

Sunday, May 21 The Seventh Sunday of Easter Altar Color: White

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Sermon Title: *<The Pastor is away this Sunday. Council will find a Speaker for this service.>*

Sunday, May 28, 2023 Pentecost Sunday Altar Color: Red

Acts 2:1-21; *Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; *John 7:37-39

Sermon Title: “In Awe of the God Who Fills Us”

Filled.

One of my favorite cartoon characters is Fred Flintstone. Someone once asked his best friend Barney, “How much food does it take to make Fred full?”

Barney answered, “Nobody knows. Fred has never been filled up!”

Funny – sure – but also kind of sad, wouldn’t you agree?

Fred has never been filled up. Is it because he is eating the wrong thing or is he perhaps simply wanting too much for his own good.

This is a dilemma for brighter minds than mine.

Our scripture lessons all discuss, in one way or another, how we are filled.

Jesus talks of the Spirit of God as living water welling up inside of us so much that it flows out of us like a stream.

Luke tells us the story of how the Holy Spirit filled the Believers so full that they burst forth in preaching and testimony that was understood across cultural and language barriers, to the point that thousands

came to Christ.

Saint Paul teach us how all of us, as members of the household of faith, are filled with the Spirit of God. The Spirit gives each of us gifts to perform the tasks of ministry necessary to carry the mission of Christ forward.

The Psalmist marvels at how the Spirit of God fills every creature with life. Swimming and crawling, running and jumping, croaking and singing – God’s creatures offer joyful praise to the Lord.

Pentecost is wind: We know wind’s awesome power to propel ships, fly kites, generate electricity, and bring coolness to a hot summer day.

Pentecost is the presence of God: Filling us to the full with Himself, so much so that we can’t help singing about it, talking about, and doing something about it.

Pentecost is the power of God’s Spirit: Changing us for the better so we can be agents of change, bringing the Gospel’s teaching about love, forgiveness, mercy, and sharing onto the world’s problems.

Pentecost is the awesome power of God: Drawing us closer to Christ so that we can bring the world to Christ.

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Trinity Sunday

Altar Color: White

Communion Sunday

*Genesis 1:1-2:4a; *Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon Title: “In Awe of the God Who is Mindful of Us”

***What are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them? -- Psalm 8:4***

I hope you could hear, as I read the Creation Narrative as it is presented in Eugene Peterson’s *The Message* the hymnic quality of the narrative. I can’t tell you that the ancient Hebrews sang this narrative rather than read it as I just did. Upon reading it for the very first time in *The Message*, that fantastic possibility crossed my mind! The narrative is poetic with the refrains, traditionally rendered:

“God spoke ... and it was so.”

“God saw what He had made and it was good.”

“There was evening and there was morning.”

Creation appears and comes to life as this beautiful song runs through its days. Indeed, it is good!

Then we reach the sixth day, the final day, and the crowning moment.

“Let us make humans in our own image.”

And behold, it was so. Man, woman, boys, girls, people of every size, shape, and gender – siblings everyone – united as children of the awesome God of Creation.

Wow! Be amazed at the wonder of it all!

Light and dark, sun, moon, and stars, land and sea, the sky above, birds, fish, animals of every kind – and who bears the mark, the divine image – the humans!

Who are we? Just who are we that God would be mindful of us?

I want to tread lightly here: Perhaps, just perhaps our Psalmist is asking the wrong question. Maybe the question is not, “Who are we that God is mindful of us?” Maybe the better question, especially on Trinity Sunday is, “Who is God that God is mindful of us?”

On Trinity Sunday, we celebrate how we know God and this gives us clues to figure out who God is that God is mindful of us.

Our awesome God is:

The Father who created us and reaches out toward us in everlasting love.

The Son who came to be among us to show us how to live and give himself to reconcile us with the Father and one another.

The Holy Spirit who teaches us, who fills us with the love of God, and ever dwells within and among us, God’s presence with us.

Who is God that God is mindful of us? God is the Father who loves us, the Son who gave himself for us, and the Spirit who fills us and is with us always.

MAY HAPPY BIRTHDAYS...Emerald, Lily of the Valley

01 Randall Nenninger, II	16 Mark Deutsch	20 Kaitlin Bigham	27 Stacy Rosenberry
04 Erica Paisley	Judy Wyrick	21 Evelyn Wiley	29 Nancy Dull
06 Lawrence Davidson	17 Emily Burnhisel	Benjamin Wilson	Angela Handshew
07 Heather Cohick	Sara Burnhisel	25 Linda Tritt	Bill Wardle
09 Susan Gross	Wanda Diehl	26 Stephen Little	30 Ashley Robinson
12 Wyatt Horst			31 Glenn Keefer

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES...

14 Timothy and Bobbi Grim	21 Russell and Charlotte Klingshirn
15 David and Jill Barrick	26 Brett and Kristin Wiley
30 Ronald and Hazel Kunkleman	

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS...

KEYBOARD...	LITURGIST...	SOUND SYSTEM...	COMPUTER...
07 Alice Stauffer	07 Mike Wadel	07 Dave Evelhoch	07 Crystal Paisley
14 Megan Pipp	14 Ron Kunkleman	14 Scott Gleim	14 Cheryl Stevens
21 Kim Holmes	21 Marylue Durff	21 Dave Evelhoch	21 Corrie Wadel
28 Megan Pipp	28 Dave Evelhoch	28 Scott Gleim	28 Crystal Paisley

LIVESTREAM...

07 Debbie Urso
14 Crystal Paisley
21 Corrie Wadel
28 Charlotte Klingshirn

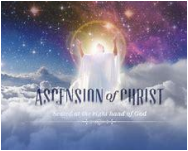
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS...

07 Marylue Durff and Kathy Engel



THANK YOU for all the prayers, calls, cards and roses and delicious food that was delivered to us during my recuperating from my surgery. It was truly appreciated. God bless you all. Jim and Nancy Dobbs

THANKS TO ALL who helped in the office to help cover for me while I spent a few days in the hospital.
Barbara

	01	02	03 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Luncheon	04	05 Cinco de Mayo	06 09 a.m. /12pm. Clothing Bank @ TFC
07 09 a.m. Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. Ssc	08	09 07 p.m. Bible Study	10 09 a.m. /12pm. Clothing Bank @ TFC	11	12	13 09 a.m. /12pm. Clothing Bank @ TFC
14 09 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Ssc 	15 07 p.m. Council mtg.	16 07 p.m. Bible Study	17	18	19	20 09 a.m. /12pm. Clothing Bank @ TFC
21 09 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Ssc June Loveletter Deadline 	22	23	24 09 a.m. /12pm. Clothing Bank @ TFC	25	26	27 09 a.m. /12pm. Clothing Bank @ TFC CHICKEN BBQ
28 09 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Ssc	29 	30	31			

**The JUNE LOVELETTER DEADLINE is
SUNDAY, MAY 21st.**

MONUMENTAL VBS: CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

During the week of July 10, Trinity United Methodist Church is inviting local children to participate in Vacation Bible School. Our young explorers in Christ will learn about events in the Bible when God's goodness prevailed. We invite you to join us at VBS as we discover more about God's greatness as we grow our monumental faith. VBS will be held in the TFC July 10-13 6:30-8:30 PM and a closing program will be held July 16 at 9:00 AM. Registration forms are beside the church mailboxes or you can register online at <https://forms.gle/1K4jKfnWzpCnjeKm6> . Questions? Contact Debbie Urso at 717-860-6441.



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 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

May 14 – Mother's Day

May 27 – Chicken BBQ

May 28 – Memorial Sunday

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

July 16 – VBS Closing for everyone in TFC at 9 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.



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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Good Morning

May GOD be..

Above you to **Bless You;**
Below you to **Support You;**
Before you to **Guide You;**
Behind you to **Protect You;**
Beside you to **Comfort You;**

And

Inside you to **Give You
Strength and Joy.**

Amen

The closer you walk with God, the less room for anything to come between. Amish Proverb

*It's hard for God to speak
through a closed Bible.*

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Trinity United Methodist Church

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Trinity Fellowship Center

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BY LEARNING, LOVING, AND SEEKING
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**As for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord.**

Joshua 24:15

7 Prayers for May

*May you be surrounded by
Love, peace and Friendship.*

*May your family and loved
ones be safe.*

*May your finances be
abundant.*

May your pains lessen.

May your worries dissappear.

*May you be healed mentally,
physically and emotionally.*

*May God bless you and make
all your dreams come true.*

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..... Pity for eyes Charity for hands Smile
for face and Love for heart.

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TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN



Did you know that we have an email prayer chain available for anyone to add names or situations?

To add to the prayer chain, contact Betty

B. Evelhoch at evelhoch@gmail.com or 717-422-8906 or on Facebook.

For all **immediate** personal pastoral needs, please call Pastor Bob directly at 717-532-7606 or

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*You can inherit houses and land from your parents,
but a good wife only comes as a
gracious gift from God!*

Proverbs 19:14 (The Passion Translation)

A happy home is more than a roof over your head;
it's the foundation under your feet. Amish Proverb

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TRINITY'S SHUT-INS

Please remember to help brighten the days for our shut-ins! Send a cheery card or note. Call to chat. Stop by to visit. Pray! Make their days brighter! For questions on our shut-in list, the church secretary.



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



The VALUES we leave our children are more important than the valuables we leave them.

Amish Proverb

Trinity Day Care Center

717-530-5315

6 AM until 6 PM weekdays



Every wise woman encourages and builds up her family, but a foolish woman over time will tear it

down by her own actions.

Proverbs 14:1 (The Passion Translation)

*Happy Mother's Day
with Love*

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YOU ARE WHO GOD SAYS YOU ARE

You are **BEAUTIFUL**. Psalm 45:11

You are **UNIQUE**. Psalm 139:14

You are **LOVED**. Jeremiah 31:3

You are **SPECIAL**. Ephesians 2:10

You are **CREATED WITH A PURPOSE**.

Jeremiah 29:11

You are **CARED FOR**. Ephesians 3:17-19

You are **LOVELY**. Daniel 12:3

You are **PRECIOUS**. I Corinthians 6:20

You are **STRONG**. Psalm 18:32-35

You are **IMPORTANT**. I Peter 2:9

You are **FORGIVEN**. Psalm 103:12

You are a **NEW CREATION**.

2 Corinthians 5:17

You are **PROTECTED**. Psalm 121:3

You are **EMPOWERED**. Philippians 4:13

You are **CHOSEN**. John 15:16

You are **FAMILY**. Ephesians 2:19

You are **MINE**. Isaiah 43:1



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

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 members & 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 and with notes from the day's lesson.

We hope that you will join the Hopeful SS class!

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

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Use your voice for **KINDNESS**,
your ears for **COMPASSION**,
your hands for **CHARITY**,
your mind for **TRUTH**,
and your heart for **LOVE**.



**Good deeds are not done by
walking into a church. They are
done by walking OUT and
helping others!**

Everyone has bad days! Don't give up! Pause. Pray. Rest. Reset. Restart. Never give up! Always pick yourself up, and keep going. Keep on keeping on!



**Find something good in every day
and allow it to make you smile.**

To everything there is a season and a
time to every purpose under heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1

**Our great power is from God,
not from ourselves.** 2 Corinthians 4:7

A happy heart makes a face cheerful!



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



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

# MONUMENTAL

## 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 fifth grade. Look for the pre-registration forms in June, or call Debbie Urso, the VBS coordinator, at 717-860-6441 for more info.

Psalm 89:2

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

**Come and see what our God has done,  
what awesome miracles he performs for  
people. - Psalm 66:5**

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



# THANK YOU!

## TO ALL WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY WITH THE SPRING BLOOM CRAFT SHOW ---- THANK YOU!

March 25, 2023, was a gloomy, rainy day outside, but quite cheery inside Trinity Fellowship Center!

The kitchen was busy serving breakfast, lunch, and sweets throughout the day while crafters sold their wares, and the Clothing Bank was selling all kinds of things! The room filled with free "treasures" was also a popular and busy place! Spring decorations in every room and hallway brightened the day as customers shopped, ate, and visited.

Seventeen new and enthusiastic crafters joined 25 returning vendors to make for exciting selections for customers. Everything from fresh flowers to body soaps to fabric creations to jewelry and much more tempted buyers.



Many thanks go to the decorating, cleaning, & set-up crews in the weeks prior to the event.

Thanks to the ones who posted and removed the colorful roadside signs

and the directional signs on TFC property.

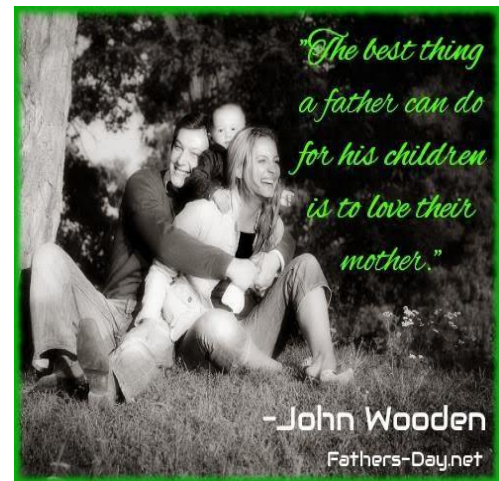
Thanks to the kitchen workers for their days of cooking and then serving foods Friday evening and all day Saturday. The pre-show food prep included making many pots of soups. Pre-sales included 30 quarts of seafood bisque plus many quarts of other soup flavors!

Thanks to those who cleaned up and set-up the Sunday school rooms after the show when most workers were exhausted.

Thanks to the customers who shopped, to those who told others about the craft show, and to those who prayed that the day would be a positive community event for the glory of God.

We heard many comments that crafters and customers alike are already looking forward to the Country Christmas Craft Show set for Saturday, November 11, 2023.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to help with preparations for Country Christmas.



Seek the Lord and His strength.  
Seek His face continually.

I Chronicles 16:11

**GRADUATES?** Please submit names and brief info about any Trinity UMC graduates to the church office ASAP.

### THE TRAIN OF LIFE

At birth we board the train and meet our parents, and we believe they will always travel by our side. As time goes by, other people will board the





train, and they will be significant, i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. Others will step down over time and leave a permanent vacuum. Some, however, will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they've vacated their seats. The train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery to everyone is, we do not know at which station we, ourselves, will step down. So we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life. I wish you all a joyful journey. - Unknown author



clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but **a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.**

### RECIPE FOR AN AMAZING WOMAN

Start with faith & honesty.

Mix in pure humility.

Add strength of character that rises above the stress of life's surprises.

Fold in personality.

Toss with generosity.

Pour in love from a heart that's true...

Yield: one terrific, amazing you!



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



### Proverbs 31:10-30

A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. She makes coverings for her bed; she is

### 1 Corinthians 13 for Mothers



If I keep my house immaculately clean and am envied by all for my interior decorating, but do not show love in my family – I am just another housewife.

If I'm always producing lovely things - sewing, art - if I always look attractive, and speak intelligently, but am not loving to my family – I am nothing. If I'm busy in community affairs, teach Sunday school, and drive in the carpool, but fail to give adequate love to my family – I gain nothing.

Love changes diapers, cleans up messes, and ties shoes – over and over again.

Love is kind, though tired and frazzled.

Love doesn't envy another woman – one whose children are "spaced" better or in school so she has time to pursue her own interests.

Love doesn't try to impress others with my abilities or knowledge as a mother.

Love doesn't scream at the kids.  
 Love doesn't feel cheated because I didn't get to do what I wanted to do today – sew, read, soak in a hot tub.  
 Love doesn't lose my temper easily.  
 Love doesn't assume that my children are being naughty just because their noise level is irritating.  
 Love doesn't rejoice when other people's children misbehave and make mine look good.  
 Love is genuinely happy when others are honored by their children.



### **Bible Verses about Mothers**

**Proverbs 31:25:** She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

**Proverbs 31:26:** She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

**Proverbs 31:28–29:** Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'

**Deuteronomy 6:6–7:** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

**Psalms 139:13-14:** For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.



4. A personality trait of yours
5. Something that makes you laugh
6. A gift that you received
7. An accomplishment of yours
8. A compliment that you have received
9. A book, magazine, or podcast
10. Something good about work
11. Something you are looking forward to
12. Something you like about where you live
13. A friend
14. Favorite memory of your mother
15. A life lesson
16. A holiday you love
17. Another person
18. Something you are passionate about
19. Something in nature
20. Technology
21. A person you look up to
22. A food you love
23. A smell you love
24. A song you love
25. What you find beautiful
26. A gift you have received
27. Something that makes you happy
28. Something that brings you hope
29. Something nice
30. A happy memory
31. An item you use every day

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*Be kind and tenderhearted. Ephesians 4:32*

### **Mow, Mow, Mow –**

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

### **MEMORIAL WEEKEND CHICKEN BARBECUE**

Saturday, May 27 at TFC

TAKE-OUT MEAL available between 4 and 5 PM –  
 barbecued chicken half, applesauce,  
 baked beans, cake, roll - \$11

Chicken half - \$7

See sign-up sheets on table by mailboxes to help,  
 to bake cakes, and to order chicken.

### **GRATITUDE CHALLENGE**

Each day in May find something for which to be grateful:

1. What you find beautiful
2. Something that makes you smile
3. An ability of yours

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## Info at Trinity Craft Shows on Facebook

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## Romans 4:21