

THE LOVELETTER

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Consider the Ketchup Bottle

1 Peter 3:13-22

Ketchup. We put it on burgers, fries, hot dogs, and eggs. My wife even puts it on her macaroni and cheese. Good stuff – but it wasn't always so good!

Before H.J. Heinz started making ketchup and putting it in glass bottles, pouring ketchup on anything could be dangerous. In 1866, ketchup was, according to cookbook author Pierre Blot, "Filthy, decomposed and putrid." A short tomato growing season, coupled with carelessness, lack of clean storage, generally unsanitary conditions, and the addition of highly flammable coal tar to the mix to enhance the red color, all combined to make ketchup a potentially lethal concoction.

In 1876, the Pittsburgh visionary Henry J. Heinz bottled his first batch of tomato ketchup. Heinz was a morally strong man who believed that "heart power is better than horsepower," and worked hard at developing a safe environment and process for ketchup to be produced in a way that was pure, enjoyable – and transparent.

His factory was spotless. His workers were encouraged to be meticulous about cleanliness, and Heinz rewarded them with fresh uniforms, free laundry, free life insurance and health care, athletic facilities, a swimming pool and even an in-house manicurist to make sure that every worker's nails were immaculate.

The result was a perfect environment for making a ketchup that would not only *not kill you*, it was so good that it became a staple on American dinner tables for the next two centuries!

Heinz was so focused on purity and transparency that he refused to bottle his ketchup in the opaque brown bottles that were common at the time, choosing instead to use clear glass bottles as a way of demonstrating the product's purity to the public. Heinz even opened his factory to 30,000 visitors per year so they could see that the company had nothing to hide. By 1906, Heinz was selling five million bottles of preservative-free ketchup every year, and chances are that the next transparent bottle of ketchup you reach for today still has the Heinz label on it.

Henry Heinz built a lasting legacy based on transparency, earning the trust of consumers because he focused on purity and quality and hid nothing from them. That clear, quality bottle of ketchup, whether it's the traditional glass design or the squeeze bottle, is still something that people trust well enough to take for granted. The transparent character of H.J. Heinz is still reflected in every one of his products, even after his death in May of 1919.

Heinz made ketchup, but he was even more concerned about making the world a better place. Are we as **"eager to do good,"** as Peter puts it? (v. 13). Are we living lives that are equally transparent, **"doing what is right"** no matter what it might cost us? (v. 14). Peter offers us some advice on how to live the Christian life in such a way that *everyone who sees us will know exactly what's inside*.

Peter is writing to churches in Asia Minor who are undergoing a great period of distress and persecution for their faith. Their environment stinks worse than fermented fish guts, and they're suffering in a world where the hidden agendas and filthy tactics of their opponents are leading to suffering and death for the Christian Community. Rather than retaliate or turn up their noses at this situation, Peter encourages the churches to live lives of purity amid their suffering, **"keeping a clear conscience so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander"** (v. 16). Indeed, Peter says, **"even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed"** (v. 14). The real test of the Christian life is the ability to stay pure and transparent, even when others are trying to dump the spiritual equivalent of toxic coal tar into your life. Suffering is inevitable in the Christian life, but the way we react to it makes all the difference. Rev. Bob

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. What I can tell you is that 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.

Sunday, June 11, 2023

The Second Sunday After Pentecost

Altar Color: Green

*Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; *Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sermon Title: "A Call into the Unknown"

June and July are big months for weddings. I have had the honor of officiating many marriages – and standing before my own mom and dad administering the Vows of Marriage to them as they renewed their wedding vows before friends and family on their Golden Anniversary.

A beautiful picture of them was on display at that party. My father's friend took the picture. It looks as if he composed it to resemble the cover picture on the movie cast album of the sound track from the film "South Pacific". They are sitting on a large boulder, holding each other close, eyes locked, smiles on their faces.

Both are so young! Mom is gorgeous! Dad is handsome and fit!

Like every young couple, they are ready! They are ready to launch into their life together. Their hearts are filled with optimism and hope! Their whole lives are before them! Theirs would surely be a wonderful story, filled with love and laughter and blessing!

A few days later, they were married – and a grand adventure began!

The couple who stood before me fifty years later, experienced much love and laughter and blessing! They also endured more than their fair share of sorrow. You can't have blessing without pain, you can't have laughter without tears, nor can you have love without grief.

The call to discipleship is like mom and dad in that old photograph, or any young couple in love embarking on a life of love and commitment together. It is a call into the unknown!

Mom and dad had no idea what was ahead ... no young couple does. They just move ahead ... optimistic ... trusting ... trusting each other ... trusting God ... trusting the future. Maybe they are a little naïve, but in this case naivete might be a good thing!

Abram is called. "Go... to a land I will show you... I will bless you and I will make you a blessing." That's it! What Abram leaves is much clearer: Home... kindred... land... country... everything he has ever known. And—he goes!

Matthew is called. "Follow me," the man said. That's it. Nothing else. No explanation. And—Matthew goes!

What are they thinking! They are moving into an unknown and unknowable future. The promise of blessing to Abram would be fulfilled – but the going would be hard. It would be a mixed bag. And this discipleship journey for Matthew – he left a cushy job to follow an itinerant rabbi?! He would have a front row seat to see Jesus' miracles, hear his teachings, and be with him in times of table fellowship with the least and the last. He would also be with Jesus in those tragic final days. And then – the glorious Resurrection and the beginnings of the Church.

And our call to discipleship? "Come, follow me." That's all we get. God asks us to leave our old life behind – like Abram – and follow Christ into an unknown new life of challenge and blessing. Christ asks us to leave behind our old vocation, our self-centered focus on material gain, our desire for fame and fortune into an unknown and unknowable future. That future will be a blessing beyond compare, sprinkled with worldly trials and difficulties.

The path of discipleship is a step into the unknown. Like a couple preparing to declare vows of eternal commitment one to the other, we can't know the future. Also like that same couple, we step out into that future with optimism and trust, believing that the blessings will outweigh the sorrows.

Sunday, June 18, 2023

The Third Sunday After Pentecost

Altar Color: Green

Father's Day

*Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-8; *Matthew 9:35-10:8

Sermon Title: "The Child Called 'Laughter'"

God called to Abraham, "Go ... to the land I will show you. I will make of you a Great Nation."

As we saw last week, Abraham went. He believed God's promise. He trusted in God's guidance.

Abraham went. His feet moved in obedience to his faith. He moved his wife, his entire household, and himself in accordance with God's command. Abraham trusted the Lord and it was accredited to him as righteousness.

Problem. If he was to be a Great Nation, why was he childless?

Here was the faith struggle he and Sarah dealt with as they traveled to "the land the Lord would show him." Sarah was barren.

Abraham's given name was Abram, which means, "Exalted Father." His given name revealed his destiny. Sarah was barren. When he doubted, the Lord gave him a new name, the name we more commonly use for him: Abraham, "the father of many nations." This name re-affirmed Abraham's destiny and God's sacred promise. Sarah was barren.

Abraham was faithful. Yet—well into old age, at a time when most people are cuddling great grandchildren, Abraham was childless.

Abraham and Sarah waited long for the promise to be fulfilled. When the three men appeared and announced that Sarah would have a son "in due season", Sarah laughed.

"Impossible! This can't happen to an elderly person like me!"

She laughed. How could such a wonderful thing take place?

In due time, the impossible happened. The loins of the elderly made seed. The womb of the elderly bore a child. The child born in due time was called “Isaac” which means “Laughter”.

God made the impossible possible. Sarah became a mother. Abraham became a father. And they named the child “Laughter”

This laughter is not the laughter of comedy, it is the laughter of surprise. It is the laughter of amazement over the unexpected fulfillment of a dream long forgotten. It is a giggle of awe over a precious, newborn child. It is the laughter of thanksgiving because a prayer has been answered: God has brought healing; God has made the way forward plain; God has provided for the need; God has comforted in grief.

Laughter. God does great things, and we laugh.

According to Luke, Jesus called the Twelve together. In this passage he calls them “Apostles” because they are about to be sent.

Sent to do what? They were sent to do exactly what he did. And when Jesus did them, people laughed with amazement.

How were they to do it? Jesus gave them the authority. That’s it. They had the authority. That’s all the resources they needed to do great things in his name. They did those great things and the people laughed in amazement.

And we—we are called to do great things in his name. We have the authority and the resources to do those things. So we shall go – and the world will laugh as they see Christ working in us and through us.

Sunday, June 25, 2023

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Altar Color: Green

*Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; *Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon Title: “Alive to God”

The Book of Genesis, Paul in the Epistle to the Romans – they both emphasize the faith of Abraham. Genesis lifts him up as a Patriarch and a hero. Paul in Romans sees him as an exemplar of the faith Christian believers should strive to emulate. We are not saved by works, but our works surely show where our faith lies. Abraham is an example of this. So says Paul in the Epistle to the Romans. So says the Book of Genesis.

Now we come to Genesis chapter twenty – one, just after we read of the long-sought fulfillment of God’s promise of child named “Laughter”, Abraham casts Hagar and Ishmael (his son by her) into the desert. Did we read this right – Abraham, at Sarah’s behest and with what he understood to be God’s blessing cast Hagar – Sarah’s servant and Abraham’s secondary wife and the son born of the union of Hagar and Abraham into the hot, dry desert to die? Did we read this right? Abraham – our faith hero – our faith example cast Hagar and Ishmael into the desert with a couple day’s supplies, most likely to die in the desert? Scary story!

This terrible act is the conclusion of a series of faithless acts on the part of Abraham and Sarah. I suspect that they wanted to believe that God would make good on giving them a son through Sarah, but as the years passed, it was harder and harder to believe.

“God didn’t say that the child would literally come from my womb,” reasoned Sarah. Abraham agreed. It was the custom in the middle east in that day for the child born of the union between a woman’s servant and a woman’s husband was counted as that woman’s child.

They chose to believe that this was God’s plan. Abraham and Hagar came together.

A child was conceived. Ishmael.

Things were tense in the household with the two women and the one son. When Isaac was born, the tension level in the house went through the roof! Sarah would not tolerate her son sharing his inheritance with the child of a servant-girl. No way!

Sin multiplied many times. The casting out of Hagar was the final step. How will he overcome? Sin is like a snowball rolling down a long, steep hill – it grows and grows until it is out of control. How do we overcome sin’s power?

One man: Jesus. Paul says our sin is taken away. It is buried.

Christ bore our sins on the tree (the cross). He died and was buried. Our sin was buried with him. Christ didn’t stay dead; he rose to new life. Our sins stayed buried. Christ offers new, redeemed life now to us.

Baptism is the perfect metaphor: Standing in Baptismal Waters, we are washed of our sin, under the waters we are buried with Christ. Rising out of the waters we are given new life.

In some traditions, an infant is not named until baptism, announcing to the world Christ's claim on the child as his precious daughter, his beloved son.

In some traditions, an adult who is baptized receives a new name, symbolizing the work of transformation God has begun in the newly baptized one.

We are God's children. Christ has claimed us. We are being transformed. The Spirit of Christ began his work with in us long ago and will carry it forward to completion.

Like Sarah, like Abraham, our faith lapses. Sin grabs hold of us. Its effects multiply, damaging others around us. The good news is that Christ has claimed us and filled us with his spirit. We are being transformed. Sin's power is broken.

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04 09 a.m. Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. Ssc	05	06	07 12:30 p.m. Luncheon @ Greenvillage	08	09	10 09 a.m./12 p.m. Clothing Bank @ TFC
11 09 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Ssc	12	13 06 p.m. Daycare Board mtg.	14 09 a.m./12 p.m. Clothing Bank @ TFC	15	16	17 09 a.m./12 p.m. Clothing Bank @ TFC
18 09 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Ssc	19 07 p.m. Council Mtg.	20 06:30 p.m. Worship mtg.	21	22	23	24 09 a.m./12 p.m. Clothing Bank @ TFC
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JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS...

KEYBOARD...

04 Megan Pipp
11 Alice Stauffer
18 Alice Stauffer
25 Kim Holmes

LITURGIST...

04 Marylue Durff
11 Ron Kunkleman
18 Mike Wadel
25 Dave Evelhoch

SOUND SYSTEM...

04 Mike Wadel
11 Dave Evelhoch
18 Scott Gleim
25 Mike Wadel

COMPUTER...

04 Cheryl Stevens
11 Crystal Paisley
18 Corrie Wadel
25 Crystal Paisley

LIVESTREAM...

04 Debbie Urso
11 Corrie Wadel
18 Crystal Paisley
25 Charlotte Klingshirn

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS...

04 Kathy Engel & Marylue Durff

USHERS...

Doug and Sandy Goodhart

JUNE HAPPY BIRTHDAYS...Pearl, Rose

01 Vanessa Hovetter	07 Kimberly Holmes	15 Norma Keefer	25 Paul Bigham
02 Daniel Witmer, IV	11 John Lindsay	16 Debra Goshorn	26 Diane Bahrt
04 Kevin Cornman	12 Roy Rhoads	Linda Nenninger	Blake Barrick

05 Susan Brown	13 Lori Bigham	20 Bridget Burnhisel	28 Thomas Holmes
Kylee Pipp	14 Jill Barrick	21 Savannah Horst	Hannah Hyser
Alexander Wadel	15 Juanita Crumling	23 Carolyn Glass	29 Shanna Gleim
			Timothy Grim

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES...

07 Roy and Ruby Rhoads	17 Matthew and Megan Carr
12 Mike and Melisa Gephart	18 Thomas and Kimberly Holmes
13 Daniel and Martha Sheaffer	Michael, Jr. and Cristy Lentz
14 Timothy and Debra Goshorn	23 Larry and Victoria Lentz
15 Calvin and Juanita Crumling	26 Mark and Jackie Wardle
16 Larry and Linda Flood	30 Randall and Betty Nenninger



OUR GRADUATES...

AUSTIN CROUSE...graduated from the University of Scranton with a major in Political Science and is attending Duquesne University School of Law in Pittsburgh; played tuba in 74th annual PA State Intercollegiate Band; will be working in Shippensburg this summer with an attorney; son of James and Leann

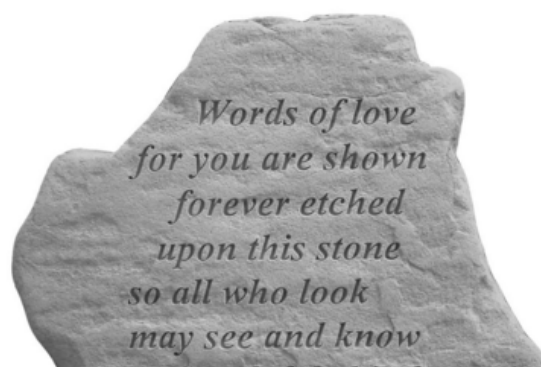


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HANNAH ELIZABETH HESS...graduated from Duke University with a BS degree with a major in Biology & minors in Earth & Climate Sciences & Chemistry, will be working as a conservation education presenter at Disney World's Animal Kingdom before pursuing a Master of Conservation Biology at the University of Queensland in Queensland Australia; daughter of Ron and Diane Hess

CAROLINE HORST...graduated from Juniata College in December with a degree in Environmental Science and Education; granddaughter of Dan and Marty Sheaffer.

MaKENNA KLINGSHIRN...graduated from Tiffin Columbian High School, Findlay, Ohio; daughter of Russell Klingshirn.



UPDATE ON THE MEMORIAL GARDEN..

The parents of Reneé Rhoads and the church council have agreed to follow the wishes of Reneé's parents to have the memorial garden removed from the church grounds and have the area returned to grass. There are several items in the memorial garden being offered to the church members for their personal use. They are 2 benches, an Angel statue, pavers, stone and sand under the pavers. If you are interested in any of the items, please feel free to take the items. In the near future, any items remaining will be disposed of.



During Covid, the prayer shawl ministry was not active due to concern of spreading germs. Since the Covid pandemic has been declared over, is there anyone interested in chairing the prayer shawl ministry? If so, please reach out to Cheryl Stevens, (717) 386-1173. There are prayer shawls available in the Goodhart Room for distribution to anyone sick, grieving or in need of a pick me up to feel the God's love for them.

If no one steps forward, I am recommending the yarn and shawls currently in the Goodhart room be donated to either the clothing bank for them to sell or to mission central.



JUNE 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
Wednesday, June 14 – Flag Day
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.



**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.

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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.

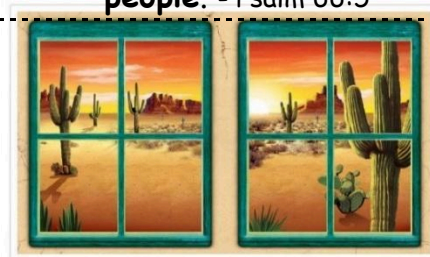
Psalm 89:2

**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

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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!



*Practice kindness everywhere
you go!*

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.

1 large grassy field

6 children

3 dogs

Narrow strip of brook with pebbles

Mix the children with the dogs and empty into the field, stirring constantly. Sprinkle the field with the flowers; pour the brook gently over the pebbles. Cover all with a deep blue sky and bake in the hot sun. When the children are well browned, they may be removed. The children will

Hot sun

Flowers

Deep blue sky

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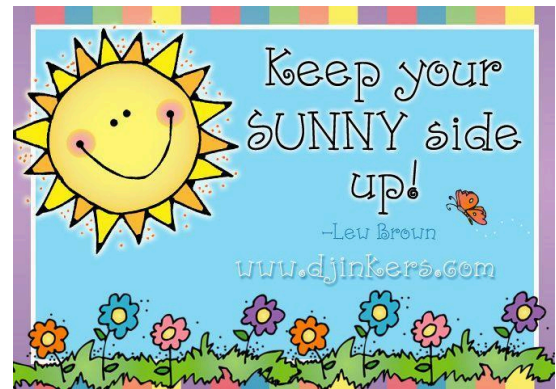
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non-believers, the shut-ins, and everyone who is in need of prayer. Go through the church directory and get in touch with those who may need a pat on the back or a word of reassurance.



*to accept the things I cannot change, the
courage to change the things I can, and the
wisdom to know the difference. Living one
day at a time, ...enjoying one moment at a*

*time, ...accepting hardships as the pathway to peace,
...taking as He did this sinful world at it is, not as I would
have it, ...trusting that He will make all things right if I
surrender to His Will so that I may be reasonably happy
in this life and supremely happy with Him forever and
ever in the next.*



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



RECYCLE, REUSE, RE-PURPOSE

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Ralph Waldo Emerson



Thank you for being a good steward of our resources!

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**DO NOT WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW.
FOR TOMORROW WILL WORRY
ABOUT ITSELF.
EACH DAY HAS ENOUGH TROUBLE
OF ITS OWN.**
Matthew 6:34

Purses and shoes can be placed in the short hallway of TFC for delivery to Mission Central by Dave & Betty Evelhoch or you can take items to Mission Central at 5 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg.





The Story of the Butterfly

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared.

He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to squeeze its body through the tiny hole. Then it stopped, as if it couldn't go further. So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bits of cocoon. The butterfly emerged easily but it had a swollen body and shriveled wings. The man continued to watch it, expecting that any minute the wings would enlarge and expand enough to support the body. Neither happened! In fact the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around. It was never able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand: The restricting cocoon and the struggle required by the butterfly to get through the opening was a way of forcing the fluid from the body into the wings so that it would be ready for flight once that was achieved.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. Going through life with no obstacles would cripple us. We will not be as strong as we could have been and we would never fly. So have a nice day and struggle a little and teach well. *Author Unknown*

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WALNUT BOTTOM YARD SALES

JULY 13, 14, and 15

7 AM until ?

Everything Walnut Bottom on Facebook

10 QUOTES TO MOTIVATE YOU TODAY

1. Let obstacles be stepping stones to something greater.
2. You are the only one who can define your success.
3. A thousand miles is just a thousand **one miles. The trick is to look at one mile at a time.**
4. Don't compare your journey with anybody else's. You walk different paths.
5. Ten years later, you would wish you had started today.
6. Don't compare yourself to another. This is your life; it's about you, not them.
7. If there is no road, carve it yourself.
8. It is just priority. What you prioritize is what will thrive.
9. What you are searching for is searching for you.
10. There will always be haters, but their opinions aren't more important or more accurate.

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Problems are like washing machines..... They twist, spin, and knock us around. But in the end we come out cleaner, brighter, and better than before.

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WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator; and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat; and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me; and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer; and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick; and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it; and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good; and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt; but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

LITTLE EYES SEE A LOT... Each of us (parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, teacher, friend) influences the life of a child...

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Do not focus on the negatives... Think of all the positive, beautiful things that still remain!

The birds are still singing sweet melodies. They have no idea what's going on in our world.

The bunnies are still hopping.

The cows still mooing.

The chickens still clucking.

The flowers still blooming.

The grass still growing.

The sun still shining.

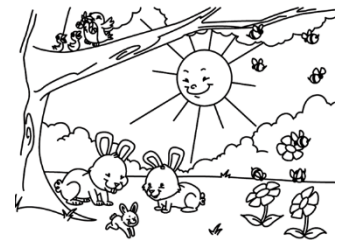
Jesus is still reigning.

Thank YOU, Lord, for always taking care of us despite who we are and what we do. Thank you for loving us so well.

Philippians 4:6 - Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.

Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all he has done.

Susan Hougelman, Simple Life in New Wilmington, PA



An umbrella cannot stop the rain, but it allows us to stand in the rain.

FAITH in God may not remove our trials, but it gives us strength to overcome them.

10 STEPS TO MAKE YOUR DAY BETTER

♥ We all have those days when we feel a little down, and it's important to remember that it's okay not to be okay. If you're having a trying day, try one of these 10 ways to make your day better. (in no particular order)

Connect with loved ones: Reach out to friends or family members who uplift you. Social support can provide comfort and reassurance during difficult times.

Get moving: Exercise releases endorphins, which are natural mood boosters. Go for a walk, dance, or engage in any physical activity you enjoy.

Listen to worship music: Create a playlist of your favorite worship songs that make you feel inspired. Worship music has the power to uplift your spirit.

Practice gratitude: Take a moment to reflect on the things you are grateful for in your life. It can shift your focus from negativity to positivity.

Pray: Talking with God and praying will instantly bring you peace and calm your anxieties. Give it to God!

Laugh: Watch a comedy show, read funny jokes, or spend time with people who make you laugh. Laughter can instantly boost your mood.

Volunteer or help others:

Engaging in acts of kindness and helping those in need can bring a sense of fulfillment and purpose.

Write in a journal: Pour out your

thoughts and emotions onto paper. Journaling can provide clarity and a sense of release.

Practice deep breathing: Take slow, deep breaths to help relax your body and mind. Deep breathing can promote a sense of calm.

Read inspirational quotes or books: Surround yourself with positive words. Reading inspirational content can shift your perspective.



Remember, everyone has down days from time to time, but there are always ways to lift your spirits and find solace. Be gentle with yourself, practice self-care, and remember that a bad day is only temporary.

Annie Stewart Lambert



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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Using TFC or Pavilion?

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

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!

Saturday, May 27, at TFC
THANK YOU to all who helped in any way!

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love!
Share His love!



I must tell Jesus all of my trials; I cannot bear these burdens alone. In my distress He kindly will help me;

Chorus: I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone. I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!



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

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is **FAITH**!

2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is **TRUST**.

3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set alarms to wake up. That is **HOPE**.

4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is **CONFIDENCE**.

5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is **LOVE**.

6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old. I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is **ATTITUDE**.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six

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.

### DIRECTIONS TO OUR FATHER'S HOUSE

Make a right onto Believeth Boulevard. Keep straight and go through the green light, which is Jesus Christ. There, you must turn onto the bridge of faith, which is over troubled water. Now when you get off the bridge, make a right turn and keep straight. You are on the King's Highway - Heaven-bound. Keep going for three miles: One for the Father, one for the Son, and one for the Holy Spirit. Then take the Grace Boulevard exit. From there, make a right turn onto Gospel Lane. Keep straight and then make another right on Prayer Road. As you go on your way, yield not to the traffic on Temptation Avenue. Also, avoid Sin Street because it is a dead end. Pass up Envy Drive and Hate Avenue. Also, pass Hypocrisy Street, Gossiping Lane, and Backbiting Boulevard. However, you will have to go down Long-suffering Lane, Persecution Boulevard., and Trials and Tribulations Avenue; but that's all right, because Victory Street is straight ahead! AMEN! (Author Unknown)

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



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**PERFECT MARRIAGE** = 2 imperfect  
people who always refuse to give up on  
one another



*Father's Day*

2023

*- June 18.*

## FAMOUS FATHERS FROM OUR BIBLES

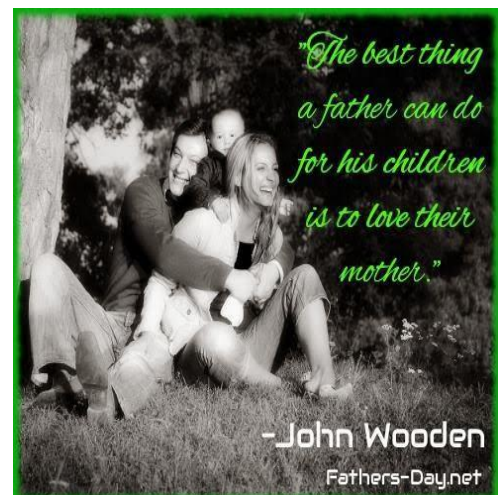
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| ___ 1. Abraham | ___ 5. Joseph |
| ___ 2. Adam    | ___ 6. David  |
| ___ 3. Isaac   | ___ 7. Moses  |
| ___ 4. Jacob   | ___ 8. Noah   |

MATCH FATHERS WITH BRIEF DESCRIPTION

- A. Obedient son of Abraham
- B. Bravely carried out task from God to build ark
- C. Earthly father of Jesus
- D. Father of 12 tribes of Israel
- E. The first man and human father
- F. Special favorite of God; defeated Goliath
- G. Father figure to Hebrews as they escaped slavery in Egypt; giver of the law
- H. Father of Jewish nation

### WHAT IS A FATHER?

He's strength and security, laughter and fun.  
A prince to his daughter, a pal to his son.  
A great storyteller and mender of toys,  
Who's seldom dismayed by his family's noise.  
He's an everyday Santa who brings home surprises,  
The man to consult when a problem arises.  
As eager a worker as ever there'll be  
Who wants all the best for his whole family.  
He's a loving instructor who struggles to teach  
His child to achieve all the goals one could reach.  
And he knows in his heart that it's worth all the bother  
When he hears his child say, "That man? That's MY father!"



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



Wednesday, June 14,  
2023

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

**Congratulations and best wishes to the  
graduates for 2023!**

## **Country Christmas Craft Show**

*Saturday, November 11, 2023*

*Info at Trinity Craft Shows on Facebook*

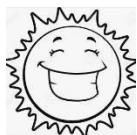
*Applications – Available 7/1/2023*

**Best exercise is walking.**

**Walk away from arguments that lead to anger.**

**Walk away from thoughts that  
steal your happiness.**

**The more you walk away from things that  
destroy your soul, the happier  
your life will be.**



*Help others!*

**A happy heart makes a face cheerful!**

*Proverbs 15:13*

**JUNE** = Father's Day ..... Graduations .....  
Flag Day ..... Children's Day ..... Weddings .....  
Picnics ..... Community Fairs ..... Vacations  
..... Summer Solstice ..... Juneteenth ..... What  
makes June special for you?



Answers to Famous Fathers:

1. H; 2. E; 3. A; 4. D; 5. C; 6. F; 7. G; 8. B

**Live as people who are free, not using your  
freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as  
servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the  
brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.  
1 Peter. 2:16-17**



# Graduation Graduation 2023

**Congratulations to the following graduates:**

- ▮ Austin Crouse
- ▮ Hannah Hess
- ▮ Caroline Horst
- ▮ MaKenna Klingshirn

*Congratulations!*



**PEACE is not found in the absence of a storm.  
PEACE is found in the presence of God.**

**Trinity Day Care Center**

717-530-5315

6 AM until 6 PM weekdays



**"Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face." - Ronald Reagan**



**"The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission."**

John F. Kennedy

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*Share a smile!*

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God is Lord of the slim chance, the fat chance, the no chance,  
and the second chance.

## SECOND CHANCE

1. RECALLED AFTER FAILURE – John 21:1-8
2. REFILLED AFTER FAILURE – John 21:9-14
3. RESTORED AFTER FAILURE – John 21:15-17
4. REFOCUSED AFTER FAILURE – John 18-22

Hebrews 12:1-3 ..... Philippians 3:12-14 ..... Romans 8:1-4 .....

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 ..... Revelation 21:3-5 .....

Anne Graham Lotz, Decision January 2022



**"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."  
John 8:36**

**"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." 2 Corinthians. 3:17**

**"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**

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



**"Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men."  
John F. Kennedy**

**PRAY on it.**

**PRAY over it.**

**PRAY through it.**

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