

THE LOVELETTER

OCTOBER 2023

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

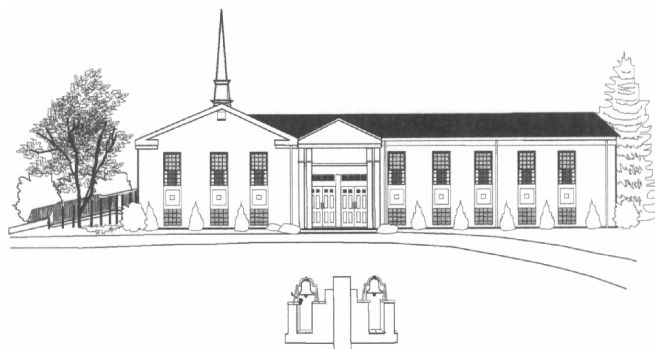
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Between the Generations

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. – Hebrews 12:1

When my Grammie Stump became ill and died with a brain aneurism in August of 2009, I became very much aware of my birth position within the Stump side of my family: I am between the generations. My Aunt Mary Kay is just short of ten years older than I and I am just short of nine years older than my sister Lori and my brother Dan. All our cousins on the Stump side are younger than Lori and Dan. Aunt Mary Kay's youngest son, Adam, was a year younger than my middle child, Christopher. My Cousin Thad, Uncle Charlie's youngest son, admitted to me that he sees me more as an uncle than a cousin. Thad calls me "Cousin – Uncle Bob". Like I said, I am between the generations.

When Grammie was life-flighted to Geisinger Medical Center after suffering from the aneurism, I listened with Aunt Mary Kay and Grammie while when the doctor gave us a list of options and helped Grammie decide what to do. After the operation, I watched and waited along with my father, my Aunt Mary Kay and my Uncle Charlie as Grammie declined and then passed away during the days following the operation.

Since both of my parents are in heaven, with "the great cloud of witnesses", I have come to realize that it won't be many years until my generation will be the oldest generation of the Stump family, with me being the eldest among them by nine years.

I will soon step into the shoes of elders whom I have long respected and admired. When I was a kid, they seemed so wise, so sure of themselves, so confident. When they chose a course of action, there was no question and no turning back.

Am I as wise as they were? I suppose time will tell. Am I as certain and confident as they were? I don't know. But as I grow older, I am learning that the confidence and certitude they portrayed was more a product of my own child-like admiration rather than an attribute peculiar to them. They had feet of clay, just like mine. They had their moments of indecision and doubt, just as I do. Yet, when the chips were down, they boldly forged ahead, right into an uncertain, unguaranteed future. Again, I do the same.

Just maybe I am more ready to assume the mantle of family patriarch than I think I am. Hopefully this transition is still some years away!

It occurs to me that the reality I am living in my family of origin mirrors the reality we live in the church today: We who are presently active members and supporters of the church are already the saints and patriarchs of today. Maybe this thought is a bit scary and made doubly so because we know that we fill the shoes of some wise, good, and dedicated saints of God. All I must do is look on the honor board of past ministers to realize that I stand in the shoes of some great servants of God, leaders who built churches and boldly pioneered ministries in our community. All you have to do is look at the history of our church or sit down and talk to our most elderly members and hear the stories of people who reached out to children, who taught young adults, and who reached into nearly empty pockets and found the resources to make ministry happen in their time because they were convinced that God was calling them to do so.

We are the saints and patriarchs of the present age of the church. Our commitment to Christ and our dedication to ministry in His name matters. It matters now and it matters far into the future. In Christ's name

and with Christ's help, we will carry on. The future is not certain or guaranteed, but we do know this, Christ will be with us, and He will use us in a mighty way, just as He used the great ministers and committed, dedicated lay men and women who went before us. Like them, we will endeavor to pass the legacy of faith, Christian love, and commitment on to those who will follow us.

Thanks be to God!

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Sunday, October 1, 2023 World Communion Sunday

Altar Color: Green

Communion Sunday

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; *Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon Title: "Words and Deeds: A Matched Set"

Some things come in matched sets.

Many of the couples whom I have had the privilege of marrying had wedding rings which are a matched set. The rings Glenda and I had are a matched set!

I have received shirt and tie combos that match.

There are personal care kits (after shave, shaving cream, shampoo, etc.) which come in matching sets.

Every shoe and every sock I have has a match – somewhere – and rarely do I walk out of the house with shoes from two different sets on my feet!

Matched sets.

God looks at us and wants our words and deeds to be a matching set.

Unfortunately, this isn't always the case. Sometimes we have one without the other! Sometimes our words and deeds don't align.

"What do you think?" is the question Jesus asked the religious leaders who had been arguing with him about Jesus' authority to teach.

As their argument about religious authority concluded, Jesus asked them, "What do you think?" and he spun a tale about two sons. One son said "Yes" to everything his father asked of him but failed to do it. The other son said "No," surely irritating his father with his arrogant talk. But this second son moved off his butt and did what his father asked.

The first son was all talk and no action. The second son was angry talk and pure action. Which, do you think, was the obedient son?

The second son, of course, was the obedient one! Even Jesus' worse enemies among the religious leaders had to agree with that! The prophets taught that obedience is better than any atonement sacrifice.

God wants obedience from us, just like any parent!

A "yes" which turns to "no" which it comes time to move feet and hands to put into action what we say is clearly not acceptable to God! Righteous words and good intentions don't make up for disobedient actions.

God accepts us and is pleased with us when we say "No" at first to God's precepts – and then turn around and obey. Righteous action – even if we get the words all wrong is acceptable in God's eyes.

But God prefers if our words would match our deeds.

God is looking for right worship to be affirmed through righteous action.

God is looking for confession and contrition that is made real by a heart truly changed.

God is looking for both faithful words and faithful actions.

Our words and actions are meant to be a matching set: Like your shoes. Like your socks.

Our words and deeds are one.

Our lives are to be a single piece.

Sunday, October 8, 2023 The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Altar Color: Green

*Exodus 20:1-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon Title: "This is Who You Are Created to Be"

Look at the first verses of Exodus Chapter Twenty. "God spoke these words," it says, "I'm the one who brought you out of Egypt, out of slavery." The "commandments" begin with an act of redemption. The law begins with grace.

So why do we so often assume that the Ten Commandments are heavy burdens laid on us with wagging fingers and furrowed brows? God isn't commanding obedience; God isn't telling the people how they can make things right with God; God is inviting us into a new way of being.

We shouldn't read them as commandments as much as descriptions.

God says, "I brought you out of slavery, out of bondage, so that you can be the people with no other God. Not the gods of the people around you, not the gods of your own making." The one who rescued you is the one you can worship. The one who loved you into freedom is the one you can love, so that you can be the people who celebrate that name, who know that name won't ever let them down. Because the name is the Presence, and the Presence will never leave you. And because I know that you will need help with these concepts, you can have a rhythm, you can have a pattern, and worship and rest will be woven into that pattern. The pattern will be there to help you be who you were created to be. The pattern will keep you close to the Presence, who is with you always.

And because you live in this Presence and follow this pattern, you honor those who give you life and who lead you. And you treasure all of life, knowing that it isn't to be thrown away for any reason. You honor the covenants that you make between you, covenants of love, covenants of property, covenants of honesty, covenants of communion and community. Because of the Presence and the pattern, you live in peace with your neighbor, you give respect and honor. That is just who you are. That is who you were created to be.

This isn't a law handed down to be slavishly obeyed under threat of punishment or exile. This is a description of how to fulfill the longings of our hearts. This is the freedom to be what is within us to be. This is a gift given to us by the one who loves us more than we can even imagine. We are these ten words. They define us; they shape us; they claim us. The Ten Commands, or "Ten Words describe who we are because we live in the Presence of God.

The pattern described in these words is who we are becoming. God presents to us here a vision of who we can become. The life of faith we live because God has already saved us is marked by our ever striving to grow to fit the picture that God draws for us. That's why we continually ask, "How are we doing embracing the Presence of God and living into the pattern God has provided?" And because we struggle with both questions, God sent His Son; God put on flesh and dwelt among us, God's Presence in our midst and the pattern of living.

How can we embrace the Presence and follow the pattern for our own lives and in our own community? But also, how can we be the Presence for those who don't know whose they are yet? How can we live outwardly the pattern so that others are caught up in the hope of being made new? Those are the questions we ask ourselves today.

There is a world out there, the world that God so loved that he sent ... us. We need trumpets and smoke. Or do we? Maybe we just need God's Presence and the pattern. Maybe we just need to live into the picture God draws in Exodus, chapter twenty. Maybe we need to be more like Jesus.

Sunday, October 15, 2023 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Altar Color: Green

*Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; *Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon Title: "A Stiff-Necked People"

Stiff-necked is one of those descriptions that we don't use nearly enough. In Exodus 32, things blow up among God's people; and Aaron is complicit in the heresy, while Moses is hanging out on the mountain with God. God sees what happens and gets so angry that God plans to blow all the stiff-necked ones away and start over with Moses. Stand back, Moses!

But then Moses doesn't stand back. He gets in God's face and asks, "You've done all this to get them this far, and now you're going to pull the plug? And everyone around is going to say, 'What a nasty God, to go

through all of this only to destroy them in the desert.”

This is the same God that, in the next chapter, Moses says, “Show me your glory.” What better view of God’s glory than to watch a whole nation be blown away? Except that isn’t the kind of glory that Moses wants to follow. It isn’t the kind of power that Moses wants to see. “Remember,” Moses tells God, “Remember the faithful ones, Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants.” And the scripture says, “God changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.” On his people.

God claims his people once again. Notice how the argument plays out. In verse 7, God is upset and angry about what is seen happening among the people with Aaron and the calf and the reveling. There God says, “Go down at once. Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt...” Your people, Moses, whom you brought out. Notice, God is already washing the divine hands of the people. But Moses claps back in verse 11: “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand.” He takes God’s own words and turns them around. Your people, Moses, God says. Your people, God, Moses says. “Remember how all this started?”, says Moses. “You said you were coming to set your people free. And you did it. I was an instrument. These are your people, Lord, don’t forget that. Remember the promises you made.”

And God changed God’s mind. Then threw a party. And Jesus wanted to tell us about that party.

Jesus says. “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a party. It is like a wedding banquet!” A wedding might simply be a spectator sport today, but Jesus sees something deeper and more profound, something that asks for something from us. That’s why those who make light of the invitation are dealt with harshly. And it is also why that guy who showed up in the wrong clothes, well that wasn’t just a fashion faux pas, it was something deeper. It was a thumbing of the nose at those being honored. And he too comes to a messy end.

Our question, of course, is how correlative is this story? In other words, is there an army ready to come to destroy any who make light of the kingdom of heaven? Or if we do show up but don’t show the proper respect for the covenants involved, will the bouncers come and toss us out on our ears? Admit it, sometimes you hope so. At least you hope that those people over there get what is coming to them. We hope that those who sneer at us good people will suffer for their snub. What we don’t hope is that the attitude check doesn’t look too closely at us. After all, we aren’t stiff-necked, are we?

Sunday, October 22, 2023 The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Altar Color: Green

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; *Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon Title: “The Things That Are God’s”

Oh! What fun! Today Matthew cues us in on a conversation about taxes!

This will come as a shock, I’m sure, but this isn’t really a conversation about taxes. Matthew tells us that from the start: ***“Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.”***

It is interesting how the argument plays out—after telling us that this was a plot to trip up Jesus and coming up with another of those no-win scenarios that the Pharisees love to concoct. And then, once they hit upon a fool-proof plan, they send their disciples to go get Jesus and ask their question, ***“Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar?”***

How does Jesus respond to this testing?

First, he discloses that he sees what they are up to and calls them out for putting him to the test.

Then he says, “All right, I’ll answer your question. Show me the coin.”

When he says this, he distances himself from their primary complaint. How can this Jesus carry a coin that is a blasphemous symbol of a man who claims to be a god? So, he shows that he isn’t carrying such a thing. He has stepped outside of the normal economic world and chooses to live a different way. Jesus is aware of how the world works; this isn’t naivete on Jesus’ part. He knows the coin; he just chooses to not have any of them on his person.

Upon showing them the Caesar’s image and inscription on the coin, Jesus said, “Give it to him. The coin belongs to him.”

Give to God the things that are God’s.

What is the logical next question after that? What are God's things? There were hundreds of laws and stipulations determining what was sacred – fit for use in the service of God— and what was mundane – of this earth and therefore not sacred and not fit for use in God's service. But Jesus wants us to take a different look. Everything is sacred and fit for use in the service of God. Everything, starting with us and everyone around us, belongs to God and therefore it is a part of our calling to surrender ourselves to God. Our hearts, our souls, our minds, and our loyalty belong to God and God alone.

Things are important, to be sure. But Jesus seemed much more interested in people than in things. The things that are God's had to refer to everyone that he saw around him. The ones who were hanging on his every word, the ones who had given up livelihoods and family to follow him everywhere he went, and also the ones who were setting a trap for him, hoping that he would get tongue-tied talking about God and get himself in trouble with the people or the authorities or empire. They, too, Jesus would claim. They belong to God.

And maybe if we could treat one another as though they belonged to God, then we might come closer to living out the promise of the kingdom that he kept talking about.

Sunday, October 29, 2023 The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost Altar Color: Green

*Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; *Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon Title: "Face to Face"

The Book of Deuteronomy ends with a brief eulogy lauding Moses as one who knew God face to face. When the disciples caught Jesus looking at them, I wonder if they thought of those words. As they were struggling to know who he was, as they caught a glimpse that he was the son of God, the very real presence of God walking alongside them as they tromped around the countryside, did they hope that Jesus knew them face to face? What a gift to be graced by a God who knows us face to face.

That was the question behind all the questioning on that contentious day of teaching. It started with a story about a feast, a wedding banquet, and an invitation that some took lightly—to their regret. Then it was tag team question time, Pharisees and taxes, Sadducees and Resurrection and marriage, and then this one about commandments. The commandment. Matthew says the Pharisees gathered, and then one came out with his question. Matthew says it was another test. But I wonder if there was something more in the question. But then given that Jesus messes with their heads a bit with that epilogue about David and his son/Lord, maybe it was just a test.

Whatever is behind the question, Jesus answers the question as if it were an honest one, as if the asker really wanted to know. He pulls from the tradition; he isn't the first to declare these two statements, one from Exodus and the other from Leviticus, as preeminent when it comes to commandments.

They couldn't argue with this. They couldn't point fingers and call him names when he leaned into the teaching that all of them knew. So, he was safe.

Except safe isn't what he wanted. He wanted them to hear. He wanted them to see. This commandment, or these commandments, if you insist, are not simply laws to follow—like coming to a full stop at the sign and don't speed through the yellow light. No, they are much more than that. Not just guides to a better life, they are the essence of life itself. This isn't a pathway; it is the destination. This isn't just some good advice for getting along in this world; this is about seeing God face to face. This is who we are supposed to be, not just what we are supposed to do. We are the ones who love God with all that is within us, and we are the ones who see our neighbors as an opportunity to love God more by loving them into wholeness and hope.

When Jesus answers this question, he is taking us all up to the mountain and showing the vista of the kingdom of God. "Can you see it," he asks us. "Can you see the Promised Land? Where we all will live this commandment – this description of who and what we are and will be together. Can you see it?" Better yet, can you see yourself there? Can you see yourselves living that way—driven by love and not by the divisions that we've created for ourselves. Shaped by loving care for those who need us. Worshiping as though it was the most important thing we could be doing at any time of day or night, because it is. It is an outpouring of love that defines us, lifts us, and heals us.

And some questions won't matter all that much anymore. That was the little tagline that Jesus throws

out to the ones who still wanted to test him. He decides to test them back. "Who is in charge here?" is the question he asks them. Tradition? Heritage? Or the indwelling Spirit of God moving us forward into the Promised Land of hope and love?

As we draw closer, we'll catch a glimpse of the one who knows us face to face.

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS...Opal, Calendula

01 Beulah Baum	05 Caity Stevens	18 Tyler Wardle	23 Selena Flood
William Haines	06 Ryan Grippin	19 Leanne Crouse	Kevin Robinson
Addison Urso	07 Charlotte Klingshirn	20 Danielle Gruver	24 Wayne Wadel
03 Matthew Killingshirn	09 Winnefred Pattison	21 Dorene Nye	28 Adalynn
Washabaugh			
Daniel Sheaffer	11 Dale Weller	Susan Hartman	26 Gene McDermond
04 Robert Frehn, Jr.	12 Hannah Hess	Megan Lawrence	30 Kimberly Hess
05 Susan Keiter	18 Michael Wardle	Megan Witmer	

HAPPY OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY...29 Ron Nickey and Marylue Durff

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS...

KEYBOARD... COMPUTER

01 Kim Holmes
08 Megan Pipp
Corrie Wadel
15 Kim Holmes
22 Megan Pipp
Stevens
29 Alice Stauffer

LITURGIST...

01 Mike Wadel
08 Ron Kunkleman

15 Marylue Durff
22 Mike Wadel

29 Dave Evelhoch

SOUND SYSTEM...

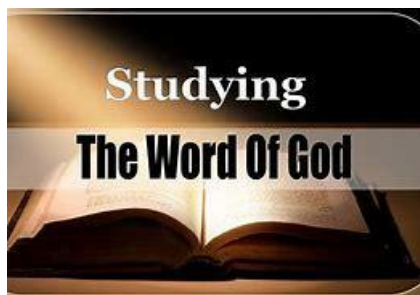
01 Scott Gleim	01 Cheryl Stevens
08 Dave Evelhoch	08
15 Scott Gleim	15 Crystal Paisley
22 Dave Evelhoch	22 Cheryl
29 Mike Wadel	29 Cheryl Stevens

LIVESTREAM...

01 Crystal Paisley
08 Debbie Urso
15 Charlotte Klingshirn
22 Crystal Paisley
29 Debbie Urso

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS...

01 Marylue Durff, Kathy Engel



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY IS STARTING!

Pastor Bob is planning to start a Pastor's Bible Study beginning Tuesday, October 3rd at 7 pm in the Goodhart Room. We are going to continue our study of "The Story." We will start with Chapter 26 "The Hour of Darkness" (page 367).

The NOVEMBER LOVELETTER DEADLINE is OCTOBER 15th.

FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD...

Come join the Fellowship Group on their monthly gathering/eating day. It's always the first Wednesday of the month gathering at 12:30 p.m. at the Greenvillage Restaurant. The fellowship and food are always excellent. The sign-up sheet is on the hallway table.



01 09 am Holy Communion 10:15 am Ssc 	02	03 07 p.m.. Bible Study	04 12:30 pm Luncheon @ Greenvillage 07 pm Choir	05	06	07 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC
08 09 am Worship 10:15 am Ssc	09	10 07 p.m. Bible Study	11 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC 07 pm Choir	12 	13	14 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC
15 09 am Worship 10:15 am Ssc November Loveletter Deadline	16 07 pm Church Council mtg.	17 07 p.m. Bible Study	18 07 pm Choir	19	20	21 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC
22 09 am Worship 10:15 am Ssc	23	24 07 p.m. Bible Study	25 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC 07 pm Choir	26	27	28 09 am/12 pm Clothing Bank @ TFC
29 09 am Worship 10:15 am Ssc	30	31 06-08 p.m. Trunk or Treat Night				

						
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TRUNK or TREAT NIGHT

To be held in the TFC

Parking lot from 06-08 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31st.

All are
welcome to decorate their cars and give out candy to the children.

The OCTOBER MISSION CAN OFFERING is for the METHODIST
CHILDREN’S HOME.





Trinity United Methodist Church

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October 2023

Please join us every Sunday:

9 AM – worship service

10:15 AM – Sunday school for all ages

Tuesdays at 7 PM – Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7 PM – Choir practice

Tuesday, October 31 – Trunk or Treat – 6-8 PM

November 5 – All Saints Sunday/Service

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

Saturday, December 16 – Wreaths Across America

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 7 PM

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

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

LIFE IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW! MAKE IT COUNT!

Father, We pray for discernment so that we may choose
leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and walk in
the ways of your truth. We ask for eyes that are free from
blindness so that we might see each other as brothers
and sisters, one and equal in dignity. We ask for ears that
will hear the cries of children unborn and those
abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race
or creed, religion, or gender. We ask for leaders whose
minds and hearts will bring us closer to your kingdom. In

Jesus' name, Amen

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**Be still, and
know that I am
God.
Psalm 46:10**

Children's Church – needs a volunteer!

See
Stump.



Glenda

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

717-530-5315 or tdcco2012@gmail.com
6 AM until 6 PM weekdays



Let your light shine so
people everywhere may
see your good actions
and praise God in
heaven because of it.
Matthew 5:16

OPEN from 9 AM until noon

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

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

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



God 
makes everything
beautiful
in its time. -Ecclesiastes 3:11
Happy Fall!

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Trinity Fellowship Center

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

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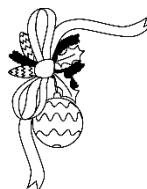
Trinity Day Care Center – 717-530-5315

Life advice:

- > Always be the best person you can be.
- > Be kind even when you are tired.
- > Be understanding even when you're angry.
- > Do more than you're asked, and don't ask for anything in return. Don't silently expect anything either.
- > Listen when someone talks, and really listen too. Stop just thinking of how you'll reply.
- > Tell people that you love them and that you appreciate them.
- > Go out of your way to do things for people.
- > Be the greatest person you can possibly be, and when you mess up, make up for it in the next moment or minute or day.
- > One thing you should never do? Never spend your time trying to prove to anybody that you're great. Your actions will speak for themselves, and we only have limited time on this earth. Don't waste it.
- > If someone doesn't see your light, don't worry. Like moths, good people are attracted to flame and to light, and they will come. Unknown

Our Christian lifestyle speaks much louder than our Christian vocabulary.

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

November 11 from 8 AM - 2 PM

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Trinity's Prayer Chain

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

814-414-8632 or email

rstump@susumc.org.

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



Kudos, Comments,
Suggestions, Questions?
Care enough to share!

Your opinions are important!

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



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The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord
make his face shine on you and be gracious to
you; the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Sunday School at Trinity --- 10:15 AM

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

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Cast your cares on the Lord
and He will sustain you; He
will never let the righteous be
shaken.

~~ Psalm 55:22



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

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

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Tuesday, October 31

6-8 PM

*Front of Trinity Fellowship Center
Watch your bulletin for details on
Trunk or Treat. In the meantime, you
can plan your vehicle decorations.
Sponsored by TUMC & Lions Club.*



Using TFC or Pavilion?

TFC is used frequently on weekends, so it is
VERY important that **anyone and everyone**
who plans to use it for church OR individual uses MUST
reserve it in advance. **Do not just assume that it will be
available!** Book ASAP in writing. For insurance
purposes, all reservations must be **in writing** for
everyone --- individuals AND church groups AND any
other groups.

Church group needing
goods? Simple! Just
those needs known in
advance & reimburse
Building Fund, or buy
own supplies.

See Dave Evelhoch or
note in his church

mailbox or call him at 717-422-8907, or call the church
secretary for more information.



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

SUPPLIES IN TFC KITCHEN

..... If particular paper goods supplies are running low in TFC,

If you cannot be an active volunteer, then pray for their safety!

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

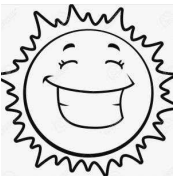


**WE UNIFY TO BECOME ONE
IN THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.
1 CORINTHIANS 12:12**



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!



Share a smile!
**A happy heart makes a face
cheerful! Proverbs 15:13**

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

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



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

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



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



MISSION CENTRAL

“Connecting God’s Resources with Human Need”



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

PA & around the world

Goals: disaster response, mission outreach, and mission education

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

Hours for making donations – M-F (9AM - 3:30PM); Sat (9AM – 1PM); Sun. (closed)

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

How can you help them help others?

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

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

Special notes:

1. Food donations for Bethesda Mission can also be dropped off at Mission Central’s donation station.
2. Christmas decorations are only accepted in November.
3. CANNOT be accepted: TVs; pharmaceuticals; knickknacks; baby equipment; SS materials; used construction materials
4. If in doubt, call 717-766-1533 and ask.
5. If you are interested in the ministries partnered with Mission Central, in addition to the Computer Ministry, UMCOR, Bethesda Mission, New Digs Ministry, and Project C.U.R.E., you’ll find a long list of 80+ at <http://missioncentral.org/partners/other-partners/>

NOTE ---- Shoes - all sizes! - are now collected all year round at Mission Central. As long as there is “**soul in the soles**,” they are good to donate!

God belongs in our schools...in our homes...in our vehicles...in our families...in our minds...in

public...everywhere

OCTOBER

Bullying Prevention Month Positive Attitude Month

- 1 – Set 4 goals for your month.
- 2 – Organize your room and closet.
- 3 – Look at the colorful leaves today.
- 4 – Thank God for your many blessings.
- 5 – Do something nice for your family.
- 6 – Be more loving & understanding today.
- 7 – What can you do to prevent bullying?
- 8 – Pray about your greatest fear.
- 9 – Be generous with compliments today.
- 10 – Smile at everyone you meet today.
- 11 - Thank a teacher today.
- 12 – No one is perfect, so be patient.
- 13 – Have an attitude of respect in church.
- 14 – Make it a marvelous Monday!
- 15 – Learn a new word today.
- 16 – Lend a hand to a classmate.
- 17 – Say something nice to 4 people today.
- 18 – Volunteer to do an extra chore at home.
- 19 – Invite a friend to church with you Sunday.
- 20 – Compliment your Sunday school teacher.
- 21 – Help a neighbor.
- 22 – Make a difference in school today.
- 23 – Share your smile with others.
- 24 – Make it a thankful Thursday.
- 25 – Thank your mother for caring for you.
- 26 – Pray for your classmates.
- 27 – Be on your best behavior in Sunday school.
- 28 – Make a difference in someone’s day.
- 29 – Take a walk and pray for someone.
- 30 – What have you done to stop bullying?
- 31 – Treat someone. It is Halloween.



Have you made a positive difference this month? Have you made life better for your classmates or your family? Have you tried to be positive and pleasant? Have you not participated in any form of bullying? What

else can you do to make life better for others?

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Before you sleep...
When you wake up...
When life gets hard...
When you're happy...
If you're unsure...

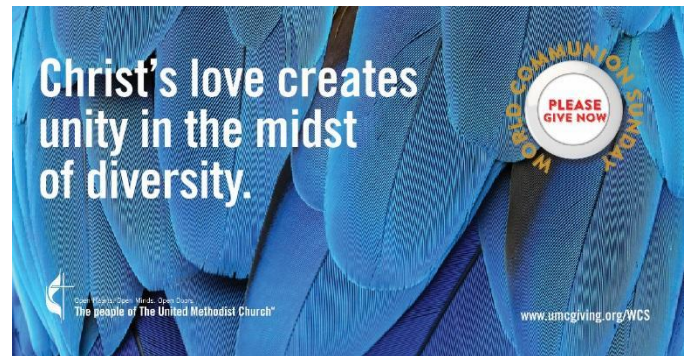
PRAY!

Never stop praying.
(1 Thessalonians 5:17)

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PRAY

***without
ceasing!***

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October 1, 2023 - World Communion Sunday takes place on the first Sunday every October. World Communion Sunday promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation.

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The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1

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



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Welcome to Trinity!
Invite others to join you!



it is when God's people
live together in unity!
Psalm 133:1 NIV

Walk with the Lord.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

**Saturday, November 11, 2023
8 AM until 2 PM**

YOUR help is needed!

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

Any questions, see Betty Evelhoch.



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Get in Shape!

Exercise daily.

Run from Satan.



UNWANTED BUT USABLE SHOES?

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 11, 2023

8 AM ---- 2 PM



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

...Approx. 45 arts & crafts vendors

...Great food – breakfast & lunch & sweets

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

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

Something for everyone!

Please share & invite all your friends!

DIRECTIONS: FROM THE NORTH – Take I-81 south to Newville, exit #37. Turn left onto Rt. 233 south. At intersection of Rt. 233 and Rt. 174 (Walnut Bottom Road), turn right. Drive about 5 miles into the village of Walnut Bottom. Look on your right for Trinity Fellowship Center.
FROM THE SOUTH – Take I-81 north to Shippensburg King Street, exit #29. Turn right onto Rt. 174 (the Walnut Bottom Road). Drive about five miles into the village of Walnut Bottom. Show will be on your left inside Trinity Fellowship Center.

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

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



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