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General Information:

Worship Time

Sunday Service

9:00am

Fellowship Time

10:00am

Sunday School

10:30am

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Grateful people are joyful people

In a 2013 TED Talk, David Steindl-Rast says many people think happiness leads to gratefulness. “Think again,” he says. “Is it really the happy people that are grateful? We all know ... people who have everything it [takes] to be happy, and they are not happy, because they want something else or they want more of the same. And we all know people who have lots of misfortune [yet] are deeply happy. ... Why? Because they are grateful. So it is not happiness that makes us grateful. It’s gratefulness that makes us happy.”

We must be cautious: Depression is a real illness, and therapy or medicine may be necessary to help us feel “happy” and enjoy life again. Also, “joy” is perhaps a more fitting word than “happiness”; happiness can be fleeting and superficial, while joy is heart-deep and abiding. In Jesus, even when we’re sad or struggling or fearful, we can have joy — the confidence that God holds us in his arms. And for that, we can be grateful. Indeed, Steindl-Rast concludes, “Grateful people are joyful people.”

Summertime splendor

One theme in Psalms is how nature reveals God’s glory. That’s especially evident during summer. “There is a signature of wisdom and power impressed on the works of God, which evidently distinguishes them from the feeble imitations of men,” writes John Newton. “Not only the splendor of the sun, but the glimmering light of the glowworm, proclaims his glory.”

That glory shines even brighter when we spend time in God’s Word. Thomas Merton writes, “By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God, and I feel fire and music under my feet.”

Special dates

- Pentecost, *June 5, 2022*
- Trinity Sunday, *June 12, 2022*
- Flag Day, *June 14, 2022*
- Father’s Day, *June 19, 2022*
- First day of summer, *June 21, 2022*



Dear Friends:

In Luke 17:5 the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “if you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea.’ And it would be so.”

Someone once said we don’t need great faith, so long as we have faith in a great God. Our faith does not move the mulberry tree. God acts through us to move the mulberry tree. Our faith is our trust that God can move the mulberry tree. When we think in terms of “my” faith, we tend to overlook the source of our faith.

Faith is a gift from God and God grows it...our faith is not the result of our own faith fitness program. Jesus asks us to take our focus off our own strengths and weaknesses, and fix our gaze on God. The Heidelberg Catechism says that true faith is not something we gain for ourselves, but it is a “wholehearted trust which the Holy Spirit creates in me through the gospel.”

Faith is like floating in the deepest part of the ocean. If you struggle and are fearful while floating, the odds are you will drown. But if we trust that the water will keep us up, we float. When did Peter begin to sink when Jesus called him out of the boat and commanded him to walk on the water? He began to sink when he was fearful. Jesus reached out his hand and said “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”



We all have doubts. But God has a way of coming to us in our doubt. As C.S. Lewis said, “God whispers to us in our pleasure, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain.” One of our members once shared with me an experience of a family crisis, “I began to have a growing awareness of faith... not of wanting more faith...but just an awareness of faith. It was a presence that had come to me unbidden, like a gift. In a time of terrible trial, I realized there was something underneath me.” Like the Prophet Isaiah declares, “he lifts me up as on wings of an eagle.”

The point Jesus was trying to make to the disciples illustrates the experience of faith described to me. The disciples didn’t need more faith. They needed to understand that faith allows God to work in a human’s life in ways that defy ordinary human experience. What would you like God to do in your life? Or how do you see God working in your life? Is that an experience you can share with others?

The fruit of faith is trust. And if we truly trust, faith the size of a mustard seed will be more than enough. May this summer offer you the time and space to reflect on all the ways that God is working in your life. And may you and your family be richly blessed in this season of abundant new life.

Pastor Kim



Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
2	Yvonne and John Dickert	59	17	Georgia and Rick Foye	44
3	Noreen and Robert Markle	61	17	Gail and William Stelger	61
4	Deborah and Richard Rorrer, Jr.	45	18	Darlene and Robert Harbaugh	61
5	Jen and Daniel Leib	23	18	Susan and Ray Mummert	50
8	Sally and George Sepic	57	19	Stephanie and Thomas Werner	29
9	Darlene and James Miner	49	20	Judith and Clyde Leppo	63
11	Peggy and Joseph Oaster	56	23	Stacy and Michael Jamison	15
12	Ellie and Scott Rebert	40	23	Jamie and Michael Kuchar	21
14	Amy and David Lentz	25	28	Valerie and Greg Wentz	19
16	Sarah and Richard Krout	66			

Note: *If your anniversary was omitted, please contact the office to update your records.
Thank you.*



Remember
Trinity needs
your financial
support
this Summer

Even though you may go on a vacation this summer, the utility bills and various expenses of operating the church do not. Please keep in mind the need for Trinity to meet these financial obligations and thank you for continuing to support Trinity with your monetary contributions and gifts. Have a great summer!

Ukraine Relief Fund



The Mission & Outreach Committee would like to thank all those who contributed to the Ukraine Emergency Relief Fund sponsored by the United Church of Christ. The UCC has partnered with humanitarian relief organizations who have experience in the region. Thanks to your generosity we were able to collect over \$3000.00 to help provide shelter, food and other care to war refugees and internally displaced people.

Welcome to our new member!

We welcome Billie Dawn Lam into our fellowship at Trinity. Billie has been worshipping with us for most of this year. Billie "found" Trinity because she was looking for a church home with traditional worship and a friendly, welcoming congregation. She has been attending our study groups, assisting with fellowship time, and helps serve lunch at the monthly Roots for Boots program. Billie lives in Hanover across from the Eichelberger building, and moved into her current apartment after her husband died. Her son also lives in Hanover and served in the Army, both active duty and Reserves. He was deployed to Iraq and is a combat veteran. Billie is originally from Baltimore and years ago worked as a paramedic. We are delighted that she found us!



Mission and Outreach (some highlights from the May meeting)

Donations of \$3,031 have been collected for Ukrainian Refugee Relief.

Discussed having a food drive starting the first Sunday of June to benefit *God's Meal Barrel*.

The stove project for *Roots for Boots* volunteer, Tess, has been completed. The stove is in her home and greatly appreciated.

M&O's school assistance project has been completed. Hanover and South Western School Districts have each received \$250 to assist students in need. The student need will be determined by an in-school counselor. Both schools are grateful for the gift cards.

There was discussion on the progress to obtain new chests of drawers for the HACC Shelter. Their current furniture is in deplorable condition. This work will continue as we gain more information pertaining to availability and cost.

June	5	12	19	26
	Pentecost/ Communion		Father's Day	
Consistory Teams	3&6	4&1	5&2	3&6
Worship Leader	Aaden Reichart	Brittany Breighner	Josiah Leckrone	Jim Barnhart
Altar Flower Sponsor	Bartlett	Open	Dubs	Maust
Chancel Flower Sponsor	Open	Open	Alexandrov- Gershon & Angel	Cooper & Rebert
Bulletin Sponsor	Wilson	Wilson	Sanders	Open

Please call the church office to schedule a flower or bulletin dedication for any available date. The cost is \$40 for altar flowers and \$25 for pedestal arrangements (plus tax), and \$20 for bulletins.

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Trinity's Mission Statement: Trinity United Church of Christ strives to be a warm, caring family of Christian believers. Our calling is to witness and strengthen the Christian faith through meaningful worship, Christian education, and Christian living in the home, the community, and the world.

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