



TRINITY TIMES

Trinity United Church of Christ
www.trinityucchanover.org

SEPTEMBER, 2024

Information:

Worship Schedule

Sunday Service

9:00am

Fellowship Time

10:00am

Sunday School

10:30am

Office Hours

Mon.—Fri. 9am—1pm

Telephone

717 637-2233

Email-

info@trinityucchanover.
org



The extraordinary amid the ordinary

A violinist once performed in the New York City subway, entertaining passersby for 45 minutes. A few tossed him cash, totaling about \$30 by the time he concluded. Little did anyone know, Joshua Bell was one of the world's best violinists. That day, he played one of the most complex musical pieces ever written on an instrument worth \$3.5 million. Indeed, a few days earlier Bell had performed a sold-out concert in Boston, where tickets averaged \$100.

Sometimes God does extraordinary things right in the middle of our ordinary lives, yet we don't notice. You're offered an opportunity you almost pass up, thinking it's not worth your time or effort. But upon taking part, you find it leads to your life's calling. Or someone crosses your path, but overlooking their worth, you brush them aside, missing out on a blessing God had for you through them.

And what about you? Do you undervalue yourself as "nothing special," just an "ordinary" person? Look closer; think again. For an ordinary baby born long ago to an ordinary couple in an ordinary stable in an ordinary town was none other than ... God's Son! And you? Why, you are also an extraordinary child of God!

Second fiddle

A fan once asked conductor Leonard Bernstein what instrument is hardest to play. "Second fiddle," he quickly replied. "I can always get plenty of first violinists, but to find one who plays second violin with as much enthusiasm ... now that's a problem. And yet if no one plays second, we have no harmony."

The church certainly needs both leaders and followers. And everyone should be flexible and ready to pivot quickly. It's also important to have other arrows in our quiver — something biblical figures often demonstrated, according to Pastor Frank Ramirez. Although Amos was a high-profile prophet, he probably intended to return to being a shepherd and tending sycamore trees. Nehemiah, the emperor's cupbearer, had a second chapter helping to restore Jerusalem's walls and greatness. The apostles also had multiple roles, with careers in fishing and tax collecting before they left to follow Jesus. What might your next life-chapter look like? How can you use it to bring glory to God?

Time to Update Trinity's Pictorial Directory!

- Provide a recent photo of you and your family. You may take a photo and send it by email to info@trinityucchanover.org or dbetlyon@gmail.com. If you would prefer we can take the photo after church. Also needed are photos of the organizations, committees, groups, events, etc
- Also provide the information you wish to share in addition to your name such as address, phone numbers, email addresses.



“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ will dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted in love”

(Ephesians 3:14-17 NRSV)

Greetings in Christ,

The Fall Season is upon us bringing an end to the relaxing days of summer. I pray that you found some time for rest and renewal through travel, gatherings and activities that summer typically brings. At Trinity we truly look forward to seeing all of our friends and family in worship, mission and fellowship. If you have not been in a while, we miss you and invite you to come back and see what God is doing among us.

We are pleased to say that our church grew during the summer taking in nine new members the last Sunday in June. We also witnessed a sizable increase in summer worship attendance. Adding to that another wonderfully done VBS program, there is a deep sense of blessing that continues to breathe new life into our congregation.

As the children return to school, it is also a call for us to return for the building-up of our church body in the spirit of Christ. One of the missions of the church is for us to strengthen the faith of the membership and root new believers, including children, in the love of Christ. This Fall we hope to restart a Children's Sunday School program to be held in the Social Hall during worship time. A meeting was held on Sunday, August 11th to start formation of the program.

Please pray for our developing program and encourage your children and grandchildren to 'come and see' what is being offered when we get it launched. If you have school aged children thru sixth grade that may be interested, please notify us in the church office. Look for more information to be announced in Worship.

Peace and Blessings to All!

Pastor Steve



Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary choir rehearsals will resume Thursday evening, September 5 at 7:00pm. For anyone who would like to learn more about the sanctuary choir, please contact Sue Seidenstricker or any choir member. We can have a folder ready for you if we know you are coming. We like it when we get new singers!



Trinity & Emmanuel 2024 VBS Report SCUBA—Diving into Friendship with God!



Our combined VBS was a great success in June! We had 30 students along with 26 junior and adult leaders/helpers! Our Pastor Steve and Emmanuel Pastor Ken engaged everyone with the daily Bible story. A special thanks to Pastor Steve in creating a huge whale that was able to swallow our students inside its belly! And, creating a boat-like structure for them to sit in the rocking boat as disciples—hearing about how Jesus calmed the storm with his words “Peace, Be Still!” The “whale” later was fashioned into a tomb for the resurrection story of our savior Jesus! There were lots of smiling faces all week long. On Friday after our morning session, we had a closing program. The children enjoyed singing the songs they learned. The audience saw the crafts the children made and heard about the games they played each day that incorporated key lesson points.

Roxie Schloyer led the music with **Drew Cooper** helping. **Ellie Rebert**, who donated much of the crafts (THANK YOU!) was joined by **Billie Lam** and **Kelsey Rhodes**. The games were led by **Mary Bair** and **Peg Moulton**. **Anita Rhodes, Belinda Sabaka, and Deb Dubs, and Joan Appller** prepared a fun snack each day for the kids and helpers. **Carol Wilson** was the decorator, photographer, and aided the guides with tools to make everything move smoother. Those guides were with their groups for the whole morning—**Tosha Dodd, Madison Dodd, Michael Dodd, Lorene Crooks, Barb Sipling, Leland Smith, Zakkary Koontz, Linda Funkhouser, Connie Lawrence, Evan Cooper, Diane Betlyon, and Cheryl Fritz**.



Thank you also to Trinity’s Staff who were so helpful: **Mike Blottenberger, Betsy Bristol**, and a special thank you to **Tony Brallier** for help with lights, microphones, sound system, doors, chairs, tables, etc.

Our \$665.02 offering was donated to Cure International for providing surgeries for children born with disabling disfigurements.

Thank you, 2024 VBS Staff, for sharing your talents, resources, and time!





Thanking you, Rev. Ostendorf and Trinity U.C.C. for your caring and comforting service as we realized our son, brother, father, and friend passed from this world into God's Heaven. You were very comforting. Christ's Blessing helped so much.

With love

Janet Wagaman Myers (Woody's mom) and his whole family.

Calling all Kids! A New Children's Ministry is set to Begin!

We are excited to announce the start of "Children's Church" on Sunday, September 8th during the worship time. This will be for children ages 3 to 12 and will be hosted in the Social Hall shortly after the start of morning worship.

The program, called "All Together Sunday School", is scripture focused. Children will learn about God through bible stories, songs, prayers, arts and crafts and creativity. This curriculum is designed for mixed-age groups to learn and grow together. It was made to simplify the teachings of the Bible for everyday life, and help children have a deeper relationship with God.



We have three pairs of wonderful Teachers who will alternate Sundays. We are happy to introduce you to them in the photo below.

We look forward to receiving your children after the Kids Message delivered by Pr. Steve in the early part of the worship service. Please bring your children and grandchildren to worship knowing they will be in good hands just across the hall where you can meet them immediately following the worship service for fellowship time. It is our joy to once again be able to offer faith formation for children. Let's all spread the word and bring the kids on our kickoff for Rally Day, Sunday, September 8th.

We have room for more teachers. So if God has placed that on your heart, please speak with Pr. Steve or any of the folks pictured below. The more the merrier.



From Left: Lorene Crooks, Kate & Barry Garland, Abby & Bill Reichart, Matthew Hutton.



September

ANNIVERSARIES

Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
3	Jennifer and Dwayne Sager	30	20	Tami and Douglas Cooper	21
4	Patricia & Paul Troutman	59	22	Susan and Frank Seidenstricker	50
9	Renate and Craig Johnston	46	25	Walter Maust & Donna McMaster	3
10	Kelly and Michael Blouse	36	25	Betsy and Ronald Bristol	32
10	Deborah and Jerome Lynch	41	25	Lauren & Jacob Groft	9
14	Susan and Gregory Erb	24	25	Nicole and Shawn Miles	20
17	Chris and Greg Gobrecht	36	27	Angela and Anthony Meoli	27
18	Joyce and Kenneth Heasley	31	27	Katherine and Jason Mininger	16
19	Beth and Adam Rabine	26	29	Elaine and Karl Albin	45

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

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>
Ann Rinker	5/18/1939	7/22/2024
William C. Eline	10/25/1934	7/22/2024
James Berwager	12/23/1939	8/8/2024



Connie Messinger **September 20**
Mary Rau **September 21**
Jean Storm **September 26**

September Trinity Times

Trinity United Church of Christ

116 York Street
Hanover, PA 17331

Change Service Requested



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.

Trinity Staff:

Rev. Steven Ostendorf, Pastor
Mike Blottenberger, Admin. Assistant
Morgan Fleeger, Secretary
Sue Seidenstricker, Director of Music
Tony Brallier, Larry Dubs, Ruth Weaver, Sextons
Trinity Nursery School, Tina McCole, Director

E-Mail Address:

pastorsteve@trinityucchanover.org
mike@trinityucchanover.org
morgan@trinityucchanover.org

trinitynurseryhanover@gmail.com (717) 637-2126



***For October Newsletter Articles
September 15, 2024***