

Trinity Tidings

Roaring Spring, PA 16673

July/August 2021

It is officially summer!! The question we could ask is this, “When *does* summer begin?” June 21st?? The last day of school?? When the temperatures hit 80°?

Gardens are growing. Weeds are trying to take over. 17-year locusts are buzzing in the trees and zooming around. We have more hours of daylight. Baseball leagues are playing. Vacations are happening. All a part of summer!

Isn't God's creation a wonder? Jesus reminds us that “God's kingdom is like seed thrown on a field by a man who then goes to bed and forgets about it. The seed sprouts and grows—he has no idea how it happens. The earth does it all without his help: first a green stem of grass, then a bud, then the ripened grain. When the grain is fully formed, he reaps—harvest time!” Or, as the song from *Godspell* puts it, “We plow the field and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.”

Through the parables we are reminded that the seed we are to be spreading is the Word. We are to scatter that seed through our actions as well as our speech. An act of kindness that we forget we have done may sprout and bear fruit in ways we cannot imagine. How many men & women in your life shared God's word with you? I always wonder what my Sunday School teachers would say if they could see the fruit that God has produced in my life and the lives of the others in their classes?

I love to garden, to dig in the soil, plant seeds or seedlings or bulbs and watch to see what happens. Am I as ready to make the effort it may take to share the seed of God's word? When an opportunity arises, am I ready to talk about my relationship with God through Jesus Christ? “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” I Peter 3:15

As we move through these summer months, I am asking you to be in prayer for our congregation. COVID brought everything we did to a screeching halt. The summer lunch program and Manna on Main Street became drive-through meals, which meets the need, but people are asking, “When will we be able to come in and sit down with others again?” Pray that we are able to discern God's vision for our life together. Pray that we are able to discern God's vision for how we as a congregation reach out into our community.

Please join me in a time of discussion about our vision. **EVERY IDEA IS IMPORTANT!!** Only as we gather all ideas, all “what if”, “could we”, “Have we ever thought of” questions, can we discern the possibilities God has in store for us moving forward, step by faithful step!

Pray. Share your ideas. Be open to the nudging of the Holy Spirit and share the good news of God's grace, mercy & love with everyone you meet!

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS: Linda Acker, Lois Adams – Heart Catherization, Jim Bassler (Dusty’s Father), Roger Bowser, Sharon Brumbaugh Family, Richard Butler, Lorie Davis, Doris Ferry, Sam Frederick-prayers of thanksgiving, Ione Hammaker, Don Hazenstab, Norm Hostetter, Ruth Imler, Jay Levrio, Marilyn Marsden, Karrie McCall, Barbara Mingle, Evelyn Mock-moving to a rehab facility in Philipsburg, Ruth Mock Family, Bob & Doris Musselman, Connie Musselman, Mary Lee Musselman, Ron & Pat Muthler, Kent Replogle- upcoming Heart Bypass surgery, Ken Roub Family, Beverly Smith, Brian Stapleton, Bob & Dorothy VanNatta, Families affected by the papermill shut down, Family and friends affected by Covid



CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR JULY

For the weeks of June 27 - July 3 and July 4 - 10

Please pray for All Congregations and Pastors going through a time of transition

Churches for the week of July 11 - 17

Mapleton Grace UMC, Mapleton Depot Smith Hill UMC, Honesdale Dillsburg Community Church, Dillsburg St. Paul’s UMC, Berwick Walnut Street UMC, Burnham Evan Falls UMC, Monroe Township UMC of Wellsboro, Wellsboro *Bethel UMC, Marysville *Warner Memorial UMC, Mona - Sierra Leone Rock UMC, West Decatur Grace UMC, New Freedom Camp Penn Camp & Retreat Center, Waynesboro

GOD’S CALL EVENT: AUGUST 7, 2021

Make time to upgrade your vacation by exploring vocation. Join us to seek and follow God’s call and learn more about pastoral ministry paths. You are invited to a Zoom call: Saturday, August 7, 2021 from 9 AM to 1:30 PM We will also present information on the chaplaincy track and see how these experiences are different from pastoral ministry. This special event will also include leadership training on discerning calls so you have tools to take back to your church to help others with their calls. Let’s celebrate that God is calling you to do new things for him. Thank you for your courage and faithfulness to take the next step in your call. Check out our [video](#) on more reasons to attend the next God’s Calling Workshop and use our [registration form](#) to sign up by August 1. We look forward to seeing you online!

We have 5lb bags of flour if you are interested in baking some cookies for the Summer Lunch Program.

Please, do not include nuts or peanut butter in your recipe.





As some of you may have heard in February that Karrie McCall from East Freedom lost her only child, mother & step father all in the same tragic car accident. She is having a very hard time coping but finds some joy in receiving mail each day. It has given her something to look forward to. We are asking that each of you take some time and write her a note or buy her a card. We will be collecting them for the next couple weeks and will deliver them to her. There will be a basket in the sanctuary for you to place your envelopes.

FOR THOSE THAT ORDERED
BLUEBERRIES FROM THE HUB:

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP
YOUR BERRIES ON
THURSDAY, JULY 8TH

Spring Dam Days

August 7th & 8th

Saturday, Aug. 7th 4:00-7:00 Community Picnic

Sunday, Aug. 8th 9:00 Community Worship Service

MANNA ON MAIN STREET

SATURDAY, JULY 10TH

5:00-6:00

DRIVE THROUGH ONLY

Getting to Know You

During July, I will be inviting you to join me in a small group discussion. What is your vision for Trinity? What activities, outreach efforts, classes, etc., do we need to include?

These small groups help me in two ways -- I will become better acquainted with *you* and will learn more about Trinity UMC. Arriving here during all the pandemic protocols made getting to know you much more difficult! If you are willing to host a small group gathering, please let me know.

I would like to begin holding these after July 10th, when members of the leadership team will spend some time with me discussing these questions.

Pastor Evie

Mark Stamm will be preaching Sunday, August

Trinity United Methodist Church
434 East Main Street
Roaring Spring, PA 16673

Trinity United Methodist Church

Worship each Sunday at 9:30a.m.;

Face masks are required.

There is a section to practice social distancing in the sanctuary.

Rev. Evelyn Madison, pastor
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