



Trinity Tidings

Roaring Spring, PA 16673

September 2021

Where were you on September 11, 2001? It is one of those moments in history for which we can tell someone where we were, who told us the news, what was happening around us. We watched as the towers fell. We watched as first responders rushed to the scene. As a nation we grieved and prayed together.

Personally, I was in my office at Roosevelt Jr. High School and spent the day doing whatever the administration needed. My daughters – Annelise was at Penn State. It was her 21st birthday, but this is in the days before cell phones were common, so I couldn't easily reach her. My younger daughter was driving from Hollidaysburg to Penn State for a class and I couldn't reach her either. I simply had to keep working and praying for their safety.

As we approach the 20th anniversary of that day, a day that our younger members only know as history, let us pause as a community and remember. The bells will ring throughout the morning and, at 11 AM, you are invited to join us at Spring Dam Park.

As a community we are also *slowly* seeking to discern where God is leading us as we try to emerge from the restrictions of the COVID pandemic, always keeping in mind that wearing masks, getting vaccinated, being mindful of social distance, washing our hands – we need to continue practicing **all** of these if we want to keep our community healthy!

Over the past few weeks, I have been asking us to think about, to prayerfully seek God's guidance: what were the groups or activities that were happening here before the pandemic? Were they functioning well, that is, were they helping us live into our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ? If they were, is this something God would have us resume? If they were not helping us live into our mission, then we need to ask, is this something that should continue? How or what needs to change so that it is helping us fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ? Or, is it an activity that helps us grow and mature as disciples?

In this newsletter is a list of some of the activities – EPIC, Children/youth activities, Manna – we need a team, a small group, who will work together to be able to say, "we do this so that...." For Manna – a small team who will make sure that people are signed up for each month. For EPIC, a group of people who were involved with EPIC in the past and can honestly assess what was working, what was NOT working, and suggest how to resume.

I believe that for any activity or ministry the church wants to undertake, if it is truly of God, then the gifts needed are present among the members here. Each and every one of us has been given a gift or gifts that are intended to be used in ministry to build up the body of Christ. **EACH OF YOU HAS A SPIRITUAL GIFT OR GIFTS!!** Some are quiet and behind the scenes. Those gifts are as important as the ones that put us in leadership positions. All gifts are needed if we are to do the work, the ministry, God calls us to do.

Where is God calling you to serve?

Pastor Evie



OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS: Linda Acker, Cathy Barrick, Jim Bassler (Dusty's Father), Roger Bowser, Bill Burket Family, Richard Butler, Lorie Davis, Harry Felton, Doris Ferry, Ione Hammaker, Norm Hostetter, Ruth Imler, Elaine Kostial, Marilyn Marsden, Karrie McCall, Sophia McMillan, Barbara Mingle, The Minix Family – Covid, Bob & Doris Musselman, Connie Musselman, Ron & Pat Muthler, Dee Rodland, Bob & Dorothy VanNatta,

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER

August 29 - September 4

Church Hill UMC, Reedsville
*Aldersgate UMC, Mechanicsburg
* Port Loko UMC, Port Loko/Kambia - Sierra Leone
Bethlehem Stonepile UMC, Red Lion
Broad Avenue UMC, Altoona
Clarks Summit UMC, Clarks Summit
Buffalo Valley UMC, Lewisburg
North Bend UMC, North Bend
Lake Winola UMC, Dalton
Calvary UMC, Lawrenceville
First UMC, Catawissa
Mount Asbury Camp & Retreat Center, Newville

September 5 - 11

Paxton UMC, Harrisburg
East End UMC, Altoona
Heilman UMC, Montoursville
*St Andrews UMC, Milton
*Zimmi UMC, Zimmi - Sierra Leone
Palestine UMC, Morrisdale
Pinecroft UMC, Altoona
Watson town UMC, Watson town
Fort Loudon UMC, Fort Loudon
Waggoners UMC, Carlisle
Dimock Community UMC, Dimock
Wesley Forest Camp & Retreat Center, Weikert

September 12 - 18

State Line UMC, State Line
Lenoxville UMC, Nicholson
Saint John's-Newberry UMC, Williamsport
Kerr Addition UMC, Clearfield
Yeagertown UMC, Yeagertown

Hop Bottom UMC, Hop Bottom
First UMC, Greencastle
*Emmanuel UMC, Enola
*Warner Memorial UMC, Mano - Sierra Leone
Mount Zion UMC, Richfield
Newelltown UMC, Roaring Branch
Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Windsor, NY

September 19 - 25

Ennisville UMC, Huntingdon
*Mount Gilead UMC, Shermans Dale
*Rogers Memorial UMC, Bo - Sierra Leone
Adamsville UMC, Red Lion
Kulp UMC, Catawissa
Tatesville UMC, Everett
Sweden Valley Faith UMC, Coudersport
Thornhurst UMC, Thornhurst
Trinity UMC, Middleburg
Lake Park UMC, Lewistown
Hill UMC, Duncannon
Camp Penn Camp & Retreat Center, Waynesboro

September 26 - October 2

Albright UMC, Wilkes Barre
Burlington UMC, Burlington
First UMC, Huntingdon
Caldwell UMC, Lock Haven
Idaville UMC, Idaville
*Messiah UMC, Shippensburg
*Grace UMC, Kailahun - Sierra Leone
Mount Pleasant UMC, Morris
McKee UMC, East Freedom
Bethel UMC, Brogue
Benton UMC, Benton

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Every fall, every church gathers together to elect officers for the coming year, review other reports, and discuss any concerns they have with the District Superintendent.

Our meeting this year will be a *church* conference, which simply means that every professing member is entitled to vote. In the next few weeks, the Lay Leadership committee (aka Nominations) will be contacting members, asking you to serve on the Administrative Board or Lay Leadership team. In the simplified structure that this congregation adopted a few years ago, the Administrative Board handles decisions related to the Trustees, Finance, and Staff/Parish committees. (Note: we still need people to work with Trustees, etc., to do the work of the church!!)

The exact date of our church conference will be announced in early September. The Conference has asked each congregation to focus on the question, "Who are our neighbors?" and begin to plan intentional outreach to neighbors. What do YOU know about the people in your neighborhood?

And, for those who wonder about this annual meeting, historically, there used to be QUARTERLY conferences!! Yikes! I've seen those reports and there are probably some in the archives here at Trinity. So, an annual meeting -- a relief!

The IHS class will resume its weekly meetings on Sunday, September 5, in the Fellowship Hall. Study books for the Fall Quarter are available now. Please see Sally Weicht if you would like a book before the first-class meeting.

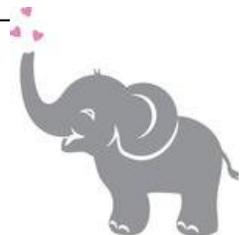
Ladies are you ready to have some FUN?
Let's get together for some great laughs & good food!!!
White Elephant Auction/Picnic
Sunday, September 12th at 2:00

Sandy Polchito's House -108 N. Mansard Street, Martinsburg

Bring with you: a covered dish, a wrapped gift, a friend or 2, and a check book or cash

*The swimming pool will be open if you would like to bring a swim suit.

Your children are welcome to come along and swim also.



Wednesday, September 1, 7 PM: The Morrison Cove Herald will be holding a public meeting in the Fellowship Hall. This is a part of their "Tell Us What You Think" Tour, intended to make the Herald a better news source for the community. The goal of the tour is to gather information about what the community wants the Herald to be and what services it wants from the Herald.

The tour will consist of one-on-one meetings and town hall meetings. All those interested in community journalism are welcome to participate. There will be no charge to participate and we'll have light refreshments and door prizes.



Pictorial Directory

Mark your calendars! On November 19-20, 2021, we will be having family pictures taken for a new directory. We want to include EVERYONE who is a part of our life together.

After your pictures are taken, you will have an opportunity via ZOOM to order a free 8X10. If you do not have a computer or are unfamiliar with ZOOM, we can help!

Unlike other companies, Re:MEMBER church directories do not do sales at the time the pictures are taken.

Pictures will be taken November 19th (2 - 8:30 PM) and November 20th (10 AM - 4:30 PM). More details later!



Community Service of Remembrance

20th Anniversary of September 11

Saturday, September 11, 2021

11 AM

Spring Dam Park

Our service will begin as we hear the church bells ringing throughout the morning.

8:46 AM – North Tower hit

9:03 AM – South Tower hit

9:37 AM – Pentagon hit

9:59 AM – South Tower collapses

10:03 AM – Flight 93 crashes

10:28 AM – North Tower collapses

Join us at Spring Dam Park for a time of reflection and prayer.

*Rain Location: TUMC

NEWS FROM THE AD COUNCIL

The Administrative Council met on Tuesday, August 3rd.

Here are some notes from that meeting:

- ✓ **Exterior doors in Fellowship Hall: one bid has been received and a second one is being obtained.**
- ✓ **Video system: The platform design has been submitted to Lightner's. Wes at Lightner's will be contacted, so that the platform can be built.**
- ✓ **Computer: Council approved purchase of a new computer for the Sanctuary project**
- ✓ **Stained Glass windows: Jerry will contact the people restoring the windows. Only three small windows still need to be finished.**
- ✓ **Proposal from Jerry Reigh to fix the stone wall along Spang Street and the back porch of the parsonage: this project was approved.**
- ✓ **Council approved the proposal for a new pictorial directory from Re:Member**

Next meeting is set for Tuesday, September 28th. Anyone interested in attending a meeting is welcome, unless the Council adjourns for a Staff/Parish meeting. SPRC meetings are closed.

If you have any concerns or ideas that you want the Council to discuss, please drop a note off in the office by or before September 26th. If it is something that requires immediate action, please talk to Pastor Evie.

Happy
Anniversary

SEPTEMBER

- 15. Steve & Donna Porter
- 16. Gary & Sandy Polchito
- 23. Ron & Pat Muthler

Happy
Birthday

SEPTEMBER

- 3. Carol Hetrick
- 11. Margaret Weise
- 13. Doug Mingle, Pat Muthler
- 18. Ruth Imler
- 20. Noah Muthler
- 26. Jerry Green, Charles (Bud) Evans

What were the groups or activities that were happening at TUMC before the pandemic? Were they functioning well, that is, were they helping us live into our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ? If they were, is this something God would have us resume?

Are you interested in seeing EPIC resume this fall? A small group of those who have been involved with EPIC needs to meet, discuss what was working well, what was not, and make plans for the coming school year. Based on discussions we have already had, the suggestion is to run EPIC from October through April, but this is only the first step in planning for this community outreach program.

*Pay attention to the nudging of the Holy Spirit - is EPIC your calling??

Are you willing to help coordinate Manna?

I am looking for a few volunteers who will keep an updated list of hosts for Manna. You do not need to host the event. What we need is a team who will keep a calendar of hosts, so that we are not scrambling to find someone each month!! This involves calling and asking people to host! If you are willing to help in this way, please let Pastor Evie know.

Children and Youth/ Sunday School?

What programs or activities help our children grow in their faith, helping them become disciples of Jesus Christ?

What about our youth?

If you are concerned about what we can offer to our children, youth & families, become members of a team prayerfully discerning our next step.

These are all activities you were doing pre-covid. What new ideas do you have? Every group requires leadership!!

Trinity United Methodist Church
434 East Main Street
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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

Church office 224-2815