A Newsletter Ministry of Trinity United Methodist Church "The Messenger" May 2022

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Trinity United Methodist Church

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When we look at the circumstances in the world today it would be easy to wonder if God is indifferent to the suffering. When I think about this I can't help but to reflect on my own life. So I must say that I certainly wouldn't be where I am today without God. God has blessed my life richly with great people and even greater opportunities. It is God's grace and mercy and forgiveness that has carried me through my 51 years in life. When I look back on those years God has certainly proved in many ways both big and small that He is not indifferent towards me, so therefore I know that we cannot be indifferent to others.

In this performance driven society we live in with school, work, families it can be easy to become indifferent to those around us. I am not saying that we should not think of ourselves and do what is right for us but we should also take the time to consider others. It is something at times that I know I can struggle with. If I am being honest there are times I get so wrapped up in the day to day that I get tunnel vision. There are also times when I am so busy doing church that I forget to be the church. Sometimes we can get so caught up in the struggles of life we fail to recognize the others around us struggling through life as well.

I come into contact with, I bet, hundreds of people in a week from church to ball games and going to the gym and running. I wonder at times how many of them can recognize the love of Jesus at work in my life. There are times I ask myself do I do as good at living what I believe in as I am believing.

Our God is not an indifferent God, He is a God who is actively involved in the lives of His people and therefore as Christians we cannot be indifferent towards others. It is easy to fall into the trap of becoming disappointed in life, with others and with the circumstances in which we live. The world is filled with broken and struggling and hurting people that are desperate to find hope. Desperate to find something to believe in so the one thing as disciples of Christ we can never do is become indifferent to the struggles of those around us. So instead let us be the conduit of someone's hope today. The world really needs it. We really need it and God desires it for His people. Be the change the world needs so desperately.

John 20:21

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

God Bless You, and May God Keep You Always
Pastor Doug

SERVING THE LORD-May2022 Head Usher-John Wilson

Altar and Pedestal Flowers and Bulletins

<u>Date</u>	Altar Flowers	Pedestal Flowers	<u>Bulletins</u>
May 01	None	Lois Schultz and family	Cindy Galbraith
May 08	Barbara Catherman	None	None
May 15	Win-One Class	Dan and Bonnie Kustanbauter	None
May 22	Family of Douglas Davis	Steve and Vicki Brightbill	None
May 29	Charles Schrope	None	Zimmerman Family

If you do not wish to participate with flowers or bulletins, please contact the church office at 814-355-9425.

Paper Copies of the May 2022 Newsletter "The Messenger" and THE UPPER ROOM for May and June are located in The Gathering Room and in the Sanctuary on the table by the elevator.

To Honor May Birthdays

PRAYER MINISTRY - May 2022

PRAYER MINISTRY - (Please contact the Church Office 355-9425)

Pastor Doug Conway and family --Trinity members at home or in assisted living -- our church and its ministries our community -- nation -- world -- Our military and families -- Desi McNichol -- Tanisha Ranio -- Donna Brooks Janet Houser -- All people afflicted with COVID-19 and caregivers and all front-line workers -- Bethany Schwartz Sonia Myers -- Ava Kosmam -- David Walker -- Mike Faulkner -- Connor Wagner -- Raymond Brooks -- Brenda Blue Tom Scornavacchi -- Scott Young -- Ed Steele -- Tim Williams -- Pastor Doug's uncles Steve, Matt and Jim Gerry Lynn Schultz -- Cathy Drysdale -- Roy Goreck -- Ed Drumond -- Mike Moyer -- Jim Matson -- Donna Bennett Mabel Wilkinson -- Robert Pluebill -- Jane Bodle -- Carole Hockman -- Mike Sheckler -- Robin Burns -- Trudy Snyder Sharon Lowe -- Richard Sterling -- Mark Adams -- Lonie Mason Brittany Kay -- Michael Stine and family Patricia Kidder -- Wendy Albright -- Harry Brooks -- Wendy Albright

Please look over the prayer ministry and if you need to take anyone off or if you want to put someone on please call the office at 814-355-9425. Thanks You.

General Fund Finances

lere is a condensed picture of the monthly income and the expenses but, it will be one month behind. The financial sport for the current month has not been completed when the newsletter is prepared.

Report for March 31, 2022 Finances

Attendance (4 week average) Sunday Church Service = Wednesday Night Service =

Wednesda	y ivigi	it service -	
Beginning Balance Checkbook	\$	42,011.00	
Receipts	+\$	14,843.17	
Total Cash Available for use this Month:	\$	56,854.17	
Expenses	- \$	35,723.52	
Pastor Retirement/Pastor Health	+ \$	631.64	
Payroll Taxes	+\$	106.42	
Dues	+\$	200.00	
Ending Bal. Checkbook	\$	22,068.71	
Less Designated Funds	- \$	17,922.48	
Net Cash after Designated Funds:		\$	4,146.23

With the increase cost of everything going up as the inflation rate continues to rise, it will become more difficult for Trinity to meet its obligations. Trinity needs the continued support from everyone to continue with the Missions we provide to our community and members.

Soup Sale – A Soup Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 21. We will have the following soups available for pick-up on Saturday, May 21 from 11:00am until 1:00pm for \$9.00 per quart. The soups are Chili, Ham & Bean, Beef Vegetable, Chicken Noodle, Stuffed Pepper, Italian Meatball and Chicken Corn.

Thanks to all who helped make the Sandwich Sale on April 21 a success, we raised \$541.00 to help fund Trinity's commitments. Special thanks to Denise Geissinger for her organization and overseeing the distribution of the sandwiches.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

We are continuing our fundraiser called *Quarters by Quarter* and we need your support. In the back of the sanctuary, there is a box with empty medicine bottles. Take an empty bottle home, fill it with quarters at your leisure, and once your bottle is full, return it to the box and take another empty bottle to start again. This is an easy way for everyone to help Trinity. The money raised during each calendar quarter will be used to bolster the General Fund to cover our regular expenses. If you have any questions, contact Steve Albright. A little "change" can go a long way to help us do God's work here at Trinity Bellefonte!

The **SCRIP** fundraiser is also continuing, which has raised \$517 through February since its inception. A reminder on how this program works; you can purchase gift cards to many local and nationwide businesses. Trinity will receive a percentage of the purchase price for each gift card. This percentage varies for each vendor, ranging from 2% - 14%. We order gift cards on the 15th and end of each month, to make it easy and convenient for you to purchase the cards you need when you need them. Consider them for your gift giving or for use at your favorite grocery stores or restaurants. While you are going about your normal activities, you are also helping your church. What a great idea! Order forms are available at the church or you can contact the church office and we will be sure to get one to you.

Thank you to the congregation, family and friends of Trinity for your faithful giving and support!

Announcements and Meetings

Visit By The Pastor

Pastor Doug will be scheduling time on Monday mornings to visit members of the congregation who are shut in, ill or who just might need some one-on-one time with their pastor. This does not include emergencies or hospital calls. For these calls please contact Pastor Doug at 570-660-6515

Leadership Board

Monday May 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm in The Gathering Room

Win-One Class

will meet on May 6th 11:30 am at

Sunset West

call Barb Markel for reservations by May 6th at 814-353-8049

Dates the Choir will Sing

Third Sunday of Easter
May 1st - 10:00 am
Worship Service - Holy Communion

Bellefonte Sunday Afternoon Chamber Music Series 2021-2022

Sunday, 2:30 pm --- Free Adminission

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
128 W HOWARD ST
BELLEFONTE PA

May 15, 2022

Jenifer Trost, Soprano Ann Deighton, Piano



FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS May, 2022



LUMINARIA SALES

To purchase a luminaria in honor, memory or support of someone, please complete the order form that is attached and mail it and your payment to the church. There will also be a table set up in the Gathering Room each Sunday in May where you can purchase luminarias.

This year's Centre County Relay for Life event will be held on June 11-12 at the Bald Eagle High School football field. As the sun sets on June 11, all luminarias will be on display around the track.



Thank you to the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank for the gift of a \$999 grant to Trinity's food programs.

GLORIFY

Trinity's Paper Angels



Resumes May 3 at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Room.

Learn to make greeting cards or perfect your skills.

CHANGES TO THE GATHERING

Beginning May 4, the format for our Wednesday night Gathering will change to include a brief worship service in the sanctuary at 6 pm. Our meal will follow worship in the Gathering Room at 6:30 pm.

Take-out and delivery meals will continue to be available at 5 pm.

HELP NEEDED!

It has come to our attention that some of the residents of Centre Care are in need of lap robes. If you can knit or crochet and would like to help, please contact Linda Mundy Boone. We will give lap robes to members of our congregation who live there and other residents too.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES



ITEM OF THE MONTH IS STUFFED ANIMALS.

We need stuffed animals that will fit into the shoe boxes. Items that are 5" – 8" work best. Look for sales at Dollar General, Wal-Mart and drug stores.



FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS May, 2022

HOW DOES OUR GARDEN GROW?

We are looking for a few people to till, plant and grow vegetables in our community gardens. The fresh produce will be distributed through our food bank.

If you can help with this, please contact Pastor Doug or Linda Mundy Boone.



NEEDED

We need donations of board games (with all the pieces) and card games for use at our Drop-In Centre. Our Drop-In Centre is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am to 12 noon. Please join us!





TRINITY MISSION CENTRAL HUB

Thank you to Ruth and Jim Fultz for making a delivery to Mission Central last month. Among other items, they delivered our Ukraine relief supplies. Mission Central received more than \$231K in goods for Ukraine. This collection has now ended.



Current Needs:

- -Women's briefs, feminine hygiene products
- -Hand and foot warmers
- -Dental floss, toothpaste, deodorant
- -Small personal sized shampoo and conditioner
- -New blankets
- -Medical supplies-wound care

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to Bonnie and Jim Kustanbauter for cooking the ham and organizing our Easter Dinner on April 10.

Thank you to Barb Catherman for organizing our Easter Egg Hunt for Kidz Konnection daycare on April 14. Thanks to everyone who donated candy for the event.

MAY FOOD PANTRY ITEM

HAMBURGER HELPER

Please place your items on the table in the HUB room.





LOOKING AHEAD

Weather permitting, the Gathering moves outside on June 1, July 6, August 3 and September 7.



Centre County Relay For Life June 11-12 at Bald Eagle Area Football Field

American Cancer Society 2022 Luminaria Order Form

On June 11 as the sun sets, Centre County Relay For Life will remember and honor loved ones through the Luminaria Display. The track at the Bald Eagle High School football field will be lined with luminarias, candle lit bags; each luminaria is lit in honor of someone who survived cancer or in memory of someone who did not. The honorees names are prominently displayed on the bags. As participants walk throughout the display, the luminarias remind and inspire us that the fight against cancer is about real people in the community. Luminaries are a gift from the heart for each individual honored.

We invite you to be a part of the fight against cancer within our community. Please fill out the form below of your Luminaria for each friend and loved one who has faced cancer. Your contributions will make a difference and save lives! Thank you!

Please light a candle in honor or memory of my loved one. who has/had cancer. I understand the proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society in the fight against cancer. Recommended donation is \$10 per luminaria, but any amount is welcomed.

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone	Email	
Please create Luminaria In Honor Of:	Please create Luminaria In Memory Of:	Please create Luminaria In Support Of:
Total # of Luminaria	Total Donation \$	

Please mail this form and payment to:

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Host Family FAQ

Am I a good host family candidate?

Are you over 25 years of age and do you have a:

- > Welcoming attitude
- Desire to make a positive impact in a child's life
- > The wish to exchange cultures
- > And room for another household member?

If so, you are the perfect candidate!

Who are the successful families?

Our host families come from all over the United States and represent the diversity that the country is known for. **Families with children, families without children, empty nesters, and single individuals** have all had successful hosting experiences.

What are ISE exchange students like?

ISE exchange students **speak English**, they are **15-18-year-old** high school students **from over 40 countries around the world**. Program acceptance is based on their English skills, demeanor, adaptability, and eagerness to experience American culture.

Are students treated like "guests"?

No, ISE exchange **students expect to live as members of your family**. They respect family rules, help with chores, and participate in family gatherings and activities.

How long does the program last?

Programs run for **5, 10, or 12 months**. The 5-month programs can start in either August or January, the 10-month program begins in August, and the 12-month program begins in January.

What if there is an issue or emergency?

If a problem arises, **your representative is there to help you solve it.** ISE also employs full-time support staff at our headquarters and operates a 24/7 hotline for students and families for additional assistance.

Do families get paid for hosting?

No, all of our **host families are volunteers**. Families are eligible for a tax deduction for hosting a student. If you are looking for paid opportunities, consider becoming an Area Representative.

What are host families responsible for?

- > A bed and a place to study
- > Three meals a day
- A nurturing environment to learn about American culture and to share their own.

ISE exchange **students arrive with their own money** for personal expenses, social outings, and other activities. Host families are not required to provide any cash allowance.

Who covers student's medical bills?

ISE exchange students arrive with **their own insurance**. Any costs incurred by the student for medical care is the responsibility of the student's natural parents or the student's sponsoring agency.

Can I host more than one student?

Yes. Some families prefer the experience of hosting two students at a time. To host two students, the **students must come from different countries** and **speak different native languages**.

How do I become a host family?

- > Get in touch with our representative (information below) or fill out an interest form on our website.
- Next our representative will invite you to complete our online host family application that will help us learn more about your family lifestyle, and household.

Because the safety of our program participants is our highest priority, our host families must also pass a background check and home check.

When is the application deadline?

ASAP - the earlier you apply, the more likely it is that you'll find a compatible student in your area.

<u>To learn more contact</u>

Tiffany Bechdel (570) 660-7838 Tcbechdel@gmail.com midsouth.iseusa.org







SOUP SALE! Saturday, MAY 21, 2022

1:00am - 1:00pm TAKE-OUT ONLY 58.00 PER QUART



SOUPS AVAILABLE: STUFFED PEPPER; CHILI;

CHICKEN NOODLE; HAM & BEAN; VEGETABLE BEEF;

CHICKEN CORN; HAM, GREEN BEAN W/POTATO; ITALIAN MEATBALL

Sponsored by the Finance Committee

CALL: Steve Albright @ 814-571-2166 or the Church Office @ 814-355-9425 to Pre-order

Bellefonte Sunday Afternoon Chamber Music Series



2021-2022



Free Admission

Trinity United Methodist Church 128 W Howard St, Bellefonte Bellefonte, PA

Sunday, May 15, 2022 2:30 PM

Jennifer Trost, soprano Ann Deighton, piano



Jennifer Trost

Music from the Renaissance to the 20th Century

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TO OUR WORLD.

