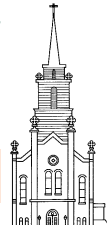


TRINITY TIDINGS



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Dear Family in Christ,

We're living in the between times. The Bible stories we've explored in worship give us a taste of what the disciples experienced after Easter. Jesus was raised from the dead and not yet ascended into heaven. What does it mean to be a follower of the RISEN Jesus? How do Resurrection people behave in the world and toward each other? Every time Jesus shows up after Easter it is both to comfort and challenge.

Now, with a flip of the calendar we're moving forward at a remarkable pace. May 17, we experience the Ascension of Jesus; Jesus taken into heaven to sit with the Father as Christ, the 2nd person in the Trinity. May 24, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, the 3rd person in the Trinity. May 31, we explore the meaning of the Trinity and the love which flows between Father, Son and Holy Spirit and ultimately to and through us.

All those festivals remind us we're not and have never been alone. Jesus promised us a helper, God's own Holy Spirit. As Lutherans we've been shy about doing anything with the Holy Spirit except acknowledging the Spirit's existence. Yet, Scripture tells us it's God's Spirit that is active in our minds and hearts transforming us through love.

It's the Spirit who flows in and around us and guides us (or prods) to live more deeply in love. The Spirit gives us gifts to help us. We only really hear about them on Pentecost or at a Baptism. The gifts are vital for helping us grow as followers of Jesus.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2)

Life is different when we're filled with God's Spirit. In his letter to the Galatians, Paul describes what a Spirit filled life looks like.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Fruit is the final result, the product of planting. As we open ourselves to the Spirit, the result is a transformed life. We live in and through God's love rather than our egos. We are freed from ourselves to live and love as Jesus' followers and thus together as a congregation of faith.

Blessings on your journey,
Pastor Barb

May 2026



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Music Notes

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

~ John 20:21

Easter 2's gospel story of the disciples encountering the resurrected Jesus, who appears among them in an upstairs room, is set to this tuneful refrain:

"See my hands and feet," said Jesus, "love a-risen from the grave. Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."

(ACS 939)

Then each verse describes how we can serve others as Christ's hands and feet: feeding the hungry; caring for the vulnerable; and loving and serving "*without distinction all earth's people, first and least.*"

And what comes to mind? The many efforts and actions here at Trinity on Main that we

offer as a congregation to serve others, "*first and least*": Blessing Box; Clothing Closet; collecting and donating items for New Hope Ministries; helping host community dinners with fellow Mechanicsburg area churches; participating each October in the borough's Streets of Treats; Lunch on the Lawn, and countless other moments of generosity, both in and around 132 E. Main St. and out in the world as we share God's love in our daily interactions with others.

This phrase in the hymn assures and encourages us:

"...know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased" (ACS 939, v.3).

- Melissa Jacoby,
Minister of Music

IN A WORLD
WHERE YOU CAN
BE ANYTHING
BE KIND.

Christian Education Opportunities

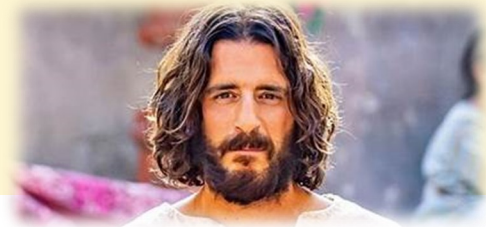
Snax n Study - Spring 2026

by Stacey Zeller



Snax n Study will continue through the Spring of 2026, and we continue watching the very popular series The Chosen. We have now begun season five. Volunteers sign up each week to provide "snax" and to lead the conversation around that week's episode. The schedule and sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Plans for the summer will be posted in the near future. We hope you'll consider joining us!



Bible Study

...is held on
Wednesday evenings
at 7:30 pm.

Each week Pastor Barb leads a time of study and discussion on the lectionary readings for the upcoming Sundays.
Bring your Bible and a friend!
All are invited!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

continues the fourth Thursday of each month,
8 am at C.C.s Family Restaurant
on Main Street, Mechanicsburg.
Upcoming dates are April 23 and May 28.

FIRST SUNDAY KIDS

This past month the children celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. They heard the story and made a craft of the emptied tomb with Risen Jesus outside the tomb and they colored another picture of the event. Please stop by our bulletin board and see the fun.

In May, the children will be learning about our final look at Jesus' miracle of the Blind Man Sees. The children have been enjoying this year's lessons on the many Miracles of Jesus!
- Amy and Ja'net



Worship Reminder - Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost
SUNDAY



Pentecost Sunday, May 24: The day the church celebrates God's gift of the Holy Spirit.

Wear red to the worship service to remind us of the tongues of flames as seen by the apostles.

Women at the Well

Calendar of Events for 2026

We have a calendar of Activities and events coming up. Please see our bulletin board for more details.

Our Needle Night group resumed meeting on **Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30 p.m.** We have five new guests and participants. We are so glad to be able to encourage and teach these younger women to crochet and/or knit, or develop other needlecraft interests, depending on their curiosity to learn. We welcome any other women who would like to check out this amazing group of women.

Our women's book study group will be meeting **Tuesday, April 28th at 6:30 p.m.** We are very excited to start this session watching the movie, "The Shack", written by Jeremy Jones. We are inviting everyone who would like to see the movie, male or female, to come. For those who are not familiar with this movie, here is a description:

"The Shack takes us on a father's transformative spiritual journey. After a family tragedy,

Mack spirals into a crisis of faith, and questions God's existence and life's purpose. Mack is unable to move on, until he gets a mysterious invitation to an abandoned shack. There, God reveals Himself in the form of three strangers. Mack's journey will transform audiences of all ages."

The movie is approximately 90 minutes, and we will be viewing it in fellowship hall. If you have any questions about the movie, please talk with or contact Ja'net or Amy.

Our follow-up to viewing The Shack will be five weeks of reading the book and discussion on the assigned readings. Our discussions will center on self and God, our continued growing relationship, and a deeper understanding of the Trinity in our individual lives. Please let Ja'net know if you would like to join these discussions. We will be starting our readings/discussions on May 12th and meeting every other Tuesday for the following four sessions.

We would love to have you join us in our on-going activities or in our special events throughout the year! Please watch our board and sign up or just come on Tuesday night. We will be here!

Thank you for your support of the Women At The Well!



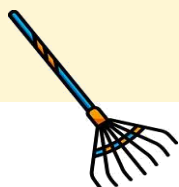
Remembering Old Friends....

Jesus calls us to relationship: relationship with God, one another and our neighbors. Please reach out to our shut-ins and those you haven't seen in a while in church with a note or card to let them know you are thinking of them! It's important that we assure them they aren't forgotten. If you need an address for someone, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Property Committee News

Spring Clean-Up

The Property Committee will be holding a Spring Cleanup on Saturday, May 16 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Volunteers are needed to help clean up both the inside and outside of the church. We will try to clean out closets, the basement and the shed, as well as trim the hedge in the back parking lot, clean up leaves and debris, and generally spruce up all outside areas. Please consider coming out for a couple of ours and help give your church a fresh look for summer!



Altar Railings

The new altar railings are in! Thank you to everyone who helped make this much-needed and beautiful upgrade to our sanctuary happen. Come see them in person during worship!



The Stewardship of Prayer

The power of prayer is a very real thing. Trinity Church has a faithful group of volunteers who take time each week to faithfully pray over the requests that are received on Sundays, and they are always close at hand via email to add any requests to their lists that come into the church office during the week. If you have ever put family members, friends or situations onto the prayer list, you have probably seen some remarkable results come about because of the prayers that are sent up by this faithful and caring group. The Prayer Team at Trinity Church is a reinforcement that prayer changes things!

Sometimes the answers we get from our prayers are not what we are hoping for or even expecting, but it is a way that we can draw closer to God and feel His peace and His arms around us, giving us comfort and helping us to accept that which is His will.

We are told to,

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

-1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

If you have a request that you would like sent to the Prayer Team, there is a Weekly Prayer Request form at the back of the sanctuary, or you may notify the Pastor or church office.

If you would like to be part of the team that prays for the requests that are received, please contact the church office, and we will add you to the email list.

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

-Matthew 18:20

- Debbie Schue



Holy Week & Easter Highlights

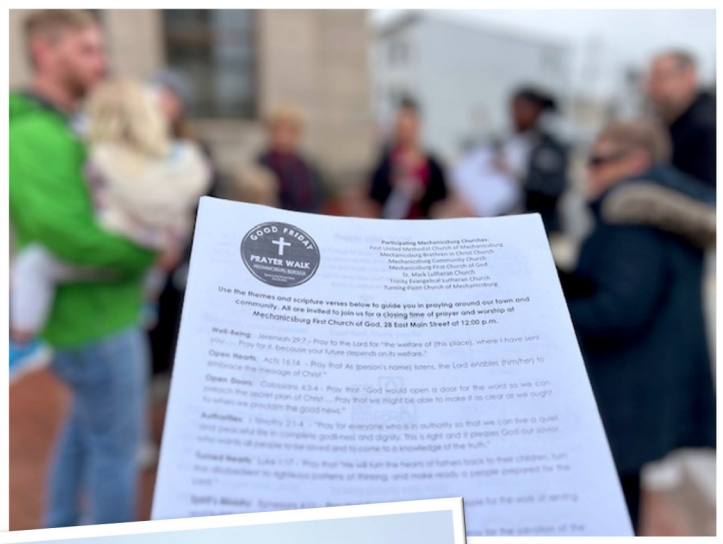
We hope you were able to join us for some of our Lenten, Holy Week and Easter events and services, but if not, here are a few highlights!



Palm Sunday & Maundy Thursday



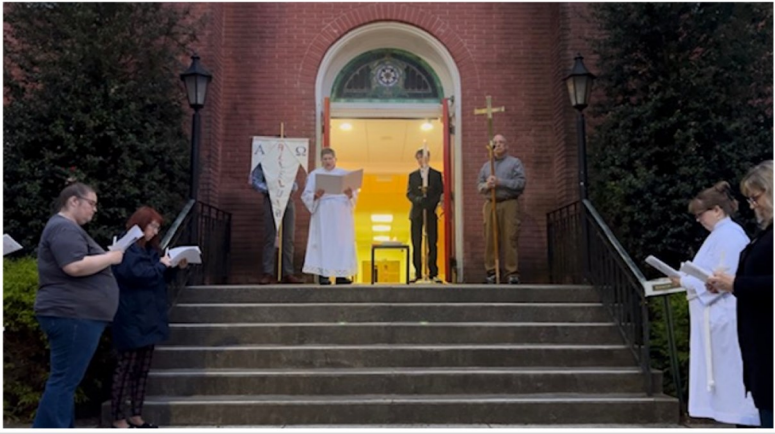
Holy Week & Easter Highlights



Good Friday Prayer Walk



Holy Week & Easter Highlights



A Blessed
Easter
Sunday,
Celebrating
the Risen
Christ!



Community Outreach

Blessing Box Update

Thank you to all who donate items to our Blessing Box Ministry to help provide relief to our community neighbors. I would also like to thank Lori Hoffnagle and First United Methodist Church for sharing their Christmas Blessings bounty with Trinity. Over 360 items were donated in April.



Blessing Box Needs:

Canned Pasta, Cereal
Jelly
PB or Cheese Crackers
Spaghetti Sauce
Hormel single serving meals
Baked Beans
Kidney Beans
Tomato Sauce

We have received 1064 items so far this year. Our goal for 2026 is 3100 food or personal care items.
- Carol Anderson

FREE Adult Clothing

Saturday, May 9

9-11am



Trinity's Closet on Main
132 E. Main St.
Mechanicsburg, PA



Trinity's Clothing Closet Update:

We are currently accepting donations of spring and summer clothing for adult men and women in all sizes. Our greatest need at the moment is for men's and women's clothing in XL and larger sizes. Each month, we continue to welcome new individuals who rely on our Closet for assistance.

We sincerely thank everyone who has generously donated clothing to our Closet. Your contributions are making a real difference in the lives of those we serve.
Thank you, ~Heather Zielonis

Our Concert on the Lawn is coming up in July. Save the date and mark your calendars now so you don't miss it!

FREE CONCERT ON THE LAWN

GREATER HARRISBURG CONCERT BAND

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 7 PM

Bring your friends & family!



FREE Hot Dogs & Ice Cream



Bring your own chair or blanket



RAIN OR SHINE

Interfaith Peace Garden

Temple Beth Shalom and other partner organizations and individuals in the community have planted an interfaith peace garden in Mechanicsburg. The idea was initially laid out before the community in the context of the 2024 West Shore Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Organizers of the service had been discussing for a couple years their desire to be engaged in more interfaith activity beyond one annual service. Rabbi Carl Choper of Temple Beth Shalom suggested that the community might create a peace garden that would focus on

cultivating environmental sustainability and interfaith understanding.

There was an immediate positive response by those in attendance. In April of 2025, garden beds were dug out and prepared at Temple Beth Shalom. In May the beds were planted. Thanks to a season with much rain alternating with much sunshine, the plants developed beautifully and bloomed throughout the season. . .

For the full story of the garden's planning and development, please click here:

<https://tbshalom.org/interfaith-peace-garden>

Interfaith Peace Garden

NOW THAT SPRING IS HERE, WE'RE EXCITED TO GATHER AGAIN IN THE INTERFAITH PEACE GARDEN. JOIN US FOR UPCOMING DAYS OF CARE, CONNECTION, AND COMMUNITY:

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 | AFTERNOON
CLEANING, TRIMMING, AND PREPARING THE GARDEN FOR THE SEASON

SUNDAY, MAY 24 | AFTERNOON
PLANTING A NEW SECTION OF THE GARDEN

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE EVENTS FOCUSED ON PEACE, SUSTAINABILITY, DIVERSITY, AND CONNECTION.

RSVP: TBSHALOM@GMAIL.COM
913 ALLENDALE ROAD
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Birthdays, Etc.



5/2	Jane Strine
5/2	Stella Strine
5/3	Aiden Smith
5/6	Spencer Sieber
5/10	Denise Hocker
5/11	Rachel Moats
5/14	George Crimarco
5/15	Paisley Miller
5/18	Lynn Lemanski
5/24	Tracy Sechrist
5/25	Leslie Hocker
5/26	Stacey Zeller
5/28	Rich Harmon

**Is your birthday missing?
Please let us know
so we can update
our database!**

Church Council Highlights

- The call committee continues work on the Mission Site Profile
- The office will soon release a new directory for review.
- Trinity's Constitution will be updated in the coming months.
- Ja'net and Darryl Gochenour were received as members of Trinity with the council's blessing.

May Prayer Pause:

Living God, your Spirit flamed in your church at its founding; spark among us today. Burn in our hearts. Make us your fuel. Use us for your work. Unite us in the bonds of community, that we may be the church today for others, and not only for ourselves. May the communion we know in you inspire us to live as Jesus would have us live. Amen.

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Mechanicsburg Area Churches invite you to...



COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday, June 7th at 5:00pm

Dinner and live music - free of charge!

Join us at

Trinity Lutheran Church
132 E. Main Street, Mechanicsburg



TIDINGS DEADLINE:

JUST A REMINDER that the deadline for newsletter items is the 10th of each month for the following issue.

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8 am Spoken Worship 8:45 am, Snax n Study 9 am, Confirmation Class 10:15 am Worship 10:15 am, First Sunday Kids 11:30 am, Dutch Apple Trip 11:30 am, Worship & Music	4	5 6:30 pm, Women at the Well Needle Night	6 6:15 pm, Bells 6:50 pm, Choir 7:30 pm, Bible Study	7 7 pm, Church Council	8 4 pm, Set up for Trinity's Clothing Closet	9 9 am, Trinity's Closet-on-Main
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