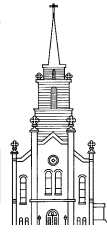


TRINITY TIDINGS



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fall is a time of transition. Summer slowly morphs into cooler temperatures with trees changing color, leaves dropping and flowers and shrubs dying back preparing for winter. The rhythm of the seasons reminds us we are also invited to be part of God's creative divine rhythm.

October is a season of transition within the church. There are lots of ways the Holy Spirit invites our faith family to stop, breathe and reflect on where we are going and who we are.

October 4 is World Communion Sunday. We celebrate that we are part of a global body of Christ and joined with everyone around the world who receives the Lord's Supper. Our congregation will worship outside (weather permitting) with ONE SERVICE at 9:30 that day with a picnic afterwards. At 2pm we'll come back together to hold our traditional blessing of the animals. Don't forget to bring a donation for the shelter.

Saturday, October 17, we host hundreds of youngsters and their grownup companions for Streets of Treats. What a fun way for our family of faith to be a part of our neighborhood and show our love for those around us.

Sunday, October 25, we celebrate Reformation Sunday. We remember Martin Luther's 95 theses (ideas) that started the conversation resulting in the reformation of the church. More importantly, we consider the ways in which the Holy Spirit continues to reform the church today. (Please wear red to honor the Holy Spirit.) And remember, the church is not the building, nor the institution, but us, the people of God.

October is a busy month for Trinity. These are just the highlights. There is lots more happening in and around our family of faith: Sunday School, the clothing closet, blessing box, Bible Study, Women of the Well, etc, etc.

Remember, God's love grounds all this activity. Through that love WE are transformed into the people God wants us to be. Then, enabled by the Holy Spirit, we share that love with our neighbors.

Blessings on your journey,
Pastor Barb

October 2026



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Music Notes

*Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world;
Red and yellow, black and white,
All are precious in his sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

~ Songs of Zion, No. 26

(The Rev. C. Herbert Woolston,
1913)

The carousel at Hersheypark ("Carrousel" in its historic signage) is one of the first things guests notice upon entering the park. Colorful hand-carved horses with magnificent, artistic ornamentation spin gracefully to a festive soundtrack generated by the self-playing Wurlitzer Military Band Organ (1919). Everyone passes by the Carrousel as they come and go, light jangly sounds wafting through the air like prelude and postlude to a day spent "Hersheypark Happy."

During this 2026 season to mark America's 250th birthday, the Carrousel has played an instrumental patriotic reel including *"Stars and Stripes Forever," "My Country 'Tis of Thee,"* and numerous other folk, military, and traditional tunes from all eras.

Imagine my surprise, then, when I was walking past and heard clearly the unmistakable sound of *"Jesus Loves the Little Children."* Wait, what?! In the middle of a patriotic carousel concert? I was intrigued.

With a bit of music history sleuthing, I discovered that the words for *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"* were written entirely later (1913), then plugged into an already familiar melody, *"Tramp, Tramp, Tramp,"* a popular Union Civil War song (1864). And that's how the tune ended up on a vintage playlist of patriotic carousel music.

With the mystery solved, I still smile to think of the thousands of people each day - unknowingly - gathering and mingling and moving about amid music that (inadvertently) included *"Jesus loves the little children"*... the Holy Spirit working undercover in an amusement park. And I wonder where else I might "take note" to hear and see and sense God's presence in the subtle details of everyday places and moments.

- Melissa Jacoby, Minister of Music



Worship Save the Dates!

FIRST SUNDAY KIDS

We will meet the first Sunday of the month through May 2027. This year we are learning about the 12 disciples and the Armor of God. Each month we will learn about one, two, or three of the 12 disciples and the pieces of the Armor of God that the specific disciple is wearing in their story. Simon-Peter will be our first disciple the children (10 yrs and under) will be learning. The children will be escorted after the children's sermon to our children's room and returned to the parents for Holy Communion.

We have planned an exciting 15-20 mins to introduce your child(ren) to the 12 Disciples this year. We hope you will consider bringing your child regularly the first Sunday of the month for our Kids First Sunday!

- Amy and Ja'net



COMBINED WORSHIP & CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Stay after the combined worship service for our annual church picnic on the lawn. Bring a lawn chair and a dish to share!



Blessing of the Animals



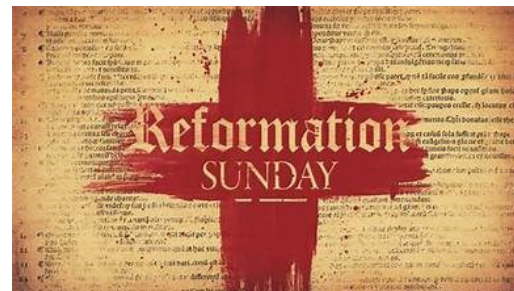
Sunday, October 4 at 2 pm

Bring your pets to our Annual Blessing of the Animals! This event is scheduled to coincide with the Feast of St. Francis, typically held on or close to October 4. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and the environment in the Catholic Church. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor and his love for animals and nature.

Gather with us on the west lawn with your pets for a short liturgy, blessing, and a prayer card to take home. If it is a challenge for your pet to attend, bring a photo along for your blessing. If you would like to donate, we will be collecting new or gently used pet blankets or pet food for a local animal shelter.

Reformation Sunday, October 25th, is the day we remember Martin Luther nailing his 95 theses (ideas) on the Wittenburg Church door. It's a day the Holy Spirit breathed reform into the church. That day we will also reflect on the transformations of our hearts in Jesus both personally and as a congregation.

Wear red! Red is the color of the Holy Spirit!



Worship at Union Church

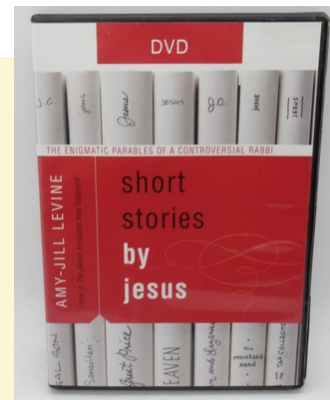
What an exciting Rally Day for Trinity this year! Our worship on Sunday, September 13 was held at the Union Church in Mechanicsburg. The Union Church is the oldest building in Mechanicsburg where many congregations (Trinity among them) had their start. We listened to God's word and received Jesus' presence in Communion as our ancestors did back in the 1840s. The forms vary, but the message is still the same. God loves you! Below are some highlights from the morning...



Christian Education Opportunities

Snax n Study - Fall Updates

Following on the heels of a very successful summer of Confirmation 101 (THANK YOU, Pastor Barb!!), Snax n Study will begin its fall schedule on Sunday, September 20, with a series called "Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi." This is a six-week series based on materials (video and written) by Amy-Jill Levine, now a Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace in Connecticut. She "takes you back in time and explains how original audiences understood Jesus' parables. Her interpretations show how the parables still challenge and provoke contemporary readers 2000 years later." Parables include the Good Samaritan, the Mustard Seed, and the Widow and the Judge.



We will meet weekly from September 20 through November 8, except for Sundays October 4 (church picnic) and October 25 (Reformation Sunday). There is a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall for volunteers to facilitate the discussion and to provide the "snax."

On Sunday, November 15, Koen Thomas will make a presentation about his week at Leadership Training Camp this summer at Camp Nawakwa! "Over 60 youth, counselors, and staff met at Camp Nawakwa for our synod's annual Leadership Training Camp. Participants spent a week in intentional community learning more about their faith, what it means to be a servant leader, and forming relationships that will last a lifetime." Koen, we are excited to hear about your week!

We hope you will join us sometime! If you have any questions, please reach out!

- Stacey Zeller

Bible Study

Our mid-week Bible study meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. We will continue with a study of the smaller letters (1 Peter through Jude). Come join us as we study these unfamiliar letters and consider the transformation in love to which we're called. Plan to join us if you can, and bring a friend!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

continues the fourth Thursday of each month, 8 am at C.C.s Family Restaurant on Main Street, Mechanicsburg. The next breakfast is scheduled for October 22.

SYNOD NEWS

The Lower Susquehanna Synod has an on-line newsletter that provides information about what is going on around the SYNOD! Just go to the LSS website:

<http://www.lss-elca.org/>

Women at the Well

Our Fall schedule of activities is below! If you would like to join any of the activities, please sign up on our bulletin board in the hallway by the Pastor's office.

Needle Night - Every other Tuesday night 6 pm - 7:30/8:00 pm in the Library. You may come work on a personal project or make items for the clothing closet later in the fall/winter months. We do have yarn for those projects.

Sewing At Home - We have a project started for the fall, but we always welcome more sets of hands. We are working on small quilted squares to hand out on Reformation Sunday. See or call Ja'net for more details. For the winter, we will be making pet blankets for the local shelter. We will supply the cloth.

Bible-related Book Study - meets every other Tuesday starting from 6 pm to 7:30/8:00 pm in the Library. Please check the calendar for meeting dates. We are reading a book called "The Ultimate Gift" by Jim Stovall. Be ready for some interesting questions and discussion!

End-of-Life Informational Program - Saturday, October 3, 9 am to 12 noon. This event is sponsored by the WATW and open for all congregational members and friends. There is no cost to attend. Amy Boya, certified End-of-Life Doula, will be the speaker for this event. Fellowship Hall is the location. Please sign up by September 27th on the Women At The Well bulletin board or call Debbie in the office for reservations.

Card-Making Event - Thanksgiving & Christmas - Saturday, November 14, 1-4:00 pm. Ladies, come and make some holiday cards with us! Patsy and Amy will be teaching the class and bringing some wonderful new ideas. Samples will be on the WATW bulletin board in October, along with the sign-up sheet. You may also call the church office (717-766-2662) to sign up. Save the date! Donations for supplies are welcome!

Christmas Cookie Walk - Saturday, November 21, 10 am -12:00 pm. We will have a fun time walking and dancing to "earn" our homemade cookies for our participants and our shut-ins for the holiday season. Cookie tins will be delivered before Thanksgiving Day to the shut-ins. If you know of anyone in our congregation, please let Ja'net know by November 18th, so we can add them to the list. Please sign up in October on the WATW bulletin board and bring your homemade cookies (two dozen) for the Shut-in Walk and the Elves Dance!

Messiah University Christmas Concert - Sunday, December 6, 4 pm. This concert features the Brass Quintets, Handbells, Men's and Women's Ensembles, Chamber Singers and Concert Choir. Anyone may sign up. **Deadline for reservations is September 20th.** Cost is \$10 for Seniors (60+) \$15 for adults, and \$5 for youth under 18 yrs. Checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, memo line: *WATW Christmas Concert*. Please be sure to add your name to the sign-up sheet on our Bulletin Board and place your payment either in Amy Boya's mailbox, give it to her in person, or to Debbie in the office. If you need special seating, please let Amy know.

Please continue to check the Bulletin Board for future events and activities.



Streets of (SO MANY) Treats—2026!

Mark your calendars now for one of Trinity's most joy-filled events of the year... downtown Mechanicsburg's Streets of Treats! The annual Halloween event will be held on *Saturday, October 17, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm*. TREATS for the day include:

- Welcoming all the adorable kiddos in costume... princesses, superheroes, and ghosts (oh my!!) We interacted with over 1,100 people last year!!
- Enjoying the fun costumes on our four-legged doggo friends!
- Distributing goodies in what has become a beloved Trinity and Streets of Treats tradition!
- Spending time and dressing up with your Trinity friends!!

Ask anyone who has helped with this event in the past, and they'll tell you what a great time it is! But interacting with that many people is quite a task, and we could use some more volunteers. Please consider joining us for this amazing day and helping if you can! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall.

Goodies are provided courtesy of a Thrivent grant, so we just need YOU! Costumes are encouraged but not required, so if you're available that day and want something fun to do, please come! I have often "complained" about how much my cheeks hurt from smiling that whole day... what an awesome "problem" to have!!

If you have any questions, just let me know. Thanks in advance for your help!

- Stacey Zeller



Community Outreach

Blessing Box Needs:

Canned Vegetables
Spam
Jelly - no glass jars
Canned Beans any type
Canned Potatoes
Canned Pasta
Single serving gummy snack
Single serving raisins
Spaghetti Sauce - no glass jars



As our weather changes, please, no glass jars. We do not want the jars to break due to the temperature or possibly dropping it on the ground. Thank you for your continued support!

- Carol Anderson

 **FREE** 
Adult Clothing
Saturday, Oct. 10
9-11am



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

Trinity's Clothing Closet Update:

We are currently accepting donations of cooler weather 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

Green Beans for NHM

We are again this year collecting cans of green beans for New Hope Ministries, to be distributed to local families for Thanksgiving. Bring what you can by **Sunday, October 25**, and place them on the table inside the front door. Let's see if we can collect a total of

200!



New  **HOPE** 
Ministries

Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs

Birthdays, Etc.



10/1	Deb George
10/1	Richard Roy
10/4	Jill Kramer
10/9	Carol Anderson
10/11	Chris Sabatini
10/17	Luciana Donofrio
10/17	Donna Peterson
10/18	Phil Warner
10/20	John Wise
10/21	Arden Hocker
10/23	Heather Zielonis
10/24	David George
10/25	Susan Hamilton
10/25	Joanna Lynch
10/25	Aaron Sieber
10/25	Jan Walton
10/29	Miranda Lynch
10/30	Mary-Louise Smith
10/31	Linda Humes
10/31	Sharon Umholtz



Hailey VonLumm wrote and offered the Prayers of Intercession for worship on Sunday, September 6, as part of her learning experiences in Confirmation class, with help from Pastor Barb and Stacey Zeller. Thank you, Hailey, for sharing your gifts with our family of faith. We appreciate you!"

Church Council Highlights

- Affirmation of Baptism during the worship services on Sept. 20, will conclude the Confirmation 101 classes.
- Regular Confirmation classes will begin on Sept. 20.
- There will be one service on Oct. 4 with the church picnic to follow.
- The Blessing of the Animals will take place at 2:00, following the church picnic.
- Mechanicsburg's Streets of Treats is October 17; additional volunteers are appreciated.
- Trinity's Reformation celebration will be October 25, with a potluck dinner following the 10:15 service.
- Budget preparations for next year have begun.

TIDINGS DEADLINE:

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

The deadline for November is October 10.

Prayer Pause for October:

Loving and Gracious God, Thank you for the blessings of grace with which you shower us. Enable us through the power of your Holy Spirit, to show daily with our words, attitudes and behavior, the hope and freedom to love that comes from you. Amen.

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Come, "pray with your feet" and "walk your values" at the
Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger 5K Walk/Run



to benefit
 New Hope Ministries,
 Mechanicsburg Area
 Meals on Wheels and
 the global relief efforts
 of Church World
 Service

Sun., Oct. 18, 2026

Memorial Park, 1 Memorial Park Dr.,
 Mechanicsburg, PA

1:00PM Registration 1:20PM Team Pics
 2:00PM Walk/Run Starts



Register online & donate by midnight, Sun. Sept. 27 & receive a CROP Walk T-shirt. Strollers & leashed dogs welcome. Live DJ. Refreshments afterwards

There is no cost to walk but **generous donations to CWS/CROP are invited to help us reach the \$50,000 goal!** Since 1971, the Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger walk has raised over **\$727,730** to feed the poor.



Use the **link** below or the **QR code** to make a donation, register or sponsor a walker/runner.

You may also register the day of the walk.

{HYPERLINK "<https://crophungerwalk.org/mechanicsburgpa>" \t "_blank"}

Find us on Facebook: **CROP Hunger Walk – Mechanicsburg/West Shore**

For more info, contact:

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Join us as we **"Believe There is Good in the World."**



Need help? If you or someone you know needs help with food or dealing with a financial crisis, please contact us.

(717) 432-2087 or
www.nhm-pa.org

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9 am End-of-Life Informational Program
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