

NEWSLETTER

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kindness, walk
humbly with
God.

SUNDAY
10:00 AM

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A message from Pastor Tim

Friends,

September 2019

Welcome back from summer and to the programmatic part of the church year. Actually, between Woodberry Crossing, Vacation Bible School, and Summer Lunches, our programs hasn't really stopped as much as changed to some more creative and intense time events.

This fall we are going to explore more deeply the sense of being a More Light, that is, welcoming and inclusive church, with a sermon series and Kathy and I have entitled "Stranger Meetings." It's amazing how many stories there are in the Bible about people from different worlds, both literally and culturally, encounter one another, and must figure out how to be with one another. Sometimes it works out well. Other times, well, let's just say some hard lessons are learned.

"Stranger Meetings" begins on Sunday, September 8, and will continue until the Sunday before Advent, November 24. The core Scripture on which the series is built is Hebrews 13:1-2, "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." The topics and Sundays are as follows:

9/8: Hebrews 13:1-2/Sarah laughs Genesis 18:1-15 (Communion)

9/15: Abraham/Sarah in strange places—what not to do Genesis 12

9/22: Sodom and Gomorrah Genesis 19

9/29: Exodus 2:11-25 (Moses in Midian)

10/6: Ruth 2 (World Communion Sunday)

10/13: Elijah and Widow I Kings 17:8-24

10/20: Elisha blinding army – feed them 2 Kings 6:8-23

10/27: Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37

11/3: Parable of the Banquet Luke 14: 15-24 (Communion)

11/10: Ethiopian Eunuch Acts 8:4-26-40

11/17: Paul and the basket Acts 9

11/24: Lydia—welcomes Paul Acts 16:6-15

Tim



Women's Spirituality Seneca Falls Field Trip- September 21-22, 2019

Women and girls of all types and ages are invited to come along on this Field Trip to Seneca Falls. It's for real this time; I have booked 5 rooms (up to 20 people, depending on how cozy we want to be . . . and refundable up to 24 hours before) at the Quality Inn in Waterloo (about 20 minutes away). Each room is \$165/night—at the moment I have booked both Friday and Saturday nights, but here's what I am thinking, so as to minimize cost and maximize a relaxed and enjoyable pace: We can leave Saturday morning, the 21st, around 8, and get there mid-morning, see some of the Seneca Falls Women's History sites, have lunch somewhere, see more sites; in the afternoon, we can go check into the hotel, find some place to have dinner, some kind of evening activity, then more seeing of sites on Sunday, and eventually head home. So, we can do a little of that as well. If you are interested, e-mail me at pastorkathy@scotiatrinity.org or message me on facebook; there is also a sign up in the Annex!

A Little Focus on "Self-Care" Sunday, October 27, 4 PM

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor AS YOURSELF.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”—Mark 12:30-31

Most adults have a tendency to neglect their own health and care, but women are notorious for putting everyone else ahead of ourselves and our own needs. Yet our souls, our spirits and our bodies are the instruments of our faith—how can we be God's hands and ears and eyes if we have neglected our own health—physical, emotional, spiritual. Loving our neighbor as ourself means that to love our neighbor well, we must also love ourselves! So far, plans for the day include a relaxing facial mask, hand massage, gently yoga stretches, and some spiritual reflection—participate in what you are comfortable with! See Kathy G-C or Laraine Longhurst for further info on this!

“I came so that they could have life - indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.”—
John 10:10

From the Desk of Pastor Tim...

MEN'S RETREAT

This upcoming Friday, September 13 to Saturday, September 14, Rick Longhurst has graciously offered his camp on Friend's Lake for a Trinity Men's Retreat. The retreat will commence with a late dinner on Friday night and will conclude with Saturday evening with a dinner we will pick up on our way home.

The theme of the retreat will be "The Importance of Character." In preparation I would have you read just the preface of the attached document (pp. vii – xix). It is part of curriculum that we can continue with if we do desire.

If you are interested in this retreat, please sign up in the Annex, email Tim (pastortim@scotiatrinity.org) or call the church office (518) 399-8782.

The only cost is for food that will purchase. We will take turns preparing the meals.

In addition to the discussion on the importance of character we will have devotions, kayaking, perhaps a hike and simply enjoying a time away. If you are so willing please leave your phones in your car! Imagine 24 hours without glancing at your phone!



PARALLELS

The next Parallels event will be at Carm's Restaurant on Freeman's Bridge Road, Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 pm. We'll have a 24 cut pizza on hand for your dining pleasure. The theme for the night is "Unintended Consequences: stories of serendipity." If you have a story about how God or fate made something wonderful happened or turned a disaster into something good, we'd love to hear it. Come and be inspired by one another's stories.



YOUTH GROUP EVOLVING

This summer, Jason White of the Scotia Reformed Church suggested to some local churches that we create one big youth group instead of several smaller ones. Since I am a big believer in “the more, the merrier”, we decided to give it a go this fall. So beginning in September the youth groups of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Scotia Reformed and First Reformed Church of Schenectady will join forces and have one big youth group. Each month will be hosted by a different church. September is Scotia Reformed. October is First Reformed. November is Trinity’s month.

The first meeting will be Sunday, September 8 and will continue roughly every other week throughout the fall. A regular schedule will soon follow. Each regular meeting will be from 5:00 – 7:00 and will begin with a dinner prepared by the group!

We’ve already got some special events planned like the “Creation Care Retreat at Camp Fowler and the Apple Picking and Hayride Day at Riverview Orchards!

The youth group is open to middle school through high school age youth. Let us come out in true Trinity fashion for the first meeting at Scotia Reformed. Yes, I know it is always awkward meeting new kids for that first meeting, but I guarantee that you will feel like old friends before we host in November.

The basic schedule is as follows:

- ♣ 9/8 - Kick Off, Scotia Reformed
- ♣ 9/22 - Scotia Reformed
- ♣ 10/6 – First Reformed, Schenectady (corner of Church and Union Sts.)
- ♣ 10/13 - Creation Care Retreat at Fowler (Details to follow)
- ♣ 10/20 - Apple picking & Hayride – Riverview Orchard
- ♣ 11/3 – Trinity Presbyterian Church
- ♣ 11/16 - Sat - Food sorting for Concerned for the Hungry
- ♣ 11/17– Trinity Presbyterian Church

Opportunities

Seeking Garden Volunteers

We all enjoy the blooming plants and shrubs as we come and go for Worship and church meetings. There is constant blooming throughout the spring, summer and fall. Of course, perpetual care is required to keep the gardens looking their best.

We are looking for volunteers to work alongside us to clean up in the spring, add mulch, divide larger plants, and prune where needed. In the fall after frost, we would be to removing dead foliage and leaves, and trim where necessary. During the summer, our hope is to have a volunteer weed a "section" of the garden on a regular basis. As each year passes, it is becoming more than we can manage on our own.

Please let us know if you would like to be a garden volunteer. We'll probably get together for the first time in mid to late October.

Thanks so much,

Bill & Carole Palmer

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Trinity Bridge

Trinity Bridge starts back up on Sunday, September 8th, 2pm at the church. Please bring a snack or drink to share if you'd like - not required! You'll see the bridge schedule below that will take place at the church unless its decided to host it at a home. We are not sure if we need to bring bridge tables but Rick and Laraine Longhurst will bring two for September and we can go from there. Nancy Virkler has offered to set up a box of cards and tallies to remain at the church. PLEASE DONATE AT LEAST 2 DECKS of CARDS for the box and give to Nancy at your earliest convenience.

Sunday 2:00 pm at Trinity bridge schedule

- Sept 8, RSVP to Laraine Longhurst
- Oct 6 (to avoid Columbus Day weekend), RSVP to Carole Palmer
- Nov 3 (to avoid Veterans Day weekend)
- Dec (TBA)
- Jan 12
- Feb 9
- Mar 8
- Apr 19 (to avoid Easter)
- May 17 (to avoid Mother's Day)



For Your Information...

THANK YOU TO...

- Tom Helenek who has dutifully cut our lawn all summer
- Everyone who made our VBS a wonderful week: Polly “the rock” Benjamin, Luke “the games-man Brandow, Wendi “the games-gal” Brandow, Mariellen “the planter” Boomhower, Sarah “the bee lady” Stygles, Melissa “the wee one piper” Peterson, Kathy “the time keeper” Gorman-Coombs, Tim “the energizer” Coombs, and Terry “the tree maker” Peterson!
- Darren Gundrum and Corlin Bauhofer who led worship and preached this summer. Blaine Parsons, who has begun his Eagle Scout project of a walk-way and platform to our worship area next to the sanctuary for outdoor worship.
- Many thanks to all who participated in this Summer’s SCM Summer Lunch Program. Your willingness to volunteer at the two sites is very much appreciated. And thanks to Wendi Brandow for her great efforts in organizing this program to provide lunches in our parks

September Birthdays

- 1 Zachary Cayer, Cameron Breslin
- 2 David Hutchison
- 5 Kathleen Moore
- 7 Nathan Bell
- 8 Clarissa Garvey
- 11 Tom Beauchamp
- 13 Kelsey Czubernat
- 14 Kaila Weiszchowski
- 17 Corlin Bauhofer
- 22 Jane Caruvana
- 23 Owen Breslin
- 26 Kirk Wegter-McNelly
- 27 Liz Dobson-Davis
- 29 Matthew Wheeler, Tom Helenek
- 30 Dave Boomhower, Megan Wheeler
Beauchamp

Announcers

- Sept 1 - Louise Gundrum
- Sept 8 - Don Wheeler
- Sept 15 - Mariellen Boomhower
- Sept 22 - Melissa Peterson
- Sept 29 - Megan Beauchamp

Counters

- Sept 1 - Liz Dobson-Davis & Kernan Davis
- Sept 8 - Megan Beauchamp & Karen Englintine
- Sept 15 - Vicky Eddy-Helenek & Tom Helenek
- Sept 22 - Vicky Eddy-Helenek & Tom Helenek
- Sept 29 - Megan Beauchamp & Karen Englintine

Ushers

- Sept 1 - Tom & Vicky Eddy-Helenek
- Sept 8 - the Beauchamp Family
- Sept 15 - Cliff & Adrienne Hall
- Sept 22 - Don & Pat Wheeler
- Sept 29 - the Parsons Family

WELCOME

Amy Jessup was installed to the Board of Deacon’s.

Weekend Backpack Update

The 2018 - 19 Backpack Program was a huge success this past year. Here are some incredible statistics from the past year:

- Total bags distributed: 949
- Equivalent meals distributed: 5,694
- Total pounds of food distributed: 11,943
- Pounds of nonperishable food distributed: 11,229
- Pounds of fresh produce distributed: 700+

All of this has been due to the consistent efforts of many, many Trinity members and friends. Drivers, packers, and deliverers of food to the schools make this possible. We also thank those who contribute financially to the program as well as to Jean Hayes who makes the financial figures work.

Also, this summer we were able to keep the Scotia-Glenville Food Pantry stocked so students in need could drop in at the High School to pick up provisions as needed.

We're looking forward to the coming year of continued sharing of the Good News in care of our local children and their families.

School Supplies Needed:






- pencils
- marble & composition notebooks
- dry erase markers
- glue sticks
- pocket folders (laminated preferred~ more durable)
- Lined paper
- 24-pack CRAYOLA crayons
- tissues
- pencil pouches
- pens







Stephen Ministries

*Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ
(Galatians 6:2, NRSV)*

Recently, the Deacons have been discussing the possibility of starting what is called "Stephen Ministries" here at Trinity. A friend of our congregation, Lisa Etkin, is a trainer and facilitator in this program, and is willing and able to assist us in getting started, if there is interest among the congregation in doing so.

Stephen Ministry is a formal caregiving ministry, in which Caregivers are trained in basic skills of compassionate listening, empathy, presence, in order to provide support to folks when they are in need—perhaps a long term illness, or being a primary caregiver to a spouse or parent, grieving, broken family relationships, life transitions—the kinds of things we all go through from time to time, and sometimes could use some extra support from someone else from our faith community. It's kind of a way to put "bear one another's burdens" into action, with some special training to be better equipped to do so. Stephen Ministry interactions are completely confidential.

The training and the commitment to BE a Stephen minister represents a significant commitment; the training includes 20 2-hour sessions (some usually done in a day long retreat, others in weekly meetings), and the materials do have a cost attached to them; the Deacons will cover the costs for the basic congregational kit; Caregiver manuals are \$48; individual caregivers will be asked to cover as much of that cost as they can, but we don't want anyone to NOT do it because of cost. Any discussion or decisions about covering this cost will be totally confidential.

Lisa's connection to us and willingness to provide the trainings means elimination of training costs other than the written materials, and also means someone who knows us a bit will be training and helping us to adapt the program to our needs and congregational "personality."

So—if you think you would be interested in this, you can get more information at stephenministries.org (keeping in mind we'd be adapting some of the philosophy to fit us), or speak with Kathy.

The plan is to begin the actual training in January, giving folks a chance through the fall to decide if it's something they'd be interested in, and set aside the time that will be needed.

See Kathy if interested!

Link for further information:

<https://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/917?hpf=1>

Donations to Trinity

Donations can now be done through our online donation page through the Presbyterian Foundation online giving portal, which is securely managed by Vanco Payment Solutions. This is an easy way to setup recurring or one-time donations using your credit/debit card or personal checking account. You can set up your account by scanning the QR code with your smart phone or clicking on the link in "This Week at Trinity" communication. Contact administrators Liz Dobson-Davis (lizdobsondavis@gmail.com). Or Jenn Pietrow (jpietrow@nycap.rr.com) with any questions.




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Community Outreach	\$10.00
Total	\$15.00

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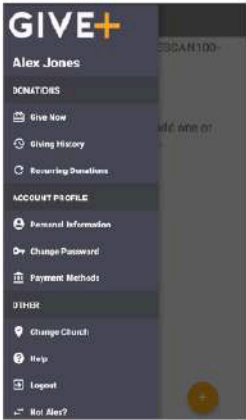
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- Next time you donate, tap *Select Frequency* to create a recurring weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or annual donation to the fund(s) of your choice
- Note: Your church determines frequency options

Review



Next Payment	Frequency	Amount
07/25/17	Biweekly	\$5
07/26/17	Biweekly	\$9
07/25/17	Monthly	\$6
07/26/17	Weekly	\$7

- From the menu, go to *Recurring Donations* to view or delete any scheduled donation made through the Give+ app
- Or, select *Giving History* to review your past Give+ donations

Church Activities

A church brochure is under development to inform new and current Trinity members about the many Church events, committees and other activities taking place at our church and in the wider community. We are a busy congregation! When completed, we will have both a shorter version and more detailed version available. I have attached a list - is anything missing that should be noted? Thank you.

SESSION	PROPERTY
EDUCATION	Building/Gardening Days
Christion Ed (Melissa Petersen)	MISSION
Youth Group	Chair – Mariellen Boomhower
Vacation Bible School	Vendor Fair
Adult Studies (book groups, bible study)	Jail Ministry
Summer Camp – Camp Fowler	One Great Hour of Sharing
Triennium	HS Pantry
SPECIAL EVENTS	Weekend Backpack
Advent Dinner	Patty's Place
Advent Pageant	School Supplies
Seder	Christmas Giving
Fundraisers	SICM Summer Lunch
WOMEN'S and MEN'S SPIRITUALTY	Woodbury Crossing
Book Groups	Crop Walk
Retreats	DEACONS
FAMILY EVENTS	Prayer Chain
Campout/Picnic	General Caretaking
Freedom Park Night	Prayer Shawl Ministry
INCLUSION TASK FORCE	MUSIC PROGRAM
Pride Events	Choir
COMMUNICATION TASK FORCE	Selah
EVANGELISM	Special
	SCHENECTADY CLERGY AGAINST HATE
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Woodberry Crossing

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August 18, 2019

Dear Trinity.

"Begin, begin, begin the day with joy" - That's what we do when you are here - thank you so much for another wonderful time of accomplishments, friendship, and joy!

It's always mind boggling to see all the projects that get done - the tussling and welding, restoring the playroom, creating the kinders rocks and building the beautiful, sturdy shed for animals and the chicken coop where chickens are already at home. The fact that you endure the hot sweaty Baltimore weather cheerfully and still accomplish so much is a feat in itself. It was fun to go back to playing board games. The daily spiritual pauses and communion worship are tangible reminders of our commitment to God's living presence and to each other.

P.S. I was rushing out the door in a tizzy and happened to spy "Peace" on a rock in the petunias. I stopped in my tracks, took a deep breath and smiled - it turned my day around. Now I'm looking for other rocks!

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Beth, Meg & all of
us at Woodberry

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MUSIC AND MORE !

Music in September. Choir will begin meeting on Thursday, September 5, at 7:30 PM as usual, to rehearse one of our "oldies but goodies" for Sunday morning, September 8. On September 15, Anna and Zack Port will lead our music, on September 22nd, the anthem will be provided by Danielle Giamatteo, and on the 29th, SELAH will lead. We are blessed with such a diversity of musical gifts!!!! Can't wait to hear them all!

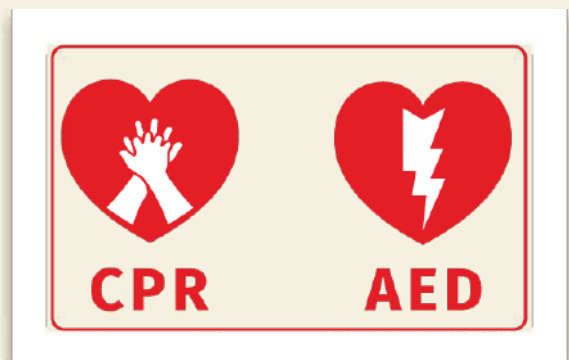


We are looking for someone new to direct our music program and lead our choir, beginning in September.

It's a very part-time, about 5 hours a week job, September-June, including Sunday worship most Sundays (one Sunday off a month), some special services, and will coordinate not just the choir's music, but a variety of musical offerings through the year. Both of the last two times we've needed someone, it was word of mouth and personal connections that found who we needed-so if you know anyone, please pass that information on to Carole Palmer, Tim Coombs, or Kathy Gorman-Coombs

CPR training - are you interested? The AED has arrived and will be installed within the next couple of weeks. Our AED purchase includes training for 10 of us - first come first serve - to take place this fall.

Please contact:
Laraine Longhurst
(laraine.longhurst@gmail.com) or
Tim Coombs (pastortim@scotiatrinity.org).



September Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10am: Worship Pastors on vacation	2	3	4	5 7:30pm: Choir	6	7
8 10am: Worship 3pm: Inclusion Task Force	9	10	11 10:30am: Judson Meadows Worship	12 7:30pm: Choir	13 <u>Men's Retreat</u>	14
15 10am: Worship Mission Committee- after worship	16	17	18 7pm: Session	19 7:30pm: Choir Parallels	20 <u>Women's Spirituality Trip</u>	21
22 10am: Worship	23	24 7pm: Deacons	25	26 7:30pm: Choir	27	28 10a-3pm: Presbytery at Rockwell Falls
29 10am: Worship	30					