



Disciples of Jesus Christ called to bring God's light into the world: through worship, serving, learning and sharing the Good News!

A Message from Trinity's Church Council

Trinity's Council has prayerfully decided that we are ready to try returning to in-person worship for ONE service on September 27th at 10 am. Trinity's Council will then assess the experience and make plans for the following weeks. We also plan to broadcast that service by Zoom and FaceBook, as we have been doing, to reach all members of the congregation.

We share in the responsibility to keep one another safe in these uncertain times. You wear a mask for the sake of your neighbor and they for you. The keys to safe gathering are small numbers, physical distance, masks, and self-policing. We are capable of all 4 of these.

Masks will be required by those attending the service, and all Covid-19 safety procedures will be followed. It is necessary to reserve a seat for this service so that we can comply with group size. Please remember that if you have signed up, and discover you are unable to attend, please call Judy. We will then be able to offer your seat to someone from the "waiting list." To sign up to attend in person, please call Judy Sadlon at 315-429-9575.

There will be another opportunity for us to gather and receive Holy Communion with Dean Gail on Saturday, September 12th at either 10am, 10:45am, or 11:30am. Dean Gail will be present at Trinity to preside at 3 short services of Holy Communion which will be held in the Fellowship Hall and limited to 8 individuals each. Seats at the tables will be marked off; please go directly to your seat and wait for the whole group to assemble.

Only 8 people (of all ages) will participate in each of the 3 gatherings. You MUST register ahead of time so there is no overflow and so that we can trace who was present. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. Please call Judy Sadlon at 315-429-9575 to reserve your spot. Once again, we ask that if you discover you are unable to attend, please call Judy. Then we can offer your seat to someone from the "waiting list."

Please do not come if you are experiencing any symptoms (cough or fever, or have been exposed to the same). **MASKS are required.** Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance. Dean Gail will be the only person handling the communion elements. The surfaces will be cleaned between each group.

You will enter through the Henry St entrance and exit using the driveway door. The service will be 15 minutes and will include a short reading, the Communion liturgy and prayer. The bathrooms will not be open. The elevator will be available.

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FAITH FORMATION-SUNDAY SCHOOL

In this unusual year, "school" will look different in many ways. Please hold Trinity's students, educators, and families in your prayers. Trinity's leaders are making plans for Faith Formation and Confirmation Classes to be held in virtual (online) ways. If you have a child of Confirmation age, please contact Dean Wolling at gwolling@gmail.com or (518) 225-7537. To be sure that your child receives Faith Formation information, please contact Wendy (Fical) Catera at yellowtexasangel@gmail.com.

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**Worship With Us
From Anywhere!**

Call on your landline phone, use your computer, receive a DVD, or receive a printed copy of the sermon!

Sharing and Serving

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Highway Clean-Up is being planned for **Saturday, September 19th at 9am**. To maintain social distance and safety for all involved, volunteers will pick up tools and a map at the church beginning at 9am. Sue Harkins will assign sections of the route for the volunteers, which will be indicated on the map. Questions? Contact Sue Harkins (harkinssusan649@gmail.com) or JoAnn Blaise (jblaise@trinityherkimer.org).

FOOD PANTRY

Our ministries continue! If you are able, please share any donations in the box on the porch at 441 Henry St. We are grateful for any food items you are able to share! Donations are brought to the Food Pantry on Monday afternoons.

CHURCH GARDEN

Our small Church garden has shown God's bounty this summer! As the growing season comes to an end, feel free to help yourself to any remaining crops.

Faith Formation/Learning

FRIENDS IN FAITH

Thanks to all who reached out to others in lieu of our annual June luncheon. A few examples: calling out of state and even out of the country, friends we seldom saw and those we used to see regularly but not at this time, Trinity folks, and some who helped us out in times of need. It was wonderful to get feedback on what you all did!

We will think positive and look forward to a luncheon in October. Till then we have the peace that comes from knowing that God loves us and that God is always in control.

RACIAL JUSTICE AND ANTIRACISM WORK

Movies generate great discussion! An active discussion about the movie "Thurgood" was held in August with an expanding group at the Fort Herkimer Pavilion. The movie "**Hidden Figures**" was chosen for September's discussion, which is planned for **Sunday afternoon, September 13th at 3 pm**. Plan to watch the movie, or read the book, and join the conversation. You won't be disappointed! Questions? Call/email Ann Maher or JoAnn Blaise.

BOOK CLUB

Lovely weather on a pleasant Friday in August was a blessing for the Book Group that met at the Fort Herkimer Pavilion on Rte 5S. We missed several regular members of the group who weren't in attendance but gladly added two new members to the discussion. Round-robin sharing of what individuals have been reading over these past "Covid" months brought out great sharing and discussion.

Sue Harkins shared a list of books to consider for the coming months. After discussion, the group made the following decisions (with adjustments as needed, of course):

Book Title	Author	Date for Discussion
The Orphan Train	Christina Baker Kline	September 18, 2020
Becoming	Michelle Obama	October 16, 2020
The Book Shop on the Corner	Jenny Colgan	November 20, 2020
Miss Willie	Jamie Holt Giles	??? TBD

The Book Group closed with a prayer and an enthusiastic plan to meet again on the third Friday of September, at the Fort Herkimer Pavilion, weather permitting. Watch for a mailing to all members of the group. Blessings on your reading!

Worship, Music and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your request be made known to GOD. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6,7

PRAYER NOTES

There are two words often overlooked in the lesson about prayer that Paul gives us in Philippians 4:6,7. They are WITH THANKSGIVING.

In approaching God to ask for new blessings, we should never forget to return THANKS for blessings already granted. Returning THANKS for blessings already received increases our faith and enables us to approach Jesus with new boldness and new assurance. As we reflect upon the wondrous goodness of God towards us on the one hand, and on the other hand upon the little thought and strength and time that we put into THANKSGIVING, we may well humble ourselves before God.

Jesus is our model in prayer as in everything else. We find in the study of His life that His manner of returning THANKS at the simplest meal, was so noticeable, that two of His disciples recognized Jesus by this after His resurrection. (Luke 24:13-31)

Have you remembered to say THANKS?

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry

Stewardship

Thanks to everyone who has continued to mail offerings to church (443 Henry Street, Herkimer, NY 13350) or continue to use Simply Giving. The mission of the church continues throughout the pandemic. If you wish to receive more information about giving directly to Trinity through the Thrivent Simply Giving Program, please contact Wendy trinityherk@verizon.net.

Our Church Family

Trinity Members In Need of Prayer: Steve Crane, Lorie Schrader, Shirley Miller, Rich Becker, Beverly Griffin, Kylene Jordan, Anna Becker, Irene Krupta, Mason and his family, Joanne, Shelly, and Judy Sadlon.

If you have concerns for the prayer chain or other personal/family matters, please call Phillis Becker at 315-866-2379.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY

David Baldanza
Joanne Killenbeck
Brianna Wilcox
Laurel Becker
Cortlan Manning
Phillis Becker
Carol Bunn
Gary Pierce, Jr.

Valerie Becker
Brianna Roche
Alyssa Jordan
Jessica Bowman
Daniel Scott Jr.
Taylor Farmer
Richard G. Becker
Justina Kane

Kyle Knoblauch
Amy Manning
Luca Olds
Claudia Skandera
Lauren Walrath
Leigh Hoke
Zachary Schrader
Logan Marusic
Sean Kan

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Amy & Jerry Manning
Sheila & Gary Pierce
Cindy & Jeff Manning
Dot & Paul Pryor

Lucille & Steve Crane
Nancy & Bill Stack
Wendy & Kory DeLuca
Thomas & Jennifer Manning

Valerie & Richard Becker
Phillis & Richard Becker
Miranda & Christopher Meinzer

Safe Use of Trinity's Space During This Time

Thank you to those who have used our new Safety Procedures when in the church building. Since we don't clean the building after each person exits, compliance with safe practices is important. The latest CDC information indicates that the virus can remain airborne for many hours. Therefore, wearing a face covering is **MANDATORY IN ALL PARTS OF THE BUILDING**, even if you are **ALONE!** **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please sign in on the form at the bottom of the stairs. Use the hand sanitizer. Don't touch your face. If you are with other people, maintain social distance.