Glad Tidings

OCTOBER 2020

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

Finding the safest ways to worship with varying worship leaders is today's challenge, and we are grateful for the team efforts that TLC has in place. The September 27th in-person worship experience went smoothly, and Council has debriefed about the event to assure that future services also succeed. There were many different considerations, conversations, and collaborations necessary to make that service happen. Those efforts are appreciated - THANK YOU!!

During October, there will be three weeks of online worship services and again, an in-person worship service on the last Sunday of the month, **October 25th, Reformation Sunday.** During that service, Ethan Madison and Lauren Walrath will be confirmed. Reservations for in-person worship need to be made prior to the service by calling Judy Sadlon at 315-429-9575, beginning on October 10th. The service will also be offered via Zoom and Facebook. All CDC guidelines for places of worship will be followed, including wearing masks at all times, social distancing, temperature checks and not singing. Bathrooms will be open for use that day. Remember to wear red for Reformation!

| Date | Worship Leader | Format |
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| October 4 | Zion Lutheran Service | Zoom/Facebook |
| October 11 | David Grindle | Zoom/Facebook |
| October 18 | Pr. Edwina Landry | Zoom/Facebook |
| October 25 | Dean Gail Wolling | In-Person and Online |
| November 1 | Pr. Miranda Hammer | Zoom/Facebook |

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| SECRETARY: Deke Pollak | 315-717-2789 | dpollak@trinityherkimer.org | Call on your landline phone, use your computer, receive a DVD, or receive a printed copy of the |
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Gratitude from Our Neighbors at First United Methodist Church

Dear Church Council and Members of Trinity Lutheran,

We are so thankful for the generous donation to the Warming Station from Trinity Lutheran Church. We are also thankful for your interest in this much needed ministry of helping the homeless with the Warming Station.

We are pleased to be moving forward with the plans to have everything ready by November.

God Bless you! Carol Longwell, Lay Leader, Head Trustee Joelle Faulks, Pastor at First United Methodist Church

Sharing and Serving

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.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

It is time to start planning for this year's Community Thanksgiving Dinner which will be done via delivery and take-out only. The planning team has met once already and will meet again via Zoom on Thursday October 15. If you would like to attend, talk with JoAnn Blaise, Ann Maher or send Pastor Joelle Faulks an email at joellefaulks@gmail.com.

Donation letters will be going out soon; Trinity holds the Thanksgiving Dinner account so all donations should be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church with "Community Thanksgiving Dinner" in the memo line. Volunteers are always welcome as this is a wonderful ecumenical community outreach event.

Faith Formation/Learning

FAITH FORMATION-SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ms. Wendy has been hard at work preparing a special surprise for those who have expressed interest in Faith Formation this year. You will be hearing from her in the next couple of days!

FRIENDS IN FAITH

No Friends in Faith activity planned for this fall. Look for us again next spring! In the meantime be sure and join some of the other activities Trinity offers. See you there!

BOOK CLUB

On Friday, October 16, TLC Book Group members are invited to meet at Denny's for a discussion of **Becoming** by Michelle Obama. The group will meet at 10:00 am. For planning purposes, please call/text Sue Harkins (315-868-0964) or Harriet Neff (315-868-9977) if you plan to attend. The November book will be **The Book Shop on the Corner** by Jenny Colgan. All book lovers are welcome to join us!

RACIAL JUSTICE AND ANTIRACISM WORK

The Holy Spirit is stirring ideas and encouraging candid conversations at this monthly event, now meeting for the fourth time. This month's discussion will center on the movie "42", the story of Jackie Robinson's entry into professional baseball. The discussion will take place in Trinity's Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, October 18th at 3:00. For planning purposes, please call/text/email Ann Maher (315-717-4257) or JoAnn Blaise (315-868-0291) if you are able to attend. Masks are required and no food/beverage is allowed. We look forward to another active discussion, including future action projects we can pursue. The Upstate NY Synod website is a great resource for articles and information. Start with this link: https://upstatenysynod.org/racial-justice-1.

One example of an action item we can easily do is to pray for an event happening in Syracuse this Saturday, October 10, called *Black Men United*. The group is **in need of Suits, and Sports Coats.** (Clean, no holes, no stains. Dry-cleaned and pressed.) If you can help in this way, please contact **Daryl Suzanne Files, Community Engagement Specialist at** InterFaith Works of CNY,1010 James Street, Syracuse, New York, 13203 <u>dfiles@ifwcny.org</u> Phone: 315-449-3552, x-208 Fax: 315-449-310

Here is a description of the event:

Black Men United (B.M.U.)

In the spirit of Black Excellence, **Black Men United** was created to first reacquaint OURSELVES, families, children, and the world with the class, honor, dignity, strength, excellence, intelligence and resilience that is The Black Man. We know that representation matters and visuals make a great impact. The image of Black men, young and old, marching in solidarity through the streets of Syracuse will serve as a catalyst to the shift in narrative. We envision one thousand Black men and boys marching through our city streets in unity starting from City Hall, past City Hall Commons, the Police Station, Onondaga County Jail and end at the Onondaga County Courthouse steps. There we will be greeted by men and women of all races to show solidarity in their support and encouragement of Black men taking a stand for their communities.

Worship, Music and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER.

"Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

PRAYER NOTES

Why does God encourage us to pray? So we can grow in our faith, totally depending on Him. Wow!!! What a wonderful place to be having a dialogue with Jesus our Lord. He not only wants us to pray about our needs, He also wants us to pray about other people and their needs. One way God accomplishes His will, on earth, is through our prayers. However praying is not telling God what to do, we can tell Him what we would like Him to do, but we must trust Jesus to answer our prayers in His way and in His time.

There is more that God wants us to have a conversation with Him than we can even think of. The Holy Spirit will impress upon our hearts people and situations that we might not think of to pray about on our own. The Holy Spirit will always lead and help us to pray.

How do we know this? God's Word tells us so (Romans 8:26,27,28). How awesome is that, what a GREAT GOD we serve!!!!!!

In His Service, Prayer Ministry

Volunteer Schedule

As needed, the following have volunteered as counters:

- October 4 & 11 Ann Maher & Phillis Becker
- October 18 & 25 Sue Harkins & Cathy Mayton-Collins
- November 1 & 8 Wendy Catera & Judy Sadlon
- November 15 & 22 Ann Maher & Cathy Mayton-Collins

Additional counters are always welcome. If you would like more information, please contact Wendy DeLuca.

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 DeLuca at trinityherk@verizon.net.

Our Church Family

In Need of Prayer and Support: Steve Crane, John Sadlon, Lorie Schrader, Rich Becker, Judy, Peter, Janet, Mason, David & family, Logan, Bev, Anna, Ann, Loren Jr., & all those on Trinity's prayer chain. Please keep the family of Ivan Schrader in your prayers upon his death on September 29.

Our prayers are with the family of Shelly Vanderwerken, who went to be with our Lord on September 22nd. May Emma and Paul be lifted up by the powerful presence of God's comfort and the promise of life eternal in Christ Jesus.

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

| Brittney Betti | Sonja Taylor | Kalina Snyder |
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| Holly Smith | Verna Boor | Lynn Roof |
| Gabrielle Kelly | Molly Ivanchak | Gary Pierce, Sr. |
| Timothy Farmer | Presley Macri | Grant Becker |
| David Snow | Nancy Stack | Alexandria Mika |
| Hanna DeLuca | Katrina Kapusta | Cathy Mayton-Collins |
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John Hoke Paul J. Marusic, Jr.

Kayla Kucerak Ron Cole

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

| Ashley & Joshua Hinckley | Dan & Cathy Mayton-Collins | Shannon & Jared Levi |
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| Barb & Gordon Marquissee | Rebecca & Nicholas Perlmutter | Martha & Robert Smith |

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.