



May - Moving into Summer and Moving Forward with In-Person Contact

Worshipping together in Trinity's sanctuary during April has been a joy. Thanks to having a strong team approach, our service is also able to be shared virtually, reaching even more people. Emerging from the pandemic safely remains the goal that guides your Church Council in making decisions about church use and worship opportunities. During May, we will continue to follow CDC and NYS Health Department guidelines. Council is working on updating policy/procedures documents regarding building use that will assure clear guidance for all involved. As groups from within and outside the church begin to use the building again, maintaining accurate records will be key to good communication.

Watch for more information to come, and check in with Cassie if you have any questions. During May, we will use the same practices we used in April - maintain social distance and wear a mask at all times when in the building. God is clearly at work among us and sharing His love through us. Let us continue to work together to spread the good news!

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:6

What You Can Expect When You Attend an In-Person Service

- Everyone in attendance is healthy and has had no known Covid exposure.
- Everyone will wear a face covering at all times, in compliance with TLC Council policy.
- Worship leaders will provide the service from the altar area; congregation members will be seated during the service.
- Two large screens on both sides of the sanctuary will provide information for the service. At this time, no paper bulletins will be used.
- Adequate air flow in the building will be provided.
- Social distancing will be maintained.
- Access to restrooms will be available.

What You Can Expect When You Attend a Virtual Service

- The weekly service will be streamed live through Zoom and available on Facebook.
- Missed Sunday morning? Watch on Facebook, YouTube or our website anytime.
- On Sundays when we have communion, please have bread and wine (or juice) available.
- All of our Zoom events have the same **Meeting ID: 315 866 6474 and Password: 13350**.
 - Landline or smartphone: Dial +1 646 558 8656. When prompted put in the Meeting ID: 315 866 6474 then when prompted enter the password: 13350
 - On a computer or tablet use your internet browser to go to zoom.us and click "Join a Meeting"

Date	Worship Leader	Format
May 2	Deacon Patsy Glista	In Person or join us Virtually*
May 9	Dean Gail Wolling	In Person or join us Virtually
May 16	Rev. Edwina Landry	In Person or join us Virtually
May 23	David Grindle SAM	In Person or join us Virtually
May 30	David Grindle SAM	In Person or join us Virtually

*To virtually participate please join us at 10am on either Zoom, Facebook or the website.

All in person worship services are subject to change to virtual only if Covid status changes.

Tidings by Email

During the pandemic, we have been mailing the Tidings to all members. If you would prefer to receive the Tidings via email, please contact Cassie at CBecker@Trinityherkimer.org.

Church Office Hours

Cassie will be in the office Monday-Thursday 10am-1pm, and at other various times throughout the week. Please contact her at 315-866-6474 or cbecker@trinityherkimer.org and she will be happy to assist you with any of your church needs.

Trinity's Safe Use of Space Policy

Trinity's Council has reviewed and updated our Covid Safety Procedures for the church building. **If a person has any symptom of illness, that individual should not enter the church building.** Wearing **face covering** is **MANDATORY IN ALL PARTS OF THE BUILDING**. Please use the hand sanitizer and sign in on the form at the bottom of the stairs. If you are with other people, maintain social distance. Since we don't clean the building after each person exits, compliance with safe practices is important.

Stay connected with us weekly

Do you receive our weekly announcements in your email? Go to our website or contact Cassie at 315-866-6474 or cbecker@trinityherkimer.org to sign up!

Serving and Sharing

METAL DRIVE

The metal drive will be held on Saturday, May 15th. *The money raised from the metal drive will be donated to the food bank!* Please bring any metal to the church on May 14th or early May 15th by 9:30 am. If the trailer is parked there, please load metal items directly onto it. If it is not yet available, items can be left on the cement pad at the back of the church driveway. We may be able to pick up your items **ONLY** if we know in advance. Acceptable items include any kind of metal such as tin, iron, copper. Also power cords and car or riding mower batteries are accepted. Rechargeable batteries for tools such as trimmers are **NOT** accepted. Please address any questions to Cassie.

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

The first Highway Cleanup of the year is scheduled for May 1st at 9am! As we look to the future our hope is to have events on July 10th and Sept 18th. Please call Sue (315-868-0964) or JoAnn (315-868-0291) to RSVP.

DONATION BOXES

The food pantry box and Box for Sox continue to be located on the parsonage porch for donations. Interested in becoming more involved with Serving and Sharing? Contact Sue Harkins (315-868-0964), JoAnn Blaise (315-868-0291), or any member of the Serving and Sharing Team.

Faith Formation/Learning

BOOK GROUP

Book Group will meet again at 10am on Friday, May 21st, at Harriet Neff's home. Please call Harriet to RSVP (315-868-9977). Our book is *Friendship Cake* by Lynne Hinton. "Lynne Hinton's beloved bestselling classic, *Friendship Cake*, is a beautiful, poignant, and funny novel of five small-town women friends that offers inspiring life lessons in faith, love, strength, survival, and community--as well as a host of delicious Southern recipes." In the past, we've read another book by this author; *The Arms of God*, which we found thought provoking.

Worship, Music, and Prayer

"The Lord is close to all who call on HIM, yes!, to all who call on HIM in truth." (Psalm 145:18)

Prayer Notes:

In submitting to the Lord's leading, we obey scriptures command: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him" (Proverbs 3:5-6)

At the same time, we open our lives to the promise that accompanies the command. "And He will make your path straight". (Verse 6)

When we yield to God who is our Master Refiner, He strips away our flaws and distractions that hinder intimacy so that we can unreservedly surrender our hearts to Him. We develop a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that transcends all other relationships. How awesome is that? One thing is clear. Jesus yielded Himself to the Father's will. Can we do less??

Did you know that Trinity has a "Prayer Corner "in the library, where books may be borrowed, as a resource, to help us grow on our prayer journey? The best way to learn to pray is to pray, then having a dialogue with Jesus becomes a key part of our lives. YES!!!



PRAYER EVENTS COMING THIS FALL:

- (1) Prayer Walk
- (2) Prayer Vigil
- (3) Prayer Activity

Prayerfully consider joining us in either or all of these prayer happenings and guaranteed all of us will be blessed. No exact dates have been set at this time, but will be announced at a later time with details.

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry

Volunteer Schedule

With the church opening back up, helpers are needed to get our good deeds done! If you are interested in singing, reading, signing people in at the door, or many of our other tasks, please volunteer. A sign up sheet is located outside the sanctuary doors. If you have any other events needing volunteers, feel free to add them to our list! What a great way to help our church community and build your relationship with God! Please contact Cassie or any volunteer with any questions.

	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Counter	Cathy Mayton Collins	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Counter 2	Sue Harkins	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Reader	Sue Harkins	Phillis Becker	Judy Sadlon?	JoAnn Blaise?	Amy Manning?
Slideshow/ Zoom	Ann or Cassie	Ann or Cassie	Ann or Cassie	Ann or Cassie	Ann Maher
Opener/ Check In	Cassie Becker	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Cassie Becker	JoAnn Blaise
Singer	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Judy Sadlon	David Grindle	David Grindle
Altar	Amy Manning	Amy Manning	Amy Manning	Amy Manning	Amy Manning
Windows & Fans	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser

If you are available to volunteer, please contact Cassie in the office at Cbecker@TrinityHerkimer.org or 315-866-6474. Thank you! Your help is greatly appreciated.

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 wdeluca@trinityherkimer.org.

Our Church Family

God's children in need of prayer and support: Steve, Lucille, Gary, Joan, Hope, Kate, Rose, Ann, Deke, Bill, Eleanor, Jason, Chase, Tonya, Felix, Peter, Irene, Millie, Jan, Ernie, Dolly, Mike, Loren Jr., Laura, all those touched by the COVID19 virus and all those on Trinity's prayer chain.

Our dear sister in Christ, Bonnie Wicks, went to be with our Lord on 1/3/21. Her memorial service was held on April 7, 2021 at VJ Iocovozzi funeral home in Frankfort, with her family and friends present. May Jesus' loving arms surround them with His comfort and peace.

Our brother in Christ, Paul S. Janeka, went to be with our Lord on 1/1/21. A graveside service will take place at 12 noon on Friday, May 14, 2021 at the Mohawk cemetery. Pastor Joelle will preside the service. God's peace and blessings be with JoAnn and family.



Congratulations to Jenifer & Joel Lyon, the proud parents of a baby boy. Riley Flynn Lyon, born March 29, 2021, 9lbs 15oz, 20 1/2 inches long. The proud grandparents are Sheila & Gary Pierce. What a wonderful gift from God!!!!

If you have concerns for the prayer chain or other personal family matters, please call Phillis Becker at 315-866-2379 or text her at 315-601-2279.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jodi Lally	Cole Taylor	Garrett Gerdau
Donald Schrader	Erik Ruff	Dillon Holmes
Emily Madison	Kerri Griffin	Eleanor Clements
Martha Smith	Risleigh Roche	Amanda Gebhart
Hunter Becker	Logan Christofaro	Marion Ruller
Edna Briggs	Gary Manning	Joyce Schrader
Susan Schrader	Nicole Baker	Rebecca George
Shirley Miller	Louis Baldanza	Rachel Bruce
Chelsea Herrmann	Morgan Hinckley	Kurt Heidler
Eva Knoblauch	Jonathan Minter	Wendy Catera
Matthew Neff	Jared Marquissee	Kylene Jordan
Derek Mizerak	Mary Dickerson	James Stegemann
Ashley Crandall	Goffrey Gerdau	

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Lisa & James Woods	Becky & Rob Walrath
Colleen & Jeff Gross	Steven & Amanda Gebhardt
Reagan & Dennis Shaut, Jr.	Kim & Rudolph Schrader
Kerri & Brice Griffin	Ann & Peter Maher

If you spot an error or omission, please notify the office. We will be happy to update this list!

We plan to do one **Summer Tidings for July and August**. Please start thinking about any news you would like us to share! Email us at Tidings@trinityherkimer.org. Justina, Cassie and Ann will all receive the email. We appreciate feedback and ideas to improve our newsletter too!

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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!

