



News From Your Church Council

God has answered our prayers and brought us through the pandemic, into a new season of slow but steady progress toward a new way of “being church”. Returning to our comfortable habits, like sharing communion and worshipping together in Trinity’s beautiful sanctuary, has been the gift of April and May. We are doing things in new ways, and that will no doubt continue. Communion packaged in containers is one example; streaming the service for virtual access is another. Singing behind our masks instead of humming makes the service more enjoyable. We are grateful to all of our Worship leaders and volunteers for flexibility, creativity and enthusiasm.

Your Council is committed to finding ways to assure that we remain safe in our procedures while active use of Trinity’s facilities for worship and outreach returns to normal. Now that building use by both church and outside groups is resuming (see related article), Council has decided that beginning June 1, **the use of food and beverages is permissible in the fellowship hall, as long as social distancing and safe procedures are observed.** In other words, masks should be worn except when seated; masks can then be removed for food/beverage consumption.

As the TLC Council plans for the future, it has been determined that holding a Congregational Meeting in June is not practical this year. Instead, Council members will hold a retreat on June 6th to brainstorm ideas for the future. A Congregational meeting in September will likely be planned as one outcome of this retreat. There are many issues and ideas to explore as we continue to be a “Lay-Led Congregation”. If you have ideas, questions, or concerns, be sure to share them with any Council member.

Update on Covid 19 Protocols

Our Church is following the New York State Department of Health Guidelines as we make decisions for the church and its members. The source used is [Reopening New York: Guidelines for Religious and Funeral Services](#), updated by NYS on April 6, 2021. As we experience in our daily lives, each of us needs to make our own decisions to keep ourselves safe, and be respectful of our community. As we move forward, when at church please remember to:

- Wear a mask, except when seated and consuming food/beverage in the Fellowship Hall, or communing
- Maintain a comfortable and safe distance between yourself and others
- Stay home if you are not feeling well
- Use good hygiene practices, including use of hand sanitizing stations provided
- Respect one another at all times.

If we all follow these guidelines, our church will continue to be a welcoming and safe space, both virtually and physically. Thank you for being a part of Trinity!

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
June 6	Dean Gail Wolling	In Person or join us Virtually*	Yes
June 13	Phillis Becker	In Person or join us Virtually	No
June 20	Deacon Patsy Glista	In Person or join us Virtually	No
June 27	Judy Sadlon	In Person or join us Virtually	No

*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.

Use of Trinity's Building Spaces

In anticipation of renewed activity in our church spaces, our Building Use forms have been updated and revised. If you belong to a group that previously met at Trinity and would like to resume that activity, or have a new activity planned, please call Cassie and she will provide the forms needed. Outside groups like NA are also welcome to use our spaces following the guidelines and expectations that have been defined.

Additionally, a church calendar has been added to the TLC website, where Cassie posts all the activities and events that people should know about. Check the website to see the calendar and find other interesting information as well! The website address is <http://trinityherkimer.org>.

Church Office News

Cassie is 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, including:

- Signing up to receive the Tidings by email.
- Signing up for the weekly announcements.
- Signing up for building use, including activities and events.
- Becoming a volunteer.

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!

Friends in Faith Luncheon

Friends in Faith plan to meet for their annual June luncheon at the Ann St. Deli in Little Falls. Please join us on Tuesday, June 15th at noon. As far as we know now, we will be sitting at separate tables, 6 to a table. This is open to anyone, women, men, children and friends. To allow for reservation, please RSVP to Harriet at 315 219-5355 or 315 868-9977. If you find out at the last minute that you can make it and have not called ahead - please come anyway!

Lutheran Chicks

We can't wait to catch up! All women of our church are welcome to bring a lawn chair and gather outside with us on June 8th at 6:00 pm. Stay as little or as long as you like. The restrooms at the church will be available for use.

Serving and Sharing

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

A Highway Cleanup took place on May 8th, with a good group of people assisted by local Scouts. 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) if you are interested in participating.

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 at 10 am on June 18th at Harriet Neff's home. Our book is *Twice Shy* by Dick Francis. We have a longer book for July 16, Ann Cleeves' *Raven Black*. You may want to get an early start. Both are award winning mystery writers. Please call Harriet at 315 219-5355 or 315 868-9977 to RSVP so she knows how many are attending.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are thrilled to once again invite you to participate in our collaborative Vacation Bible School July 26-30! This summer, our theme is *Jesus: Man of Mystery*, where we will learn together just who this "mystery man" is! This event is for children aged Kindergarten through fifth grade in the fall of 2021. **We are also looking for volunteers to help out!** To sign up your child or to volunteer please contact the office at 315-866-6474 or email Cassie at CBecker@trinityherkimer.org. To find out more check out their website www.herkvbs.weebly.com.

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:

"The Lord is near to ALL who call on HIM, to ALL who call on HIM in truth." (Psalm 145:18)

PRAYER NOTES:

Martin Luther wrote...

"None can believe how powerful prayer is, and what it is able to effect, but those who have learned it by experience. It is a great matter, when in extreme need, to take hold on prayer. I know whenever I have prayed earnestly, that I have been ample heard, and have obtained more than I prayed for. God indeed, sometimes delayed, but at last HE came."

Remember to learn to pray is to pray. And what a blessing it is to have a close and personal relationship with our GOD.

Do you, or someone you know, have a prayer request? Let someone on Trinity's prayer chain know. It would be our privilege, in confidence, to pray to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for your concerns. It's called Love, God's Love!!

"Love never gives up, never loses FAITH, is always HOPEFUL and ENDURES" (1 Corinthians 13:17)

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.

	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
Counter 1	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker
Counter 2	Bona Starring	Bona Starring	Gary Manning?	Gary Manning?
Reader	Phillis Becker	Sue Harkins	Bona Starring	Phillis Becker
Slideshow/ Zoom	Ann or Cassie	Ann or Cassie	Ann or Cassie	Ann or Cassie
Opener/ Check In	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise
Singer	Sue Harkins	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Judy Sadlon
Altar	Amy Manning	n/a	n/a	n/a
Windows & Fans	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser

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, Ann, Gary, Joan, Rose, Rich, Eleanor, Jason, Chase, Peter, Felix, Irene, Barbara, Loren Jr, Laura, Ernie, Jerry, Charles, Graham, and all those touched by the virus and all those on Trinity's prayer chain.

Prayers for Patsy Glista and her family for God's comfort in the death of her cousin Barbara Manion who went to be with our Lord on Friday, April 30th.

Bill Rogers, John Keiser's nephew, went to be with our Lord last week after a long illness. Please pray for his family, who reside in Texas, for our Lord's comfort and peace.

Our sister in Christ, Donna Wilcox, went home to be with Jesus on Tuesday, May 4th. Please pray for her husband John and family for God's perfect peace and love to surround them in His comfort.

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.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

JaNell Risi
Merissa Schrader
Robert Walrath
Carlie Gross
Isabella Nichols
Alexandria Snow
Dylan Skandera
Brenden Roche
Judy Sadlon
Cody Marquissee
Brett Risi

Lucille Crane
Ava Macri
Alexia Mizerak
William Hubbard
Michael Marusic
Allen A. Schrader
Barbara Parkhurst
Dawn Shae
Rachel Madison
Jaxson Hayes Manning
Kensley Sue Miller

Lauren VanHeusen
Kathy Farmer
Kim Davis
Emma Vanderwerken
Patrick Joy
Luke Schrader
Madison Marusic

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Kylene & Michael Jordan
Holly & Timothy Smith, Jr.
Laurie & Dean Yauger
Theresa & Martin Skandera

Sandy & Derek Mizerak
Matthew & Mary Alice Schmitt
Rebecca & Dennis Shaut

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

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From Anywhere!**

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

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 a face covering is required, except when taking communion, or consuming food/beverage in the Fellowship Hall, while socially distanced and seated. 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.