



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

News From Your Church Council

September will be an exciting month for Trinity, as we move safely but excitedly into renewed activities at the church. Since we did not hold our annual mid-year Congregational Meeting in June, please mark the date of Sunday, September 26th in your calendar, when we will meet after worship to discuss where we are, where we have come from and where we envision God leading us in the future. This will be an important meeting and your Council hopes everyone will want to contribute. Watch for more information in the mail as the date of the meeting draws closer.

Council would like to thank everyone for respecting the ever changing requirements for Covid-19 safety protocols. We can be proud that by working together and discussing opinions openly, we are finding the balance of virtual and in-person opportunities that work for everyone. Trinity's ministries in the community continue to help in positive ways, and the fellowship among members remains as strong as ever. Dean Wolling, Council Members, Worship Leaders and faithful volunteers keep things going well.

Read on to see what else will be happening at Trinity as the fall months arrive, and where future-thinking may lead us. Where is God calling you to become involved? As a lay-led church, the participation of all congregation members is needed to do God's work locally and beyond.

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
September 5	Phillis Becker	In Person or join us Virtually	No
September 12	Rev. Lori Kochanski	In Person or join us Virtually	Yes
September 19	Deacon Patsy Glista	In Person	No
September 26*	Rev. Gail Wolling	In Person or join us Virtually	Yes

*Congregational meeting will follow worship on September 26, 2021

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.

A Message from the TLC Stewardship Team

The Stewardship Team would like to thank all of you for your continued support during the last year. Thankfully we are able to worship in the sanctuary once again for those that choose to. Sunday worship is also streamed online and we are able to reach a larger audience. We have purchased the equipment necessary to continue this ministry along with Bible Study being streamed twice a month as well, as an option if you can not meet at the church on Thursday mornings. We are a lay-led church and we can not do this without your presence. Thank you for your continued support.

The Stewardship Team - Bona Starring, Kylene Jordan, and Wendy DeLuca

www.trinityherkimer.org

315-866-6474

What Does the Future Hold for Trinity? Perhaps Some New or Renewing Ministries

Ministries require Faith, Leadership, Participation and Vision, among other things. Have you felt God's nudge in your imagination about where your faith may be taking you? Some ideas that have begun to percolate among our members include these nuggets - might one or more catch your interest? Contact Cassie in the office if you would like more information on any of these ideas - or others of your own!

- *Devotional Booklet for Advent:* Wouldn't it be fun to have an Advent resource of poems, inspirational messages, pictures and scriptural references to enrich our Advent experience?
- *Connecting with Technology:* Do all of our members have reliable Internet Access? Would having "Hotspots" help to improve service?
- *Spreading our Faith through Friendship:* Why not invite a friend to attend or view service with you?
- *Community Thanksgiving Dinner:* It's time to start planning and new leadership is needed!
God is calling - How well are we listening?

Update on Covid 19 Protocols

At the August Council meeting, in response to rising Covid 19 infection levels, the TLC Council revised the Covid Policy for the church as follows:

- Unvaccinated individuals must continue to wear a mask at all times.
- When the Herkimer County Infection Rate is Substantial or High, masks are required for all individuals during the Worship Service. ([Click here](#) or visit [covid.cdc.gov](https://www.covid.cdc.gov) to check the status)
- When the Herkimer County Infection Rate is Low or Moderate, masks are required for vaccinated individuals while singing during worship, or singing anywhere in the church building.

Thank you for continuing to do the following:

- 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.

Our Church is following the New York State Department of Health Guidelines as we make decisions for the church and its members. The county rate is measured weekly, and we will share the rate in our Weekly Announcement email. In addition, a sign will be posted on the church door to state the risk level of our county. Masks are available to those who are in need. The Office for the Aging has provided Trinity with a generous supply of masks. 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!

The pandemic is affecting each of us differently and in many ways. While we continue to hold each other in prayer, we especially lift up all families who have lost loved ones during this time.

Church Office News

Beginning in September, Cassie will generally be in the office Monday-Thursday from 1pm-4pm, and at other various times throughout the week. She will have limited availability the last week of September and be out of office the first week of October. If you need to reach her for church related business, please contact her at 315-866-6474 or cbecker@trinityherkimer.org.

"Mystery" Prayer Event

Join us for a Mystery Prayer Event on Saturday, September 25th from 10am-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity. All ages are invited and of course goodies will be served.

Annual Fall Luncheon

Friends in Faith: Please join us for our annual fall luncheon on Tuesday, October 12th at 12 pm. We will meet at Salvatore's Restaurant in Herkimer. Please call Harriet at 315 868-9977 if you plan to come. ALL are welcome! More details will be in October's Glad Tidings.

Serving and Sharing

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

A Highway Cleanup will take place on September 18th at 9 am. Supplies will be available to pick up next to the garden at the church. Do you know anyone looking for community service credit? Student workers are welcome to join us. Please call Sue (315-868-0964) or JoAnn (315-868-0291) if you are interested in participating.

FOOD PANTRY

One of Trinity's most active (and appreciated) ministries is our support of the local Food Pantry, located at the Salvation Army. Any non-perishable food items will make a difference in someone's life. Our collection baskets are located at the Church's Henry Street entrance at the bottom of the stairs, and on the porch of the parsonage. Thank you!

Faith Formation/Learning

BIBLE STUDY

Did you know that there is an active discussion about the Bible and its messages for us happening every Thursday morning at 10am? You are welcome to join the conversation! The group is led by Phillis Becker, and meets weekly in the Fellowship Hall.

Dean Gail will again offer a virtual Bible Study experience beginning on September 14th and continuing after that on the second and fourth Tuesday mornings at 10am. The study will be streamed live on Facebook and can also be viewed at any time after it is posted.

BOOK GROUP

Two interesting books are on the list for discussion at the September 17th Book Group gathering at Harriet Neff's home. The books are The Eagle Catcher by Margaret Coen and Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead. The discussion begins at 10:00 and all are welcome. Please call Harriet for planning purposes.

In October, plan to bring a favorite recipe and/or cookbook to share. Location is to be decided.

FAITH FORMATION

Helping our families find comfortable ways to build their faith-based practices is our goal for Faith Formation this year. Phillis Becker and others are exploring ways to bring children and families together to learn about God and develop their faith. Planning is taking place in September and it is hoped to begin activities in October. Contact Phillis Becker at 315-866-2379 to become involved in this important ministry.

Vacation Bible School - Thank You, Community!

During the week of July 26-30, area children and families enjoyed a week of faith exploration around the theme of “Jesus: Man of Mystery”. This wonderful program, hosted at the First United Methodist Church, brought people from many area churches together as one faith community. Each evening, a family meal opened the evening, followed by interactive activities for all the children involved. Seven faith groups participated: First United Methodist Church (host); Christ Episcopal Church; Trinity Lutheran Church; Morning Star United Methodist Church; St. Augustine Episcopal Church; Christian Assembly of Schuyler; and Coming Alongside . Thanks goes out to all the volunteers from these faith groups and other community members who made this VBS experience possible. Appreciation is also given to the generous donors and area businesses who supported the event. Meals were provided by Stewarts, Burger King, Cliff’s, MorningStar, Trinity Lutheran, and the Mariano’s. Other donors included Hannafords, Hummels, Twin Rivers, and Texas Roadhouse. Thanks also to anonymous donors for monetary donations and donated materials.

It takes many dedicated people to make an experience like this possible for our youth. The largest shoutout of thanks must go to the ecumenical Planning Team that has been meeting since early spring in order for VBS to succeed. Thank you VBS Organizers and Leaders!

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER 🙏

"My voice rises to GOD and I will cry aloud; My voice rises to GOD and HE will hear me"

PRAYER 🙏 NOTES:

Afraid to pray out loud? Have you ever faced a situation involving group prayer, where fear gripped you? By confessing this fear to God, HE will begin filling you with truth and courage to continue on the path of learning to pray aloud with both humility and confidence. Simply ask HIM to set you free from fear and give you a greater awareness of HIS delight in hearing your prayers regardless of your wording.

While GOD hears all our prayers, spoken or silent, many of us struggle with fears and hesitations about praying aloud, especially early on in our prayer journey.

The following suggestions may be helpful:

- *Humble your heart ❤️ Invite GOD to fill your thoughts that are in HIS heart.
- *Focus your heart and mind on the Lord, not others.

Remember that prayer 🙏 is between you and GOD.

- *Use your heart ❤️ language: One of the most beautiful and powerful prayers I have heard was: "JESUS, I just love you so much" That was it!!!!!!
- *Invite the HOLY SPIRIT to guide your prayers.
- *Rest in the confidence that what you pray counts.* 🙏

Revelation 8:4 presents a picture of heaven that includes the gathering of the prayers of GOD'S saints.

Think of it this way:

Every prayer ever prayed in every generation from every believer counts for all eternity.

That's a powerful motivation to pray often and with great expectation!!!

IN HIS SERVICE,

PRAYER MINISTRY 🙏

P.S.

Come and join us for a fun filled:

"MYSTERY" PRAYER EVENT

Saturday, September 25th

10am-11:30am

Fellowship hall at Trinity

All ages are invited

and of course goodies will be served 😊

Volunteer Schedule

Please contact Cassie with questions or any necessary changes.

	September 5	September 12	September 19	September 26
Counter 1	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker
Counter 2	Bona Starring	Bona Starring	Amy Manning	Amy Manning
Reader	Sue Harkins	Phillis Becker	Bona Starring	Cassie Becker
Slideshow/ Zoom	Cassie Becker	Cassie Becker	Cassie Becker	Ann Maher
Opener/ Check In	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker
Singer	Sheila Baker	Sue Harkins	Sheila Baker	Sue Harkins
Altar	n/a	Amy Manning	n/a	Amy Manning
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 continues 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, Rose, Richard, Eleanor, Jason, Chase, Peter, Felix, Irene, Barbara, Loren Jr., Graham, Matt, Tom, Tanya, Bill, Marguerite, Paul, Mike and all others on Trinity's prayer chain. Please keep the people of Afghanistan, who are suffering from oppression, in our prayers also.

A friendly reminder: Prayers are kept on the prayer chain for 4 weeks and then are removed unless updated. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please pray for God's comfort to be with the Becker family in the death of their brother and cousin, George Becker who went home to be with our Lord on July 30, 2021. Thank you!

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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

Amy Manning
Claudia Skandera
Luca Olds
Lauren Walrath
Leigh Hoke
Logan Marusic
Zachary Schrader
Sean Kane

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 Meinze

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

Council Contact Information

President: Ann Maher	315-891-3952	amaher@trinityherkimer.org
Vice President: Phillis Becker	315-866-2379	pbecker@trinityherkimer.org
Sec.: Cathy Mayton-Collins	315-867-8426	cmayton-collins@trinityherkimer.org
Treasurer: Kylene Jordan	315-404-3945	kjordan@trinityherkimer.org
Amy Manning	315-868-9224	amanning@trinityherkimer.org
Bona Starring	315-868-8393	bstarring@trinityherkimer.org
Gary Manning	315-717-4830	gmanning@trinityherkimer.org
Paul Kucerak	315-868-8805	pkucerak@trinityherkimer.org
Dean Gail Wolling	518-225-7537	gwolling@trinityherkimer.org

**Worship With Us
From Anywhere!**

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

Helpful Resources:

Church Calendar: trinityherkimer.org/calendar

COVID CDC Tracker: covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view

Facebook: facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchHerkimer

SYNOD website: upstatenysynod.org/