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Glad Tidings

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

One of my favorite songs is Multiplied, by the band, Need To Breathe. The lyrics form a prayer:

*Your love is like radiant diamonds / Bursting inside us--we cannot contain.
Your love will surely come find us / Like blazing wildfires singing Your name
God of mercy sweet love of mine / I have surrendered to Your design.
May this offering stretch across the skies / And these Hallelujahs be multiplied.*

It's an ideal song for the offering in worship, but lately I've been hearing it through the lens of the offering that is you. Not your time or talent or treasure. Each of you. All of you.

My installation on May 3rd was a deeply spiritual experience for me, and I think, for all who were able to be present. From the moment when we chose the date, I said to Justina, "I want all the kids to lead this one. This is my fifth installation, and I've never had it led primarily by children and youth. Can we make this happen?"

Justina sent out Save The Date cards to all our families. We hoped to have practice on Friday night. And because of other obligations, including sports commitments to their respective teams, only 2 students were able to come to the installation.

Until the morning of May third. And then, very early in the morning, while it was still dark, it began to rain. And by breakfast time, the games were canceled. And once the children no longer had commitments to their teams, they all came. And even more, they wanted to come. They showed up early. We trained them each as they walked in the door. And by 9:30, students were at the doors handing out bulletins, greeting people, welcoming. Children were trained as acolytes. Young readers were ready, having practiced multiple times. Big kids were paired up with younger ones to collect the offering. And we began the service with our youngest members meeting me at the font where we spontaneously improvised a sports-like huddle, putting our hands together in the water and raising them up as one.

It was holy, and hectic. Hallelujahs were multiplied.

Thank you all for the energy and generosity you brought to this occasion, and to all that you continue to bring in your commitment to the body of Christ. Not one detail was overlooked. And the leftovers from the scrumptious food fed 26 unhoused families in Utica. It is a blessing to be your pastor. I can't wait to see how God's love comes and finds us over and over again as we walk this road together. You. And me. And all the children. Hallelujah!

With you, Pastor Marie

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
June 1	Judy Sadlon	In House/Zoom	No
June 8	Rev. Marie Duquette	In House/Zoom	Yes
June 15	Deb Bohn	In House/Zoom	No
June 22	Rev. Marie Duquette	In House/Zoom	Yes
June 29	Rev. Marie Duquette	In House/Zoom	Yes

To virtually participate in Sunday Service, please join us at 10am on Zoom.
Zoom Phone: 1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 3158666474 Password: 13350

Annual Meeting of Reports

Our Annual Congregation Meeting of Reports will be held Sunday, June 8th after worship (approximately 11:15am) in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to join us!

Graduates

Please help us to bless and honor college, high school and trade school graduates this season by letting the church staff know their names, dates of the graduation and the schools they will be graduating from. This very special time in their lives needs to be recognized!

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped plan, prepare, and lead my installation and reception on May 3rd! Everything was lovely -- the bulletins, flowers, children, music, refreshments. We are grateful to be here, to be with you, to begin this new chapter in our lives together. It was a celebration worthy of having spent so long in the desert. Alleluia! --*Pastor Marie*

Bible Study with Pastor Marie

Pastor Marie will be leading a bible study at Zion on the Book of Acts, beginning Wednesday, June 4th, at 10:00 a.m. We will meet on Wednesdays for one hour. Please RSVP if you plan to participate so that she can have enough materials, and also keep you posted if plans change on any given week. She will begin a bible study after worship at Trinity in July -- details coming as soon as they are available.

Serving & Sharing

May was a very eventful month with the installation of our new pastor, Marie. What a beautiful service! A great meal and fellowship followed. Thirty meals were packed and sent from the leftovers and delivered to individuals in need by Deb. Mother's Day was presented with a beautiful service by Pastor Marie, followed by a very fruitful coffee hour. The following weekend we delivered a meal to the Reformed church then off to Pastor Marie's installation at Zion Lutheran in New Hartford. Trinity also hosted a breakfast that was served by board members of the Loaves and Fishes Warming Center. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome members of our community and build relationships with them.

Highway cleanup had to work around the weather and only a few volunteers have been available. Please help when you can and if you have any youth that need community service let us know. We keep trying to make God's place a little cleaner.

Looking to the future...

- Our Denny's Breakfast crew will meet at the Herkimer Denny's on June 5th and 19th.
- Plans are in the works for Vacation Bible School for August at St. Augustine church in Ilion. Have an idea on how to help the grade school community? Please talk, e-mail, call, or text so we can get something started.
- Our Ecumenical Worship Service with the valley churches will be July 13th at the village gazebo in Ilion.
- Patsy Glista will lead Zoom Bible studies for Women of Faith (WOF) on "Unnamed Women of the Bible" on Tuesday, July 15th and Tuesday, August 12th at 7 PM. All women are invited to participate and learn more about our faith. Zoom links will be shared in upcoming Tidings and Weekly Announcements.
- Plans are starting for Thanksgiving dinner which will be held at the Herkimer Reformed Church.

DONATION FOCUS

For the month of June, our donation focus will be condiments. Each month we will have a different donation focus, but other items will always be in need and accepted. Thanks to all who continue to donate!

Learning BOOK GROUP

Our TLC Book Group will meet June 13th at 10am at Trinity Lutheran church in the Fellowship Hall. We chose *Earlene Fowler's Benni Harper* series for this month. We have books to loan. There are 15 books in the mystery series. The setting is southern California and Benni Harper is curator of a Folk Art museum. Each book title is a quilt pattern and quilting is part of the storyline. Southwestern food and culture are featured in each of the books. Choose any book in the series. Please join us.

Looking ahead:

July 11th *The Comfort of Crows* by Margaret Renkl

August 8th *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austin.

FAITH ALIVE

Finally the weather is warmer even though it's raining a lot. Seeing GOD'S creation in the flowers of different colors which is such a reflection of His banner, the CROSS, of love covering all of us. Take a moment and think about what an amazing GOD we SERVE!!!

This is what FAITH ALIVE is all about. Being an extension of the good news of the message of the Cross. Now what is that message? Simply put, Jesus Christ and Him crucified, offering all of us Eternal Life. All of us REALLY? How can this be? That's what makes our God so amazing, offering us forgiveness from our sins, loving us so much that His arms are always welcoming and calling us by name. Jesus calls us saying "come, do not be afraid, come I want us to have a personal relationship with each other". What a beautiful gift from God the Father and it's FREE. Simply have Faith and Believe in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. As our Shepherd (Jesus) takes care of the sheep (His children) He covers us with the banner of His Love.

Faith Alive gatherings for June are the 8th and the 22nd. Note there will be no FA for the months July and August. Start up again in September. Have a great and safe summer with family and friends.

Psalm 89:1 "I will sing of the lovingkindness of the Lord forever; to all generations I will make known Thy faithfulness with my mouth."

Remember Johnson Park Center, located in Utica continues to be FA's outreach ministry. Sharing Jesus' awesome love to all is our JOY. It's contagious and puts a smile on Jesus' face. God's work our hands, YES!

BIBLE STUDY:

Every Thursday from 10-noon in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome, knowledge of the bible is not required. If you have your own bible please bring it with you, if not we will supply one. With the Holy Spirit leading us we come up with some amazing topical studies, we just did a few in Luke. These are called God happenings. Come and enjoy!! NOTE: Bible study continues through the summer, same time and place.

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:

The Lord said to Elijah, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.
1 kings 19:11,12

PRAYER NOTES:

STILL, SMALL, VOICE

- 1) How can we hear God?
- 2) Can we hear His voice with our ears only?
- 3) Sometimes, hearing God means the Holy Spirit touches our heart as we receive an idea/message from Him.
- 4) The words said in our mind are just as clear as though spoken out loud.
- 5) They are real words even though our ears can't hear them.
- 6) When you hear like this from God, it is called the STILL SMALL VOICE of GOD.

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry

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

June 2025						
◀	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
						Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Worship Service				Denny's Breakfast Group	
					Bible Study	
	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Faith Alive		Worship and Music Committee Meeting		Bible Study	Book Group
	Worship Service					
	Congregation Meeting					
	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Worship Service		Loaves and Fishes Meeting	Council meeting via ZOOM	Denny's Breakfast Group	
					Bible Study	
	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Faith Alive				Bible Study	
	Worship Service					
	29	30				
	Worship Service					

Volunteer Schedule

	6/1	6/8	6/15	6/22	6/29
Counter 1	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise	Amy Manning	Amy Manning	Amy Manning
Counter 2	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker	Judy Sadlon	Judy Sadlon	Judy Sadlon
Reader	Amy Manning	Sue Harkins	Bona Staring	Phillis Becker	Amy Manning
Singer	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Judy Sadlon
Altar	N/A	Amy Manning	Judy Sadlon	Amy Manning	Judy Sadlon
Worship Leader	Judy Sadlon	Rev Marie Duquette	Deb Bohn	Rev Marie Duquette	Rev Marie Duquette

Please email info@trinityherkimer.org with any changes.

Stewardship

Monthly giving needed to fund the approved budget of \$152,472 is \$12,706

April Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: \$5,395.95

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: \$5,822.10

Income is *short* by \$426.15

Paid by using excess Fund Balance from prior years.

Did You Know:

Do you know why baptismal fonts are often placed near a church's entrance, usually by the main door? It is to symbolize the act of entering the church and Christian life through baptism. The placement serves as a visual reminder of baptism as the foundational sacrament of Christian faith. By placing the font near the entrance, it emphasizes that a person's spiritual journey starts with baptism, the sacrament through which one enters the church.

Annual Meeting of Reports

**Sunday June 8th after worship
(approximately 11:15am)
Downstairs in the fellowship hall**

Our Church Family

God's children, of all ages, in need of support through prayer, phone call or maybe a note of encouragement or even a short visit of caring love offering a simple meal: Elijah, Edith, Scott, Sheila, Michele, Neil, Jeff, Gary, Sue, Charlie, Asha, Judy, Jim, Alice, Ruth, Leah, Mary, Rosemarie, Theresa, Billy, Heather, Jennifer, Ethan, Jonah, Sophia.

A suggested prayer for all those named above: Precious Jesus, we lift Your Name on high and we love to sing Your praises! We comprehend the Wisdom of God when we look at the CROSS with spiritual eyes and a heart of love for You and others. We lift to You all those listed above, by name, for healing wherever their need of healing may be of mind, body and or Spirit. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

Psalm 37:4 "Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart". When we put ourselves before God the Father through prayer we find the JOY of being with Him more valuable than anything else in life. Discovering that delighting in the Lord alters the desires of our heart. WOW! What a discovery!!!

CELEBRATION TIME:

What usually happens in May/June at Trinity every year? Celebrating graduates! This year is no different. We proudly recognize, with joy, the accomplishments of:

Highschool Graduates: Hunter Becker, Madison Marusic, and Alexia Mizerak

College Graduates: Robbie Becker and Sara Manning.

Please keep all in your daily prayers for Jesus to guide and watch over them as they pursue their dreams. Thank you!

If you notice an omission please contact the church office.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

Brett Risi
Ava Macri
Lucille Crane
Wren Ezra Walczyk
Alexia Mizerak
Michael Marusic
William Hubbard
Allen A. Schrader
Barbara Parkhurst
Dawn Shae

Jaxson Hayes Manning
Kensley Sue Miller
Rachel Madison
Kathy Farmer
Lauren VanHeusen
Emma Vanderwerken
Kim Davis
Luke Schrader
Madison Marusic
Patrick Joy

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Kylene & Michael Jordan
Holly & Timothy Smith, Jr.

Laurie & Dean Yauger
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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See Worship Schedule for
details.**

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