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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!*

Greetings Zion & Trinity!

I write to you from my healing nest in Detroit, where one of today's lectionary readings is a personal favorite:

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. – Romans 8: 26-27

I love this passage because I know that it is true. The Spirit **MUST** know how to help us in our weakness, because when we are weak, we rarely can think clearly enough to pray, except to whisper, "help." I love that the Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words—a mirror of what we are experiencing in our weakness. We do this with one another when we respond, "I hear you," or "I see you." I love that the Spirit intercedes ...according to the will of God. Because I know that the will of God is healing for all of God's beloved in body, mind, and spirit.

Know this: I am on track for all the healing I needed and then some. Perhaps you know the experience of being in pain so long you forgot that it was not the way you should feel. So, it has been with me. To be out of the pain I had been in is exhilarating. To know I have a plan to continue to heal in ways we have not yet addressed brings me great hope. To feel supported here ...and there...is a gift few people have the experience of opening.

I appreciate your prayers. I am encouraged by your notes. I look forward to our return later this summer. We miss you and pray for you and trust that The Spirit is working in each of you according to the will of God. The peace of God's own Spirit be with you all.

*Love,
Pastor Marie*

Please plan to attend our Congregation Meeting of Reports on June 7th after worship!

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
June 7, 2026	Sara Manning	In House/Zoom	No
June 14, 2026	Rev. McKusick	In House	Yes
June 21, 2026	Congregation Led	In House/Zoom	No
June 28, 2026	Sara Manning	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

We invite ALL congregational members to step forward and help over the next few months to participate in the Sunday worship services. There are sections of the worship service that anyone can help out with as you are able. Mobility issues can also be overcome by participating from the pews. We know we have a strong, determined congregation that will rise to the occasion and grow even stronger during Pastor Marie's medical leave. Don't wait to be asked to help. Ask yourself, what can I do? Let Justina Kane know you are willing to share a small part of Sunday worship and keep the momentum going for Rev. Marie Duquettes' return. Office phone: 315.866.6474

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Abigail Becker will be graduating from Central Valley Academy high school in June.

Cooper Jordan received his CTE in Conservation and will be receiving his high school diploma from Herkimer Central School in June. He is currently attending SUNY Herkimer working towards an Associates degree in Electrical Engineering. Cooper has two semesters left to complete.

Eliza Marusic graduated from MVCC in May. She plans to study Childhood Education at SUNY Oneonta.

Lauren Walrath graduated from HCCC in May with a degree in general studies. Lauren is now working part time for Maria Christina's school of dance and part time at Dicks Sporting Goods.

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

Thank you to everyone! We all pulled together to make this happen. There were so many people involved in this event that it was exciting and enlightening. The baked goods poured in! People came out to serve in the kitchen! The clean up crew was awesome. Tickets were sold and purchased by members. Trinity is on the move!!! There was a discussion with Wendy and Kylene during the clean up. During the Herkimer village wide garage sales on July 18th, Trinity will be selling \$1 ice cream cones and \$1 bottled water to raise money for the fire doors.

We are hoping that members of the congregation will donate a case of water or a gallon of ice cream. We also plan to contact Stewart's ice cream for a donation. Let's fill the freezer and get the scoop! The event will be outside but if the community needs to use a bathroom ours would be available.

Hey Thrivent Members!

Did you know Thrivent offers 2 options called a "Thrivent Cause Kit" members can order? These are a different way to be generous than the "Thrivent Action Team" we have done here at Trinity previously through Thrivent.

Each Thrivent member can order 1 donation kit of this type per year. They send you a kit with 3 items you put together & return to them, they supply a postage paid return label, & you return the kit in the box it came in. It takes a short time to assemble the 3 kit items. The 2 options are a water filter kit, & a solar light kit. When we ordered 1 of the Solar light kits in 2025 through Jerry's membership, we received a bonus cloth grocery bag to keep, & when we ordered 1 of the Water Filter kits through my membership, we received a bonus Stainless Steel water bottle to keep. They send good/helpful instructions on how to assemble the items, how to pack the finished items, & what is done with them when we mail them back completed. Thrivent is reachable by phone, if you're not comfortable making an online sign-in for your membership. It was easy for me to order a kit online.

<https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-cause-kit>

This is an option to exercise your "Live Generously" muscles!

Peace & Blessings,

Amy Manning

Serving & Sharing

All with God's help and the many people especially Eleanor Clements, our chef that we sold out at our chicken and biscuits dinner to help pay for maintenance on our church.

We had our first Highway cleanup of the year in May! Thank you to all who came out to help.

We will serve a hot meal on Saturday, June 20th at the Herkimer Reformed Church and we provide lunches to the Loaves and Fishes Warming Center Clothing Closet.

This year, for God's Work, Our Hands will be working with Faith Alive on a project for Johnson park. More to come!

Join us for breakfast in June on *Wednesday*, June 10th and 24th at 8:30am at Ann St. Deli in Little Falls.

May you all have a wonderful summer, with many blessings and God's wonderful grace.

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

TLC Book Group will meet June 12th at 10am at Ann Street Deli in Little Falls. We will discuss *The Littlest Library* by Poppy Alexander. This is a book about a librarian who relocates and starts a library in a phone booth. A light read for the start of summer.

Looking ahead: July 10th *A Week in Winter* by Maeve Binchy at Rose Snow's house

August 14th Watching the movie "Strangely Bright Creatures" at Sue Kubica's camp

We will be carpooling for July and August

WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of Faith come journey with us this summer through Paul's letter to the Romans, in part to coincide with the shift during Pentecost to Romans in our lectionary. Join us on Tuesday, June 16 at 7pm on ZOOM as Linda Bennett facilitates our discussion on chapters 1 – 6 of the Book of Romans. We will also meet July 21 and August 18. The Bible Project says, "the book of Romans is one of the longest and most significant things written by the Apostle... Paul was a Jewish rabbi belonging to a group called the Pharisees... Paul was commissioned to become an apostle for Jesus, and official representative to the world of non-Jewish people." We will use the resources from the Bible Project to facilitate our studies which can be found on the internet at <https://bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-romans/>. In preparation for our time together, please read Romans 1 - 6. Hard copies of the three (3) June Handouts can be picked up at church and will be emailed to those who are on the Women of Faith distribution list. The ZOOM link will be sent to you separately.

FAITH ALIVE

Let's start with a question and this one comes to mind as I write this. How are God's children at FAITH ALIVE going to continue to grow in their faith in word and action? After all, we need to stay connected to Jesus Christ for this to happen. OK so how do we at FA do this? Answer is we don't, God does, through the Holy Spirit in us. OK. How do we help spread the Good News to others who have never heard of Jesus and His love for all people? Remember we lean on Jesus first, talking (Prayer) to Him and asking for His direction. WOW it makes life easier if we don't have to depend on ourselves!!!! Well since FA is inclusive of all ages, through prayer we are exploring some unique possibilities. One is an activity in September on "God's work, our hands day. Another is to contact Johnson Park Center in Utica finding out their immediate needs and how best to serve them. For example, inviting them to visit our church and together we could share our concerns face to face. Still another way is to help "Loaves and Fishes", perhaps sitting in on one of their meetings for more info. Any new ideas please speak to Phillis or Sheila or call the church office 315-866-6474.

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

June dates for Faith Alive gatherings are Sunday 6/7 & 6/21.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday from 10 till 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. We just completed the book of Hebrews and decided to go through Hebrews one more time. We always start with prayer and then discuss a different Psalm each week. We always close by singing the Doxology. No worries my voice is always out of tune, but Jesus loves it anyway, it's the heart that matters. We end by examining ourselves by asking this question. What is the Lord teaching me/us today ??? Are we willing to listen through prayer??? It's our choice!

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:

"Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16)

PRAYER NOTES:

This one Passage of Scripture should make us very desirous of taking everything to the Lord in prayer. We should understand that when we go to prayer, and do so with total dependence on the Lord, that we are entering into the Throne of Grace. There we are promised help in time of need for any and every problem. God doesn't limit this Throne of Grace. We can ask for anything from forgiveness for sin, to physical healing, to comfort, strength, leading, guidance, anything that is needed. We are asking for Mercy which He will give us if we come with humility. Many times when I enter the Throne of Grace, I spend most of the time thanking the Lord for what He has done. He has been so good to us, so generous, so kind, that we could thank Him forever and never actually thank Him enough.

"Grace" is the goodness of God extended to us. WOW! We should feel free to ask the Lord for whatever it is that we need.

Actually, we are INVITED to do so. This INVITATION is extended during any "time of need". How wonderful! How glorious! Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!!

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry

June 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Bible Study		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Faith Alive			Breakfast at Ann Street Deli	Bible Study	Book Group	
Worship Service			Council meeting via ZOOM			
Congregation Meeting						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship Service		Loaves and Fishes Meeting		Bible Study		
		Women of Faith				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Faith Alive			Breakfast at Ann Street Deli	Bible Study		
Worship Service						
28	29	30				
Worship Service						

Volunteer Schedule

	6/7	6/14	6/21	6/28
Counter 1	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise	Amy Manning	Amy Manning
Counter 2	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker	Kylene Jordan	Kylene Jordan
Reader	Sue Harkins	Phillis Becker	Amy Manning	Risleigh Roche
Singer	Sue Harkins	Lori McKusick	Sue Harkins	TBD
Altar	NA	Kylene Jordan	NA	Amy Manning
Worship Leader	Sara Manning	Rev. McKusick	Congregation Led	Sara Manning

Please email info@trinityherkimer.org with any changes.

Stewardship

Monthly giving needed to fund the approved budget of \$157,149 is \$13,095.75

March Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: \$4,774.55
 Actual Expenses Paid for the month: \$13,579.35

 Income is *short* by \$8,804.80
 Paid by using excess Fund Balance from prior years.

Did You Know:

Did You Know: Do you know what "Amen" means? Amen means Yes, it shall be so. We say Amen because we are certain that such petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven and are heard by him. For he himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us.

The Small Catechism by Martin Luther, Augsburg Publishing House and Fortress Press 1979

Our Church Family

We have many of God's children on Trinity's prayer chain for many and various reasons for healing of mind, body and or spirit. Intercession (praying for others) bringing before our Lord Jesus Christ their needs. What a blessing for those who pray and for those who are prayed for. The beautiful thing about prayer is that we may be anywhere, at any given time and connect immediately with our Lord. God's love for all of us is so comforting for our souls. Please put a few moments aside each day to pray for those listed below by name. As Jesus Christ calls us to come to Him, knowing it puts a smile on His face as He sees us praying for others. It's called being in His Will.

A list of those who need support through prayer. Barbara, Jim, Edith, Gary, JoAnn, Karen, Allen, Laurel, Ron, Jonah, Sonya, Rosemarie, Peter, Scott, Sue, Sheila, Pat, Linda, Klaus, Marie, Cathy, Judy, John, Paul, Rachael, Jerry,thank you for your prayers!

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS:

Last Thursday was an awesome day of proclaiming the Gospel message of God's love through fellowship and a delicious dinner of chicken and biscuits. Heading up the gang was Eleanor Clements, our head cook and organizer. Many of us worked together joyfully making this delicious meal a total success. We were sold out!!! It's called God's word our hands. Thanks for everyone's help. Note: too many to name!! Jesus knows who we are!!!

GOD'S GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE:

Jesus said "I AM the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in Me, even though they die, will live" (John 11:25). Our sister in Christ Deb (Sass) has recently lost her father. Please keep her and her brother, family and friends in your prayers for our Lord's comfort and peace during this difficult time. Thank you!

TO PONDER:

Prayerfully consider joining Trinity's prayer chain. You will find a great discovery full of love and joy not only in praying for others but recognizing the Holy Spirit as He helps us in guiding our prayers. If you have concerns for the prayer chain or other personal family matters, which are kept in confidence, please speak to Phillis or call the church office 315-866-6474 and leave a message. Peace!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

JaNell Risi	Cody Marquissee	Allen A. Schrader
Carlie Gross	Judy Sadlon	Barbara Parkhurst
Merissa Schrader	Brett Risi	Jaxson Hayes Manning
Robert Walrath	Ava Macri	Kensley Sue Miller
Isabella Nichols	Lucille Crane	Rachel Madison
Alexandria Snow	Alexia Mizerak	Emma Smith
Dylan Skandera	Michael Marusic	Luke Schrader
Brenden Roche	William Hubbard	Madison Marusic

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Kylene & Michael Jordan	Laurie & Dean Yauger	Matthew & Mary Alice Schmitt
Holly & Timothy Smith, Jr.	Sandy & Derek Mizerak	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 or use
your device!**
**See Worship Schedule for
details.**

If you would like to receive a copy of finalized Council meeting minutes please contact the office.