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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!*

Dear Ones,

Thank you for the gift of compassion and concern; time and space; cards and letters and prayers. Even from a distance, I felt well cared-for during my medical leave.

Know that I return both healthier and more empathetic of those with chronic pain, insufficient insurance, and jobs from which they dare not step away. I thank God for each of you who made this time of healing possible, and who stepped up to fill the space I left behind.

As every experience in life has something to teach us, so I come back to you wiser and more thoughtful about how to maintain the health I have regained. I look forward to being with you again, each of you, and all of you, and God with us. We are glad to be back in our New York home. Thank you for leaving the light on for us.

With you,

Pastor Marie

"Life meanders like a path through the woods. We have seasons when we flourish and seasons when the leaves fall from us, revealing our bare bones. Given time, they grow again."
— Katherine May, [Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times](#)

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
September 6, 2026	Deaconess Sara Manning	In House/Zoom	No
September 13, 2026	Rev. Marie Duquette	In House	Yes
September 20, 2026	Congregation Led	In House/Zoom	No
September 27, 2026	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

Finance and Stewardship

The Finance and Stewardship Committee will be meeting in September and October to review the budget and begin working on the 2027-2028 budget. Please reach out to Justina in the office if you would like to join us!

Serving & Sharing

I hope you all had a great summer and stayed safe. Life isn't easy most of the time, but with God it is a lot easier. We keep sending lunches to Loaves and Fishes along with the Methodist Church.

Coming up in September:

- Roast Pork Dinner fundraiser on September 18th from 4pm-6pm. Contact Yvonne or the office for tickets.
- Serving a free dinner in collaboration with Loaves and Fishes Warming Center on September 19th.
- God's Work, Our Hands - more details to come in the Weekly Announcements.

Fellowship is the center of our church, reaching out is our or one of the jobs Jesus gives us to do. Reach out and share with someone a phone call or smile, it means a lot.

In September, our breakfasts will be on September 9th and 23rd at 8:30am at the Ann Street Deli in Little Falls.

Justina has done a wonderful job of keeping the church running. Don't forget to tell Worship and Music how they are sharing their hearts with us.

God is good all the time.

Blessings to all. God and you all keep me going.

DONATION FOCUS

For the month of September, our donation focus will be **pasta and sauce**. 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

The next meeting of TLC Book Group will be on Friday, September 11th at 10am at Rose Snow's home. We can carpool from Trinity. Our book is *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

Our October meeting will be on Friday, October 9th at Carol Bunn's home in Herkimer. Please note the location change. Our book is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi.

Looking ahead (no dates yet): *Upward Bound* by Woody Brown
 Have a Little Faith by Mitch Albom

If you are interested in hosting at your home, please let Sue Harkins know.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Rejoice in the Lord always. (Philippians 4:4) This verse from Paul's letter to the people of Philippi is why this letter of Paul is sometimes referred to as his 'hymn of joy.' Women of Trinity and Zion will gather on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00pm on Zoom as we begin a Bible study of Philippians. Linda Bennett will be our facilitator in September.

In preparation for our time together, please begin reading Philippians – it's only 4 chapters. Handouts will be made available closer to the date of our gathering. A Zoom link will be shared in the Weekly Announcements or if you are receiving this digitally you can [click here](#). Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us. Invite your friends – all are welcome. We will also gather on Tuesday, October 20 and Tuesday, November 17th.

FAITH ALIVE

Well here we are in the middle of August and I am excited to send a reminder that FA is scheduled to resume on September 20th. At the same time, 9-9:50am in the Fellowship Hall and all ages are invited from preschool, teenage and up.

We will have an open time of discussion on new and exciting ways, as we express our thoughts and ideas together. Of course the ultimate is always growing in love. What a beautiful Word which is at the top of Jesus list. In John 13:34, Jesus says "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you love one another". What is Jesus really saying to us? Here Jesus is talking to His disciples but He is also talking to us. How can this be when said so..... long ago? Think about it!!! Good question, Ha???

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

Jesus says COME!! See you on the 20th!

BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday 10am through 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 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 to others and our Lord through prayer?? It's our choice! Our last bible study throughout the summer is August 20th when we will finish our study in Hebrews chapter 13. WE WILL NOT HAVE BIBLE STUDY ON AUGUST 27th. We will resume again on September 3rd. Blessings of our Lord to ALL!

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God. And the Peace of God which passes all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen!

(Philippians 4:6,7)

PRAYER NOTES:

DON'T WORRY!!!!!! Through Paul Jesus tells us plainly to COME to HIM, with all our cares, and yet we tend to take it upon ourselves. WHY??

Food for thought! When we first open our eyes in the morning, we do well by acknowledging and thanking Him for being our Lord and Savior. We could not have been saved if it had not been for Jesus Christ's bitter suffering and death, which He willingly did on the Cross, because He loved us.

He sent His Son Jesus to offer a sacrifice, so you and I may live eternally. We should thank our Lord often for His grace, love and everlasting holiness.

This might help us in answering the big WHY above!!! Having a personal dialogue with our Lord is amazing, simply called prayer. A small word with a big message from heaven.

" If any man will COME after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me".

(Luke 9:23)

In His Service

Prayer Ministry

Volunteer Schedule

	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27
Counter 1	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise	Amy Manning	Amy Manning
Counter 2	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker	Kylene Jordan	Kylene Jordan
Reader	Amy Manning	Risleigh Roche	Sue Harkins	Bona Starring
Singer	Sue Harkins	TBD	Sue Harkins	Lori McKusick
Altar	NA	Kylene Jordan	NA	Amy Manning
Worship Leader	Sara Manning	Rev. Marie Duquette	Congregation Led	Rev. Marie Duquette

Please email info@trinityherkimer.org with any changes.

Stewardship

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

June Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: \$4,197.56
 Actual Expenses Paid for the month: \$11,870.81

 Income is *short* by \$7,673.25

Paid by using excess Fund Balance from prior years.

Did You Know: Meaning of Protestant \PRAH-dih-stuhnt\n.

A Christian belonging to one of many churches that disagreed with the Roman Catholic Church and therefore agreed to form other churches, which in turn disagree with each other. A simpler definition - Protestants are Christians who reject the authority of the Roman Church and especially of the pope, who recognize the Bible as the chief authority in matters of FAITH, and who believe that God justifies people by GRACE through faith, apart from GOOD WORKS.

Crazy Talk, A Not-So-Stuffy Dictionary of Theological Terms Copyright 2008 Augsburg Books

Our Church Family

Please take a moment to meditate on this title called "Our Church Family" which is printed monthly in Trinity's Tidings. What does the word Tidings mean? Well according to the dictionary (information, sometimes in singing). So our church family is inclusive of All of us including family and friends. Let's start there.

Each month is a listing of names of those who need to be brought before Jesus because they need our prayers of intercession. Jesus faithfully prays for us, should we do less in praying for others?? It's that simple!!!

Here is our current list: Victor, Klaus, Sonya, Lorie, Ed, Sheila, May, Mel, Tina, Barbara, Edith, Jonah, Richard, Sarah S, Karen, Allen, Gary P, Jerry, Marie, Rosemarie, Sue, Peter, Scott, Linda, Pat.....A big thank you for taking at least 5 minutes daily to pray. You will be blessed!

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS:

If I remember correctly, it was at our congregational meeting, that I reached out for needed "Happy Heart" cards. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! to all, we now have a full supply. God's work our hands!!!! We at Trinity are blessed, yes we are!

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.

Those presently on the Prayer Chain are: Wendy Catera, Sue Harkins, Harriet Neff, Gary Pierce, Sheila Pierce, Yvonne Winter, Phillis Becker. In Christ, Blessings of Peace and Love to all. AMEN!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brianne Wilcox
Laurel Becker
Cory Manning
Carol Bunn
Phillis Becker
Gary Pierce, Jr.
Brianna Roche

Valerie Becker
Lyss Jordan
Daniel Scott Jr.
Jessica Bowman
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

Wendy & Kory DeLuca
Thomas & Jennifer Manning
Valerie & Richard Becker

Miranda & Christopher Meinzer

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

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your device!**
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details.**

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