

The Trinity Tidings



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Sunday Worship Time

9:30 AM

Sunday School

11:00 AM

Sunday Eve Worship

6:00 PM

Wed. Prayer Service

7:00 PM

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If you are anything like me you probably get a lot of mail. Much of it, of course, is junk mail. Some of it is really important, and sometimes it is the kind of mail we would rather not have. That kind of mail is usually some kind of notice about a late payment on a bill. Maybe you haven't ever had that experience but you know what I am talking about. You open it up and it says, "Reminder Notice." It goes on to tell what company it is you owe and when it was due. They try as politely as they can to tell you to get the money in right away, but we always feel like they are really angry with us. And then at the end they add a note that says, "If you have received this notice in error, or if payment has already been made, then disregard this notice." Even if it has been received in error, or the payment has been made, we already feel like we have been yelled at.

Well, that kind of reminds me of how things are in the church. Especially when it comes to some of the responsibilities we have to one another, and particularly some of my responsibilities. There are times when we are called on to offer a reminder to one another. And no matter how nicely we put it, the other person almost always feels like they have been run over by a Mack truck. We are only doing it because we love them, and want to help, and eventually they will usually come to understand. But in the initial situation it is not an easy task either way.

That's the way it is right now. I have become extremely concerned with how we, as Christians, often approve our privilege of worship, especially in the summer time, or what we deem to be other special occasions. It seems that other things, desires, plans or commitments are more important than our time spent with fellow believers, in the presence of God. Corporate worship has become a secondary activity, instead of an absolute necessity and expression of our love for God.

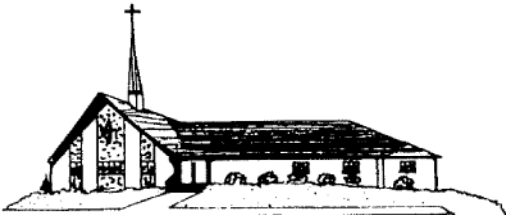
The writer of the book of Hebrews had a similar experience. In the tenth chapter and the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth verses God says to us, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Some similar things had been taking place in the churches back then. People began to think it was not necessary for them to join together with others in worship, study and prayer. They were starting to stay home. And even though they were probably doing those things at home, it did not profit the church. The writer then sets out to bring correction to this thinking "in love." He reminds the readers of the importance of worship, study and prayer to the working of the church at all times. He then accentuates the urgency by saying, "and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." The "Day" he speaks of is the "Day of the Lord," Christ's return.

He is concerned that we not only be found ready, but that we are at work as the church in the midst of a fallen world.

This writer had the same concerns then, as I do today. We seem to get caught up in our own daily lives and set out on our own plans. But often forget that our first and most important allegiance is to the God who has redeemed us and given us the hope of eternal life. I know that we all need time off, and time away from things, to rest and restore ourselves. I need that too. But it should never be at the expense of our commitment to God and fellow believers. Worship and devotion are the first most important activities of our daily lives. And corporate worship is the most important to the body of Christ. If we are to carry out His great commandment it must begin in worship.

It is truly my desire that each of you thoroughly enjoy your summer, or rather the summer God has provided. And as the reminder notice says, "If you have received this notice in error, or payment has already been made, please disregard this notice." See you in church as we come into His presence with thanksgiving in
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Grace & Peace,
Pastor Ernie

Jeremiah 29:11

Scalp Level Trinity UMC at a Glance June 2008

Acolyte

Jenna Neri

Ushers

Jordan Hamacek, Steven Kisiel,
Brandon Onuschak and Nicole Wozny

Greeters

1st Noah & Elma Yoder
8th Mona, Nick, Adam & Matthew D'Ambrosia
15th Lory Borischak, Brandon Onuschak & Patty Cassanese
22nd Jeff & Arlene Jurick
29th Tom & Pam Koback

Church Office Hours



The Church Office is open Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Judy Penrod is our church secretary.

Tidings Deadline

The deadline for article submission for the July/August 2008 edition of the Tidings will be **Sunday, June 22nd**. You may place your article in Tammy Fiffick's church mailbox, mail it to the church office and mark it "Tidings" or email it directly to tidings@scalpleveltrinity.org.

Praise & Prayer Services...

Don't forget about our Sunday Evening Praise Services held at 6:00 p.m. & our Wednesday evening Prayer Services held at 7:00 p.m., both in the sanctuary. We hope to see everyone there!



- 06/02 COPA 7 pm
- 06/16 Trustees 7 pm

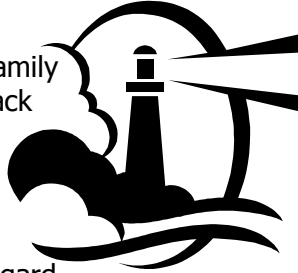
April 2008 Church Attendance

April 6th ~ 134
April 13th ~ 161
April 20th ~ 157
April 22nd ~ 154

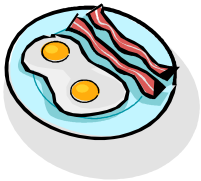
April Average Weekly Attendance ~ 152

Lighthouse Prayer Requests...

- Sheri, Steve, Tyler & Dylan Napora
- Fern Roxby
- Jane Masters
- Cliff Hildebrand & Family
- Pam & Suntina Koback
- Luella Moffat
- Doris Saulsbury
- Scottie Crear
- Becky Piscitella
- Dean & Eleanor Wingard
- Don & Shirley Sease
- Dorie Weaver



Men's Prayer Breakfast ~ Corner Coffee Shop



The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Sat., June 21st at 7:30 a.m. at the Corner Coffee Shop in the Bel~Air Shopping Plaza.

In Sympathy... We extend our Christian love and sympathy to:

- John Wozny & Family on the passing of both John & Nancy's fathers.
- Bill Zimmer & Family on the passing of his father

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Holy Communion Sunday, June 8th



To My Scalp Level Trinity Church Family,

Thank you for all of the donations you have provided for my upcoming mission trip to Peru. God has certainly blessed me in so many ways!

Annie Fiffick

A Mother's Gratitude...

My heart-felt gratitude for the very beautiful, inspiring and flawless evening we mothers and daughters enjoyed on Saturday, May 10th at the wonderful banquet planned; prepared and executed by some of our Trinity men and young boys. The evening was a blessed one!

Evidently, Charlie Santa conceived the idea and pressed forward to initiate the countless plans such an event entails. The turkey dinner was delicious; serving of the dinner was excellent and the fellowship was pleasant. The "Chosen" trio (members of the Jones family) provided a heavenly musical program. Their selections began with "How Great Thou Art" and concluded with "The Lord's Prayer".

It was obvious there was a lovely feminine touch which added charm and elegance to this special affair. Renee Santa dressed the tables with white tablecloths; purple napkins; centerpieces of purple violets and votive candles. We even had name place cards and relaxing background music as we dined.

I have no knowledge of all those who were involved in make the "Mother and Daughter" banquet such a huge success. However, to one and all, I offer much appreciation for giving to all in attendance a touch of heaven.

Marion Hunter



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Father's Day-Sunday, June 15th



Graduate Sunday is June 1st in the church Fellowship Hall at 8:30 a.m. Graduates and their immediate families will be our guests. Please RSVP by May 27th to the office at 814/467-9051. Thank-You!

2008 Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars! This year the children will discover Jesus; Miraculous Power during "POWER LAB", July 28th - August 1st, from 6:00 - 8:15 p.m. If you, or anyone you know is interested in helping, please see Mona D'Ambrosia, Jill Hamacek, Darlene Lough or Kirsten Perry.

We're going to have a BLAST!

Annie Fiffick will be going on a Mission Trip to Chinchá, (near Lima) Peru from June 16-27 to help rebuild and teach in the orphanages affected by the earthquakes last year. Any donations to help offset her costs would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



The Reading Corner... Here is a book for this month that will be valuable to many people, even if you don't consider yourself a leader. "Developing The Leader Within You," by John Maxwell (San Diego, Ca. Injoy, 1993) is a book intended to equip individuals to carry out their responsibilities in a professional and efficient manner. The basic premise is that "Everything rises and falls on leadership." He then goes on to define leadership and to identify the levels of leadership. From there, he emphasizes the importance of priorities, integrity, positive change, problem solving and attitude. The book then establishes that people are the most significant resource, as well as the place of vision in the organization. The closing chapters highlight self-discipline and how to develop the people around you. This is a wonderful resource for developing our skills both, in the working world, the home, and especially the church. The book is easy to read and not very long. I know it will be a powerful tool in your relationship with Christ.

Suggested reading for June: "Prayer's Inner Chamber," by Andrew Murray (1989 Marshall, Morgan & Scott, Ltd.); "How to Experience Revival," by Charles Finney (1984 Whitaker House); "What Wives Wish

Their Husbands Knew about Women,” by Dr. James Dobson (1975 Tyndale House Publishers); “Becoming A Contagious Christian,” by Bill Hybels (1994 Zondervan Publishing House).

If you would like to make suggestions for reading or offer a book review, please contact Pastor Ernie.

Girls Night Out...The next Girls Night Out will be a cook-out & vespers held on June 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the church pavilion. It will be a family affair! Please sign your name, number of family members attending, and what covered dish you are going to bring. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from Pastor Ernie’s office.

Hope to see you there!

WPA UMC Annual Conference

The WPA UMC Annual Conference will be held June 10-15 at Grove City. Attending this year will be Pastor Ernie, Ken Penrod, our lay delegate representative, Tammy Fiffick, our equalization member, and Annie Fiffick, the district youth delegate. Please keep them in your prayers.

Encouragement

Did you ever have a day when nothing ever went right? It may be stress at home, school, work, etc., that is bothering you. There are many ways of relieving stress. Physically, it may be exercise of some sort. Mentally and spiritually, a person can turn to Scripture.

Second Corinthians 12:9 states: “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness...” God’s grace, as well as prayer, faith, etc., can see us through any problems we may have, including the stresses we face at any time.

Linda Singer

UMCOR Kits

It’s time again to gather UMCOR kits together to be prepared to meet needs when disaster happens in our country or across the globe. Listed below are items needed and that will be accepted up to June 8th. A box will be placed in the Narthex to hold these items. Pastor Ernie will then take them to Annual Conference, held at Grove City College, June 12-15. This list will also be posted on a bulletin board across from Pastor Ernie’s office.



Health Kits: Place all items inside a sealed one gallon plastic bag:

- 1 Hand Towel (15"x25", no kitchen towels)
- 1 Wash Cloth
- 1 Comb (large & sturdy, not pocket sized)
- 1 Nail File or Fingernail Clippers
- 1 Bath Size Bar of Soap (3 oz or larger)
- 1 Toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-sized toothbrushes)
- 6 Adhesive Plastic Strip Sterile Bandages

Bedding Kits: 2 Flat Double Sheets, 2 Pillowcases, 2 Pillows

Flood Bucket Kits: 5 gallon bucket with re-sealable lid:

- Bleach (either 2-1 qt. or 1-82 oz. bottle)
- 5 Scouring Pads
- 7 Sponges
- 1 Scrub brush
- 18 Cleaning Towels (reusable wipes)
- Liquid Laundry Detergent (2-25 oz. or 1-50 oz. bottle)
- 1 Household cleaner (16 oz. bottle)
- Disinfectant Soap (28 oz. bottle)
- 50 clothes pins
- 5 dust masks
- 2 Pair of Latex Gloves
- 1 Pair of Working Gloves
- 24 Bags of Heavy Duty Trash Bags (35-45 gallon type – please remove from box before placing in flood bucket kit).
- 1 Insect Repellent
- 1 Air Freshener



Creation Festival Update

The 30th Creation Festival, "A TRIBUTE TO OUR CREATOR", is approaching quick! It will be here before you know it and we are beginning to prepare. We will have 25 youth and adults attending this year. Once again we are asking our church

family if they have camping equipment that they can lend to us such as tarps, large coolers, large water jugs, tents, camp stove, campers, lanterns, hot dog/marshmallow forks, mountain pie makers....Creation is June 25-28th; however we will need the equipment from June 22-June 29 since we will have to pack and we will be setting up camp the day before. If you have any of these items and would like to loan to us please see Brett or Sally Feather.

The youth are selling Sheetz coupons for \$4.00 that include an MTO and drink as a fundraiser for Creation. They are a great deal and we will receive \$1.50 profit for each ticket sold. See any of the youth if you would like to purchase them.

"Creation" is an experience that is so amazing for the youth and adults as well. We couldn't attend without our church family; we thank all of you for your continued support and prayers.

June Youth Meetings
To Be Announced
In the Bulletin!

Youth

**SLTUMC
Youth
News...**



"Creation could be the
highlight of your summer,
maybe your life!"

The 30th Creation Festival is approaching quick! It will be here before you know it (June 25-28). Donated items are needed for the youth to use. These include (but are not limited to):

- Wagon
- Tarps
- Coolers
- Large Water Jugs
- Tents
- Stoves
- Campers
- Lanterns
- Firewood

Please see Brett or Sally Feather if you are able to loan any of these items.

The youth will also be selling Sheetz tickets (\$4.00/each) to help with the Creationfest costs. They will receive \$1.50 profit for each ticket sold. Thank you for your continued support.

UPCOMING EVENT: "Rally in the Valley"

Ecumenical Youth Rally

Sunday, August 10th

1:00 p.m. - ????

Ehrenfeld Park

- **Praise Bands**
- **Worship Bands**
- **Speakers**
- **Free Food/Drinks**

Bring your own chairs

Sponsored by: South Fork First UMC

RSVP to Jim & Tammy by August 3rd @ 539-5231