

The Trinity Tidings

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Sunday School 11:00 AM
Sunday Eve Worship 6:00 PM
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 PM
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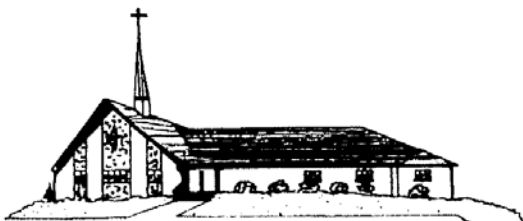
In 2001 Family Circle made a decision to bring some changes to their magazine. The purpose was to create new interest in the magazine and present a more reader friendly format. In making the change the editor, Susan Ungaro, offered these thoughts from various leaders. Gail Sheely said, "If we don't change, we don't grow and if we don't grow, we are not really living." Prince Philip of England said, "Change does not change tradition, it strengthens it. Change is a challenge, and an opportunity, not a threat." And Evelyn Waugh said, "Change is the only evidence of life."

The truth of the matter is that the only constant in life is change. As much as we try to avoid it, change happens every moment of our lives. Sydney Harris said, "Our dilemma is that we hate change, and love it at the same time; what we want is for things to remain the same, but get better." I have found that those things that bring change for the better in my life I tend to embrace fairly easily. It's the ones I don't understand, or have no use for, that bother me. The reality is it may be just the ticket for a member of my family or someone else.

Here at Scalp Level Trinity we have endured much change in the past ten months. Each one of us has engaged it differently. Some have taken it well, while others have struggled much. In the end it has come to us all, and it will continue to come, if we are to be where God wants us to be. The prophet Isaiah tells us in the forty-third chapter verses sixteen to twenty one that our God, the creator, deliverer, and provider, calls us to forget the former things (v. 18) because He promises to do a new thing (v. 19). He says He will do things we have never seen before, and work in ways we have never experienced. This is a promise of new life and hope. It is a promise that God will continue to work in us and through us, for the purpose of building His kingdom.

As we continue to grow together we can expect God to do great things in our midst. But we must be prepared because those things will not come without change. We can expect to have our apple carts upset now and then. But God promises it to be good. As we move into the future, and take on the ministry God has for us, let us do so by faith and with courage; the courage of a Joshua or a Caleb. Let us engage change as growing pains, and get excited about the promises to come.

Winston Churchill said, "There is nothing wrong in change if it is in the right direction. To improve is to change, so to be perfect is to have changed often." If you will pay close attention to your local McDonalds restaurant you will find that they change uniforms, their menu, and other things, consistently in order to bring freshness and awareness to their product. As we continue to serve Jesus Christ in the Windber area, we will be seeking new ways of bringing the gospel to our community, both the community of faith, and the surrounding area. Please pray with me that change will be in the right direction, and according to God's will and purpose. And pray that we will engage change with expectation and excitement.



Grace & Peace,
Pastor Ernie

Scalp Level Trinity UMC at a Glance May 2008

Acolyte

Jonathan Perry

Ushers

Ron & Angie Sheeler

Mike & Jill Hamacek

Greeters

4th Dean & Eleanor Wingard
11th Brett, Sally, Jenelle & Adam Feather
18th John & Elaine Price and Kaylee & Rachel
25th Ray, Margie, Kayla & R.J. Dallape

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 Tidings will be **Sunday**, Fiffick's church mailbox, email it directly to



submission for the June 2008 edition of the **May 18th**. You may place your article in Tammy mail it to the church office and mark it "Tidings" or 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!



- 05/05 COPA Meeting 7 pm
- 05/19 Trustees 7 pm

March 2008 Church Attendance

March 2nd - 134
March 9th - 161
March 16th - 139

March 23rd - 166

March 30th - 281

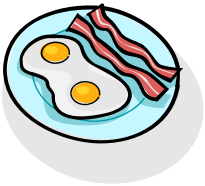
March Average Weekly Attendance ~ 174

Lighthouse Prayer Requests...

- Sheri, Steve, Tyler & Dylan Napora
- Fern Roxby
- Jane Masters
- Cliff Hildebrand
- The Wozny Family
- The Zimmer Family
- Bob Feather
- Connie Turk
- Bob Feather
- Tony D'Ambrosia
- Dorie Weaver



Men's Prayer Breakfast ~ Corner Coffee Shop



The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Sat., May 17th at 7:30 a.m. at the Corner Coffee Shop in the Bel~Air Shopping Plaza.

We Praise God for the Baptism of:

- Ethan Matera,
- Gailen Don



March 30th

Hale, April 13th

Please keep
in your prayers.

these children and their families



Pentecost Sunday Sunday, May 11th

Altar Flowers for May

I will not be in church in May; therefore, I am listing the May altar flower sponsors for the month to remind you.

5/1 - Custer Family



5/11 - Bob Feather Family
5/18 - Bob Feather Family
5/25 - Roberta Delasko

Your Flower Lady,
Eleanor Mock



Mother~Daughter Banquet

On Saturday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Mother~Daughter banquet in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the table in the Narthex. A free will offering will be taken. Come for an evening of fellowship to celebrate the special women that have touched your life.

Multimedia Ministry Update

In order to enhance your worship experience and make efforts to reach new people your C. O. P. A. team members approved the purchase and installation of a visual projection system and screen to be placed in the sanctuary in the near future. The screen is 12 ft. in width and about 10 ft. in height. It will be placed on the left side of the front wall. It is motorized so it will be easily raised and lowered as needed so it will not intrude the view of the wall more than necessary. The projector will be placed approximately 23 ft. from the screen and attached to wall portion of the pew area ceiling. Therefore, it will be hidden from the congregation. This projection system will be used in various ways to strengthen the worship experience. Announcements will be projected, songs will be displayed, videos can be shown and eventually sermon outlines can be presented as well as many other options. We hope that you will be excited to take advantage of this opportunity and embrace this change as we seek to fulfill our mission to "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World."

Johnstown District United Methodist Women

I want to thank all who supported our spring project CEM. "God's Children at Risk". You gave paper plates, napkins, foam cups, foam bowls, plastic silverware. These items were taken to our spring meeting April 24th. All the items brought in by the churches are greatly appreciated by the CEM leaders. Thank you again for your continued support.

Eleanor Mock



To Our Scalp Level Trinity Church Family,

Thank you so much for the fellowship provided following the baptism of Glaiden Don Hale on Sunday, April 13th. Our entire family appreciated the thoughtfulness!

Adam, Amber & Glaiden Hale

We would like to thank everyone for the many prayers lifted up for Bob, Linda and all the Singer family. We appreciate our church family very much! God Bless All of You.

Bob, Shirley & Linda Singer

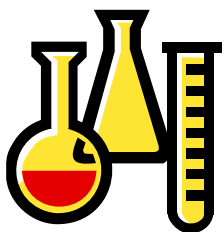
Thank you to all of our church family for supporting our spaghetti dinner. Also, to all the adults who helped by cooking, setting-up, serving, donating a dessert, or cleaning-up. We couldn't do it without you.

SLTUMC Youth Group

A HUGE thank you to Mona D'Ambrosia for planning and teaching our craft night for the April Girl's Night Out. We had a great time and the wreaths turned out beautiful! Also, thank you to all of her helpers, Jim Koshute, David D'Ambrosia, Eleanor Wingard, Jack & Judy Custer, Sheri Napora and Barb Hostetler. We appreciate you!

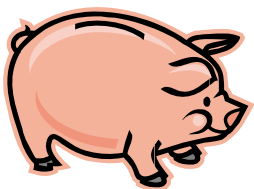
The GNO Crew

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!



Trustee Cash Rally Day

Sunday, May 4, 2008

Cash Rally Day is the time of year when the Trustees ask for donations

from the church family in order to maintain the church building and provide the necessary equipment to run the Church business.

This years Rally Day goal is \$6000.00.

WPA Ministers Chorus Concert



On May 15, at the Beulah UMC at 7:00 p.m. The Conference Choruses of Western & Central PA will be performing their annual combined concert. You will enjoy a wonderful evening of this combined choral presentation. Everyone is encouraged to attend this special event!

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

The Reading

to you, some suggested
Included will be a book
take advantage of this



Recently Bishop Bickerton
Living by Rueben P. Job.

Wesleyan roots and understand the Wesleyan way of life. In the book Rueben Job explains John Wesley's philosophy of Christian living. It is summed up in three simple rules: Do No Harm, Do Good and Stay in Love with God. Rueben takes each one individually and expresses Wesley's understanding and then applies it to our lives with a challenge to implement them into our daily Christian living. In this way, he believes, we will have an impact for the Kingdom of God on our society. There is a copy available in the pastor's office for anyone interested. It is a short and easy to read book (only 77 pages).

Corner...Beginning this month we would like to offer, reading that will encourage you in your walk with Christ. review and a list of suggested reading. We hope you will new opportunity to strengthen your faith.

sent us a copy of *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of*
He asked us to read this book in order to rediscover our

Suggested reading for May: *Too Busy Not to Pray*, by Bill Hybels (1988 Intervarsity Press); *United Methodist Beliefs*, by William H. Willimon (2007 Westminster John Knox Press); *Developing The Leader Within You*, by John Maxwell (1993 Injoy); *The Power Of Vision*, by George Barna (1992 Regal Books); *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, by Robert Schnase (2007 Abingdon Press).

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

**Ascension
Sunday
May 4th**



Girls Night Out...

The next held on Incline Plane Please let Hostetler attending, since Thank-You!



Girls Night Out will be Thursday, May 22nd at The Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. Chris Koshute or Barb know if you will be reservations must be made.

Camp Allegheny Upcoming Events

Camp Allegheny in Stoystown, PA is offering the following events during May. For more information, or to register, please call Camp Allegheny at 814/754-4336.

- ❖ Dads & Lads/Gals Weekend,
- ❖ Camp Open House, May 25th.

May 9th -11th.



Encouragement

In order for each of us to live the way God wants us to, we must first trust Him. Psalm 25:4-5 tells us “Teach us your ways, O Lord; make them known to me. Teach me to live according to your truth, for you are my God, who saves me. I will always trust in you”. (Good News Bible).

Trust means having confidence in someone or something.

From infancy through adulthood we are taught about trust from family, friends, teachers, those in church, to name a few.

Trust is only one of the many ways God wants us to become closer to Him. God wants each of us to be obedient to His will. As we become closer to Him, we become the person He wants us to be.

Linda Singer

Seven Miles of Pennies Update...

The Older Elementary Class is still in need of your pennies to help meet our goal of seven miles...

“And behold two of them were going that very day to a village names Emmaus which is about 7 miles from Jerusalem. And they were conversing with each other about all these things which had taken place, and it came about that while they were conversing and discussing Jesus himself approached and began traveling with them.”
Luke 24:13-15

We praise God for your efforts to help us meet our goal. We’ve probably taken all of your pennies, so if you ever want to throw in any other loose change, it will be greatly appreciated!

Our total so far is \$3,174.78.

Thank you & God Bless!

The Older Elementary Sunday School Class
(Containers are at the front and back of the sanctuary)

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 will be 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.

May Youth Meetings
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Monday, May 12th



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