

Hello and welcome to Trinity's latest news on Thursday, September 23, 2021

A few announcements about upcoming events.

We are in the sanctuary for worship on Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 8am. Still socially distancing and requiring masks. Even with this distancing, we have room for you to join us. Thank you for your understanding and help to make it possible for us to gather safely in this space.

Sunday at 9:15 Sunday School for all ages continues

Sunday at 10:45 we gather for worship at the pavilion – if you are joining us out there, remember chairs or blankets. Last week we enjoyed an anthem by the senior choir, this week we will be graced with some of our younger choir members. If you would like to be outside, but the ground is unsteady for you, please park right next to the field, and either worship from the comfort of your car, or just set your chair right by your car. We will bring communion to you! If you are super mobile, please consider parking in the tot lot or across the street from the field, to leave those close spaces for those in need. Thank you.

Sunday at 4pm Fundocyc meets in the social hall.

Monday PPC meets at 7pm.

As we come to you weekly with updates, I thought this would be a good time to ask questions that have come to PPC, Trinity's staff or myself. Because if one person is wondering about it, there are others wondering, too.

This past week someone asked me, "How come we can't just get Vicar Scott to come back and fill in?"

Great question. There are actually three reasons why that isn't possible.

First of all, we are not ready to call a pastor. Yes, we have a vacancy, but we have not taken the time as a congregation to talk about our history and our hopes and wishes for the future. We need to know the direction we, as Trinity, wish to go before reaching out to any potential candidates.

Secondly, Vicar Scott is in the Lower Susquehanna Synod, so even if we were ready for candidates, we would go through our synod office – the North East Pennsylvania Synod for available candidates.

Thirdly, Vicar Scott is already in a call process with another congregation. So even though he is not serving a congregation yet, he is not available.

I hope that clears some things up.

In a similar vein, others have asked about getting other former vicars back. Again, until we are ready to call a pastor, we are not ready to reach out to anyone. And praise God, our former vicars are faithfully serving congregations right now. We loved them, they loved us. We taught them, they taught us. They are serving faithfully thanks to their time here with us.

I know many of us are looking for a quick fix...but there is work to be done now. So that we are best prepared to call the next pastor in this place.

Be patient.

Keep the questions coming.

And keep breathing and praying...

As part of my morning devotions this week, I learned of an alternative translation for Psalm 46.

The very familiar to me...Be still and know that I am God. Can also be translated as Let go and know that I am God.

Be still...Let go.

Both impactful, but in different ways.

I invite you into a time of pause and reflection as we end our time together today.

Take a deep breath.

Let it out.

I encourage you to take a deep breath between each line and let the words hold you as you let go today.

Let go and know that I am God.

Let go and know that I am.

Let go and know.

Let go.

Let.