

Hello and welcome to Trinity's latest news on Thursday, October 21, 2021

A few announcements about upcoming events.

Stewardship Sunday is coming on November 14...we're going to help Trinity ketchup to our budget. Get it? Catch up? (Picture Pastor Jen dressed as a bottle of ketchup.) Seriously, Stewardship Sunday is coming and we will be celebrating the giving of our time, talents and treasures with an outdoor tailgate between the two services. It will be rain or shine with food, more costumes and fellowship. See you there!

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. Really, there is plenty of room! 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 and one by our little ones who sang *Jesus Loves Me*. 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.

Holden Evening Prayer continues in person and online on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Our theme for the fall will be “Honoring the Past, Living in the Present, Building the Future.” The homilies each week will offer a time for reflection and some questions to answer. We will collect those answers, stories and memories and begin to post them on the wall outside of the sanctuary. Online and email responses are welcome, too! The question for this week is: How has Trinity been church for you in the pandemic? Or, what do you love about Trinity right now?

Choirs have resumed rehearsals and we have enjoyed anthems at the 10:45 service from groups of all ages.

The senior choir meets after Holden on Wednesday evenings.

The chimes, bells, youth and kid choirs rehearse on Thursdays.

We have room for more voices and ringers in those groups, please join us.

QUAKE! Calling all youth in Grades 6 through 12...We are optimistically planning to attend the Harrisburg Youth Quake! This is a weekend event January 21-23, 2022. Check the newsletter or youth bulletin board for details and a registration form.

PUMPKINS TO PAINT! We may not be doing **The Well** family nights (yet) but Pastor Bill left us ***A LOT*** of ceramic pumpkins to paint! There will be a table in the lower narthex filled with pumpkins of various sizes and prices... Cash and carry! Paint & brushes to purchase, if needed. A great fall family activity! (The church will be open ***for a short time*** following the late service, or you may come throughout the week during regular church office hours.)

Flu Shots at Trinity ~ THIS Sunday, Oct. 24th - 9:00-10:45am (Outside)

Most people's insurance covers the flu shot with a \$0.00 copay (including Medicare.) For those without insurance, the price is \$30. Darrell Rosenberger will be here along with an assistant who will handle the billing and forms. Please bring your insurance information with you.

Sunday, October 31, 2021, Reformation Sunday, there will be a presentation on Martin Luther in Wittenberg, Germany during the Sunday School Hour, 9:15 – 10:15 am in Classroom B. The presentation will include pictures of important places in Luther's life in Wittenberg. Everybody is welcome to attend"

Special Project: Warming Hearts and Hands! Help us to spread a little holiday cheer to our Food Pantry families. We hope to give each participant a small gift of candy and gloves during the December 16th food distribution. Our goal is to collect 500 full-sized Hershey bars and 500 pairs of simple knit gloves. A box to place donations will be in the lower narthex. Monetary gifts will also be collected. Deadline for donations is Sunday, December 12th. Thank you for helping to warm hearts and hands this Christmas!

Gingerbread Houses! We will be continuing this tradition so mark your calendars! A one- night option to 'reserve a family table' for assembling your house in the social hall will be offered on a first come, first serve basis for Wednesday, December 8th at 6pm. No meal will be served. Take home kits (like last year) will also be available. Sign-ups coming soon.

ABO Upcoming EVENTS

December 2nd: Trip to American Music Theater for the annual Christmas show. We will first head to Chocolate World, then on to lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant and then to AMT. Bus departs at 9am and we will return about 6:30pm. One bus only this year so claim your seat. Cost is \$110 all inclusive.

December 7th: Holiday Concert at 1:30pm in our sanctuary. We will be treated to holiday music by the CW High School Choraleers and the Brass Ensemble. Free-will offering will be taken to support the music programs at Conrad Weiser. All are welcome. Masks required.

Janet Miller is still looking for an aide a few mornings a week to help her with some basic needs. This is a paid position. If you able to help, please contact her for more details.

PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS: We Need Their Addresses!

Please call the church office or use the form below and drop it in the offering plate. Update your college student's school address even if it has not changed. We like to send them a monthly newsletter and that all important Valentine's Day goodie box! Thank you.

A reminder about the following upcoming celebrations.

Our former intern, Scott Brubaker will be ordained on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 4pm. Due to the pandemic, in-person attendance is limited, but cards can be dropped off at church up until Nov. 14. Also, email Pastor Jen if you would like to be part of a video greeting for Vicar Scott.

We will celebrate the ministries of Pastor Mark Christie and wish him Godspeed as his last weekend with us is October 30 & 31.

And we will open our hearts and our space to Pastor Drew Neidig, who will serve as full time interim beginning the first week in November.

In this year plus of transition, I cannot thank you all the people of Trinity, the Parish Planning Council and the staff for the continuous support and care for this place. Together, we are grieving, learning, serving, loving and being church.

Keep being awesome.