



Trinity Topics
THE NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Holy Spirit, Living Breath Of God, Breathe New Life Into My Willing Soul.
Let The Presence Of The Risen Lord, Come Renew My Heart And Make Me Whole.
(Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)

Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed.....and because of that, we too have been given the gift of forgiveness and reconciliation and the hope of everlasting life.

Our worship services are termed the liturgy, with the root in Greek meaning “work of the people”. To those who show up and participate in the liturgical events in the churches, I offer my sincere appreciation. That is the religiosity, the gathering of the community, whereby some say they are spiritual yet not religious. But religion, the gathering for the work of the people, is truly important and I’ll suggest beyond important, but essential. These liturgical actions on Sunday start us fresh for our day, fresh for our week. I have heard it said by some that they are not worthy to set foot in a church for a service, and I respond with bring your whole self, not just a part. Christ, through his sacrifice and resurrection, has made you justified to stand, to sit, to kneel, to walk, to eat, to drink with every other person during the liturgy. No one is beyond redeeming, and no one is superior to another in the family of God.

The following was written by Randy McClure and seems to be a wonderful reminder as we pass through the season of Easter and into Pentecost.

If you're having sex before marriage, and you feel a bit disparaged,
And you feel like it's still okay
Go to Church anyway.
If you are an addict trying to beat an addiction, with life, you feel too much friction.
And you believe no one cares about what you say
Go to Church anyway.
If you were out drunk all night the night before, now inside of you, you feel a war,
And you have felt miserable all day
Go to Church anyway.
If you aren't sure what gender you prefer, and don't know if you're a him or a her,
And you don't know if you are really okay
Go to Church anyway.
If you can't quit a disgusting habit, and you don't truly understand the sabbath,
If you don't know how to worship or pray
Go to Church anyway.
Church is a Hospital for the broken. As the Bible has spoken,
It is for the lost, empty, confused, desperate, and rejected
It's for the poor, the needy, and the neglected.
Church is for the weak and the hurt and the lost
It is for anyone who has paid the cost. Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future.
And the Church is always there with a suture.

Kurt

Fr. Kurt

SUMMER SERVICES

Summer services will begin on June 14th, place TBA. Service time is 9 am.

HEALING SERVICE



This service on Wednesdays at 12 noon in St. Luke's Chapel will continue through June 10. There will be a summer break and then, the service will resume on September 23, 2026.

COFFEE HOUR



Our second Sunday coffee hour continues. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board behind the high altar.

BOYER'S KEY TAGS

Shopping at Boyer's Markets – helps support Trinity Church through their community give-back program!

Simply present your key tag at checkout and have it scanned. Twice a year, Boyer's sends Trinity a check based on a percentage of all key tag purchases — at no extra cost to you.

Since joining the program in 2023, Trinity has already earned \$471.78 just from our community shopping local!

Plus, there are even more ways to save:

- Senior Day is Tuesday – seniors receive an extra 5% off their purchase
- Bring your own bags and get 4¢ off per bag

It's an easy way to save money while supporting Trinity. Every scan makes a difference!

JINGLE COLLECTION



The Jingle Collection will continue through the last week of May, and the Sunday School children will then decide where the funds will be going. Thank you to everyone who has and continues to empty their pockets!

CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND CREATORS



Father Kurt would like to have our Stations of the Cross redone and or refreshed. If anyone with artistic and creative urges would like to participate in this project, please see Father Kurt for further details.



SUMMER READING CAMP NEWS

Our plans are underway for Summer Reading Camp 2026. It is hard to believe, but we have been holding camp since 2018. Summer Reading Camp will kick off with Family Game Night, which will be held on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00 in the Parish Hall. Children and their families will gather for a pizza dinner, enjoy games, and have a chance to meet the teachers and other campers. The parents will attend a workshop that will provide them with some fun educational games that they can use to help their child be successful in school.

We have been fortunate to receive a grant of \$1,000 from the M&T Charitable Foundation for the camp. Adding this to the grant from the Pottsville Benevolent Association and a generous donation from an anonymous donor, we have almost enough funding to run camp this year. Because prices have increased so much, we are asking if you would consider supporting our Lunches for Learners and Books for Young Readers once again this year. A donation of \$30.00 would purchase lunch for one child and a donation of \$25.00 would purchase books and school supplies for one child. Donations can be placed in the collection plate with a notation on the memo line that it is for summer reading camp. We appreciate your generosity.

During camp, we plan to take the children to the Schuylkill County Historical Society for a field trip. We could use assistance with walking the children from the church to the historical society. If you are able to help with this, please contact Barb Tokarz. Thank you.



USED BOOK PROJECT

There is a deacon at the Nativity Cathedral in Bethlehem who is beginning a used book project. These books will be collected at Trinity and picked up by the deacon. The only request is NO children's books.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

As we look forward to the longer, hopefully more relaxed summer days, let us not forget those less fortunate than us. People in NE PA and all over the world are given hope through the generosity of the UTO. Thank you for all you have given in the past, and please continue to put your extra change in the little blue box or plan to give a check for UTO Sundays — October 4 and 11. God bless you and thank you!

HYMN SING

On Sunday, September 20 our 200th anniversary celebration will begin with a 10:00 am Eucharist. Please note the different time.

After the service, we will have a hymn sing with favorite hymns chosen by you and those of our sister parishes.

The form is below and also at each entrance of the church. Please fill out and return to the church by May 10. Favorites will be compiled and sung by the congregation before a catered lunch is served in the Parish Hall.

Come and make a joyful noise as we celebrate 200 years of worship at Trinity—1827-2027.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

10:00 AM OPENING EUCHARIST — SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

And

HYMN SING

As we prepare for a year of celebration and rejoicing, we will hold a Hymn Sing after the opening Eucharist. Please check the hymns which you would like to include and offer your own choices in the “Other” category. The twenty hymns receiving the most votes will be sung that day, and we will endeavor to include many others during the celebration year.

HYMNAL 1982

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| ☐ | 7 — Christ whose glory fills the skies |
| ☐ | 8 — Morning has broken |
| ☐ | 343 — Shepherd of souls |
| ☐ | 362 — Holy, holy, holy! |
| ☐ | 376 — Joyful, joyful we adore thee |
| ☐ | 379 — God is Love |
| ☐ | 390 — Praise to the Lord |
| ☐ | 397 — Now thank we all our God |
| ☐ | 410 — Praise, my soul, the King of heaven |
| ☐ | 423 — Immortal, invisible, God only wise |
| ☐ | 427 — When morning gilds the skies |
| ☐ | 438 — Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord |
| ☐ | 455 — O Love of God |
| ☐ | 460 — Alleluia! Sing to Jesus |
| ☐ | 474 — When I survey the wondrous cross |
| ☐ | 490 — I want to walk as a child of the Light |
| ☐ | 493 — O for a thousand tongues to sing |
| ☐ | 494 — Crown him with many crowns |

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| ☐ | 525 — The Church's one foundation |
| ☐ | 544 — Jesus shall reign |
| ☐ | 620 — Jerusalem, my happy home |
| ☐ | 645 — The King of Love my shepherd is |
| ☐ | 671 — Amazing grace! |
| ☐ | 680 — O God our help in ages past |

LEVAS

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| ☐ | 60 — How great thou art |
| ☐ | 111 — Come thou fount of every blessing |
| ☐ | 184 — Blessed Assurance |
| ☐ | 189 — Great is his faithfulness |
| ☐ | The Lord's Prayer — Franklin M. Osenbach |
| ☐ | Other _____ |
| ☐ | _____ |
| ☐ | _____ |

Please return your selections to TEC- 200 S. 2nd St. Pottsville, Pa 17901 by May 10, 2026 or
email: episcopalch200@gmail.com



The Easter Flowers adorning Trinity Church have been given to the Glory of God by:

Robert & June Bednar in Memory of J. Stewart & Phenie Rowlands, Nicholas & Anna Bednar, James S. Rowlands, Eleanor Roth, William Angelo, and in Thanksgiving for our grandsons, Josh Secoges and Nick De Conte,

Debra Zyk in Memory of Patrick & Sandra Moore, Jane Moore Myro, and Anthony & Lainie Kaminiski

Steve, Lisa, Mikey, Ricky, Tina & Juliette Ferguson in Memory of Russell A. Frantz & Marlene Ferguson Lengle

Carol Field in Memory of George & Emmeline Stone, George Stone III, William & Eva Stone, Allen Brennan, and Peggy Moser, and Thanksgiving for Eric Stone & Family, Heather Procacci & Family, Nancy Miernicki & My Lunch Bunch Friends

Franklin & Cora Osenbach in Memory of Charles & Rose Osenbach, Joseph & Marie Gamelin, Thanksgiving for abundant blessings.

Albert & Karen Portland in Memory of Bertha & Emmet Miller, Mildred & Francis J. Portland, & Francis M. Portland, and in Thanksgiving for our Family, and our grandchildren, Annabelle, Duncan, Elliot MacLea & Emmett Portland.

Jane Pritiskutch in Memory of Michael & Elizabeth Pritiskutch, William & Catherine Brennan, and Sadie Patten Brennan

Howard Mitchell Jr., in Memory of deceased members of the Mitchell Family. In Thanksgiving for all the many blessings of this life.

Joseph & Leigh Ann Siminitus & Family in Memory of Harry & Jean Ebling, David Frey, Stanley W. & Anna Siminitus and Stanley R. Siminitus.

Jim & Sandy Snyder in Memory of Charles, Jean, Toby Bedrord, Grace, Frank, Cassandra Snyder, and Sandy Leymeister. In thanksgiving for Lily & Evan Leymeister and Tim Snyder

Bill & Darlene Bowler in Memory of Hain, Bowler, Engleman, Shoemaker, and Ernst Families, Jack Curtis, Jane Nice, Hubler Family, Merrick Family, Ed Harris, Lawrence Tobin, Caleb Shaner and Joe Putsavage. In Thanksgiving for the Curtis & Burns Families

Bonnie Eckert, in memory of The Merlino, Brennan, Cutler, and Eckert Families. In Thanksgiving for David, Heidi, and Sage Eckert.

June Reedy in Memory of Madelin & John Achenbach, Harvey Reedy, and Nathan Reedy. In thanksgiving for family & friends

Marria Walsh in Memory of The O'Malley Family, and Basil S. Walsh, III

Nanci & Jeff Billie in Memory of Nancy J. Reigle, John W. Reigle, Mary Billie, and George Billie

Dawn Burns & Family in Memory of Martha & Marlin Hain, Fran & Bill Engleman, Lawrence Tobin, Mary Lou & Irv Hubler, James Bowler, Joseph Burns, Kelly Messina, Gemma Geary, Caleb Shaner, and Ed Harris. In Thanksgiving for the Bowler, Burns, & Curtis Families, our friends, and our Trinity Family



Charles Baber Cemetery Preservation Trust

Glorious, Happy Spring

C. Field-May/June 2026

In most years, the celebration of Easter is accompanied by the colorful and fanciful appearance of many spring flowers. However, when Easter is celebrated early, the many flowering trees at the Charles Baber Cemetery aren't quite awake yet. On Easter morning, we had our happy sunshine daffodils outside the chapel. And like a long red velvet runway carpet, the sunset red maple trees that run down the hill from the chapel to 16th Street had sprouted their red hanging catkins that brightened the road. These reddish catkins and twigs yield tiny red and yellow samaras before the green leaves push through. To the east of the main entrance, our weeping cherry with its long hanging limbs swaying gently in the wind, beckons quietly to the visitor. Within two weeks of the early and sparse tree flowering appearance, all the other flowering trees take off with unbounded jubilation. Most prominent and impressive are the fuchsia-colored flowers of the red buds by 16th Street and sprinkled throughout the upper level. With Arbor Day, we will be adding 7 new baby red buds by the pond. They will join our happy camper family of Kwanza cherry trees with their double pink blooms. While still babies, there are two weeping cherry trees, one in the pond area and one by 16th Street, that, like toddlers learning how to walk, are taking baby steps in producing long, flowing strands of flowers. Our Japanese lilac by the barn is flowering; however, some of the baby lilacs above the inner wall, planted two years ago, have died and will be replaced on Arbor Day. Other flowering trees like the dogwoods, older cherries, pear, magnolia, tulip tree, Siberian elm, coffee tree, horse chestnut, and staghorn sumac that are scattered throughout the property are also in blossom, but because they are single trees, they sometimes go unnoticed.

Other tree species, while not having shown flowers, have tantalizing hanging bunches of winged fruit or samaras. The many maples throughout the property are strong examples of winged fruit bearers. The samaras on sycamore maples hang in long, dangling, heavy clusters. The dwarf Japanese maple has tiny samaras that appear as tiny, winged fairies dancing on the leaves. The Norway maples have large, clustered samaras, while the sunset red maples have tiny red and yellow samaras. We also have alternatives to the samara, like the bracts on the little leaf linden. The leaves of the linden are heart-shaped, while the bracts are long, slender, whitish-yellow leaves with small, dangling fruit balls attached. In the fruit ball or seed ball line, the London planetrees scatter their fuzzy, downy brown seed balls into the wind; while the sweetgum in the lower-level east of the pond, drops their hard spiky seed balls that lay in wait for the mowers to shred them open. One unique species is the oaks, like the swamp white oak by the pond, that have held onto their leaves all winter long. The dead, dried leaves are quickly dropped in the early spring, but for a short period of time, they stand naked to the visitor while all the trees around them are showing flowers and leaf blossoms.

Our evergreens, like the cryptomeria, Norway spruce, eastern white pine, and even the arborvitae, are dropping their brown needles in piles on the ground to make room for fresh new green needles. And our unique Japanese larch, which is the only evergreen to lose its needles over the winter months, quickly grows spurs of green needle clusters that hang on long dangling strands. The cypress around the pond exchange their burnt orange evergreen needles for green ones. As do the eastern red cedar trees along the McBarron Alley fence, which take on fresh greenery as well. Come and walk the paths and enjoy our colorful, showy flowers and the rapidly unfurling green leaves of Spring. The fresh exuberance of Spring brings joy to one's heart.



Upcoming Cemetery Events May/June

Arbor Day, Friday, April 24th

We have planted 11 baby trees this year and replaced three Japanese white lilacs that were planted two years ago, but died. Of the 11 trees, 3 are Japanese larch that are replacing 3 that were dead and removed this winter, 7 are red buds, and 1 is a weeping willow. We are appreciative of Joe Orlowsky, who chooses, orders, and plants the trees; to Norm Kaufman for digging the holes, and to Bill Smith, who helps plant the trees. Thanks also to the Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich for blessing each tree at the 2:00 PM service. The sponsored trees are: (1) #235- In Gratitude for the Life of Peggy Moser; (2) #236 In Loving Memory of Richard & Norene Collier given by Kathryn Polcrack; (3) #237 -In Loving Memory of Dohrman & Edith Yuengling given by Cricket Yuengling; (4) #238 -In Loving of Barbara Woll given by Evelyn Jones; (5) #239 -In Loving Memory of Louise Ann Boyer given by Elizabeth Boyer & Family; (6) #240- In Loving Memory of Patrick and Sandy Moore and Jane Myro given F. Allen Artz and George P. Stralkus; (7) #241-In Loving Memory of Braelynn E. Kutsmeda given by John & Karen Wallace; (8) #242- In Thanksgiving for God's Many Blessings and the Baber Garden Cemetery given by Frank and Annie Murphy; (9) #243 -In Loving Memory of Dona Marie Brown given by Fred Brown; (10) #244 In Loving Memory of Joe Mirabella given by Sandra Mirabella; and (11) #245 In Loving Memory of Joe Tarone given by Elizabeth and Arthur Marsicano.

Memorial Day Flag Replacement Volunteers

Gary Wise, his wife, and 9 -10 other volunteers will again replace the 580 Veterans' flags for Memorial Day. We are so appreciative of Gary and his crew for doing this honorable work and for remembering our veterans.

Carriage House and Ground Maintenance Projects

Ground ditch drainage work and barn\carriage housework will be done this year at a cost of \$6400. DTG will do this work. We have the funds to cover this project. Road work and water drainage work must also be done at the breast of the pond and going east toward the soccer field, where the gravel road washes out. This cost is \$24,600 with the work done by DTG. It includes asphaltting part of the road by the pond, but we do not have sufficient funds to asphalt the road down around the bottom. We have raised most of the money to also cover this project.

Both of these projects are promised to be done this year.

Chapel Renovations

We absolutely must replace our 50-year-old oil burner this year. We are waiting for one more bid, but the average cost is \$28,000 based on last year's bids. We also must pressure wash and repoint the stone exterior of the chapel.

That bid is \$24,000. Total cost is \$52,000. We have received contributions in the past two years, but we have a shortfall of \$39,180 to complete both projects. We are still hoping that a charitable trust donation will come in from a local business owner, but it must come in soon, so we know which project to tackle.

Thank you

Thank you to all parishioners who contributed to the Charles Baber Preservation Trust donation request letter sent out in February. Your contributions were greatly appreciated. If you haven't contributed, we could use donations to offset the high heating oil bill and the \$2,000 in oil burner repairs. Please make your check payable to the "Charles Baber Cemetery" not to the church.

Also, many thanks to the great job that Bill Smith, our groundskeeper, does and to Mark Derenzo and Jerry Bowman, our two volunteers, who pitch in to help Bill on all sorts of projects like cleaning out the drains, raking the leaves in the gutters, cleaning the chapel, cutting up large branches, pruning the shrubs, etc

NEWS FROM MARION PRICE TRUST FUND

I recently attended a 'Ladies Day' event at a local church. The speaker for the day was a Jewish woman from Philadelphia who converted to Christianity after marrying a hog farmer and moving to the Lancaster area. Bonnie had quite a story to tell! The topic that piqued my interest most was a talk on mercy. She shared how she decided to focus on how to show mercy to others as Jesus shows mercy to us.

I would like to share an example she gave that made her realize she needed to make an effort to show mercy. Bonnie was invited by her husband to join him at the Green Dragon Market in Ephrata to try the delicious homemade pretzels that are sold there. If you are not familiar with it, it is worth the trip! It is a huge indoor/outdoor market held every Friday featuring local produce, Amish baked goods, antiques, crafts, and much more. They were standing in a long line waiting to purchase the pretzels when she felt someone staring at her. She looked around and saw an older woman seated on a rolling walker watching her. As the line moved up, the woman continued to stare, so she mentioned this to her husband, and he said he noticed it too. As she neared, she noticed the woman's clothes were worn and old-looking. She moved to the other side of her husband and turned her head to avoid eye contact ("as all good Christians would do"). However, her husband smiled at the woman and asked if there was anything he could do for her or get for her. The older woman gave her husband a huge smile and replied no she did not need anything. The woman continued to smile through some small talk until the line moved on. He then bought some pretzels to give to the woman. Bonnie realized her husband looked at this woman, not with annoyance or anger for staring, but with mercy, just as Jesus looks at us.

The definition of mercy is compassionate treatment, forgiveness, or leniency shown toward someone whom one has the power to punish or harm. Wow! Does that mean be nice when we are justified to be mean? How many times a day does this apply to us? If we are out in public, I bet we have the opportunity to be merciful quite often. How about in a store with rude salespeople or customers? When you are driving, and someone cuts you off, turns suddenly without signaling, or sits at a green light because they are not paying attention, do we show mercy or blow the horn and say something not very nice? How about when people say or do things that hurt us? Do we hold a grudge or bestow mercy by forgiving? We may never know what situations people are going through that cause them to be hurtful.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful for they shall be shown mercy" Matthew 5:7 As humans, it is sometimes difficult to show mercy instead of anger, but we CAN make a conscious effort to be aware of the choice to bestow mercy to others just as Jesus does for us. Lamentations 3: 22-23 reminds us that God's mercies are new every morning. Even if we stumble today, tomorrow will provide another day to be merciful until we can turn mercy from a one-time achievement into a daily practice.



SAVE THE DATE



Annual Marion Price Trust picnic will be held on Thursday, July 23rd at 5 pm,
at Sweet Arrow Lake Pavilion, Pine Grove.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

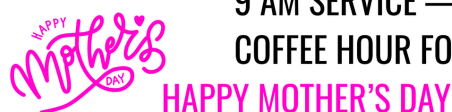
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MAY

- SUNDAY, MAY 3RD— 8:50 AM — CHILDREN'S CHAPEL
9 AM SERVICE — EASTER V

- WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 — 12 NOON HEALING SERVICE

- SUNDAY, MAY 10TH- 8:50 AM — CHILDREN'S CHAPEL
9 AM SERVICE — EASTER VI
COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING



- WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH-12 NOON -HEALING SERVICE

- SUNDAY, MAY 17TH- 8:50 AM — CHILDREN'S CHAPEL
9 AM SERVICE —EASTER VII

- WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH-12 NOON HEALING SERVICE

- SUNDAY, MAY 24ND- 8:50 AM — CHILDREN'S CHAPEL
9 AM SERVICE —PENTECOST
10:30 AM-VESTRY

WEAR HOLY SPIRIT RED TO CHURCH!!

- MONDAY, MAY 25TH-OFFICE CLOSED-

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

8:15 PM-MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT
CHARLES BABER CEMETERY



- WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH-12 NOON HEALING SERVICE

- SUNDAY, MAY 31ST-TRINITY SUNDAY

8:50 AM — CHILDREN'S CHAPEL
9 AM SERVICE

JUNE

- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD- 12 NOON HEALING SERVICE

- SUNDAY, JUN 7TH-- 9 AM SERVICE-PENTECOST II
LAST SUNDAY OF CHURCH SCHOOL UNTIL FALL
BISHOP KEVIN VISITS

- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH-12 NOON HEALING SERVICE
LAST HEALING SERVICE UNTIL 9/23/26

- SUNDAY, JUN 14TH- 9 AM SERVICE, PENTECOST III
SUMMER SERVICE

- THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH- TOPICS ARTICLES DUE

- SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST —SUMMER SERVICE
9 AM SERVICE — PENTECOST IV
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



- SUNDAY, JUN 28TH-SUMMER SERVICE IN LOUNGE
9 AM SERVICE-PENTECOST V
10:30 VESTRY MEETING

July

- FRIDAY, JULY 3RD-OFFICE CLOSED-
HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



- JULY 13-17TH-SUMMER READING CAMP



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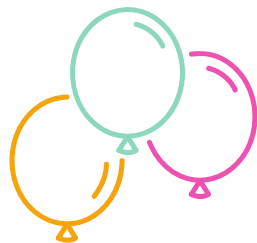
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Deadline
For
July/Aug articles deadline is
June 18 , 2026

May

5- Evelyn Barnwell
6-Kellen Jones
7-Cara Kovalovich
11-Pam Foley
12-Gabrielle Menuchak
16-Bonnie Eckert
18-Jacquelyn Curtis
20-Nicholas Lewars
22-James Snyder Jr.
24-Elaine Howells
26-Mason Frederick
29-Jack Mansell
31-Marria Walsh

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



June

2- June Bednar
3- Cathy Clouser
4- Ann Beaver, Corrine Gearhart
6-Michael Pozza
11-Keth Grabowski
12-Howard Mitchell, Jr.
13-June Reedy
14-Lynn Holden
19-Paul Harley, Joanne Barton
25- Frank Osenbach
26-Ronald Frederick, Teagan Wehr
30-Tina Walb