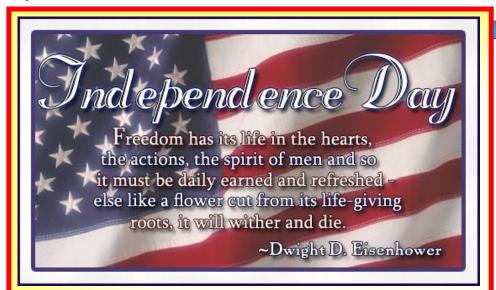


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The Trinity Times





On June 26 following the 9:15 worship service there will be refreshments and a time to express our appreciation & thanks to

Pastor Lynn Hackman who has been with Trinity for 8 years. We wish her well on her move to Bethany UMC in Palmyra.

On July 3 we welcome Pastor Jessica Ross who is our new pastor and also the pastor of hospice care at the VA hospital and a Lebanon resident. We wish her well in her new position here. We will have refreshments and time to visit with Pastor Jessica after the July 3 worship service.

Are You in the Loop?

Trinity worships together inperson and via Zoom every Sunday at 9:15, has Sunday School at 10:30, Bible Study. Book Reading and Team Meetings throughout the week via "Zoom". ΑII active Trinity members should be receiving either weekly emails or snail mailed updates (for those without emails) with information on how to be part of these church functions. If you are not receiving notes,

either via email or snail mail, please contact the Church Secretary, Deb Forry (717-273-1970) or Carol Hollich (717-838-2812) to be in the Loop! In addition to the weekly communications, those at the in-person service at 9:15 receive via bulletin information and weekly event times each Sunday.



Do you want to purchase or place flowers on the altar for the 9:15 worship service? Please call the church office to

check available dates and let the secretary know your wishes. If you are bringing flowers for worship please be sure to have them at the church at least 10 minutes before the service for placement on the altar.



Trinity Contact Information

We have received a number of additions and corrections to the directory of those people who have been a part of Trinity with their presence, gifts, and/or service these past months. And so.. your updated directory will arrive early this month via email or snail mail with print copies available at the church. As changes or update occur, please call Deb Forry at 717-273-1970 or Carol Hollich at 717-838-2812.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
July 3	Barb Querry
July 10	Dea Kishpaugh
July 17	Rev. Richard Clark
July 24	Dave Wallett
July 30	Phyllis Carter
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(If you are unable to serve as lay reader, please call... 717-838-2812.)

Worship Prayer Requests



I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart;

have overcome the world.

JOHN 16:33

Please send the full names of those you wish included on the worship bulletin's prayer list to the church secretary. As a reminder... after 4 weeks names are removed from the prayer page unless an extension for another 4 weeks is requested.

INDEPENDENCE DAY!



"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty."

President John F. Kennedy (35th President of the United States of America)



July 2	Liliana Harrison
July 7	Birdella White
July 16	Tod Dissinger
July 18	Betsy Allwein
July 24	Jack Kishpaugh
July 31	Vicki Swartz

Our sympathy and condolences to Karen Neblock on the passing of her mother, Ruth, on June 12. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

We, also, received word of the passing of J. B. Yorty on June 10. J.B. was organist & music director at Covenant UMC for 41 years and was a organist substitute many times for our church services.

Clothes-to-Go

mission project, Trinity's Clothes-to-Go, is open for our Lebanon neighbors on July 19 and August 16. June saw over 60 items of clothing distributed. We will evaluate the project at the August Ad Board meeting as to how to serve more people and have sufficient help to continue with this mission. Please share your thoughts & bring in gently used summer clothes until August 1st.

Newly Certified Lay Ministers



The Revs. Andrew Foster III and Steve Morton, of the East and North districts respectively, presented certificates along with words of encouragement to the newly *Certified Lay Ministers of Eastern Pennsylvania* at a special celebration service on Sunday, June 5 at Salem UMC in Orwigsburg, PA. The Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm, Connectional Ministries Director,

before offering the opening prayer honored Judy Ehninger's leadership since 2012, noting that EPA has one of the fastest-growing programs among all conferences. Currently, Ehninger reported, there are 110 Certified Lay Ministers and 1,200 Christ Servant Ministers in our conference.

Ehninger then recognized George Hollich, EPA's Director of Christ Servant Ministries since 1988. She described him as "our record-keeper and standard-keeper" because he ensures that CSMs and CLMs fulfill all mandatory requirements for training and continuing education. In his remarks to the graduates he recalled beginning his involvement in Lay Speaking Ministry in 1978.

The United Way of Lebanon County Establishes The Leonard Washington Community Service Award

The Award was created to recognize an individual who stands out by the nature of their commitment and the integrity of their character; is committed to making a difference in the community; recognizes service as the foundation of the organization and rewards come from giving; demonstrates unwavering determination and hard work; has provided significant unheralded contributions to our local community.



It is so important we recognize individuals who stand out in our community. We were incredibly fortunate to have Leonard's support both as a board member and donor for many years. To recognize his life well lived, his steadfast dedication to our community and his unparalleled dedication to our organization, we will be awarding the **Leonard Washington Community Service Award** annually to a deserving member of the Lebanon County community. Nomination for this year's award will be accepted through September 1.

NEW BEGINNINGS...



By doing what needs to be done right now, we make the most of each present moment. As long as we are alive, we are always free to begin again. Instead of following an old, worn-out habit, make a fresh start this moment on the rest of your life. Each day is a new start. Each moment is a beginning.

-- ANONYMOUS

Sunday Bible Studies for July



The theme of the Summer Quarter is **PARTNERS IN A NEW CREATION** and we will discuss "The Word: The Agent of Creation". The Gospel of John pictures the ministry of Jesus as more than his journey to the cross. Jesus came as a light to the world, one that shines brightly for "grace and truth". John sees this as one key to humanity's return to what God intended at the beginning. Grace and truth are evident in Jesus' miracles. One example is the healing of the official's son when Jesus' statement of truth was immediately followed by his gracious act of healing. Jesus came not to judge the world, but he told the truth of judgment to come nevertheless. Another powerful example of the grace and truth combination is the resurrection of Lazarus. The Holy Spirit Jesus promised to send is "the Spirit of truth". This month's study concludes with John's vision of the New Jerusalem in the book of Revelation. This vision presents the Holy City restored, but much more than that it is enhanced to a glorious degree. The titles of the weekly studies are...

July 3	The Word Becomes Flesh	John 1:1–14
July 10	The Word Heals	John 4:46–54
July 17	The Word Saves	John 12:44–50
July 24	The Word Resurrects	John 11:17–27, 38–44
July 31	The Word Gives Peace	John 14:15–29

The Gospel of John introduces Jesus as "the Word." In Stanislas Dehaene's book about the human brain, *Reading In The Brain*, he notes that the average adult reader has 50,000 or more words stored in his mental dictionary. In a fraction of a second the brain matches the word being read with the memorized meaning of that word. The Apostle John never heard of Dehaene's research, yet he still seemed to understand that though there are many words, there is only one *Word* that translates to eternal life.



The Word is God—not a magical genie that exists to answer our quick prayer when we decide we need to hear from Him. Hearing the Word is the first step in understanding the nature of God, but it's hard to hear His still, small voice when we don't silence the competing voices around us. We are so surrounded with the voices of media and culture—not to mention the continual beeps and reminders of our own schedules—that many can't hear the Word even if it is *shouted* to them.



A husband read an article to his wife about how women use 30,000 words a day to a man's 15,000. The wife replied, "That's because we have to repeat everything to men." The husband turned to his wife and said, "What?"

What good is hearing the Word, if we're not willing to respond? In this month's readings we will discover that those who heard the Word were also those who had a habit of responding! God speaks to those who listen and obey. Successful ministry and successful leadership take

place when we hear and respond to His call. Join us in July and join in discussing, "The Word: The Agent of Creation". In the meantime consider the following...

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July 3	
1. "In the beginning was the"	John 1:1
2. John the Baptist was sent to do what? (be an apostle, bear witness, be the light)	John 1:6-7
<u>July 10</u>	
1. Jesus changed water into wine in the city of	
2. Jesus noted that people wouldn't believe without what? (pick 2 - signs, wine, myrrh, wonders, money)	
<u>July 17</u>	
1. Jesus claimed that he had come to judge the world. T/F	
2. Judgment occurs when? (never, the last day, when we're good enough)	
<u>July 23</u>	
1. Bethany, the town of Lazarus, was close to what city? (Nazareth, Heliopolis, Jerusalem)	
2. Jesus told Martha that he was the resurrection and the	
<u>July 30</u>	
 Jesus said that to love him meant doing what? 	
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2. Jesus referred to the Spirit as the Spirit of	

Administrative Council Meeting via Zoom June 12, 2022 – 1:00 pm – Minutes

Facilitator George Hollich

Minutes Carol Hollich (summary to appear in the July newsletter)

<u>Those Attending</u> Gloria Clark, Deb Forry, Joyce Dissinger, Pastor Lynn Hackman, Carol Hollich, George Hollich, Dea Kishpaugh, Jack Kishpaugh, Karen Neblock, Barb Querry,

Jack Stouffer, Barb Wallett, & Dave Wallett Not Attending: Sally DeJesus, Keith Earle, Gail Emrich, Elmer Fair, Kitty Fair, Mary Gruber, Marilyn Smith, Reba Sterner, & Carol Yeagley

Housekeeping Attendance, Approval of Past Minutes & Agenda

Devotions – Moving Together (Matthew 4: 18-20) Do we sometimes ignore challenges that God places in front of us? Do we move in the direction that God wants for us or do we go with in our own direction? It is important to move past our own desires and see what God has in mind for us and in the process, learn that God may have a different vision/dream/idea than the one that we thought was a perfect fit.

Calendar Dates that Reflect our Ministry - other than the 9:15 In-Person Worship... the 9:15 Streamed Worship Service & Committee meetings will be held via ZOOM, unless other arrangements are announced.

June 12 - Ad Board Meeting via Zoom (1:00 pm)

June 14 – Ladies' (& Men's) Luncheon (12:30 pm at Hoss's in Annville)

June 19 - Father's Day

June 21 - Clothes-to-Go - 10am - 2pm

June 26 – 10:15 – Say Goodbye to Pastor Lynn

July 3 - 10:15 - Meet & Greet Pastor Jessica

July 10 - Communion

July 12 - Ladies' (& Men's) Luncheon (12:30 pm at Hoss's in Annville)

July 14 - Worship Committee meets with Pastor Jessica (7:00 pm)

July 19 - Clothes-To-Go (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

August 7 - Communion

August 9 - Ladies' (& Men's) Luncheon (12:30 pm at Hoss's in Annville)

August 11 - Worship Committee (7:00 pm)

August 14 - Ad Board Meeting via Zoom (1:00 pm)

August 16 - Clothes-To-Go (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

*September 17 -Church Picnic at North Lebanon Township Park

Discussion - Current or Emerging Projects that Clarify Our Ministry

- <u>Bible Studies</u> Rev. Rick Clark will finish the Bible Study based on the book "Mysteries of the Messiah" by Rabbi Jason Sobel and then take a break over the summer and start back in the fall. There will be no Sunday School on June 26th or July 3rd.
- <u>Communications</u> The Website is looking good. We have our worship information on there plus also on Facebook. Gloria Clark asked for us to "like" the church's Facebook page so we get more exposure for Trinity. George will record the services and send to Gloria to put onto the website. The Trinity Times for July will go out on June 28th, and the new "active" church directory will go out in July.
- Clothes-to-Go We will keep this mission going for July and August and have a summer sale on August 16th. Barb Querry will keep sending the information to the Merchandiser and WLBR. Pastor Lynn suggested getting together with the head of the Thrift Shop where most of the clothes come from to see if there is a good place to send the clothes that are not sold. We will have to decide if this is a mission project to continue. It depends on the clientele we have this summer. Deb Forry suggested having it on a Thursday afternoon when more people are up town.
- Directory Update Carol Hollich and Deb Forry will work on the updated version of the directory.
- LINKS No meetings right now
- Use of Church Spaces We are still waiting to hear from Calvary Chapel's Spanish congregation to see if they will start using some spaces at church. The Finance Team sent a proposal for rental costs. Calvary is also renting 3 parking spots for every day but Sunday.
- New ideas & programs Deb Forry shared a request from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to use our 8th Street side of the building to display a banner raising awareness for Covid Boosters in hopes of reaching adults in our area. Barb Querry moved to try this, Carol Hollich seconded, and it passed by a majority vote.





Highlights from Reports that Support Our Ministry

- Staff Parish There has been no meeting since we met our new pastor, Jessica Lynn Ross.
- Trustees Jack Kishpaugh We are still waiting for Calvary Chapel to respond to our proposal for their renting out of some spaces in our building. We also are renting three parking spaces to them for administrative use on all days but Sunday. We shared some of our old Sunday School hymn books with them. We are installing new batteries in all the emergency lighting and have a call in to an electrician to fix the spotlights on the cross. Dave Wallett is looking into buying spare bulbs for this purpose. The aim of the trustees is to change all the lighting in the sanctuary to LED bulbs as they become available, but LED lights will not work on the cross. We also have a call into the Air Conditioning people to fix the Narthex air conditioner.
- Worship Team Carol Hollich The organ needs to be tuned and our organist will make the arrangements. We have an order in for 2 new lavalier microphones to replace the broken ones and we ordered a filter to take the hum out of the sound system. Caroline Jacobs will be on vacation June 19, 26 and July 17. Carol Hollich will substitute for her. Pastor Lynn has requested a set order of worship for her remaining worship services. The organist will play a hymn at 9:10 so that people have time to move into the sanctuary by the start of the service at 9:15. The choir sang on June 12 and hopes to begin a regular schedule in the fall. Carol and Caroline will work on the special music for Sunday worship services. Donna Mease will call people who ordered altar flowers on certain dates to see if they would like to keep the same times this year. We will celebrate communion on July 10th instead of July 3rd. At the end of our meeting, Pastor Jessica was invited to come onto zoom to be introduced to the Worship team. There will be a special Worship Team meeting on Thursday evening, July 14th at 7:00 with Pastor Jessica to discuss her experiences on her first two worship services and her ideas she has for worship.
- Education Sally DeJesus No report
- Finance Barb Querry The May deposits were more than the expenses because we received a check from a Trust Fund. We are up to date in all payments to the conference. The General Fund is \$15,792.37, the Money Market is \$49,632.04, and the Capital Campaign (for building costs only) is \$170,376.40. Although we seem to have enough funds, all costs have escalated in other areas of the church expenses.
- Parish Visitor Rick Clark In April and May, Rev. Rick Clark made 16 in-house visits for a total of 29 persons, had home communion for 12 individuals, and visited 12 people in nursing homes.
- Missions Dea Kishpaugh In April we sent 12 presents for the Cornwall Birthday Party. We received a thank you from UMCOR for our donation of \$645.00 (\$430 sent for Ukraine). In May we sent a \$50.00 donation for the Cornwall Benevolent Fund. Clothes -to-go was open on April 19 and May 17, and we collected food for LCCM. In June and July we hope to start collecting school supplies. There was \$67.00 in loose change in Pastor Lynn's penny jar and more is still to be counted.
- Pastor Lynn Pastor Lynn thanked the Ad Board during her 8 years of service for their loyalty and love of their church. She asked us to welcome Pastor Jessica, and she hopes Trinity will grow. She is also excited that we are planning to work with Calvary and will have children and their families in our building. We thanked Lynn for her 8 years of service.

Meeting Adjourned 2:30 Respectfully submitted, Carol Hollich

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Sunday, August 14



Trinity United Methodist Church

757 Willow Street, Lebanon, Pa. 17046

Where "Faith, Hope and Love abide to encourage all to respond to the call of Christ."

June 26, 2022 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

(The service begins at 9:15 with the fellowship area opening at 9:00.

To be a part of worship on the computer go to https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83108652688 or join by phone by dialing 1-646-876-9923 and entering 831 0865 2688 when prompted.)

Flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Ruth Fisher by Roxanne Miller

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Lynn Hackman

Prelude Gentle Like Jesus - Copeland

Carol Hollich, organist

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Rev. John Carter

L: Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

P: "For those who want to save their life will lose it,

All: "And those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

L: Jesus, we want to become your followers.

P: We come here today to follow you.

All: Help us ... guide us . .. save us.

*Hymn # 398 *Jes*

Jesus Calls Us (vs. 1-4)

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"

2. As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more!"

4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!"

*Affirmation of Faith #881 The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Lynn Hackman

Mary Zehring, flute

*Hymn #415 Take Up Your Cross

"Take up thy cross," the Saviour said, "If thou wouldst My disciple be; Deny thyself, the world forsake, And humbly follow after Me."

Take up thy cross; let not its weight Fill thy weak spirit with alarm; His strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross; nor heed the shame, nor let thy foolish pride rebel; Thy Lord for thee the cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; For only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

*Doxology

*Celebration of Gifts

Pastor Lynn Hackman

(Your offerings can be placed in the offering plate in the rear of the sanctuary or sent to Trinity UMC, 757 Willow Street, Lebanon, PA 17046)

Old Testament New Testament 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Liturgist: Rev. John Carter

Luke 9:51-62

Sermon

Predictions for the Future

Pastor Lynn Hackman

*Hymn #338

Where He Leads Me

I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, "Take thy cross and follow, follow me.

Refrain: Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow, Where he leads me I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.

I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him, with him all the way. (Refrain)

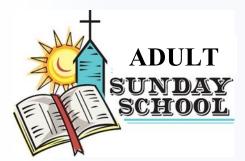
I'll go with him through the judgment, I'll go with him through the judgment, I'll go with him through the judgment, I'll go with him, with him all the way. (Refrain)

He will give me grace and glory, He will give me grace and glory, He will give me grace and glory, and go with me, with me all the way. (Refrain)

*Benediction

*Postlude

How Can I Keep from Singing? – Birchwood Organist: Carol Hollich



Sunday School **God Offers Deliverance** Isaiah 51: 1-8

"Faith is the postage stamp on our prayers."





God Offers Deliverance Sunday School Handout – June 26, 2022

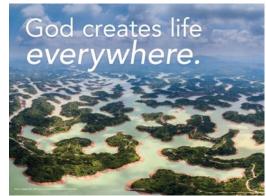
(A discussion of this theme will follow the 9:15 Worship Service.)

Study Text: Isaiah 51

KEY VERSE: Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn.—**Isaiah 51:1**

Look Both Ways?

We've heard this since we were small children: "Look both ways before crossing a street, and then cross when it's safe." That's still good advice, but it is not adequate for the present culture. Why?



One reason is that there are so many more ways to be distracted than in the past. The distractions take place for those who walk, for drivers of automobiles, and those who ride bicycles. At intersections it sometimes appears as if nobody looks. The pedestrians seem oblivious to traffic lights, stop signs, and walkways. They are focused on things such as making calls, reading text messages or e-books, or listening to a podcast or music. Those on wheels are also seen looking at a device instead of at the road. The "look both ways" admonition is no longer enough. People also need to stay aware of their surroundings. The result is that the old saying could be changed to "Look up, and then look both ways before crossing a street." This lesson speaks to three "looks" that were given to the people of Judah: to look to the past, the future, and straight into the present.

The Rock

Petra, in western Jordan, is the red-rock city carved out of "living stone." It is believed by many to be Sela. Especially interesting to me when I visited was the eastern entrance. A narrow, half-mile pathway down a wadi took us through a crevice in a wall of rock. At the end of the wadi, an unforgettable view of the solid-rock city presented itself to us. Tradition says that wall is the stone that Moses struck to get water for the people of Israel and the cleft in the rock is the fissure through which water poured out. Remembering one's solid foundation sets the tone for growth throughout life. Abraham served as the solid foundation and example of faithful, righteous living for Israel. Today we look to the one Abraham waited for—Jesus Christ. How will you honor your solid foundation?

A THRIVING CITY

Are urban dwellers entitled to green space in their cities? The Parks for All nonprofit is dedicated to "the creation, maintenance and beautification of public parks, playgrounds & green space throughout New Orleans." The organization holds that well-planned and maintained parks are key to thriving in a city. More city planners and other officials agree. And a growing body of research asserts that green spaces are good for health—mental and physical—and overall well-being of a city's population. God is well ahead of this urban trend, describing the newly rebuilt Jerusalem as an Eden; even the New Jerusalem centers on a life-giving tree and river. The reconstructed Jerusalem would not be a perfect city on earth, but in both human thriving and natural bounty, it would be a beautiful place and a sign of what God has in store for his faithful people. Challenge yourself this week to go to one of your local parks and consider the many and varied ways that God provides for you and your community.

Thoughts to Consider

- 1. What circumstances distract or discourage you from seeking God's path for you?
- 2. How does your faith help you when events in life destroy what you have built?
- 3. How can we demonstrate God's love for people in distant lands?

WHAT ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR?

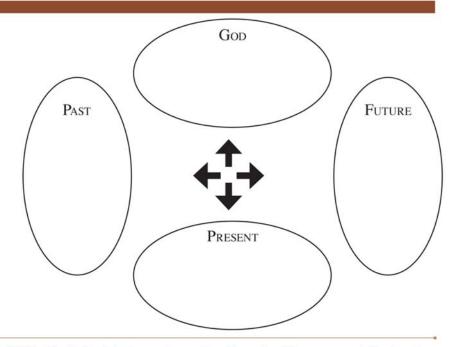
Find as many words as possible in the puzzle that relate to today's lesson. Solve the anagrams to reveal the letters for the final message. Use the circled letters from the words in the top part to complete the final word or phrase at the bottom. Each circled letter is used just once.

YSEE	
ETGAHR	
RIDNCLEH	
LEIEX	
CPALE	
ORLD	
OENMANTR	
RIBED	
WEATS	
HERAT	
SKGIN	
QESEUN	
TSEHFAR	
EHTORSM	
SDUT	

LOOK AROUND

In Isaiah 51:1-8, the speaker calls the people to turn their focus to the past, future, and present.

Fill in the chart as appropriate from today's text.



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