



### Upcoming...

**Take note...** Rick's Bible Studies on a topic to be decided resumes on **Thursdays in late September at 10:30** – Call 717-418-1963 to be included or for more information.

**Sept. 14 – 10 am to 2 pm & 2:30 to 4:30** – Clothes to Go (Article on Page 3.)

**Sept. 18 – 10 am to 2 pm** – Clothes to Go

**Sept. 19 – 11:30 am** – Church Picnic (Article on Page 2.)

**Oct. 2 – 2:00 pm** – Massed Choir at Mt. Gretna Tabernacle (Article on Page 3.)

**Oct. 27 – 7:00 pm** – Worship Committee

**Oct. 10 – 1:00 pm** - Ad Board (via Zoom)

**Oct. 20** – Boscov's Friends Helping Friends. (Article on Page 8.)

### Grandparents Day – September 12

*This national holiday was designated by President Jimmy Carter in 1978 and is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Labor Day!*



*On Patriot Day the flag is flown at half-mast on all government buildings & establishments throughout the world and Americans are encouraged to display flags in remembrance of September 11, 2001.*

### We received the following note...

Thank You



for your kindness

*To the congregation of Trinity United Methodist Church: Thank you for the prayers, cards, telephone calls, texts, and overall positive thoughts during this very difficult time in my life. It is appreciated. God bless all of you!*

*Tina Washington & family*



### Haiti Earthquake Relief through UMCOR

*United Methodists are hard at work with longtime partners in Haiti to respond after the 7.2-magnitude earthquake and major storm. The United Methodist Committee on Relief is seeking financial donations (UMCOR #982450) and is in conversation with partners on the ground about next steps.*

## Liturgists in September

<u>Date</u>	<u>Zoom - 9:15</u>	<u>Live Service - 10:30</u>
Sept. 5	Carol Hollich	Barb Querry
Sept. 12	Dave Wallett	Dr. John Carter
Sept. 19	Rick Clark	Church Picnic
Sept. 26	Gloria Clark	Pat Swartz

*If you are unable to serve as lay reader, please call...  
717-838-2812*



*Our annual Church Picnic at North Lebanon Township Park (North 7th St. and Kimmerlings Rd.) is Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.*

*There will be a Zoom worship service at the usual 9:15 time and then at 11:30 at the park, there will be devotions followed by hoagies, hamboats, cup cakes, games, and lots of fun! Please come, bring your family and friends, enjoy the outdoors, worship in nature, play games, and stay as long as you wish. There is a large parking lot and walkway into the pavilion for those with canes and walkers. More details available in the church office, or call Carol Hollich, or Sally DeJesus.*



<i>September 3</i>	<i>Sally DeJesus</i>
<i>September 3</i>	<i>Marian Mitchell</i>
<i>September 7</i>	<i>Betty Wentzel</i>
<i>September 13</i>	<i>Pat Swartz</i>
<i>September 23</i>	<i>Kitty Fair</i>
<i>September 23</i>	<i>Barb Querry</i>
<i>September 24</i>	<i>Joan Groff</i>
<i>September 25</i>	<i>Julia Evans</i>



## **NO BAZAAR IN 2021**

*At our August Ad Board meeting it was decided that there are still too many uncertainties to plan a bazaar this year. We may try an on-line special sale like Soup, Sandwiches or Crafts at a later date, but feel that our recommendation is that like last year we have a... **2021 Bazaar Check-In!***

*We suggest that each of us prayerfully consider the time and food items we would donate and the time and materials to make the items we would give to make our Bazaar successful... and then write a check with the notation... **2021 Bazaar Check-In.***

*Although disappointing, we feel this is the best way to keep our workers and guests safe. Additional thoughts & ideas can be shared with Joyce Dissinger (717-272-1665) or Barb Querry (717-949-3060). Thank you for your support and understanding of this decision.*

All invited to attend a special Fall event at the Mount Gretna Tabernacle!



The Massed Choir, which is a favorite at the Mount Gretna Bible Festival, will bring together 100 voices in a joyous Saturday afternoon concert. Sponsored by Losers Music, Inc. and Cornwall Manor, the tabernacle will again host a Massed Choir program. Normally this popular concert is presented at the end of July...

BUT this year it is planned for **Saturday, October 2, 2021, at 2:00 pm** with Lloyd Larson as the guest conductor. The group will get together for rehearsals at the tabernacle on September 11, 9:30-11:30 am, Sept. 18, 9:30-11:30 am, & Sept. 25, 9:30-11:30 am. A pre-concert rehearsal with Mr. Larson will be on October 2 from 9 until Noon. Their time together will be followed by a box lunch and Massed Choir Program at 2:00 pm. If you wish to participate, call Carol Hollich (717-838-2812).



Directory Edit - September 1, 2021

- add an email for *Jack Stouffer*

email - [lebdoc1@comcast.net](mailto:lebdoc1@comcast.net)



**Clothes to Go**

*Have you heard? Trinity is having a clothing sale for people in our community. The dates are Tuesday, September 14, 10:00 to 12:00 and 2:30 to 4:30 and September 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 to 2:00.*

*We need people to keep organizing the clothes from now until the sale, and others to help at the church on the days of the sale. There are hundreds of items all priced at \$1.00 or \$2.00 a piece. We hope this provides clothing for those in the downtown area and other residents at a small price.*





## Sunday Bible Studies in September

*“Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders”* (Exodus 15:11). The overarching theme of the Fall Quarter is **Celebrating God** and in September we consider how *“God’s People Offer Praise”*. Our discussions this month capture the gift and privilege of worship, the acts of celebrating God for who he is and his work in our lives and in the world. Moses expressed amazement and awe through his worship, and these studies will explore worship that creates in us the same response.

<b>September 5</b> <i>Praise with Music</i>	<b>Exodus 15:11–21</b>	<b>Betsy Allwein</b>
<b>September 12</b> <i>Praise in Dance</i>	<b>2 Samuel 6:1–5, 14–19</b>	<b>George Hollich</b>
<b>September 19</b> <i>Praise by Expecting &amp; Following</i>	<b>Mark 10:46–52</b>	<b>Picnic Sunday - No Sunday School</b>
<b>September 26</b> <i>Praise for Salvation</i>	<b>Acts 2:32–33, 37–47</b>	<b>TBA</b>

One of the lessons that life teaches is that less can often be more. Less exercise can become more health problems. Less food can become more quality of life. Less is also more when life becomes too complicated and we try to please too many people. Less is more when we do so many things that we forget what is really important. Less is more when we get so focused on rules and regulations that we lose sight of what we were trying to accomplish in the first place. When it comes to religion, it is often true that less is more. We tend to complicate things. But we can find places in the Bible where it all boils down to one thing, *“God’s People Offer Praise.”*



These first four lessons show several individuals who praised God in different ways and in different circumstances. These lessons provide examples of praise-filled lives. They show us individuals who had serious flaws, or who faced great challenges in life, but who, nevertheless, rendered praise to God.



Moses, looking down on the corpses of the Egyptian charioteers, sang with confidence: *“Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power. Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy”*. King David, dancing with reckless abandon, reminds us to praise God for his great power, even when—or especially when—we might be worried about what others think or how they will see us. Bartimaeus, a man who had been blind for many years, shows us how trust and praise are connected, even in the midst of our difficulties. Finally, the quarter includes the example of the first people who responded to Peter’s preaching on the day of Pentecost. Luke records the ways in which lives changed because of obedience to the gospel. Reformed lives

resulted in an orientation of praise and worship, daily breaking of bread, sharing of food, and worshipping *“with glad and sincere hearts, praising God”*. In our lessons this month we will learn the characteristics of *persons of praise*. We will see that they do not focus on externals and appearances, but are persons of praise on the inside, in the heart. So join us in September as we consider how ***God’s People Offer Praise!***

### September 5

1. The inhabitants of which nation are said to melt away? (Edom, Moab, Canaan) Exodus 15:15
2. Miriam was the sister of Moses and \_\_\_\_\_ . Exodus 15:20

### September 12

1. God was said to enthrone between the \_\_\_\_\_ on the ark. 2 Samuel 6:2
2. When Michal saw David dancing before the ark, she cherished him in her heart. T/F. 2 Samuel 6:16

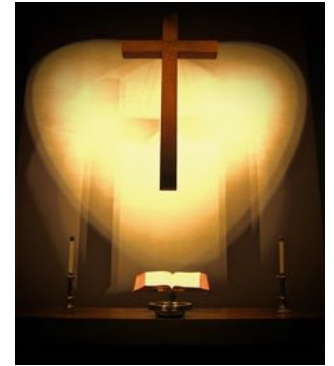
### September 19

1. Bartimaeus called out to Jesus, saying, *“Have \_\_\_\_\_ on me.”* Mark 10:48
2. After Bartimaeus received his vision, he returned home. T/F. Mark 10:52

### September 26

1. Peter charged his audience to repent and be \_\_\_\_\_ . Acts 2:38
2. After the day of Pentecost, believers hoarded all their possessions. T/F. Acts 2:45

# Administrative Council Meeting via Zoom August 15, 2021 – 1:00 pm – Minutes



**Facilitator:** George Hollich

**Minutes:** Carol Hollich (Summary to appear in the September newsletter)

**Attendance via Zoom:** Gloria Clark, Sally DeJesus, Joyce Dissinger, Keith Earle, Mary Gruber, Pastor Lynn Hackman, Carol & George Hollich, Dea & Jack Kishpaugh, Karen Neblock, Barb Querry, Marilyn Smith, Reba Sterner, Jack Stouffer, & Lorri Umberger

**Housekeeping:** Attendance, Approval of Past Minutes & Agenda

**Devotions:** *Matthew 17:14-20: "Moving Mountains"*

## **Calendar Dates that Reflect our Ministry**

- **Unless announced differently -- live meetings and activities are on hold until further notice.**
- **Other than the 10:30 Live Worship Service, the 9:15 Worship Service, 10:30 Adult Sunday School, and all Committee meetings will be done via ZOOM, unless other arrangements are announced.**

**September 5 – Communion**

**September 14 – Clothes to Go - 10-12 am & 2:30-4:30 pm**

**September 18 – Clothes to Go – 11am - 2pm**

**September 19 – Church Picnic - North Lebanon Township Park – 11:30 am (Zoom service at 9:15)**

**October 3 – Worldwide Communion**

**October 10 – Ad Board - 1 pm**

**October 20 – Boscov's Day -8am to 11pm**

## **Discussion - Current or Emerging Projects that Clarify Our Ministry**

- **Open Letter to Ad Council** – A letter from Keith Earle asked the board to consider several ideas to help Trinity grow. Some suggestions were to merge with another Methodist church in the area, become a mission hub for another church, host another church in our building, start a contemporary service, or move to a smaller building. After discussion several agreed to contact other churches in the area so that action can be taken on some of the discussed items. Pastor Lynn will speak with the district office and local church clergy. Mary Gruber & Sally DeJesus will call those we haven't seen at church and ask them what would make Trinity more meaningful and bring them back to worship. George will check with other church leaders in the area to try to come up with the current feelings as to how other congregations are dealing with current challenges. All 3 will report back to the October Ad Board meeting.
- **Bazaar** – We received \$2950 from our members last year in lieu of having the 2020 bazaar because of Covid. Considering the current increase in cases brought on by the Delta variant, we do not feel comfortable having a live Bazaar and will again ask our congregation to consider a "Bazaar" donation during October and November.
- **Bible Studies** – Rick Clark will resume his Bible Study class the end of September. He will be sending a list of possible books to discuss to those who have been part of these Thursday Bible Studies. Any others who may be interested should contact Rick to be included in the mailing. Pastor Lynn will continue her Tuesday book readings.
- **Communications** – Gloria Clark has created a new church website which is up and running. It is most impressive and user friendly. The website address is ... <https://trinityumclebanon.squarespace.com>. Everyone is asked to send the church office information about new programs, missions, worship services, etc. that will be held at Trinity so that our website includes the latest information. The report from the SPR team suggests that we may be using multiple people as office staff so that an office presence, as well as website, Facebook, and zoom productions can be handled efficiently.
- **LINKS** – No meetings at this time
- **Rental of Church Spaces** – Narcotics Anonymous is meeting in our building twice a week.

## **Highlights from Reports that Support Our Ministry**

- **Education** – Sally DeJesus – Nothing new to report on education, but Sally will find out the details for Boscov's, "Friends Helping Friends" day.
- **Finance** – Barb Querry – As of July 31, 2021, Trinity has \$11,883.20 in the general checking account, \$176,001.40 in the Capital Campaign Fund, and Judy Kendig's estate of \$232,222.99 is currently in *Ameriprise Financial Funds*. Other investment options are being considered. A round of applause was requested for Mary Gruber, Keith Earle, and Barb Querry for their leadership in finance.

- **Missions** – Dea Kishpaugh – In July we sent 166 pounds of food and supplies to LCCM. We also sent over 207 school items plus \$176.00 for “Stuff the Bus”. The congregation is to be commended for their generous giving and encouraged to keep bringing in food items for LCCM. Considering the devastation in Haiti, Rick Clark will provide an updated list of items needed for flood buckets for UMCOR. Thanks to Dea and Jack Kishpaugh and helpers for leading our Church Mission projects.
- **Parish Visitor** – Lori Grandi (final report read) – Lori sent in her letter of retirement from the position she has held for 22 years. Her last day was July 31<sup>st</sup>. Because Covid made it impossible to make in-person visits, Lori revised her work schedule to send notes and cards, as well as making regular calls to our homebound. We thank Lori for her many years of service to Trinity’s home bound members. Her presence in the homes and lives of our homebound members will be missed.
- **Staff Parish** – Reba Sterner - There were two staff members who submitted resignations since our June meeting. Lori Grandi is stepping down as church visitor after 22 years of service, and Carol Yeagley is leaving the area and her position as church office secretary for the past 3 years. Letters of thanks and appreciation will go to each of these staff members. Mary Gruber, Pastor Lynn, and Reba Sterner will take care of this. We are looking to fill the church visitor position. Currently we have 17 home bound members, plus those in the hospital. We are currently considering the use of two people for the secretarial position: One for communications, computer, website, and technology items; and the other as a presence in the office... perhaps twice a week for printing the weekly bulletins and Trinity Times, mailings to the homebound, answering the phone, etc. We will need to determine the salary and number of hours needed for each position. Staff Parish will hold another meeting in 2 weeks to finalize the job descriptions and begin interviewing potential candidates. Thanks to this team for a very important meeting update and extra time spent on these issues.
- **Trustees** – Jack Kishpaugh – The large freezer and silver refrigerator in downstairs back kitchen have been turned off since they are not in use right now. New LED lights will be put into the sanctuary, hall, and offices. UGI installed a gas line into the white house next to our parking area at the alley. UGI will erect a bollard to protect that meter and pay us \$2500 for the right of way. Thanks to this team for all their extra work at the church.
- **Worship Team** – Carol Hollich – We are waiting for the organ tuner to make several adjustments. Caroline continues to record the Prelude and first hymn for the Zoom service and Carol and George produce the rest of that service. We have asked Dan Shenk (sound technician) to put a camera in the balcony that will be controlled on a computer in the back of the sanctuary. He will add wiring to the sound board so we can show the live service with good sound. However, he has not given us a timeline as to when this can be accomplished. After the Cicada Festival (where he runs the sound for all the concerts), we will again try to get this begun. We are thinking the church picnic (September 19<sup>th</sup>) can still be held at North Lebanon Park because we are outside. It was recommended to have the food ordered and brought in rather than people bringing buffet items. An alternative is to have everyone bring their own lunch. We decided to have a Zoom service at 9:15 followed by the picnic at 11:30 without worship. A group will be planning this day. More to be announced in the September newsletter. If you wish to be a greeter at the in-person service, please sign up on the office door at church. Flowers in memory or honor of a loved one can be placed on the altar providing that the office secretary has been notified. Keeping the offering plate in the back of the church and having an usher bring it up front during the Doxology works well. We will use bread cubes and juice trays for Communion, but the pastor has to let the congregation know when to partake the elements.

Meeting Adjourned – 3:10

*Respectfully submitted, Carol Hollich*

***Next Meeting: Sunday, October 10, 1:00 pm via Zoom***

*(Ad Board Meeting Schedule - February, April, June, August, October, December)*

# 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."

## August 29, 2021 - Fourteenth 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/85290752435>

or join by phone by dialing 1-646-876-9923 and entering 852 9075 2435 when prompted.

### Welcome

Lay Leader: George Hollich

### Prelude

#### **All Creatures of Our God and King**

Organist: Caroline Jacobs

### Call to Worship

Liturgist: Reba Sterner

L: Jesus Christ is our light, our vision and our sight.

Our Lord is the way we are called to see life.

**P: Until God's kingdom comes, there will be darkness and with it blindness; but Christ's victory is light for all his people.**

L: We have come to worship to receive that light for ourselves, that we might be filled with the light of Christ.

**P: Let us worship the true light, Jesus Christ our Lord.**



### Hymn #92 **For the Beauty of the Earth (vs. 1,2,5,&6)**

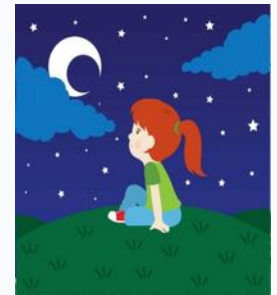
Conrad Kocher

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our grateful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our grateful hymn of praise.

For thy Church that evermore, lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our grateful hymn of praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,  
For that great, great, love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.



### Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Lynn Hackman

### Musical Meditation **They'll Know We Are Christians**

Carol Hollich, piano

### Celebration of Gifts

Pastor Lynn Hackman

(Your offerings can be sent to Trinity UMC, 757 Willow Street, Lebanon, PA 17046)

## Hymn #140

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

William Runyan

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain:** Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (**Refrain**)



Old Testament

Psalm 41:1-3,11-13

Liturgist: Reba Sterner

New Testament

James 1: 17-27

Sermon

*God's Most Awesome Mirror*

Pastor Lynn Hackman

Musical Meditation

Benediction

Announcements

Social Time



Sunday School – *An Eternal Hope*  
**2 Corinthians 4:16-18-5:10**

## **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Boscov's Friends Helping Friends...**

On Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> Boscov's will hold its *Friends Helping Friends* event. Everyone who purchases a \$5 pass from Trinity gets a 25% discount shopping pass to use on the 20<sup>th</sup> and Trinity gets to use for missions & other projects the entire \$5 from each pass purchased! Sally DeJesus has again agreed to coordinate this great fund-raising project. To get your pass and multiple passes for your family, friends... contact Sally (717-383-3648 or email: [SDEJ54@gmail.com](mailto:SDEJ54@gmail.com)).



#### **Study Texts: 2 Corinthians 4:16–5:10**

**KEY VERSE:** *We know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. —2 Corinthians 5:1*



### **Faith, Not Sight**

A science-fiction movie portrays a future world where an evil alien monster can influence people through eyesight. Those infected this way commit destructive acts, even suicide. The solution is to live blindfolded—unable to be infected but also ill-equipped to navigate the currents of life. A climactic scene has the heroine attempting to navigate a dangerous river with two small children, all three blindfolded in a rowboat. That fictional tale bears some resemblance of how a Christian is to live. Christians are not “blind” to the evils of the world. We see them. And the way we can avoid that dark influence is because we also “see” the Lord’s way—the way of faith based on evidence. Ours is not a blind(folded) faith. It is a faith based on evidence, a faith grounded in the facts of history. When a crisis looms, will we walk by faith or by something else?

### **Camping?**

I once heard a comedian explain in five words why he never went camping: “Because I have a house.” He then went on to poke fun at an imagined sequence of events. Our ancient ancestors initially slept out in the open. With the passage of time, they eventually saw the advantage of sleeping in caves. As more time passed, they moved on to sleeping in huts. After a few years of that, can it be imagined that anyone would say, “I’ve got an idea—let’s go back to the cave for the weekend!” The comedian then elaborated on how camping appliances were little more than poor imitations of appliances at home. Being a non-camper myself, all this rang hilariously true to me. I think I understand the appeal of camping (getting close to nature and closer to our Creator), but the bottom line is I don’t go camping because I have a house. Yet as much as I like to hang my hat on that fact, I must remind myself that my earthly houses—my current physical body and my place of physical residence—are temporary. I should be a good steward of both resources, while not trying to cling too tightly to either. Hmm ... Could it be that campers have an advantage over us non-campers in that regard?

### **FLYING AS FAITH?**

Would travel by air be an example of faith? Think about it. We get into a massive machine that is much heavier than air, and we willingly yield control of our lives for a couple of hours to people we don’t know. We do so even when visibility is at or near zero. We do so even though we might not understand how the GPS navigation works its wonders. We do so even when we are very well aware of the plane crashes we hear about from time to time. All the above has to do with a certain type of faith—and there’s more than one type. We might call this type “airplane faith”; it is a faith based on historical evidence that chances are much greater than 99 percent that your plane will make it to its destination safely. It is not “blind faith,” another type, which is mere belief in something without any objective basis for that belief. Our faith in the future that God promises is not a blind faith. Rather, it’s faith based on the historical fact that God’s track record is that of 100 percent reliability. Is that the kind of faith you have and witness to others? If not, why not?

- 1. What is the most important change you would have to make to your daily routine in order to make inner renewal a priority ?**
- 2. How can we help our church set up a ministry that encourages its members to reach out to one another in times of “groaning”?**
- 3. Where is the Lord calling you in your faith walk?**

# AN ETERNAL HOPE

*Lesson 13, 2 Corinthians 4:16–5:10, NIV*

## WALK BY WHAT?

Create an acrostic by intersecting the five letters of the word below with five words that relate to walking by faith instead of sight.

F  
A  
I  
T  
H

## FINISH THE THOUGHTS

How much do you remember? Closed Bibles; time limit of one minute!

- A. “For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is \_\_\_\_\_, we have a building from God, an \_\_\_\_\_ house in heaven, not built by human hands.”
- B. “For while we are in this tent, we groan and are \_\_\_\_\_, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be \_\_\_\_\_ instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.”
- C. “Now the one who has fashioned us for this very \_\_\_\_\_ is God, who has given us the Spirit as a \_\_\_\_\_, guaranteeing what is to come.”
- D. “We are always \_\_\_\_\_ and know that as long as we are at home in the \_\_\_\_\_ we are away from the Lord.”
- E. “For we walk by \_\_\_\_\_, not by \_\_\_\_\_.”

When you finish, look up the answers in 2 Corinthians 5:1-10.

Your score: \_\_\_ out of 10.