



The Bell

Newsletter

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Trinity Reformed Church United Church of Christ

*No matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*





June 5, 2022	Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17
June 12, 2022	Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31; Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15
June 19, 2022 <i>(Father's Day & Juneteenth)</i>	Second Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 19:1-15a, Psalm 42 & 43 Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
June 26, 2022	Third Sunday after Pentecost	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2 Galatians 5:1, 13-35 Luke 9:51-62

 **Whirl SUNDAY SCHOOL**
Noisy Offering taken

We worship onsite and online at 9:30 a.m. More info on Page 3

What else is happening?

- June 1, 2022:** Service & Project Group (10am) – lower level
- June 5, 2022:** Care Through Prayer Luncheon
The Strengthen the Church Offering taken (see Page 8)
- June 11, 2022** Mission and Vision Meeting with Rev. Cean James (see Page 4)
- June 15, 2022:** Service & Project Group (10am)– lower level
- June 21, 2022:** American Red Cross Blood Drive (3pm – 8pm)
Hendricks Room - Please register at: www.redcrossblood.org
- June 26, 2022:** Coffee & Conversation – Fellowship time after worship
- June 26, 2022:** Council Meeting after worship . All are invited to attend. Please contact the office for online info. Agenda items due 6/13
- June 24, 2022:** Folding & Mailing of the July/August Bell Newsletter.

Fom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Siblings in Christ,
Just like that, Eastertide is ending, and Pentecost is here.

On Pentecost, celebrated this year on Sunday, June 5th, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem ten days after Jesus' ascension, "suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind...Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." (Acts 2:2-4 NRSVUE*).

In the tradition of the Church, Pentecost marks the birthday or birthing of the Christian church. But Pentecost isn't just a commemoration of the birthing of the church, but it is a time of change and renewal. Pentecost is a call and an invitation for every one of us to renew our calling as God's people.

Good questions to ask ourselves during the season after Pentecost are:

- What is God calling us to do and to be?
- Where is God's Holy Spirit leading us?
- How will we be torchbearers for Christ and Christ's mission?
- How will we allow Jesus to work through us, to be witnesses of his love, justice, peace, and mercy?

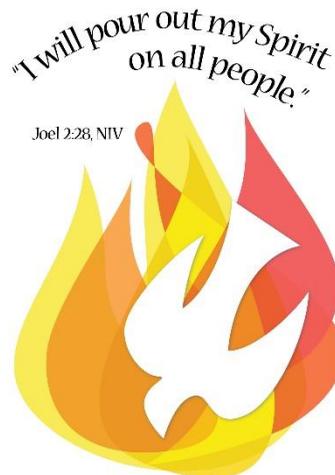
These are good questions for us as a church (see Page 4) how you can help us answer those questions) but also for each of us in our own lives. Therefore, my prayer for this season for all of us is:

*Come Holy Spirit, Come, fall afresh on us!
Renew us and help us to be the people that you call us to be!*

In Christ,

Pastor Suzanne

*NRSVUE is short for new Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition, which reflects discoveries of ancient texts and new insights made in the 30 years since the NRSV was last revised. To learn more about this revised version, go to <https://friendshippress.org/nrsv-updated-edition>.



Worship

Trinity worships onsite and online Sundays at 9:30 A.M.

Online worshippers are encouraged to visit our website at TrinityUCCCollegeville.org for the worship bulletin and hymn lyrics. The worship bulletin is uploaded weekly by Thursday afternoon.

Please note: If you do not see worship livestreaming at 9:30 AM, there may have been technical problems and the worship will be uploaded after worship has ended!



FACEBOOK. To view the live service on **Facebook**, please go to our public Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUCCCollegeville>.



RECORDINGS of our worship services are also available on our website at www.TrinityUCCCollegeville.org. Please note that, in most cases, recordings are not available there until Monday.



YOUTUBE. Our YouTube Channel can be accessed by going to <https://tinyurl.com/Trinity1854>. **Please note that, due to technical difficulties, our worship does not consistently stream via YouTube. Please use Facebook instead for accessing the livestream.**

If you are having difficulty connecting to our online worship service, please call the church at 610-489-4223. We want to help you get and stay connected!

Connecting with each other



Trinity has a **Facebook Page for Church Members**. It is easy to join – go to www.facebook.com/groups/TrinityCollegevilleMembers and request to join the group. The purpose of the group is to enhance and encourage communication between members without compromising privacy. **Not a Member? Let's talk about it!** Contact Pastor Suzanne to talk about membership. We would love to formally welcome you!

Noisy Offering

The Sunday School class will take a noise offering during worship on June 26 to benefit **Bethany's Children Home**, a ministry the class wishes to support. Offerings taken during Sunday School will benefit Sabitha through the child sponsorship program.

REMINDER: Mission and Vision Meeting

Trinity's council is working with Rev. Cean James, Associate Conference Minister for Congregational Development, PA Southeast Conference, United Church of Christ to identify opportunities of growth for our church. On June 11th (10AM to 1PM), Rev. James will be at Trinity to guide us in envisioning Trinity's future, and he will help us to develop relevant purpose, mission, and vision statements for our church. The participation of 10-20 congregants is vital for this endeavor to be successful.

Can we count on you to participate? Please contact the office as soon as possible if we can count you in or register at <https://www.trinityucccollegeville.org/countmein.html>

Congratulations Graduates

We are congratulating our graduates and wishing them nothing but blessings on the next step of their journeys!

- Courtney Conard – graduating from PVHS. She will attend Susquehanna University
- Amy Golden – Masters in Education Technology from Wilson College
- Jacob Herald – graduating from PVHS – . he will attend Lebanon Valley College.
- Jude Overholtzer –Bachelor of Arts in Writing, Literature, and Publishing, with a Minor in American Sign Language



Any graduate not mentioned? Please let us know; we would love to celebrate them, too!

Lemonade on The Lawn Returns June 5th!

Summer is here!



Join us after worship for light refreshments and conversation outside! We would love to offer this as a regular event throughout the summer. To help set up or to sponsor some snacks. Please contact the office!

United Church of Christ News

The three national officers of the United Church of Christ issued a prayer of grief after a gunman killed at least 19 children and 2 adults on May 24 at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. In utter and irrepressible grief we offer these words, giving collective voice to the anguish we all feel.

God, hear our prayer:

For the fourteen children now dead;

For the teacher now dead;

For the parents, family, and friends who will spend the rest of their lives aching every night from the weight of this;

For a schoolhouse rendered trauma-laden and grief-stricken in a matter of minutes, whose students will suffer PTSD in the wake of this tragedy;

For the caregivers in Uvalde now burdened with the task of managing the shared and collective grief of a traumatized community who love their children;

For those who feel the new burden of useless guilt in the aftermath of this, wondering what else they could have done to prevent this;

For the nation, so in love with our weapons that we continue to tolerate these mass shootings and the grief they inflict without ever building the collective will needed to address it fully;

For the world, suffering a massive and collective grief of its own and witnessing acts of cruelty daily too numerous to fully process.

Heal our gaping wounds.

Restore our sense of compassion.

Quiet the restlessness within us.

Settle the building righteous anger.

Quicken the desire for peace.

Remove the chasm that sees race and religion and political persuasion as the marks of a person's worth and value.

End the cycle of violence that begets more violence.

Silence the voices that broker in fear and division and create the hatred we see mounting everywhere between us.

Quiet the troubled soul thinking of grabbing the next gun and ending innocent lives.

Empower us all to act now, refusing to wait for the next horror show before we change the laws that make guns and their discharge so accessible.

Turn anguish to action; our rage to restoration; our hatred to love; our grief to hope.

Let it never happen again. Ever. How much more can we bear, O Lord? How much more can we endure.

Be our rock of refuge.

Be our light of inspiration.

Be our beacon of hope.

Be the arms of love that hold us until the pain recedes.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Amen.

The National Officers of the United
Church of Christ:

The Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer
General Minister and President

The Rev. Traci Blackmon

The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson
Associate General Ministers

Strengthen The Church

The United Church of Christ Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

We will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022.

Thursdays In Black



Thursdays in Black grew out of the World Council of Churches (WCC) Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women (1988-1998), in which the stories of rape as a weapon of war, gender injustice, abuse, violence, and many tragedies that grow outward from such violence became all the more visible. But what also became visible was women's resilience, agency, and personal efforts to resist such violations. Join Wider Church Ministries, and our partners, in the campaign! To learn more, go to <https://www.ecumenicalwomenun.org/thursdays-in-black>

UCC Webinars

Did you know the UCC offers quite a few free webinars? To find out what is offered go to <https://www.ucc.org/programming-webinars>

June is Pride Month

LGBTQ Pride Month is celebrated every year in June. Why June? Because it is when the Stonewall Riots took place, way back in 1969. Although attitudes and injustice still remain, we have come a long way since the riots of 1969. In December 2017, Trinity declared itself an "Open & Affirming" church.

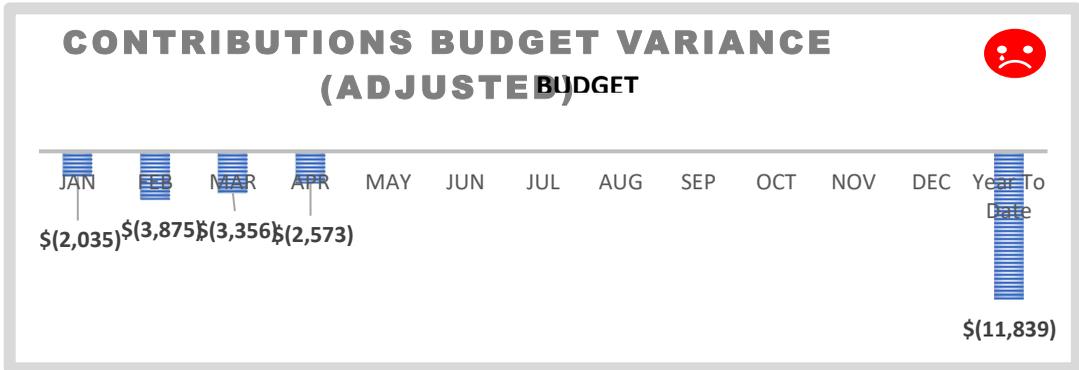


To read our Open & Affirming Statement go to <https://www.trinityucccollegeville.org/open-and-affirming.html>.

FINANCE COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Contributed by Ed Snowden, Finance Committee Chairperson

CONTRIBUTIONS: April contributions missed budget by <\$2,573> with no unusual income expectations. General offerings were off by <\$4,158>. Dividends deposited \$1,054 helped overall this month.



CONTRIBUTIONS-NET-EXPENSES is now unfavorable by <\$15,243> year to date which represents an average of <\$3,811> per month average



CONTRIBUTIONS-NET-EXPENSES is now unfavorable to budget by <\$2,249>. year to date – as we approach the summer months which are traditionally lower months of contributions.

Please remember Trinity in your giving.

For easy online giving or to set up recurrent giving, you can use the QR code pictured on the right. Just aim your smartphone's camera at it and go to the link.



As always, **we are grateful** for your generous and faithful giving.
THANK YOU.

Member Spotlight

I came to Trinity when our daughters were young, about 20 years ago. I felt comfortable there. I also felt it was important to give them a spiritual foundation. They were baptized and became confirmed at Trinity. They enjoyed their time at ASP trips very much. I have met some lovely friends at Trinity, and I still enjoy attending every week. It sets a spiritual tone for me for the week.

Deb Snowden

Vacation Bible School

Unrally Day and the official end of Sunday School for the summer is June 12th. Please join us at 8:30 in Hendricks Room to celebrate with our kids and our Christian Ed team!

In July we will be offering Vacation Bible School! Enrollment is limited to 20 kids, so sign yours up soon! Go to tinyurl.com/VBS2mars to register your child or as a volunteer!



Care Through Prayer

We can always use more volunteers for our Care Through Prayer Ministry. To volunteer, please contact the Church Office or e-mail Mary Ellen DeWane at mdewane@ursinus.edu. You will receive a list of members to pray for. You may or may not know who they are by name or what their needs are, but God does.



Prayer Box

Please continue to pray for those who are in our “prayer box.” This year we are asking **all members** to make time for these special prayer requests and needs. Please email office@trinityucccollegeville.org or call 610-489-4223 to make updates to this list.

Let us know if prayer has been answered or if new prayers need added.

Special Requests: Ruth F. (various medical concerns) • Bob, Melissa W.’s father • Audrey S. and son, Michael S. • Bill, son of Nancy A. (safely back from Ukraine) • Cheryl W. (recovering from knee surgery) and family and friends attending to Cheryl’s needs • Jade, granddaughter of Lisa K.’s cousin • Gavin, son of Heather W.’s friend • Laura M., mother of Heather W. and brother Mike and father Bruce • Eric and family, friend of Beth Z. • Betty Jane K. and Family • Shannon C. & Family • George D. • Bill D. & family (Brother of Lynne P) • Jer (friend of Heather W.) • An end to the war on Ukraine

Ongoing Requests: Connie C. (mother of Missy W.) • Jackie H. (daughter of Angela S.) • Peggy B. (friend of Karolyn M.) • Hubie B. • Leslie H. • Joan R. • Flo S. • Ron H. (friend of Earl & Cheryl H) • Nera K. (Aunt of Nick V.) • Mary Ellen & Glenn D.

Last names in prayer requests are omitted for privacy reasons.

Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers for the month of May will be contributed by:

June 5 th	Skip & Sopa Schauer
June 12 th	Deb & Ed Snowden
June 19 th	Earl & Cheryl Hallman
June 26 nd	Jen & John Knighton



If you are interested in sponsoring Altar Flowers or have questions about sponsoring flowers, please call 610-489-4223 or email Trinityucc1854@verizon.net.

Pentecost Word Search

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