



The Lamplighter

Trinity United Church of Christ

August, September, and October 2018



As many of you already know, fall is my favorite time of year. Of course, as I write this, the temperature and humidity are still very high and the heat index is forecasted to go over 100°F today. It makes it a little difficult to think about cooler weather and crisp fall evenings, but I know it's coming! The rhythm of the seasons is one reason I love living here in Penns Valley.

Much like the seasons of spring, summer, fall, and winter, we also experience seasons in our church life. The expectancy of spring coincides with the season of Lent, a time when we are encouraged to examine our spiritual lives and seek reconciliation and forgiveness.

When Holy Week arrives, we are usually excited to see the beauty of the first spring flowers – the crocus and daffodils, and of course the abundant dandelions. The mystery of the resurrection is revealed in the new growth arriving on the trees and in our gardens. Soil that has lain dormant with no sign of life, suddenly springs into life and soon it's all we can do to keep up with the weeds! Even those weeds carry meaning as I remember Jesus' parable of the wheat and weeds.

Summer of course is a time of long days, children playing, s'mores around a campfire, and chasing after fire flies (or lightning bugs where I come from). It is a time of beach trips and amusement parks and, hopefully, a time when we can find rest and renewal, or at the least a break from our daily routines.

And then fall arrives, with roadside pumpkins and fields heavy with corn and beans, wheat and mounds of hay. The kids return to school, and a few sultry days of summer linger, teasing us a bit before the winter blast arrives. Another church season begins, and the classrooms once again resound with young voices and laughter.

These things remind me as well of the seasons of our lives. In the spring of life, we can't even imagine the winter, it's too far away to think about. It's a time of excitement, new love, and seemingly endless adventures. Then, in the summer of life, we're so busy rushing from here to there, doing all we can to live life to the fullest, raise our children, focus on our careers, and try to make sure we don't miss anything. And then the fall of life arrives, very suddenly, and we realize we can't do all the things we did before. The joints start creaking a bit, and we find ourselves needing to sit down more often and take a breather. But the fall of life is a beautiful time. It's a time when we can slow down a bit, spend some time in quiet contemplation, fond memories, and the joy of family gatherings.

I've recently been reading a work of fiction by Marilynne Robinson entitled *Gilead, A Novel*. It interested me because it is a series of letters written by an aging pastor to his young son. He covers a lot of ground in these letters, everything from stories of his childhood, to memories of his father and grandfather, to hopes he has for his young son as he grows up. The old pastor knows he won't be around to see it, the doctors have already told him those terrifying words, "There's nothing more we can do." There is one story the pastor tells that prompted me to stop and ponder the things I've felt were important in my life.

That mention of Feuerbach and joy reminded me of something I saw early one morning a few years ago, as I was walking up to the church. There was a young couple strolling along half a block ahead of me. The sun had come up brilliantly after

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a heavy rain, and the trees were glistening and very wet. On some impulse, plain exuberance, I suppose, the fellow jumped up and caught hold of a branch, and a storm of luminous water came pouring down on the two of them, and they laughed and took off running, the girl sweeping water off her hair and her dress as if she were a little disgusted, but she wasn't. It was a beautiful thing to see, like something from a myth. I don't know why I thought of that now, except perhaps because it is easy to believe in such moments that water was made primarily for blessing, and only secondarily for growing vegetables or doing the wash. I wish I had paid more attention to it. My list of regrets may seem unusual, but who can know that they are, really. This is an interesting planet. It deserves all the attention you can give it."

Images of nature and life's simple things were the raw materials for the stories Jesus shared, of life and love, darkness and light, good and evil. And I think it is in these simple things, living out our existence each day, where life's important things take place. We must watch carefully so as not to miss them – a baby's laugh, rain against the window, the complexity of a single leaf, simple things, everyday things. It's worth thinking about this some more.

*All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass. Isaiah 40:6-7*

Grace and Peace to You. ~Pastor Dave

CHURCH RECORD

Births

Sydney Elizabeth Heverly was born on June 11, 2018. Her parents are Jacob and Amanda Heverly.
Mila Irene Baney was born on July 17, 2018. She is the daughter of Malyn Baney.

Baptism

Hazel Elizabeth Parker was baptized on June 24, 2018. She is the daughter of Loren and Fernando Parker.
Sydney Elizabeth Heverly was baptized on September 16, 2018. She is the daughter of Amanda and Jake Heverly.

New Members

Carol Musick Meyer joined Trinity UCC on September 9, 2018.
Brooks Meyers joined Trinity UCC on September 9, 2018.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Glenda Bressler Abrams	Lance Arney	Cim Besecker	Jane Boldin	Steve Brown
Jody Covalt	T. J. Coursen	Hank Cramer	*Phyllis Crater	Erin, Austin, Conner Derr
*Sally Dreibelbis	*Jean Dunkleberger	Kellie Eichler	Gracie Eisenhower	Jim & Tanya Evans
Ben Fisher	*Trudy Furner	*Mary Hardy	Russell & Myrtle Harpster	*John & Carol Hayes
Megan Henry	Patricia Hess	*John Krebs	Gina Lucas	Connie Masullo
Diane Matter	Joshua Miller	Judy Moellenbrock	Tanya Musser	Paige Musser-Gray
Larry Myers	*Miriam Myers	Malcolm Obiri	Jesse Orellana	Jon Perkins
Tom Runkle	Iain Scoular	Tom Shawley	Kent Smith	Marilyn Sproule
JR Stoner	Laurie Stover	Lori Stover	Shannon Stover	Jeanie Struble
Ronald Sweitzer	Jenn & Abbey Tice	Colin & Jaci Tucker	Rebecca Wagner	*Faye Winkelblech
Chelsea Wyland	Duane and Wilma Yarger	Sandy Young		

[*In personal care residence]

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

...to Emily and Terri Downer for creating the Graduation Recognition Board that is placed in the hallway outside the kitchen area of the church

...to Nevin Dutrow for sharpening the blades and performing maintenance on the church lawn mower

...to everyone who donates items for the Centre Hall/Potter Township Food Pantry and to Shirley and Bob Reed for delivering the items to the local food bank

...to the SALT Committee and all who donated food/time to the Strawberry Social and the TUCC Centre Hall Town Wide Yard Sale Food Stand; proceeds were \$691.84 and \$2,212.88 respectively

...to Steve, Deborah, Ryan, and Sydney Riegel for placing the altar flowers on June 24 in loving memory of Jack and Eunice Riegel who were married at TUCC on June 14, 1946

...to those who supported the Church World Service Tools Special Mission offering on July 1; the donation of \$255 will be forwarded and used for disaster response worldwide

...to Joan Pecht and the Caregivers for hosting the Just Older Youth (JOY) retreat at the church on July 23

...to all who place their change in the "Lifesaver Bottle" at the back of the sanctuary; these monies are donated to mission outreach for those affected by natural disasters

...to all who participated in the JJPowell Church Program – TUCC's oil account has been credited \$133.07 for the period January 1 through June 30, 2018

...to Rick Arnold, Carol Clark-Baney, Terri Downer, Jackson Romig, and Katie Romig for volunteering as leaders/aides at Vacation Bible School, and Angela Auman, Beverly Guyer, Karen Keller, Jane Pifer, Chuck and Laura Romig, and Dot Strickler for serving evening meals

...to Jason Smith for sharing his tremendous voice and singing the National Anthem at the Spikes Game as a representative of TUCC

ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE, JULY, and AUGUST 2018

Date	Worship Service	Adult Sunday School	Date	Worship Service	Adult Sunday School	Date	Worship Service	Adult Sunday School
June 3	98	11	July 1	51	19	August 5	68	10
June 10	95	12	July 8	71	15	August 12	67	No Sunday School
June 17	70	12	July 15	63	14	August 19	29	No Sunday School
June 24	93	16	July 22	76	13	August 26	46	No Sunday School
			July 29	78	No Sunday School			

SAVE THE DATE

The Sky Family Celtic Revival

On tour from Canada, the Sky Family will be visiting and performing at Trinity UCC on Saturday, October 6, at 6 p.m. Plan to attend and invite your family and friends to this world-renowned Christian performing group. A free will love offering will be collected.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 1: 6:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee Meeting
- August 5: 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion; Ice Cream Social following worship
- August 12: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Note: no Sunday School)
- August 14: 1:30 p.m. Communion and message at Wynwood House, Centre Hall
- August 15: 1:30 p.m. Communion and message at Salem Hill, Spring Mills
- August 19: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Note: no Sunday School)
- August 26: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Note: no Sunday School)
- August 28: 6:30 p.m. SALT Committee Meeting
- August 29: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- September 2: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion
- September 5: 11:00 a.m. Centre Hall Council of Churches Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- September 8: 8:00 a.m. TUCC serve food at Paulene Wingard Public Auction in Coburn, PA
- September 9: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Reception of New Members Service
Lancaster Theological Seminary Mission Offering
- September 11: 1:30 p.m. Communion and message at Wynwood House, Centre Hall
- September 12: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- September 15: 10:00 a.m. – noon Northern and Central Association Town Hall Meeting at TUCC to discuss the status of creating a new Association out of what is currently the Northern and Central Associations
- September 16: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Sacrament of Baptism
1:00 p.m. Annual Church Picnic at Joan Pecht's camp
- September 18: 1:30 p.m. Communion and message at Salem Hill, Spring Mills
7:00 p.m. Consistory Committee Meeting
- September 19: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- September 23: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- September 26: 6:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- September 30: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- October 2: 1:30 p.m. Communion and Message at Salem Hill, Spring Mills
- October 3: 11:00 a.m. Council of Churches Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- October 6: 6:00 p.m. The Sky Family Celtic Revival at TUCC
- October 7: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion; World Neighbors In Need Offering
- October 9: 1:30 p.m. Communion and Message at Wynwood House, Centre Hall
- October 10: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- October 13: Hartman Center Fall Festival at Milroy, PA
- October 14: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – Rally Day
10:45 a.m. Worship Service; Potluck luncheon to follow worship service
- October 16: 7:00 p.m. Consistory Committee Meeting

October 17: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 October 21: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
 October 24: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 October 25: 6:30 p.m. SALT Committee Meeting
 October 28: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service with UNICEF Offering (bring your change to church)
 October 31: 6:00 p.m. Centre Hall Council of Churches Trunk or Treat at Grace United Methodist Church
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 November 4: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 Worship Service, All Saints Day Service

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Responsibility	August 2018	September 2018	October 2018
Head Usher	Carol Clark-Baney	Nancy Wagner	Dan Readinger
Alternate Usher	Kirk Wolfgang	Dan Readinger	Sally Arnold (7) Steve Riegel (14, 21, 28)
Altar Flowers	Tammy Besecker	Tammy Besecker	Tammy Besecker
Altar Guild	Nancy Vogt	Hetty Runkle	Cathy Arney
Caregiver	Cathy Arney	Lois Martz	Karen Keller
Fellowship Coordinator	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Dorothy Strickler
SALT	Angela Auman	Cathy Arney	Dorothy Strickler
Marquee Manager	Richard Delaney	Richard Delaney	Richard Delaney
Nursery Volunteer	No Nursery	Carol Clark-Baney (9) Cathy Arney (16) Ann Moellenbrock (23) Jerelene Reish (30)	Karen Keller (7) Rick Arnold (14) Sara Hanson (21) Jennifer Goch (28)
Oil in Candles	Cathy Arney	Angela Auman	Dorothy Strickler
Organist	Alyssa Limbaugh Carole Smith	Carole Smith	Carole Smith



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (continued)

Date	Greeters	Greeters	Call to Worship	Scripture Reader	Children's Message
August 5	John & Lois Martz	Don & Cleo Matter	Pastor Dave	Rick Arnold	
August 12	Jo McNitt & Barb McNitt	George & Ann Moellenbrock	Chuck Romig		
August 19	Charles & Beverly Guyer	Joyce Barner	Rick Arnold	Carole Smith	
August 26			Kylie Auman	Angela Auman	
September 2	David & Dona O'Hara	Charles & Christine Patschke	Pastor Dave	Rick Arnold	
September 9	Joan Pecht & Nevin Dutrow	Sara Pifer	Steve Riegel	Carole Smith	Vickie Fultz
September 16	Dan & Carol Readinger	Robert & Shirley Reed	Rick Arnold	Chuck Romig	Ruth Floray
September 23	Barry & Jerelene Reish	Greg & Harrison Reish	Steve Riegel	Rick Arnold	Pastor Dave
September 30	Steve & Deborah Riegel	Chuck & Laura Romig	Paige Auman	Angela Auman	Teri Statham
October 7	Robert & Rhonda Rumbaugh	Hetty Runkle	Pastor Dave	Rick Arnold	Vickie Fultz
October 14	Jim & Kimberly Smith	John & Marieta Smith	Sally Arnold	Carole Smith	Ruth Floray
October 21	Lynn & Carole Smith	Marian Smith	Rick Arnold		Pastor Dave
October 28	Wendy Spearly	Robert & Teri Statham	Dave King	Rick Arnold	Teri Statham
November 4	Jackie Stover	Dorothy Strickler	Pastor Dave	Carole Smith	Vickie Fultz
November 11	Ron & Denise Sweitzer	Peggy Treaster	Sally Arnold	Rick Arnold	Ruth Floray



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER 2018

August 5:	Ephesians 4:1-7	John 6:24-35
August 12:	Exodus 16:16-26	Deuteronomy 8:2-3, John 6:35, 41-51
August 19:	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14	John 6:51-58
August 26:	1 Kings 8:22-30	Ephesians 6:10-20
September 2:	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
September 9:	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Mark 7:24-37
September 16:	Proverbs 1:20-33	Mark 8:27-38
September 23:	Proverbs 31:10-31	Mark 9:3-37
September 30:	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22	Mark 9:38-50
October 7:	Job 1:1, 2:1-10	Mark 10:2-16
October 14:	Job 23:1-9, 16-17	Mark 10:17-31
October 21:	Job 38:1-7	Mark 10:35-45
October 28:	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Mark 10:46-52

