



The Lamplighter

Trinity United Church of Christ

August – September 2017



Dear Church Family,

Grace and peace to you my brothers and sisters in Christ! We have been having a very busy summer and I am excited to tell you about one of our latest adventures – the Youth Mission Trip to Washington DC. Our team has been planning and preparing for this trip since February, and our departure date finally arrived on July 30th. Trinity UCC partnered with St. John's UCC in Boalsburg, and twenty of us left on Sunday afternoon for a five-day mission trip to serve people affected by poverty and homelessness in our Nation's capital.

Trinity UCC sent five youth and five adults. The youth that traveled included Kylie Auman, Andrew Boob, Sara (there is no "h" in my name!) Floray, Maddie Gooch, and Harrison Reish. Adults making the trip included Rick Arnold, Pastor Dave Downer, Terri Downer, Carol Frazier, and Jane Pifer. We had a great time and were very busy. Each day was a new adventure as our host organization, Youth Services Opportunities Project (YSOP), sent us to different ministry projects throughout the city. Our groups worked sorting, cleaning, and displaying donated furniture and household items, preparing cooking and serving meals in several different kitchens and shelters, sorting and distributing groceries, and doing yardwork for seniors through a program that helps people remain in their homes longer. [Please visit our Facebook page or go to www.trinitycentrehall.org for more pictures of our experiences.] Throughout the week we learned that homelessness has many causes and very often the people experiencing extreme poverty are not that different from us. Our YSOP hosts challenged us to find ways to take some of the lessons we learned back to our home town and look for ways we can serve others in our own communities.

One site we visited worked exclusively with men and women without homes or jobs. Their multi-faceted program worked with individuals to help them view their condition as temporary, and provided a roadmap for achieving independence. One of the counselors gave us some insight to how they succeed in this. He said, "Compassion without expectations, is enablement." They help each person understand that what they are going through is simply a temporary condition. They ask each person they help to make a commitment to work toward self-improvement. It begins with giving each person dignity, treating them with respect, and taking the time to listen. Before they can enter the process, they must ask for help. Once this happens, they begin working to obtain basic necessities, like getting an identification card, obtaining health insurance, and getting medical help to treat both physical and mental illnesses. While the numbers are small compared to the overall population, the program succeeds seventy-five to eighty percent of the time and people graduate from the program with jobs and a place to live as a result.

Even though I have worked with people suffering from poverty and homelessness for many years, I learned a great deal on this trip. Giving assistance to people without a holistic plan to better themselves may improve their circumstances for a short time, but to really help someone it takes a commitment. Just like it does the individuals you're seeking to help, both parties must commit to a plan and be willing to participate for the long run. This will require a lot of hard work and patience – lots of patience. I hope to use some of this new-found wisdom in our own community. Yes, it will take time and might result in frustration and even failure sometimes, but Christ never promised us easy work, just meaningful work.

We learned and experienced a lot on this trip. We got to know each other better and see how we handle ourselves in stressful situations where we're hot, tired, and uncomfortable. With all the youth I've worked with over the years, I've never been more impressed that I was with the young people from Trinity UCC. They worked hard, never complained, volunteered to help at every opportunity, and were courteous and respectful to everyone they met. I feel very good about the future of our church with young men and women like Kylie, Andrew, Sara, Maddie, and Harrison leading us.

Many Blessings,
Pastor Dave

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CHURCH RECORD

Births

Jaxon Willard Williams was born on June 17, 2017. His parents are Jessica Stover and Todd Williams.

Marriages at Trinity UCC

Liang Xu and Guanrong Chen, on July 15, 2017 (not members of Trinity UCC)

Deaths

MAJ Charlie W. Derr, on June 18, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Erin (Keller) Derr, and sons Austin and Conner.

ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE and JULY 2017

Date	Worship Service	Sunday School	Date	Worship Service	Sunday School
June 4	83	29	July 2	70	14*
June 11	65	22	July 9	59	10*
June 18	74	22	July 16	78	13*
June 25	60	12*	July 23	52	14*
			July 30	66	10
*No Youth Sunday School					

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Matthew Bair graduated from Clarion University, Clarion, PA, with a Bachelor's degree in Astrophysics. He is the grandson of Bob and Ruby Bair.

Jared Bressler graduated from Penns Valley Area High School and the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology. He is the grandson of Larry and Dot Strickler.

Madison Bressler graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's degree in Interior Design. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Dot Strickler.

Sara Cronin graduated from Penn Hills High School in Plum, PA. She is the granddaughter of Ben and Sylvia Malone.

Logan Coursen graduated from The Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor's degree in Criminology. He is the grandson of Larry and Dot Strickler.

Tsion Coulter graduated from Apex High School in Apex, North Carolina. She is the granddaughter of Rod and Joyce Barner.

Emily Downer graduated from Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA, with a Bachelor's degree in Music. She is the daughter of Dave and Terri Downer.

Elizabeth Lingle-Brooks graduated from Penns Valley Area High School and the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology. She is the great-granddaughter of Nevin Dutrow.

Brett Lissenden graduated from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, with a Ph.D. in Economics. He is the grandson-in-law of Eleanor Tyson.

Seth Matter graduated from Lock Haven University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and Accounting. He is the grandson of Don and Cleo Matter.

Kelsey Sweitzer graduated from Penns Valley Area High School. She is the granddaughter of Ron and Denise Sweitzer.

TREE DEDICATION IN LOVING MEMORY OF BETTY AND TED HARTLEY



On June 10, 2017, a Purple Leaf Plum tree was planted in the church yard by Charles Guyer, Robert Henry, John Martz, Don Matter, and Tom Witherite. On June 11, Pastor Dave Downer and Sylvia and Ben Malone dedicated this tree in loving memory of Sylvia's parents, Betty and Ted Hartley. Betty Hartley was a lifetime member of Trinity United Church of Christ and will be remembered as a person who enriched the lives of many and inspired others to do the same.

S.A.L.T. STRAWBERRY SOCIAL



Cathy Arney, Ruth Floray, Carol Frazier, Marian Smith, Carol Readinger, Nancy Wagner, Beryle Palmatier, Dorothy Strickler (l to r)



Vickie Bressler

The Sharing and Loving Together (SALT) Committee hosted their annual Strawberry Social on June 7. The social was well attended and \$536.20 was raised to benefit local outreach missions. Thank you to the ladies pictured above for preparing the strawberries and the following people who also helped to make the event a success: Lance Arney, Rylee Arney, Shannon Arney, Angela Auman, Carol Clark-Baney, Joyce Barner, Rodney Barner, Tammy Besecker, Andrew Boob, Carol Brown, Dave Downer, Terri Downer, Mike Frazier, Sara Frazier, Beverly Guyer, Charles Guyer, Ardranna Henry, Robert Henry, Cleo Matter, Ann Moellenbrock, Joan Pecht, Jane Pifer, Dan Readinger, Shirley Reed, Jerelene Reish, Carole Smith, John Smith, Dixie Vogt, Ennis Wagner, and Nancy Wagner. Thank you, too, to all who attended and supported the event!

S.A.L.T TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE FOOD STAND

The Town-Wide Yard Sale Food Stand was held on the front lawn of Trinity UCC on June 23 and 24. It was a rainy day on the 23rd and windy and cool on the 24th. However, that did not deter visitors to Centre Hall for the annual yard sale and SALT raised \$2,182.76 to benefit local neighbors in need. Many, many hands were needed to make this event a success. Sincere thankfulness is extended to: Cathy Arney, Lance Arney, Rick Arnold, Sally Arnold, Angela Auman, Rich Auman, Carol Clark-Baney, Jeff Baney, Steve Besecker, Tammy Besecker, Andrew Boob, Denny Bressler, Vickie Bressler, Jean Brooks, Vickie Creighton, Dave Downer, Terri Downer, Nevin Dutrow, Ruth Floray, Vickie Fultz, Beverly Guyer, Charles Guyer, Ardranna Henry, Robert Henry, Delaney Kelly, Sylvia Malone, Don Matter, Ann Moellenbrock, Joan Pecht, Jane Pifer, Dan Readinger, Carol Readinger, Shirley Reed, Laura Romig, Carole Smith, Dorothy Strickler, Dixie Vogt, and Kendall Waltz.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

...to Carol Clark-Baney, Tammy Besecker, Terri Downer, Beverly Guyer, Joan Pecht, Jane Pifer, Carole Smith, Wendy Spearly, and Dorothy Strickler for contributing food and/or their time in hosting the Interfaith Human Services Spiritual Leaders Luncheon on July 19

...to Bob and Shirley Reed for keeping the weeds at bay at the church

...to Ruth Floray for sharing her beautiful gladiolus this summer and Tammy Besecker for arranging them on the altar

...to Rylee Arney, Shannon Arney, Amy Stitzer-Smith, and Ella Smith for organizing and running Trinity UCC's game stand at the Progress Grange Children's Fair

...to Carol Clark-Baney, Pastor Dave Downer, Terri Downer, Carol Frazier, Beverly Guyer, Karen Keller, and Dorothy Strickler for their roles in helping with Vacation Bible School

...to the Youth Sunday School Classes and Teachers for the wonderful Father's Day songs and candy bars

...to Shannon Arney for preparing the "Kid's Comments" insert for Father's Day

...to Dan Readinger for replacing/sharpening the pencils in the sanctuary pews

...to Charles Guyer, Robert Henry, and Pastor Dave for mowing the church lawn

...to Steve Besecker for wiring the fan and light switch together in the restroom

...to Robert Henry for installing the new signs outside the church

...to Harrison Reish for serving on the Youth Service Team at the Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA

...to everyone who participated in the presentation of the "Quilt of Valor" quilts to Nevin Dutrow and Lynn Smith

...to Charles Guyer, Robert Henry, John Martz, Don Matter, and Tom Witherite for planting the new tree, spreading grass seed, cleaning up the gravel in the parking lot, painting the bumper stops in the parking lot, reattaching the screens in the parsonage attic, and trimming the shrubs

...to Carol Clark-Baney for serving as the wedding assistant on July 15

...to Cleo Matter and Sally Arnold for helping with the offsite communions at Salem Hill and Wynwood House

...to the congregation for your contributions of \$138 to the Strengthen the Church mission fund and \$100 to the Church World Service Blanket mission fund

...to Dan Readinger for spending two long days in the church kitchen cooking and cleaning up the dishes during the Yard Sale

...to Joyce Barner, Terri Downer, Beverly Guyer, Carol Readinger, Charlie Romig, and Katie Romig for helping serve lunch at the Summer Lunch Program for Penns Valley youth

...to Carol Clark-Baney for serving as liturgist on July 2

...to all participants in the JJPowell Ea\$yPay Program; \$131.85 was credited to our oil account for the oil delivered between January 1 and June 30, 2017

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Lance Arney	Jane Boldin	Sheila Corl	Jody Covalt	T. J. Coursen
Charles Cramer	*Phyllis Crater	Erin, Austin, Conner Derr	*Sally Dreibelbis	*Jean Dunklebarger
Nolan Dyke-Vogt	Gracie Eisenhower	Tanya Evans	*Trudy Furner	Ray Guthrie
*Mary Hardy	Russell & Myrtle Harpster	*John & Carol Hayes	Rev. John Hench	Megan Henry
Ed Houtz	Craig Hunter	*John Krebs	Connie Masullo	Diane Matter
Robert Mayhew	Denny McCloskey	Judy Moellenbrock	Jody Musser	Larry Myers
*Miriam Myers	Nagle Family	Malcolm Obiri	Lydia Onofry	Tim & Cherise Osborne
Dean Rishel	Shane Royer	Joshua Shaffer	Kent Smith	Marilyn Sproule
Susie Stevens	Tom Stoner	Laurie Stover	Shannon Stover	Jenn & Abbey Tice
Colin & Jaci Tucker	Rebecca Wagner	Chris Wert	*Faye Winkelblech	Duane and Wilma Yarger

[*In personal care residence]



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 30 – Aug 3: Youth Mission Trip to Washington DC
- August 6: 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Mr. Spence Garvin delivering the message
- August 11: 7:05 p.m. Spikes Baseball Game – Penns Valley Community Night
- August 13: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion
3:00 p.m. Wedding Ceremony for Alexander Gunsallus and Latricha Frymore
- August 16: 1:30 p.m. Spiritual growth study group on the book "6 Things We Should Know About God"
- August 20: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- August 27: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- August 28: First day of school for Penns Valley Area students
- August 30: 1:30 p.m. Spiritual growth study group on the book "6 Things We Should Know About God"
- September 3: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion
- September 5: 1:30 p.m. Pastor Dave deliver the message and serve communion at Salem Hill, Spring Mills
- September 6: 11:00 a.m. Council of Churches Meeting
1:30 p.m. Spiritual growth study group on the book "6 Things We Should Know About God"
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- September 10: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all Classes
10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Lancaster Theological Seminary special offering
- September 11: 9:30 a.m. Trinity UCC hosts Northern Association Ministerium
6:30 p.m. Northern Association Executive Board Meeting
- September 12: 1:30 p.m. Pastor Dave deliver the message and serve communion at Wynwood House, Centre Hall
- September 13: 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- September 17: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all Classes
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- September 19: 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting
- September 20: 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- September 24: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all Classes
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
1:00 p.m. Community Fall Fest at Centre Hall Lions Club
- September 27: 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Responsibility	August 2017	September 2017
Head Usher	Dan Readinger	Beverly Guyer
Alternate Usher	Beverly Guyer	Dan Readinger
Altar Flowers	Tammy Besecker	Tammy Besecker
Altar Guild	Nancy Vogt	Hetty Runkle
Communion	Dan Readinger (August 13)	Beverly Guyer (September 3)
Caregiver	Cathy Arney	Lois Martz
Choir Director	Terri Downer	Terri Downer
Fellowship Coordinator	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
S.A.L.T.	Carol Readinger	Shannon Arney
Marquee Manager	Richard Delaney	Richard Delaney
Oil in Candles	Angela Auman	Angela Auman
Organist	Alyssa Limbaugh / Carole Smith	Carole Smith

Date	Greeters	Greeters	Acolyte	Call to Worship	Scripture Reader	Children's Message
August 6	Scott & Dixie Vogt	Nancy Vogt	Sam Martell	Pastor Dave		
August 13	Ennis & Nancy Wagner	Dan, Lori, & Tessa Walter	Elizabeth Romig		Carole Smith	
August 20	Rita Watkins	Tom, Toni, & Alexis Witherite	Maddie Gooch			
August 27	Kirk, Leena, & Carter Wolfgang	Lance & Cathy Arney	Ella Smith	Sally Arnold		
September 3	Shannon & Rylee Arney	Rick & Sally Arnold	Rylee Auman	Pastor Dave		
September 10	Rich & Angela Auman & Family	Robert & Ruby Bair	Kylie Auman	Kylie Auman	Carol Clark-Baney	Pastor Dave
September 17	Carol Clark-Baney	Linda Barner	Sara Floray	Carol Clark-Baney	Carole Smith	Ruth Floray
September 24	Joyce Barner	Steve & Tammy Besecker	Paige Auman	Sally Arnold		Teri Statham
October 1	Lauren, Alyssa, & Andrew Boob	Denny & Vickie Bressler	Andrew Boob	Pastor Dave	Angela Auman	Vickie Fultz
October 8	Russ & Jean Brooks	Carol Brown	Paige Auman		Sally Arnold	Pastor Dave

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

"The soul would have no rainbow
if the eyes had no tears."
~Native American proverb



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2017

August 6:	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
August 13:	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
August 20:	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:21-28
August 27:	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
September 3:	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
September 10:	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
September 17:	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
September 24:	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16

