



TRINITY TOPICS

The Newsletter of Trinity Episcopal Church

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March/April 2020

FOLLOW ME.....HERE I AM LORD

Dear People of God at Trinity,

On Saturday, March 7, 2020, at 11 am, we will be the joyful witnesses to a call from God that was heeded and accepted as The Rev. Dr. Kurt K. Kovalovich will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests by the Right Reverend Kevin D. Nichols here at Trinity. We lift up one of our own as he has lifted us in prayer and service in so many ways of love and ministry. What a celebration! Please plan to attend this wondrous service and the reception following in gratitude for our new disciple. On Sunday, March 8, Father Kurt will celebrate his first Eucharist at 9 am.

As we rejoice in the acceptance of Kurt's call, let us remember our own gifts and heed the call of using them, whether obvious or subtle, large or small. We are now on the journey of Lent and the reflection of our faith and how we serve others with our gifts. Listen for His voice in the silence of your hearts and minds and follow where you are led in love, compassion and kindness to do His will as His beloved children.

Holy Week Schedule:

Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday with Blessing of the Palms, 9 am

Thursday, April 9 —Maundy Thursday with Foot Washing, 7 pm followed by Vigil in St. Luke's Chapel, Compline at 11:45 pm.

Good Friday, April 10 — Stations of the Cross, 12 noon followed by Good Friday liturgy.

Saturday, April 11 — The Great Vigil of Easter, 7 pm. Easter Egg Hunt, 6:15 pm

Sunday, April 12 — Easter Sunday, 9 am Festal Eucharist

There will also be Lenten Suppers and Evening Prayer on Wednesday evenings at the Rectory, 1318 Howard Ave. beginning at 6:15 pm. Sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board across from the lounge. March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 and 8.

Your Vestry

Trinity Church's Mission Statement

“Living, loving, sharing in the name of Jesus Christ”

Vision Statement

“Honoring the past as we build a strong foundation for the future, while sharing our Christian faith through service to the community.”



Ordination Information

On Saturday, March 7, Deacon Kurt will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests by Bishop Kevin Nichols at 11 am at Trinity.

Parking and Shuttle bus: Many meters on Centre Street will be reserved for the day and there will be a shuttle bus running from the old 84 Lumber lot to the church. Meters are free on Saturdays. The shuttle will run from 9:30 am to 4 pm to allow for people to enjoy themselves at the reception to be held after. A light lunch will be served in the Parish Hall after the ordination service.

Volunteers needed: On Friday, March 6, there is a need for volunteers for help with food preparation and set up in the Parish Hall for the Ordination luncheon. If you can help, we will begin at 9 am. On Wednesday, March 4 at 1 pm there will be the pressing of the tablecloths for the luncheon and also cleaning of the large containers for the sandwiches that will be made on the 6th. If you can help, please bring your iron. Thank you!

At the luncheon on the 7th, we will need people to help replenish food platters as they are emptied and the punch bowl, etc. If you can help, please see Cora or call the church office. Thank you!

First Eucharist

The Rev. Dr. Kurt K. Kovalovich will celebrate his first Holy Eucharist at Trinity at 9 am on Sunday, March 8 which is the second Sunday of Lent. Let us continue the celebration of Kurt's love and ministry in this parish.



Lenten Suppers and Evening Prayer

In keeping with years past, we will once again enjoy the fellowship of a light supper followed by worship. These suppers will begin on Wednesday, March 4 and continue through April 8 at the Rectory at 1318 Howard Avenue, Pottsville. Supper begins at 6:15 followed by Evening Prayer at 7 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the board across from the lounge and North Parish will also join us and help to lead our services.

Maundy Thursday and Vigil

On Thursday, April 9 there will be a 7 pm service with Foot Washing followed by the Vigil in St. Luke's Chapel from 8 pm to midnight. Please sign up on the board across from the lounge to keep watch for an hour with our Lord and Savior. Compline will be prayed at 11:45 pm.



MAUNDY THURSDAY



Good Friday

On Friday, April 10, the Stations of the Cross will be presented at 12 noon followed by the Good Friday liturgy. Please join us as we follow our Savior on his journey to the cross.

Great Vigil of Easter and Easter Day

On Saturday, April 11, the Great Vigil and the Lighting of the new fire will be held at 7 pm. Sunday, April 12 is the celebration of the triumph over the grave at 9 am with a Festal Eucharist.



UTO Boxes

As we continue our Lenten journey toward the triumph of Easter, let us remember daily our blessings and share our gifts with those less fortunate. There is something to be thankful for each and every day and that is the time to drop a few coins in your box in gratitude. There are boxes at each entrance to the church — thank you!



The Music Corner

by Cora A. Gamelin-Osenbach

Choir

We are thrilled to be preparing music for Deacon Kurt's ordination on March 7th. How wonderful to have this celebration in our own parish. The two anthems we will sing are beautiful both for the music and the meaningful texts. Deacon Kurt has chosen the hymns and readings for the day. Please come and celebrate this milestone in our parish as we lift up the love and service of this special man who has heeded God's call to the priesthood.

We are also preparing anthems for Palm Sunday, the Great Vigil of Easter and Easter Day.



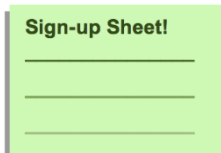
Concert Series

The last concert in our 13th season will be on March 29 (please see the enclosed flyer). We are happy to welcome Paul Reese, organist at St. John's Episcopal Church in Lancaster to our series. Many thanks to our faithful patrons and audience and to our wonderful culinary volunteers who never disappoint with delicious offerings for our

receptions. Many thanks to all!

Reception Sign-Up

There will be sign-up sheets in the ambulatory and on the board across from the lounge for the March 29 concert. March has been very busy with the ordination, so your contribution to the concert reception is more welcome than ever. If you can prepare something, please sign up so it is easier to plan what we may need. Thank you!



Italian Cooking Demonstration Class

Mark your calendars for an Italian Cooking Demonstration Class on Saturday, April 4 at 4:00 pm in the parish hall. A parent of one of our Summer Reading Camp students, Valeria Wicker who is a native of Italy, has offered to donate her time to present this class for us. She will prepare chicken parmesan and take us through the steps necessary to prepare a delicious, authentic Italian meal. After the demonstration, we will enjoy a dinner of chicken parmesan, salad, bread, pasta, and a dessert all for at the reasonable price of \$10.00 a person. Participants are welcome to bring wine to accompany the meal. Class size is limited to 25 people and tickets are being sold for this activity to benefit our youth group activities. Since spaces are limited, tickets must be purchased prior to the event; tickets will not be available at the door on the night of the dinner. Please see Barb Tokarz for tickets and information. She can be contacted at bpt9@comcast.net or 570-739-4123. Come out and enjoy an evening of fellowship and good food for a good cause.

Easter Flowers

In Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

Given by: _____

Envelope # _____

Please return requests by Sunday, April 5, 2020.

Please Print

Trinity Episcopal Church Concert Series



Sunday March 29, 2020
at 4 pm

Paul Reese
Organist

Join us for a journey through the liturgical year as we travel from Advent through Pentecost with some of Mr. Reese's favorites and "book-ended by J. S. Bach's own liturgical bookends, the Prelude and Fugue in E flat Major, St. Anne."



Mr. Reese is Minister of Music and Organist at St. John's Episcopal Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He leads six choirs at the church and holds the Master of Music degree from Westminster Choir College. His teachers include Ken Cowan and Stefan Engels and he has also pursued studies in conducting. He is passionate about church music and teaches at the Veritas Academy.

We welcome him to our series.

Come meet the Artist at a post-concert reception.

No Admission Fee - Free Will Offering Taken

For more information, contact Trinity Episcopal Church
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Trinity is Handicapped Accessible

Upcoming Events

CODY MEAD, ORGANIST
Sunday October 11, 2020 at 4 pm



By the Grace of God and with the people consenting
The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kriztofer Kovalovich

will be ordained by the Rt. Rev Kevin D. Nichols to the
Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's One Holy Catholic
and Apostolic Church

Saturday, the seventh of March
two thousand and twenty
eleven in the morning

Trinity Episcopal Church
200 South Second Street
Pottsville, Pennsylvania

Clergy: Red stoles



Please read the enclosed card for parking information

Parking Information



Trinity Episcopal Church is located at the corner of South Center Street and Howard Avenue. The church does not have a parking lot

There will be a shuttle bus from the Old 84 Lumber lot, located directly in front of the Union Station off Route 61. Despite the meters and ParkMobile app, parking in the lot is free. The shuttle will run from the lot to the handicapped-accessible door on the side of Trinity from 9:30 AM until 4 PM. Ushers will be at the door to assist.

If you plan on using navigation, 101 E Union St, Pottsville, PA will get you close to the correct area.

In the image below, the green train icon denotes Union Station, the blue "P" denotes the parking lot, and the red cross denotes Trinity Episcopal Church.



image courtesy of Google Maps

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>LENT I</u> 9:00am Service 9:00am Church School	2 7:30pm AA	3	4 12Noon Healing Service 6:15pm Soup Supper With Evening Prayer at the Rectory	5 1:00pm Lenten Study Group	6 9am Food prepara- tion day for Ordina- tion reception	7 11:00am Deacon Kurt's Ordination with reception following
8 <u>LENT II</u> 9:00am Service Fr. Kurt's first Eucharist 9:00am Church School	9 7:30pm AA	10	11 12Noon Healing Service 6:15pm Soup Supper With Evening Prayer at the Rectory	12 1:00pm Lenten Study Group	13 7pm Ballroom Dance	14
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22 <u>LENT IV</u> 9:00am Service 9:00am Church School	23 7:30pm AA	24 1:30pm MPTF Meet- ing	25 12Noon Healing Service 6:15pm Soup Supper With Evening Prayer at the Rectory	26 1:00pm Lenten Study Group	27 7pm Ballroom Dance	28
29 <u>LENT V</u> 9:00am Service 9:00am Church School 4:00pm Concert Series 12-3:00pm Movie Night	30 7:30pm AA	31				

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5 <u>PALM SUNDAY</u> 9:00am Service 9:00am Church School	6 7:30pm AA	7	8 12Noon Healing Service 6:15pm Soup Supper with Evening Prayer at the Rectory	9 <u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> 7:00pm Service 8-12pm Vigil 11:45pm Compline	10 <u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> 12Noon Service with Stations, Good Friday Liturgy	11 <u>EASTER VIGIL</u> 6:15pm Easter Egg Hunt 7:00pm Easter Vigil Service
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News from Marion C. Trust Fund

March 20th is the International Day of Happiness.

Happiness is defined as a combination of how satisfied you are with your life and how good you feel on a day to day basis. It is a state of well-being that encompasses living a good life, one with a sense of meaning and deep contentment despite the trials and tribulations we encounter in life.

Happiness can improve your physical health: feelings of positivity and fulfillment seem to benefit cardiovascular health, the immune system, inflammation levels and blood pressure among other things. Happiness has been linked to a longer life span as well as a higher quality of life and well-being. There is no one-size-fits-all approach to happiness and contentment, but the key is intention.

Following are some measures you can take to be a happier and more contented you:

Practice Gratefulness - Practicing gratitude, in particular, has been shown to be one of the most powerful activities we can engage in. It's a great way to consider what's good about your life, instead of focusing on what's not good or what other people have that you don't. When you consciously practice gratitude, you increase the flow of beneficial neurochemicals in the brain. Convey your gratefulness to others, either verbally or in a letter. When you put toothpaste on your toothbrush, think of one thing that makes you feel grateful or when you wake up in the morning, glance at a photo that makes you feel happy or when you go to bed at night think of one good thing from your day.

Good Enough Instead of Perfect - Place the motto "good enough is great" in your mind, easing up on yourself will add to your happiness.

Do What You Love - Take time to do the things you love.

Choose Your Friends Wisely - Surround yourself with optimistic people who make you feel energized.

Nurture Strong Relationships - Relationships are imperative for many different reasons such as increasing our emotional well-being, creating stability, learning how to be a good friend or mate, having someone to count on and trust in times of need and someone to vent to when we face challenges. Friends and mates take away loneliness and make us feel included. Relationships often times are the glue that holds us together during times of stressful situations and when we face life's difficulties. Relationships we form with other people are vital to our mental and emotional survival.

Spending Your Money - Happiness over material items quickly fades. While experiences are designed to be fleeting, they provide a high level of arousal and memorability thanks to anticipation. Experiences introduce you to a whole new world while cultivating relationships with those that you are sharing the experience.

Cultivate Flow - Find an activity that you enjoy, one that challenges you and increases your skill, you'll find yourself fully engaged in it.

Enjoy the Funny Side - Smiling releases endorphins, which combat stress hormones and laughing lowers our heart rate and induces feelings of calm.

Reframe Obstacles - Each time an obstacle pops up try to reframe it as a challenge that you can handle. Being a problem solver helps open up parts of your brain. Take life's challenges as lessons, put them in your past and consider yourself stronger for overcoming the negatives in your past.

Random acts of Kindness - Practicing acts of kindness gives you a happiness boost and makes the world a better place.

Cultivate Optimism – Change your words to make them positive thoughts, consider positive outcomes to situations.

Forgive Those That Have Hurt You – Thoughts of resentment, anger and hatred represent slow, debilitating energies that will dis-empower you, releasing them helps you find peace.

Genuinely Savor Life's Joys – Truly understand and appreciate every moment and positive thing in your life.

Practice Mindfulness - The basic human ability to be fully present, paying attention on purpose, aware of where we are and what we are doing.

Take Care of Your Body – Take measures to eat healthily and include exercise in your routine.

Cultivate Your Inner Resources – Practice positive self-talk and gain inner strength by connecting with your spiritual source. Through prayer, meditation or simply deep thought you can control yourself in the universe and understand your role in something bigger.

You have the ability to control how you feel and with consistent practice, you can form life-long habits for a more satisfying and fulfilling life. It takes regular effort to maintain happiness but is in our personal control.

The future of happiness comes from being not having. I hope you can find your happiness. -----

April is Foot Health Awareness Month - People with diabetes should be especially concerned with the health of their feet. Diabetes can affect the nerves which can cause nerve damage for some people. When this happens, the nerves no longer perceive pain due to numbness and therefore do not alert a person to potential injury.

The following are some measures to take care of your feet if you have diabetes:

- Wash your feet every day with lukewarm water and dry them with care, especially between the toes.
- Trim your toenails as needed after you have washed and dried your feet. If you have circulation problems, decreased feeling in your feet, eye site problems or decreased flexibility see a Podiatrist for routine skin and nail care.
- Wear properly fitting shoes that do not rub or pinch your feet.
- Always wear socks or stockings with your shoes and never walk barefoot or while wearing socks.
- Physical activity can help increase circulation in your feet. Consult your health care team to see which physical activity is right for you.
- Do not put a hot water bottle or heating pad on your feet.
- Keep feet soft and smooth by applying a thin coat of moisturizing lotion or cream on the tops and bottom of your feet.
- Check your feet for sores or other injuries every day. Use a mirror if you have trouble seeing or reaching your feet. You may have an injury but cannot feel the pain.
- Call your doctor if you notice pain or loss of feeling in your feet; changes in the shape of your feet or toes; darkened or discolored areas on your feet and /or sores, cuts or ulcers on your feet that do not heal.



Charles Baber Cemetery Preservation Trust

Springing into Action

March and April are busy months for the trees and shrubs at the Baber Cemetery. The trees have a lot of decisions to make besides when they should wake up. If they open their blossoms and unfurl their leaves too early, a late freeze or snow storm or even sleet and icy rain could damage the twigs, the fruit, the blossoms, and the leaves. And it could literally kill the 1-2 year-old baby tree plantings, especially the dogwood, the red bud, the weeping cherry, the Kwanzan cherry, and the dwarf red maple. And once the trees have decided to blossom and bear fruit and seeds, they cannot change their minds nor put on a winter coat to protect themselves against the cold as we can. All they can do is blossom, unfurl their leaves, and hope for the best. Cold weather could also kill the flowering bushes like the azalea by the chapel, the magnolia by the front gate, and the plants, like the hostas, at the columbarium.

So once the tree has acknowledged that Spring is here and that it must become active and productive and get its sap juices flowing, the next course of action is to clean house, kind of like spring cleaning. For trees, like the swamp white oak by the pond, the copper beech by the chapel, the younger pin oaks and several small red maple throughout the property, the sucker thickets of American beech on the hillside down from the barn, and the mock orange by the 16th St. entrance, last year's dead and dried leaves must be dropped from their twigs so the new growth can appear. Other trees, like the London planetree along the Market Street wall, must drop their furry downy seed balls. The three American Beech down from the Atkins mausoleum must drop their spiny 4-valve prickly seed balls, as must the sweetgum in the lower level with their dangling prickly seed balls. The evergreen, like the tall Eastern white pine and the cryptomeria, drops their brown needles to replace them with fresh sprigs of green. And if any hanging dried brown seed pods remain on the black locust on the hillside and on the red bud by the 16th Street entrance, they must be quickly dispensed with to make way for the flowers and leaves. The strangely tantalizing shade of blue-gray found on the twigs of the suckers of the box elder growing on the hillside along the path leading to the middle school fades in coloring and soon disappears among other thicket growth and among white vermeil and mock orange.

In late April and all through May, the trees really spring into action. The winter buds on the magnolia, the tulip tree, and the horse chestnut unfold into beautiful flowers. The baby horse chestnut to the east of the main entrance develops 6" tall pyramidal yellow flower clusters. The weeping cherry, by the horse chestnut, blooms into long strings of hanging pinkish-white flowers. The dogwoods throughout the property blossom into white or pink flowers of different shapes. The Kwanzan cherry by the pond develops double petaled pink flowers. The Japanese lilac by the barn turns white and fragrant with its flowers. The callery pear, also by the barn and one by the Comloquoy mausoleum blossom with their white flowers and with a very strong, almost overbearing, odor. All the 'red sunset' red maples on both side of the road coming down the hill from the chapel and the new babies to the east of the chapel turn reddish in twig color and red in their dangling catkins which in turn develop into hanging reddish winged samara tinged with yellow. The 2-3 year-old (but not the young 1 year-old) red buds by the 16th Street entrance will develop a tiny deep pink flower that covers every surface area of their twigs. They are very colorful and delightful to see. The azaleas on both sides of the chapel produce deep purple flowers. And the yellow and whitish daffodils that were planted by the chapel many years ago, spring up from their secret hiding places under the soil.

Everywhere throughout the property, the trees are showing their bright spring flowers, or unfurling their tiny leaves, or developing and dangling their catkins or hanging fruit and seed balls, or forming their winged samaras. It is a cheerful, optimistic, exciting and promising landscaping of nature's awakening to Spring.

Cemetery Employees Also Spring into Action

March and April are very busy months for the cemetery workers. There is much clean-up work to do on the property plus the servicing of the lawn mowing equipment and weed whacking equipment. Weeks are spent cleaning up the fallen limb and branch debris from trees, and clearing the brick and cement gutters, and drains, and catch basins from the small twigs, small stones, and fallen leaves that can clog the drainage pipes. While the branch and twig clean-up is occurring, the workers are watchful for toppled grave markers and for holes created either from the groundhogs digging burrows or from memorial markers sinking in the ground. At the same time as the branch clean-up, all trash and litter that has blown about the property over the winter months or has been dropped or dumped by the school children are also picked up. All of this clean-up must occur before our Arbor Day tree blessing. It can be very hectic, especially if we have a lot of rain and perhaps sleet, and maybe even some late snowstorms. And believe it or not, by April, the grass is already growing and the lawn mowing must start. The workers have to stay ahead of the grass cutting so that the property looks tidy and well-groomed for the Memorial Day weekend which brings quite a few out-of-town visitors.

All of this work requires the constant use of the John Deere Gator. It is used to haul the broken branches, to pick-up the trash cans and carry them to the big dumpster by the barn, to haul the tools and weed whacking equipment, to haul the small stone used to fill in around sunken graves and groundhog holes, to pull and drag fallen memorial markers back into place, to carry mortar and cement supplies to repair the stone wall, to carry the ladder and supplies when repairing the buildings, to carry mulch to the chapel, and to pick up the buckets of dirt, stone, and leaf litter covering the drains. Our Gator, which is over 15 years old, and has over 4,100 hours on it has given up the ghost. It was badly needed during the branch clean-up in January when we received the grant for the tree pruning, but it would not drive forward, only backwards. We are thankful that Joe Orłowsky was kind enough to let Randy use his pick-up truck to clean up the branch and twig debris. Thank you, Joe. The cemetery is desperately in need of either a new Gator (\$13,000-\$18,000) or a used Gator (\$6,000-\$8,000). Please, please consider making a contribution to help our workers and the cemetery replace this vital piece of equipment. Donations can be given to Carol Field, Norm Kauffman, or Kurt Kovalovich or can be mailed with the check memo marked "Gator" and made payable to the Charles Baber Preservation Trust, 200 S. Second St., Pottsville, PA 17901. Any donation would be greatly appreciated!

Arbor Day will be Celebrated on April 24th at 2:00 PM

Joe Orłowsky, board member and retired member of the Shade Tree Commission, selects the ideal spots to plant 10 baby trees. The locations have to allow for root growth without infringing upon anyone's burial plot or upon the gravel, asphalt or dirt paths that serve as roads or right-of-ways to access plots. The soil, drainage, and access to sunlight must also be suitable for the tree's growth. And the location must be wide enough to factor in the tree's branch width and height from the ground when fully laden with leaves. The 10 baby trees are placed out for sponsorship as memorials or for thanksgiving for someone or something at \$400 per tree. After paying for the tree, which is about \$120, the remainder of the money is used to cut down large dead trees or limbs. (One tree alone can cost as much as \$5,000 to remove.) Memorial and celebration placards are inserted in picture frames and placed at the base of each tree. Each tree is then blessed by a clergy representative. Last year, Kurt Kovalovich was kind enough to bless all the trees; and he has agreed to do the same this year. During the tree blessing, someone (like Carol F.) takes pictures of the tree blessing. The plaques placed at the blessed trees are removed from their frames and sent along with the developed pictures and a thank you note, to the sponsors. A brass plate is made up with the memorial\thanksgiving name and placed on a wooden leaf affixed to the wall of the east gatehouse. Come and enjoy the day! *If you wish to be a \$400 tree sponsor, please call the office at 570-622-8720.*



Summer Reading Camp News

It is hard to believe but this year, our summer reading camp will be entering its third season. Camp will be held the week of July 6-10 from 8:30-12:30 and will be accepting students from pre-k to grade 3 who are encountering challenges with reading. Children attending camp come from Pottsville and St. Clair Area School Districts, Schuylkill County Child Development, Assumption BVM, Gillingham, Blue Mountain, and Schuylkill Haven. Breakfast and lunch are provided for the children since many of them receive free or reduced lunch during the school year and that program is not operational during the summer.

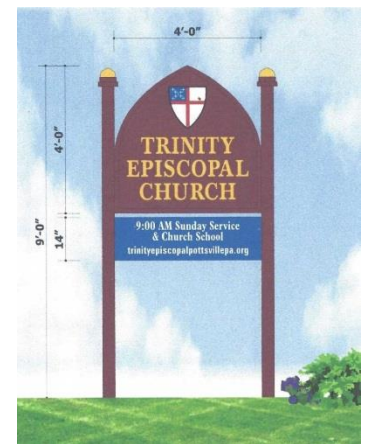
The theme for camp this summer will be *Bugs* and Ryan the Bug Man will visit to share some interesting activities and information about bugs with the children. In addition to participating in hands-on learning activities about bugs, the children will receive books and educational materials and have the opportunity to visit the library and obtain a library card. The program is funded by the Diocese of Bethlehem's Congregational Renewal Grant, and grants from the Pottsville Benevolent Association, and Snayberger Foundation.

Our teachers will be meeting this winter to plan our program and we always welcome new volunteers. If you are interested in helping with summer reading camp, please see Barb Tokarz and she can provide additional information about obtaining the PA Child Abuse Clearance and the PA State Police Criminal Record Check, and completing the Safeguarding God's Children online training.

If you would like to support camp but cannot volunteer as a teacher or assistant, there are other ways to help. We can use people to help cut, copy, and compile learning materials. Since many of the children don't have books at home, we always provide the children with several books to take home at the end of camp. We can provide a list of suitable books for you to purchase. In our parent workshop at the end of camp, we provide information and materials for the parents to use to help them work with their children to improve their reading skills. Barb can provide you with suggestions of materials for the families to use, most of which can be found at the Dollar Tree. We always welcome your prayers as we begin this endeavor and are grateful for them as we work to make a difference in the lives of these children and their families.

New Church Sign

The new sign for the front of the church has been designed and will be placed in a small garden in the front of the church between the two sets of steps. It is painted on both sides and will be placed perpendicular to Centre Street so it can be seen going north or south. The bottom part of the sign is replaceable to allow for changes in the future if necessary. Donations are welcome to help defray the cost of the sign.



Trinity Easter Candy Sale

Enjoy homemade Peanut Butter eggs dipped in milk chocolate or Coconut Crème eggs dipped in dark chocolate. Cost is \$10.00 per pound or \$5.00 half pound. Last day to pick up candy will be March 29, 2020.

Peanut Butter eggs _____ pound boxes or _____ half pound boxes

Coconut Crème eggs _____ pound boxes or _____ half pound boxes

½ Peanut Butter & ½ Coconut Crème _____ pound boxes

Name _____ Phone # _____

Please complete order form and place in collection plate or give to Carla Kauffman. Thank you.

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For
May/June "Topics"
Wednesday, Apr. 15, 2020**

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March Birthdays

7 - Kaitlin Polcrack, The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
9 - The Rev. Dolores Smith
12 - Elaine Howe
16 - Tom Curtis, Ruth Bohnenblust
21 - Robert Hess, Waverly I. Bacon III
23 - Henry Beaver, Jace Oerther
28 - Debbie Boris
29 - George Stone, Jr.

April Birthdays

1 - Kristen Rauco
2 - Sylvia Nabholz
3 - Frank Grabowski
5 - Mallory Hopkins
7 - Angelique Bacon Woodward, Melissa Perry
9 - Wesley Bacon, John Thomas Curtis, III,
11 - Janet Curtis, Gabriel Fitzpatrick, Benjamin Banonis
12 - Cora Gamelin-Osenbach, Ronald J. Boris, Jr.
14 - Darlene Bowler, Brenda Lindenmuth
15 - Jerry Simatos, Braeden Jones
16 - Robert Emery
18 - Angela Brennan, Everly Boyer
19 - Mark Bacon
23 - Richard Brennan
24 - Joan Cake
25 - Randy Stewart
27 - Elena Jolee Holden, Maegan Frederick
28 - Susan Pozza
29 - Holly Portland MacLea