



TRINITY SPIRIT

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Pastor's Corner

Thirty years ago in September, I accepted the call to serve a small church in eastern Oklahoma. Time continues to march on for all of us. I am grateful for the blessings and guidance God has given me over all these years, with my wife Tina by my side. God told Joshua (1:9) "Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

I will admit I am not as strong as I was 30 years ago, and there has been some times when I have been afraid, but I have found that God is true to his word, and what he said to Joshua thousands of years ago. He says to His children today and as we journey forward through life God is there to lead and guide us on the way. He does strengthen us if we turn to Him, so as we continue our journey through life let us remember that we are not alone. Jesus told his own disciples "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." May we all find these words and promises, comforting and as Vance Heavener said we should be standing on the promises, and not just sitting on the primases.

October – the month has finally arrived, when we will have a special service celebrating 150 years for Trinity here in Tamaqua. As one who appreciates history, I am in awe of all that has been accomplished here over the years, and humbled to serve Trinity today. I appreciate everyone who has served on our Anniversary Committee and all the hard work to organize our calendar and history. I appreciate those who have donated items for our historical archive, especially from the Donohue and Hartman families. But as we honor our past let us remember God is still at work in this world and we continue to serve our Lord in Tamaqua today. I do not know what the future holds but I know WHO holds the future. May God bless Trinity in the present, as He has in the past.

May God bless you all,

Darryl E. Kensinger

Feeding The Hungry - Our Trinity Soup Socials are held on the first Saturday of every month. Our upcoming socials are **Saturday, October 7th, November 4th and December 2nd from 4 - 6:00 pm.** Everyone is Welcome! You are invited to share our food, our friendship, and God's love. No charge.



Hospitalizations

If you or someone you know is hospitalized, please call the church office at 668-4139. Due to the HIPAA Law names are no longer published in the newspaper and we are not contacted by the hospital unless the patient requests it, when admitted, let them know you are a member of Trinity United Church of Christ. Also if you've added a name to the prayer list please keep the church office informed if the individual needs to be removed. Thank you!

150th Anniversary Trinity Tid Bits

The influenza epidemic in autumn 1918 caused the churches and schools to close from October 2nd to November 10th. Rev. Thompson stood beside the grave of 35 persons.



ELECTION DAY DINNER - There will be an Election Day Pork and Sauerkraut dinner on Tuesday, November 7th from 4:00 pm till sell out. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults and children under 12 are \$4.50. Take outs are available please call 668-4630.

Please Join Us!

Sunday Worship – 10:00 am

Sunday Church School – 8:45 am

DEADLINE: All information for **November issue** of the *“Trinity Spirit”* is due at the church office no later than Monday, October 23, 2017. You may e-mail your information to officetamaquatrinity@verizon.net or drop it in the secretary’s mailbox. Thank you for your co-operation!



Please continue to use your Boyer’s key tag every time you shop in any Boyer’s Markets. Thank you for your participation in this program.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Earl G. Billig, who died on September 24, 2017. We ask God to comfort the family at this time of loss.



TOTENFEST

The Festival of Totenfest will be held during the 10:00 A.M. worship service on November 5, 2017 which is All Saint’s Day. At this time, we will honor the memory of those who have died since All Saints Day 2016. We invite you to be present at this special service.

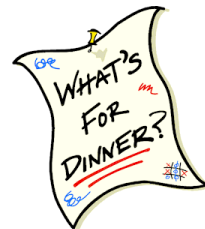
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held just prior to the end of the worship service on Sunday, November 12th.

The agenda for this meeting is to elect Deacons and Elders and to adopt the 2018 Budget for Trinity Church.

All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

Mark your Calendars! On Sunday, October 22, 2017 the Founders Hall group will serve a buffet style Chicken & Waffle Dinner from 11:00 am till 1:00 pm in Founders hall. The cost of the dinner is \$9.00 for adults and \$4.50 for children under 12. We look forward to seeing you there!



Harvest Home ~ October 22nd

Harvest Home will be celebrated this year on October 22nd during the Morning Worship service. Since we are celebrating the bountiful harvest that God has given us, donations of food for our FIN food pantry would be greatly appreciated.



These items are as follows: Canned goods (corn, peas, green beans, etc.)

Soup, Sauerkraut, Cereal, Tuna, and Tuna Helper. Donations can be brought to the church on **Saturday, October 21st beginning at 9 am.** Thank you to everyone who helped or donated with last year's Harvest Home.

If you would like to receive an email containing the *Trinity Spirit*, please contact the church office with your email address at officetamaquatrinity@verizon.net or return this form to the church office. You will also receive reminders of upcoming events and important church happenings. Please use this form if your email address has changed and you are no longer receiving updates. Thank you!

Name: _____

Email address: _____

*"150 years sharing Faith in God,
Hope through Christ,
in the Spirit of Love."*

Trinity United Church
of Christ
150TH Anniversary
Celebration Service
Sunday,
October 15, 2017



Join Us!

Please join with us to celebrate and thank God for our 150 years here at Trinity. God has truly blessed our church and our congregation year after year. Let us worship together at the Anniversary worship service with Rev. Cliffert Herring, a son of Trinity, delivering the sermon. We encourage you to come to church that Sunday bring a friend, a past member, a current member, or just someone that wants to come to church.

The celebration continues following the worship service in Founder's Hall with a special luncheon and social gathering of family and friends.

Everyone is invited to join in our celebration.



TRINITY UCC SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

(M. Isabelle Fisher/James R. McConnell/Norman J. Johnson Scholarship)

Olivia Morrison, our 2015 scholarship recipient, will be heading to Penn State University Park for her junior year, second semester, something she has always wanted since she was a little girl. She will be starting with a dual major in political sciences and pre-law, with a minor in global security.

Joshua Derrick, our 2017 scholarship recipient will begin his freshman year at Lehigh County Community College and has enrolled in Film Study courses.

A \$1,000 scholarship from our Trinity UCC Scholarship was presented to the Schuylkill Association Pastoral Scholarship Fund, to assist “Members in Discernment” to further their UCC Ministry studies,

Our scholarship committee recommends anyone planning on applying for a Trinity UCC Scholarship to obtain a scholarship application and requirements from the church office. To be eligible to receive a scholarship all requirements must be fulfilled. Those requirements include active participation in church programs and activities.

We would like to remind our active adult church members they are also eligible to apply for a scholarship. Should an individual have a dream to pursue a career or career change, please do not hesitate to contact our committee.

Our church has been so blessed to have received these scholarship gifts from M. Isabelle Fisher, James R. McConnell and Norman J. Johnson. It is such an honor to each of these individuals when we are able to fulfill their wishes of providing scholarships to help others fulfill their dreams.

Ruthy Kerr
Trinity Scholarship Chairperson

“TRINITY STITCHERS”

A/K/A TRINITY PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

It is with much joy and happiness that we can share with everyone that our “Prayer Shawl Ministry” continues to be very successful in providing knitted and crocheted prayer shawls, quilted lap throws, baptism and children’s comfort blankets to many members of our church family and friends. Approximately (30) of these items were recently blessed during our worship service and the children’s blankets were then delivered to “Birthright”.

Currently, we are so blessed to have young people joining us, learning loom weaving, and have actually completed beautiful hats for babies and children of all ages. It is so refreshing and such a pleasure to watch their concentration, enthusiasm and expressions on their faces as they share in our ministry.

We would like to remind everyone that prayer shawls are available. Just contact a member of our group, ask our pastor, or call the church office and leave a message for us to contact you.

Our group continues to meet every Saturday at 1:00 pm and everyone is welcome to join in our ministry. All members are willing to teach those wanting to learn to knit and crochet. All yarn materials are provided. There are also various types of looms (including an available rigid heddle loom) for those interested in learning to weave.

Many of our members are always very busy making hats, scarves and mittens for the Christmas holiday season. This is a continuous project that is very much appreciated by various groups and organizations in our community and Schuylkill County.

We would like to thank all those who so generously supply yarn, and offer monetary donations to our ministry.

God blessed you with very special talents. Let your light shine for all to see. Share your blessings and love with others.

Through our ministry may we bring Christ into the hearts and lives to our brothers and sisters in need,

Trinity Prayer Shawl Ministry

Acolyte Schedule

October/ Novmeber 2017

October 1	Justin Folk ~ A	Blake Folk ~C
October 8	Abby Fiorilla ~A	Andrew Fiorilla ~C
October 15	McKenzee Coombe~A	Sadie Morrison ~C
October 22	Jillian Hartranft ~A	Ava Vengen~C
October 29	Ella Morrison ~ A	Sadie Morrison ~C
November 5	Justin Folk ~ A	Blake Folk ~C

Notes: Can you believe summer has ended? Hope everyone had a great one. Wish to thank everyone who jumped including Mr. Hadesty. Always appreciated. As we start the fall/winter season. I am looking forward to new faces joining us. Please either see me at church or call me if you are interested.

God Bless and thank you,

Diane Chicanavage,
Director (570-668-1444)



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday will be observed on Sunday, October 1, 2017 with The Celebration of the Eucharist during our 10:00 am morning worship service. Join Us as We Celebrate with Christians worldwide!

Church World Service Blankets + Sunday

October 1, 2017

CWS Blankets keep families warm in central Ohio



Winters in the Midwest can be unpredictable. One day is warm and sunny, and the next brings a snowstorm. Quick changes in weather can be particularly challenging for families who are already struggling with poverty. For those without adequate shelter and heating, cold weather can have severe consequences. Some low-income people struggle to pay their bills and risk losing their heating. For the homeless, sleeping outside in frigid temperatures can be life threatening.

The members of Sunbury United Methodist Church in Sunbury, Ohio take their church's mission statement seriously: Love and Serve God and All People.

The church has been a long-time supporter of CWS Blankets. Then, in 2012, the members of the congregation felt called to act upon their mission statement and respond to the special needs of their community during the winter. The members of their congregation started a blanket ministry that takes place each year in November.

In 2016, Church World Service provided 200 wool CWS Blankets for the members of Sunbury United Methodist to distribute throughout central Ohio. Under the leadership of Jay Caslow, the church distributed these blankets to Big Walnut Friends Who Share, Faith Mission Homeless Shelter and the Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio.

"While growing up, my mother would say during the winter months how grateful our family was to have heating. But not everyone has adequate heating during the cold months of winter. Our church wants to share warmth with others with the simple donations of these blankets. Although we don't get to meet many of the people who will receive these blankets, we know that they will help to keep the people warm," said Jay Caslow.



Just down the street from Sunbury United Methodist Church is the Big Walnut Friends Who Share Ministry. This ministry provides food, used clothing, furniture and household items, children's supplies and other essential family items. These items are distributed to individuals and families in need, free of charge. Barbara Jeffers, founder of the ministry stated that each year she sees an increase in the numbers of families who visit, especially during the winter months.

"We have many families referred to us by congregations and they just don't have much at all. I had a young mother tell me once that she keeps the thermostat turned down low to save money so she can pay other bills. But she always made sure that her children stayed warm with blankets. These

blankets provided by Sunbury United Methodist are perfect. They are heavy and warm,” Barbara said.

In her words, “I am so happy for this generous donation of wool blankets from Church World Service. Together, we can help families have a warm winter. Thanks!”

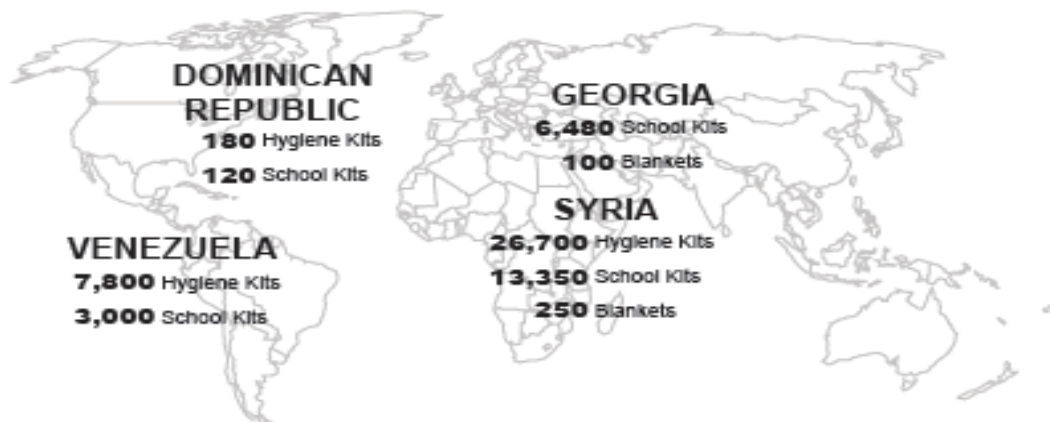
Here at Trinity, we continue to participate with the Blankets + Program. Our goal each year is to send \$1000.00. Our Joyful Noise offerings help us to meet our goal, but the majority of the money comes from you. A blanket costs \$5.00, how many can you afford to send?

This special offering will be collected on Sunday, October 1, 2107. Checks should be made out to Trinity UCC so we can send the money with one check, that way, our church gets the credit for the donation and you get credit for a donation to the church. *Evangelism and Outreach Committee*

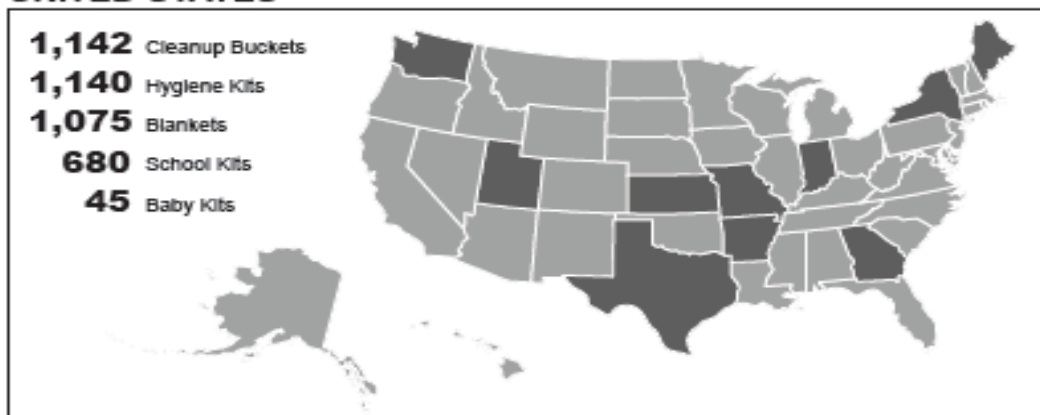
CWS Kits | CWS Blankets

Impact Report: January - June 2017

The CWS Kit and Blanket Programs are two of the many ways Church World Service shares in a hope-filled tomorrow. Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of children and families the world over. Here are some of the places Church World Service has provided Kits & Blankets through your support of this program.



UNITED STATES



TOTAL KITS AND BLANKETS DISTRIBUTED: **62,062**

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Especially for:



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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
8:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM
Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 PM ~ 5:00 PM