

2021 PER CAPITA- The Per Capita for 2021 remains at \$35.00 unchanged from 2020. The breakdown is: General Assembly \$8.98 (up 3 cents), Synod \$2.40, and Presbytery \$33.62 (down 3 cents).

It is requested that each member place their “Per Capita Apportionment” in the light blue envelope provided in your box of envelopes. Remember the Per Capita apportionment is per member.

REQUEST FOR LITURGISTS

As we begin the New Year, we are once again looking for members of the congregation to serve as liturgists. We need liturgists for:

April 18 & 25; May 16, 23 (Memorial Day), 30

If you are willing to serve, please e-mail me at peoplesart1664@aol, phone or message me at 570-690-5105. Your support is greatly appreciated.

From your Session, Art Peoples, Clerk of Session

The Deacons are planning on holding the rummage sale on June 18th and 19th. Details to follow. Jewelry donations can now be collected. Jewelry donations ONLY can be dropped off at the church during business hours of Mon-Tues-Thurs 9-1/Wed 1-3. You can also contact Allyson Lord at (570)333-4575 to arrange for pick-up. Please let me know if you have any questions/concerns.



Thank you! Cindy



Meals on Wheels~ If you would like to volunteer for Meals on Wheels on any open date please call Meryl Davis @ (570) 310-1556.

May 6, 2021	Windsor Davis	Meryl Davis
May 20, 2021	Open	Open
June 3, 2021	Open	Open
June 17, 2021	Open	Open



Announcements need to be either emailed to trinitypress@frontiernet.net by Tuesday morning at 10 am or written on one of the forms found on the bulletin board and deposited in the office.

Newsletter articles need to be submitted to the church office by **April 26th**. They need to be emailed to trinitypress@frontiernet.net along with any images.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members of Trinity:

Alice Bartlett

Linda Griffith

Donald & Mary Jane Leo

Neil & Mary Morrison

Barbara Rogers

Phil & Leona Walter

Shirley Wolfkeil

Friends of Trinity

John Butler – Cousin of Nancy Thomas – Back operation

Ellie Caruthers – Friend of Ken Jones

Glen Eckhart- Cousin of Janie Miller

Dennis Garvey – Friend of Ken Jones

Ken Gorski - Friend of Wayne & Marianne Williams

Nathan Gray- Pediatric cancer- Friend of Barbara Rinker

Carol Gumienny- Stroke- eyes & balance- Nancy Thomas's sister

Edward Havrilla- Serious illness- Alice Bartlett's nephew

Todd Riffle- Friend of Donald & Mary Jane Leo

Heidi Wagner



Returning to the Sanctuary: April 18, 2021

Dear Friends,

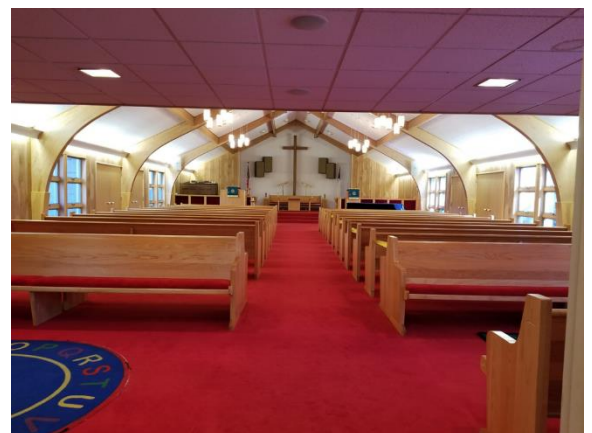
Yes, it is exciting. We are getting ready to return to worship in our sanctuary. It has been a long season of waiting and preparation to reach this point. That being said, we want to share all the information that pertains to our reopening.

First of all, we want to reassure everyone that there will still be many ways to worship. We know that not everyone is comfortable with being back in the church.

- We will be livestreaming the worship service on our website and you will be able to watch that video at a later time if you would like on youtube.
- and now there will be worship in the sanctuary at the regular time on Sunday mornings at 10:00AM.

The online reservation system will open at noon on Monday and will close at noon on Thursday so be sure to reserve in that window of time if you would rather reserve online. You may also make a reservation for worship over the phone but that also must be done by Thursday at noon.

In regard to worship in the sanctuary, there will be some differences. Yes, we are returning to the sanctuary, but we will not be returning to everything being exactly the same as before.



As you enter the sanctuary, you will notice that things are a bit different and that is why we have included pictures so you can get a peek before you come.

There are two new children's areas at the back of the sanctuary. We put these in so that Trinity Learning Center could have an additional space to use during the week. We will also use these for in person worship during COVID so that parents of preschool aged and younger children have a safe place to worship with their small children.



You will not find hymnals or Bibles in the pews as they needed to be removed. The service will be printed in your bulletins as usual. We encourage everyone to take their bulletins and announcements home or deposit in the trash on the way out.

You will also find your bulletin at your seat when you come in along with your name. Identifying where everyone is sitting is important for contact tracing should anyone in the congregation become ill with COVID.



Collection plates will be located at the entrance to the sanctuary so you can give your offering as you enter. There will be no singing at this time, but we will have special music provided by soloists. The service itself will be shorter than normal.

The choir will not be singing during COVID so we have transformed our choir area to accommodate a soloist. There will be no group singing in worship and there will not be the regular hymns.



As far as access to the building areas, we are asking that everyone stay in the sanctuary area and use the bathrooms in the main hallway as every area we walk around then has to be sanitized after we leave due to our preschool. Visiting needs to happen outside in the parking lot and in the church.

All the guidelines that we will all need to follow are included here. **Please read them very carefully.** Anyone wishing to return to church in the sanctuary needs to have read and signed and returned a copy to the church office. We are all sad that we need to have guidelines like this in place, but for now they are necessary, until the virus is no longer an issue. The spiritual formation committee met with Pastor Baer and came up with these initial guidelines which then went to session for input and approval. As we begin worship and see how things are going, modifications may be made.

Volunteers Needed:

In order to have sanctuary worship, we need to have a few strategic volunteers every Sunday.

- Congregants checked in upon arrival, (One volunteer per week)
- The sanctuary and bathrooms must be sanitized after every service. (Two volunteers per week)

Right now we only have two volunteers to help out with these tasks. Without this help, we will not be able to continue with sanctuary worship. If you can help with any of these tasks, please call the office and indicate what tasks you can help with and on which days.

