

A Centurion is Cited by Jesus



The Faith of the Centurion

7 When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. 2 There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. 3 The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. 4 When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, 5 because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." 6 So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. 7 That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." 10 Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

Dear Members & Friends of Trinity Presbyterian Church,

At the end of the month of May we pause briefly and take time to observe something called Memorial Day, a sacred moment in the life of the nation. Memorial Day is a time for Christians like us to reflect on the sacrifices of those who have served in the military, and to give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy as a result. While war is a tragic consequence of the fallen world, the service and courage of our armed forces can demonstrate important Christian virtues.

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America's finest are called to show qualities like courage, daring, service, endurance, and obedience - virtues that align perfectly with the Christian life. This brings to mind the Centurion highlighted in the above Scripture, who was cited by Jesus as an outstanding example of great faith in the Gospel of Luke in the New Testament. Furthermore, love of country, when kept in proper perspective, can be a good thing for Christians like us who know that we have dual citizenship in heaven and on earth.

At the same time, we must be careful not to conflate the kingdom of God with any earthly nation or political ideology. Our ultimate allegiance is to Christ, the true Captain and conquering King. As we remember this month those who have given their lives in service, let us also reflect on the sacrifice of our Savior, who has set us truly free.

This Memorial Day, may Christians stand firm in the freedom Christ has won for us, while also honoring those who have defended the principles that make our country exceptional among the nations of the world. Let us live as committed "soldiers of Jesus Christ," engaged in the world but focused always on the eternal prize.

Pro Deo et Patria,
Rev. Murray



Lemonade on the Lawn begins on today and continues through September. If you, your family, a church group or other would like to host a Sunday please sign up on the poster in the hall. Paper goods are available for you to use. You only need to supply the goodies (cookies, cake, veggies, fruit, etc.) and the beverages. There will be no reception on May 12th and June 16th, Mother Day and Father's Day. Please take mom and dad to lunch on those two special days. Mark your calendar for these upcoming Special events:

May 26	Strawberry Social/Memorial Day	May 12	No Reception
June 30	4 th of July	May 19	The Coy Family
July 14	Church Picnic	June 2	Open
September 8	Potluck	June 9	Karen Perzia & Nancy Williams
October 13	Fall Festival Potluck	June 16	No Reception
November 10	Veterans Day Reception Luncheon	June 23	Open

Any questions, call Kathy 570-606-9926

Women of Trinity – Highlights from April 17, 2024 meeting

We voted to host a second Sunday reception on July 21, 2024.

We will be supporting our church rummage sale on June 7 and 8. We will help with our time and donations of items to sell. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted in early May for us to sign up to help work the two-day sale and the members sale on Thursday, June 6th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



We will host our usual second Sunday Christmas reception in December which is on the 8th.

Our next scheduled meeting will be May 29th at noon at Rickett's Glen Hotel, Rt. 118. A carpool will leave the church at 11:30 a.m.



The Rummage Sale Committee has been hard at work to bring our annual event on June 7th and 8th to the public. Seated from left: Kristina Coy, Karen Perzia, Nancy Thomas. Standing from left: Cindy Williams, Allyson Lord, Sandy Peoples

Annual Church Rummage Sale - June 7th and 8th

The rummage sale committee at Trinity has set Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8 for our annual gigantic rummage sale in the fellowship hall and parking lot here at the church. Residents of the Back Mountain and surrounding areas eagerly look forward to our sale every year, and we are pleased to be able to bring it to our members and loyal customers.



The sale will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 7, and from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 8. Saturday will be bag day: all you can stuff into a large brown grocery bag for only \$2. Please join us as we bring to the public this much-anticipated annual bargain hunting event.

And don't forget to attend the pre-sale event for church members on Thursday evening, June 6, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m.

The Miracle Building will be set up for the sale on Saturday, June 1. Please wait until Sunday, June 2, to begin bringing in your donations. You can also bring them in on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of that week. Then on Thursday morning, the final sorting and pricing will continue to get ready for the three days of the sale.

Your help is needed for the sale. **Please sign up on the bright pink poster in the hallway.** There are many jobs to do, and we would appreciate everyone's help. We would also appreciate your donations of clothing, household goods, jewelry, etc. Thank you in advance for helping us make this a successful fundraiser. All proceeds will benefit the general operating budget of the church.



It's that time of year to start thinking about the rummage sale. That means it's time to get your jewelry that you never wear out of your jewelry box and give it to Allyson Lord as soon as possible. Also, if you have small jewelry gift boxes that you won't be using, bring them along also. Allyson will be accepting jewelry and small boxes until further notice. Thank you in advance for your donations.



On Saturday May 11th @ 830 a.m. Lum's Fernbrook there will be a meeting. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.



On February 20th Ken Jones – President of Trinity's Men's Club along with other volunteer's lent a helping hand at the St. Vincent de Paul's Kitchen.



On April 7th we were pleased to have Janice Russell become a member of Trinity. Welcome Janice.

Trinity Helping Hands will be doing an insert in the bulletin on Mother's Day. We will be providing forms for you to complete in order to include those special women in your life, either in memory of or in honor of. These could be your wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister or just someone who has helped fill this special role in your life. We will be asking for a donation to include your special lady/ladies in the special insert. This is a simple way to say thank you to those special women in your life and at the same time help to increase the general account of Trinity Presbyterian Church.



The forms and an envelope will be available on the table in the hall and Nicole will include the form in an email for those of you not able to make it to church. All forms will need to be submitted and received by Sunday, May 5th. This is necessary so that the insert can be typed up and added to the Mother's Day bulletin. Please make your **check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church**.

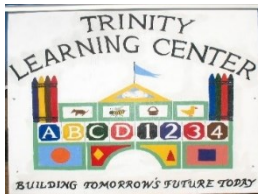


Trinity Presbyterian Church would like to recognize children or grandchildren who will be graduating this Spring from high school or college. We would like to recognize them on a given Sunday early in June. They should let you know **no later than the middle of May. Please contact the church office with your graduates information by phone 570-675-3131 or email: trinitypress@frontiernet.net**

The Mission/Outreach Committee continues to collect items for their Samaritan's Purse Christmas Project. The donations they are seeking for May are facecloths (washcloths) and small hand towels. The committee thanks all who donated hats, gloves, scarves, socks, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, combs, bar soap and stick deodorant thus far. The next meeting will be Sunday, May 5th after worship.

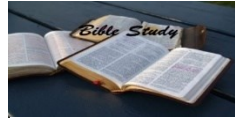


The Deacons will have a meeting on May 19th following worship service.



Trinity Learning Center is having a fundraiser event May 9th from 6-8pm at T.C. Riley's. Tickets are \$20 per person, pizza & beer included. There will be a basket raffle and 50/50. Proceeds for classroom center toys and play equipment. Please see Lisa (TLC director) or Nicole if you would like to purchase a ticket.

Our next Bible study TBD sometime in June.

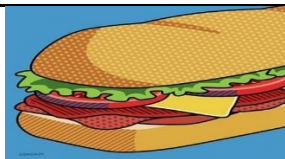


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Meals on Wheels~ If you would like to volunteer for Meals on Wheels on any open dates, please call Meryl Davis @ (570) 310-1556.

May 2	Windsor & Meryl Davis
May 16	Open
May 30	Open



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J & J Deli. Please see any member of the Helping Hands
Committee to purchase your tickets.

May Birthdays

05/07	Nicole Fleschut
05/07	Harry Cooper
05/13	Alice Kocher
05/15	Zach Coy
05/28	Kurt Williams



June Birthdays

06/11	Vera Supey
06/17	Luke Sgarlat
06/19	Rowan Yurko
06/20	Bette Handley
06/22	Linda Armbrust
06/28	John E. Fleschut

June Anniversaries

06/19	Don & Alice Kocher
06/29	Robert & Charla Pilger

**Session
Report**

The regular meeting of the Session was held on April 23, 2024, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas, PA. The Rev. Dr. Murray Thompson served as Moderator.

Elders of Trinity		
Kristina Coy	John Fleschut	Sandy Peoples
Meryl Davis	Sherri Newell	Barbara Rinker
Sharon Davis	Karen Perzia	Wayne Williams

The following items were discussed and acted upon by the Session.

1. **BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:** Elder Wayne Williams reported the following:
 - a. The water runoff issue is being addressed by Big Mountain Excavation. A berm has been placed in the run off area to direct the water away from the areas of concern.
 - b. We have a woodchuck problem. The property committee has purchased a trap and Wayne will trap the woodchucks and relocate them.
 - c. The crash bar on the back door is broken and in need of repair. Wayne Williams is addressing the problem.
 - d. The Deacons have reported that they cannot hear the worship service in the narthex. The Property Committee will address the issue.

2. **THE FRANK LINDEN HOWORTH AND MARGARET JONES HOWORTH MEMORIAL TRUST** Elder Sandy Peoples
 - a. This year the investments generated \$19,400 in interest for distribution.
 - b. The Trust Committee approved the disbursement for 2024. Trinity received \$8,600 allocated as follows: (1) Pastor education- \$1000.00, (2) Music program - \$2,500.00, (3) Building for the Parking lot - \$2,600.00 (4) Outreach - \$2,500.00.

3. **MISSION/OUTREACH** – Ruling Elder Barbara Rinker submitted the following report for information concerning the April 8, 2024 committee meeting.
 - a. SAMARITAN’S PURSE: Samaritan’s Purse is ongoing.
 - b. SCHOOL LUNCH: The committee has agreed to support the Dallas and Lake Lehman lunch programs to help children in need. On Thursday, April 11TH, the committee presented a check for \$250.00 each to Jacki Degnan at Dallas and Mike Kostrobala at Lake Lehman.
 - c. MEALS ON WHEELS: On April 4th, Beth Davis and Nancy Thomas delivered 13 meals.
 - d. On May 22ND, TLC will hold Graduation Day. The Mission/Outreach Committee will supply water, juice boxes and donut holes. At 9am, Beth Davis, Michele Rittenhouse and Nancy Thomas will be on hand to help with the refreshments.
 - e. LEMONAIDE ON THE LAWN will again be held at Trinity. Please check the schedule posted on the bulletin board or contact Kathy Stevens.
 - f. FALL FESTIVAL Committee will have a booth at the festival.
 - g. FALL COAT DRIVE: The committee will look into supporting a fall coat drive.
 - h. COOKIE EXCHANGE: December 15TH is the date set aside for the cookie exchange. Kathy will explore the purchase of boxes.
 - i. FALL SNACKS: Michele suggested a one-time donation in early September to the elementary schools from Dallas and Lake Lehman including Ross, Jackson and Noxen. Suggestions are not to purchase Doritos, but snacks such as goldfish, pretzels, etc.

4. **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** – Elder Sandy Peoples reported that Trinity had an excellent stewardship drive this year. The committee is sending “Thank You” letters to friends and members who supported Trinity during the stewardship campaign. The heart of the letter is “We can do this if we all pull together.”
5. **WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**
 - a. Elder Karen Perzia reported that the Worship & Sunday School Committee is planning a Family Program for December 1, 2024 as part of the Worship Service. Following the service members will participating in making Advent Wreaths which they will be welcome to take home.
 - b. Graduation Recognition Sunday at Trinity will be held on June 23, 2024. A cake to celebrate their accomplishments, Certificates and a gift certificate will be presented by Rev. Dr. Murray Thompson.
6. **MEMORIAL WALL AND GARDEN COMMITTEE: Ruling Elder Wayne Williams**
 - a. Wayne Williams reported that Alex Smulowicz, Eagle Scout project, will start repairing the Memorial Garden. It is projected that the pine trees will be removed, more stones will be laid down and the walkway will be power washed.
 - b. Michele Steele Rittenhouse will also be planting more perennials.
7. **HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE: Elder Karen Perzia**

Karen Perzia reported to the Session the following.

 - a. The committee has scheduled memorial donation for both Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. The is coordinated by Karin Thompson.
 - b. Rummage sale – the Rummage Sale is scheduled for June 7 & 8, 2024. Table setup is scheduled for June 1 and table take down is scheduled for June 8, 2024.

Gigantic Rummage Sale

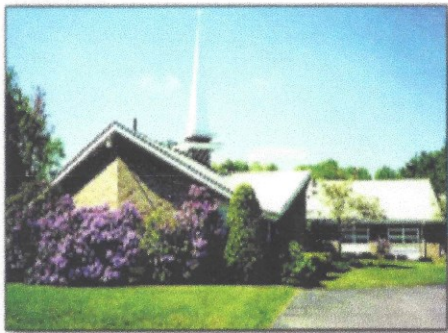


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Friday, June 7 • 9 am - 3 pm
Saturday, June 8 • 9 am - noon
Saturday is \$2 bag day!



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