
September – October 2022

Zanesville, Ohio



Trinity Triumph

Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Church,

Perhaps you, like me, find that living in a place which each year offers us the four main seasons is invigorating!



The blues and brilliant greens of summer, the icy whites and grays of winter, all reveal God's grace and goodness. But even more, we can see the presence of the creator as we are drawn from the depths of one season into the fullness of the next. Such times are "liminal." They are the thresholds through which we pass and are "thin places" in which we often more easily sense the holiness of life.

As time continues to speed along, the slower pace of late summer is swept away, and with each succeeding second, we find ourselves settling into the faster rhythm of September. In such liminal moments as these, God is inviting us to sense the Spirit's presence

through the ever-changing sights, sounds and scents that we behold. It's wonder-full!

Since my arrival here, we have been living in a liminal time. Some of our former habits have been swept away and we've needed to cross thresholds into different ways of being church. I am pleased to report that one of these transitions is happening now. This autumn we're accompanying four church members as they go through the liminal experience of preparing for and preaching their first sermon.

Preaching is an art which requires people to step aside from the usual hub-bub of life and thoughtfully enter a spiritually thin place where God may speak to them. Then, they can in turn, speak on God's behalf to those who would listen. That Tim Patterson, Maggie Nussbaum, Kris Beebe and Jonathan Patterson have sensed the Spirit's presence and responded to the invitation to try preaching gives me great joy! And I hope you will support each one when s/he interprets God's word for you in worship between now and the end of October. Over the years to come and as the seasons continue to bring change into our lives, this church will benefit from their presence. This does not mean I am leaving you. It means that when I am away on study leave or vacation there will be more preachers available to share God's word with you.

That they have stepped forward to serve as your preacher on four different Sundays this autumn also means I will have space available in my life to cross another threshold for you. This fall I will be teaching a weekly class on the Old Testament and the entire congregation is invited to participate in this new adventure!

We'll be using part of the well-known Disciple program for this study. Ordinarily Disciple classes are almost 3 hours long and require a ton of study between sessions. Thankfully the publisher has realized not everyone who wants to study scripture has so much time to devote each week. So, they've released Disciple Fast Track, which is the series I have chosen for us to use.

Since we have little going on here at church on Mondays, the class will meet then – beginning at 5:30p.m. This way folks can get here after work and at least arrive in the daylight. We'll snack on cheese and crackers and such so you won't go hungry and talk through the lesson until 7:00p.m. If you are not excited about driving in the dark, I'll work to find another classmate who can share the ride with you. This class begins on September 12th and ends November 28th. Before the 12th, students will need to pre-read several chapters of their Bibles and jot down some notes in their study manual (cost \$17.00) to be ready for our discussion. So please let me know of your interest as soon as possible!

This fall promises to be a liminal season when we cross through thresholds we hadn't seen in the past, but which now lead to lifeways that will invigorate each of us. I'm excited to journey through this "thin space" of spiritual growth with you so together we can more readily sense the holiness of life as God's children!

In Peace,
Pastor Deb.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds – Hinda Ardrey, chair

Building and Grounds Committee meet again September 13th at 7:00pm in the Youth Room. The Committee has continued to monitor issues that affect our building and its grounds throughout the summer.

Our HVAC systems should be completed by the end of September. Instructions on its operation and thermostats will be given to those who need to have this information.

Christian Education – Lou LeMaster, chair

On September 11th, immediately after the service, Christian Education will host a dinner followed by an Elvis Presley movie. We will supply meatloaf and mashed potatoes-two of Elvis' favorites, along with beverages. On a sign-up sheet will be other Elvis favorites from which you may choose if you wish to bring something.

Rev. Deb has planned an in-depth study of both the Old and New Testaments, beginning in September and running through November.

The preaching class students will be presenting their first sermons August 14 (Tim Patterson), September 11 (Maggie Nussbaum), October 9 (Kris Beebe), and October 30 (Jonathan Patterson).

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 7th at 6 p. m.

Stewardship & Finance Committee – HVAC Fund

The Bible says in Psalm 133:1 NIV, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity." We are glad you are part of our unity at Trinity. We are also grateful so many of you are able to participate in worship and/or one or more of our ministries.

As you know, the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and cooling equipment, also known as HVAC, has been troublesome over the last few years. Because of expensive repair costs, our ruling body, referred to as "session," approved replacing both HVAC systems, one for the sanctuary and fellowship hall part of the church and the other for the older part including the chapel and classrooms. The new HVAC systems will cost in excess of \$100,000.

At its June meeting, session approved a fund-raising campaign to offset cost of the new equipment. Session agreed that It would be nice if the congregation could raise the entire amount and we hope that will happen. However, we recognize the effort and generosity this entails, so session's goal is to raise \$50,000 over the next two years. These contributions will help not only offset the cost of this project but allow us to replenish our reserve funds so we can address other future needs within the church.

Session asks that you prayerfully consider making a donation to the HVAC fund. For those who are prepared to make a formal commitment, we have pledge cards available for this fund-raising campaign. Session also urges all members and friends of Trinity to participate in this campaign. In a very real way, this is an opportunity for all of us to share in the ministry of this church and help the church move into the future God has planned for us.

Your check should be made out to Trinity United Presbyterian Church with HVAC shown on the memo line.

If you have any questions about giving to the campaign fund, you can talk to Bill Miska, Lew Sidwell, Frank Walburg, or Joan Miska.

In Christ's Service,
Your Stewardship and Finance Committee

Missions —Maggie Nussbaum, chair

~June and July Collections—Thank you for your generous support of the mission projects this summer.

- Tools for School—Trinity collected \$335.00, as well as a number of school supplies. Over 800 backpacks were filled and distributed in early August.

- Peruvian Children—Trinity collected \$545.00 to help the Peruvian children and families which are served by partners with mission co-worker, Chenoa Stock.

~Tri-Giving Offering--The Tri-Giving offering for September-December will be given to Bethel Community Center. This offering was set up by the Mission Committee in 2014 to help 3 different local outreach programs that are not supported by our approved budget. Bethel Community Center provides a number of educational and learning experiences for the children and families in the Putnam area. The brown envelopes for the Tri-Giving Offering are located in the pew racks.

~Invitation Board—Remember to check out the Invitation Board in the entry way. These are usually community events or happenings posted there.

~Best Choice UPC Code Labels—Eastside is collecting UPC code labels from Best Choice Products. Eastside can then redeem these for cash. Best Choice Products are sold at Riesbeck's and Campbell's Stores. There will be an envelope on the Invitation Board where the labels can be deposited.

~SOUPer Bowl—At the time of this writing, the SOUPer Bowl will be happening in-person this year on October 16, 2022. Watch for announcements for details and the variety of ways to help. The SOUPer Bowl proceeds benefit Christ's Table, Eastside Community Ministry, The Fellowship of Christ's Community, Muskingum County Center for Seniors, and the Salvation Army.

Our ChildFund Sponsored Child—Trinity supports Linda Apio from Uganda. Her letter thanking us for her birthday money, an updated picture, and a drawing can be found following this news page.

After receiving the thank-you note, I replied to Linda. She then sent another note. I believe Linda enjoys using the tablet that enables her to send us letters.

New Story from Linda Apio!

Your sponsored child used a tablet equipped with the ChildFund Magic Adventure app to send you the following message:

Is there something you would you like to share with your sponsor about your family?

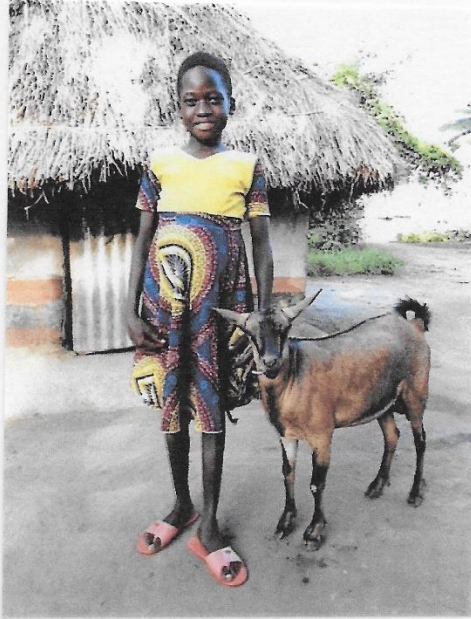
Dear Mr Trinity United Presbyterian church,
Special greetings to you. Iam happy to tell you that iam healthy and joyful to write to you. Back to me and the family we are fine. We are also doing some harvesting at home and hoping to join back to school after 2 weeks stay at home because our teacher said to be on strike over our local radio. Thank you so much for the birthday gift you sent to me of 30 US dollars worth 112650 Uganda shilling which I used for buying one goat to rear. This will reproduce many infuture for my educational needs. Thank you and love from Linda Apio your friend.

July

Is there something you would you like to share with your sponsor about your family?

Dear Presbyterian Church Of the Ascension,
Greetings with heart full of joy and love. I am Linda Apio your special friend writing to you with hope that you and the church family are well and safe. I am also healthy including the family members and iam home for one month's holiday. School has been so good and hopeful will resume soon. Thank you so much for the letter that you have sent to me, with this makes me feel your great members in my life. It is true that I have recieved the money and bought agoat and it is doing very well and When it reproduces I will buy a cow. The will also reproduce and I will start enjoying milk All this was possible becuse of you. I am so grateful and excited for the support, love care and sacrifices that you are extending to me and my family members. Truely you are atrue blessing in my life and I pray that may the Almighty Father in heaven bless you abundantly amen. All with much love, Linda Apio your special friend writing to you.

August



This is me and the goat I bought with the money you sent me.



This is my dream house in future.

Chenoa spoke at the meet and greet Saturday evening, August 20.

Visit from Chenoa—It was a pleasure to have our PC(USA) mission co-worker, Chenoa Stock, visit us on the evening of August 20th with an informal meet and greet, short presentation, and question and answer time in the Youth Room. The dialogue conversation Chenoa and Pastor Deb shared during the sermon time on August 21st was most informative about Chenoa personally and about her work with the Peruvian Partners.

Chenoa's family (husband Jose' and young son Leandro) joined us Sunday during worship and for the potluck following the service.



Chenoa, Jose, Leandro and Paster Deb at the Wilds

Global Connection

NEWS FROM OUR MISSION PARTNER – CHENOA STOCK

Hello, Trinity United Presbyterian Church,

What a blessing to have had time together to share about Peru and the ministries of our partners there. Thank you for your continued support and accompaniment of our commitment to walk together with God's people, both near and far.

These months, I have spent a lot of my time working on the planning of my Interpretation Assignment of visiting US churches during the fall and winter. I will be with congregations (in-person or virtually) in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, North Carolina, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, and Idaho. I am excited for the opportunity to spend time with US congregations and share more in detail about the work of our partners with so many congregations.

The Peruvian Joining Hands Network continues to strengthen its campaign focus, advocating for national health reform and environmental justice. We are part of many platforms and alliances throughout Peru that help to move this important movement forward. We are also increasing our work with women and other vulnerable populations, such as women, children, and indigenous communities. Though the pandemic created many setbacks for so many, the Joining Hands Network, its Board, and its partner members are still committed to addressing the systemic issues of climate change, poverty, and injustice for Peruvian communities and our global village. We continue to walk with them in this challenge and commitment.

I recently learned that the president of the Evangelical Church of Peru (our partner), Victor Arroyo, passed away, so would ask that you keep the denomination and his family in your prayers.

Earlier in August, Leandro and I traveled to Costa Rica for the PC (USA) Mission Co-Worker gathering that occurs every four years. It was a lovely and renewing time to be with colleagues; reflect on all that we have been through, both individually and as a church denomination; as well as spend time in a Sabbath retreat led by the Board of Pensions. Leandro had a great time with the children's program that was offered and enjoyed his daily sightings of iguanas, macaws, lizards, butterflies and more. It was a blessing to be in the jungle, so close to God's Creation every day. I felt a sense of healing and renewal upon return.

In personal news, we moved our family base to Cleveland in July, due to my husband's new job, and Leandro started preschool here and is doing well. We would ask for your prayers during this family transition.

I hope you, too, can find time for Sabbath sometime during these final summer or initial fall days to open your heart and listen to God and the rhythms of the Spirit.

We are blessed and grateful to walk with you in this call.

God's Peace,
Chenoa



Mission Co-Workers of Latin America and the Caribbean at the Regional Gathering in Costa Rica



1st Family Picture in Cleveland

1st day of school – Leandro off to his first day of preschool

A Note of Thanks

Dear Church,
Thank you so much for your TLC and support while I was down with COVID. That Anna, Jim and Maggie were able to quickly respond to my last-minute plea for worship assistance was a true blessing for us all! And the meal from the Deacons, the card, texts and calls all reminded me what a wonderful, caring group of people God has asked me to journey with in faith. Since that took me out for more time than I expected, I won't be visiting my family out west until later in September immediately after my sister has heart valve replacement. Thank you again for your care and prayer!

In Peace,
Pastor Deb.



- **Triumph Information** needs to be emailed to: Kris at beebeacre@gmail.com Please put Triumph in the subject line. Any emails that arrive without subject titles are deleted for security purposes. November-December deadline is October 15.
- **Check out our website and Facebook** pages. Just google Trinity United Presbyterian Church and be sure it is in Zanesville, Ohio as there are numerous TUPC churches around the world!



**September Birthdays
And Anniversaries**

- 1: Maggie Nussbaum
Aaron Thompson
Molly Thompson
Dave & Susan Foster
- 4: Marsha Mortimer
*Dale & Kay Vandenbark***
- 9: Kris Beebe
- 10: *Richard & Glee Patterson*
- 11: Darell Smith*
- 12: Marilyn Royer
Kate Saunders*
Steven & Julie Maneely
- 14: Steve Baldwin
- 15: Karen Newsom
- 17: *Devin & Lucinda Ardrey*
- 18: Jenna Tysinger
- 19: Charlene Noland
Larry Welch
- 23: Sally Schumacher
- 24: Jim Frederick*

* 80 years or older

** Over 50 Years of Marriage

*** Golden Anniversary



**October Birthdays
And Anniversaries**

- 2: Ally MacLaine
Frank Walburg
*Bill & Marsha Mortimer***
- 3: *Ken & Gretchen Sayre***
- 4: *Todd & Lori McLoughlin*
- 8: Barbara Hightower
- 9: Cody Meadows
- 11: Nancy Thompson*
- 12: *Lew & Terri Sidwell*
- 19: Connor Allison
David Frick
Jeffrey Taylor
- 21: Herbert Hicks*
- 25: Karen Cox
Jim Wright*
- 26: Keith Van Horn
- 27: Dave Purkey
- 30: *Jim & Elaine Williams*
- 31: Elaine Williams

