

Trinity Triumph

July/August 2021



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PERU-PRESBYTERIAN PARTNERSHIP

Trinity Partnership with Chenoa Stock and her husband, José Luis Claure (Jose)--PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers in Peru



Chenoa and José with Leandro

Dear Trinity United Presbyterian Church,

Greetings from St. Louis, MO! I can happily report that we arrived in late May, after Jose was finally scheduled for his immigrant visa interview in Bolivia and approved in late April. What a relief to have that step behind us! He has already received his Social Security card and will soon receive the official 'green' card, so we are grateful for movement and finalization of this long-delayed process. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers throughout it all.

We would ask for your continued thoughts and prayers for Peru, as the pandemic's devastating impacts continue there as it moves through its second, perhaps third, wave. The vaccination distribution is making progress but not as quickly as is needed, as the Delta variant is spreading in certain regions, causing fear of another outbreak and lockdown.

Peru is also awaiting the results of a very close presidential race, after run-off elections were held between two, polarizing candidates on June 6th. This election has demonstrated the deep-seated divisions within Peru, politically, economically and socially - all exacerbated by the pandemic. Even once the results are final, the president will have a lot on his/her agenda in order to heal and unite the country.

Peru-Presbyterian Partnership Continued in Global Connection News--

Pastor's Ponderings

Deb Bowsher



Dear Church,

Summertime, and the livin' is easy!

We no longer must wear masks. We are gathering in person for worship. We're even singing!



Life is good!

Of course, even amidst the wind and waves of the pandemic storm, life was good. God was with us. Comforting us and encouraging us through it all.

And now we've waded through the depths to the distant shore.

Of course, life isn't exactly as it was before:

- We're still sitting in pews so there's some safe air space around us.
- The Trinity Trio, along with Mindy, Barry and Kathy are providing the anthems.
- Cookie Coffees are rare.
- Some of us have moved to other towns.
- A few have passed on to the Church Triumphant.
- And some simply haven't yet felt comfortable enough to return to worship.

There've been other, less visible, changes too. As volunteers have retired from church cleaning duties, Building and Grounds has partnered with a class from Foxfire to clean the building each week. These students are learning the custodial trade, and Trinity is one of their practice sites. By mentoring these young people, the church is participating in a wonderful ministry!

B&G is also looking closely at the building's 40 year old mechanical systems. They intend to build a plan to keep them in tip-top shape – or replace them as needed.



The Social Media group is developing ideas to help everyone keep in touch electronically. And by everyone, I mean to include people who aren't members. After all, Christ's church has been called to share his message with the world. And by being an active presence online Trinity will touch people who might not ever cross our physical threshold. I say this knowing that during COVID our Facebook and website were visited by folks from across the US...And they probably still do!

Another group is working to offer fellowship and faith events for the 20-30-somethings of the church. Several people in this age bracket have said they'd enjoy something like that, but we haven't had a way to reconnect them with one another. (And then there was COVID, too!)

Last but not least, I'm looking into ways that could draw people who are in the "third thirty" of life together in meaningful ways that build community and bring joy to life between worship services. (More on this as time goes on!)

All this amidst taking a week or so away to celebrate my sister, Barb, to her new home and life in Las Vegas. She'd always said that once Mom and Dad were gone, she'd return to where her closest friends – and a large portion of our family on Dad's side - all live... To not have close relatives nearby will be a very different way of life. Yes, our concerns about COVID may be in the rearview mirror, but life changes because of those months continue to occur.

Summertime, and the livin' is easy? Ah well – busy anyway. Still: life is very GOOD!

Yet I wonder, what are you discovering about your life that is similar, but not quite the same, as before March of 2020? What differences are you experiencing? Are they short term or do you think they'll be what everyone is calling "the new normal"?



And it also bears asking if these changes are post-COVID experiences or if could they be just a part of life?

- My sister would have moved eventually anyway. But losing Dad to COVID certainly hurried that process up.
- This building is aging and mechanical systems do have a way of wearing out after 40 years.

And people – we wear out too. Sometimes it's just that after seven years of doing a task like cleaning the bathrooms or publishing the newsletter (Yes. Maggie has announced her pending retirement!) we yearn to try something

else... or we realize our bodies aren't what they were seven years ago.

Throughout his life, Jesus faced similar concerns. In Mark 4 the disciples were terrified when their boat was swamped during a violent storm (like COVID?) But their Lord was able to control the angry sea, and they all reached the other side of the lake in one piece... and great awe for the man who could tame the water.

He spoke about the life change that occurs when the farmer sows his seed. He reminded us that even though we can't see it, because of God's action life was burgeoning beneath the soil.

And Jesus totally altered life for one woman when he healed her suffering through years of hemorrhaging. Talk about facing a whole new world! Because of his gracious compassion she went from outcast to insider in a heartbeat!



Whether it's autumn, winter, spring, or summertime when the livin' is easy, change happens. *But we never face it alone.* For Jesus' Holy Spirit is with us and will be with us always. And because of that one fact I will always say, "Life is good!"

In Peace,

Rev./Pastor Deb.



Staying Connected at Trinity

Sermons and Special Music: The sermons and special music from each Sunday's worship service can be found on the church website – www.trinityup.org .

Newsletter Information: If you have information for the newsletter, please e-mail Maggie Nussbaum at nussmargan27@gmail.com , phone her at (740)-455-2004, text or call her at (740) 517-5779, or place a note in her mail slot in the office.

Bulletin Information, Concerns, Comments, or Questions: If you have information for the church bulletin, or if you wish to contact Pastor Deb, please call the church office at (740)-452-8482, call her cell at (614)-309-0417, or e-mail her at revdebbowsher@gmail.com .

Trinity Website

The Trinity website contains information about our church, sermons and special music from each Sunday's worship service, newsletters, photos, and other items of interest. You will also find a short profile of Chenoa Stock, the mission co-worker in Peru (formerly in Bolivia) whom we support, as well as pictures and additional newsletters she sends us on a regular basis. Check out the website at www.trinityup.org .

Follow Trinity on Social Media

Trinity has a social media presence with an official Facebook page. If you are a Facebook user please like and follow us.

This link will take you directly to Trinity's Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-United-Presbyterian-Church-117185184968159/?ref=br_rs

Notes and News

Message of Thanks

Thank you!

On behalf of the Guernsey-Muskingum Valley Association of Realtors, I would like to thank you for letting us use your facility for our blood drive! Well wishes!

Angi Nicholopoulos

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Connor Allison who was recently recognized by the Falls Township Fire Department, along with three fellow graduating seniors and another maintenance person, for helping to free the maintenance foreman from a mower which had flipped and pinned him underneath. Thank you to Connor and the others for their quick thinking and actions. They were each awarded the first ever Civilian Award of Heroism.

Thinking of Trinity

Pat Frederick often sends cards and notes to the church. These are posted on the bulletin board by the parlor. This note was in her latest card to Trinity. “You’re in my thoughts every day—Many Memories! Bless ya all!! Pat”

Summertime with the Women’s Bible Study

The Women’s Bible Study members will continue to meet in the shelter house during the summer on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. This is a time to gather in fellowship and share devotions, stories, and prayers in a relaxed environment. Please consider joining us during the summer when you are able, whether it is one week, several weeks, or every week.

Baptisms at Trinity

The Sacrament of Baptism was an important part of two services at Trinity this spring.

On Mother's Day (May 9th) Rome Corwin Combs Mancuso was baptized. Rome's parents are Brandon Mancuso and Julie Combs. Mary Flanagan, Rome's great-aunt, is his Trinity sponsor.

On Father's Day (June 20th) Gracie Elizabeth Brown was baptized. Gracie's parents are Dave and Katie Brown, and Lew and Terri Sidwell are her grandparents.

Each child received a certificate of baptism and a "board" book, Toddler Bible Storybook: Dive Deep into God's Story. They were also each given a flannel quilt made by Jeaneen Morland from the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

SAVE THE DATE!

Beginning July 25th, Rev/Pastor Deb intends to offer a six-week sermon series on the Six Great Ends of the Church!



"The What?" you say?

The Six Great Ends are a Mission Statement for Christ's body, the concerns we Reformed and Presbyterian folks hope to focus on in our faith lives as a people of God.

While the idea may seem bone-dry, how we live into each one can bring a vibrancy to the congregation that comes from being immersed in living water. And what better time than summer to linger in that water so we might produce a richer, fuller, more fruitful life together!

Christian Education News

Information submitted by Lou LeMaster

Notes from the Committee Meeting on May 5, 2021

Christmas in May: This committee annually sponsors a Christmas luncheon at our church, but the Pandemic, acting much like the Grinch, made it impossible to hold this event. Being stubborn, we now plan to have “Christmas in May.” On May 30th, immediately after church services, members may pick up box lunches prepared by Marilyn Royer. Thank you for all you do, Marilyn! You are appreciated!

If the weather is nice, one may choose to join fellow members at the shelter, or he/she may bring lawn chairs and find a shady, comfortable area to eat. A third choice, of course, is to take the box lunch home. All we can say is, “Have a belated Merry Christmas!”

Children’s Church: Our Children's Church is now active. Although not many youngsters have participated, we hope the word gets around that we're “open for business.”

Baptism: On Mothers' Day, May 9th, we were blessed to have a baptism at our church. A big “thank you” goes out to Kris Beebe for collecting a toddler's storybook, a blanket, and other such things which were presented to the parents in the name of the newly baptized child.

Graduations: Recognition of our graduates is still scheduled for June 13th. At the time of this meeting we had six graduates listed.

Ladies’ Bible Study: This group will continue to meet during the summer months. Each member will bring her own devotions, and weather permitting, they will meet at the shelter house. There is some discussion of bringing lunches to these get-togethers. If good food is available, an anonymous Committee Chairperson recommends the ladies invite the guys to some of the meetings (and, of course, share the goodies with them.)

Pentecost: Pentecost will be observed on Sunday, May 23rd. A note of thanks goes out to Kris Beebe and Bev LeMaster, who have volunteered to put together a three-dimensional display that will symbolize the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Next meeting: Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4th at 6 p. m.

***Just a thought: God always answers our prayers, but sometimes, in His great wisdom, says “No.”

Christmas in May Update-- We heard many good things about the dinner. We gave out 53 dinners, including 8 delivered to people not at church. Thank you to the following people who time or goodies for the meal: Kris Beebe, Deb Bowsher, Donna Foley, Bev LeMaster, Lou LeMaster, Marsha Mortimer, Charlene Noland, Maggie Nussbaum, Marilyn Royer, and Terri Sidwell.

Graduation Sunday

Information submitted by Kris Beebe

Graduation Sunday was held on June 13th with graduates recognized during the worship service.

Congratulations to our graduates!

High School: Connor Allison, Jack Tysinger, Anthony Estrada, Cameron Hill

College: Maria Johnson, Jenna Tysinger, Emily Makay Britton, Kayleigh Hill

Graduate Level: Clay Foster

Armed Forces: Jonathan Patterson (July 1st)

All listed graduates received a scarf from the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Graduates whose home church is Trinity United Presbyterian received these additional gifts:

High School--a parallel Bible with the NIV, NLT, NKJV, and The Message translations

College Degree (Associate or Bachelor's Degree) or Military Training—Make Your Bed by Admiral William H. McRaven

Master's Degree—Reforesting Faith by Matthew Sleeth

A "Grab and Go" reception for the graduates was held after the worship service. Thank you to those who contributed time or goodies for the recognition and reception. These included: Amanda Allison, Katherine Allison, Kris Beebe, Deb Bowsher, Bev LeMaster, Lou LeMaster, George Mangels, and the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

We also wish to recognize Nova Farley, a member of the Foxfire student cleaning team and recent graduate of Foxfire.



Trinity United Presbyterian Church Recognizes OUR 2021 Graduates!

HIGH SCHOOL

Connor Allison

West Muskingum High School
Plans to attend OSU Newark
with a focus on art
C J & Amanda Allison, parents
Katherine Allison, sister
Dorothy Allison, grandmother

Anthony Estrada

South Oldham High School
(Crestwood, KY)
Plans to attend University of
South Carolina
Shayne & Alicia (Good) Estrada, parents
Larry & Linda Good, grandparents

Cameron Hill

West Muskingum High School
Class President
Plans to attend The Ohio State University
Brian & Tracie Hill, parents
Kaleigh & Conner Hill, siblings
Nancy Thompson, grandmother

Jack Tysinger

Zanesville High School
Plans to attend Zane State College
in Electrical Engineering
Jeff & Loni Tysinger, parents
Jenna Tysinger, sister
Jim & Dedi Spargrove, grandparents

COLLEGE

Emily Makay Britton

East Tennessee State University
Bachelor's Degree – Special Education
Teacher
Accepted job offer near home
Chad & Vicki (Vandenbark) Britton, parents
Erin Elizabeth & Samuel Walker Britton, siblings
Dale & Kay Vandenbark, grandparents

Clay Foster

Ohio University
Master's Degree in Public Administration
Employed by Columbus Police Dept.
Perry Foster, wife
Dave & Susan Foster, parents

College

Kaleigh Hill

The Ohio State University
cum laude in Agricultural Economics
Brian & Tracie Hill, parents
Cameron & Conner Hill, brothers
Nancy Thompson, grandmother

Maria Johnson

University of Mount Union
Exercise Science Major
Biology & Psychology Minors
Plans to attend Walsh University
for Physical Therapy School
Joe & Anna Johnson, parents
David & Aaron Johnson, brothers
Merle & Dora Taylor, grandparents

Jenna Tysinger

Ohio University - Zanesville
B. S. in Psychology
Plans to attend Muskingum University
for a Master's in Education, Intervention
Specialist
Jeff & Loni Tysinger, parents
Jack Tysinger, brother
Jim & Dedi Spargrove, grandparents

Jonathan Patterson

Fort Eustis
UH-60 Blackhawk Maintainer
Considering law enforcement or auto mechanics
Tim & Mindy Patterson, parents
Kaylan, Matthew & Mark Patterson, siblings
Richard & Glee Patterson, grandparents



Global Connection News

Peru-Presbyterian Partnership—Continued from Page 1

Our partners have continued on in their ministry since the beginning of the pandemic and continue now, even amidst political instability. We will also continue on in our ministry while we are in the US, as all ministry and interactions remain virtual. Our partners of the Evangelical Church of Peru opened their theological institutions at the beginning of the year, and are offering long and short-term Bible courses for students and adults. Some travel to isolated communities to facilitate seminars and Bible studies for members of the IEP's Women League who cannot travel. They shared with us that church members are excited and spiritually fulfilled to receive these courses and the Word of God in fellowship yet again.

God is good, and God's Word continues to be shared by our partners and heard by their members.

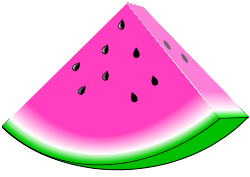
Thank you for your accompaniment of our ministry and our partners throughout these years. Your prayers and correspondences are our strength and encouragement during these challenging times.

You all remain in our prayers as well.

Peace and blessings,
Chenoa



Stock Family-- reunited after three and a half years



July Birthdays and Anniversaries

1: John Myers

3: Dale Vandembark
Makenzie Vandembark

7: *Todd & Kathy Hixson*

9: *Larry & Becky Welch*

10: Judith Bates*
Jeff & Laloni Tysinger

13: Kay Vandembark

15: *Philip & Julie MacLaine*

16: Donald Noland

17: Gregory Starkey

20: Susan Foster

25: Craig Baldwin

26: Gretchen Sayre*

27: Adam Cook
Tim & Mindy Patterson

* 80 years or older

** Over 50 Years of Marriage

*** Golden Anniversary

If you notice a missing birthday or anniversary,
please notify the church office.

Unable to Attend

Helen Purcell: Ann Nicholas

Primrose: Kate Saunders

Home: John Dixon

Home: Dorbie Littick



August Birthdays and Anniversaries

2: *Barry & Cindy Sheets*

4: Bill Miska*

5: Janie McLoughlin

6: *Adam & Katie Cook*

7: Benjamin Baldwin
Jared & Karen Cox
Todd Hixson

9: Bob Jenkins

10: James Spargrove

15: Olivia Thompson
Patty Van Horn

18: Jim Schumacher*

21: Lori McLoughlin

22: *John & Linda Taylor***

28: *David & Elva Frick****

30: Deb Bowsher

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.



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