

### LOOKING FORWARD

Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>—Choir rehearsals will resume.

Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>—A Tailgate Party will follow the worship service. See the Christian Education News for more information.

Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>—The September Ladies' Luncheon will be held in the Youth Room beginning at 11:00 a.m. This will be a time of fellowship and reconnecting with one another, as well as a time to look at ideas for Bible study and other activities. Members of the Women's Bible Study will provide a light lunch. All women of the church are invited, and feel free to invite a guest. A sign-up sheet will be on the easel bulletin board in the narthex.

**Early October -November 10<sup>th</sup>**— **Operation Christmas Child**—See the Mission and Church Life News for details.

**Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>—SOUPer Bowl.** See the Mission and Church Life News for more information.

# **Trinity Triumph**

## September/October 2019

### **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

Saludos, Trinity United Presbyterian Church!

I hope this finds you well and keeping cool this summer. If it were possible, I would send you some of our chilly weather down here. Hopefully cooler days are to come soon! Today I write as we prepare for our final travel next week to the jungle town of Moyabamba with a church delegation. It will be our first time in this area, so we are looking forward to getting to know more of Peru and our partners!

We have learned a lot during this delegation 'season' and have met some beautiful and faith-filled people. Since I last wrote we have traveled with two groups. The first group was from Sharon Presbyterian Church (NC). During our time in the mountains of Ayacucho, we worked alongside women who have suffered domestic violence in putting up netted roofs for their home family gardens. We connected with these women because they are part of a community group and a Joining Hands partner, Peace and Hope. They were filled with gratitude for our presence and support, as were we for their sharing with us, given the great obstacles they have overcome as isolated victims. I am always amazed and inspired when I see God's hands and feet coming together to carry out God's mission of love and accompaniment.

Chenoa's column continues in the Mission and Church Life News.

### Pastor's Ponderings

Deb Bowsher

August, 2019

Dear Church,

This first month with you all here in Zanesville has flown by! I'm finding that even in the dog days of summer you are an energetic and active group of people!

You're also thoughtful. Your care for one another runs deep. Already, with home cooked meals, flowers, and especially prayers, you've supported several members who've faced serious medical concerns. And now I am honored that you've extended that care to me as I try to transition here from "up north." You have made so many offers of assistance as I shuttle my belongings here, and words of encouragement have filled my ears. You bless us all with your presence. Thank you for being the good and faithful servants God has asked you to be!

Your words to me haven't stopped with personal support. Some of you have voiced appreciation for the sermons I've shared. Others have noted that they do (or do not) enjoy the time of sharing joys and concerns during our services.

No matter what your thoughts are, I am always glad to hear them – especially when they focus on something so vitally important as how we worship God!

It's those worship services I wanted to write about today. You've noticed that I have been trying out some different approaches to how we experience the service together. You see, I believe that worship is a living, breathing experience in which we actively lift our hearts to God. Yes, sometimes we need solace and comfort so we say the prayers and sing the hymns that we know by heart. Sometimes we just need to let God wash over us without having to think about it. <u>That's ok!</u> Experiencing the service this way can be meditative, reassuring and good!

But (you knew there was a "but" coming, right?) sometimes we need to wake ourselves and speak with our living God in more energetic ways. And so, we speak words we don't know by heart or follow a worship order that seems a bit different. In so doing our hearts become open to God in different ways and suddenly, we may hear some surprises in what God is saying to us today.

So, all of these new practices are being tested so that we can, as one body, discern how we best worship our Lord and Savior together - and hear God's truth for the living of these days most fully.

That said, here's a little background on some of the worship ways we are trying out:

- Instead of calling the message a sermon, I've named it "The Word Interpreted." That's what my words are to be after all an interpretation of God's word to God's people. This time is an invitation to consider how God speaks to us in this place and in this time. It's designed to open us to conversation, maybe even debates among ourselves! (And yes, Presbyterians love to debate!)
- At the beginning of the service, we're now seeking to focus our hearts toward God by sharing in a prayer or Psalm of the Day.
- Sometimes, especially on days when we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we're remembering our nature as flawed human beings who live in a flawed culture. This time helps us cleanse our hearts to be ready to be in communion with God.
- We've also voiced a prayer together in thanksgiving for the holy meal that strengthens us for the faith journey ahead.
- Most recently we've begun to open our hearts to God's word through a prayer offered up by the liturgist before the first reading of God's word.

In the coming weeks we may try more congregational participation in speaking our praise during the Lord's Supper, or perhaps other new hymns. And we may affirm our faith using language from not just the Apostles' Creed, but from one of our other eleven PC(USA) confessions (yes, we have that many!).

Such changes are challenging. So, I promise to continue sounding out ideas with the worship committee first. I also promise to NOT try too many more things too quickly. For instance, if we are going to sing a new hymn, we'll try to sing new words to a familiar tune or find ways to use it in other services. If we are going to say new words together during the service, they will be printed in the bulletin so everyone can follow along comfortably.

And most important of all, PLEASE talk with me or a worship committee member if there is something you love or are less than comfortable with. That way they and I can consider how best to address these concerns. Though I am not a mind reader, I truly want worship to be meaningful to everyone and will work to make it so. You have called me to be your pastor, and I intend to honor that call thoughtfully, with as much compassion and love as you have shown me.

Blessings upon you, dear church. I look forward to serving with you and worshipping God with you each Sunday!

In Peace,

Pastor/Rev. 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 – <u>www.trinityup.org</u>.

**Newsletter Information:** If you have information for the newsletter, please e-mail Maggie Nussbaum at <u>nussmargan27@gmail.com</u>, phone her at (740)-455-2004, 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 <u>revdebbowsher@gmail.com</u>.

### **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 <u>www.trinityup.org</u>.

### 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

We hope the Facebook page will be of interest and useful for our Trinity Family members. Scripture readings and sermon topics are currently posted two or three days before each Sunday's worship service. News of upcoming events and other timely news items are posted, as well.

### **News and Notes**

#### Pieceable Quilters Auction—Saturday, October 5th

This is a fund raiser for the quilt guild that meets here at TUPC each month. They use the funds raised for various activities including making quilts for the Red Cross, military appreciation quilts and educational activities for guild members. You are cordially invited to view the items beginning at 9:00 a.m. with live bidding opening at 10:00 a.m. There will be a silent auction and box lunches available. If you have any questions, please contact Kris Beebe.

#### **Thank You**

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and thoughts during my recovery. I am slowly returning to all my activities, and praise the Lord for His care during my time of need.

Kris Beebe

#### **Snack Fellowship Hour**

The Snack Fellowship Hour after church currently has six (6) groups of four people which amounts to 24 participants. Another group of four would be helpful so each group would be asked to share a snack every eight weeks or so.

If you are not in one of the groups and would like to help establish a seventh group for this program, please contact Ray Mennega after church or call him at (740) 704-4810. Please leave a message if there is no answer. Thank you.

### **Christian Education News**

Kris Beebe

#### **Tailgate Party**

Christian Education will host a tailgate party on September 8<sup>th</sup> after the worship service. We hope to be in the shelter house!

Please plan to come. There will be a sign-up sheet on the easel bulletin board in the narthex if you would like to add a picnic style dish to the affair! A dish is not required as we will have plenty - we always do!

Come join the fun and maybe play some corn hole. Celebrate the beginning of the new school year and fall events with your church family.

#### **CROP** Walk

The CROP walk is taking place on October 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a nice walk on the bike/walking path along the Muskingum River. It begins at Zane Landing where the Lorena is located. You may walk as far as you wish, and the start time is 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in walking for the TUPC team, please see Kris Beebe. We collect donations to go in part to the local food centers for those in need. If you cannot walk and would like to make a donation, we will have a jar available in October.

### **Mission and Church Life News**

Maggie Nussbaum

**Tri-Giving Offering** –Our Tri-Giving Offering recipient for September through December will once again be Bethel Community Center, an outreach program of Rolling Plains UMC. The center has offered after-school and mentoring programs, 4-H and Girl Scout groups, and classes to help families with cooking and other skills. This summer neighborhood residents near the center planted and tended gardens and harvested a variety of produce items. Relationships continue to be built among volunteers and all who participate in the projects and activities.

**SOUPer Bowl** –The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual SOUPer Bowl Luncheon will be held Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds of the SOUPer Bowl benefit the four hot meal programs in Muskingum County, as well as Eastside Community Ministry. More information will be made available through the bulletin and announcements during September and October.

Below are several ways that you can assist in this county-wide project supported by churches and corporate sponsors.

-Contribute two dozen homemade cookies. As a sponsoring church, we are asked to provide 22 dozen cookies.

-Contribute a gift card of any denomination for any place which will be added to one or two decorated containers of gift cards. Raffle tickets for chances to win this container of gift cards will be sold.

-Purchase Pay-It-Forward Tickets (to be given to patrons of the hot meal programs who would not be able to afford a ticket) or Presale Tickets. These will be sold October 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> before and after worship.

-Attend the SOUPer Bowl for an opportunity to support others while enjoying a time of fellowship.

-Volunteer to work a shift at the SOUPer Bowl. See Maggie if you would like to volunteer.

**Operation Christmas Child** –Operation Christmas Child will begin in early October, and Trinity's involvement will conclude on November 10<sup>th</sup>. This project sends shoeboxes packed with an assortment of items to children around the world. More information will be made available at a later date. You may participate in this project in three different ways.

-Pack a shoebox, a sturdy plastic shoebox, or a supplied Operation Christmas Child box with appropriate items. Suggestions and guidelines will be available as we begin this project. (There is a limited number of available Operation Christmas Child boxes. I am using up the ones we have and did not want to order a whole carton yet. Therefore, we are on a first come-first serve basis for those.)

-Donate appropriate items to be packed with other donated items.

-Donate money to help with the cost of shipping or purchasing additional items.

#### Peru-Presbyterian Partnership—Continued from Page 1

We also visited an association of people with disabilities and special needs, which was founded by Pastor Samuel Montes, a long-time partner of Sharon Presbyterian Church. We spent time with the members and helped them with some work tasks, such as dyeing wool and spooling yarn for future domestic training sessions, one of the main foci of this association. But we mainly just laughed and played with the members, sharing our love for them amidst the marginalization they daily experience in a country that does not offer them the rights they deserve. Again, sharing God's love to society's deemed 'outcast' through our presence and support.

After this uplifting journey, we took another one with a group from First Presbyterian Church Jackson (TN). With this team, we again made the six-hour, curvy-road, mountainous journey from Cusco to the high jungle of Quillabamba to serve at the Evangelical Church of Peru's (IEP) Bible Institute. During our time there, a medical team gave a CPR course to members of the IEP Women's Bible League. They were there to empower these women with medical knowledge, given the women's important role in the household and family. They learned basic CPR and First Aid tools, as well as had the time to practice them as a group. The rest of the church team was assigned labor work for needed tasks on the Bible Institute's land - planting banana and coconut trees around its perimeter, building a rock wall to protect the institute from rain landslides, repairing a water pipe and chopping wood. As each of these teams worked alongside their Peruvian partners, one could see and experience the giving and receiving that is always present in God's mutual mission.

Both of these church teams faithfully return each year at the invitation of their Peruvian partner. After so many years of developing their partnerships, they know very well that their presence and accompaniment, their listening to and understanding the issues of their partners, not the actual 'work' that they do while here, is what is most important to make the partnership strong and lasting. God's mutual mission could work no other way.

Just as you hopefully learn a bit about Peru through my newsletters, I learn a bit about you all and your church mission through yours. And in that exchange, we all become greater and stronger in God's global mission. Thank you for your support, your prayers and for accompanying my family here in our mission. Leandro is 19 months now and continues to be an active, curious, chatty and independent boy. I look forward to when you can meet him and Jose!

In the meantime, may our partnership continue to grow.

Peace and blessings,

Chenoa

#### Thank You from First Putnam Overnight Shelter

As always, I (Maggie) was greeted with hugs, smiles, and gratitude from the secretary at First UMC when I dropped off items from our June collection for the overnight shelter. Below is a thank you note from Marilyn, the church secretary.

Friends,

You are amazing!!! The garbage bags and kitchen bags are wonderful.....the paper towels are so needed too. The water will be perfect now that summer has hit Ohio. The shelter guests were much pleased with the dish cloths and we needed dish soap. Those bowls are just perfect, too. The shoes will be given out as there is a need...and there will be one guaranteed. You have us all set for months to come!!! The money I will not have to spend will go for other expenses...that is a good thing.

Blessings to you for blessing the shelter with your love and generosity. It is appreciated.

Marilyn Moody

**Other Thank You Notes** –Words or letters of gratitude are always expressed from the various agencies we support with either monetary offerings, budgeted contributions, or items we have collected. The generosity of the congregation is acknowledged and greatly appreciated as we reach out to be good neighbors and servants of God. This summer we collected items for the food pantry at Coburn UMC and school supplies for Tools for School, as well as the needed items for the First Putnam Overnight Shelter.

**S.O.A.P. (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution)**—Human trafficking continues to be a problem in our society. On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Mission and Church Life Committee is sponsoring a "hands on" project in which our congregation members are able to participate after the worship service. Small bars of soap with hotline numbers for victims to call for help are placed in hotel or motel rooms in high trafficking areas around the country. Our project will be to affix labels to 1,000 bars of soap and return them so that volunteers may distribute them to hotels or motels. A short background and story of this project will be presented in the Minute for Mission message during several worship services to promote more of an understanding of this issue.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1: Maggie Nussbaum Aaron Thompson Molly Thompson Dave & Susan Foster
- 3: Duane & Diane Bunker\*\*
- 4: Marsha Mortimer Dale & Kay Vandenbark\*\*
- 8: Megan Garber
- 9: Kris Beebe
- 10: Graham Robb\* Richard & Glee Patterson
- 11: Clyde Morland\* Tara Poorman Darell Smith\*
- 12: Marilyn Royer Kate Saunders\* Steven & Julie Maneely
- 14: Steve Baldwin Tom & Tara Poorman
- 15: Karen Newsom
- 17: Devin & Lucinda Ardrey

- 18: Jenna Tysinger
- 19: Charlene Noland Larry Welch
- 23: Sally Schumacher
- 24: Jim Frederick\*
- 25: Aidan Cavanaugh

\* 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 & Helen Dixon
Home: Russ & Clara Mae Hansen
Home: Dorbie Littick



### **October Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 2: Ally MacLaine Melanie Poorman 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 AllisonDavid FrickJeffrey Taylor
- 21: Clara Hansen\* Herbert Hicks\*

- 25: Karen Cox Jim Wright\*
- 26: Keith Van Horn
- 27: Kaleigh Hill Dave Purkey
- 30: *Jim & Elaine Williams*
- 31: Elaine Williams
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### **Our Worship Leaders**

September Worship Leaders

Head Usher: Richard Patterson

	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
1	Jeaneen Morland & Marsha	John & Donna Myers, Marilyn Royer	Marshall Hightower
	Mortimer		
8	John & Donna Myers	Hinda Ardrey, Tim Patterson, Dedi	Ray Mennega
		Spargrove	
15	Mary Flanagan & Nancy	Larry Good, Charlene Noland, Frank	Bev LeMaster
	Killian	Walburg	
22	Larry & Becky Welch	Nancy Killian, Lew & Terri Sidwell	Hinda Ardrey
29	Larry & Linda Good	Ray Mennega, Bill Miska, Marsha	Anna Johnson
		Mortimer	

**October Worship Leaders** 

Head Usher: Larry Welch

	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
6	Darell & Barb Smith	Tim Patterson, Marilyn Royer, Dedi Spargrove	Joe Johnson
13	Dorothy Allison & Arlene Crooks	Nancy Killian, John & Donna Myers	Richard Patterson
20	Devin & Lucinda Ardrey	Hinda Ardrey, Larry Good, Barbara Hightower	Tim Patterson
27	Marsha Mortimer & Donna Steinman	Ray Mennega, Charlene Noland, Marilyn Royer	Lew Sidwell

**Note**: If you are unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please do these two things. <u>First</u>: Contact someone who will trade Sundays with you **or** will fill in for you. <u>Second</u>: Notify the pastor or the church office of the change.

Note: The head usher serves as an usher each Sunday.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship (Communion)	2 7:00 p.m. NA	3	4 6:00 p.m. Christian Ed. 7:00 p.m.	5 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Genesis Café)	6	9:00 a.m3:00 p.m. PQ (Feather-
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl (at Helen Purcell Home)			Choir 7:00 p.m. NA	5:30 p.m. WW 6:00 p.m. PQ	7:00 p.m. NA	weight Group)
8 8:00 Bells of Praise 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	9 1-7 p.m. Red Cross 6:00 p.m. Grief	10 5:00 p.m. Mission and Church Life 6:00 p.m.	11 6:15 p.m. Worship and Music	12 11:00 a.m. Ladies' Luncheon (Youth Room)	13	14
Tailgate Party (following worship service)	Share (Parlor) 7:00 p.m. NA	Deacons 7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds	7:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. NA	5:30 p.m. WW	7:00 p.m. NA	
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22 8:00 Bells of Praise 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship S.O.A.P Mission	23 1-7 p.m. Red Cross 6:00 p.m. Grief Share (Adornetto's)	24	25 7:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. NA	26 11:00 a.m. WBS 4:00 p.m. MBS 5:30 p.m. WW	27	28
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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.



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