



# Trinity Triumph

September/October 2021

## TRINITY MISSION STATEMENT

“Making strong and committed followers of Jesus the Christ through life-long discipleship training, community involvement, and Christian fellowship.”

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



**Chenoa and José with Leandro**

Hello, Trinity United Presbyterian Church,

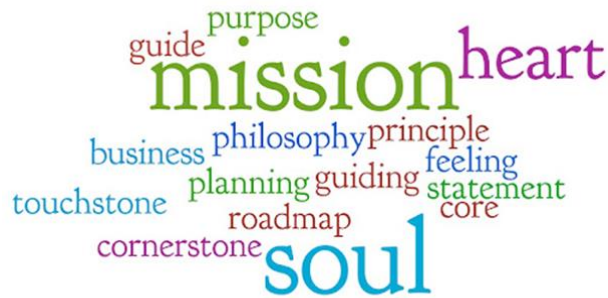
I hope this finds you all well and keeping cool while you enjoy your summer days. Our family is still in the Midwest with my parents and doing our best to survive the humidity. We are grateful for the time we have spent with family (and outdoors!) throughout these months, as we continue to work virtually with our partners in Peru.

Six long and complicated weeks after the run-off presidential elections in early June, the Peruvian Election Board declared Pedro Castillo, an unknown educator from the highlands, as president. He was inaugurated on July 28<sup>th</sup> and has since been choosing his cabinet and revealing his agenda. Castillo is considered a moderate left candidate and is not very popular, as only a little over 50% of the population voted for him. He is governing a Peru that is clearly divided, not only due to the exacerbated inequality that the pandemic created, but also politically and economically. His plans to re-write the Constitution and declarations to have tighter control over private companies has many worried, causing daily protest marches throughout the country. All of this is occurring amidst an imminent third wave of COVID-19 infections around the country. We pray for wisdom for Peru's new leaders.

**The Peru-Presbyterian Partnership Column continues in the Global News.**

# Pastor's Ponderings

Deb Bowsher



**Mission statements.** Ugh! We've been hearing about them for years.

They're sentences that remind us of who we are, where we're going and how we might get there.

Usually, they are prepared by several interested members of a given group. And even though they are meant to be a helpful living document, once accepted they are often forgotten about.

Though not official, the PC(USA) tends to think of *The Six Great Ends of the Church* as its mission statement. These six ideals were designed to help church members focus on fulfilling Jesus' hope for us. They were first adopted by the United Presbyterian Church of North America – one of the PC(USA)'s predecessors – 111 years ago.

But the concept they actually embody harkens back another 263 years to 1647 when the Church of Scotland established the *Westminster Confession* as the standard code for the Reformed faith.

Presbyterians like things like this. We have *Confessions of Faith* that help us interpret biblical scripture. They're documents like the Apostles' Creed and the Confession of 1967. The Bible is still the prime authoritative witness to the Word of God as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. But the *Confessions* help us apply God's word to our daily life.

The *Great Ends* aren't a Confession of our denomination. We don't recite them in worship. However, these words are from our constitution, the *Book of Order*. They list out who we seek to be as Christ's Reformed and Presbyterian body in this world. And they are something we seek to embody as we seek to be church together.

So, what do they say? *The Six Great Ends of the Church* are:

- 1) The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind.
- 2) The shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God.
- 3) The maintenance of divine worship.
- 4) The preservation of the truth.
- 5) The promotion of social righteousness and
- 6) The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

The *Ends* take Scripture into account and are a fairly comprehensive list of what we want to provide, be, or do as God's Reformed and Presbyterian people.

A while back, members of Trinity United Presbyterian Church developed a mission statement for this congregation. Its words state who we - a particular group of PC(USA) church folk - intend to be. It seeks to state how we'll know we've moved towards the "*end* we have in our minds, hearts, and souls."

Like *the Great Ends*, I believe it's time we called this statement back into active use among us. After all, if we don't know where we're trying to go, how will we know if we get there or not?



So what does our statement say? Here it is:

**“Making strong and committed followers of Jesus the Christ through life-long discipleship training, community involvement, and Christian fellowship.”**

As a living document that we want to live into, each of us needs to ask some questions of ourselves in relationship to the *Six Great Ends* and the *Trinity Mission Statement*.

- A)** Are we living up to the ideals it brings to light? Are we actively trying to fulfill the ideals it contains?
- B)** It seems to support the ideals of the Great Ends, but is it as complete as we believe it should be?
- C)** Are there things about it that are no longer pertinent?

How we answer these questions *might* make a difference in how we move forward in the future. But even if they don't, doing our best to live into each of them will help us remain true to Christ and his commandments to us. And being faithful to him is really what being his follower is all about!



“Lives Well Lived”  
Ephesians 4:1–16  
Gospel John 6:24–35  
Dr. James A. Schumacher

August 1, 2021 (Sermon at Brighton Presbyterian)

Check Up

Today’s epistle lesson brought me up short! Of course, it seemed familiar! After all, it’s in the Bible! Preachers are supposed to know that stuff! But, wait a minute! Really, it’s more than just that. The fourth chapter of the Ephesian Letter comes echoing for me out of my past.

Would you believe it? This is just the text chosen for my ordination late in September in the year of our Lord, 1959!

The curtains of my memory draw back, and I can see it like it was yesterday. Freshly graduated from Princeton that year, I still had to pass ordination exams. Except, by this time, even that was embarrassing.

Why? I hadn’t yet passed my ordination exams! Think about it! I’d just been called as pastor to Rochester, Indiana’s First Presbyterian Church. World Communion Sunday was drawing close, and I wasn’t street-legal! What if I flunked?

It took me three days working through Logansport Presbytery’s exam. And, truth-be-told, there were some scary moments. “Describe the contents and the message of the Book of Malachi!” For a moment, my brain froze! What in the world?! Then, ever so slowly, something began to click and I started writing as fast as I possibly could. That was a close call but, wonder-of-wonders, I passed!

Came the great day, I finally was ordained in my brand new pulpit just before World Communion Sunday. The Rev. Mayo Yates Smith preached the day’s sermon, basing his remarks on exactly the same passage in Ephesians I find myself reading today!

Sixty-two years have come and gone. Well, I can almost hear Rev. Smith asking me, “What do you have to say for yourself?” Today’s sermon provides my answer.

During the corona virus, newscasters ended their program talking about what they called, “Lives Well Lived.” That’s really what all of us want. Certainly, after some six decades, that’s what I would like. But how should that be measured?

## Looking Forward

The tricky business of measuring human life depends largely on where you happen to be in living. Early on, the future's brimming with unanswered questions. What should I do? Where will I go? Who'll go with me? Do I have to go alone?

Coming of age in the late 1940s and 50s, some answers seemed preordained. You go to school, do the best you could, hope for the best. Somewhere along the line — if things go well — you meet the person you're supposed to marry and have 2.5 children.

In 1951 — as a high school junior — I found myself at Dayton's Westminster Church answering questions from our presbytery about how it was I found myself called to become a pastor. I remember saying something like this.

“From childhood on, I've lived with war. No sooner was WW II over than Russians came up with the nuclear and then the hydrogen bomb. How many will even get to grow up? Christ, I believe is the only real answer. I want to be part of the answer. I do not want to be part of the problem.”

I passed.

My brother Dick and I grew up in a church with 2,000 members. Graduating from seminary, I didn't really understand small churches. That took some learning! My first church had 250 members. I thought it was tiny! Little did I know then! In the 50s, churches were important. I remember being asked to do devotions at the high school over their PA system. That didn't last long!

What were our dreams back then? We longed for racial equality, though our congregations didn't always agree. We hoped for church unity and talked about the Ecumenical renewal of the Church. Both our Presbyterian Confession of 1967, and the Catholic Second Vatican Council were steps along the road. Yet all the while, divisions plagued Christians of every sort and kind.

What a world! We lived through Vietnam and Kent State. As I worked on my doctorate at Northwestern, George Lincoln Rockwell led American Nazis through the streets of Skokie. The Chicago Democratic Convention in 1968 proved a debacle. The Nixon years? Who would have believed it? And, while all of that was going on, America landed men on the moon and brought them all home again in 1969! Even the Berlin Wall finally came down, crushed by its own, Communistic weight!

When we first heard about Woodstock, with the theme, “Sex, Drugs, & Rock and Roll,” I turned to my wife and said, “Well, there goes the ball game!” Sadly, it now seems I was right! Who could have predicted the devastating effect of drugs on American lives?

All of that describes both how we thought life might be, and how it developed over time. Were we frustrated? You bet! Were we occasionally surprised when things turned out better than we hoped? True enough.

## Looking Back

Strangely enough, no sooner do I attempt describing our dreams in a bygone day, when all of that gets mixed in with future doubts and challenges. In a very real way, we measure our lives not only by our successes, but also with our failures. It would be wonderful to say we won the world for Christ. In reality, we're still busy trying to do just that. In the meantime, we discovered both our weaknesses and our strengths.

In the church, our responsibility was to do exactly what Ephesians challenged us to do.

Ephesians 4:11–13 (NRSV): <sup>11</sup> The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

The work of ministry has always been tasked with equipping all the saints (and — believe it or not — that's you!) for the work of ministry. Still the church remains the body of Christ present in our everyday world. The task of ministry is to see that — in all the world's distractions — Christ isn't left behind.

## Lives that Matter

How — right now — are we to speak for Jesus Christ in a world that so often leaves Him far behind? Ephesians leaves no doubt at all:

Ephesians 4:25–32 (NRSV): <sup>25</sup> So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup> Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

For me, these words are just as relevant today as they were 62 years ago. Like so much in Christian faith, it only takes a moment to remember them. The amazing truth is, it takes a whole life to find their meaning.

Amen

## 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](http://www.trinityup.org) .

**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](mailto: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](http://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.

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## News and Notes

**Editor's Note**—Everything in our lives has a season, and my season as volunteer newsletter editor is coming to completion. I am looking forward to using my time, talents, and undiscovered creativity in new and different ways. Although I advised Session of my plans several months ago, I recently found this quote, which is quite appropriate for this decision. “Let yourself move to the next chapter in life when the time comes. Don’t remain stuck on the same page.” (Unknown source or author)

So, one never knows where I might be blooming next, either at Trinity or in the community. I guess we, including myself, will all discover this together.

Maggie

**Important!**—If you are leaving the building through a locked door or locking the door as you leave, please double check that it is really locked. Thank you.

**Thank you**—We received a thank you note for our recent budgeted gift to Christ’s Table. They were especially thankful for our support during the pandemic. To highlight some of their communication, it was expressed that the doors opened again on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, allowing the guests to come inside for the camaraderie and sense of community. They come to Christ’s Table hungry not only for food, but for this opportunity to sit down for a meal together. Feeding the masses out the back door is not who Christ’s Table is, and the guests, volunteers, and staff are elated to be back to “normal.”



# Christian Education News

Information Submitted by Kris Beebe and Lou LeMaster

## Mission News from Christian Education Committee

Organizers are hoping two annual events are moving away from the virtual events of last year.

First is the **Crop Walk**, a local event to raise monies to feed people locally and world-wide. We encourage anyone interested to join us for the walk beginning at 1:30 p.m. on **Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Lorena end of the Zane Landing bike and walk path. We will have sign-up sheets in the narthex beginning September 19<sup>th</sup>. You can also sponsor a walker individually or donate to the “jar” by the church. Last year we raised more than ever, and we only had 5 walkers that walked around the church and the art museum-- so any donation is helpful. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds stay in Muskingum County and is split between Christ’s Table and the Salvation Army. **Checks can be made payable to CROP WALK.** If you have questions, Kris Beebe is Trinity’s contact.

Second is the **SOUPer Bowl Luncheon**. Currently the SOUPer Bowl is being planned for **Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**. Maggie Nussbaum is the contact person, and she will keep us updated on how the luncheon will be handled this year. It is tentatively set to be in person, but this could change closer to the date. The proceeds from the SOUPer Bowl stay in Muskingum County and will be divided among the same 5 recipients as in the past—Christ’s Table, Eastside Community Ministry, The Fellowship of Christ’s Community, Muskingum County Senior Center, and the Salvation Army.

## CE Happenings

The July wiener roast handled by our Deacons was a grand success. Thank you, Deacons!

Mark Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> for another **wiener roast** in the shelter house – weather permitting! This time you may bring a side dish of your choosing – just please sign up in the narthex on the easel board so the committee knows what sides they need to balance out the meal. We will have people to serve the food to limit handling of utensils and be safer. Dogs can be roasted, or we will have grilled ones available. More information will be available as we get closer. Meat, buns, condiments, and water will be provided by CE committee. Hope to see you then! If you have questions, please contact Bev or Kris.

On November 14<sup>th</sup> church members will make **deliveries of “goodies” to First Responders**. Hopefully, some of the youngsters and their parents can make some of the deliveries.

As we gear up for fall, we are planning some other activities to encourage fellowship and education – at the same time! If you have suggestions please contact Bev or Lou LeMaster or Kris Beebe.

Next meeting for CE Committee: Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6 p.m.

# Emergency Response Committee News

Submitted by Jane Reed

## Safety Tips from the Emergency Response Committee...

- Do you know where your nearest exit and fire extinguisher are in case of a fire?

\*Hint...Look in the front of the sanctuary by the pulpit and exit, or by the elevator outside the parlor.

- What should I do if there is a tornado warning while in church?

\*Hint...Go to fellowship hall via stairs. ***No elevator during severe weather!***

Can't do stairs? Meet in the narthex, and an ERC member will direct you to the hallway by the offices.

- What should I do if someone is having a medical emergency?

\*Hint...Call 911. Get the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) from the box labeled "AED" by the elevator outside the parlor. Start CPR if indicated.

- What should I do if a dangerous intruder or active shooter enters the church?

\*Hint...Run, Hide, Fight!

Don't forget to check out further information in the Emergency Response Plan. Copies are located in the wall pockets in the narthex.

***BE SAFE!***

# Global Connections

Information submitted by Maggie Nussbaum

Check out these notes from **Linda, our sponsored ChildFund child in Uganda**. Linda turned 10 years old in July.

Recently our sponsored child used a tablet equipped with the ChildFund Magic Adventure app to send us the following messages. (The *Triumph* editor performed some minimal, gentle editing.)

Dear Trinity United Presbyterian Church,

It is my pleasure writing to you once again I hope you are still doing good and healthy with your family. Back to me I am healthy too despite the second wave of the pandemic in our country. I am not yet vaccinated with my family members though we are still waiting for the vaccine from the government. Thank you so much for the birthday gift that you have sent to me. I have used it to buy a goat for rearing at home. Thank you once again for your caring heart for me always and may God bless you and your family richly.

Linda -- your special friend

Dear Trinity United Presbyterian Church,

It's always a pleasure and moment of true joy when I am communicating to you through this letter. Hope that you and your family are well and safe of this pandemic. Back to me I am healthy and safe, too. Thank you so much for the card that you have sent to me. It shows that you are thinking about me all day and night and I pray that God bless you and your family abundantly. Amen.

All with much love,

Linda -- your special friend



## Peru-Presbyterian Partnership—Continued from Page 1

Recently, our partner, the Peruvian Joining Hands Network (RUMP), of which our PERUSA ministry is a part, changed directors and is working on an evaluation of the program, as well as undergoing many changes to its structure and systems. We have been very focused on these tasks these past months, as we accompany the new director, Milushka, in understanding the program, its mission, and how to keep it relevant and beneficial for our partners in Peru. We pray for patience for RUMP's new leader.

Unfortunately, we continue to wait to hear from PC (USA) about hiring my husband, Jose, as a Mission Co-Worker to complete the team assignment to which we committed in 2019. He has held the necessary documentation since June, yet the current hiring freeze has put all contracts on hold. We thought that our situation was considered an exception, given we began our process well before the pandemic, but it seems that that is not the case. So, we continue to wait to hear from the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) about the process, but have no timeline as to when that will be. We pray for discernment for the leaders of PMA.

Thus, our family finds itself surrounded by various transitions, so we greatly appreciate the consistency of our partnership with you all and your prayers for us, our ministry, for Peru and our partners there. Thank you for accompanying us throughout these years and the many transitions we have faced and continue to face. Your support gives us strength and encourages us as we continue on in our ministry.

May you enjoy the rest of your summer.

God's blessings as a new church year soon begins.

Peace,  
Chenoa



RUMP - Members of the Peruvian Joining Hands Network (RUMP) carries out a strategic planning meeting, while also discussing the current political, social, and economic situation of the country. Jose is in the left frame of the middle row, and Chenoa is in the top right frame.



## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

1: Maggie Nussbaum  
Aaron Thompson  
Molly Thompson  
*Dave & Susan Foster*

3: *Duane & Diane Bunker\*\**

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

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



## 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*

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

**Building Faith-Filled  
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