

Trinity Memorial Church

Our Mission: To serve Christ passionately through self, family, parish & community.

Our Identity: A diverse people responding to God through worship & music, friendship & formation, generosity & service.

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

All people who call themselves “Christians” do not necessarily have the same motivation or purpose. One would think that the Christian scriptures present a rather straightforward aim, to live out the message of the closeness of God’s kingdom of love, as Jesus taught his disciples. If we call ourselves followers of Christ, we should imitate the *“author and perfecter of our faith”* (Hebrews 12:2) and *“walk in the same way as he walked.”* (1 John 2:6)

Jesus never involved himself in politics, although he was given plenty of opportunities. You might remember Jesus saying to those who tried to entrap him in politics of his time: *“Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.”* (Matthew 15:21b)

Jesus never forced or coerced anyone and refused to be made “king” of those who followed. *“When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.”* (John 6:15)

Jesus didn’t make people feel inferior or guilty, even if they chose not to embrace the message, instead he felt sad and even grieved for them. *“He [Jesus] came near and saw the city [Jerusalem], he wept over it, ⁴² saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.”* (Luke 19:41-42)

Finally, Jesus never justified violence to achieve an end or condoned violence in his disciples. As Jesus was arrested and one of his followers struck out with a sword, *“Jesus said to him [his disciple], “Put your sword back into its place, for all who take the sword will die by the sword.”* (Matthew 26:52)

It is always baffling to read about Christian churches trying to justify

Fr. Glenn's Message (Continued)

attempts to control school boards or governments. To serve or even lead with humility is a Christian calling, to rule others by imposing one's will and forcing partisan action is not. The only two commands Jesus expressed in the Gospels were for his disciples to love God and love one another. Just as an aside, it is the main reason I don't care for the term Rector, which comes from the Latin term "ruler".

As Christians we are most certainly called to live out what we believe. We are also called to be the "leaven" in the lump of dough, which is the society in which we live. We are called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, house the homeless, care for the sick, and stand up for justice and peace. Jesus warned his followers to *"beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves."* ¹⁶ *You will know them by their fruits.*" (Matthew 7: 15-16)

God bless and keep you this Summer!

Glenn+

Celebrations	
Birthdays	Anniversaries
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 04 Roxe-Anne Lyn 08 Dan Hill 09 Randy Frye 10 Brad Bennett 10 Jack Miller 11 David Rexer 20 Joan Lacey 22 Mary Lou Faust 25 Kevin Bryant 27 Matthew Hazen 27 Rick Lacey 	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01 Katherine Schroeder 03 Connie Alexander 03 Andrea Hill 06 Kennedy Gallagher 09 Darlene Croston 09 Bob Kuzia 11 Vicki Thierfelder 13 Andrew Seager 16 Bill Rexer III 17 Sandy Copeland 17 Naomi Miner-Mahaffey 18 Debbie Parmelee 20 Lisa Palmer 22 Carol Booth 26 Ferris Akel III 26 Edward Byron 27 Sharon Daniel 28 Judy Peckham 29 Sophia Miller 30 Louise Donohue <p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Akel, Ron & Beth (32 yrs) Donohue, Frank & Louise (50 yrs) Miller, Steve & Rebecca (25 yrs) Seager, Christopher & Rebecca Hill, Dan & Ginny (45 yrs) <p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zakrevsky, Jody & Alice Hunt, David & Diane (34 yrs) Koepfel, Peter & Drieux (42 yrs) Komar, Paul & Teri Goodall-Komar (28 yrs) Vankleeck, Robert & Karen (48 yrs) Keeler, Gregory & Pamela (34 yrs)

Please let us know of any updates or corrections to the lists!

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The need for food donations in our community is greater than ever. Please consider donating to hunger relief at the [Broome County Council of Churches](#), 3 Otseningo Street, Binghamton, NY 13903, or by contributing to our own Canteen effort and fund.

Tuesday Club

With all the joy of being together, we actually missed taking pictures of our May meeting! We had a truly a wonderful day. All of Tuesday Group helped. Pam Smith arranged flowers in a teacup for our guests to take home. The tables looked like spring. We hosted Carolyn Albaugh and her daughter Nancy and happily, Sandra Card joined us, as did Carol Robertson and her daughter Diane, and Barbara Manzo, who gave our blessing; Connie and Fred Alexander came home from their grandchildren's graduations just in time to join us. We missed Regina, Jo Anne, Nancy, and Diane all of whom were unable to attend.

We chatted about our lives at this point (all very uplifting) and our own Louise Donahue read us one of her short stories. We enjoyed delicious punch, sandwiches and cake. .It was a very happy day!

Our Hybrid Congregation

Join us from wherever you are, in person or remotely, in worship and many of our events.

Our 10:00 am worship service and many of our events are available for remote participation:

- **10:00 am live Worship Service:** on Trinity Memorial's [YouTube](#) page, look for: ***Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church - Live stream.***
- **10:00 am Worship Service replay:** services are available on [YouTube](#) for replay following the original live service.
- **Trinity Forum:** offered most Sundays from September to May; in person in our Common Room, or online at [TrinityZoom.org](#) . A replay of a Forum may be made available, at the discretion of the presenter, and time permitting, on our YouTube channel.
- If you are reading the Trinity Times online, you can simply find your way to our presence on the Internet by clicking on any of these links:
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 - Trinity Memorial's Forum recordings on YouTube: [Forum Playlist](#)
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Worship services ministries

July 2024	Altar Guild:	Gale Bump-Fortner, tba	
July 7		8:30 AM	10:00 AM
	Ushers	Members of the congregation	John Lynn, Roxe-Anne Lynn
	Acolyte		David Scone
	Worship Leader		John Chaffee
	Lector		Kathy Corse
	Eucharistic Ministers		John Chaffee, Peter Koeppel, Ken Lattimore, Bill Palmer, tba.
	Digital Minister		Rick Shumaker
	Coffee Hour		Jim Albert
July 14			8:30 AM
	Ushers	Members of the congregation	David Scone, Louise Akel
	Acolyte		Phyllis Amenda
	Worship Leader		Darlene Croston
	Lector		Marjorie Desai
	Eucharistic Ministers		Darlene Croston, Deb Parmelee, Bob Peterson, Phyllis Amenda, Daniel Aribisala
	Digital Minister		Greg Keeler
	Coffee Hour		Louise and Nicole
July 21			8:30 AM
	Ushers	Members of the congregation	Cynthia Evans, Phil Evans
	Acolyte		Phyllis Amenda
	Worship Leader		Greg Keeler
	Lector		Louise Donohue
	Eucharistic Ministers		Greg Keeler, John Chaffee, Darlene Croston, Phil Evans, Nicole Huff
	Digital Minister		Rick Shumaker
	Coffee Hour		
July 28			8:30 AM
	Ushers	Members of the congregation	Dan Hill, Ginny Hill
	Acolyte		Phyllis Amenda
	Worship Leader		Barb Manzo
	Lector		Ginny Hill
	Eucharistic Ministers		Greg Keeler, Rayleen Kie, Peter Koeppel, Ken Lattimore, Bill Palmer
	Digital Minister		Carl Betcher
	Coffee Hour		Masha Britten

August 2024		Altar Guild:	Roxe-Anne & John Lynn
August 4		8:30 AM	10:00 AM
	Ushers	Members of the congregation	Bill Palmer, Jim Albert
	Acolyte		David Scone
	Worship Leader		Bill Palmer
	Lector		Greg Keeler
	Eucharistic Ministers		Bill Palmer, Greg Keeler, Deb Parmelee, Bob Peterson, Phyllis Amenda
	Digital Minister		Rick Shumaker
	Coffee Hour		
August 11		8:30 AM	10:00 AM
	Ushers	Members of the congregation	Bruce Parmelee, Pat Creagh
	Acolyte		Phyllis Amenda
	Worship Leader		Phyllis Amenda
	Lector		Rayleen Kie
	Eucharistic Ministers		Phyllis Amenda, Rayleen Kie, Daniel Aribisala, John Chaffee, Darlene Croston
	Digital Minister		Greg Keeler
	Coffee Hour		Barb & Steve Crowle
August 18		8:30 AM	10:00 AM
	Ushers	Members of the congregation	Louise Akel, Wilma Betcher
	Acolyte		Daniel Aribisala
	Worship Leader		John Chaffee
	Lector		Peter Koeppel
	Eucharistic Ministers		John Chaffee, Peter Koeppel, Phil Evans, Nicole Huff, Greg Keeler
	Digital Minister		Bob Kuzia
	Coffee Hour		Phyllis & Lea
August 25		8:30 AM	10:00 AM
	Ushers	Members of the congregation	Phil Evans, Cynthia Evans
	Acolyte		Ken Lattimore
	Worship Leader		Darlene Croston
	Lector		Rob Lacey
	Eucharistic Ministers		Darlene Croston, Peter Koeppel, Ken Lattimore, Bill Palmer, tba
	Digital Minister		Greg Keeler
	Coffee Hour		

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Canteen Schedule

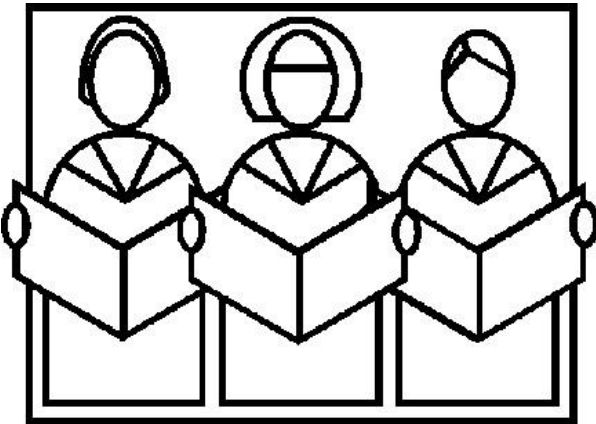
We are offering a hot lunch to the neighborhood hungry in our dining room. Our prayers of thanks for all who share in this ministry!

Date	Cooking & Serving	Site Manager	Host/Hostess
7/7/2024	Trinity Memorial	S. Crowle	B. Crowle
7/14/2024	St. Patrick's & Port Dickinson Baptist	Bill Palmer	
7/21/2024	Temple Concord	C. Hanes	S Hanes
7/28/2024	St. Mark's	B. Parmelee	D. Parmelee

Date	Cooking & Serving	Site Manager	Host/Hostess
8/4/2024	Friends of Trinity	B. Crowle	S. Crowle
8/11/2024	St. Patrick's & Port Dickinson Baptist	Bill Palmer	
8/18/2024	SUNY Binghamton	S Hanes	C. Hanes
8/25/2024	St. Mark's	B. Parmelee	D. Parmelee

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Music Notes



To my dear friends in Christ,

Happy Summer to you all! I find this time of year that I am often, subconsciously even, humming or singing through one of the hymns that talk about the beauty of God's creation. Whether I'm sitting on a cruise ship, flying over land, or simply sitting on my parents' deck listening to nature, there is a peace that surpasses all.

The hymn I'm continuously drawn to this season is *For the Beauty of the Earth* sung to the hymn tune **DIX**. According to R.J. Morgan, this hymn is based on the text from 2 Samuel 7:22 (NIV), "Therefore You are great, O Lord God. For there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears." "Folliot Sandford Pierpont - the unlikely name of the author of this great hymn, was born October 7, 1835, in Bath, England. After he graduated from Cambridge he taught at the Somersetshire College in his home area of Bath. One day when he was 29, Folliot found himself walking in the countryside on a beautiful Spring day. He saw the ocean of green, the blue dome of heaven, and the winding

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Music Notes (Continued)

Avon River cutting through the flowery landscape. Overwhelmed with God's creative brilliance, he wrote this poem. He intended it primarily for Communion services in the Anglican church, but when it jumped the Atlantic, it quickly became associated with the American Thanksgiving holiday. Folliot's original version had each stanza conclude with "Christ, Our God, to Thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise." *For the Beauty of the Earth* is one of the few songs devoted purely to giving thanks. One of the strange things about the attitude of gratitude is that we, as Christians, tend to exhibit it in the reverse proportion to the number of blessings received. The more we have, the less thankful we often are. One of the many pieces of evidence of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives is a gradual reversal of that pattern. God wants to make us people who exhibit thankfulness in the proper portion to the gifts and blessings we've received."¹

The other hymn I am constantly drawn to is *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* sung to the hymn tune **SLANE**. This hymn is based on text from 2 Peter 3:9 (NIV), "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." This hymn is attributed to both Robert Robinson and George Whitefield. "Robert Robinson had a rough beginning. His father died when he was young, and his mother, unable to control him, sent him to London to learn barbering. What he learned instead was drinking and gang-life. When he was 17, he and his friends reportedly visited a fortune-teller. Relaxed by alcohol, they laughed as she tried to tell their futures. Something about that encounter bothered Robert, and that evening he suggested to his friends that they attend the evangelistic meeting being held by George Whitefield. Whitefield was one of history's greatest preachers, with a voice that was part foghorn and part violin. That night he preached from Matthew 3:7 (NIV): "But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?'" Bursting into tears, Whitefield exclaimed, "Oh, my hearers! The wrath to come! The wrath to come!" Robinson immediately sobered up and sensed Whitefield was preaching directly to him. The preacher's words were with him for nearly three years until 1755, when he finally decided to give his heart to Christ. Robinson soon entered the ministry and at the age of 23, while serving Calvinist Methodist Chapel in Norfolk, England, he wrote a hymn for his sermon on Pentecost Sunday. It was a prayer that the Holy Spirit flood into our hearts with His streams of mercy, enabling us to sing God's praises and remain faithful to him."²

As we continue through the Summer season, I pray that we are able to stop, look, and listen to the beauty that surrounds us.

God's blessings to you all, Randy Frye
Director of Music

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Welcoming Refugees: A new Ministry for Us

Our Mission and Ministry Commission recently made a gift of \$5,000 to The American Civic Association (ACA) for help with their resettlement program of refugees new to the Binghamton area. This grant will be used to help furnish the homes of recent refugee arrivals with necessary household items.

The ACA expects to settle up to 50 refugees per year in the Binghamton area. We have been in contact with them to establish an ongoing partnership between Trinity and the ACA in support of this effort. We pray that with God's help and your support, we will be able to develop a fruitful partnership with the ACA. Please watch out for a full introduction to this ministry to come!

Karen Crisafulli