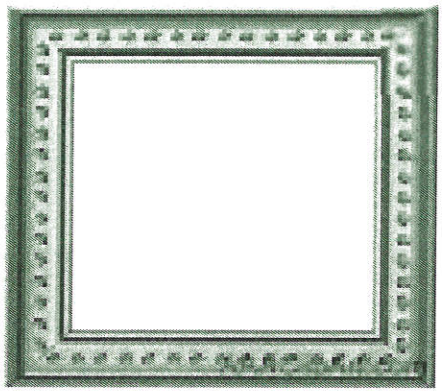
THE MIRROR SEPTEMBER 2016

"For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face"



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, PA

Pastor's Page

Every season has its own unique kind of busyness. As soon as the fun and organized chaos of vacations and long weekends of the summer starts winding down, all the activity of the fall starts to ramp up. Schools are back in session. Sports and bands are practicing, playing and performing. And I'm sure that in a month or two we are going to be constantly reminded that Christmas is just around the corner (sorry, I know it's too soon to even think about it). The busyness of life has a way of getting beyond our control. It's so easy to allow ourselves to get carried from one activity to the next that sometimes we can neglect the really important things in life: friends, family, and especially faith.

As busy as our congregation was this summer, we have lots of fun things planned for the fall. We really hope you take the time to reconnect with us as the seasons change. We don't want to overwhelm with still more commitments to fill your already overflowing schedules. But we do care about your spiritual health. We want you to have the fullest and best relationship with God possible because that is what truly sustains and nourishes us through life's trials and busyness. With that in mind, I thought it would be a good idea to let you know what's going on in the next few weeks.

In worship, we're starting a sermon series on the Apostles' Creed. The Apostles' Creed is the most ancient and basic statement of faith shared by all Christians around the world. We usually say it every Sunday. While it might be basic, it is still rich with meaning. In fact, a deep understanding of the Apostles' Creed could renew your whole perception of who God is and what it means to be a Christian. We'll be tackling topics like creation vs. evolution, who is Jesus, and the nature of the church. This is a great opportunity to re-charge faith and rediscover God. It is also a great time to invite your non-Christian friends and family to church so they can hear the basics of our faith. The series starts on September 11th, so be sure to catch it from the beginning.

September 11th is also when we will be introducing our small groups. We have several small groups that get together informally to share in prayer and fun activities. Be sure to come to worship and find out about our knitting, gardening, and home brewing groups among others. But the opportunities for fellowship don't stop there. On September 15th, we'll be having a pot-luck dinner. I'm sure most of you know this already, but people in our church can cook! Everyone is welcome to join in food, fellowship, and prayer.

As you can see, we are striving to reach out and connect to you and others in our community. We at the Trinity Presbyterian Church believe that faith matters. We believe that our relationship with God gives life meaning and hope. And we believe that our church should be the place where all of us can find the sense of belonging and connection that we all hunger for. We're excited for the fall, and we're looking forward to reconnecting with everyone.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Brett D. Hoover

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven"- Ecclesiastes 3:1

Sunday School – 9:45 AM

Worship Service-11:00 AM

Sunday School Kick-Off Breakfast
Sunday, September 11, 2016
9:30 AM

Women's Assoc. Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2016
7:00 PM

Pot-Luck Dinner
Thursday, September 15, 2016
6:00 PM

Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday,
September 17, 2016
4:00 – 7:00 PM

Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 2, 2016
11:00 AM

Christian Education News...

Sundays at 9:45-10:45 AM
Worship 11:00 AM

For kids ages 3 – 6th grade – Come for New Testament stories, songs, crafts, games.

For grades 7 – High School Seniors – Come for Breakfast Club discussions based on scripture and everyday life.

For Adults – Young and Senior – We have 2 classes to choose from. Come for Interactive Scripture discussions with facilitators.

For All - Cornerstone Fellowship - Come for Refreshments and relaxing conversation 10:45 – 11:00 between Sunday School and Worship

We are dedicated to explore God's word for our everyday Christian Living.

Bring family and friends and be a part of our church family.

We are excited to see you there.

Your whole family is invited to **BREAKFAST** for the Sunday School Kickoff on
Sunday, September 11th at 9:30 AM
We have classes for everyone!!!
Can't wait to see you.

KID'S SAY THE FUNNIEST THINGS...

A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mama, look what I found", the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?"

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear.

Breakfast Club Spaghetti Dinners FALL 2016

Sept 17, & Oct. 22, - 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Nov. 19th Breakfast Club sponsored Young at Heart Dinner for those over 65.

Mark Your Calendars

More information to follow about these upcoming events for **all:** *(Dates are subject to change)*

- **Sept. 11th 9:45** Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast
- **Oct. 29th** Halloween Trunk or Treat 4:00 PM
- **Dec. 11th** 11:00 AM Christmas program, lunch and party
- **Feb. 25th** Game Day/Night
- **March 25th** Movie
- **April 9th** 9:45 Spring Fling Breakfast
- **May 7th** 9:45 Bring your mom/grandma/aunt etc. to Sunday School
- **June 4th** 9:45 Graduation Celebration Breakfast

Deacon Greeters

Sept.	4	Lee Franz
	11	Iva Stewart
	18	Charlene Buell
	25	Mike Duffalo
Oct.	2	Anita Duffalo

Liturgists

Sept.	4	Mike Duffalo
	11	Youth
	18	Joyce Greece
	25	Tom Hemphill
Oct.	2	Gary Ball

Children's Church

Sept.	4	Carla Jones
	11	Bonnie Davis
	18	Tammy Weimer
	25	Anita Duffalo
Oct.	2	Communion Sunday
	9	Jeanine Buell

We are always looking for volunteers for Children's Church & Church Liturgists. If you are interested in helping with Children's Church or being a Liturgist please contact Linda Bucco or Carla Jones.

Head Ushers

September	Gina DelFavero
October	Linda Bucco

Communion Preparers & Servers

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Preparers: Joyce Greece/Ron Mancabelli
Servers: Karen DelFavero, Chris Buell, Tammy Weimer

Women's Assoc. Fall 2016 Schedule.....

The Trinity Women meet every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All women of the church are welcome to join us. The following is our schedule through December 2014. Please join us!

September 20 – Overcoming Worry - Lesson 10 Refuse to Compare - Bible study leader – Anita Duffalo.

October 18 - Overcoming Worry - **Lesson 11** - Choose to Rejoice - Bible study leader – group discussion.

November 12 – Vendor and Crafter Show 9:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. [set-up Nov. 10]

November 15 – Overcoming Worry - **Lesson 12** Seek a Resolution - Bible study leader – Pastor Brett.

December 20 - Christmas Covered Dish Dinner at **6:00** p.m. in the Social Room – Bring your own place setting – Offering gathered will be given to the local food bank. Program: Carol Carrick and Margie Mancabelli.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WOMEN'SSSOC.

VENDOR/CRAFT SHOW

"SHOPPER'S DELIGHT"

Saturday, November 12, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
18 Clarksburg Road
Clarksburg, PA 15725

For information or an application contact Janet at 724/639-3382 or murphy436@comcast.net.

On Nov. 12th. Come shop, win a basket, buy baked goods at our bake sale, and have a meal of homemade soups, sandwiches, and desserts.

Application available on the Trinity website www.clarksburgtrinitypres.org

September Birthdays

1	Dennis Irwin
	Robert Repine
3	Nolan Buell
4	Jimmy Greece
	Dennis Sucke
	Melissa Jo Pascoe
9	Jordan McClure
11	Paul Murphy
	Zachary Gifford
12	Wendy Hemphill
13	Dennis Beatty
16	Marlene Shirley
18	Dianna Bucco
21	Karen DelFavero
	John Henderson
22	Margie Mancabelli
23	Michael McDonald
	David Smith

"May your birthday bring a smile to your face, happiness to your heart and many blessings to your life."

September Anniversaries

1	Luke & Katie Beida
8	Pastor Brett & Melissa Hoover
12	Brian & Mary Treece
14	Brad & Tammi Shirley
30	Geoff & Allison Dixon

"May the good Lord see and bless you
on your anniversary day.
May He always be your companion
and guide you on your way.
May your bonds of marriage strengthen,
Holding strong amidst all fears.
And may our friendship stay untarnished,
Through the wearing of the years."

Lessons in Life

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

God pours His love into our hearts to flow out to others.

"Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God. – Ronald Regan

DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS (cookies, pies, cakes, candy, breads, etc.) ARE NEEDED FOR THE BAKE SALE DURING THE VENDOR SHOW ON NOVEMBER 12TH. PLEASE SEE JANET MURPHY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

BASKET RAFFLE DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE GLADLY ACCEPTED.

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AUGUST 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

August Income	**$7,690.18**
August Expenses	**$6,856.63**
Building Fund Income	**$ 263.77**

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Remember in Prayer...

Trinity Prayer List... The following church members need our prayers for healing, strength, and hope. Join us in prayer for them as God shares His healing and blessings. Bob Logan, Wanda Long, Patty Bash, Suzie Coleman Smeltzer, Mary Ellen Duncan, Bill Bowers, Lois Jean Repine, Iola Gasperini, Ed Feiling, Nora Deluca, Ed Hunter, Wendy Hemphill, Greg Shirley, Rachelle McKnight, Mary Ghiradi, Pastor Brett, Melissa & Tyler Hoover, Bob Hopkins, Don Roland, Johnny & Rena Henderson, Donna Cable, Karen Dechais, Doris Anderson, Eileen & George Marshall, Jim Compton, Georgia Springer, Barry & Bonnie Toldi, Nancy Gresko, Yvonne Gray, Georgienne Cribbs, Betty Shirley, Unspoken Requests. Please remember to keep these special individuals in your prayers. Join us in prayer for them as God shares His healing and blessings. If you know of someone who needs to be added to the prayer list, please contact Pastor Hoover or Carla Jones.

"When someone does a kindness it always seems to me
that's the way God up in heaven would like us all to be...
for when we bring some pleasure to another human heart,
we have followed in His footsteps and we've had a little part
in serving Him who loves us for I am very sure it's true
that in serving those around us we serve and please Him, too."

September Calendar

4	9:45 a.m.	Start of SUNDAY SCHOOL
5		Labor Day
6	6:30 p.m.	[illegible]up
7	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
11	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Kick-Off Breakfast
12	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
13	6:30 p.m.	Knitting Group
14	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
15	6:00 p.m.	Pot-Luck Dinner
17	4:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Spaghetti Dinner
20	6:30 p.m.	Knitting Group
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Assoc. Meeting
21	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
26	7:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
27	6:30 p.m.	Knitting Group
28	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice

Upcoming Events in October

2	11:00 a.m.	World Communion Sunday
	6:00 p.m.	Breakfast Club Meeting
22	4:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Spaghetti Dinner
29	4:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat Day

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I believe that life is given to us so that we may grow in love, and I believe that God is in me as the sun is in the color and fragrance of a flower. – Helen Keller

Stewardship CORNER

"God Can Do It: We Can Help"

In the last newsletter, we talked about one of the ways our congregation supports people in need in our local community. This month we're going overseas. Over a decade ago, our presbytery (the regional council of churches) decided to begin a partnership with the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda. Our congregation joined the project as a financial contributor. Since then, the Partnership has provided water filtration kits, modern clean water systems, and farm animals for economic development. We've built new churches and even helped to provide transportation for pastors as they worked in their many congregations (some of those pastors were walking for miles each Sunday between their churches). Through the work of this ministry, hundreds of people have come to faith in Christ. And the lives of thousands have been improved by access to clean drinking water and new economic opportunities.

Perhaps the most exciting thing about this ministry is that it is organized at the local level. The Partnership is a group of local Presbyterian churches in our area supporting Presbyterian churches in Rwanda. This is a great example of Christians helping Christians around the world share the gospel of Jesus Christ and reach out to those in need with compassion and love. When you give to our small country church, you are supporting this life changing ministry in Rwanda. And that's truly amazing. But we can only support this ministry through your generosity.

Blessings,
Pastor Brett

P.S.: You can find out more about the Rwanda Partnership by visiting our Presbytery's website (www.kiskipby.org). And don't forget to check out the Giving and Stewardship page on our website (www.ClarksburgTrinityPres.org).

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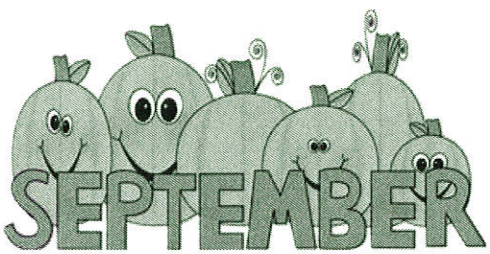

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Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship Service 11:00 AM