

# The Trindle Trumpeter



**MISSION STATEMENT-** Claimed by God in baptism; Fed by Christ in worship; Led by the Spirit in love for one another and the world.

**Trindle Spring Lutheran Church  
Mechanicsburg, PA**

**June 2020**

Hello everyone,

This past Saturday 61 people from the congregation got online for a time of conversation. As people gathered on the Zoom call, it was “holy chaos.” To see so many faces and hear peoples’ voices was a true blessing. I know that for many people this has been a time of isolation, and I hope that in the near future we will be to a point that it is safe enough to be back together for worship. Our COVID Taskforce and Church Council have been meeting regularly to make decisions and talk about when and how to reopen. There are many complexities to the process that we have to consider and I would continue to ask for your patience and trust. I would invite you to read the joint letter from the Church Council and COVID Taskforce in this edition of the newsletter.

Community is a necessary part of Christian life. Other than the daily posts on Facebook and YouTube, there are a couple of ways that we are going to try to connect people in community. Sally Keister has begun to go house to house to take family pictures for us to incorporate in the worship service. If you would like to help with that project, or if you have a neighborhood with a few TSLC neighbors and you would like to take their pictures for the church, please contact Sally Keister.

Our Church family is beginning to find new ways to connect with one another. There are new opportunities for online groups in the works that you will hear more about in the next week or so. However today I want to thank Danielle, Elena, and Kathryn Erdley, as well as Ann Kopacko for helping with the daily posts to Facebook and YouTube. I also continue to be amazed by the connections we are making with new people and members who join us each week for worship online. This new online connection on Sunday mornings has been a good learning experience for us as a congregation and it has also been a great way to connect people with a worship experience who haven’t been with us in person for some time. It has also been enjoyable to greet people who don’t have internet access and need DVD’s or CD’s of worship delivered. Kathryn and I have delivered 27 CD’s and 20 DVD’s.

Together we will continue to navigate through this time of COVID. I hope that we will continue to learn new ways to reach others with the good news of the Gospel, and even new ways to support one another. Lastly, I ask your continued prayers for our congregational leaders as we navigate these uncharted waters together.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Aaron*

**The June 2020 Newsletter is dedicated to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the college graduation of our grandson; High School graduation of our granddaughter; and son, Ron's Business Administration Degree, by Bob & Shirley Kimmel.**



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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Church needs to be a safe place for people to come to. For over 250 years TSLC has welcomed people who come through their doors, and so we understand how painful it is to not walk through our doors on a Sunday morning. Worshipping in your PJ's and worshipping from the comfort of your couch feels strange, but it is the safest way to keep our faith community safe right now.

There is so much information that is coming to us during the COVID 19 pandemic. Each source of news seems to tell us something different. It is difficult to discern fact from opinion. The TSLC Council put together a COVID 19 Taskforce to explore and make recommendations about what will happen when we are able to reopen. The goal of the task force is to have a comprehensive plan for the congregation to reopen for worship and other ministries. There are many things to consider and plan for in this process. It is important for us to determine how best to keep one another safe, and for everyone in the congregation to understand the decisions we are making and why.

At this point it is safe to say that when we are back together "like normal," it will not seem all that normal. There will be guidelines in place, and there will be some who choose to worship from home for a while longer. We have a need to be patient with one another as we begin to come out of this crisis. Most faith communities across our county are continuing their online worship services even after May 22<sup>nd</sup>, when Cumberland County went into the yellow phase.

Yellow does not mean it is safe for us to be back together in worship just yet. The yellow phase still has a limit of less than 25 people together in groups. Churches and religious groups, which are at their core communal, including ours, exceed those numbers. The COVID 19 Taskforce, along with State officials and the medical community are encouraging us to wait until Cumberland County moves to green. We do not know when that will be, but we have made good strides in keeping people connected online, and we will continue to find new ways to keep our faith community connected to one another until we are back together.

Until then, be patient, be safe, and continue to care for one another as best you can. We will keep you updated as things progress.

Yours in Christ,

*COVID 19 Taskforce and  
TSLC Church Council*

# From Pastor Aaron

## Reaching Others

Over the past two and a half months the doors to our building have been closed for worship and church activities, however the church has been alive with each one of you. Each week groceries have been dropped off to be donated to New Hope Ministries. Your generosity has meant that what we have been donating each week to their ministry is almost what we would collect over the course of a “normal” month.

The congregation remains prepared with a well-supplied pastor’s discretionary fund with almost \$4,000 ready to aid people in our community. That is due to your faithful giving and generosity. As of now, the requests have been minimal, but that will most likely change as our county nears “green.”

## Seminarian Update

A number of people have asked about Daniel Collins and Amelia Pakarati. Unfortunately, we will most likely not get to say goodbye to them in person. But I would like to update you one how they are doing. They were on the Eastern Shore for a short while during this pandemic, and on May 1<sup>st</sup> they did get married in Northern Virginia. They are now back on the seminary campus until they leave for internship in July. They both begin their internships July 1<sup>st</sup> in the suburbs of Detroit, Michigan. We wish them well and send them with our blessing.

## New Members

TSLC was scheduled to receive new members shortly after Easter, but of course life got disrupted by COVID. However, on Pentecost Sunday (May 31) we were blessed to take in a group of new members. As we are putting together the June newsletter, we know that we will be welcoming Tom and Julie Baldwin, Earl and Sue Bowers, Gary and Teresa Collier, Alberto and Pamela Llanes, Daniel Vogelsong, and Lenny and Mary Zook. Welcome to our newest members!

## Masks

Over 589 masks have been made by members of our congregation. Those masks have been distributed to a large number of people in our congregation, as well as a few outside organizations like Homeland Hospice, Beacon Hill Clinic in Harrisburg, and a hospital in Philadelphia. We are also beginning to make sure that we have a collection of masks for when in-person worship begins again. Thanks again to our mask makers; Robin Cleaver, Linda Rodgers, Lynne Neibert, Deb Bender, Julie and Ashley Baldwin, and Sally Keister.

## May 16, 2020 Church Council Meeting Zoom Call

TSLC Church Council met via ZOOM on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Below are the highlights and actions taken during the meeting.

### SENIOR PASTOR REPORT:

- Written report submitted – new members will be received on Pentecost Sunday in the virtual worship service.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Wi-Fi in Education Wing: No progress due to COVID-19.
- Open Staff Position: Job Description is nearing completion, but no one will be hired until we can meet face-to-face.
- Air Conditioning Replacement: Waiting for additional bids.
- Audit Committee has completed the audit of the Cemetery Association.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- COVID-19 Task Force has had their initial meeting. Their focus is creating a plan which will encompass ALL aspects of re-opening our building and our ministries in the safest possible manner when it is time to do so. Members include: Pastor Aaron, Joanna McIntyre, Barb Kline, Brian Keister, Alison Ray, and Denny Stoner.  
A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to, “approve up to \$1500 for supplies to re-open worship to include pre-packaged communion kits and other sanitizing supplies”.

### GOOD AND WELL BEING:

- Additional discussion was held regarding how to handle the movement of Cumberland County to “yellow” status as of May 22, 2020. The COVID-19 Task Force will be addressing this in their meeting this week and the Task Force and Council will be drafting an email to send to congregants with information.

# Notes from the Office

## Income & Expense Report (General Fund) Jan-April 2020 (Draft)

<b>Income</b>	
Offering	144,610
Misc. Income	2,051
<small>(ie: Thrivent Choice, Community Aid, Building Use, Donations, etc.)</small>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>146,661</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
<u>Ministry to Others</u>	
Outreach Ministry	13,484
Evangelism	562
Parish Life	(219)
<u>Ministry within Our Congregation</u>	
Christian Education	282
Fellowship	1,229
Keeping Our Church Safe	-
Stewardship	-
Worship & Music	1,379
Youth & Family Ministry	228
<u>Administration</u>	
Archives	10
Property (building maintenance)	29,515
Office Management (administration)	6,595
Salary/Support	60,614
Vision of Ministry	-
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>113,680</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>32,981</b>



CELEBRATE  
**CLASS** of  
**2020**

**Congratulations to Sydney Ann Zettlemoyer**, daughter of **Sandy & Michelle Zettlemoyer**, who graduated from **Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School** and will be attending **West Virginia University** in the fall.

**Congratulations to Noah Greiss**, son of **Keith & Sandy Greiss**, who graduated from **Temple University**, where he majored in **Civil Engineering**.

**Congratulations to Katelyn Kopacko**, daughter of **John & Ann Kopacko**, who graduated from **Edinboro University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing**. She will be taking a position as a Nurse at **Cleveland Clinic in Ohio**.

**Congratulations to Emma Rachel Downing**, daughter of **Lynn Ward and Blaine Downing**, and the granddaughter of **Ken and Lynda Farner**, who graduated from **Rocky River (OH) High School**. She will be continuing her studies at **College of Wooster (OH)** with a double major in **Neuroscience and Music (Oboe)**.



**Congratulations to Dr. Ronald Kimmel**, son of **Bob & Shirley Kimmel**, who obtained another **degree... Business Administration**. **Congratulations to grandson, Alex**, who graduated from **Bryant College** in Rhode Island, and granddaughter, **Megan**, who graduated from **Glastonbury High School** and will be heading to Maine for **Physical Therapy degree** in the fall semester.

**Congratulations to Megan Anne Heiges**, granddaughter of **Wilbur & Nancy Heiges**, who graduated **Summa Cum Laude** with a **Nursing Degree from Messiah College**. She will begin her career at **Penn State Children's Hospital**.

**Congratulations to Sean Strohl**, grandson of **Carlotta Strohl**, who graduated from **Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School**. He will be attending **Penn State (main campus)** in the fall to pursue studies in **engineering**.

## *How to become an Approved Adult for Sunday School:*

Simply:

1. Fill out the TLSC Application (Contact Deb Sterling for one.)
2. Obtain your State Police and PA Child Abuse History Clearances. (<https://epatch.state.pa.us/>) AND ([www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/))
3. Turn in Clearances and Application to Deb Sterling, Chairperson or Pastor Aaron



# Parish News

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS ~ 2020

Ellen Fugere  
Savannah Stoner  
Ronald Yerkes  
Robin Cleaver  
James Holman, III  
Steven Knaub  
Amethyst Platzer  
Logan Phillips  
Emily Gochenaur  
Thomas Burns  
Mary Jane Nelson

Marianne Cowden  
Megan Eppley  
Allen Stauffer  
Shannon Corey  
Sharon Seier  
Joyce Phillips  
Sandra Guswiler  
Darrell Westby  
Debbie Rider  
Myrl S. Hersh  
Donna Stone

Scott Durnin  
Suzanne Miller  
Jeffry Matesevac  
Tyler Shanabrook  
Matthew Haeckler  
Marlin Fike  
Kristin Cleaver  
Pastor Elaine Dent  
Richard Pagel  
Jack Neibert

Beth Basehore  
Kimberly Beers  
Christian Pownell  
Mary Fertenbaugh  
Joy Grant  
Erica Reinfeld  
Wilbur Heiges  
Bonnie Hersh  
Margaret Strawser  
Bradren Pownell



IF THERE ARE ANY BIRTHDAYS THAT WE HAVE NOT LISTED, PLEASE LET THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR KNOW AND SHE WILL MAKE SURE TO GET THEM IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

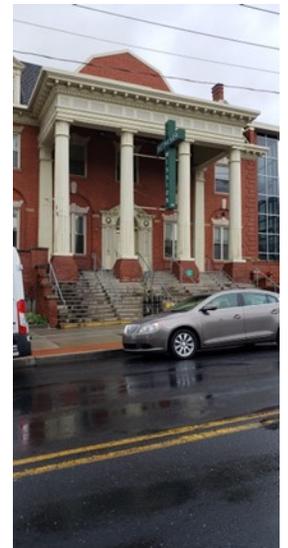
**\*Any names in bold are on the Visitation List.\***

## RYAN TALTON CONFIRMATION PROJECT

With the conclusion of my Confirmation Project, the results surpassed my expectations. Especially considering we were out of the church for the last two weeks of Lent. The final counts were 141 pairs of socks, 41 pairs of underwear, 9 packs of travel size packs of tissues, and 3 pairs of shower shoes. In addition to these items, I received \$237 in cash and checks. All of these will be greatly appreciated by the veterans. I donated the items to the Bethesda Mission Center in Harrisburg on May 8, which happened to be the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Allied Victory in Europe. I was hoping to get a picture with the director with whom I was working with, but unfortunately he was not available the day I dropped the items off. However I am including a picture of myself with the items at the center. Thank you all for your support and donations.

Stay safe and stay healthy,

Ryan Talton



# Parish News

## THE SHAWL MINISTRY

As we face the possibility of a continued quarantine, I know that we are all missing one another and longing for the time when we can all be back together again safely. God will give us continued strength to get through this and we will work out and adapt to whatever changes we will have to make.

Our next meeting would be scheduled for June 14th at 3:00 p.m. in the church lounge. Keep watch on upcoming developments to see if we will be able to meet.

A sincere thank you to all of those who have been working so hard to make our prayer gifts. I am happy to report that the prayer gifts that were blessed on May 10th included: 51 hats, 25 scarves, 8 hat/scarf sets, 5 children's sweaters, 7 shawls, 12 blankets and 1 sleeping mat. Operation Warm Hearts will be receiving many of those items for the shelters that they serve. Thanks again.

We received a thank you note from Pink Hands of Hope for our recent donation of prayer shawls. "We would like to thank The Shawl Ministry of Trindle Spring Lutheran Church for the charitable donation of prayer shawls to Pink Hands of Hope on February 12, 2020. As a non-profit organization, we rely heavily on gracious donors to help us continue to directly support local ladies as they battle breast cancer. Our sincere thanks, Your Friends at Pink Hands"

May God continue to bless you all. Stay well and safe until we meet again.

*"Let the pleasure of the Lord be on us. O, Lord, give strength to the work of our hands." Psalm 90:17*



## Camp Nawakwa Cabin Rentals

Started Memorial Day weekend, Camp Nawakwa is open for cabin rentals. You will need to be self-sufficient and do your own cooking on camp stoves or charcoal grills which you will need to provide. While it will be much different than summer camp, it will provide an opportunity for those who want and need time apart from the daily assaults of news and noise.

*Please come to camp and enjoy the grounds for hiking and personal devotions! We simply ask that anyone visiting the camps continues to be sensitive about proximity to others and practices appropriate social distancing.- Mike*



**The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA**  
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm  
<http://www.lutherancamping.org>  
(717) 677-8211

**ZUMBA is continuing online! Contact Lisa Lynch, Zumba instructor for more information. [lisaloveszumba2@gmail.com](mailto:lisaloveszumba2@gmail.com)**



## **2020 Easter Egg Project - Thank you**

This year's Easter egg project was different due to the need to cut our production short by three weeks. It was the same, however, with respect to the enthusiasm and support of our congregation. Our outstanding, energetic work staff averaged in the mid 40s each week, including the extra day added during week 4, making milk chocolate on Monday, along with dark on Tuesday. Of note was an increase in sales over last year of dark chocolate eggs (over 500) and pretzels (over 50 bags). The Colony House Restaurant was a new commercial outlet for us this year, along with Marysville Diner, Smart Pharmacy, Middlesex Diner, CC's Kitchen, Trindle Thrift & Discount, Karen Miller's Beauty Shop, and Waltz's Barber Shop. The top five in sales among church members were Donna Rager, Lee Yohn, Dawn Scott, Charlie Miller, and Joan Brodisch. Perhaps the biggest challenge was minimizing our losses due to leftover supplies. Thanks to an overwhelming response from members of our congregation and a couple friends of our members in buying back our excess, losses were limited to under \$300. The only leftover items not purchased were 29 cans of evaporated milk, which were donated to New Hope Ministries. Our profit this year was \$7,356, which has been deposited into our Capital Improvement fund. Although the profit was about half of last year, it still ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in the 30 year history of the project. Thanks to all who maximized the success of the project under the circumstances.

-Lee Yohn

## **Memorial Day Annual Ceremony May 25, 2020 - Thank you**

I wish to thank Pastor Aaron Erdley for authorizing the Color Guard to perform our annual ceremony in our cemetery this year in spite of the Corona virus pandemic. This is the Color Guards thirty sixth year performing this ceremony and the first time that it has been filmed. The Color Guard has performed the ceremony outside every year except for two times for inclement weather and in those situations the ceremony was performed in the Narthex.

I wish to thank the following veterans who participated in our ceremony this year:

US Flag bearer – Lt. Bonita Distad (Navy)  
Church Flag bearer – MSgt. Lee Yohn (Army)  
Riflemen – Col. Robert Witmer (Air Force Reserve)  
                  TSgt. Larry Kohler (Air Force)  
                  Spec 4 Russell Krall (Army)  
                  Corporal Scott Grigor (Marine Corps)

I also want to thank Scott Grigor for his support in obtaining a copy of Taps to be dubbed into the filming of the ceremony. Also a big thank you is due to Pastor Aaron and Scott Grigor for providing various pictures taken in our cemetery and dubbed into the film.

I also want to thank Charlie Bender for playing Taps in past years. Unfortunately he had to work this year, thus unable to participate.

I also want to thank and recognize all those veterans who have participated in the past, some of whom have passed on and others who are no longer able to participate.

This event should go down in our church history as a 'Fantastic Event'.

Lt Col. Darrell Westby  
Color Guard Commander

# Notes of Thanks



## New Hope Ministries Food collection totals:

April 23 ~ Misc. Items 268 lbs. & \$200 in gifts

May 7 ~ Food 499 lbs.

May 14 ~ 190 lbs. & \$200 Giant store Gift Cards

May 21, 2020 ~ 208 lbs. \$40 gift

>>Your giving matters in Cumberland County!<<

May 12, 2020

To the members of Trindle Spring Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your recent donation of the many non-perishable items to Harrisburg Catholic Elementary School! We passed out the donated items to our families, who have been struggling with purchasing food throughout the COVID 19 crisis, on May 12, 2020. Through the generosity of donors like your church community, we have been able to provide food to our families every other week since the middle of March. It is good to know there are great people who wish to assist those in need within our community.

Once again, thank you! And be assured of my prayers for the members of your church community during this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Mr. David Rushinski  
Principal  
Harrisburg Catholic Elementary School

May 27, 2020

The bone in my foot is healed after my fall in March. I wish to thank Pastor Aaron for his visit and prayer of wellness, plus our loving church family, and Beverly and Howard Hertzler for humorous chuckles.

Mary Paulus

April 27, 2020

Trindle Springs,

I would like to thank all the members who sent cards, called on the telephone, brought flowers, and special goodies.

I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Gerald Forry

Dear Trindle Springers,

May 15, 2020

Just a note of grateful thanks for remembering me with your prayers and cards with my recent surgery. That is the blessing of being the Parish Administrator's husband! I know how much it meant to my wife when Pastor Aaron prayed for her/us before my surgery. Cheryl said she felt the tangible peace of the Holy Spirit after the prayer.

You have a very special Pastor and I am grateful for your kindness to me and your love and care for my wife.

Blessings and thanks,

Peter Guinther

May 7, 2020

Dear serving saints at Trindle Spring,

Words cannot express the gratitude for the tremendous gift of cloth masks to share with our patients!

We serve some of the most vulnerable population and these masks are a way to sew hope into their lives.

May God bless each & every person who has given of their time & talent.

Thank you for truly loving your neighbor.

Warmly,

Deb McClain

Executive Director

<https://beaconclinicpa.org/>



**A free faith-based  
primary healthcare clinic  
Serving Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry Counties**

May 12, 2020

Dear Friends,

May God richly bless your ministry-thanks for partnering with this House of Mercy called Bethesda! We received gifts and \$3,007.00 through Ryan Talton's (Confirmation) Project.

Thank you so much!

In His Service,

Scott Dunwoody, Executive Director for Bethesda Mission

## Monthly Church Calendar on Google

Need to check the church calendar from your device?  
Enter this link in your web browser and you're there:  
[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/render#main\\_7](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/render#main_7)

## Synod News

The Lower Susquehanna Synod has an on-line newsletter called W.E. News that provides great information about what is going on around the Synod. Just go to the LSS website: <http://www.lss-elca.org/> and click on eCommunications at the bottom of the page to sign up or to view past issues.

## Women of the ELCA

The Lower Susquehanna Synod also has a group just for women to provide service to their churches and to the world. To find out more about what they are doing and how you can join, go to: [www.lss-elca.org/](http://www.lss-elca.org/)

## Connect through Facebook & YouTube

Share immediately with one another, the good news, worship opportunities & prayer concerns. Won't you join us on Facebook? Like us! And share us!  
<https://www.facebook.com/TrindleSpring>

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# JUNE 2020

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**Please contact the Parish Administrator if you have any changes/updates to your:**

- ⇒ Mailing Address
- ⇒ Cell/Home Phone
- ⇒ Email
- ⇒ Life Events
- ⇒ Children going to college
- ⇒ Other!

**July 2020** Newsletter  
article deadline is:  
**June 15, 2020.**

**Assembly Date:**  
Thursday,  
June 25, 2020

9:00 a.m.  
in the Y.A.H. Room