



I am so grateful for the welcome I and my family have received from Trinity United Methodist Church! Even before we started, the staff and our last Thursday prayer group let me know we were being held in prayer. When I arrived in my office, I found a beautiful desk set up by the trustees and lots of goodies from the staff for myself

AND Zekie. Many folks had reached out to welcome me knowing they would not be able to attend worship in-person my first Sunday, which of course was a holiday, but the building was still full with plenty of others that Sunday after all.

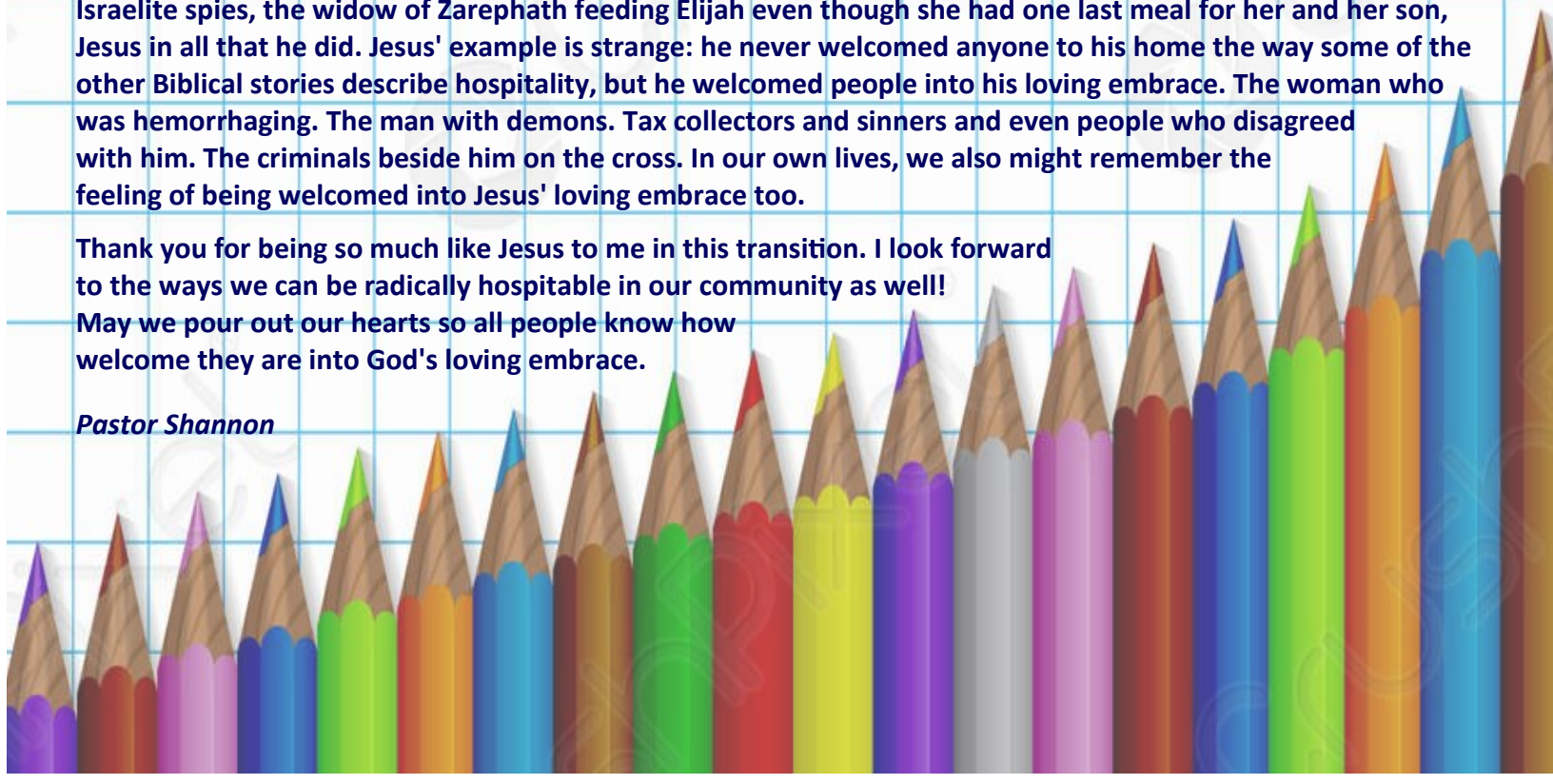
Back to School

I know that working through a pandemic that has turned our world upside down and working through a pastoral transition are no small tasks. We have so much to rebuild. So much to rethink! It can be (and has been for me sometimes) overwhelming. And it has been a time full of hope and possibility too. Your radical hospitality has shown me a glimmer of all these possibilities.

You might have heard the term radical hospitality in church before. It is the idea that we can wholeheartedly welcome in such a way that the welcoming changes the one who is welcomed and it changes us. We see radical hospitality over and over again in scripture- Abram and Sarai entertaining angels unawares, Rahab hiding the Israelite spies, the widow of Zarephath feeding Elijah even though she had one last meal for her and her son, Jesus in all that he did. Jesus' example is strange: he never welcomed anyone to his home the way some of the other Biblical stories describe hospitality, but he welcomed people into his loving embrace. The woman who was hemorrhaging. The man with demons. Tax collectors and sinners and even people who disagreed with him. The criminals beside him on the cross. In our own lives, we also might remember the feeling of being welcomed into Jesus' loving embrace too.

Thank you for being so much like Jesus to me in this transition. I look forward to the ways we can be radically hospitable in our community as well! May we pour out our hearts so all people know how welcome they are into God's loving embrace.

Pastor Shannon



A BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Frederick County Public School students return on August 18, so Sunday, August 15 we will have a Back to School Blessing in worship for all those who work or study! You are welcome to bring your backpack to the service virtually or in person to receive your blessing. Pastor Shannon wanted to include a blessing here as well so you can share it with others who might need a blessing at the start of the school year. This blessing is by Pastor Shannon's friend Pastor Amanda, originally posted on <https://youngclergywomen.org/blessing-of-the-backpacks/>.

Dear God, you are our Teacher, Creator, and Guide through life's classroom.

As we prepare for the beginning of a new school year, we ask your blessings on our students, parents, and teachers.

We thank you for **pens and pencils** that are held by big and little fingers as they learn to write their names, their thoughts, and their stories. Bless the words that flow from these pens, and bless the ones that write with them.

We thank you for **crayons and markers**, for all the bright colors in the world around us. May they be used to create beautiful pieces of art that show the wonder of creation and each child's imagination. Bless the art that they create, and the ones who draw and color with them.

We thank you for **calculators and rulers**, that help us to add and subtract, multiply and divide as we learn to work with numbers, shapes, and how the world works. Bless the ones who help us understand these things and more.

We thank you for **notebooks, folders and binders**, for handouts that teach us our letters and numbers, and blank pages we can fill with our own thoughts and stories. Bless these things that help keep our thoughts and work together and from getting lost, and bless the ones who fill them with writing and drawings.

We thank you for the **books** we read, for the books that teach us our history, the books that teach us who we are,

and the books that open up magical worlds of possibility. Bless these books and the stories they tell, and bless the ones who read them.

We thank you for our **lunch boxes**, filled with food to help our bodies and minds grow strong and mighty. We know that there are children whose lunch boxes are empty, and we pray that their lunchboxes might be filled with good food from caring people. Bless these lunchboxes and the bodies they feed.



We thank you for our **backpacks** that carry everything we need. Although they may be heavy with school supplies, may the children that wear them be unburdened. May the children who do not have backpacks or supplies receive the things they need, so that they can get off to a good start this school year. Bless these backpacks, and bless the ones who wear them.

We thank you for our **teachers**, who fill our children's minds with knowledge, who nurture their spirits, and who protect them while in their care. We thank you for our principals, counselors, custodians, nurses, classroom aides, cafeteria workers and bus drivers who take care of our students. May they receive the support they need and the honor they deserve as they live into their calling to educate this generation. Bless our teachers in their sacred work.

We thank you for our **parents**, grandparents, and other childcare providers who support and encourage their students in all that they do, and who spend countless hours helping with homework, volunteering in classrooms, and driving the carpools. Bless our parents in their sacred work.

We thank you for our **students**, for the blessing that they are to us. Strengthen their bodies, minds and spirits throughout this school year, that their knowledge might grow and their imaginations soar with new thoughts, new achievements, and new dreams. Bless our students in all that they do, work and play, for it is all sacred work.

In the name of Jesus, the Great Teacher, we pray. And all God's children said, **Amen**.

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ASP - Warmer, Safer, Drier

The ASP Youth Team had a great week in Harlan, KY. We could not have done it without the prayers and support from our church family. Thank you to the many people who helped support the trip. Trinity's team worked hard to help our homeowners. On the "Lock Master" site, our team dug a pathway from the house to the shed, where the homeowner's washer and dryer were located. We also built a retaining wall, and installed 1 ton of gravel. In addition, we wrapped the back wall of the house in Tyvek, installed J channel, and installed vinyl siding. On the "Castle" site, our awesome work crew finished the huge tin roof and started to resheath the outside. Both groups worked incredibly well together and built a strong connection with their homeowners.



"We are blessed to have the opportunity to be Christ's Hands and Feet!"



I love this lady! She is the best!

From the
TRINITY PASTORAL COUNSELING CENTER



Recently a friend talked about one way she experiences the Living God. When she shares her story and it is received by someone, or she hears someone tell their story and is moved by it, there is an interaction that is about more than the person or the story. Did we notice God in the midst of the interaction? How is God making God's presence known? Did we pay attention to it?

Pastoral counseling is a lot like that. So is ministry. As Trinity Pastoral Counseling Center moves into the next phase after over a year of dealing with Covid-19 challenges, we ask for your prayers, blessings, and donations. As people are coping with this past year, there are those who have been more impacted than others. We serve them. TPCC continues its' mission of not turning anyone away due to inability to pay.

Blessings,

Diane Younkins, LCPC, NCC
Director and Pastoral Counselor

On hard days,
you are still loved.
On unproductive days
you are still purposed.
On imperfect days
you still belong.
On anxious days
you're still His.

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SOLES OF LOVE at Trinity

Trinity Youth Group member Kaia Wynne is excited to be an Ambassador for Soles of Love. This 501 c (3) local organization run by Julie Gaver, a local motivational speaker who lives in Myersville MD, gathers and donates NEW shoes for Frederick and Washington County children in elementary, middle and high school. The shoes are given to the students in the early fall by various county organizations who know the need.

Kaia is gathering new shoes through the middle or late August. Please consider donating a pair of tennis shoes or other sturdy type of shoe to this wonderful effort. Kaia will have several drop off locations; the primary one is at her Nana's house: 8504 Rosebud Court, Middletown, MD 21769. There will be a box on the porch or ring the bell.

Give us a call at (301) 371-4699 or (301) 788 2548 to learn more about this great effort to get our school kids back into school and feeling good about themselves. Thank you so much for considering this in your efforts to give back to our county.

Kaia & Nancy Wynne



Trinity Women's Next
Summer
BIBLE STUDY

Starting Wednesday, July 28 @ 9:30am and 7pm

Zoom based ♦ 4 weeks ♦ 1 hour ♦ No "homework"

Reflections Bible Studies by The Bible Project



DISCIPLESHIP

giving others
permission to
help us grow



DAVE RAMSEY'S
FINANCIAL *Peace*
UNIVERSITY

Starting September 19 @ TUMC
9 weeks on Sundays 5-6:30pm

Register at fpu.com/1139235

Faith DOES NOT
MAKE THINGS EASY
IT MAKES THEM
possible
Luke 1:37

Tuesday's at 8:30am via Zoom

MEN'S
Bible
STUDY

Link available at www.trinityfrederick.org

AUGUST 2021

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(MT=Ministry Team)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Holy Communion</i>	2 7:00 pm Church Council	3 8:30am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Re-Entering Well Task Force	4 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	5	6	7
8	9	10 8:30am Men's Bible Study	11 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	12 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	13	14
15 <i>Blessing of the Backpacks</i>	16	17 8:30am Men's Bible Study	18 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	19 7:00 pm Stewardship and Finance	20	21
22	23	24 8:30am Men's Bible Study	25 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	26 6:00 pm Prayer Service 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	27	28
29	30	31 8:30am Men's Bible Study	<div> SUNDAY SCHEDULE 8:45 am - Grow Time "Open Door" 10:00 am - Worship Service 11:30 am - Youth Grow Time </div> <div> SUNDAY CHOIRS 5:00 pm Trinity Brass Sanctuary </div>			



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE

*Celebrate and live into the power of prayer through
scripture, hymns, individual & collective prayer.*

Trinity's online,
monthly prayer
service, available
via Zoom, will
happen on the last
Thursday of every
month from
6-6:30pm.

To request the link for
the service, please email
Pastor Shannon at
seniorpastor
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or visit
www.trinityfrederick.org

THIS MONTH:
August 26