New look, new opportunities coming with remodel

For more than 15 years there has been a vision for remodeling the front of the sanctuary. The hope has been to create one multiuse worship space that will meet our needs while also retaining the beauty of the sanctuary. At our recent town hall meetings members got to see pictures and ask questions, but at the end of the day many of us wonder how much will it cost. The following is a rough outline:

**Organ Repairs ($115,000)** – As you have heard from our organist, the organ needs an overhaul spread out over eight months.

**Lighting ($47,500)** – Currently all lighting is tied to the organ and that will need to change. Recessed LEDs can be added to our existing pendants, bringing more light to the pews and altar area.

**Sound ($34,000)** – Just a few years ago we invested in our sound system, which helped considerably, but there is still more work to be done. We need better microphones, a digital board, and sound paneling that will help the acoustics of the room.

**Video ($20,000)** – By installing two robotic cameras and a director’s station, we can record worship for

our homebound members and reach an entirely new demographic through the internet.

See SANCTUARY, page 3

Learning Series: When in Rome

Rome was the epicenter of life in the ancient world. It was home to the rich and famous; the source of fashion and culture. And it set the standard for life throughout the empire. The apostle Paul knew that if he could influence the heart and mind of Rome, he could influence the entire known world for Jesus. So he

set out with one goal in mind: teach Rome the Gospel.

**May 15—We All Sin**
Romans 3:21-28

There are no perfect people. The beginning of our faith journey is accepting that we have work to do.

**May 22—Free Grace**
Romans 6:12-23
Grace doesn’t come with a clear set of rules, so it’s important that we understand it.

**May 29—God Loves**
Romans 5:1-11
We are not an accident.

See ROME, page 2
My jacket still smells like smoke... every morning when I go out back to do my devotionals I put on the same heavy, brown, Carhart jacket. It still smells like a campfire, even now, a few weeks after I’ve been home.

Back in April, I wore the jacket to Mt. Asbury where I spent three days planning 2016-17. One of those days I spent entirely by the fire. It was great, peaceful really, thinking about scriptures, Trinity, people, and families, and the issues we all face. Generally, the message I heard was “stay the course.” I’m reminded of the movie The Patriot and Gabrielle’s line that the movement for independence was not a single battle or even a particular event, but rather it was a process of revolution that required them to “stay the course.”

The same is true in our development as disciples. So as I look back on the last year, I see the foundation we have laid together. We’re beginning to speak the language of Love, Learn, Live, and Lead; and for the next year we will continue the same. We will continue developing worship, creating small group and Sunday school opportunities, and helping people find the P.L.A.C.E. they should be serving in ministry.

As we start moving into summer, I know many of you will travel. You’ll take vacations and see friends and family. I encourage you, wherever you are, make time for your first love. Find a place to worship. Visit a church, see what they do and how they do it, and bring back great ideas. And when you get back, we’ll be doing what we do, hopefully a little bit better.

Pastor Jason Mackey
jmackey@tumchtown.org

Pastor Update: Staying the course

Trinity’s Baby Bottle Blessing collection returns

Beginning on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 8, and running through Father’s Day on Sunday, June 19, Trinity will again participate in a Baby Bottle Blessing for Morning Star Pregnancy Center.

During that time, there will be a basket filled with baby bottles in the lobby to be taken home and filled with change, folding money, or checks. All bottles are to be returned—even if they are empty. Morning Star Pregnancy Centers provide information and support to those facing unplanned pregnancy.

Spring teaching topics

Continued from page 1

We are the product of a loving creator who wants a relationship with us.

June 5—We Trust Jesus
Romans 10:5-10
Salvation is a free gift from Jesus, not a right of passage. Ask for forgiveness and it is yours.

June 12—We Are Saved
Romans 10:11-15
We have a message to proclaim: shout it, post it, tweet it, preach it!

Before When In Rome, begins, we focus on John 8:1-11 with...

May 8—Going Beyond the Surface
Jesus goes way beyond the ordinary. His unconditional love, grace, and non-judgmental willingness to look beyond the external circumstances to see who we are inside makes him our extraordinary savior.
May Mission Emphasis: Someone To Tell It To

We all need to know that God loves us and is our “someone to tell it to.” But sometimes we need a compassionate presence and a listening ear to remind us of that. We want to be that “someone to tell it to…”

- To sit with the woman who is lonely so that she knows she is not alone.
- To allow the man who is afraid to openly express his fears without judgment.
- To help bear her burdens when the weight of the world is on her shoulders.
- To acknowledge and share tears with a grieving family when someone they love is gone.
- To help pick up the pieces of broken lives and hearts and to begin to put them back together again.
- To listen and affirm that our questions about matters of faith are just as important as our answers.

We help people bear emotional and spiritual burdens—we offer safety, we share tears, and we help express fear and thereby release pain. In short, we bring hope, grace, and healing into the vulnerable seasons of a person’s life and join their journey through life’s most painful moments.

Someone To Tell It To is a ministry that offers a caring response to private questions of the heart. Someone To Tell It To accentuates important truths. That every one of us:
1. Is valued,
2. Is loved by God unconditionally,
3. And is given grace and deserves to be free to live authentically.

Thank you for your mission support of Someone To Tell It To. Your giving is truly bringing hope, grace and healing into the vulnerable seasons of others’ lives.

It enables our ministry to afford a few hours of administrative help with communications each month, to identify, recruit, and nurture other compassionate listeners, to write and produce inspirational, educational and training literature—all of which affords Someone To Tell It To the ability to fulfill its mission and serve more people by providing a larger compassionate presence and a listening ear for those who need a safe place to share their stories.

Co-founders Michael Gingerich, M.Div and Tom Kaden, M.Div.

Organ upgrade and sanctuary remodel projects need support

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Stained Glass LED ($18,000) – Upgrading to LED lighting for the Main Street stained glass window is a cost-saving measure that will quickly pay for itself.

Construction ($10,500) – Opening up and leveling the chancel area and expanding the front stairs is a fairly affordable and simple improvement that will diversify our space.

Miscellaneous ($5,000) – Other purchases such as chairs for the choir and some fresh paint will complete the renovation.

Many of these projects have already received some funding. If you would like to support a particular project, or give to the remodel as a whole, please contact Pastor Jason at 717-566-0252. For questions about the remodel, contact Cindy Miller, Trustees chair, at 717-269-1734. Also, be sure to take a look at the project display found in the lobby.

Two Town Hall meetings held in April gave disciples an opportunity to view the remodel plans and to ask questions of Pastor Jason and representatives of Trustees. Above, Tom Brazel (center) and Woody Backenstoes (right) listen as Pastor Jason explains the plans to open the sanctuary’s chancel area and the opportunities it will create.
To Ukraine with love: Trinity disciples to travel

Eight persons from Trinity will travel to Ukraine July 1-10 as part of the “2016 Summer Mission of Love.”

Team members include Kay Baxter, Chris Cartwright, Rachel Irvin, Jan Rexrode, Joyce and Bob Snyder, and Judy and Mike Thrasher. The team will partner with missionaries Archie and Ruslan Tkachuk of Raising Hope, Inc. Raising Hope has been a mission focus at Trinity since 2014. (Read more at raisinghopeukraine.com.)

The mission team will conduct a Bible Camp for approximately 70 children as well as help elderly widows with food staples, light home repairs, and chores. This will take place in Kozliv, a remote village of 700 people in southern Ukraine, near the border with Moldova.

The only church in the village is a house church of 60 believers who gather weekly. Most homes lack indoor plumbing, and life there is very difficult. Elderly widows must chop wood for heating, get water from a well (sometimes a distance from their house), and use an outhouse. In Soviet times, it was the site of large collective farms. Now, the fields are mainly used for subsistence farming.

The following are ways you can become a “Partner in Mission” and share the love of Christ with “the least and the lost” of Ukraine:

- Prayer support.
- Financial support of the projects in Ukraine.
- Financial support of team members’ travel expenses.
- Donate craft items for the Bible Camp (collection bin in the lobby).

To support the team, please make gifts payable to Trinity UMC and write Ukraine Team in the check memo line.

Drop donations in the office or in the offering during worship.

Finally, hear more about life in Ukraine when Archie and Ruslan, visit Pennsylvania and worship at Trinity on Sunday, May 29. Stop by their table in the lobby to meet them and learn how God is at work in Ukraine!

Contact Judy Thrasher at 717-756-3811 or thrasherfam@verizon.net for more information.

UKRAINE TEAM DINE OUT DAY

Pick up a flyer from the info desk in the lobby and visit Hoss’s Restaurant for lunch or dinner on Thursday, May 19 to support the 2016 Summer Mission of Love to Ukraine.

Pentecost geranium sale closes May 1

Trinity will decorate the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, with red geraniums which may be purchased in memory or in honor of a special someone.

Cost is $4 per plant and they may be taken home following the 11 AM Traditions Service. Names of those being honored and remembered will be listed in the bulletin on Pentecost Sunday. Deadline for orders is Sunday, May 1.

Order forms are available at the info desk and at the back of the sanctuary. Completed forms and payment should be left in the church office before May 1.
How Peace with Justice Sunday empowers all to help

In your offering envelopes this month, you will find a “Peace with Justice” envelope. Here is how it helps:

In Arizona border towns, communities facing social challenges are dramatically divided. In Liberian villages, citizens’ human rights are being violated. In local U.S. communities, women and girls are being bought and sold against their will. Moved by Christ’s love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God’s image, the United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice.

Although we may lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world, your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, we are able to make a difference together by the sowing seeds—and yielding the fruit!—of peace. Because you give:

- Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities.
- Liberians are being equipped to implement the UMC’s Social Principles to address social-justice issues.
- Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad.

These and hundreds of other initiatives are possible because you give.

Pastor Jason

As the weather changes and the clouds part and the sun shines, it’s time to clean. From the garage to the basement to the closet to the church, everything could use a little extra attention!

On Saturday, May 21, from 8 AM to noon, the Trustees will lead a Spring Cleaning Day at the church to wipe down the pews, mulch the flower beds, clean out the hedge rows, and organize some closets.

Sign up on the communication card in worship to be part of the team!

General Conference update

The United Methodist Church’s top legislative body will meet at the Oregon Convention Center, the largest convention center in the Pacific Northwest, on May 10-20.

General Conference is the top policy-making body of the United Methodist Church which meets once every four years. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy, and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs.

Topics that have been submitted for consideration include: restructuring the General Church for efficiency and vitality, limiting the tenure of bishops, “reshaping the ordination process,” writing a digital hymnal, and numerous proposals regarding human sexuality, abortion, racism, and immigration.

For details and up-to-the-minute news on General Conference go to tinyurl.com/gencon2016.

Pastor Jason

Didn’t receive the Herald email?

Each month the Herald is emailed to those on our distribution lists, and we receive notifications the publication has been rejected by various email providers. AOL and Yahoo email addresses are typically problematic.

If you requested to receive the Herald electronically but have not, please add the email address herald@tumchtown.org to your contacts and also send an email to that address alerting us to the issue. Thank you!

Oregon Convention Center
Free Wills Seminar offered

As a follow-up to our learning series, Surviving Death, all are invited to a free Wills Seminar on Tuesday, May 10, at 6 PM in room 307.

This seminar provides an opportunity to get answers to questions, participate in open discussion, and receive free literature about wills, trusts, estate planning, charitable giving, joint ownership, state and federal taxes, estate settlement, and gift annuities.

Rev. Phyllis M. Bowers, executive director of the United Methodist Stewardship Foundation, will answer questions and review procedures for planning wills, estates, and other financial considerations. During refreshments following the seminar, attendees may discuss more personal needs with Rev. Bowers as time permits.

Child care is available upon request. Though the seminar is free, registration is required. Simply mark the communication card in your bulletin or call the church office at 717-566-0252 to sign up.

Rev. Phyllis Bowers

Worship Arts Team seeks creative, visual thinkers

Did you know only about 30 percent of people are auditory learners? That means on any given Sunday without any pictures or props, using only spoken words and beautiful music, 70 percent of us are missing out. That’s because 65 percent of us are visual learners. For us, the visual arts complete the picture.

That’s why we’re building a worship arts team. We’re looking for passionate creative people who think in pictures and symbols. We need dedicated constructive people who can bring ideas to life in the real world. From displays to dramas to dance, we’re looking to form a team of people who will bring a whole new dimension to worship. If you’re interested in worship arts, please sign up on the communication card. We will have an informational meeting on Tuesday, May 31, at 7 PM in room 307.

Pastor Jason

Dear Trinity UMC,

Thank you for partnering with us for a day of service at Harrisburg Christian Performing Arts Center (HCPAC) and for making your March Mission Emphasis. We were blessed by the enthusiasm and eagerness that your students brought to our projects. Their assistance with the painting of our set for The Prophets Foretold was essential to the success of our production.

We also appreciated your donations of items necessary to our ministry. All were a blessing to us during one of our busiest weeks of the year. Thank you for being a part of God’s provision for our needs.

Thank you, again, for working together with us as we seek to minister to young adults, students, and families through the theater arts. It is a blessing to serve God together with you.

John Mullins
Executive director
HCPAC

For making Sunday School fun

To our AMAZING Sunday School teachers and helpers, I extend my gratitude for the time, love, and support you offer to our children and youth all year! I am blessed to work alongside so many who are devoted to sharing the love of God with these children.

God Bless,

Christel Buck, Children & Youth minister, and Trinity’s children and youth

For mission trip support

TUMY would like to thank all who have so generously supported our 2016 Youth Mission. Due to your donations we are able to keep down the cost for our youth and their families. We appreciate your support as we go out and serve in Blue Knob this year, sharing the love of God with those in need.

TUMY leaders and members
My Story: Kathy Robison

My earliest memories of church were those of my family’s church in uptown Harrisburg. My memory is bright with the children’s church room and the sanctuary of dark wood and brightly-colored stained glass.

My parents were very active in the church, and many of the congregation were like family—always there with kind and encouraging words. There were picnics and gatherings of this extended family and many of my friends were part of these events.

Upon reflection of the years between these early church memories and the more recent memories, it is humbling to see how God has influenced my journey.

I believe the servants that have been woven into my life have been instrumental in the fabric of my life. Teachers, church leaders, pastors, and long-time friends have all that showed me what it is to be a servant, pastors that challenged me to be more than I thought I could be, and friends that held me accountable, lifted me up and celebrated with me.

My story doesn’t contain a “conversion” moment, however, it is full of examples of how the presence of God was always there. My story is full of times that were comforted by the gentle presence of God’s loving hand.

My story reflects the joy of God in the celebrations of my life. In the current chapter of my story, God has brought my family to Trinity. Here we are learning new things and are watching for what God has next in this new panel of our tapestry.

FROM THE BOOKSHELF: Kids’ edition

Dragon Slayers: The Essential Training Guide for Young Dragon Fighters by Joyce Denham

As school winds down it might be a good idea to get your kids some good summer reading material. Last fall I picked up one such book while visiting a monastery and Eli loved it!

Here’s Eli’s review:

In this book you will meet all of the sins in life as dragons and the devil is “The Dragon Rider,” but you will also meet Jesus Christ, “The Chief Dragon Slayer.” You will not only meet those people (and dragons), but you will also encounter other dragon slayers that have fought dragons and won.

But don’t forget the guide, “Sir Wyvern Pugilist.” He will introduce you to the armor of the Mighty One (God). I think this book is great for kids because it uses your imagination and you can join “The Ancient and Ever-Forgiving Order of Dragon Slayers.”

Pastor Jason Eli Mackey

May Stewardship Seed

Giving to God should be a time of worship, rejoicing, and celebration. Giving is our grateful response to God for all things.

Your Trinity Stewardship Team
Welcome new members!

Trinity was blessed to gain four new disciples in April! After attending Pizza with the Pastor, our new members decided Trinity is a home where they can Love, Learn, Live, and Lead with other followers of Christ. Please join us in welcoming (at right) Amanda and Lisa Miller, Mary Ann Zugay (bottom right) and Ruth Ann Mengle (below, center). A big Trinity welcome to you all!

Nursery school thankful for church support

Learning Express Nursery School thanks those who registered their Giant Bonus Cards using the LENS ID code. The program ran from October through March and raised more than $700. A BIG thank you to everyone who supported LENS during our January Mission Emphasis. Earnings from these two events help to support our scholarship fund.

Learning about the many people who live and work in our community was highlighted with a visit from the Hummelstown fire station. Fire personnel, including one of our LENS dads who also brought a fire truck, helped us understand a firefighter’s job!

We finished out April with “Appreciation Days” honoring the parents and caregivers who helped make our year fun and successful.

May includes many spring projects such as watching our caterpillars turn into butterflies, observing eggs as they hatch in our incubator, and recording the growth of seeds planted in our vegetable garden.

LENS will finish out its school year with a picnic for the entire family at Alexander Park located in Graystone Development.
Children & Youth prep for summer

Hello Friends!

Preparation is under way for our VBS program CAVE QUEST: Following Jesus, the Light of the World! Parents, please see pages 10-11 for more on Vacation Bible School (VBS) and make sure you get your child’s registration form in NO LATER than Friday, June 3! Meeting the deadline ensures your child gets a T-shirt for the craft that they will be doing...each child needs one!

Summer Sunday School schedules are up for Sunday School and Praise Zone! We need YOU to make sure our programs keep running strong throughout the summer. If you have not taught or helped in Sunday School before, but would like to give it a try, summer is a great time to get started. With its laid-back pace and scheduled Fun Days (such as Team Trinity Day, Super Hero Sunday, and Bible Beach Day), Summer Sunday School is always a great experience.

Sign up for as many or as few days as you like; we would love to have you on our team! Please contact me by email, at cbuck@tumc.org or call 717-566-0252, ext. 108, for details.

Blessings,
Christel Buck
Children & Youth Minister

CONFIRMATION RETREAT—Our 2016 Confirmation Class headed to Gretna Glen to join other youth in digging deeper into the Methodist faith. Students learned about types of prayers and how to connect and relate to others. They also created health kits for Mission Central and participated in a blindfolded trust walk. These youth will join the church on Sunday, May 1, at the 9:30 AM Celebration Service.

Attention: Graduates or parents and grandparents of graduates!

If you know a member of Trinity that is graduating from high school, college, or trade school, please contact Kathy Robison, office manager, in the church office at 717-566-0252 to provide information about your student by Monday, May 16.

No names will be accepted after the May 16 date, so please call soon! Graduates attending worship on Sunday, June 5, will be recognized during the service they regularly attend and all names given will be announced in the worship folder.
### MAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

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#### TV MONITOR

Karen Schankweiler
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### Donations needed for VBS week

Below are items needed for VBS. Participants have the option of paying the $15 registration fee or donating three items from the list below. Please review ALL food labels to ensure the product is NOT processed with peanut or nuts/oils.

**SNACKS**
- 30 gallons apple juice
- 6 large boxes Goldfish crackers
- 4 large bags Skittles
- 4 large bags Swedish Fish
- 12 large bags Martins popped corn (butter)
- 5 large bags cheese balls
- 5 large bags mini pretzels
- 20 sleeves plain rice cakes
- 6 large bags Twizzlers pull-n-peel cherry licorice (string type)
- 10 cans Cheese Wiz
- 6 bags pretzel sticks
- 10 large containers whipped cream cheese

**CRAFTS**
- Monetary donations for cost of crafts and T-shirts (provided for each child)

**GAMES**
- 5 rolls masking tape
- 10 hoola hoops

Collection boxes for the items will be placed on each floor at church.

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**Registration for CAVE QUEST VBS underway**

CALLING ALL KIDS! It’s time to conquer the darkness at CAVE QUEST! Join us on a new adventure at this year’s vacation bible school (VBS), CAVE QUEST: Following Jesus, the Light of the World!

Dates for VBS this year are **Tuesday through Saturday, June 14-18**, from 9:30 -11:30 AM and **Sunday, June 19**, we will gather at 9 AM to present our message at the 9:30 AM Celebration Service.

All children, ages 3 (must be COMPLETELY potty trained) through sixth grade are invited to attend. Registration must be in by **Friday, June 3**. Registering ensures each child receives a T-shirt which they will need for a craft during the week. We need your child’s shirt size so they will be able to have a shirt and participate in that craft.

To get your child in on the fun, simply complete the registration form on page 11 or pick one up from the bulletin boards on the first, second, or fourth floors at church. Registration forms and payment should be dropped in the church office.

Contact Christel Buck at cbuck@tumchton.org or 717-566-0252, ext. 108, with any questions, to inquire about an item donation, or if you would like to volunteer to help. It’s not too late to sign up!
Vacation Bible School Registration Form

Our schedule for Vacation Bible School this year is **Tuesday through Saturday, June 14-18, from 9:30-11:30 AM**, and we will gather on **Sunday at 9 AM** to present our message to the congregation at the **9:30 AM Celebration Service**.

*All kids must pre-register to receive a T-shirt. The shirt is part of a craft kids complete at VBS.*

**A registration form must be completed for each child.** This form may be copied for multiple children or additional forms are available on the first, second, or fourth floor bulletin boards at Trinity.

Submit completed forms and checks made payable to Trinity United Methodist Church, to the church office **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JUNE 3!**

Child’s Name: ____________________ Age: _____________ In Case of Emergency, Contact:

Street Address: _____________________________________________________________________________

City: _____________________________________________ Zip: ___________________ State: _____________

Mother’s Name: ________________________ Father’s Name: _________________________

Home Phone: (______) _______________________________ Additional Information: ______________________

Parent/Caregiver’s Cell Phone: ________________________ Allergies or Other Medical Conditions: ______

Home e-mail Address: ________________________________

Date of Birth: ______________________________________ Home Church: ________________________________

Last School Grade Completed: ________________________ $15 Registration Fee*: _____

$30 for 2 or more children ______

Donation: ______

I hereby authorize TUMC to photograph and/or video my child during VBS (please sign) ____________________________

T-shirt size (please circle) **CHILD**: S  M  L  **ADULT**: S  M  L

*You have the option of paying the $15 registration fee or donating **THREE** needed items. (See list of items needed on page 10.) Monetary donations are put towards the cost of craft supplies and children’s T-shirts. **THANK YOU!**

Please call Christel Buck, Children & Youth minister, at 717-566-0252, ext. 108, or check the wish lists posted on the first, second, or fourth floors to make sure the item is still needed. All donations are appreciated. Collection boxes will be placed on each floor for donations.
CONFIRMATION TIME! The above group of students (pictured at Confirmation Retreat) will complete their confirmation journey by becoming disciples at Trinity on Sunday, May 1, at 9:30 AM. For more from the retreat at G retna G len, see page 8.

Don’t miss these dates

- **SUNDAY, MAY 1**
  Confirmation Sunday and last day to order Pentecost geraniums.

- **TUESDAY, MAY 10**
  Free Wills Seminar

- **MONDAY, MAY 16**
  Last day to submit grads

- **SUNDAY, MAY 15**
  Pentecost Sunday

- **THURSDAY, MAY 19**
  Eat at Hoss’s for Ukraine team fundraiser

- **FRIDAY, JUNE 3**
  Registration deadline for CAVE QUEST VBS