

the BRIEF



GO and serve: Mission Teams return from Frakes, Kentucky

Our adult and youth mission teams have returned from Frakes, Kentucky, and if you haven't chatted with a team member about their experience, you definitely should! Both teams have stories of worksite challenges, God's grace, harrowing Kentucky road drives, going beyond what they thought they could do, and, of course, silly moments resulting in giggles.

The teams included 17 youth, three youth leaders, and 18 adults for a grand total of 38 disciples—that included several families represented by multiple disciples. TUMY was split into two worksites while the adults worked at four different sites, including serving on the campus of Henderson Settlement.

Trinity's crews included many first-timers as well as seasoned vets—though all had their own reasons for attending. "I went to experience fellowship with others and to help people in the community," said disciple Tammy Friedrich, who worked in the thrift shop ministry. "Just being in the community helping others was a joyous experience."

At Henderson, teams pay to cover material costs of any construction projects they'll take on. Thanks to the Trinity Mission Trips Fund (learn more about our July Mission Focus on page 7), the teams were financially prepared to

complete interior painting at two homes; snap-together flooring at four homes; and a total exterior cleaning and painting of a fifth home. And during a hot week which included time lost to rainstorms, that's just what they did!

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:10

Both on the worksites and back at Henderson Settlement, teams enjoyed camaraderie as disciples who may previously have only shared a smile or nod on Sunday mornings became fast friends. Adults and youth connected as together they worshiped, enjoyed meals, crossed paths on worksites, or completed puzzles together.

If you've never taken part in a mission trip, Pastor Rob recommends every disciple serve to deepen their faith. "The mission trip to Henderson Settlement was life-giving, not only to the attendees but to those we served. Each person experienced God uniquely through service and experiences that will continue to shape us at home."

A fall Lunch & Learn is planned to share more of the team's experience with the congregation. Watch for more details to come.

For more information on future adult mission trips, contact Pastor Rob at rkazinski@tumchtown.org.

See more mission trip pix on pages 5-6.

From Pastor Melissa: Few Words

Do you ever feel a little bit “worded out?” When I was a kid, I absolutely loved to read. The more books the better. The longer the book, the better. A good book could capture my attention and hold it for hours...or even days at a time.

I was the kid who would get in trouble because when it was past bedtime, I would hide under my covers with a flashlight because I didn’t want to put down the book that I was reading.

Now, as an adult, I still love books. I love buying books. I love reading the synopsis of books and getting excited about them and putting them on my Amazon wish list. I love collecting books. But I am lucky if my attention span can get me past the first chapter of most of the amazing books that I pick up.

I have a fantastic library of deep spiritual wisdom...most of which is probably going to go unread because my capacity for absorbing a large

number of words is...well...lacking. This is why I have come to truly delight in little kernels or nuggets of wisdom that I can “chew on” in small pieces.

For example, a Norbertine monk from New Mexico wrote a book in which he boiled each of the 150 Psalms down to a single haiku. I can do haikus. My haiku Psalm for today is Psalm 27:

*Like the break of day
in the middle of the night
the Face of the Lord*

I have also come to love breath prayers: an ancient form of prayer where we link our breathing to short phrases that can be repeated over and over again. On the inhale, we speak a name or an image that we hold for God; and on the exhale, in as few words as possible, we speak our need, our longing, or our praise.

For example:

*Inhale: Spirit of Peace,
Exhale: Calm my fears.*

Then for a period of time, with every inhale and every exhale, we repeat this short petition over and over again until the prayer becomes a part of our being.

As we make our way through this summer, with all of the varied activities that summer brings, I would encourage all of us to find the little “snippets” of grace and wisdom that can help weave moments of prayer into our chaotic and frenzied lives. It can help bring stillness to our souls when we need the stillness the most. Blessings everybody,
Pastor Melissa



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Summer Learning Series continues: Curious Fruits

Peruse the media for a few moments or listen to the rhetoric from our politicians in Washington and you will see a certain level of hate, acrimony, and division that once was frowned upon. Now it’s accepted or even encouraged in the name of “free speech”, “standing up for yourself”, or “telling it like it is”.

The fact is our American

society has fast become a deeply negative place where now disrespect, crudeness, and frustration is everywhere. Unfortunately, many Christians have succumbed to the recent cultural trends, too, which is a far cry of what historic Christianity used to be.

This summer we’ll look at the hallmarks of the Christian attitudes found in Gala-

tians 5:22-23, popularly known as the “fruits of the spirit”. Paul said that people will know the Christian by the fruit they yield. These fruits of the spirit have only recently been considered weak, passive, or old fashioned in our modern society, but they just may be the thing that’s most needed if we’re to help build the kingdom of God.

Sunday, July 6—Faithfulness
Proverbs 3:1-4

Sunday, July 13—Kindness
Ephesians 4:29-32

Sunday, July 20—Patience
Genesis 16:1-6

Sunday, July 27—Gentleness
Titus 3:1-5

Looking to help others? Join Congregational Care Team

Congregational Care is a vital ministry here at Trinity that offers meals or rides to Trinity members.

Need a ride to an appointment or a hot meal? Reach out to the Care Coordinator

by calling and leaving a message at: **717-566-0252, option 5.**

The Congregational Care Team is always looking for volunteers to be part of our team. Reach out to Team

Lead Cindy Wenrich to get connected or with any questions 717-926-6693.



PLEASE NOTE:

Trinity’s church office will be closed **MONDAY, JULY 7**, for July 4th observance. Regular office hours resume **TUESDAY, JULY 8.**

Celebrating Ignite SOCCER 2025

June was a very busy start to summer for Trinity's disciples! We started the month with our four-night Ignite Soccer VBS outreach, averaging about 65 students each night. Students learned a little about soccer skills and a whole lot about Jesus! Enjoy these pictures from Ignite 2025.



From Our Head Coach

Our 2025 Ignite Soccer is in the books but what a week we had! We learned that we could show God's love, we can forgive others, share God's story, and that we should use the gifts that God has given us.

Trinity's disciples used their gifts by showing kindness, generosity, encouragement, willingness to help, creativity, and leadership. I am profoundly grateful to everyone, and all that Trinity does to support our kids and the kids of the community.

A HUGE thank you to anyone who stepped up to help by being a registrar, coach, worship leader, music leader, snack leader, nurse, improv actor, listener, helper, a prayer warrior, and anyone else ready to help with anything that was needed. Without the support of everyone this event would not be the success that it is. It is truly a blessing to work alongside everyone.

*Many thanks,
Sarah Ordille
Director of Kids Ministries*





Celebrating Ignite SOCCER 2025

It wasn't just kicking balls around, Ignite Soccer offers tons of fun from water-soaked games and relay games to giant soccer ball play and even hula-hooping fun!



In addition to the many fun memories, this year every student took home a soccer ball and an age-appropriate Bible so they can continue learning about Jesus!

Memories from Kentucky



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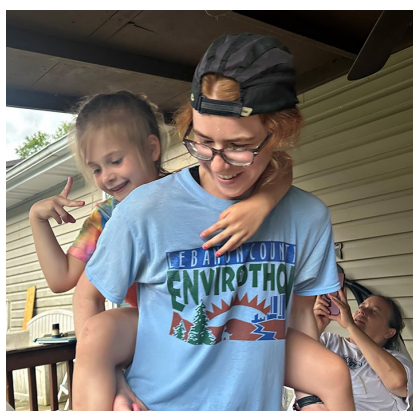


Trinity's Adult and Youth Mission Teams assisted a total of five homeowners with needed repairs and renovations they could not afford. That included painting one ceiling, one room, and a home's exterior as well as installing flooring at four sites! We also had a crew work onsite at Henderson Settlement that did an incredible amount of work in the campus thrift store. From the traditional prayer circle on departure morning to the hot, dusty, and dirty worksites, enjoy this look back at our teams in action.



Memories from Kentucky

While mission trips are definitely hard work, they also provide disciples an opportunity to worship, spend time with God, form new relationships, and even have some fun—like theme days for the Youth (Minion Monday, Crazy Hair Friday!) and a mid-week Fun Day for both teams!



FALL LUNCH & LEARN COMING!
Watch for a date to come for a fall Lunch & Learn when the mission teams will share about their experiences at Henderson Settlement.

Packs of underwear, monetary donations sought for Love INC. sneaker fitting days

The Shepherd's Closet is in need of children's (boys and girls) underwear sizes 4-18, adult sizes, or monetary donations for the purchase of underwear as we prepare for the Love Inc. sneaker distribution.

During the sneaker fitting, Shepherd's Closet provides students receiving shoes with

a new pair of underwear and they may shop for an article of clothing, free of charge.

Last year more than \$420 was spent to purchase underwear for the event. Packages of underwear may be placed in the office thru the month of July.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you may provide for this need.



Save the date: Facilitator Training planned

Facilitator Training, part of the Harvesting Plot of Trinity's Discipleship

Garden, will be offered for anyone interested in learning skills that can be used

to lead a small group.

Karyn Kazinski will lead this training on **Saturday, Aug. 23**, from 9 AM to 2 PM. Lunch will be provided for all attendees. Watch for more info to come.

Want to know more? Contact Kay Baxter, Discipleship director, at kbaxter@tumc.htown.org.



July Mission Focus: Trinity's Mission Trips Fund



Fresh off a joint Youth and Adult mission trip, Trinity's July Mission Focus will benefit our future mission trips. Donations received this month play a valuable part in how, where, and when Trinity disciples live out our vision to GO and serve others.

While the youth fundraise extensively during the months prior to their yearly trips, when breaking down the cost of travel, lodging, and any Fun Day activities for our youth, the cost can keep some students from participating.

Enter the Trinity Mission Trips Fund. Donations collected in July will help ensure that no student misses out on learning the value of serving others or enjoying a well-earned day off during mission trips.

Currently Trinity is on track to take adult mission trips every four years. The Trinity Mission Trips Fund has an impact on what our disciples can do for others while serving. For example, when traveling to Henderson Settlement, the team leaders met in advance to select the team's projects for the trip based upon the skills of those serving.

However, while the labor is covered, projects come with a price tag to cover the cost of materials. Dona-

tions to the Trinity Mission Trips Fund allow disciples to only pay for their housing, meals, and transportation while the church covers the project costs.

Ask anyone who just returned from our Frakes, Kentucky, trip, about their experience and you'll hear first-hand why these trips are so important... not just to those in need who we are helping but to our disciples as well. It's time to disconnect from the

daily schedule, to create new relationships with other Trinity disciples who you might not otherwise meet, and to focus your attention on your faith life.

To learn about the experience the Trinity Mission Trips Fund made possible, read the mission recap article in this issue. If you have questions about future trips, contact Pastor Rob at rkazinski@tumc.htown.org.





Showing “sew” much love!

When our mission team headed to Kentucky, Trinity disciple Sue Waters knew she wouldn't be able to accompany them so she used her talents to support the mission, sending the team off with four bins containing 372 handcrafted items for Henderson Settlement's use.

Coordinating between the sewing groups Sue attends, she organized the creation and donation of handmade hat and scarf sets, bibs, burp cloths, crocheted sweaters, afghan blankets, receiving blankets, two-piece kids' outfits, T-shirt dresses, aprons, and more. Phew!

At left, mission team members MaryAnn and Marjorie Rhan look over the handmade pillowcases provided to all team members by the groups. Thank you, Sue, and all the handcrafters for serving with missions!

M.A.D. Camp update

Registration closing soon

Only a handful of spots remain for our 2025 Music, Art, & Drama (or M.A.D.) Camp! If you haven't registered your student or your child would like to bring a friend, scan the QR code and act fast!

For a donation of just \$30 (only \$6 a day), students enjoy a five-day camp at Trinity **Monday-Friday, Aug. 11-15**, from 8:45 AM to 2:45 PM. Each day includes Bible and music lessons, art experiences, lunch, and snacks. On Friday, students share what they've learned in a musical showcase that all may attend! Scan the QR code to register your child today!

Got questions? Contact Directors Kaye Miller at kmiller@tumchtown.org or Faith Matthews at fmatthews@tumchtown.org or call 717-566-0252 to get connected.

Reminder for disciples serving at camp

Thank you so much for volunteering to help at this year's *Soul on Fire*, M.A.D. Camp. A volunteer meeting prior to camp will be held **Tuesday, July 29, 6:30PM**, room 413. Please save this date on your calendar.

Volunteer positions and schedules will be available at this time, we hope you can join us. If you find you are not able to attend, please notify Kaye or Faith ASAP.



Trinity supports Mission Central

Just a month ago we were collecting school supplies of crayons and colored pencils to support our conference efforts to create comfort kits

for children needing encouragement, creativity, and care.

At Annual Conference in June, Trinity's Lay Leaders Tod and Karen Shutt along with Pastor Rob proudly handed over Trinity's donations of 70 packs of crayons and 79 packs of colored pencils. Our donations helped the conference exceed its goal of 1,000 kits created!

At the same time, we were also collecting supplies for our June visit to Mission Central. Thanks to your generosity, our team was able to transport 168 washcloths and 93 combs/hair picks to Mission Central! A very huge thank you to all who contributed to these efforts!

The next Mission Central service date is set for **Friday, Aug. 8**. The team departs the parking lot at 8:25 AM for Mechanicsburg. Students under 18 are welcome to attend with an adult. All are welcome to serve!

