

the **BRIEF**

MAD Camp musicians set afire with spirit!

After a week of learning about Jesus, it was their souls—not the church—set on fire at the close of our Music, Art, and Drama or MAD Camp! The students presented a musical showcase that included two bell numbers and the musical production, “Soul on Fire.” A big thank you to every disciple who stepped up to serve at camp. You can find more photos on pages 3-4.



Two events set to celebrate “Homecoming,” ministries start

This fall, Trinity invites you to join the party as we mark the return to our fall ministry schedule and welcome everyone back for “Homecoming.”

We’ll begin with **ONE COMBINED** worship service on **SUNDAY, SEPT. 7, at 10 AM**. With the theme of “Homecoming,” we’ll include in worship some past musicians and special guests as together we praise God and celebrate communion. Due to the combined service, communion will be served in the pews. As always, all are welcome to participate!

Immediately following worship, we’ll move to Fellowship Hall for our annual church picnic! Come enjoy food, fun, and friends with all-ages bingo and a dessert stroll as well as courtyard games (weather permitting).

There’s no cost, but we do need a head-count for food. Please RSVP by **Wednesday, Sept. 3**. You can scan the QR code, sign up on the Connect Card in worship, or call the church office at 717-566-0252. Hope to see you there!



So nice, we’ll celebrate **TWICE!** If you can’t make the combined worship and picnic event, no worries! On **SUNDAY, SEPT. 14, from 6-8 PM**, we’ll continue our celebration with a Homecoming Bash in Fellowship Hall!

Pastor Rob will emcee while DJ L’il Bald (AKA Worship Leader Matt Dickinson) spins the tunes. Bring a dozen of your favorite cookies to share on the cookie table. There will be light refreshments, games, and music, and everyone is encouraged to dress up as much or as little as you’d like! No sign ups required, just show up. Hope to see you there!

HOMECOMING **BASH!**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14, 6-8 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

From Pastor Melissa: Scaffolds of Support

Those of you who know me well know that I am very vocal about my gardening inabilities. Those of you who know me well also know that I can sometimes be a bit stubborn.

This tension—between weakness and stubbornness—can sometimes render mixed results.

Last year, I decided to try to plant cherry tomatoes in my not-a-garden. And behold...miracle of miracles... they DIDN'T DIE! I was worried there for a while...they seemed to take a very long time to take off. The fruit started mid-summer, and it was September before they ever decided to ripen. But when they took off, they REALLY took off.

This year, I decided to give it another try. I planted two tomato plants early in the season. I did everything right. Spaced them appropriately, planted them in a place with the optimal amount of sun...provided cages for support, gave them water... And then, true to form, I forgot all about them.

Weeks later, I went out into the garden, and here's what I noticed: My forgotten tomato plants had outgrown their cages. As in, the longest

branches stretched 7 feet tall...but because they didn't have enough support, they were bent over and growing into a tangled mess.

But that wasn't the only thing I noticed. I had planted two tomato plants. But now there were four plants. Apparently, last year's tomatoes had babies. And the babies now had flowers and fruits.

So, I went to work—scaffolding up the plants; giving them support enough to grow and thrive. Admiring their self-sufficiency and tenacity when I had forgotten about them; but also recognizing their present need. In the last few weeks, I've been holding two wise statements, spoken to me by wise people. Statements in tension with each other. Both are equally true. But at first glance, they seem to contradict each other:

"Sometimes we are the ones we are waiting for."

"It is okay for you to need me more right now."

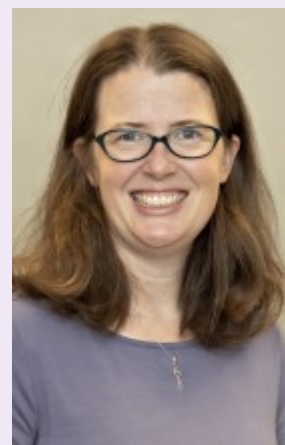
On one hand, we are created strong, capable, brilliant, adaptable; ripe with the Image of God imprinted upon each of us. We can do and dream more than we think we can.

And we often sell ourselves short.

But we also need one another. We can't live life alone. And sometimes, our deep need for connection and support is far deeper than we know.

So here is my encouragement for each of us (me included): Celebrate your giftedness and your beauty. You are God's gift to the world. A tomato plant growing in a non-gardener's garden, just "for the fun of it."

And remember that vulnerable does not mean incapable. Even the strongest, heartiest tomatoes need support and strengthening from outside themselves to grow strong and healthy. We are the Body of Christ. And we need each other. Blessings everybody,
Pastor Melissa



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Want to GROW deeper in faith? PLACE Workshop can help!

What do you have in common with a lion, otter, beaver, or golden retriever? These animals can be used to symbolize different personality traits. You can find out which one you match with this fall by participating in a PLACE Workshop.

PLACE is a five-week workshop that Pastor Rob recommends all Trinity disciples take. It's part of the Preparing and Planting plots of our Discipleship Garden, and helps each disciple not only learn more about how God made them but get connected deeper into faith life at Trinity.

In addition to discovering your personality, you'll learn about spiritual gifts and environments in which you feel competent and fulfilled. You'll also explore the things you care deep-

ly about and how you demonstrate that care. You may think you know yourself pretty well, but the results still surprise many students!

You'll look at some of your life experiences and how they have impacted your life and shaped who you are today. All these aspects about who you are blend together to make you a unique and wonderful child of God for whom He has a special purpose.

Facilitators Kay Baxter and Donna Friedrich in-



vite everyone to join this fall session meeting from 6:30-8 PM on Mondays beginning **Sept 22** and ending **Oct 20**. The group will meet in room 301, and childcare is available.

To register, scan the QR code, sign up on the Connect Card, or contact Kay Baxter, director of Discipleship, at kbaxter@tumchtown.org or 717-612-8346. Deadline to register is **Monday, Sept 15**.

Last week, Trinity was blessed to welcome 77 students to our halls for our third annual MAD (Music, Art, & Drama) Camp. The students—from grades K through 6—spent the week creating art, learning about Jesus, playing games, singing songs, ringing bells, and learning music to present the musical, “Soul on Fire” before a crowd of more than 170 onsite and an online audience of 66 of their family and friends.

Led by Trinity Ringers Director Kaye Miller and Music Director Faith Matthews, MAD Camp was born from the heart of Kaye and is purposely held a week in August when most other camps close, offering our community a place for students to spend some final summer days. This year the week even included two very special guest visits! (See page 4)

MAD CAMP

Memories



Singing from the pews on the first day, learning songs and motions.



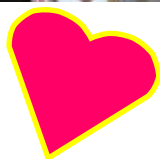
When you find the PERFECT color for your Bible lesson worksheet!



Outdoor games offered a chance to burn off some energy.



MAD CAMP Memories



Above, Wednesday's agenda included a special visit from Mr. Vince of Orgelkids PA who instructed the students in building a unique functioning tabletop pipe organ. Students could both play the organ and also operate the bellows to provide the air.

At left, those smiles say it all! Thursday as MAD Camp let out for the day, campers were treated to a visit by the Hummelstown Fire Department. Students enjoyed climbing into the cab of an engine, checking out all the emergency gear, and talking with the fire-fighters.



Above, while every student worked hard, the "fire brigade" crew put in some serious extra time learning dialogue and working together to tell the story of "Soul on Fire." A big thank you to the parents who ran lines with their kids and provided transportation.

A Very BIG Thank You!

From morning check-in to Bible lessons, snack and lunch service to media booth operators, MAD Camp could not happen without our incredible disciples and staff stepping forward in service. Whether you're a teen or adult and served one day or all five, your presence was essential and very much appreciated! Thank you for making MAD Camp a success!



As the smoke from the big finale clears and the actors took their final bows, then confetti rained down!



Hospitality Team sets training, invites new members to serve

Every handshake, smile, and act of kindness is an opportunity to embody the love and hospitality of Jesus. That's the goal of our Hospitality Team members every week when they take their positions to serve as door or sanctuary greeters and info desk attendants.

Creating intentional, radical hospitality that helps make everyone who walks into our church feel welcome—whether their visiting for the first time or have attended Trinity their entire lives—is key to our ability to not just draw new “members” but to help those seeking Jesus to develop deep God-focused relationships. That's not just a goal for hospitality, but also for our Trinity community.



It's hard to believe, but our last hospitality training was held pre-pandemic in 2017. Needless to say, while a warm welcome still goes a long way, a lot has changed in the that time. On **Sunday, Sept. 21**, at noon, the team will gather in Fellowship Hall to connect with one another, hear about how we can im-

prove our first impression, and refresh our methods. A light lunch will be served. All who currently serve are encouraged to attend.

Anyone who has not yet served on the team but would like to get involved is welcome as well! If you'll be new to the team or if you have questions, please contact Team Lead Kathy Kelly at hospitality@tumchtown.org or call 717-566-0252 and provide your name

and contact info.

To RSVP for training, scan the QR code, sign up on the Connect Card, or call 717-566-0252 before Wednesday, **Sept. 17**.



Unlock free access to streaming content with RightNow Media

Did you take part in Trinity's 30-day Right Now Media Challenge in July? A large number did as we have greatly increased the number of accounts Trinity has registered for the service!

If you don't know, RightNow Media is a streaming service provided by Trinity free of charge to you. RNM gives you access to 25,000 video resources for small groups, families, kids, etc. From movies to documentaries to Bible studies, RNM has videos covering a large variety of topics, such as marriage, parenting, recovery, finances, and more. The kids library contains age-based stories such as *Kingdom Under the Sea* and *Hermie and Friends*. There are also sing-alongs with Larry the Cucumber from “Veggie Tales” and kid favorite, “Slugs & Bugs.”



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rightnow MEDIA

While the challenge is over, you can still get access to RNM. Simply scan the QR code and follow the prompts to create your FREE account and get started. Need help? Contact Sarah Ordille, director of Kids Ministries, at 717-566-0252. She'll be happy to help!



YOGA AT TRINITY

With Sacred Soulscapes

MONDAYS - CHAIR YOGA
PERFECT FOR LIMITED MOBILITY
WEEKLY, 9:15-10:15 AM

MONDAYS - LUNCHTIME YOGA
A BEGINNER-FRIENDLY 45-MINUTE CLASS
WEEKLY, NOON TO 12:45 PM

TUESDAYS - RESTORATIVE YOGA
A GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS
WEEKLY, 7-8 PM

WEDNESDAYS - YOGA FUSION
A COMBO OF YOGA, WEIGHTS, PILATES, & HIIT
STARTING SEPT 3, 6:15-7:15 AM

ALL CLASSES ARE FREE
AND LED BY PASTOR AND
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(DONATIONS GRATEFULLY
ACCEPTED.) SCAN QR
CODE FOR MORE INFO.



Next Love INC Collection, Sept. 14

Each month Trinity collects paper products to assist Love INC with supplying goods to locals in need. Donations of tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, and hand soap may be placed in the marked bin in the lobby on collection day.

Thank you for assisting our neighbors in need.

Caring for our family

Congregational Care is a vital ministry that offers meals or rides to Trinity members. To activate the service, contact the Care Coordinator by calling 717-566-0252, option 5.

New volunteers are always welcome to serve! Reach out to Cindy Wenrich, team lead, at 717-926-6693 with any questions or to get started.

Church holiday closure

The church will be closed **Monday, Sept. 1**, for Labor Day. Regular hours resume **Tuesday, Sept. 2**.

Yoga classes will not meet on Monday but also resume on **Tuesday, Sept. 3**.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THESE DATES

PROGRAM START DATES

ADULT MUSIC

Trinity Ringers Bell Choir
Thursday, Aug. 28, 6:30 PM
Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, Aug. 28, 7:45 PM

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Children's Choir
Sunday, Sept. 14, 8:50 AM
Multi-Age Bells
Sunday, Sept. 14, 10:30 AM

TUMY YOUTH GROUP

Thursday, Sept. 11, 6 PM

TUMY JRS. GROUP

Thursday, Sept. 11, 6 PM

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, Sept. 14, 9:30 AM

PROMISED LAND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Thursday, Sept. 18, 3:30 PM

SMALL GROUPS

Trinity offers many small groups to grow relationships. If you're already part of a group, contact your leader for a start date. To learn more about Trinity's groups or to find a group to help you GROW in faith, contact Kay Baxter, Discipleship director, at kbaxter@tumchtown.org or call 717-566-0252.

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