



Tidings: Trinity on Bridge

A Christ-centered, Bible-believing, Caring church
Sharing God's love story since 1873

August 2026



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DEAR CHURCH...

My dear Friend in the American journey,

America opened its arms to our family, and in time, made its way into our hearts. It has become more than a place we live; it is a home that now lives within us. We are deeply grateful for the ways we have been welcomed, prayed for, loved, encouraged, and given the opportunity to serve in Jesus' name. Every kindness, friendship, church family, neighbor, and open door has reminded us that God's grace often comes through genuine, sincere people.

Early this morning, our daughter Nehara called me on her way to work. She wanted to express gratitude to Miriam and me, as parents, for bringing Nihal and her to America. She added, "Dad, I want to thank you for all your hard work in the immigration process that finally gifted us citizenship here." As I took in the moment, it moved me deeply. She spoke of the privilege of living in the land of the free and the home of the brave. When I asked her for the top reasons for her gratitude, her reply was simple, joyful, and profound.

First, she spoke of the gift of "stress-free freedom". She described everyday gifts like the delight of driving through America's beautiful road systems, the simple convenience of picking up food from drive-throughs—something many countries do not have—and the quiet sense of joy that rises from such simple, everyday gifts. Second, she gave thanks for a land of opportunity, where hard work and honesty are honored, dreams can be pursued, doors can open, and people can serve, build, learn, and contribute with dignity. Third, and above all, she reflected on how God has been at the center of our family's journey—guiding, sustaining, and teaching us gratitude rather than entitlement.

Soon after, Nihal sent a message of gratitude in our family chat. Here is an excerpt from his reflection: "I believe one of America's greatest strengths has always been welcoming people who want to contribute to this nation while embracing the freedoms and responsibilities that come with being an American. At the same time, I believe it's important to preserve the values and principles that many Americans see as foundational to the country's identity. As a Christian, I believe Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation, and I want to raise my family according to biblical truth. I also believe our nation should remain firmly rooted in the Constitution and the freedoms it guarantees to every American."

Thank you, Nihal and Nehara

FROM PASTOR ARUN

As a husband, father, and pastor, I cannot fully express my gratitude for the privilege of sharing in the 250th anniversary celebrations of America's independence. It is exhilarating, joy-giving, humbling, challenging—a unique privilege to live in a land that has written into its national conscience the gifts of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

It is precious to live in a land shaped by the foundational belief that all human beings are created equal. Such ideals must be cherished, protected, and practiced with humility. They call us to receive freedom with gratitude and to live responsibly, serve faithfully, and love our neighbors well.

So today, we say thank you—to God first, and then to this nation that opened its arms to me and my family. Thank you Trinity, for the welcome, prayers, and love.

We thank the Lord for the freedom to worship, work, give, grow, and belong. America now lives in my heart, and my heart has found home here.

This privilege of being part of the American story must never make me proud or patronizing, but humble, grateful, and ever committed to making America more beautiful and special for the world.

Pastor Arun

GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America, land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her,
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam,
God bless America, my home, sweet home.

- Irving Berlin

THEMES

THEME FOR 2026: FOR THE ONE

**THEME FOR AUGUST:
A PEOPLE OF INNER HEALING**
**Our August sermon series will explore
God's transforming work in the unseen
places of the human soul.**

AUGUST PRAYER FOCUS:
Those battling suicidal thoughts.

AUGUST SERMON SERIES

Aug 2 | Joseph
Healing Wounds of Betrayal
Genesis 45:1-15
Preacher: Rev. Ken Meyer

Aug 9 | Mephibosheth
Healing from the "Lesser Complex"
2 Samuel 9:1-13
(Holy Communion)

Aug 16 | Hope's Harbor
Psalm 33:1-10
Preacher: Krish Dhanam

Aug 23 | Elijah
Healing from Emotional Burnout
1 Kings 19:1-13

Aug 30 | Naomi
Healing from Bitterness and Loss
Ruth 1:19-2:12

AUGUST 2026 BIBLE READING PLAN: A PEOPLE OF INNER HEALING

August 2026 Bible Reading Plan: A People of Inner Healing

1. What does today's reading reveal about God?
2. Is there a promise, command, or example that inspires me?
3. Write a short prayer based on a verse or idea that stands out.
4. Every two hours, take a "blessing break" to reflect on a key word or scripture.

Date	Theme	Scripture	Encouragement
1	Beginning with Praise	Psalms 145:1–12	Start the month declaring God's goodness
2	Healing from Betrayal	Genesis 45:1–12	God can heal deep wounds
3	Comfort in Trouble	2 Corinthians 1:3–11	Receive God's comfort and share it freely
4	Strength for the Weary	Isaiah 40:21–31	Wait on the Lord for renewed strength
5	Words that Heal	Proverbs 15:1–12	Choose gentle words that give life
6	Courage in Fear	Joshua 1:1–11	Be strong because God goes with you
7	Blessed to Bless	Numbers 6:22–27	Speak God's peace over others
8	Joy in God's Word	Psalms 119:9–20	Treasure Scripture in your heart
9	Welcomed by Grace	2 Samuel 9:1–12	God's kindness lifts the forgotten
10	Faithful Friendship	1 Samuel 20:12–23	Encourage others with loyal love
11	Hope in Suffering	Romans 5:1–11	God's love grows hope
12	Peace in Anxiety	Philippians 4:4–13	Bring every concern to God in prayer
13	Mercy that Restores	John 21:15–25	Jesus restores us for loving service
14	Carrying Burdens	Galatians 6:1–10	Bear burdens and keep doing good
15	Love in Action	1 John 3:11–24	Love with more than words
16	Hope's Harbor	Psalms 33:1–12	Let God's unfailing love steady your hope
17	Renewed Minds	Romans 12:1–12	Be transformed and devoted to good
18	Patient Endurance	James 5:7–18	Stand firm and pray with faith
19	Grace for Today	Lamentations 3:19–30	God's mercies are new every morning
20	Encouraging Presence	Acts 4:23–31	Pray together and receive boldness
21	Serving with Joy	1 Peter 4:7–11	Use your gifts to strengthen others
22	God Our Refuge	Psalms 46:1–11	Be still and know God is near
23	Healing from Burnout	1 Kings 19:1–12	God's gifts of rest and direction
24	Good News for the Poor	Luke 4:14–24	Jesus brings freedom and hope
25	New Creation	2 Corinthians 5:14–21	Christ's ambassador of reconciliation
26	Prayerful Confidence	Hebrews 4:12–16	Come boldly to the throne of grace
27	Steady in Trials	1 Peter 1:3–12	Rejoice in the living hope of Christ
28	Building Up the Church	Ephesians 4:11–22	Grow together into Christlike maturity
29	Daily Encouragement	Hebrews 3:7–19	Encourage one another every day
30	Healing from Loss	Ruth 1:19–2:10	God's kindness meets grief with hope
31	The God of Hope	Romans 15:4–13	Be secure in your hope from the Lord



Vacation Bible School – Five days of great joy, worship, fun, friends, crafts, and food! Over 60 volunteers worked in joyful cooperation to encourage kids and teenagers to love and follow the Good Shepherd. This year's focus in the Emerald Crossing VBS was an Irish journey through Psalm 23. The best part of our prayerful offering of VBS was that we found a diligent attention to God's word from kids and teenagers (thank you teachers for your work...and the biggest thanks to the great Holy Spirit). We believe God was at work.

Thanks to Miriam Andrews and all our team of volunteers and staff for the excellent work, reflecting Trinity's passion for quality and dedication to making people a priority.



Trinity Kids for Christ Ministry

GRADES 1-5 | Nursery available
SUNDAYS at 11:00 AM



**MINISTRY BREAK
JULY 19 - AUGUST 23**

**OUR KIDS FOR
CHRIST MINISTRY
WILL BE BACK
FROM BREAK ON
AUGUST 23.**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

We are grateful to those of you who responded to our appeal to support our ongoing ministry to children and youth at Trinity. Let's continue to pray for the Lord's guidance, provision of the right people, and more kids and teenagers at Trinity.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Fellowship is a wonderful time for our congregation to connect. It happens each week because Trinity's small groups/ministries provide snacks, refreshments, and drinks. If you are not in a small group/ministry, but would like to contribute/help, please contact Jo Lower or the church office, or email us at office@trinityonbridge.com. Dates available for contributions are August 23rd and September 27th.

NEW ONLINE STREAMING INTERNET CONNECTION

We now have a new online internet streaming connection. We trust it will help us to resolve some of our streaming challenges and disruptions. Thank you for your patience.

NOTES FROM MEMBERS...

From Barb, John, and Family – Thank you for all the prayers and kind words on the passing of my mother, Doris Bernardo. She lived a full and beautiful life and will be sadly missed. I know she is in a better place with the Lord and her family which brings me some peace. Love and miss you, Mom.

From John and Barbara Mickle – Special thanks to Pastor Arun and Barbara Zimmerman for being there for us. I don't know what I would have done without the Pastor by Mom's and my side through this difficult time.

From Linda Young – Thank you, dear Trinity Church family, for all your prayers for my husband, who was recently hospitalized. Trinity is truly a loving, caring family which stays connected with God. With deep gratitude for all of you. A special thank you to Pastor Arun, who lifted both of us up to our Father God in sincere prayer.



SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY

The June Sunnier Side of Sixty service welcomed a wonderful congregation. Barb Hawk did a great job and challenged us with her sermon. Pictured above are youth from the congregation who ministered in music - Lucas Goheen, Derek Kanakaraj, Ariel Kanakaraj, Kaylynn Snyder, and Achilles Figueroa.

The next Sunnier Side of Sixty will be September 15th with lunch at 12:00 p.m., and the service at 1:15 p.m. Dr. Joy Meade will speak and Jamie Bream will minister in music.



FROM THE PASTURE

June 30, 2026 – “The Sunnier Side of Sixty” – What a lovely way to complete the month of June while looking forward with anticipation to July and the 250th-year celebration of our country as a nation:

- Barbara Hawk’s inspiring message;
- The God-given gifts of music and meditation, performed by our talented young adults to honor our Lord; and,
- Fun, food, fellowship, friendship, family, and the caring and sharing of the holy meal.

We, the Trinity Church family, are truly blessed!

**To God be the Glory,
Barbara Zimmerman**

SECRET SISTERS UPDATE

On July 18th, the SS celebrated the USA's 250th anniversary. The Sisters wore red, white, and blue. The 3 most original outfits won door prizes. There was an indoor picnic and prayers.



On Saturday, August 15th, the Secret Sisters will have a white elephant exchange. Each Secret Sister should wrap an item in good condition that they wish to exchange with another sister. This will be a fun time for everyone. We will also have devotions and a light snack. Please RSVP by August 10th.

For any questions about the exchange or meeting, please call Vicky Forman at 717-623-6568. Any ladies who are not members are always welcome to come and visit to see if you are interested in joining this sweetest bunch of ladies. Hope to see you there!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays at 10:45 a.m. | St. John's Room

SUMMER FOCUS: God's patience with His people

Men's Checklist for Life

NEXT MEETING: August 29, 2026
Speaker: Bob Rosenthal

To register, use sign-up sheets near the mailboxes or in the Fellowship Hall. Location may change to the church if registration exceeds 25 men.

CAITLIN'S SMILES

Caitlin's Smiles was founded more than 20 years ago and aims to give children with life-threatening or chronic conditions opportunities to express their creativity through engaging arts and crafts activities.



Volunteers have decorated over 220,000 Bags of Smiles and prepared 2.2 million craft/coping kits, helping the organization serve more than 70 hospitals and pediatric outpatient clinics. Bags of Smiles start as plain white bags and, thanks to volunteers of all ages, are transformed into colorful gifts for children. Each Bag of Smiles includes Play-Doh, a journal and pen, crayons, a sketch or coloring book, a toy, a handmade card, and two craft kits.

Volunteers are the heart of Caitlin's Smiles. Members of our congregation, along with their friends and family, meet on the second Monday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to decorate bags and cards and prepare craft kits. Everyone age 5 and older is welcome.



Dear Friend,
Thank you for joining us at Trinity on Bridge.
You are always welcome back here!

DUTIES FOR AUGUST 2026

	9:15 GREETERS	11:00 GREETERS	USHERS
AUG 02	Wilma Rockey	Tina Blauch	Jeff Wakefield, Kim Wakefield, Matt Ickler, Ken Puller, Daryl Potteiger
AUG 09	Janice Ocamb	Jean Ruth	Daryl Potteiger, Rex Hood, Matt Ickler, Ken Puller, Scott Sundy
AUG 16	Matt Ickler	Jean Ruth	Gordon Taylor, Rex Hood, Matt Ickler, Ken Puller, Michelle Meckley
AUG 23	Sue Grubb	Tina Blauch	Rex Hood, Mike DiMatteo, Gordon Taylor, Ken Puller, John Mickle
AUG 30	Debra Sisk	Jeff, Kim, Danny Wakefield	Gordon Taylor, Daryl Potteiger, Matt Ickler, Ken Puller, Mike DiMatteo

	WORSHIP LEADERS	9:15 NURSERY	11:00 NURSERY
AUG 02	Esmeralda Toro	Elliot Stark-Blosser	Melissa St Cyr, Jane Gable
AUG 09	Pastor Kenneth Meyer	Elliot Stark-Blosser, Nina Stoner	TBD
AUG 16	Michael DiMatteo	Elliot Stark-Blosser, Dianne Schofield	Betty Caboot, Sandra Williams
AUG 23	Donald Plummer	Elliot Stark-Blosser, Vi Humphrey	Jan Ocamb, Charlotte Wagoner
AUG 30	Sharon Sheffer	Elliot Stark-Blosser, Allyn Litzelman	TBD

TRINITY'S MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity is a Christ-centered, Bible-believing, disciple-making, community-focused, caring church. We believe God's Word and love transform people and that the Gospel is the means of salvation from sin. Our mission is to celebrate, connect, and communicate God's love with individuals through an intergenerational and culturally diverse congregation. Relying on the Holy Spirit and prayer, we want to serve as a bridge to connect God's love story with our community locally and online.

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Night Out

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 AT 6:00-8:00PM
IN THE SQUARE



Trinity is providing hot dogs, children's games, face painting, and a prayer tent. Look for volunteer sign up sheets coming soon. WE NEED YOU!

CONTACT: Carol Crossley

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 | 6:00-8:00PM

National Night Out is an annual nationwide campaign that strengthens relationships between residents, law enforcement, firefighters, EMS personnel, and other community partners. The event promotes crime prevention, public safety awareness, neighborhood engagement, and community joy.

In New Cumberland, National Night Out brings neighbors together in downtown New Cumberland to celebrate community connections, learn about local resources, and meet emergency response teams. Featuring entertainment, games, refreshments, and public safety demonstrations, the event fosters trust, communication, and collaboration, helping to build a safer, stronger, and more connected community for all residents.

RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30 AM STREETSIDE COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
10:00 AM UNITED SERVICE

Bring a friend!

RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 | 8:30 & 10AM

Rally Day is a special opportunity in our church year to remind people of the joy and blessing of returning to God. As a new school year begins and summer gives way to fall, it is a perfect time to reconnect with faith and community.

One invitation can have an eternal impact. Would you consider inviting a friend to Rally Day?

Here are some suggested steps to help you:

1. Write down the names of 3-5 friends, neighbors, coworkers, or family members.
2. Pray for them for two days.
3. Invite them. You might say: "I'd love for you to join me for a special Sunday at Trinity on Bridge. I've been blessed by the caring people and meaningful experiences with God there, and I'd love for you to experience it too. Join us on Sunday, September 20, with Coffee Fellowship at 8:30 a.m. and worship at 10:00 a.m. Expect great music and an engaging message from our pastor, who might even rap!"

STARFISH MINISTRIES

AUGUST needs for the homeless...



Warm Blankets | Bug Repellant | Gently-Used Leggings
Larger-Sized Men's Sneakers | Foot Powder
New White Socks | Deodorant | Wipes | Umbrellas



CONTACT CAROL CROSSLEY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

TRINITY ON BRIDGE EVENTS: **AUGUST 2026**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9:15 a.m. - Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship 10:45 a.m. - Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Revive Worship & Children's Sunday School *Mid-day Prayer and Praise begins again on 09/02/2026.						1 9AM Communion Prep
2	3	4	5	6 10AM The So 'n Sews	7	8
		5PM NATIONAL NIGHT OUT				
9 12PM Starfish Ministries	10 8:30AM Youth Group Mission Central 11AM Grandparents in Prayer Picnic 2PM Worship Committee Mtg 6PM Caitlin's Smile	11	12	13 Tidings Deadline	14	15 10AM Secret Sisters 5:30PM 250 th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
16	17 6PM Pray & Go	18	19	20 9:30AM Love Box Ministry 10AM The So 'n Sews	21	22
23	24	25	26 8:30AM Assemble Tidings 6PM Youth Ministry Picnic	27	28	29 8AM Men's Checklist for Life
30	31 6PM Leadersip Team Mtg					

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250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

DINNER SESSION*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 | 5:30PM

“From Hope to Home: Celebrating the American Dream Through Immigrant Eyes”

****Please register for side dishes or dessert using the sign-up sheet provided.***

SUNDAY SESSION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 | 9:15AM & 11AM

“Hope’s Harbor: Why America Still Inspires the World”



FEATURING RENOWNED SPEAKER & AUTHOR, KRISH DHANAM