Planting seeds in the Pandemic

When we plant seeds, sometimes they come to fruition, sometimes they start and peter out, and sometimes they never even germinate. It is a chance we are taking, too, with Shaped by Faith. We are trying different paths for our ministries, because some of the old ways of growing our faith and sharing God’s love in worship and action do not translate to the current culture, and some others do. I believe the tumultuous year we are having is opening us to be creative and see each other’s needs in new ways.

I wonder if our soil needs different nutrients to help people become attracted and rooted in their faith...

I wonder if there is stuff we must prune, like wild rose bushes and thorns, that take the light and water and nutrients away from the good seeds we are trying to nourish...

I wonder if rocks on a stony path do not allow some to branch out and strengthen their roots to grow and serve in the world...

The show Grantchester is about a young Anglican priest in England after WWII who likes to solve murders. (He seems to have way too much time on his hands to do this!) Along the way, there are humorous and serious struggles. A serious one is that he cannot marry the woman he loves because she is married. When she gets divorced, he still cannot marry her. (continued on page 8)
We will return to two services—a spoken service at 8 am in the Chapel and a service with music at 10 am in the Main Church. Presently service size is limited to 25, so overflow will be held in the Parish Hall where the service can be heard through speakers. A recording of the 10 am service will be posted to the website.

Sunday School and Youth will begin in October.

Midweek Services will continue by Zoom
Noonday Prayer
Tuesdays at 12:15 pm
Compline
Thursdays at 8 pm
Zoom instructions are on the front cover of this edition.

Bible Studies
A new study will begin Friday, October 16 at 5:30 pm at the church (socially distanced)
Bible Basics is meeting outside the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 9:30 am.

NEWS & NOTES
Grandparents' Day is September 13—Gifts may be made to the Trinity Growth Fund in memory or honor of your grandparents and will be listed in the bulletin.

Habitat for Humanity—Our next workday at the Habitat House at 702 Diamond Street in Newberry is Wednesday, September 23. Sign up to help at https://lycominghabitat.org/

Pledge Sunday is September 27. Please bring your pledge card to the 8:00 or 10:00 service or email or mail your pledge to the church by that date. Thank you!

A Blood Drive will be held at Trinity on Wednesday, October 14 from 1-6 pm with social distancing guidelines. You must preregister to give blood; no walk ins allowed. All donors are required to wear masks and temperatures will be taken before entering the building.

Diocesan Convention will be held virtually this year on Saturday, October 17. Trinity’s delegates, in addition to Fr. Ken, are Gretchen Weaver, Robin Knauth and Daisy Thomas.

Pledges - We encourage everyone to keep their pledge payments current. If you are unable to attend on Sunday, please mail in your pledge. You may give online at https://diocesecpa.org/stewardship/ or contact Sherri to set up auto debit. Thank you!

Blessing Box—Thank you for the continued donations of food and money to help keep our box full.

2 Million by 2025, the campaign for the Trinity Growth Fund, has been put on hold due to the pandemic. Our goal is still to raise 2 million by 2025, but due to the pandemic we realize resources may be limited and employment uncertain. Any gifts made to the Trinity Growth Fund will be matched by the Konjevoda bequest up to $125,000.

St. Pauly Textile Clothing Shed in Trinity’s parking lot is temporarily closed. The pandemic has taken a massive toll on their business, primarily due to the shutting down of international borders and the resulting inability to redistribute the majority of clothing they collect. They need to reduce staff and operations until they are able to ship clothing internationally again.

Worship Survey—Thank you to all who participated in the recent worship survey. You can see the results in the Vestry minutes summary from August 11 on page 5.

BLOOD DRIVE
Thank you for sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on August 19. Together we collected 26 good units. Our next Blood Drive is October 14.
Guidelines for Services

We are following the diocesan parameters in *Returning to Our Buildings: Guidance and Direction for Worshipping Communities in the Time of Covid-19*.

+ Face masks must be worn in the building and 6-foot physical distance observed.

+ Use Trinity Place entrance. The handicapped doors in the chapel and parish hall are for egress only. Our “Health Safety Minister” ushers can open the handicap doors if needed.

+ Attendance will be taken to facilitate potential contact tracking.

+ There will be no singing.

+ Bow or wave to others during the Peace from your pew.

+ Collection will be put in the provided alms basin.

+ Fr. Ken will distribute the blessed communion wafers at individual pews and chairs.

+ Exiting will be by row. Everyone will be asked to recycle or take home their bulletins and to remove any trash from their pew area.

This schedule will be updated as restrictions are lifted. Thanks for your patience and faithfulness.

CONGRATULATIONS
to Ryan Malone 
& Bethany Collier
on the birth of their
daughter, Adelaide Grace, 
on June 23.

SAINT OF THE MONTH

Phoebe

According to Paul’s letter to the Romans (16:1), Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchreae (near Corinth) and a benefactor to Paul and others. Paul commends her to the Roman church at the end of the epistle, which suggests she was the messenger. That would speak highly of Paul’s trust in Phoebe. Perhaps there was more, considering that Paul commands the Christians in Rome to help her however she needs. She exemplifies the many early helpers—women and men—who supported Paul in spreading the gospel, even to personally carrying the message across the Empire.

GUIDELINES FOR GROUPS

Some of our groups are returning to meet in the church building including EPIC Percussion and Williamsport Fencing Club. Others are waiting until some restrictions are lifted.

Group leaders must sign a letter agreeing to follow the COVID guidelines for safety including wearing facemasks, social distancing, taking attendance, no food or drinks, and cleaning and disinfecting all tables, chairs and commonly touched surfaces.

BAPTISM

Evan Brady Walter, son of Brady & Samantha Walter, was baptized at Trinity on July 19, 2020.
Vestry Minutes Summary—July 21, 2020 via Zoom

Rector’s Report:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) report:

The Diocese has adopted the latest state mandates of having only 25 persons in a worship area even though churches are exempt from this requirement.

The Vestry and Liturgy Committee plan to send a survey to parishioners to get feedback on worship days and times, music preference, and online services.

No one has stepped up to be Morning Prayer leaders.

Ken will be on vacation from July 27 – August 1.

Community support groups (AA, NA) that use our building would like to come back. They will need to sign a guidelines form to agree to the safety precautions due to COVID-19.

Continuing business:

Bible Study will resume after Labor Day. A few workdays have been scheduled for the Habitat for Humanity home. First Friday is on hold for now.

Bishop Scanlan will visit the parish on July 26 by video.

The Diocesan convention on October 17 will be a virtual event.

Shaped by Faith: Fr. Ken, Greg Smith and Suzan McGary had a video meeting with Bishop Audrey Scanlan and Canon Chris Streeter. Ken shared a portion of the meeting with Vestry. Chris spoke about 8 models of church structures to look at and Audrey talked on our specific finances – prior 5-year averages and 10-year forward looking figures. There is homework to do: Property Committee will project 10 years of capital expenses and Executive Committee will write a narrative introducing ourselves to other parishes in our conversation. These will be presented to Vestry at our next meeting for review. This is all in preparation for a September convocation meeting with Diocese.

Regular Business: Most Fall start-up activities (education, youth, hospitality, outreach, stewardship, fundraising) are on hold for now.

Treasurer’s Report: We reviewed the 2nd quarter financial statements. Our values are up from 1st quarter, but not the end of 2019 values. EPIC Percussion received a Paycheck Protection Program loan and is back to paying 100% rent.

Property: Ken highlighted items from the property to-do list.

Grants: HVAC work was completed at Oxford House using a $5,000 grant received. A $5,100 grant application will be submitted to Community Foundation for Oxford House for utilities and rent. In August, a community grant will be applied for structural needs and in January an application will be submitted to PPL Foundation.

Stewardship: 2 Million by 2025 is on hold until the new year.

Oxford House: There are currently 5 residents. The congregation has been very generous with donations including refrigerator, cabinet, sewing table, computer, and wireless printer. Thanks!

Blessing Box: We received a Thrivent grant for Blessing Box canvas bags and food.

Crowd Funding in a Box: This initiative is delayed for now because of Shaped by Faith work to be done.
**Vestry Minutes Summary—August 11, 2020 via Zoom**

**Rector’s Report:**

**Worship Surveys:** Fr. Ken met with Care Coordinators to review worship surveys and the stewardship letter. Worship survey results showed that most prefer meeting on Sundays at 8 or 10 am with a few preferring 9 am or other morning times, and a few for Saturday late afternoon. Most respondents want communion each week. Some were fine with Morning Prayer if a priest were not available, and some would prefer Morning Prayer once a month or more. With one exception, all 8 o’clockers want communion all the time. A possibility could be to have Morning Prayer on the 5th Sunday of a month at the 10 am service. There was a wide range of responses about type of music ranging from renaissance to contemporary. Many preferred traditional or familiar hymns. As for online services, most prefer in-person worship, but may use if things shut down again. We do have some parishioners who are homebound and participate in online worship. Two respondents showed interest in becoming Morning Prayer leaders.

**Tentative worship times** beginning on September 13 will be 8 am spoken service in the chapel and 10 am music service in the main church with both using the parish hall for overflow. 25 persons per area and masks are still required.

**Education:** Crystal Loner and Sue Logue are taking sabbaticals from Sunday School teaching after many faithful years of service. Fr. Ken will survey parents about Sunday School for the fall. Ecumenical Youth Group may continue in October.

**Community Groups:** Some NA & AA groups are using Zoom and others are meeting elsewhere. Fencing is using masks. Karate asked to meet without masks but with physical distancing. It was the consensus of vestry to keep the protocol as it is – masks required.

**Other business:**

**Shaped by Faith:** 8 models of church structure provided by the diocese were reviewed. Executive committee and Vestry will meet again so we can send our response to the diocese by September 1. The report will also include a 10-year projection of capital expenses and a narrative introducing ourselves to other parishes.

**Themed Rotation:** No Vestry picnic this year. No hospitality or fundraising until more than 25 can be together.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The audit committee report was accepted. Approval was given to return $10,000 from the Trinity Growth Fund that was donated from an estate that was contested. The Vestry affirmed the action by the Executive Committee on 12/23/2019 to open a Thrivent account to accept an international stock transfer. The account is currently open with a minimal balance for future stock transfers.

**Stewardship:** We reviewed the draft stewardship letter which will be sent out after Labor Day. “2 Million by 2025” letters are on hold until after New Year. There will be a blurb in the newsletter that donations made to the Growth Fund will continue to be matched by the Konjevoda bequest.

**Property:** Dan Llewellyn is here most days working around the property.

**Grants:** Daryl Bixler reapplied to the Community Foundation for $5,100 for Oxford House. She also plans to apply for a Marcellus Shale Grant for heating/AC/roof projects for the Oxford House due in early September.

**Oxford House:** There have been some problems with bats and squirrels due to roof issues. A computer has been donated and will be set up next week.

**Blessing Box:** Blessing Box Bags will be given to visitors as a small token and to parishioners to bring food for the blessing box. We received a Thrivent grant for the purchase of the bags.

**Crowd Funding in a Box:** This initiative will be worked on in September.
In a continued committed outreach effort, Trinity Episcopal volunteers are showing up, putting on hard hats, gloves, and picking up hammers, nail guns, glue guns, and moving boards to assist in the construction of the newest Habitat for Humanity house at 702 Diamond St. in Newberry. More recently, Trinity volunteers added their muscles and efforts to the construction of the new home on August 15 and 19. Those who volunteered—Mary Novak, Brenda Nichols, Daryl Bixler, and Fr. Ken learned specific new building skills while working with the patient Habitat builders. The new home now has a basement, first floor and second floor structural framework, window framings, and on August 19, volunteers added six trusses to the roof. Each day of combined effort has brought its own blessing from working with such dedicated, determined volunteers for the long-term benefit for a family in need of a home.

As the year goes on, Trinity volunteers are still needed on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 AM to 3 PM to help with the construction of the home. Other volunteer opportunities include help with mailings, and volunteering, contributing or buying from the Restore. If you are interested in helping, even in some small way, please visit https://lycominghabitat.org/. Use the tab for volunteering and follow the directions to explore your options.

Our next Trinity Work Day is Wednesday, September 23.

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Thank you so much for your thoughtful donation to the YWCA Northcentral PA’s Liberty House program! We are grateful for your generosity which gives women, and women with children, a live-saving haven to rebuild their lives after homelessness.

Please know that your contribution truly makes a difference in the lives of those we serve. Your kindness provides not only safety, but education, empowerment and the tools for women to build a bright future!

Amber Morningstar
Program Director

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### September Worship Leaders

**September 6**
9:00 Lector—Nicole English  
9:00 Ushers—Lisa Greenhouse, Suzan McGary  
Flower Delivery—Geoffrey Knauth

Altar Guild—Sarah Reid, Daisy Thomas

**September 13**
8:00 Lector—Charlie Plankenhorn  
8:00 Usher—John Archer III  
Flower Delivery—Debbe Sakash

10:00 Lector—Lisa Greenhouse  
10:00 Ushers—Dustin Guillaume, Geoffrey Knauth, Suzan McGary

Altar Guild—Cris Loner, Daisy Thomas

**September 20**
8:00 Lector—Kevin Drewencki  
8:00 Usher—John Archer III  
Flower Delivery—Keeners

10:00 Lector—Linda Loehr  
10:00 Ushers—Michele Panaski, Lisa Greenhouse, Dustin Guillaume

Altar Guild—Miki Rebeck, Gretchen Weaver

**September 27**
8:00 Lector—Nicole English  
8:00 Usher—John Archer III  
Flower Delivery—Jim Way

10:00 Lector—Phillip North  
10:00 Ushers—Geoffrey Knauth, Michele Panaski, Suzan McGary

Altar Guild—Georgia Burch, Sue Caravaggio
Mission of the Month
One half of the loose offering and any designated gifts go to the designated Mission of the Month.

CROP Walk
The CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 11 at 1 pm at the River Walk. Registration and the walk begin at St. Mark’s Lutheran. Walkers can walk 3, 6 or 9 miles. Walkers may also walk other routes on their own.

This is our 42nd walk and to date we have raised over 1 million dollars to help stop hunger!

25% of the money goes to our local community and 75% is distributed by Church World Service nationally and internationally to help feed hungry people.

For more information, go to www.crophungerwalk.org/williamsportpa or contact Fr. Ken.

To my friends at Trinity,
Thank you so much for the lovely altar flowers delivered on Sunday. I have missed being there very much and will be back very soon.

With love,
Christy Lassiter

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS
01 Charm Young
03 Fiore Martinozzi
04 Harrison McCormick
04 Julie Entz
05 Chip Plankenhorn
06 Sue Young
07 Nicole Hawley
07 Blake Russell
08 Kylie Russell
08 Zachary Wagner-Pizza
09 Harry Entz
10 Jenny Karchner
11 Katherine Campbell
13 Forman Stewart
17 Rita Francis
20 Marc Garside
21 Phil Sprunger
23 David Lassiter
23 Gus Wilson

24 Steve Prior
26 Kim Pfirman
27 Scott Harris
27 Kathy Swatkowski
29 Lee Robinson
29 Diane Kaye
30 Aubrie Hawley

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
02 Chip & Karen Plankenhorn
03 Phillip & Kathryn North
07 Fred & Lisa Schreppel
09 Bill & Susan Logue
12 Charlie & Diane Plankenhorn
15 Robert & Kacey Hess
19 Drew & Carol Coffman
21 Matthew & Sara Bennett
21 Doug & Frani Doherty
22 Wayne & Martha Wigg
25 Steve & Linda Prior
28 Ernie & Laci Freas

TRINITY MANOR
OXFORD HOUSE
We currently have 5 residents at the Oxford House in the rectory and are in the process of finalizing the lease and applying for a charter. Some repairs were made to the heating /AC with the help of a grant from the Advancement Society. The ladies are very thankful for the donated items. Items needed that were not donated were purchased using funds from a Thrivent grant. The 3rd floor and attic were cleaned and holes patched to prevent squirrels and bats from entering.

To my friends at Trinity,
Thank you so much for the lovely altar flowers delivered on Sunday. I have missed being there very much and will be back very soon.

With love,
Christy Lassiter
RECTOR’S MESSAGE—continued from pg. 1
Not because he is in England, but because at that time pastors could not marry someone who was divorced. Another plot line follows with his clergy assistant, who is gay, but that cannot be public either. Finally, the housekeeper rules the roost of the rectory, so, like the book of Genesis, it is a bit of a tumultuous soap opera!

Becky and I were watching part of an old episode this summer (as it was our current binging series) and African American speakers were in the Cambridge area to share of their cultural struggle of the 1950s. It made me think about all minorities everywhere and how their lives have thorns, lack of good resources to bloom where they are planted, when others are hogging up the resources, even if they do not know they are doing it. Soon after this time in our history, the 1964 American Civil Rights Act is made law.

Literally, while we were watching this show my phone buzzed with an alert that the Supreme Court says federal law protects LGBTQ workers from discrimination. This happened on June 15th, after our own peaceful demonstrations here for Black Lives Matter. Now I know some will say...all life matters. Of course, all lives matter to God. The point is that if not all black lives matter...then from an Episcopal perspective we are breaking our baptismal covenant of respecting the dignity of every human being. White lives matter is a white privilege reality...no matter how poor or successful a white person is. (Please see page 10-11 of this edition of the Chimes on poverty.)

We are at a transforming moment in our nation, maybe the world, as we are talking and trying new things, hopefully a lot of new things...while keeping hold of the old that works. Not all of us are going to agree with every protester or aspect of every law, but these movements for justice and equality do support what our church supports on a national level. The same will be true in our Shaped by Faith initiatives as we reach out with God’s Love in ongoing and new ways.

2020 has brought us many challenges as we hope for the future. Might we all have good soil in which to grow...to hear and understand what God wants for God’s creation...to bear fruit, a hundredfold, sixty, or even thirty.

May we all be shaped by our faith in this!
Peace,
Ken+

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Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. They certainly brightened up our day. It was a nice surprise. Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers and calls. They mean a lot to us.
Thank you,
Steve & Linda Prior

Thank you for the beautiful flowers that were delivered to me on Sunday. They brightened the day.
Jean Harman

Thank you so much for the Sheetz gift card. I will put it to good use. Thank you all for thinking of me during this special time of my life.
Forman Stewart

We wish to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, thoughts and prayers the last few months of Fred’s life. He enjoyed reading all of them. Through this difficult time they gave us some comfort knowing others truly care and the strength to allow us to move on to a new normal but still the emptiness without Fred.
Tricia and Patrick Maeulen

We at Family Promise of Lycoming County are so grateful for your support and partnership. For the meals, overnight hosting, prayers, donations and encouragement. Churches like this one are the backbone of what we do! We are grateful and eager to serve together!

Blessings,
Katie Retter
President of the FPLC Board
Please continue to pray for:

Kit Schaefer
Tracy Hoffman
Lonnie Branch
Wendy Drummond
Gus Wilson
Mary Moser
Dorothy Mendez
Nancy Koppel
Bob & Peg Wise
Linda Kibler
Jack M
Sandra Capwell
Bill Nichols, Sr.
Don Campbell
Doris Stewart
Don & Sandy Himic
Tina Zarzyczny
Ronnie Vaughn
Steve Prior
Leslie Robinson
Brendan Milliken
Sadie Graham
Justin Gorski
Preten
William G. Schaefer
Esther Shockey
Katie McClurg
Olivia Rogers
Theresa Zeller
Lucy Zanghi
Dave W.
Jenna
Braxton Harman
Candy V.
Sherri Genies
Wanda Reid
Mary Markley

Jim Anastasia
Samantha
Maria Katzmaier
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Dane Wood
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Ross Garside
Kristen & Brian Barrett
Randy Schaefer
Alina Gonzalez
Bill & Ruthie Young
Larry W.
Craig Kimble
Family of Nikki Klopp
Gloria McDermott
Bill Johansen
Denny Harman
Larry Parnell
Duke
Jim

Please contact Mary Ann Stine (570-494-0595) or the church office with any names to be added to the prayer list.

Thank you so much for the altar flowers. As we all struggle with so many changes and uncertainty in our lives, God continues to reach out to all of us, just as we need reassurance. The flowers remind me of that.

Thanks,
Daryl Bixler

What a nice surprise to see Debbe Sakash at my door delivering the altar flowers Sunday morning. They are beautiful and a daily source of cheer.

Thank you very much for thinking of me as a Trinity helper. Since I cannot attend services until the corona virus is under control, I am glad to do whatever I can from home. I will be glad to come back and see all of you—my Trinity Family—as soon as possible.

Miss you all,
Georgia Burch

Dear Father Ken,
Thank you so much for an amazing virtual VBS experience—we loved EVERYTHING about it, and enjoyed your story (and dancing!). We had so much fun seeing all of you as a team each night, and hope to see you again whenever we get to visit our nana [Daisy Thomas] next!

Love,
Brianna and Tommy

Thank you so much for the recent delivery of altar flowers; they have brightened our dining room table. I’m glad I was able to help with the audit and so grateful for the Trinity family.

Thanks again,
Gretchen Weaver
The Episcopal Church Deepens Engagement with the Poor People’s Campaign

A NATIONAL CALL FOR MORAL REVIVAL

In 2018, the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival released its Poor People’s Moral Agenda & Declaration of Fundamental Rights. Its demands address systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, militarism, and a distorted moral narrative that keeps these systemic injustices intact. The connections between these 5 themes are why we must continue to build power among the 140 million poor & dispossessed of this nation. Fight poverty, not the poor!

In Pennsylvania:

Poverty:
- 38% of people in Pennsylvania are poor or low-income—a total of 4.7 million residents. This includes 49% of children (1.3 million), 41% of women (2.6 million), 63% of Black people (842 thousand), 73% of Latinx people (707 thousand), and 32% of White people (3 million).
- From 1979 to 2012, income for the top 1% grew by 168%, while income for the bottom 99% only grew 11%.

Systemic racism:
- 63% of the eligible voting-age population in Pennsylvania turned out to vote in 2016, out of 9.5 million eligible voters. That includes 63% of 1 million eligible Black voters, 52% of 443 thousand eligible Latinx voters, 60% of 223 thousand eligible Asian voters, and 63% of 8.2 million eligible White voters.
- More than 52 thousand residents cannot vote due to felony disenfranchisement, including over 25 thousand Black people (2% of the Black population in Pennsylvania).
- Of the over 48 thousand people imprisoned in Pennsylvania as of 2017, about 57% are people of color.
- Black residents of Pennsylvania are incarcerated at 9 times the rate of White residents.

Militarism and the war economy:
- From 2008 to 2014, PA law enforcement received at least $17 million in federal military equipment.
- Pennsylvania taxpayers contributed $28.44 billion to the military in 2018.
- Over 254 thousand veterans have incomes below $35,000—this is 27% of the PA veteran population as of 2015.
- Pennsylvania has 47 ICE detention centers as of 2019. Over 5 thousand people were deported from Pennsylvania between 2003 and 2018, and over 24 thousand immigration removal cases are currently pending. Meanwhile, 170 thousand residents of the state are undocumented, and 2% of K-12 students have undocumented parents.

Ecology and health:
- 692 thousand people in Pennsylvania are uninsured as of 2018.
- 22% of census tracts in Pennsylvania are at-risk for being unable to afford water.

Family, community, and education:
- Pennsylvania currently ranks 10th of all states in quality of child education. 60% of fourth graders are not proficient in reading, and 62% of eighth-graders are not proficient in math as of 2017.
- 1.9 million people benefit from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program monthly as of 2016.
- As of 2015, 482 thousand children live in food-insecure households, 18% of all children in Pennsylvania.
- 27% of children in Pennsylvania have parents without secure jobs as of 2016 – that’s 733 thousand children.

Everybody’s got a right to live:
- Over 13 thousand people in Pennsylvania are homeless as of 2018.
- At the 2018 state minimum wage, it takes 107 hours of work per week to afford a 2-bedroom apartment.
- 2.3 million make under $15 an hour—42% of PA’s workforce as of 2018, the 34th highest of all states.
- The minimum wage in PA is $7.25 in 2019. A living wage in the state in 2019 would be $24.24 an hour.
NATIONWIDE:

- Voting rights protections in many states are weaker than they were 50 years ago. 1 in 4 eligible voters isn't registered.
- The United States imprisons, detains and/or deports more people than any country in the world.
- 140 million people in the U.S. are poor or low-income – over 43.5% of the population – including 60.4% of Black people (26 million), 64.1% of Latinx people (38 million), 40.8% of Asian people (8 million), 58.9% of Native and Indigenous people (2.14 million), and 33.5% of White people (66 million).
- 53 cents of every federal discretionary dollar is spent on the military; only 15 cents goes to anti-poverty programs.
- At least 28% of children (20.7 million) in the U.S. have parents who don't have steady jobs. This includes 43% of Black children (4.4 million), 46% of Native/Indigenous children (265,880), 21% (781,935) of Asian children, 33% (6.2 million) of Latinx, and 22% (8.5 million) White children.
- 13.8 million U.S. households cannot afford water, and the poor are bearing the brunt of climate change effects.
- Native & Indigenous people are living with the ongoing legacy of genocide & systemic racism, with disproportionately high rates of poverty, homelessness, & overrepresentation in the US military, and continuous struggles to defend sovereignty & land rights. Organizers can explore native-land.ca to acknowledge the Indigenous territory on which you reside.

IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THIS WAY.

Contrary to common myths, our country — the richest in the world — has abundant resources to protect the environment and ensure dignified lives for all people.

- This year, the richest 1% of Pennsylvania residents are expected to receive 27% of the GOP tax law’s benefits coming to the state. Pennsylvania’s richest 1% can expect an average tax cut in 2020 of $49,510, while the poorest 20% in the state can expect an average tax cut of just $80.
- Pennsylvania’s contribution to the country’s endless wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and beyond totals $255.4 billion since 2001, and could instead have created over 177 thousand new jobs in clean energy, or placed every PA child in Head Start early childhood education programs, or covered Medicaid for over 3.7 million adults for the past 18 years.
- Pennsylvania has spent at least $628 million in public subsidies for corporations over the past five years that could have instead gone to our communities and our needs.

As revealed in the Poor People's Moral Budget: Everybody Has the Right to Live!, it is possible to invest society’s resources to establish justice, domestic tranquility, security, & the general welfare for all.

- It would take $750 million dollars over five years to implement automatic voter registration and make our democracy more secure. This is 1/1000 of the $750 billion that are being committed to the Pentagon in 2018.
- If we cut $350 billion in annual military spending, we would make our nation and the world more secure.
- We could raise $886 billion in estimated annual revenue from fair taxes on the wealthy, corporations, & Wall Street to meet our urgent social & ecological needs.
- For every $1 invested in early childhood education, society would gain $7.30 due to reduced poverty, lower incarceration rates, & better health outcomes.
- Inaction on climate change could cost $3.3 trillion per year for the U.S. economy – the equivalent of five Great Recessions every year. A $200 billion per year investment in clean energy transition would begin to address climate change and create 2.7 million new jobs.

Read more from the Poor People’s Moral Budget here: www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/budget

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We include all in worship to be strengthened and blessed and to be sent forth to serve Christ.

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