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Reflective Note

An update from Grounds for Hope:

Over the past 9 months, we have worked with Proximity Project and Cite Design to engage the congregation and community in a process to discern a comprehensive vision for the missional use of our grounds, now and in the years to come. The deteriorating state of the parking lot has been a catalyst for this work, but we don't want necessity to drive mission and vision. We are grateful for the participation of the congregation and community in this process, and for your trust as we continue the work.

[Click here to read the full article!](#)

Worship

6/7 - Mark Dewey Preaching - Communion - Second Sunday after Pentecost - Mary Magdalene, Mark 16

6/14 - Third Sunday after Pentecost - Sara Holben preaching; Shiphrah and Puah, Psalm 22:1-5, 9-11, 19 and Exodus 1:8-21

6/21 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - “Jesus Christ is Lord”; The Daughters of Zelophehad, Numbers 27:1-11

6/28 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Out of Office



Barbara will be out of the office June 26 - July 1. You can contact Lauren Strawderman or Mary Lou McMillin with any pastoral care concerns.

Out of Office

Reminder: The office will be closed Friday, June 19th, in observance of Juneteenth.

What's In Session

- The Session affirmed Trinity's participation in an Interfaith Alliance effort to help feed hot dinners to guests at the Navigation Center/Open Doors. We have committed to providing 4 meals over the course of a year - 1 per quarter - to feed 80-100 people. We will need volunteers and welcome contributions to help cover

to 100 people. We will need volunteers and welcome contributions to help cover the cost of food. Watch for more information, or contact Mary Lou McMillin to let her know you'd like to help.

- We are excited for the June 6th Pollinator Playground Party! If you are interested in volunteering, talk to Donna Barber. All are welcome to attend! The event will take place from 10 am - 12 pm.

- We received a report from the Grounds for Hope team, including updates made to the final concept plan from Cite Design. The team met with Cite Design and Proximity Project to look at a rough order of magnitude draft, which includes estimated pricing and potential phasing for the work in the Concept design. The Grounds for Hope team members are taking some time to discern and gather thoughts, and will meet again at the end of the month to discuss potential recommendations. Stay tuned!

- The Session also discussed a request from Iglesia Evangelica Lirico de Los Valles to use Trinity's sanctuary for their worship services twice a week. They will have to vacate their current worship location, and will be looking for a new permanent home, but in the meantime, they are considering using Trinity on Wednesday and Saturday nights from 7-9 pm. We are grateful to be able to accommodate this request and support their ministry.

In Our Prayers



“Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice...”

- Mother Theresa

We continue to pray for and with many in our congregation and beyond who are seeking healing and wholeness in this time, including:

Those seeking comfort:

- For Elly Swecker and Arnie Kahn as Arnie continues with hospice care. His 84th birthday is June 13th. Birthday cards are very welcome, sent to him at home - 425 New York Ave. (see SignUpGenius if you would like to provide a meal) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4FABA72CA5F85-64024382-meal/121055529#/>
- For Paulo Steinberg. While his foot fracture has been healing ok he has been experiencing continued swelling in his foot. He is now receiving treatment for this and prays that he will still be able to travel in early June.
- For Bob Schminkey and his family following the unexpected death of his cousin, Karen. Karen had Parkinson's for a few years, but was still pretty active. She was having a deep brain stimulation procedure last week to improve her quality of life. Something went wrong and she didn't wake up

- We celebrate with Mark and Janet Dewey on the safe arrival of their 7th grandchild.
- Stephanie recently received a Certificate of Executive Leadership through Princeton Seminary. She completed the 12-month program earlier in May.
- Rain!

Those with continued health concerns and for those who care for them:

Adele Durost, Kathy Gillette's cousin, Tom Wilcox and Diane, Harv and Nancy, Ben Grimsby, Karla and David Irving, Melodie Davis's sister, Melodie and Stuart Davis's niece, Robin, Jean Hogshead, Bill Caperton, Eric and Dawn Ruple, Lilianny and Marisol, Cathy Sanders (Joe Hinshaw's stepmother), Ferris Johnson Eldred (Maria Paz and Rollin's cousin), Wilma (Paulo's mother), Sarah West (Deanne's sister), and Patti (Karla Irving's sister-in-law), Alica and Hannah Facknitz (caring for their mother)

**If you have joys or concerns or updates to the current prayer request please connect with Barbara, Stephanie or any member of the pastoral care team:
Lauren Strawderman, Mary Lou McMillon, Ginnie Reinhold, Karla*

wrong, and she didn't wake up.

Her husband is a UMC pastor.

One daughter is a Navy nurse based in Italy. Another works in Philadelphia. And a third is running for US House of Representatives in PA-9. Karen lived with Bob's family for a while, so they were particularly close. We pray for comfort for the whole family.

- We pray with the Johnson-Esguerra family following the recent unexpected death of Rollin's aunt, leaving Rollin's father as the last sibling from a big family. Rollin's mother, Marie, will be having surgery in June, and we hold her in prayer. Rollin, Maria Paz, and Malaya will be traveling to spend some time with the family, and we pray for traveling mercies and mutual comfort and joy in the visit.
- All those who are caregiving for loved ones, as they balance the caregiver role amid life's ever-changing circumstances while attending to and valuing their own care needs.

Those with health care and other concerns:

- All those who seek healing from cancer.

*Irving, Janet Slough, Nancy Camp,
Laura and Steve Rinehart*

We remain steadfast in our prayers of lament, of longing for resolution, and for courage as we pray for the world beyond our walls

We continue to pray for:

- Wisdom and courage of our political leaders: to end an illegal war in Iran, hold individuals accountable for their actions, and address the challenges of AI as it affects our lives.
- Organizations like Open Doors and New Bridges that provide much needed services but also avenues for us to help our neighbors.
- Relief from the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda; for healing of the sick, safety of the workers, and wisdom for those providing leadership to the management of this humanitarian crisis.
- For individuals and families who continue to be impacted by the changes in our healthcare system and the increase in gas and grocery prices.
- Our immigrant neighbors who may feel unsafe and for those who

- Diane Moore's grandsons: Liam and Kellen are making progress, with Liam at the UVA Concussion Clinic, and Kellen continuing with testing in search of a diagnosis
- Safety and security of all those traveling during the hot Summer days and for the children as they begin summer break from school.
- We continue to hold Lizzy Healy in prayer as she prepares to take her licensing exam in June.

We express gratitude and praise for:

- Bill Sanders' upcoming 100th birthday on June 12th. Cards can be sent to his home, 355 Hartman Drive, 22802.
- All those who have been caring for Don Allen while at SRMH and now at Sunnyside and for the caring support for the family by the Trinity community.
- For Trinity community members who have been helping John Henderson with navigating physical and financial concerns over these last several weeks.

have been denied due process.

- Victims, families and communities devastated by violence and injustice of all kinds: political, social, religious, or interpersonal.
- All who are fighting for justice, for those who are being targeted and intimidated for retribution, and for seeking justice.
- Haresh and Hamitha, and the vulnerable children with whom they minister.
- Longtime global conflicts that continue but often get lost in the chaos of the news: Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, Myanmar, Sudan, and for many countries engaged in civil wars, including Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Healing and shalom for all as creation groans!

Fellowship



June Birthdays

Reilly McNamara, 1st
Kristen Drake, 6th
Laura Ruple, 9th
David Irving, 10th
Bill Sanders, 12th
Caroline Kempfer, 12th
Mary Knapp, 14th
Rebecca Lowrance, 15th
Karla Irving, 16th

Jim Newman, 16th
Maureen Gallagher-McLeod, 18
Eleanor Held, 19th
Bill Caperton, 21st
Quinton Callahan, 22nd
Alex McLeod, 26th
Sam Healy, 26th
Judy LePera, 26th
Diane Wilcox, 26th

June Baptisms

Kim Cooke, 1st
Patti Warner, 7th
Linda Bradley, 11th
David Irving, 13th
Tracey Stakely, 15th

Lisa Wilson, 17th
Don Allen, 21st
Mary Knapp, 23rd
Rachel Grimsby, 24th

Get To Know our House Steward:

Amy Lemmons (Class 2026)

How long have you been at Trinity?

Since 2007, 18 years

Favorite Bible story?

Godspell

What makes you feel appreciated?

Hugs and being acknowledged

Path you almost took but didn't

In college, I thought about transferring to Philadelphia College of Textile but lack of confidence and depression kept me where I was. Change was too overwhelming.

Most meaningful thing...

In the past year?

Joining the Rocktown Raging Grannies has helped to moderate my sense of outrage at the current political situation.

In the last decade?

I have grown in my work creating with textiles.

In life?

Having Shannon and Chloe with Shawn Richard has been life changing.

Get to Know our New Members

We are still thrilled to welcome our 3 new members: Leslie Tucker, Diane Moore, and Stacey Short. Learn more about Diane below!

Diane Moore: My husband, Rich, and I moved to the area from Connecticut in 1980. Our two daughters were born here and now live in Charlottesville and Mt. Jackson. I retired with 38 years of service at Donnelley, now Lakeside Book Company.

I was raised as a Methodist, but was baptized in the Mennonite church a few years after moving to the area. I became interested in the Presbyterian Church through friendship with my daughter's in-laws, and started attending Trinity virtually during the Covid epidemic.

My spare hours are spent with our daughters, their husbands, and our six grandchildren. I enjoy baking celebratory cakes for family and friends, attending 60's and 70's concerts by those still out there performing, and joining friends for occasional outings.

concerts by those sun out there performing, and joining friends for occasional outings and monthly book club gatherings. Our traveling days are limited now, but we attempt to return to our original homes in Indiana and Cape Cod to visit siblings as often as possible.

I'm happy to be a member of such a welcoming congregation, and look forward to getting to know many of you in the weeks ahead.

Nurture

Rabbi Jeff Kurtz-Lendner will be with us for the Nurture hour each of the four Sundays in June. He will provide an overview of the history of systemic anti-semitism and how anti-Jewish rhetoric and views continue to impact the Jewish community today. In preparation for the study, the team encourages anyone who is interested and able to do so, to make a trip to the National Holocaust Memorial Museum in DC. Their website has many resources available online: <https://www.ushmm.org/> if a visit is not possible.

We continue to live and learn into becoming an inclusive community. This month, we open up our Liturgical Library and explore Autism Spectrum Disorder as one manifestation of Neurodiversity. [Be sure to check out this video!](#)

Mission

Grounds Donation



Charles Sthresley is delighted that Trinity Presbyterian Church has accepted his sculpture for the ground's improvement project. The sculpture is very special to him because it was his first hand built concrete form that established the technique that he used throughout his professional career to make sculpture and art furniture. It was



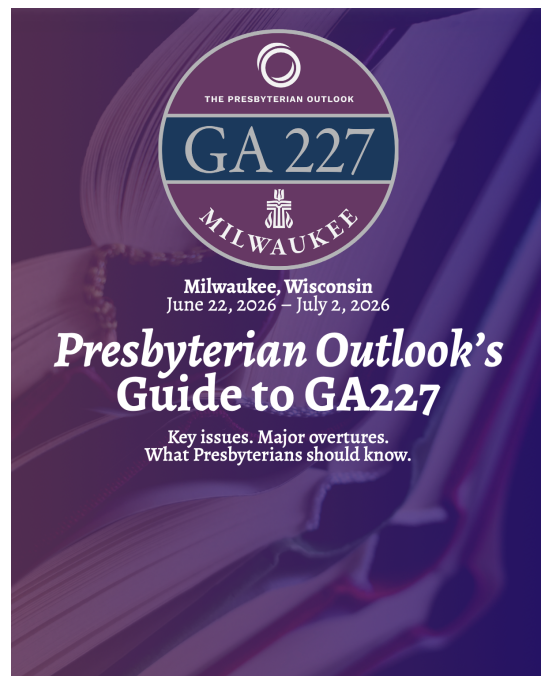
make sculpture and art furniture. It was constructed by hand in 1982 of concrete over a metal and wire armature. Over the next three years, he built other pieces and perfected his surface technique. In 1985 he resurfaced the sculpture in the form you see today.

Since the sculpture was experimental, he referred to it as HBCF or hand built concrete form. He is thrilled that it will be incorporated into the TPC's landscaping. He is hoping that in its new location, the congregation will give it a name that is meaningful to them and the greater community.

[Read More about Streshley and His Art Here](#)

Presbyterian Outlook Resources

We pray for the work of the PC(USA) 227th General Assembly, which will begin later this month. The Presbyterian Outlook has some excellent resources to help churches stay informed before, during, and after GA, including [this comprehensive guide](#). We especially pray for the delegates from Shenandoah Presbytery, including Mark Facknitz, one of our Ruling Elder Commissioners.



Card Shower



Our dear Bill Sanders will turn 100 on **June 12**.

Let's shower him with birthday cards to mark this impressive milestone!

His address is:

**355 Hartman Drive
Harrisonburg, VA 22802**

Scholarship Deadline

The application deadline for all Trinity scholarships is June 15th. [IMPORTANT: This deadline is earlier than in previous years to be more compatible with college and university financial calendars.]

Grants are remitted directly to the school where the individual is attending and may be renewable with a new application each year. More Information and the application form is available on the Trinity website

at <https://www.trinitypresbyterianharrisonburg.org/scholarships> The form may be submitted electronically or as a hard copy mailed to the church office.

Be sure to see Linda Bradley, chair of the Finance Team, if you have any questions about these scholarships!

Donations Needed



Connecting cultures, building community

From May through mid-June we will work on re-stocking NewBridges' pantry. [A general list of items needed can be found here.](#)

Donations can be dropped off to the church office during regular office hours.

VIA Events



Summer Kick-Off



Thursday, June 4

4:30 - 6:30 pm

VEER Park View

(1600 College Avenue, Harrisonburg)

Bring your friends and family for some fun as we celebrate our first 6 months at VEER and kick off the summer! There will be free food, activities for kids (including a goat!) and live music! All are invited!

RSVP Here!

Core Team Leaders Meeting

Monday, June 8

6:30 - 8 pm

Otterbein UMC

(176 W. Market Street, Harrisonburg)

Join us to hear updates and plan our next steps to address transportation needs in our community. Be sure you or someone from your institution attends!

[Register Here](#)

Open House

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



After 12 years of ministry to our congregation,
and devoted service to our community we invite
you to a farewell

OPEN HOUSE
in celebration of

Adam Blagg

13 June, 2026 | Stop by 2:00-4:00 pm

176 W Market St, Harrisonburg, VA
Memorial Hall

If you wish to give Adam a



Study Journal

The art and reflections from A Sanctified Art will be available in the form of a study journal that can be used all summer.

Copies will be made available at the church.



Trinity Presbyterian Church gathers on land that was part of ancestral hunting grounds and travel routes of various groups of indigenous peoples. We acknowledge, with gratitude, these stewards of the land through the ages.

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