

# the **BRIEF**

## Twisted Truth: Summer series tackles heresy

A lot of personal beliefs espoused by Christian people today sometimes make it difficult to figure out when an idea is no longer Christian. Traditionally, such beliefs inconsistent with the Christian faith are called heresies, which are ideas about the faith that seem good and true but actually take us away from God's truth.

While we may feel a lot of these heresies have gone away, the truth is they re-surface all the time. Our Summer Learning Series will examine how small twists in the truth can have major ramifications for our faith and belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**June 7—The Secret** (Gnosticism); Graduate Sunday; Colossians 1:3-9

**June 14—Rich by Jesus** (Prosperity Gospel); 1 Timothy 6:6-10

**June 21—Second Place Savior** (Arianism); Father's Day; John 1:1-4, 14

**June 28—Lone Ranger Religion** (Antinomianism) Romans 6:1-3, 12

## Whoa, we're half way there! "Raise the Roof" second-mile giving hits midway point

Earlier this year, Pastor Rob and leadership shared the need for repairs to our sanctuary roof. With the majority of funding secured, the goal of raising an additional \$70,000 was put forth to the congregation in May. Since then, you've responded with immense generosity. To date, we've received \$35,400! Thank you to everyone who has donated. Donations can still be made before work begins in August. Be sure to indicate "Roof Fund" on any donation being made. And thank you!



## Trinity supports Hunger Run to aid food pantry

It was a rainy day for the 11th annual Hunger Run, but despite the weather, our Trinity Street Team and several disciples turned out for the cause.

Trinity's Street Team took up two posts along the route to cheer on runners

and walkers raising money for the Hummelstown Food Pantry. For the third year, Street Team members geared up for the weather and chose their favorite noise makers to whoop, holler, and encourage participants. Some

even remembered our church from previous years!

A number of our Trinity family were also there—as participants! See more from this event and a thank you from organizers on page 4.



## From Pastor Rob: Dads' faith matters, too

In a recent office staff meeting, someone asked what we're doing to honor dads this year. It was a short discussion because everyone knows dads generally don't care what they receive, so long as it's not burdensome. This short conversation was in contrast to Mother's Day, when we planned festivities for that day.

Everyone knows Father's Day is second to Mother's Day when it comes to parental celebrations. Most Americans rank it between Columbus Day and Boxing Day in terms of importance. For many, it's kind of an afterthought, which, quite frankly, is how many dads prefer it.

According to Lifeway Research, a group that looks at church statistics, the lowest-attended Sunday in church is no longer the one after Christmas or Easter; it's Father's Day. Mother's Day, in contrast, is the third highest, as many adult children trek to see their moms and start the day with worship.

Many mothers seem to want to be present for the affirmations offered in most churches, and their families attend to affirm their mothers' faith. But on Father's Day, when dad sets the agenda, church doesn't even make the radar. It ends up being something like a day at Hersheypark, camping, or maybe cooking some sort of meat in a smoker.

That, to me, is kind of remarkable considering what we know about the influence dads can have on a child's faith. According to Lifeway, if a mom attends church but not dad, the likelihood that their children will attend later in life is 1 in 50 (or 2 percent). However, if dad attends, that stat rises to 33 out of 50 (or 60 percent). Amazingly, that number seems to be consistent if dad attends and mom does not. That's one of those statistics that's just too large to ignore.

Here's the point: Dads have a very large impact on their children, too. For some reason, it's been largely thought that mothers are solely re-

sponsible for children's spiritual lives. In reality, it's the responsibility of every parental figure, regardless of title. Dad's influence is at least as important as mom's faith, which means Dad, too, has a great responsibility in nurturing the spiritual life of their children. Dads (as well as moms) set the tone and example for what faith looks like in a person's life.

At the risk of being overanalytical this month, I offer a final sobering stat that was shared with me at a clergy retreat. Seventy-five percent of the time a parent spends with their children occurs before they turn 18.

As children reach adulthood and move on to college or the workforce, the level of influence and presence of a parent is not as large as when they were younger.

This is part of life. It is also, I believe, a reminder of how little time we have to truly shape our children's lives and to pass on the things we feel are essential in life. I hope that includes a life of faith.

Yes, dads will receive something on Father's Day at church this year. But perhaps a better gift for all dads (and moms) is to give something else on these special days. To give the gift of faithfulness and to demonstrate your commitment to something greater than yourself, as a living testimony to your children.

So, I challenge you, don't waste a single moment. Take this Father's Day to invest in your faith. That one act may pay huge dividends not only in your own life, but in the life of your children as well.

*See you Sunday,  
+Rob*



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The ministry will reopen regular  
hours on Wednesday, June 17.

# Memories at



## TRINITY HUMMELSTOWN

May was a month of celebration, community, and change as programs wound down for summer. From going out on a high note (literally) to enjoying a night of community, May made memories!



Change is coming. At left, Sanctuary Choir Director Kathy Robison is recognized by Pastor Rob in worship. Kathy will remain our office administrator but is stepping down from choir to enjoy more time with husband, Tim, below, and her family, which includes soon-to-be nine grandchildren!



Above, the Sanctuary Choir closed out May with their last musical performance before summer. The Summer Special Music schedule begins June 7 as disciples step up to share their talents with the congregation. See the full schedule on page 6.



May also saw the wrap of our TUMY and TUMY Jrs. programs. Before their final hurrah, TUMY organized a first-ever Open Mic Karaoke Night and Potluck Dinner. Everyone was invited to share a meal and enjoy the song stylings of the brave souls who signed up to do karaoke. While many chose to just enjoy the company, these groups grabbed the mics and went for it! Above, the cutest trio award goes to this crew who sang "Let It Go" from "Frozen". Above right, this crew of moms teamed up for a rousing rendition of, "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" while at right, Praise Band bassist Jamie joined her daughter, Eliana, on Queen's classic, "Bohemian Rhapsody!" What a fun night! Thanks to all the performers!





# In the community

For the past 11 years, the Hummelstown community has come together to support the local food pantry through the Hummelstown Hunger Run. The last three years, Trinity has not only helped sponsor the events, but also stepped in to help man "cheer stations" at the event. Some of the returning race participants even remembered our friendly faces and thanked us for participating! Next year, YOU could help spread joy! Just watch for the April announcement.



Above, Marisa and Rachel cheer on runners along High Street. Below, there were more than a few Trinity faces out supporting this worthy cause. A couple even won medals! Way to go, Chaz and Gray!



## A note of thanks

Dear Trinity,

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Hummelstown Hunger Run was another remarkable success this year. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and individual donors, the Hummelstown Food Pantry received over \$40,000 in donations. Additionally, four truck beds full of non-perishable food, water, Gatorade, and snacks from the event went to the pantry.

This success would not have been possible without your sponsorship! Everyone who helped in any way has aided a needy family in our community. On behalf of the 130 or so families that depend on the pantry each week, thank you for supporting this event! We appreciate all your support.

B.J. and Jill Osevala  
Volunteer Race Organizers



### Mission Central service date change

Due to a staffing change at Mission Central, Trinity is not expected to serve at the mission hub again until **Friday, Aug. 14**. Please meet in the parking lot at 8:25 AM to carpool. Contact Team Lead Nancy Shertzner at shertzna@gmail.com for more info.

### Can you help care for Trinity's planters?

The outdoor gardeners need help with watering this summer. If you're interested and want more info about helping water plants this summer, please contact Mack Ruffin at mur373@psu.edu or call 734-476-7806.



## Mission Focus: Someone To Tell It To

Born out of a friendship fostered, nurtured, and deepened through Trinity UMC, Pastors Michael Gingerich and Tom Kaden created Someone To Tell It To in 2012, to promote and provide human connection through the practice of listening.

Fourteen years later—in part due to the significant support of Trinity and its disciples—Someone To Tell It To has grown to have made over 25,000 listening connections with people from around the world, who talk through their loneliness, pain, regret, broken relationships, grief, and also their joys.

They have trained more than 2,000 people in the art and science of listening attentively and intentionally.

The nonprofit leaders have also written four books; produced eight seasons of the Someone To Tell It To Podcast and been guests on other podcasts and TV and radio shows, had countless speaking engagements; written scores of blogs; been featured in *Psychology Today* and other publications; co-produced the play, “I’m Proud of You,” about a friendship between Texas journalist Tim Madigan and Fred (Mister) Rogers; co-sponsored the documentary film “Friends & Neighbors” about mental,

emotional, and relational health and the people who are working to support wellness and healing from those living with mental, emotional, and relational distress and trauma.

The organization still has deep roots at Trinity. Trinity disciple and Praise Band member Angie Dickinson became Co-Chief Encouragement Officer for the organization in 2025, and is leading with grace, compassion, and caring. Trinity disciple Donna Friedrich is a trained and sought-after compassionate listener, and Trinity disciple and Praise Band Leader Matt Dickinson is a skilled and engaging listening training leader for the organization.

Someone To Tell It To was honored twice by the International Listening Association for its creative and ground-breaking work, as well as the Central Pennsylvania Business Journal for innovation and excellence.

To learn more about Someone To Tell It To, visit [someonetotellitto.org](http://someonetotellitto.org) and follow them on Facebook at [facebook.com/some1totellitto](https://facebook.com/some1totellitto).



*At top: Members of Someone To Tell It To's leadership at the “Friends & Neighbors” movie premiere in April. Center, a training class celebrates their learning. At bottom, Trinity disciple and STTIT listener Donna Friedrich shares a moment with a movie premiere guest.*

Not yet a member of Trinity? Attend

## PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR SUNDAY, JUNE 14, NOON

Enjoy a casual, no strings attached chat with Pastor Rob over pizza to learn more about membership at Trinity. Scan the QR code, sign up on the Connect Card or call 717-566-0252 to sign up by **Wednesday, June 10.**



# Thank You

Trinity's Missions Team recently contributed funds from our Undesignated Fund to support missionary Heidi Lynn Jensen and her work with Global Service Network, headquartered in Lancaster. GSN seeks to empower Servants of Christ to take the Gospel to the World. Below is a note from Heidi, who works at the United Nations in New York.

Dear Friends at Trinity UMC,

Thank you so much for your prayers and gifts to my ministry with Global Service Network. By God's grace, together we are making disciples of leaders serving their countries at the United Nations in New York City and beyond.

Whether encouraging global professionals to live faithfully for Christ or sharing God's love with people who do not yet know him, Jesus Christ is glorified. I pray that the Lord will bless and encourage you all.

God bless you!

Heidi Jensen



Dear Trinity family,

Thank you so much for donating to my Save Summer toy collection project! I cannot express how much your support means to me—especially knowing how many kids we are going to help keep busy this summer while they receive hospital care.

Bree Geyer

TUMY student

## Summer's Special Music schedule begins

While our Sanctuary and Children & Youth choirs along with our Trinity Ringers enjoy a summer respite, we'll be treated to the talents of some of our Trinity disciples during Traditions services. Below is the schedule.

**June 7**—Soloist: Cindy Wenrich

**June 14**—Clarinet/Oboe Trio: Emily Hackleman, Emily Shertzer, and Nancy Shertzer

**June 21**—Instrumentalist: Ray Costanzo, Ukelele

**June 28**—Soloist: Jayne Grundon

**July 12**—Handbell Duet: Jen Roush, Lynn Schankweiler

**July 19**—Duet: Tami Roth, Devon Roth

**July 26**—Trumpet: Jim Sanders

**Aug. 2**—Violin: Catherine Siris

**Aug. 9**—Piano/organ Duet: Rachel Irvin and Faith Matthews; Vocalists: Vanya Plenko and Isabella Tkachuk

**Aug. 16**—Liturgical Dance: Carolyn Wise, Emmiline Wise; Organ: Julia Madara

**Aug. 23**—Soloist: Lana Birch; Organ: Marshall Thackara

**Aug. 30**—Trio: Jayne Grundon, Karen Hoerner, and Cindy Wenrich

**Sept. 6**—Piano Duet: Brian and Kaye Miller



Above, Catherine and Lucy Siris rehearse their special mother-daughter piano duet for Mother's Day service while son/brother, Caden, looks on. Many thanks to all who share their musical talents to make worship meaningful!