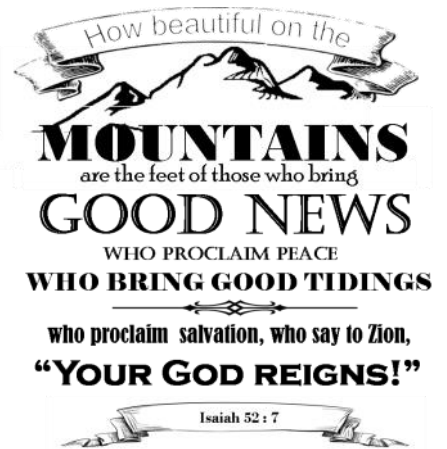


THE TIDINGS

May 2024



Pastor's Page

Dear Beloved Trinity Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we step into the beautiful month of May, I am filled with gratitude for the blessings that surround us and the journey we continue to walk together as a faith-filled community. May is a month of renewal, growth, and a deepening of our spiritual connection with God and one another.

Throughout this month, let us embrace the vibrant signs of new life that spring brings forth around us. Just as the flowers bloom and the trees blossom, may our hearts be open to the abundant grace and love of our Heavenly Father. Let us be reminded that God's mercies are new every morning, and His faithfulness endures forever.

I am excited to announce several upcoming events and prayer requests.

Wednesday Bible Study: Every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

General Conference: April 23~May 3, in Charlotte, NC

Cross Racial/ Cross-Cultural (CRCC) Clergy Leadership Seminar at Trinity UMC : May 7

Confirmation Class: May 9~June 9

Mother's Day Sunday: May 12th

Combined Multi-Cultural Worship Service at Pennsauken UMC: May 19

Merchantville Township 150th Anniversary: May 19, Children's Activity & VBS Registration

Annual Conference: May 19~21st at Wildwood Convention Center

Children's Day & Graduation Service: June 9

I encourage each one of you to pray for your family, our church, community, and those who are in need. Together, let us continue to grow in faith, love, and service to God and one another.

As we journey through the month of May, may we be filled with the peace that surpasses all understanding and the joy that comes from knowing that we are loved beyond measure by our Heavenly Father. May God's richest blessings be upon you and your loved ones in this season of renewal and rejoicing.

With love and prayers,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Song".

Rev. Hyunsook Song



Worship Committee

Hello Friends,

I'm not sure about anyone else, but I find Spring to be very refreshing. Seeing all the pretty trees and flowers in bloom refreshes my spirit. I was looking for a scripture verse that references the renewal of Spring. Although this doesn't specifically talk about Spring, it references the renewal of hope we receive from the Lord:

Yet this I call to mind, and I have hope:

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore, I will wait for Him."

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Lamentations 3: 21-26

Looking forward to the next couple of months, we have a few celebrations planned. On May 12th we will celebrate Mothers' Day, and on June 16th we will celebrate Fathers' Day. The big celebration will be on Children's Day, June 9th. We will have a combined service with our two sister churches in Pennsauken. After the service, we will have a picnic outside (weather permitting), and Pastor Song will have a special treat for kids of all ages! It's great to see more children becoming involved in our church, and I send a special thank you to Mr. Skip and Miss Christina for reinstating our Sunday School. Stay tuned for more information about Vacation Bible School this summer.

Please remember to keep our church family in your prayers. Sally Games recently lost her dear son, Jimmy. Most of us remember the gentle giant with a heart to match. Our prayers go out to Sally and her family during this difficult time. There are others who have health issues who also need our prayers.

Again, I thank everyone who volunteers to serve as a Worship Leader, Fellowship Host, Usher, and Counter. These are all important functions that help the service go smoothly and bring a welcoming smile to all.

As I close, I ask that God will bless us, Everyone.

Debbie Curcio

Worship Committee

Spring Showers ~ May 14th



Bring May flowers . . . to the residents of Collingswood Manor. Join members of other local congregations to shower the residents with various and often needed items listed below.

Hand Cream	Toothbrushes	Toothpaste
Liquid Hand Soap	Paper Towels	Paper Napkins
Dish Detergent	Body Wash & Lotion	Cube Sized Tissue Boxes
Pocket Tissues	Scotch Tape	Pens
Emery Boards	Hard Candy	

Please bring your donations to church by May 12th. A basket for your donations is in the chapel area.

*thank
YOU*
From the staff

A special thank you to the congregation for the ShopRite gift cards that we recently received. It was very kind of you all and we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Pastor Song, Cindy & Johnnie

FOOD pantry

The food pantry is open on the second Wednesday of each month from 10 am - 12 noon and on Sunday mornings following worship service from 11:30 am - 12 noon.

Monetary donations as well as donations of non-perishable foods are always appreciated.

A Bible Study Group led by Pastor Song meets in the chapel on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am



All are welcome to join them.

No registration is required.

Prayer REQUESTS

Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?

Requests can be made in the Prayer Ministry notebook found in the foyer on Sunday mornings or by contacting the church office.

Private or timely concerns may be shared with Pastor Song directly by phone (856) 308-8287 or email pastorsong24@gmail.com.



The 2024 Annual Conference for The United Methodists of Greater New Jersey is set to take place from **May 19-21, 2024**, at the Wildwood Convention Center, NJ



May Celebrations

Happy Birthday to . . .

May 1	Eurdine Moulrier	May 12	George Reinas	May 20	Elizabeth Hodosheff
May 1	Beth Vasta	May 15	Merri Gordy	May 26	Patricia Johnston
May 3	Jackie Whitehead	May 18	Courtney Bird	May 26	Stephen Torok
May 4	Curtis Weller	May 18	John Perkins	May 29	Charles Holliday II
May 9	Becca Harris	May 19	Mike O'Shea	May 29	Dolores Rupert



Happy Anniversary to . . .

May 3	Melissa & Bill Gray	May 12	Diane & Robert Deeds
May 5	Pastor Hyunsook & Ho Jun Song	May 14	Carol & Philip Swanson
	May 28	Mike & Cookie O'Shea	



Merchantville 's 150th Anniversary Celebration May 18th & 19th



A parade featuring marching bands, floats, mummers, dance troupes and more will begin downtown at 10 am on Saturday, May 18th.

An old-fashioned birthday celebration is scheduled on Sunday, May 19th from 12 - 4 pm at Wellwood park. The celebration will include music, refreshments, and fun. Trinity has been invited to participate and will do so by providing a children's activity table at the event. Come on out and join the celebration!

For more information visit <https://www.merchantvillenj.gov/>



In-person
Worship
Attendance

March	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Average	Notes
attendance	30	*66	20	30	**51	39	* 159th Anniversary Service ** Easter
temperature	60s	50s	50s	40s	50s		
weather	sunny	cloudy	cool	sunny	sunny		
April							
attendance	31	21	33				
temperature	50s	60s	50s				
weather	sunny	sunny	cloudy				

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