

Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



July 25, 2021

9th Sunday in Pentecost

Welcome as we gather together in the name of God! Whether we are physically present with one another or gathering remotely, we know that Christ is truly present in our midst.

Each Sunday, we will gather at 9:30am via Facebook Live on Trinity's Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-Brewster-NY-160570420670756>

The service will be posted on our YouTube page
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view_as=subscriber

If you know of others who are in need of ***signs of God's love and grace***, who are curious and/or questioning, who would like to experience the peace of Christ – please invite them to join us “live” and/or to visit our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

If anyone needs to talk to someone amidst this time of anxiety, please feel free to contact Pastor Jen via the church office (trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com) and/or her personal email (revjedyer1@yahoo.com).

Our weekly emails are also posted on our website:
<http://trinitybrewsterny.org/wordpress> .

Precautions: Wearing masks is optional for those who are vaccinated, but we ask that you continue to maintain distance if you are unsure of someone's vaccination status as well as when you are around children not from your own household.

Setting up: Set aside some sacred space where you are to worship and prayer. Light a candle (or more), set out your Bible and/or a cross. Spend a few moments in silence before you begin.

Introduction: Today's theme is: *One more grand chance*. The book of Judges tells of the transitional time between the nomadic leadership of Moses & Joshua and the establishment of kings to rule the people. Samson is the last of the judges whose ego causes his death. The series is based on the book, *“Grace in a tree stump: Old Testament stories of God's love”* by J. Ellsworth Kalas

Check in: Please make sure that you have checked in with the usher that we may maintain our contact tracing list if it becomes needed.

Prelude

“Sinfonia” to G. F. Haendel’s Samson

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are weary

Here, find rest for your souls

Here, enter into the grace of forgiveness

Here, takes the living water of renewal

Come from busy weeks and anxious worry

Find here stillness like being led to green pastures

Songs that lift you to the heavens

Prayers that ease the wrinkles from your soul

Come and worship,

for God is our Maker, our Defender and Guide

CONFESSION

As we enter this time and pause amidst our busy days and full lives, we seek that peace and grace of Christ that surpasses all understanding. We humbly approach the presence of God and are invited to lay down all that separates us from the love of God and neighbor. We are called upon to confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

God of all grace, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought,**

word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength and we have not loved our neighbors as our selves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we have delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"Bless Now, O God, the Journey" ELW 326

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
The path through noise and silence, the ways of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
Then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way;
Your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the
day.

We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound;
Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow,
But waiting not for places, you meet us all around
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan 1955-1993

Music: Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who in love for us did come down and in the person of your Son did suffer and die for us: show us your favor this morning and grant us your holy presence through the grace of your Spirit. Amen

Please be seated

+ WORD +

Reading: JUDGES 16:18-30

When Delilah realized that he had told her his whole secret, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, 'This time come up, for he has told his whole secret to me.' Then the lords

of the Philistines came up to her, and brought the money in their hands. She let him fall asleep on her lap; and she called a man, and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. He began to weaken, and his strength left him. Then she said, 'The Philistines are upon you, Samson!' When he awoke from his sleep, he thought, 'I will go out as at other times, and shake myself free.' But he did not know that the LORD had left him. So the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes. They brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles; and he ground at the mill in the prison. But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to their god Dagon, and to rejoice; for they said, 'Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand.' When the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said, 'Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us.' And when their hearts were merry, they said, 'Call Samson, and let him entertain us.' So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them. They made him stand between the pillars; and Samson said to the attendant who held him by the hand, 'Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, so that I may lean against them.' Now the house was full of men and women; all the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about three thousand men and women, who looked on while Samson performed.

Then Samson called to the LORD and said, 'Lord GOD, remember me and strengthen me only this once, O God, so that with this

one act of revenge I may pay back the Philistines for my two eyes.’ And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. Then Samson said, ‘Let me die with the Philistines.’ He strained with all his might; and the house fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So those he killed at his death were more than those he had killed during his life.

Word of God, word of life!

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: JOHN 21:15-19

The holy Gospel according to John, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter

felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SINGING OF GOD'S GRACE (tune: "Amazing Grace")

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

God made Samson judge of Israel
Committed from birth to serve
Blinded by sin and selfishness
God's grace was needed again

Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony; *Text:* John Newton (vs. 3), Jennifer Boyd (add'tl vs.)

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Will You Come and Follow Me” ELW 798

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the you you hide if I but call you name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world
around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: Scottish traditional

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APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, we confess our faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We humbly gather before you to lift in prayer your church, the world and all those in need.

A brief silence

Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your people, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community. God of grace, **hear our prayer**

God of mystery, you made the universe with its marvelous order and chaos, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures. We give you thanks for all who study the mysteries of creation and ask that their work may increase our curiosity, wonder and joy, that we may come to know you more truly and serve you more humbly. God of grace, **hear our prayer**

God most mighty, God most merciful, our sacred stories tell us that you help and save your people. You are the fortress: may there be no more war. You are the harvest: may there be no more hunger. You are the light: may no one die alone or in despair. God, most majestic, God most motherly, grant us your life, the life that flows from You alone. God of grace, **hear our prayer**

Compassionate God, your Son brought healing and wholeness to people stricken with disease, death and demons that destroyed relationships. Look with favor upon all who suffer in body, mind and spirit that your healing presence may bring them peace. We pause now to pray for all those in our hearts and on our lips (pause)...as well as **those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.** God of grace, **hear our prayer**

Here other petitions may be offered silently, aloud or in the comments.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your divine grace revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE OF THE LORD

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

(you are invited to share the peace with those who are with you, by commenting below as well as by calling or sending a message later to someone)

Offering *(You are invited to listen to this song as our “anthem” for this week. You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)*

Anthem:

“Return, O Lord of Hosts” from G. F. Haendel’s Samson
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DE8vL1Nhq90>

INVITATION OF STEWARDSHIP/OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. We humbly offer before you that which you have entrusted to us

Accept the first fruits of time and toil that we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and care of your creation and your people; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

When the time was right,
God sent Jesus to be among us.

Born into this life,
seeing Your grace revealed in all things,
**he laughed with those who laughed,
and mourned with those who mourned.**

Through Your love, he healed the sick,
he welcomed the outcast,
he challenged those in power,
and the structures that kept them there.

And he called us back to Your love.

In the power of the Holy Spirit,
the Christ laughs and cries,
heals and welcomes,
**challenges and loves,
again and again and again.**

We have been told that,
on the night before he was taken
to be tortured to death on a cross,
Jesus sat with his disciples,
and ate with them, in a meal of remembrance.

Jesus took a loaf of bread,
asked Your blessing upon it, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples saying:

“Take this – all of you – and eat it.
This is me. My Body. Given for you.
Each time you eat it, remember me.”

Close to the meal’s end,
he took a cup filled with wine,
asked Your blessing upon it,
and gave it to his disciples saying:
Take this – all of you – and drink it.
This is me. This is my promise in my life’s blood -
poured out for you and for the world.”
Each time you drink it, remember me.
So we, his disciples,
eat bread and drink wine – and remember.

We come that we may remember

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Receive this bread;
feed on it with thanks;
it is the gift of God to sustain and nurture;
it is Jesus incarnated and given for us.

Drink this wine with thanks;
it is the gift of God to bring us joy;
it was a hard won battle;
it is Jesus poured out for our redemption.

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated

Distribution of Communion: *You are invited to come forward as you are ready and able to receive the Body & blood of Christ (pre-filled cups). Please return to your seat before partaking of the bread & wine.*

Communion Hymn

"Around You, O Lord Jesus" ELW 468

Around you, O Lord Jesus,
Your own you gather still
To share the feast you give us
With grace our lives to fill.
You say to us so lovingly,
"Take, eat! This is my body!
Take, drink! This is my blood!"

We hear your invitations,
And heed, O Lord, your call;
Your word of consolation
Is spoken here to all.
It draws us to your loving heart;
It brings to us your blessing,
Which never will depart.

We are your own forever;
Until our final breath
We will be true and never--
In joy, in grief, in death--
Depart from you, for you are still
Among your people dwelling,
As you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1772-1847, tr. composite

Music: H. Tohmisson, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569

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Please stand as you are able

The Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep
you in his grace! **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your
people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we

may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

+ SENDING +

**Mission and Ministry Announcements
Blessing**

The assembly stands

SENDING HYMN

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" ELW 860

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
Singing glory, hallelujah!
Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Singing glory, hallelujah!
Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
Singing glory, hallelujah!
Jesus lifted me.

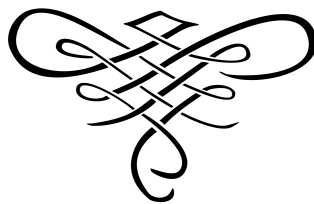
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

"Fantasia in C" G. F. Haendel



Worship notes:

Portions of the worship service has been adapted by Pastor Jen from the following resources: Call to worship, Prayer of the Day (Sourcebook of Worship resources, vol. 2); Prayers of Intercession (All Creations Sings, Leaders edition); Confession, Absolution, Post-communion prayer (ELW, setting 2) Invitation of stewardship/Offering prayer (All Creation Sings liturgies) Eucharistic prayer (Richard Botts “Communion Liturgy for Advent.”); Invitation to communion (**Third Space** website. <http://third-space.org.uk/blog>); Introduction, Additional verse to Amazing grace, (Pastor Jen Boyd);

Music Notes:

Haendel began the composition of *Samson* immediately after completing *Messiah* on 14 September 1741. It uses a libretto by Newburgh Hamilton, who based it on Milton's *Samson Agonistes*, which in turn was based on the figure Samson in Chapter 16 of the Book of Judges. Haendel completed the first act on 20 September 1741, the second act on 11 October that year, and the whole work on 29 October. Shortly after that he travelled to Dublin to put on the premiere of *Messiah*, returning to London at the end of August 1742 and thoroughly revising *Samson*. The premiere was given at Covent Garden in London on 18 February 1743, with the incidental organ music probably the recently completed concerto in A major (HWV 307). The oratorio was a great success, leading to a total of seven performances in its first season, the most in a single season of any of his oratorios. *Samson* retained its popularity throughout Haendel's lifetime and has never fallen entirely out of favor since.

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given by:

Maureen and Mark Sergio in honor of their thirty-eighth wedding anniversary which was on July 23rd. Happy Anniversary to you both and may God bless you with many more happy years together!❤️

Scheduled to Serve Today, Sunday, July 25 th		
Time	Assisting Ministers	Ushers
9:30	Don Icken	Dorothy Kafalas

In Our Prayers

We are particularly mindful of so many who are in need of prayers during this time. You are invited to contact Pastor Jen to add specific names to this list:

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- Dawn Morello, called to serve First Lutheran (Bronx)
- Stephanie (Jenkins) Luedtke, awaiting call and ordination
- Birth: 6/7 Luke Aaron Kafalas, great grandson of Dorothy Kafalas

Prayers of Healing

- Megan Osborne
- Shaun Larraburu
- Ed Ranieri
- Wanda & Cliff Strawn
- Kenny Strawn
- Sara Thomson

- The Paraggio Family
- Lillian (Jeanette Baldanza's friend's mom)
- Kyle
- Jujubee (Debbie Lyons granddaughter)
- Joe Baldanza
- Kyle Smith-Kayler
- Josh Myers (Stage 4 Lung Cancer-Nephew of Carol Brooks)
- Bruce & Joan Strong (Cousin of Sigird Allen)
- Matt Donovan (Dan's son)
- Ralph Rudolph (Back pain)
- Pastor Tim Kennedy
- Devon Elise McCaffrey (Covid- Maxine Foley Granddaughter)
- Joseph Laird
- George Moreno (Connected to Caitlyn Felder)
- Jo-Ann Nestor (Broke her arm)
- Brigette Fick (Sister of Barbara Roden)
- Kristin Foley and David Murray (Daughter and son in law to Maxine Foley)
- Charlie
- Thomas Tazza (Friend of Peter Gebhardt)
- Bonnie Boyd (Pastor Jen's Mother in Law)
- Tony Morello
- Michael Cesare
- Mary Torlish
- Barbara Grispin
- Brian (friend of Rosemary Gebhardt)
- Danielle Nestor (ankle surgery)
- Danny Brooks (Carol Brooks' nephew)

- Emile "Vinny" Bellissimo (friend of Loretta Christiano)
- Jeff Brown (friend of Doug Noah)
- Jill Russo's dad (cancer)
- Joseph Percacciolo
- Katherine Waldvogel (Dawn Morello's mother)
- Kathie Gibbs (sister-in-law of Jeanette Baldanza)
- Lois Lawrence
- Loretta Christiano (back surgery)
- Maisa Tompuri (cataracts)
- Robert Peters (father of Stephen Peters)

Prayers for those serving in the medical community

- Jeanette Baldanza (Putnam Co. Dept. of Health)
- Michael Conroy (White Plains Hospital)
- Dr. Lauren Icken (Resident @ Albany Med)
- Eric Klammer (FDNY)
- Holly Larocchia (Northwell Health)
- Lisa Schuldt (White Plains Hospital)
- Jeff Von Bargen (Putnam Hospital)
- Shannon McDonnell

Prayers for essential workers

- Kystal Langke (Postal Worker)
- Justin Larocchia (NYPD)

Prayers of the Wider Church

- The United States of America, and all those defending her
- For all persecuted and incarcerated Christians

- Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (Presiding Bishop of the ELCA) and ELCA staff
- Bishop Paul Egensteiner (Bishop of Metro NY Synod) and synod staff
- Mother Gladys Diaz (deployed Asst. to Bishop for our area)

Additional Prayers

July Birthdays

Michael Langke, Jr., July 26

Cyndi Bertone, July 27

Douglas Noah, July 30

Bryan Knapp, July 31

TLC – Serving Schedule for Worship Services			
July & August 2021			
Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Ushers
July 25	9:30	Don Icken	Dorothy Kafalas
August 1	9:30	Ralph Rudolph	
August 8	9:30	Jo-Ann Nestor	
August 15	9:30	Lois Lawrence	
August 22	9:30	Kathie Ruhs	Don Icken
August 29	9:30	Charlie Germain	

<u>Upcoming Readings</u>			
July 25	One More Grand Chance	Judges 16:18-30	John 21:15-19
August 1	Grace and God's Love for the Future	Ruth 1:1-5; 4:13-22	John 19:25b-27
August 8	A Directory of Grace	I Chronicles 1:1-4, 28; 2:1-2; 9:1 (I Chronicles 1-9)	Matthew 1:1-6, 16-17
August 15	New Every Morning	Lamentations 3:19-33	Mark 10:13-16
August 22	Grace in an Iron Band	Daniel 4: 10-15, 24-27	Mark 10:23-27
August 29	Indomitable Grace	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Mark 10:28-31

Announcements



Pastoral coverage: While Pastor Jen is on vacation, Pastor Nicole Schwalbe (Resurrection, Mt. Kisco) will be covering any pastoral emergencies (hospital visits, funerals, etc.). Please inform the church office and/or any council member.

Caring for God's creation: A few years ago, we began efforts to be better stewards of God's creation – particularly through Terracycle, the clothing shed and other recyclables. As we see the continuing changes in the climate, it becomes even more vital that we each step up our efforts individually as well as a congregation.

We are re-starting our Creation task force to look at ways that we can continue to educate ourselves as well as to take measures to care for all that is entrusted to us. There is a grassroots Lutheran group, Lutherans Restoring Creation (<https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/>) that offers numerous resources as well as covenants. This is another part of what it means to share Christ's peace as we seek wholeness for God's world.

Brewster Fall Festival: We will once again have a booth at this yearly event on Sunday, Sept. 19th. If you would like to help plan and/or be at the table, please let Pastor Jen or Debbie Lyons know.

Summer of Gratitude: Pastor Jen has challenged the Sunday school kids as well as the whole congregation to be intentionally thankful this summer. Each day you are encouraged to write down one thing that you are thankful about (the more specific the better) - yes, be intentional in actually writing it down. You can use a calendar, notebook or your computer, but it is the deliberate act of noting it that we are being called to do and in doing so, to offer it up in thanksgiving to God.

Faith Questions: While we are not meeting for Bible study again until the Fall, Pastor Jen will be asking a different question for reflection and conversation. It will be related to the upcoming week's reading, the news of the day and/or random thoughts that spring up. It will be posted on our Social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram; you can find links on our website). Please share your responses there and/or directly with Pastor Jen.

This Week's Faith Question:

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why? How might you use it as an expression of your faith?

Returnable donations: If you are bringing any deposit cans/bottles, please make sure that they are rinsed as well as counted (mark the number on the outside of the bag). This makes their redeeming that much easier for volunteers. They may be left in the coat closet along with the Terracycle items

Terracycle: The Terracycle Programs will resume at Trinity Lutheran starting immediately. Please leave the items in the designated cans in the closet. Please remember that the items must be empty in order to be recycled. They do not have to be cleaned out. We continue to recycle for the following 2 programs:



1. **Personal Care and Beauty:** lip balm, soap dispensers, shampoo and conditioner bottles, hair gel containers, lotion bottles and empty cosmetic containers. Caps are also recycled.
2. **Tom's of Maine Natural Care:** mouthwash bottles, toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, deodorant containers, dental floss containers. Caps are also accepted.



Here at Putnam Community Action Partnership we believe that education is not only a human right, but also a vehicle for moving children out of poverty. Arriving equipped for school helps them feel stable and confident in their ability to learn. Literacy improves an individual's health, income and overall well-being.

At the end of each summer Putnam CAP organizes and distributes school supplies to families in need to support them on their journey to becoming self-sufficient.

We will be distributing gift cards, rather than actual supplies, to families to purchase their needed school supply items, as well as backpacks & lunch boxes. We are asking for gift cards in \$25 denominations to stores such as Target, WalMart, Staples, and Office Max. **Donations of such cards and new backpacks & lunch boxes are being accepted at the CAP office now through August 13, 2021.**

If you prefer to donate online, please visit our website at www.putnamcap.org and click on the **DONATE TO CAP** button.

We are sure that you share with us the value of education, and we thank you in advance for your support of this critical program!



Putnam CAP's food pantry is experiencing severe shortages of non-food items that our clients need and are unable to purchase with SNAP coupons. Your donations of these items would be a great help to us.

**Shampoo/Conditioner*

**Deodorant*

**Bar Soap*

**Feminine Hygiene Products*

**Toilet Paper*

**Toothbrushes*

**Laundry Detergent*

**Diapers and Pull-Ups in sizes 4-5-6*

**Shaving Cream*

**Cleaning Products*

**Baby Wipes*

When you're food shopping, here are a few suggested non-perishable food 'extras' that would be greatly appreciated at the pantry:

**Cooking Oil*

**Ensure*

**Coffee and Tea*

**Cake Mixes*

**Baby Food*

**Condiments*



**Friends of
San Lucas**

Guatemala Mission: The San Lucas Mission is now taking reservations for 2022. Pastor Jen, along with Pastor Dave Dockwieler (St. Andrew's, Yorktown) will be leading a group there January 16-22, 2022 (actual dates may fluctuate a bit). If you are interested in learning more and/or participating, please contact Pastor Jen. To learn more about the mission, go to <http://www.sanlucasmision.org> (you can also order their coffee - shipping from Minnesota - they have a new Honey coffee)

CLOTHING SHED OPEN: The shed has re-opened and is now accepting donations. Clothing items only (including belts, purses, shoes), stuffed animals and linens (no pillows). Please do not leave any other household, electronics and other such items.

Trinity's Vision: *Sharing the Peace of Christ*

In the coming weeks, you are invited to join the Church Council in brainstorming ideas related to our vision of sharing the peace of Christ. In the midst of today's world, how might we bring a sense of hope-filled peace into the lives of others? Who in your life might need to experience the peace of Christ? We will be making very tangible efforts to live out this vision and we need everyone's commitment to living it out!



Altar Flowers: The flower chart for 2021 is posted in Narthex. You can adorn the altar of our Lord by contacting me by phone (845-277-8012 or 914-506-0298), text (914 #) or email at kathieruhs@aol.com. The price is \$30 for one person or \$15 each for two people. You can pick them up during week when office is open, call before coming! You may also contact me and I will meet you at the church to pick them up. Please contact me ASAP, thank you! May God bless you with good health and happiness in this new year!

Offering

You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org . Please note that we are not depositing offerings every week, but about twice a month.



Dear Member Congregations of Koinonia,

Summer is busy, so I will keep this brief. **WE ARE OPEN!** We are ready to welcome you and your loved ones to camp. There are still areas we are working on, but all the buildings and the campground are to code and in working order and we cannot wait to greet and minister to you!

We are asking you to go **BIG** this summer. **Book** a family retreat or a room at the Conference Center. **Invite** your congregation to register for a weekend and invite friends and family to experience the wonder of Koinonia. **Give** – with a one-time donation, a monthly online donation, or a memorial/honor stone gift. Please visit our website to learn more. www.koinoniany.org Any & all of your participation are needed at this time. Below please see the date for programming weekends for the rest of 2021.

God Bless You and all You have Done- and Continue to Do- for Koinonia's Ministry,

Dr. Kathleen Kristin Ruen, Executive Director

SAVE THE DATES!!

AUGUST 20TH-22ND – HEALING RETREAT- for those who have Koinonia hurt and seek healing and re-connection in community

SEPTEMBER 3RD-6TH – GRAND OPENING WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 24TH-26TH – THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 26TH-28TH – ADVENT I

DECEMBER 3RD-5TH – ADVENT II

Email register@koinoniany.org or call (845) 456-0214 to register!