Greetings Trinity Family,

The past few months have been some of the strangest we have lived through. When we received word in March we would have to temporarily shut down and shelter-in-place for a few weeks, I don’t think any of us could have imagined the months of caution ahead of us.

Our Consistory created a committee to explore ways for our church to safely reopen for worship services. Nan Burch is our leader, and she has been joined by Bill Vogl, Phyllis Slotterback, Ethan Cornely, and myself. We hope to resume our in-person worship services in our Education Building in mid-September.

Even after we start meeting in person for worship, we will continue to offer worship online. Our Facebook livestream will continue, and we will also have ZOOM worship.

We humbly request that our members and friends who are more at risk because of underlying health conditions stay at home. Over the past few months, we have learned you are more at risk for Covid the older you are. Also, people who have cancer, chronic kidney disease, COPD, who are immunocompromised, who have a BMI of 30 or higher, who have serious heart conditions, and who have type 2 diabetes are also more at risk. Please stay at home if you are in a higher risk group. As your pastor, I feel responsible for the members of our congregation. I don’t want anyone to come to church and put themselves at risk for becoming sick.

I know we all hunger to see each other and spend time together. Please reach out to each other over the telephone. Please send notes to each other. As much as we hunger to be together, we need to remain patient and cautious.

May God bless you all in this strange and wearying time.

Pastor Amelie

The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.  
Proverbs 22:3
Trinity Reopening Committee

The Reopening Committee has been meeting to discuss the logistics and concerns regarding reopening our Church for in-person services. We’ve been reviewing statistics for Montgomery County and Skippack, and are trying to keep up with the daily revisions as far as local restrictions and recommendations. We’ve also been assembling the various pieces of equipment and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) that will be needed to keep our Sanctuary and Education Building sanitized and as safe as we can make them for in-person gatherings.

We have agreed on a tentative reopening date of September 13, 2020. Whether we are able to actually open on that day will be determined by what is currently happening with the spread of the virus. Montgomery County is now in a fairly good position – the number of cases/deaths has stabilized somewhat, though this is still the tip of the iceberg and we hope to see much lower numbers in the future. We must be more conscientious than ever, and we will need to observe the following when we open for in-person worship:

We will initially be meeting for worship in the Education Building. That space is more easily controllable as far as distancing, sanitizing, and air flow are concerned.

**Masks** must be worn at all times while in the buildings. Please bring them if you have them.

**Distancing** must be observed. While families may sit together, we will otherwise need to observe the recommended 9-foot distancing rule.

**Temperatures** will be taken as you enter the building. If your temperature is 100F or above, you will be asked to return home and contact your physician.

We will not be singing. We will enjoy our hymns and special music via other means during services.

**Hand sanitizer and sanitizing spray** will be available throughout the buildings. If you must use the restroom, please wipe down the surfaces with the sanitizer provided there when you are finished.

Every effort will be made to provide young children with take-home activities to keep them occupied during services.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this bewildering time, and we look forward to seeing everyone in person again to worship together. Thank you in advance!

Please note that our **services will still be streaming live online** for those that would prefer to view them in the safety of their homes. Check our website for more information and links.

Respectfully submitted,

The Trinity Reopening Committee:
Nan Burch, Pastor Amelie Sell, Bill Vogl,
Phyllis Slotterback, Ethan Cornely
What a year so far. I never thought that we would ever have to close the buildings for anything but a horrible snowstorm, but here we are closed for more than five months. What a situation we find ourselves in.

The Coronavirus has caused so much change in our daily lives. Between masks, social distancing, hand sanitizer, schools closing, work environments changing, quarantine in our homes, it can be difficult to see the good that is still around us. Some of the positive sides to our situation are: Ralien and Amey’s Hymn Sing on Sunday mornings, as well as Leo on Wednesday nights. Such a treat. I would like to thank them both for their efforts. Great job! We have the Adult Sunday School each week via “ZOOM”. This way of meeting is still very enjoyable but is very different to not see people in person but seeing them relaxing in their homes. Pastor Amelie has made sure we still receive the scriptures, message, and a time of prayer each week via two forms of media, Facebook and ZOOM.

The Sunday services on Facebook live broadcasts must be hard for Pastor Amelie. She is speaking to a screen, looking at herself and being unable to receive any instant reactions from the congregation. The ZOOM is better for her because she can see people and speak to them and see their reactions. The services have been able to reach not only our congregation but our family and friends that would not normally be able to worship with us. During this difficult time, we at Trinity appreciate the energy and excitement she puts into every service.

The changes we have had to deal with through this pandemic have put us all in flux. I’d like to thank everyone who has continued to support Trinity through this time. We are a strong and determined congregation!

Let’s look forward to our future. In September, we will be resuming in-person services in the Education Building with many regulations in place. Temperatures will be taken prior to entering the building, wearing masks at all times and social distancing. Hand sanitizer will be available in the buildings for your use. For your safety as well as others, we ask everyone to follow all these regulations as best as possible. The buildings will be sanitized as well.

We will continue to have the services on Facebook “live” broadcast as well as a separate ZOOM service each Sunday. I’m glad to inform everyone that we now have internet in the church building. When we can move back into the sanctuary for services, we will still be able to stream the services.

I hope and pray we can return to our sanctuary soon. I know we all are praying for the health and safety of our families and friends of Trinity Christian UCC.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Vogl, Consistory President
In addition to our in-person worship services resuming on September 13th, we will continue to have worship over Facebook livestream at 10:15 a.m. and ZOOM at 11:00 a.m. We have three Sunday morning options:

9:45 a.m. Facebook livestream Hymn Sing. You can find us at “Ralien LuAnn Besch”’s Facebook page.

10:15 a.m. Facebook livestream Worship. You can find us at our “Trinity Christian UCC Skippack” Facebook page.

11:00 a.m. ZOOM Worship. You can log in at this link: Join ZOOM Meeting: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75566827269?pwd=WEhnUm11L0RvWTM5eXJaU2tFeCtHZz09
Meeting ID: 755 6682 7269
Password: 2HcmqK

We also have a Sunday morning Bible Study on ZOOM at 8:45 a.m.
Here is the link to log in:
Join ZOOM Meeting: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76933813590?pwd=Nzc0MkthZFBkdmVNTGYycjVtRXkwUT09
Meeting ID: 769 3381 3590
Password: 7qLSWw

Ralien and Amey continue to bless our congregation with a Wednesday evening puppet show on Facebook. It can be watched on “Ralien LuAnn Besch”’s Facebook page at 7:00 p.m.

**Prayer Team**

We have once again started to get together to pray for the requests we receive throughout each month. Since Covid started, we are meeting outdoors. It is really meaningful listening to God’s creation and just concentrating on the meaning of the cross. Feel free to join us the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Keep sending/calling in your requests: grammycross54@yahoo.com or 484-744-2001

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

October 4, 2020

10:15 a.m. Facebook Livestream Service and at our 11 am ZOOM Worship. Please have juice/wine/water and bread/crackers/tortillas nearby so you can join in our holy meal.
CHICKEN BARBECUE (Drive-thru)

Saturday, September 19
4-7 PM (or sell-out)

$10.00 per dinner, which includes:
1/2 Barbecued Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese,
Corn on the Cob, Stewed Tomatoes,
Ice Cream Cup, Roll & Butter

Order forms are on Trinity’s Facebook page and website under Special Events. Or contact Harry Crossgrove to place your order (610-584-0843).

VIRTUAL HARVEST HOME

Sunday, September 27

On Sunday, September 27th, we will celebrate Harvest Home. Harvest Home is our opportunity to share fresh produce and additional food gifts with the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry. You can drop your food items off at Trinity and our volunteers will deliver them to the food pantry. Here is an article about the Harvest Home tradition in Pennsylvania: https://goschenhoppen.org/harvest-home/

SKIPPACK DAYS

Saturday, October 3, 2020

In order to keep our members as safe as possible, our Consistory has decided not have food booths or our flea market. We have accumulated some donations on the stage. If you would like to see these donations before we donate them to Liberty Ministries or the Care and Share, let Pastor Amelie know and she will show them to you.
Thank you Ralien, Amey, and Leo for your messages on Wednesday nights.

We have been holding Adult Sunday School at 8:45 AM via ZOOM. Want to join us? Let Pastor know, and she will gladly add you to the list to email the information they will be discussing.

Once we are able to resume church services, we will have an (Easter) candy hunt for the children.

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Reopening Date - Sunday, September 13

**Education Building**

**Masks** must be worn at all times.

**Distancing** must be observed—9 feet, except for families.

**Temperatures** will be taken.

**Hand sanitizer** and **sanitizing spray** available throughout the building.

**Limited to 24 in attendance** (plus the Pastor). **You must RSVP** if you will be attending in person, either by email to the Pastor (PastorAmelieSell@gmail.com), cell: 314-680-0897, or the church office (trinityskippacksec2@gmail.com), phone: 610-584-4054.

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Although we are under orders to stay at home as much as possible, our church’s expenses continue in the midst of this time of isolation. If you would like to make a contribution to the church, you may mail it to our address at:

Trinity Christian UCC
P.O. Box 538
2009 Church Road
Skippack, PA 19474

Thank you for your faithfulness!

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We will acknowledge our veterans during the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, November 8th.

There will also be a 2:00 p.m. service that day in the church cemetery to honor our living veterans and remember our fallen heroes.
We continue to collect food and toiletry items for the Daily Bread Food Pantry. They can be left at the doors of the church.

Current Needs:

Food: Jelly, tuna, side dishes (Hamburger Helper, Noodle Roni, Rice a Roni, Cookie/brownie mixes, cookies, chips

Personal care: Laundry soap, body wash, hand soap, size 5 & 6 diapers, paper towels and napkins

Together we can help feed all the children who are beginning school through virtual learning! Thank you.
There are many families facing difficult decisions regarding schooling for this fall. Lighthouse Learning Center has been created as an affordable solution for working parents whose school-age children need supervision of their online learning, or want to add fun enrichment activities to their homeschool days. They are offering supervision of online learning (district or cyber school) or instruction using a Christian homeschool curriculum in the mornings. In the afternoons they offer enrichment activities to round out a full school day. They believe that safe interaction with peers in a Christian environment is an important part of a child’s development.

There is still space for a few more students. If you are interested, the contact Information is on the flyer above, or you can search them on Facebook.
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Fall Schedule
(Effective September 13, 2020)
Adult Sunday School on Zoom: 8:45 AM
No Children’s Sunday School
Worship Service: In Person 10:15 AM in Education Building (RSVP required)
Zoom 11:00 AM
Facebook Livestream 9:45 AM (Hymn Sing) and 10:15 AM (Worship)
Website: www.trinityskippack.org
Pastor: Amelie Sell
PastorAmelieSell@gmail.com