

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF December 3, 2023

Please silence all cell phones and games when entering the sanctuary. Thank you!

Mission Statement of Trinity United Church of Christ

Because of our love of God, who first loved us, we empower disciples to let their light shine through love of neighbor, love of children, and love of creation.

TODAY

- ~**First Sunday of Advent**
- ~**Justice & Witness Team Mtg.** 9:15 AM in the library
- ~**Sunday School** 9:15 AM in classrooms
- ~**Time of Fellowship** 10:15 AM in Harbaugh Hall
- ~**Worship** at 10:45 AM in the sanctuary
- ~**Nursery Care**, during worship in the nursery
- ~**Called to Care Mtg.**, after worship in the parlor
- ~**Christmas Open House at the Parsonage** from 5-7PM

THIS WEEK

- ~**Boy Scouts**, Mon., Dec. 4, 6:30 PM in the Rec Room
- ~**Cub Scouts**, Tue., Dec.5, 6:30 PM in the Rec Room
- ~**Bell Rehearsal**, Wed., Dec.6, 5:15 PM in the Sanctuary
- ~**Choir Rehearsal**, Wed., Dec.6, 6:15 PM in the Sanctuary
- ~**Out2Eat**, Thur., Dec.7, 6:00 PM Café Roma Ristorante
- ~**Steel Magnolia Rehearsal**, Thur. Dec.7th, 6:00 PM in Harbaugh Hall
- ~**Steel Magnolia Rehearsal**, Fri. Dec.8th, 6:00 PM in Harbaugh Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~**Second Sunday of Advent**
- ~**Sunday School**, 9:15 AM in classrooms
- ~**Time of Fellowship**, 10:15 AM in Harbaugh Hall
- ~**Worship** at 10:45 AM in the sanctuary
- ~**Nursery Care**, during worship in the nursery
- ~**Towne Singers Concert**, 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary

December Second Mile Giving: The Christmas Fund, Penn Central Conference UCC

The Trinity Youth are collecting supplies for a special mission: creating hygiene kits for church-world service. To donate, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex or bulletin board downstairs. Please take care to donate the specific items listed. You can also sign up to donate online by going to ttsu.me/hygienekits Thank you!

Christmas Open House at the Parsonage Pastor Dani, Alan, Sam, Liam, and Grace invite all Trinity friends to an open house at the parsonage on **Tonight, from 5-7 p.m.** Stop by for a few minutes or stay awhile and enjoy the fellowship and food!

Out2Eat Group Thurs., December 7th, the Out2Eat group will be going to, 14224 Pennsylvania Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742. If you would like to go, please contact Carol Ann and Michael Day if you want to join the group for dinner.

Congregational Meeting-- Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 17th**, when we will have a congregational meeting immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2024 Mission Spending Plan and elect incoming consistory members and trustees. Your attendance is needed. Thank you!

Cookie Exchange-- Jane Birt is hosting a Cookie Exchange on **Tuesday, December 19th**, at 7 p.m. in her home. If you would like to attend, please email Jane at jane.birt@gmail.com.

Breakfast Casserole Potluck-- On Sunday, December 19th, we are hosting a breakfast casserole potluck during coffee hour. Have a french toast casserole that melts in your mouth? Have an egg casserole that makes your heart sing? Share it with your Trinity friends and enjoy some for yourself. You can bring your dishes to church on the 19th starting at the Sunday school hour (9:15 AM) and we will keep them warm for you until we eat at 10 AM.

Christmas Ornament Making- On Sunday, December 19th, in lieu of Messy Church, we will have tables set up where you can make Christmas ornaments. Children and Youth are welcome to come down during the Sunday school hour to get first dibs on the ornament making. Adults are welcome to make ornaments during the Breakfast Potluck. Adults are welcome (though not required) to make a \$5 donation to offset the cost of supplies to make the ornaments.

Blue Christmas Service- Join us on Thursday, December 21st, at 7 PM in the Sanctuary for the Blue Christmas service. The Blue Christmas service is meant to provide space for contemplation and prayer. It is a service that recognizes that this season is not always joyful for everyone. We invite you to pause in the hustle and bustle of this season and join us as we remind one another that no matter what we face, Christ is with us.

Want to Become a Member? If you would be interested in joining Trinity in membership, we invite you to be in touch with Pastor Dani. We have a new member Sunday coming up and would love to include you! Pastor Dani can be reached by calling the church office or emailing revdanineff@gmail.com.

All Church Game Night- On Friday, January 26th at 6 PM, we will be having an All Church Game Night and potluck soup and steamer dinner. Bring your favorite card game or board game to play with your Trinity friends. If you are able/willing, you can also sign up to provide a soup or a crockpot of steamers. Sign-ups are available in the narthex and on the bulletin board at the bottom of the steps near Harbaugh Hall.

Upcoming Youth Events-- Calling all Trinity Youth! Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events: Wed. 12/7 at 7 PM we will be packing Hygiene Kits for Church World Service; Fri. 2/2 at 6 PM we will be bowling at Sunshine Lanes; and Fri. 3/1 at 5:30 PM we will be going to the Upper Crust in Gettysburg for pizza and arcade games. Sign-ups are needed for bowling and the dinner out in Gettysburg.

Beginning in the new year, we are “resetting” the prayer list. If you or someone you know is on the existing prayer list (below) and needs to remain, please contact Kim in the church office or email :- tuccsecretary@gmail.com.

When we give to the church, we do not give to a budget but rather give in response to what God has given us. Be as generous to God as God has been to us.	
Envelope Giving on November 26 th	\$1,623.00
Year-to-Date Envelope Giving	\$138,362.00
Attendance November 26 th	77
Attendance Average	72

To add someone to the prayer list - please call the church office at 717-762-7191.

Prayers for those healing from cancer...
 Jerry Birt Todd Riddell Sr.
 George Maun Mary Mallott
 Allen & Ruth Smith, Jess
 Mark Whitecotton Richard Shew
 George Kennedy Trudy Stum

Those grieving the loss of a loved one...
 McArthur Family
 Mowen Family
 Garris/Long Family
 Metz Family

Those with special needs...
 Michelle & Alice Poper
 Timothy McAuliffe

Those recovering from surgery...
 Angie Cooper

Prayers for health issues...
 Brenda Brown
 Judah Kardisco & family
 Norma Hollen
 Melinda Anglin
 Sharon Brosious
 Dottie Noll
 Beverly Oberholzer
 Shirley
 Rob Tibbits
 Steven Oberholzer
 Pete Eichelberger
 Jack Duffey
 Frankie Pulcinello
 Bill Biesecker
 Marlene Zimmerman
 Wayne Campbell
 Shirley Smith
 Sharon Dupont
 Nancy Bremmer
 Ellis
 Dottie Stottlemeyer
 Penny & Terry Hill
 Kelly Kerney

Prayers for our nursing home residents and homebased members...
 Art Warnick
 Wallace Bentz
 Carolyn Eddy
 Bill Kipe
 Doris McCarthy
 Rachel Bader

Those serving in our military...
 Lee Papouschek
 Jonathan Penny
 Ashley Penny
 Katie Springer
 Austin Smith
 Matthew Yoder

December Prayer Focus

It has been a year of hope and a year of despair. As we enter the season of Advent, let us listen for the voice of God in the Nativity as we reflect on and pray the following prayer:

Dear God. Our world is troubled, much as it was all those years ago when you sent Your Son as a gift of love to humankind. As we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child, help us to reflect on and emulate the character of each participant in the creches we display. Help us to demonstrate the generosity of the animals, the humility of the shepherds, the compassion of the innkeeper, the joy of the angels, the wisdom of the Magi, the strength of Joseph, the faith of Mary, and, most of all, the love of Jesus. Help us find ways to demonstrate these qualities during Advent, through the Christmas season, and throughout the coming year. Amen