

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF December 17, 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

- ~Third Sunday of Advent
- ~Sunday School 9:15 AM in classrooms
- ~Ornament making 9:15 AM in Harbaugh Hall
- ~Time of Fellowship & Potluck Breakfast: 10:15 AM in Harbaugh Hall
- ~Worship at 10:45 AM in the sanctuary
- ~Nursery Care, during worship in the nursery
- ~Congregational Meeting, after worship in the sanctuary
- ~Consistory Meeting, after congregational meeting in Harbaugh Hall

#### THIS WEEK

- ~Trinity Players Rehearsal, Mon. Dec.18, 6:00 PM in Harbaugh Hall
- ~Boy Scouts, Mon., Dec. 18, 6:30 PM in the Rec Room
- ~Cub Scouts, Tue., Dec.19, 6:30 PM in the Rec Room
- ~Bell Rehearsal, Wed., Dec.20, 5:15 PM in the Sanctuary
- ~Choir Rehearsal, Wed., Dec.20, 6:15 PM in the Sanctuary
- ~Blue Christmas, Thur., Dec.21, 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

#### NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Forth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve
- ~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
- ~Christmas Eve worship service, 7:10 bells, 7:30 worship in the sanctuary

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

**Congregational Meeting-- TODAY** 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. Copies of the agenda and mission spending plan are available in the sanctuary.

**Christmas Ornament Making- TODAY** 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

Please note: The church office will be closed **Monday, December 25th, and Tuesday, December 26th.**

**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](mailto:revdanineff@gmail.com).

**All Church Game Night-** on **Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 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. 12/27 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](mailto:tuccsecretary@gmail.com))

A **puzzle lending library** is now available in the downstairs hallway near the ladies' restroom. Please feel free to borrow a puzzle to enjoy and donate any of your puzzles that you would like to share with others.

**REMINDER:** If you have an event or an announcement you would like shared on the TUCC Facebook page, the website, and the eTidings, you *must* email Kristen Adams, our Communications Coordinator ([tuccwboro@gmail.com](mailto:tuccwboro@gmail.com)), AND Kim Lark, the Church Secretary ([tuccsecretary@gmail.com](mailto: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 December 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,000.00
Year-to-Date Envelope Giving	\$146,307.00
Attendance December 10 <sup>th</sup>	71
Attendance Average	71

*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

**Prayers for health issues...**

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

**Those grieving the loss of a loved one...**

Maun Family  
 Kipe Family  
 Thompson Family  
 Kimble Family  
 McArthur Family

**Those with special needs...**

Michelle & Alice Poper  
 Timothy McAuliffe

**Those recovering from surgery...**

**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*