

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF December 24, 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

- ~**Fourth 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
- ~**Christmas Eve worship service**, 7:10 bells, 7:30 worship in the sanctuary

THIS WEEK

- ~**Church office closed**, Mon., Dec.25, and Tue., Dec.26
- ~**Youth Group Packing Hygiene kits**, Wed., Dec.27, 7-8:30 PM in the Harbaugh Hall
- ~**Steel Magnolia Rehearsal**, Thur. Dec.28, 6:00 PM in Harbaugh Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~**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

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

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

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 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.

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, please email tuccwboro@gmail.com, and Kim Lark, the Church Secretary (tuccsecretary@gmail.com).

We have a **"Little Library"** outside the church to be used by the congregation and neighbors. Start looking for children's, youth, and adult books that you have finished reading and want to pass on to someone else!

Help is needed. We need drivers to take members of our congregation to and from doctor's appointments and other much-needed appointments. Please contact Pat Fogle at 717-749-4873 or the church office and sign up.

To fill the **"Blessings Box"** out front, we are asking the congregation to bring in non-perishable food items in non-glass containers that will be available to the community free of charge. Please bring your donations to the church office or place in the Blessing Box itself. The Blessing Box is in regular use and frequently needs replenished. Monetary donations are also accepted for the purchase of food.

Personnel Update: After approximately ten years of service, Kristen Adams has decided to step down as our communication coordinator effective Jan. 1, 2024. We are grateful to Kristen for her service, and we are looking forward to her continued involvement as a Trinity member. We will be recognizing Kristen in worship on Jan. 7th.

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)

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| 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 17 th | \$2,665.00 |
| Year-to-Date Envelope Giving | \$148,972.00 |
| Attendance December 17 th | 76 |
| 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.
 Mary Mallott
 Allen & Ruth Smith, Jess
 Mark Whitecotton Richard Shew
 George Kennedy Trudy Stum

Those grieving the loss of a loved one...
 Maun Family
 Kipe Family
 Thompson Family
 Kimble Family

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

Those recovering from surgery...
 Betty Lou Schiver

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

Jane Birt
 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