ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF January 7, 2024

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

- ~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

THIS WEEK

- ~Choir, Wed. Jan 10th ,6:15 PM in the Davis Room
- ~**Tapping into Theology** Thurs., Jan.11th, 6:30 PM @ Hidden Key Brewery, 101 W Baltimore St, Greencastle, PA 17225

NEXT SUNDAY

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Pastor Dani will be out of town from January 8 to January 17. She will return to work on Thursday, January 18th. If you need pastoral care during that time, please contact the church office or called to care representative, Sara Dickey, and they will contact local UCC pastors that are providing coverage while Pastor Dani is away.

January Second Mile Giving: Women in Need. WIN works with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Your gifts to January's second mile offering, will help subsidize the services they offer, which are free and confidential for the recipients.

Taking Down the Christmas Decorations- On Tuesday, January 9th, at 10 AM, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. If you are available, we would love your help! Also, if you donated an angel for the Christmas tree, please feel free to take it home with you today!

Inclement Weather- In the event that worship services or church events need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, we will do our best to communicate in a timely fashion. Cancellations will be posted on Facebook and sent out via email. In addition, the church voicemail will be updated to announce any cancellations. Decisions will be made based on a variety of factors, including weather conditions and the conditions of the parking lot. We will endeavor to make decisions regarding any Sunday cancellations by 8:15 on Sunday mornings.

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: 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. Go to ttsu.me/bowling and ttsu.me/pizza to sign up.

Looking to Become a Member of Trinity? We are preparing for another Sunday to welcome new members. If you would be interested in joining Trinity, you can contact Pastor Dani by emailing redanineff@gmail.com or calling the office @ 717-762-7191.

Help Needed: We are seeking a few volunteers to assist in preparing the elements for communion. This is a meaningful and hands-on way to support your church. No experience is necessary, and help is only needed once per month.

Ash Wednesday – Join us @ 7 PM on Ash Wednesday, February 14th for a worship service involving communion & the imposition of ashes. There will be a soup and salad supper beginning at 6 PM (prior to the 7 PM service). If you would be willing to provide a soup or salad, please sign up in the narthex or at the sign-up sheet at the bottom of the stairs.

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.

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 31st \$2,103.00 Year-to-Date Envelope Giving \$155,281.00 Attendance December 31st 75 Attendance Average 76

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,

Mark Whitecotton Richard Shew
George Kennedy Trudy Stum

Bob Hargrave and family

Those grieving the loss of a loved one...

Those with special needs...

Those recovering from surgery... Betty Lou Schiver Ellen M. Dunham

January Prayer Focus

Prayers for health issues...

Jane Birt
Brenda Brown
Judah Kardisco & family
Norma Hollen
Rob Tibbits
Pat Shew
Ellis
Catherine and Walter Gembe

Those serving in our military...

Lee Papouschek
Jonathan Penny
Ashley Penny
Katie Springer
Austin Smith
Matthew Yoder

Prayers for our nursing home residents and homebased members...

Art Warnick Wallace Bentz Carolyn Eddy Bill Kipe Doris McCarthy Rachel Bader Dottie Stottlemyer Andrea Hoover Bob & Betty Schriver John & Sandy Simek Brenda Brown Bennett & Irene Kauffman Bill Amos Paul Dunlop James Seilhammer Melinda Anglin

In March 2023, the World Food Program listed the top 10 hunger crises in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, the Sahel, Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Northern Ethiopia, and Haiti. Now we see hunger unfolding in Gaza. Feeding America reports that 44 million Americans experience food insecurity every year. Because we believe that God is still speaking, please be in prayer for those experiencing hunger so that we might discern how we can help. Use one of your own or one such as this:

Heavenly Provider, You have given us all we need to flourish and thrive, but we are greedy. Many of us take more than we need, resulting in not enough for others. Help us, we pray, to discern where we might be taking more than our share and how we can help those who are hungry. Thank you for the good gifts you have given us; forgive us for hoarding; and help us to ensure that none of Your beloved creation starves. Amen