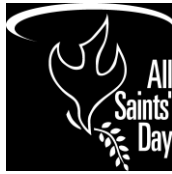


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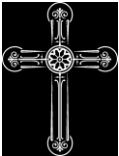
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The November *Trinity Tower* Newsletter is sponsored in celebration of their 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Clyde and Joanne Martin



**Reminder: Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night Nov. 5 or you'll be late for church on Sunday!**



## WORSHIP DURING NOVEMBER 2011

Services at 28:15 and 10:30 a.m.

**Nov. 6 - All Saints Observance.** Joshua encourages the people (us?!) to live faithfully. Paul addresses the anxiety of those in the church in Thessolonia about death. Jesus (Matthew 25) offers a parable about being prepared and the consequences of delaying. **Rev. Heberling** will preach. We will remember the saints who have died in the past year and celebrate new life in Christ with **Communion**. **Rev. Heasley** will share in this service also.

**Nov. 13 - Stewardship Sunday.** The Book of Judges has the daring prophecy of Deborah that leads to victory for Israel. Paul confronts the Thessalonians' fear about the end times. Jesus (Matthew 25) talks about MONEY and we will also! **Rev. Heasley** will preach

**Nov. 20 -Christ the King Sunday.** The final, ultimate reign of Christ: Ezekiel paints the word picture of God as the true shepherd. Ephesians exhorts readers (and hearers) to gain true wisdom. Matthew's parable concerns the separation of the sheep and the goats at final judgment. **Rev. Heberling** will proclaim the message on this last Sunday of the liturgical year.

**Wednesday, Nov. 23 - Annual Community Thanksgiving Service** to be held at St. Francis Catholic School at 7:00 p.m.

**Nov. 27 -First Sunday in Advent.** The new liturgical year begins with **Communion**. The season of expectation begins with Isaiah giving the image of clay (us) and potter (God) being formed into what will be. Paul prays for the plight of the Corinthians. Jesus demands the faithful be awake and ready (Mark 13). Advent hymns, the **Advent wreath** and the beginning of Christmas decorations! **Rev. Heberling** will bring us the expectant word.

### CALLED TO CARE

The **visitation training** is in full swing. We have a fun, energetic, and attentive group. I wish to thank **Pastor Heberling** for leading us in this worthwhile program. Everyone involved has expressed how beneficial it is. You will be hearing about our progress in the coming weeks.

Once again, we have received **gift tags for Christmas presents for the children at Hoffman Homes**. They will be on display in the gathering area in the near future.

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### Called to Care, continued

We ask that you simply purchase said gift, and return it to the church unwrapped, and attached to the tag for transport to Hoffman Homes by early December. This simple project brings much joy to these troubled youth. It's a wonderful expression of Christ's love we are able to share each year. Thank you in advance.  
**Jen Mickelson**

### SOCIAL CONCERNS

**Many Thanks go out to those walkers and sponsors who participated in the Crop Walk on Oct. 16.**

**Mission: 1** is an opportunity to make real Jesus' prayer for his disciples: "That they may all be one." It is also an opportunity to live out our faith – in unity – by offering the worship that God most desires from us: loosening the bonds of injustice and sharing our bread with the hungry. For the **first 11 days of November**, UCC congregations, colleges, seminaries, and health and human service agencies, will join together in a collective mission campaign to collect more than 1 million food items for local food banks, raise \$111,111. in online donations for Neighbors in Need, and \$111,111. for East Africa famine relief, and write 11,111 letters to Congress asking that U.S. foreign assistance be reformed to more effectively serve the world's poorest.

The **Social Concerns Committee** gives you three different ways that this congregation may **become involved**:

1. A reachable goal of collecting 111 **food items** each Sunday - Nov. 6 and Nov. 13.
2. **Envelopes** will be in the pews marked for Mission:1 for two Sundays only - Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 (checks made to Trinity UCC with "Mission: 1" on the memo line.)
3. You may **send letters to your congressional reps. - Rep. Todd Platts, Sen. Robert P. Casey, Jr, and Sen. Patrick Toomey** requesting reform to spending for hungry and poor people in the U.S. and around the world. Copies of sample letters will be on the round table. Letters should be hand-written, or go on line (senate.gov) or (house.gov) and use the web response forms. **Questions? See Janet Sheely or Don Blevins**

### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

A reminder to donate your favorite finger foods for the **Choir Appreciation Sunday reception after the 10:30 service on October 30.**

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

**All Committee reports for the Annual Report booklet are due in the church office by November 27. Please submit those reports "camera ready" by that date. Thank you.**

## TRINITY CIRCLE

Another successful **Rummage Sale** was held on Thurs. and Fri. Oct 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> in our almost-completed Fellowship Hall! Over \$800 was realized, with over \$200 of that from food sales. Thanks to everyone who helped set up, sell, cook, and clean up! Next sale will be held in the spring!

### **Aunt Hazel and Uncle Harry . . .**

Brittany (that's Karen's youngest daughter) was all excited. She has been taking piano lessons for several years. She started at Uncle Harry's urging. That urging was helped by the fact that she was Uncle Harry's favorite granddaughter. They just always seemed to have a special bond. Well, she was going to be in her first recital and wanted her grandpa and grandma to be there for it. After a couple days of pleading with her mom, she was allowed to make the phone call to Florida to tell her Pop-pop all about it and to ask, beg, and plead for both of them to come back up north for her big day.

Uncle Harry didn't want to disappoint her, however, he knew he had to decline. After all, if they made the trip back for this event, there would be pressure to come back for a number of other 'special events' for the other grandchildren: Terry's son's football game (he made the varsity this year and was doing really well); and then Louise's daughter was being inducted into the Rainbow girls and she would not want her grandparents to miss that! The list could go on and on.

It was natural for the kids to want Hazel and Harry to be there for each special time in their lives. And, if truth be told, Hazel and Harry wanted to be there. But, they had made the decision to move to Florida and they knew that there would be some disappointments following that decision. SO, Uncle Harry had to disappoint Brittany. There were some tears, and a couple of more phone calls. But Uncle Harry knew if he said 'yes' to one invitation to 'be there' for one special event, there would only be more hurt feelings in the future.

Harry and Hazel promised that they would be thinking about Brittany the night of the recital, and they would look forward to hearing all about it. They sent her a little note with their best wishes, and said they would be looking forward to seeing and listening to the video that Karen promised to make for them.

It wasn't the solution anybody wanted, but in the interest of fairness to all the grand-kids, it was the best resolution. Sometimes we have to disappoint even the people we hold in special places in our hearts by saying 'no.'



**Clyde and Joanne Martin are celebrating their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 8.** Their address is 31 Ski Run Trail, Carroll Valley PA 17320

**Dan and Alice Hoffman are celebrating their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 20.** Their address is 600 Cavalry Rd, Gettysburg PA 17325

**Belated 50 year wedding anniversary (October 14) wishes to Patsy and Donald Titus**  
579 Hoffman Home Road, Gettysburg PA

Belated birthday wishes to a member Octogenarian whose age was unknown until recently:

**Robert Hartman** who was 85 on October 16.  
358 Winter Ridge Blvd. Winterhaven FL 33881



**Just a note: Our database may have some birthday and anniversary dates incomplete, hence the "belated" wishes.**



to the following children who are 8 years old and under:

**Rachel Chapman - November 19, 6 years old.**  
127 Lodge Lane, East Berlin PA 17316

**Lillian Weiant - November 27 - 1 year old!**  
131 Schofield Drive, East Berlin PA 17316

Congratulations to **Megan and Aaron Riesmeyer**



23 Lismore Place, Mechanicsburg PA 17050-8247  
on the birth of their second daughter **Mia Ann**, on October 14. Mother, Father, and sister **Elsa** are doing well, as are grandparents **Jane and Marty Malone**.

## Thank you note

The family of Lillie Myers wishes to express their thanks for your thoughts and prayers at the time of her death.

**Heather Carbaugh and family**

## Committee Updates:

**Consistory** - The major topic at our October 18 meeting was the **proposed budget for 2012**, which **Finance Committee** presented as a first draft. It will go to **Stewardship Committee** for their input, then it will be presented to **Consistory** again in final form for their approval, prior to being mailed to the **congregation** for their consideration at the **Annual Congregational Meeting which will be on Sunday, December 11.**

We are also looking for replacements for both **Hoffman Homes representative and the Soup Kitchen Board**. If you're interested, please tell a member of Consistory.

**Search/Personnel** - The Committee is currently reviewing the first group of 8 ministerial profiles (25 were received at the Conference office.) They continue to meet weekly.

**Fellowship Hall Renovations** are progressing as scheduled. We have a new ceiling and lighting. The windows are being stained (**Pat Ziegler** and **Andrea DiMartino**, with 'sash replacement' by **Don Walsh**.) kitchen cabinets and appliances are being fitted into place; the accessible bathroom is complete, and some old cabinets are being refurbished for the classrooms by **Don Walsh**.

**Bazaar Committee** - see the insert in this newsletter! Let's all participate this year!! **December 9<sup>th</sup>** is the date.

**In our thoughts and prayers: Ashlee Black, Shane Cox, MacKenzie Kretz, Steven McKenna** (serving our nation in Egypt), **Tom Smith, Patsy Titus, and Teeyara Jo Weiant**.

### **Financial Report:**

Envelope offering needed as of Oct. 23:	\$ 147,189.
Received to date:	\$ 142,478.
Improvement fund needed to date:	\$ 12,384.
Received to date:	\$ 11,853.
Renovation fund to date:	\$ 53,356.