

Announcements Week of December 20, 2020

In our thoughts and prayers: Ashur Bowley, Darla Jean Christopher, Lois Grim, Harry Hilbert, Mary Jane Hilbert, Lewis Hilbert, John Harrison Hoffman, Donald Hubbard, Sr., Evelyn Kretz, MacKenzie Kretz, Charlie Krietz, Josh Langley, Mary Lovelace, Bob Miller, Kathy Murphy, Loel Rosenberry, Casey Mullooly, Ashlee (Black) Pyne, Tom Smith, Bill Swisher, Mary Timmins, Brea Thomas, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, Mckenna Voss, Brenda Wagner, Teeyara Jo Weiant. (Please notify the office when a name can be removed from the list).

Altar Flowers December 6th: In loving memory of Walter B. Lane by Shirley Carlson.

Centerpiece December 6th: In loving memory of Edward Warren, Sr. by his daughter, Lisa, and John Burt.

My sincere apologies for omitting the two flower acknowledgements December 6th. Deb

ALTAR FLOWERS: Thru COVID 19 we continued to worship on-line but did not have flowers on the Altar. We'd like to start having flowers again whether there is in-person worship or on-line worship. The chart is in the office. Please call the office to reserve your Sunday.

At our COVID Consistory meeting November 4th it was decided to suspend Sanctuary in-person worship through January 2021. Adams County has recently moved into the high threshold of cases of new COVID cases per 100,000. This is also at a recommendation from the staff of the Penn Central Conference. On-line live streaming will continue.

Open Sanctuary – 10a-12p Monday thru Friday through December 23rd. Worship materials available. Masks, 6' Social Distancing and Sign-in required.

Advent Festival (outdoors weather permitting) – 12p and 6p from December 12th thru December 23rd. Gather outside the church on High Street for a brief prayer service, a Christmas Carol or two and will end in candlelight. Masks and 6' Social Distancing required.

Christmas Eve worship with Communion at 8pm will be on Facebook Live. Pastor Fred will read an original story: *“Menagerie, Miracle, Messiah”*

Saturday, December 19th 12:00pm – The Gettysburg Ministerium will have an event, *“Candy Canes and Carols”* in front of the Nativity in downtown Gettysburg (on York Street right off the square).

Trinity United Church of Christ – Gettysburg is seeking, a qualified person to work part-time as a Building and Grounds Maintenance person. Work includes outside, as well as inside tasks. Hours are flexible at 10 hrs./week (budgeted at 520 hrs./year) and compensation is \$15.00 per hour. If interested, please contact the Personnel Committee for more information. Ruth Krietz, Personnel Committee Chair, 717-337-1395.

Annual Christmas Gift to the Church: Your Christmas Gift to the church is a statement of your faith in the work of the church and is greatly appreciated. Envelopes are included your December mailing packet and available in the Gathering Area.

“Christmas Fund” Christmas is the time to remember our faithful retired clergy and families. The Pension Board of UCC is able to monetarily assist those retired clergy families who often received little or no pension as they served in the ministry. **The PURPLE envelopes are in the Gathering Area** for your response to this need. The gifts are forwarded to the UCC office. Thank you!

Getting to Know our Staff... Karen Lentz

Karen Sue Lentz is our Accountant (Bookkeeper) since May of 2014.

She was born in Waynesboro, PA.

She likes doing her best for our church.

Karen has a 17 year old son who is a senior at Gettysburg Area High School. She also has a younger brother who lives with her and a sister and her husband who live in Florida.

As for pets, Karen has 1 dog and 5 cats (1 kitten). They are trying to find good homes for 1-3 cats at this time.

One of her hobbies is reading, but with 1 full time and 2 part time jobs she does not have much fun reading time.

Karen prefers her food plain. She does not like anything on her food and always orders her food plain. She can eat cheese pizza anytime though.

Her full time job is at the United Lutheran Seminary and part time job as a Bookkeeper is at St. James Lutheran Church, Gettysburg.

One of Karen's bucket list items is to visit some of our national parks.

Please check the Gathering Area for the following:

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| * 2020 Annual Report | * Church Directories Updated October 4, 2020 |
| * Church Policies – Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings | * Committee Lists – Updated July 7, 2020 |
| * Consistory Approved Minutes – October 20 th | * Consistory Meeting Summary – November 17 th |
| * Devotionals “These Days” – Oct., Nov., Dec. | * Devotionals – Advent |
| * Gathering Area/Vestibule - donation envelopes | * Hoffman Home Information |
| * Newsletters – December | * Prayer Bear Knitting |

Please don't forget Trinity's on-going ministries:

Blessing Box, Ruth's Harvest, Cancelled Stamps, Soda Can Tabs, TenderCare Diapers

Hoffman Home is no longer accepting Box Tops, therefore, we are no longer collecting them.

Financial Report: December 13, 2020

Envelope Offering Needed: \$177,900.00

Property Fund Needed: \$15,400.00

Envelope Offering Received: \$173,383.66

Property Fund Received: \$13,480.00