

# The Trinity Tower



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## *A message from Pastor Fred*

November is the time of the year when we lift up our Saints that have passed on All Saints Day as well as those who served our country during our Veterans Day celebration. When I think about these individuals, I am reminded that they were aware of God's hand in their lives. They knew God! Our world can easily distract us from recognizing God's presence in our lives. My hope is that we do not let this happen. As we celebrate the many people who have touched our lives in so many ways in these next few weeks, take the time to thank each one, and to remember that God continues to appear before us with outstretched arms ready to hug at our request.

### **We will remember Trinity's Saints on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Diane Nicodemus      Mary Crocket      Charles Krietz, Sr.  
Thomas H. Weiant

### **Friends and Family of Trinity**

Mary Krietz      Helen Alleman      Geri Bushey  
Evelyn Stanford

*I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come  
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121:1-2

### **We will remember and celebrate our Veterans on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

*(Please contact the church office with information to be shared about each veteran)*

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## Advent and Christmas

### November 28<sup>th</sup>

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent/Communion*

### December 5<sup>th</sup>

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

### December 10<sup>th</sup>

*Gettysburg Choral Society Concert*

### December 12<sup>th</sup>

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

### December 19<sup>th</sup>

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
(Lessons in Carols)  
Blue Christmas Service 3PM*

### December 24<sup>th</sup>

*Christmas Eve/Communion 8pm*

### December 29<sup>th</sup>

*Wear your Trinity Apparel Sunday  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL*

The Advent and Christmas Seasons are upon us and my hope for all of us is that we find time each day to take a break, breathe and spend some time with God! Stores have been decorated for a few months now, as the material world prepares to meet the Miraculous. Trinity will be offering many opportunities for us to come together in our own anticipation for the coming Messiah. Be on the lookout for this year's Advent prayer bookmark which should arrive in your homes by the end of November. Please consider joining us at Noon each day to take a break and spend time in prayer!

The next few months will be full of ways in which to connect, celebrate and rejoice together. I hope you will join us!

*Blessings!  
Pastor Fred*

**2021 October Consistory Highlights “Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God.”**

**October 19 - Regular monthly Consistory Zoom Meeting – the following items were discussed:**

**Minutes** from the September meeting were approved

**Treasurer’s Report:** Scott Wehler reviewed the budget for September 2021 and provided his monthly report.

September expenses were right on target

September had a deficit of \$6,000, and YTD there is a deficit of \$14,305. Hopefully, this will turn around now that the summer months are behind us. The September deficit is due to lower envelop giving.

Contributions to the property fund are \$2,700 over budget year to date

**Pastor Updates:** Wednesday mid-week prayer services have begun. The evening mid-week service will go live. There are currently six confirmands and six mentors.

**Penn Central Board Updates** - The sale of Hartman Center is going through. Sale of St. John’s Church in Lebanon, PA is complete. Penn Central Conference offices are moving in early November to St. Thomas Church in Linglestown, PA. New PCC staff member facilitates care to clergy and clergy families. A youth and confirmation retreat is scheduled for mid-March, 2022. Two general synod resolutions have been chosen by Penn Central Conference: one on creation care called “Who will Speak for the Trees?” and the other “Racism as a Public Health Crisis and Racial Justice”.

**COVID:** Consistory continues to review its COVID procedures. With the current uptick in cases, we are requesting that members wear masks when inside Trinity. Your ongoing cooperation is very much appreciated! The pandemic’s tenacity is exhausting! Because of COVID, consistory is recommending that the Fall Festival dining be take out. If weather permits, a few tables will be available in the parsonage parking lot and deck for dining *al fresco*.

**Refugee Resettlement:** Six churches are partnering for this project. Lutheran Resettlement Services may be used as the resettlement agency. More information will be available. There is a Zoom meeting for all who are interested Monday, October 25, 2021 at 7 pm.

**Church Empowerment Series: *Personal invitations to others remain one of the most effective ways to grow church membership.*** Many of us may remember the chorus to a song that we learned as children:

*I am the church!*

*You are the church!*

*We are the church together!*

*All who follow Jesus, all around the world,*

*Yes! We’re the church together*

**Stewardship Campaign** – A “Tolling the Bell” campaign begins on Sunday, November 14, 2021. The hope is to raise \$20,000 during 2022 for repairs to the bell tower. Watch for fliers and a campaign letter. Pictures will be available that chronicle our progress.

**Consistory meetings** are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:45 pm. Additional meetings may be held as needed.

**Next meeting** is Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. Because of the difficult logistics in implementing hybrid meetings, the November meeting is Zoom only. If members wish to comment during the member comment portion of the meeting, please email Pastor Fred for a link to the meeting.

**Welcoming the Stranger**

*Social Concerns Committee: Representatives from six local church met via ZOOM on October 25th to discuss what our Christian community might be able to do to assist Afghans and their families who have fled violence and persecution, leaving everything behind to seek the chance for life and liberty in the U.S. There are precedents for Gettysburg area churches in welcoming the immigrant. Attendees offered examples as to what worked in the past. A first step is compiling what resources our Church has to offer such as assisting with orienting the refugee(s) to our culture, offering household items, or providing transportation and monetary assistance. A very positive piece of news shared was the possibility of utilizing unused living space for our new brothers and sisters located in a central part of town. Partner churches will receive an inventory to complete, listing the Time, Talent, and Treasures they possess. Please prayerfully consider how you may assist in this very Christian Mission.*

**Financial Status as of October 24, 2021**

Envelope offering needed: **\$154,929.00**

Envelope offering rec’d to date: **\$138,982.60**

Property Fund needed: **\$13,244.00**

Property Fund rec’d to date: **\$17,073.00**

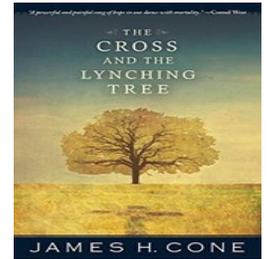


**Book Study - November - Books available in the Church office  
Advent Hymns & Carols - December**

**November 8-29<sup>th</sup> Mondays** from 1PM- 2PM

The cross and the lynching tree are the two most emotionally charged symbols in the history of the African American community. In this powerful new work, theologian James H. Cone explores these symbols and their interconnection in the history and souls of black folk. Both the cross and the lynching tree represent the worst in human beings and at the same time a thirst for life that refuses to let the worst determine our final meaning.

**Facilitator: Jane Malone**



**December 6-20<sup>th</sup> Mondays** from 1PM -2PM

We will explore some familiar hymns and carols of the Advent/Season to discover more about our history and original intent. **THIS IS NOT A BOOK STUDY!**

**Facilitator: Jane Eiker**



**Congregation Conversation**

*Sunday Morning Schedule!*

With Rev. Dr. Jeffery Hamilton

**November 21<sup>st</sup> following worship**

We hope you join us for this time of conversation and sharing concerning our current Sunday morning schedule. If you have joys or concerns this is the perfect time to share. Dr. Hamilton will lead our discussion. Jeff is the owner of Lancaster Pastoral Counseling and Education, LLC and focused on mediation and group counseling during his doctoral studies. Pastor Jeff will offer the sermon during worship. Let us come together to discuss and discern Trinity's future!

**INTERESTED IN HISTORY?**

A History Interest Group is forming.

Trinity has a rich and important history that needs to be shared with our members. If you are interested in learning more about Trinity's past, please join us.

You may contact Jane Malone (334-1679 or [janemalone@embarqmail.com](mailto:janemalone@embarqmail.com)) for more information.



*Coffee w/Friends*

**November 5th @ 10:00am  
Ragged Edge, Chambersburg Street**

**Misty Mountain Charity Knitters  
November 9th 4pm to 6pm  
in Gathering Area. All welcome!**

**Reminder: Knit for Kids**

**Sweaters - If you have questions or need instructions, please contact Suzy Miller. The sweaters have tags that say "Knitted by the Ladies of Trinity UCC, Gettysburg".**

*The  
Lutheran  
Camping  
Corporation  
of  
Central Pennsylvania*

**Camp Ministries this Fall at Camps Nawakwa and Kirchenwald:**

Annual Quilt Auction, Sunday November 7th

Women's Craft Retreat, November 12th - November 14th

**Look for the colorful flyers in the Gathering Area for more information.**



Garnet "Sonny" Coble  
November 30  
Margaret Dodds  
November 17  
Annabelle Swisher  
November 15



In our thoughts and prayers: Ashur Bowley, Thomas Busche, Darla Jean Christopher, Alice Fritz (Lisa's mom), Lois Grim, Joyce Golden, Harry Hilbert, John Harrison Hoffman, Donald Hubbard, Sr., Evelyn Kretz, MacKenzie Kretz, Josh Langley, Bob Miller, Kathy Murphy, Lisa Reinhoehl and son Brandon, Ashlee (Black) Pyne, Tom Smith, Bill Swisher, Todd Taughinbaugh, Emma Thompson, Mary Timmins, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, Mckenna Voss, Roberta Weiant and family, Teeyara Jo Weiant. *(Please notify the office when a name can be removed).*

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Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Roberta Weiant and family of Thomas Weiant who died Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Memorial services will be held Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at Trinity. May God's loving embrace provide comfort and peace during this difficult time.



Save the Dates!

Fall Bazaar  
November 19<sup>th</sup>  
November 20<sup>th</sup>

**Fantasy Auction:** George Christopher has graciously offered to run the Auction so please have quality items ready to drop off October 31<sup>st</sup> through November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Bake Sale:** We are depending on our marvelous bakers and candy makers to donate to the Bake Sale.

Also please save coffee cans for the event.

**Craft Items:** We are pleased several members have pledged items and the Knitting Group is busy crafting warm and cozy items. Donations can be dropped off the week of the Bazaar.

**We will need many workers!** If interested please contact Sandy Busche, Kathy Murphy, Suzy Miller, or Mary Jane Hilbert (for kitchen help).

We live in challenging times and ask for your support so we can continue to give back to our less fortunate neighbors.

**Thank you.**



*The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who donated candy for Trunk or Treat. We appreciate your generosity and all the support for our initiatives. Thank you!*



*The History Task Force (HTF) would like to thank the Consistory for seeing that the lighted cross that hung in the Chancel from 1932 to 1990 was rehung. This cross was donated and installed originally by Harrison F. Harbach, Sr. Restoration of the Cross was accomplished by Steve Sheely and Don Walsh.*



**Summer Outreach!**

Our Summer Outreach vegetable table has been retired until next summer. Thank you for your generous monetary donations as well as all the delicious produce and beautiful flowers and pumpkins. **Total offerings sent to Agape House was: \$886.19.**

**Dear Trinity United Church of Christ,**  
Thank you for your generous contribution! We greatly appreciate it.  
**Linda Ryan, E.D. Mission of Mercy**



Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ (\$9.00 each)

**Deadline for ordering – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH.**

Please state bulletin listing: (PLEASE PRINT)

Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_

In \_\_\_\_\_ memory \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU MUST ARRANGE TO PICK-UP YOUR FLOWER AT CHURCH.**

I wish to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward the church Christmas decorations.

**TOTAL PAYMENT DUE (Poinsettia's and/or donation) \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check**

The Gettysburg Choral Society of TUCC participates in  
The Adams County Community Foundation's annual Giving Spree.  
Friday, November 5th 4pm - 8pm

All of us have been adversely affected by the COVID pandemic. Non-profit groups seem to have been impacted the most. Within the non-profit world, choruses like The Gettysburg Choral Society of TUCC have been completely prohibited from participating in normal activities. After a year and a half of no face-to-face contact with singers or with the public, our financial resources are greatly diminished. Now, with a concert planned for December 10th at Trinity, we need YOUR support--physical and financial. Each time we have a concert we spend at least \$1,000! How could that be? First, there is the music. Prices for sheet music have soared. A piece of music that sold for 50 cents a few years ago might go for \$2.50 today. We always order 30 copies. So, if we estimate a cost of \$2.00 per copy and buy ten new pieces, we spend about \$600 for music alone. Then, there is the advertising. Each concert is promoted with posters, newspaper ads, facebook ads, etc. This can easily add up to nearly \$1000 in the current market. Special guest groups and individuals (such as the bell choir and the pianist) are given an honorarium. Neither the manager nor the director have ever received any compensation--and will not receive any this year.

The annual Adams County Community Foundation Giving Spree will take place Friday, November 5th! This event provides folks with the opportunity to give to their favorite non-profit organization. By doing so, the money you give is increased by the foundation's stretch pool. Each organization will get a percentage of this money based on the amount of money the organization raises. So, if you donate \$100 to the chorus, the chorus might receive \$110. It's a way to make your contribution even greater.

Information about how to give will be in the gathering area. Mainly, this is what you need to know. Checks should be made out to: The Adams County Community Foundation and dated November 5th. **The Gettysburg Choral Society of TUCC is Number 40 on the donation form.**

The theme of this year's Christmas concert at Trinity is: **Christmas Comes Again!** With your help, we can insure that this Christmas will indeed come again--with the festivities we have greatly missed.

Thank you in advance for all of the support you have given to the chorus.

**Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season,  
John McKay**

### Property Report - November 2021

Our projects are moving along. The chimney repointing located over the administrative areas is complete. Met-Ed needs to move the electrical service near the corner of High and Stratton Streets. This is required so that the masons can work safely. There is no cost to Trinity. It is work that Met-Ed has been aware needs to be done. That should be completed during the next two/ three weeks; then the work on the bell tower will begin. The bell tower repair should be finished with a few weeks. Masons will use a lift that allows them to access the work area. At the end of the work day, the lift will be moved into a parking space in Trinity's lot. This process should be interesting to watch. Maines Roofing is still waiting for the coping stone metal sheathing to arrive so that the roofing projects can continue. We are nearing the end of the six-week arrival time frame, so hopefully, that will be soon. The new air handler will be inspected by the Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance late next week. When the inspection is completed, that project is officially finished. We are making progress and are right on schedule. The property committee extends heartfelt thanks to all Trinity members for their support of these projects. When they have been completed, our building should be ready to stand for another 200 years!

#### **Church History Moment: Trinity's Bell: Did you know that Trinity's bell can now be heard on our website.**

*Check it out at [www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org](http://www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org) and click on the bell in the top right corner.* Our church bell has been ringing since 1822. It MAY be the only piece of the 1814 church left to us, and it may be the oldest bell still ringing in Gettysburg. The bell was the largest of a pair of bells bought by the Union (German Reform and Lutheran) congregation that built our first brick and mortar church in 1814. The church was not completely finished until 1821 when the church tower was completed. The next year, Henry Wertz brought the bells on a turnpike wagon from Baltimore and they were put in the newly completed 100 foot church steeple. Together the bells weighed 1000 pounds and cost the princely sum of \$500. When the German Reformed and Lutheran congregations split in the 1840s, St. James took the small bell. Our bell developed a crack and was recast in 1859 and rehung in the 1852 cupola by the workers who were part of the construction crew building the Courthouse. Those who heard the new bell said it had a truer ring. The recasting resulted in a smaller bell. The bell originally weighed 634 pounds. In its recasting it lost 22 pounds but, according to those who heard the before and after ring, it gained a truer and more beautiful sound. **The next time you hear the bell ringing, stop and listen. You are hearing history.**

**All Saints' Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**  
(the time changes for this Sunday; turn your clocks back one hour)

On Sunday, November 7th, during the worship service, we will be remembering those members of Trinity and friends who have died during the previous year. We will observe this special time as we reflect on the difference that those loved ones have made in the life of the church and in the lives of individuals and families. As part of our worship, there will be a litany of remembrance and a singing bowl will be struck for each individual Saint.

You are invited to include a relative and/or friend who has died in the past year even if they were not a member of Trinity (and invite your relatives or family of your deceased friend to worship). Please use the tear off included here and return it to the church office via the offering plate or mail by October 29th. Thank you.

Please include \_\_\_\_\_ in the Prayer for the Saints on Sunday, November 7th.

Participant to light individual candle (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature \_\_\_\_\_



**Veterans Recognition Sunday**

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**

During worship services we will be recognizing all those who have served our country in the military. If you have not already done so, please complete the form below and return to the church office so that we can have an accurate record of our veterans, and can appropriately recognize your service time. Thank you for your help.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of military \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of service \_\_\_\_\_

Rank upon discharge \_\_\_\_\_

Where served \_\_\_\_\_

Awards and/or Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**Trinity United Church of Christ  
Fall Festival**



**Friday November 19 from 11 AM – 7 PM  
Saturday November 20 from 9 AM – 2 PM**

**Soup Sale & Sandwiches  
Roast Beef Dinner (Fri. 4-7pm)  
Food: Carry-out Only  
Outside Patio Dining/Weather Permitting**

**Masks Required Indoors  
Silent Auction   Bake Sale   Handmade Crafts & Knits**

**Trinity United Church of Christ  
60 E. High St., Gettysburg, PA  
717-334-7266**





The Gettysburg Choral Society  
of TUCC Presents...

# "Christmas Comes Again!"

with Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Bells of Faith

**Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30pm**

**FREE ADMISSION!**

Donations appreciated.

John McKay, Director

*\*Audience is required to wear masks.\**

Trinity United Church of Christ

60 E. High Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325

**Free parking & handicap accessible.**

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*Sundays at Trinity*  
**8:15am Adult Church School**  
**9:30am Worship**  
**10:30am Children/Youth Church**

**DON'T FORGET TRINITY'S MUCH NEEDED  
ON-GOING MINISTRIES:**

The Blessing Box;  
 Diapers for TenderCare;  
 Cancelled stamps for the Brethren Home;  
 Soda can tabs for Hershey Medical Center  
 We are no longer accepting Box Top Labels

## November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>*** REMINDER!</b> <b>Daylight Savings ends the 7th. Set your clocks back 1 hr.</b>	<b>1</b> 8:45a Bldg Staff 2p Bazaar 6p-8:30p Scouts 7p-9p GCS Practice	<b>2</b> 7p Personnel	<b>3</b> 12p AND 6p Midweek Prayer 7p Choir	<b>4 DEB OUT</b> 6p-8p Girl Scouts 7p Worship	<b>5</b> 9:30a Flute Flock 10a Coffee w/ Friends 4p-8p Giving Spree	<b>6</b> 10a Rainbow Talk
<b>7 All Saints Sunday</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 10:30a Confirmand Teens 12:30p-4:30p MDANA	<b>8</b> 1p-2p Book Study 6p-8:30p Scouts 7p-9p GCS Practice	<b>9</b> 4p-6p Misty Mountain Knitters 7p Stewardship	<b>10</b> 12p AND 6p Midweek Prayer 7p Choir	<b>11 Veterans Day</b> Consistory Committee Reports Due 7p Stamp Club	<b>12</b> 9:30a Flute Flock	<b>13</b> 2:00pm Thomas Weiant Memorial Service at Trinity
<b>14 Veterans Day Recognition</b> 10:30a Confirmation Mentors	<b>15</b> 8:45a Bldg Staff 1p-2p Book Study 6p-8:30p Scouts 7p-9p GCS Practice	<b>16</b> 6p Spiritual Council 6:45p Consistory	<b>17</b> 12p AND 6p Midweek Prayer 7p Choir	<b>18</b> Newsletter Articles Due 6p-8p Girl Scouts 7p Vibrancy	<b>19 Deb Late</b> 9:30a Flute Flock <b>11a-7p Fall Festival</b> 11:30a Lunch w/ Friends	<b>20</b> <b>9a-2p Fall Festival</b>
<b>21 Reign of Christ</b> Congregation Conversation Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Hamilton, following worship	<b>22</b> 1p-2p Book Study 6p-8:30p Scouts 7p-9p GCS Practice	<b>23 Deb Late</b> 10 Music Staff 5:30p Techs	<b>24</b> 12p AND 6p Midweek Prayer 7p Choir	<b>25 Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>26</b> 9:30a Flute Flock	<b>27</b>
<b>28 First Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Deadline to order Poinsettias</b>	<b>29</b> 1p-2p Book Study 7p-9p GCS Practice	<b>30</b>				

**Return Service Requested**

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60 E. High Street  
Gettysburg, PA 17325—2319  
(717) 334-7266

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U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
Gettysburg, PA 17325  
Permit No. 199

**Staff**

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**Deb Guiher**, Admin. Assistant  
**Karen Lentz**, Account/Payroll Mgr.

**John McKay**, Director Senior Choir  
**Jane Eiker**, Organist  
**Audrey Blackstone**, Asst. Organist

**Lisa Reinoehl**, Housekeeper  
**Bruce Guiher**, Bldg & Grounds Keeper

**Joan Peck**, Consistory Chair  
**Sandra Busche**, Consistory Vice Chair

**November 2021**

**To access our on-line worship feed,  
please go to our website:  
[www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org](http://www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org)  
or our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/GettysburgTrinityUCC](https://www.facebook.com/GettysburgTrinityUCC)**

**November 7  
Holy Communion  
All Saints Sunday**

*Daylight Savings Time ends - set your clocks back 1 hour*  
Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 and Psalm 127  
1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

**November 14  
Veterans Day Recognition**  
1 Samuel 1:4-20 and 1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Daniel 12:1-3 and Psalm 16  
Hebrews (10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25 Mark 13:1-8

**November 21  
Reign of Christ**  
2 Samuel 23:1-7 and Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)  
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 93  
Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37  
**Congregation Conversation following worship**  
Rev. Dr. Jefferey Hamilton

**November 28  
Holy Communion  
First Sunday of Advent**  
Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

**8:15 am Adult Church School**  
**9:30am Worship**  
**10:30am Children/Youth Church School**  
**September 12th through December 26th**

*Trinity truly believes that whoever you are,  
and wherever you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!*

