

## Week of November 7, 2021

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 Reinoehl and son Brandon, 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).*

### ALTAR FLOWERS:

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.

September 5<sup>th</sup> through December 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am Worship Service.

Sunday School: Adult Class at 8:15 and Children/Youth at 10:30am.

Midweek Prayer services: Wednesdays, at 12:00pm AND 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. Join us for a service of word, prayer and meditation based on the Lectionary of the week.

Mondays, November 8<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Gathering Area – Lifelong Faith Formation

November Book Study – “The Cross and the Lynching Tree” – Jane Malone will be the Facilitator. Look for the brochures in the Gathering Area for book description and the Book Study Schedule.

November 19<sup>th</sup> from 11am-7:00pm & 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am -2:00m – Fall Festival!

Soup and sandwiches – Take out only

Friday night roast beef dinner - Take out only

Fantasy Auction - George Christopher has graciously offered to run the Auction so please have quality items ready to drop off.

Bake Sale: We are depending on our marvelous bakers and candy makers for homemade donations

Craft Items: We are pleased that several members are busy crafting warm and cozy items.

You can drop off any items between October 31<sup>st</sup> through November 17<sup>th</sup>.

We will need many workers! If interested please contact Sandy Busche, Kathy Murphy, Suzy Miller, or Mary Jane Hilbert (for kitchen help). Also please save coffee cans for the event.

### **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 !

Trinity's Bell now rings on the website. Check it out: [www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org](http://www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org)

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.**

**Did you notice . . . . . the Lighted Cross is back?** Our illuminated Cross now shines in the Gathering Area! This cross was donated and installed by Harrison F. Harbach, Sr. probably in time for the dedication on September 18, 1932 of the new organ and Chancel. Thank you to Steve Sheely and Don Walsh for its restoration. The Cross hung in the Chancel from 1932 until 1990.

**Please check the Gathering Area for the following:**

- \* Church Directories - **UPDATED** September 20, 2021
- \* Committee Lists – Updated January 13, 2021
- \* Consistory Summary – October 19<sup>th</sup>
- \* Outdoor Ministries/Camping Opportunities Information
- \* “*These Days*” Devotionals - October/November/December
- \* Church Policies
- \* Consistory Approved Minutes – September 21<sup>st</sup>
- \* Newsletters – October
- \* Prayer Bear Knitting Instructions

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| <b>Monday:</b>      | <b>1pm-2pm Book Study</b>                         |
|                     | <b>6pm-8:30pm Scouts</b>                          |
|                     | <b>6pm Property</b>                               |
|                     | <b>7pm-9pm Gettysburg Choral Society Practice</b> |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | <b>4pm-6pm Misty Mountain Knitters</b>            |
|                     | <b>7pm Stewardship</b>                            |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>   | <b>12pm Mid-Week Prayer Service</b>               |
|                     | <b>6pm Mid-Week Prayer Service</b>                |
|                     | <b>7pm Choir</b>                                  |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | <b><i>Veterans Day</i></b>                        |
|                     | <b>Consistory Committee Reports Due</b>           |
|                     | <b>7pm Social Concerns</b>                        |
|                     | <b>7pm Stamp Club</b>                             |
| <b>Friday:</b>      | <b>9:30am-11:00am Flute Flock</b>                 |
|                     | <b>4pm-8pm Giving Spree</b>                       |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | <b>2pm Thomas Weiant Memorial Service</b>         |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | <b>Veterans Recognition Sunday</b>                |
|                     | <b>10:30am Confirmation Mentors and Teens</b>     |

**Attendance: October 31<sup>st</sup>:** 40 (9:30am) + 18 (On-line) = 58

**Financial Report: October 31, 2021**

Envelope Offering Needed: \$158,532.00

Property Fund Needed: \$13,552.00

Envelope Offering Received: \$142,769.60

Property Fund Received: \$17,078.00