Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name, ‘Righteous Peace, Godly Glory’.
Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them.

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Baruch 5

This passage from Baruch was the bases for our Advent Prayer. It speaks of God’s justice and mercy and how we should always remember the less fortunate. It reminds us that in this season of waiting, we should live lives of justice and mercy. You should soon be receiving this year’s bookmark and prayer. The Worship Committee invites us to pause for prayer every day during Advent. This common prayer will serve to unit us in our petitions to God for ourselves and for others. Together we will pray:

Holy God of our anticipation, unite us once again
As your children full of hope for things to come.
Through this season of waiting we pray for you to fill us with Wisdom, understanding, and knowledge that we Might live this life fully aware of the glories Of your Righteous Peace.
Rest your Spirit upon our hearts turning the chaos our World brings into the hope, peace, love and joy Of the baby of our longing.
May the light-come-down live in our hearts and Illuminate your world. Amen.

I look forward once again to meeting in our Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. As a reminder here are some highlights of opportunities at Trinity:

- November 28th
  - 1st Week of Advent/Communion
  - Gettysburg Choral Society Concert at 7PM

- December 10th
  - 3rd Week of Advent/Congregational Meeting/Messy Church

- December 12th
  - 4th Week of Advent/Lessons in Carols during worship

- December 19th
  - Christmas Eve/Communion and Candle lighting at 8PM

- December 24th
  - 1st Sunday of Christmas/Wear Trinity Appeal

** Mid-Week Prayer services will continue until the end of the year on Wednesdays at Noon and 6PM. They will begin again during the Season of Lent.

Celebrating the Season with you!
Pastor Fred
2021 November Consistory Highlights

“Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God.”

November 16, 2021 - Regular monthly Consistory Zoom Meeting – the following items were discussed:

Minutes from the October meetings were approved. They included the regular meeting as well as a budget work session.

Treasurer’s Report: Scott Wehler provided his monthly report for October, 2021. Some of those points follow:

October expenses were about $2,000 below budget and envelope giving was $1,500 above budget. We are now about $6,500 behind the budget YTD.

Contributions to the property fund are $3,700 over budget year to date.

Parking space revenue continues strong. We are currently about $900 above budget.

Investment income continues to be below budget by approximately $3,200 YTD.

UGG rent continues at $1550.

We are on target with OCWM.

The endowment balance at United Church Funds as of 10.31.2021 was $700,615.37, reflecting a market rise of about $12,000. Trinity can again tap those funds for capital improvements. Approximately $53,115.00 is available.

The ACNB Trust Account was $35,889.71, up slightly from last month. No new funds were added to the Endowment Fund in 2020 or 2021.

The CD’s from the Davis Trust are deposited at Members First. Two of the CD’s were cashed in during 2020 to pay for upgrades to the audio-visual equipment at the church. Three CD’s still remain as shown below:

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More details from the Treasurers report can be found in the Gathering Area.

Pastor Updates: Wednesday mid-week prayer services will continue through Advent. The Worship Committee is planning a monthly outdoor service beginning in January, 2022 at the Straban Township Park located behind Tractor Supply. The service will begin at 2 pm. Book discussions continue. Currently, Jane Malone is leading a discussion of the Cross and the Lynching Tree. December brings a discussion of hymns and carols that will be led by Jane Eiker. These opportunities are scheduled for Mondays at 1:00 pm.

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! The Fall Festival dining was take out.

Refugee Resettlement: Six churches are partnering for this project. Lutheran Resettlement Services may be used as the resettlement agency. More information will be available.

Our monthly reminder: 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

Worship Schedule: Rev. Dr. Jeff Hamilton met with members after worship on November 21. Although there were some challenges with his presentation – he was difficult to understand because of his soft and low delivery and he focused on processes that should guide our decision-making, he had had some thought-provoking insights to share. One of those ideas was the idea that before we make any decision, we need to work to understand each other and the elements that are affecting each member’s thoughts. Discussion will continue in January, 2022, as Consistory works toward a decision.

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.

Property Committee - planning upgrades to the Memorial Garden

Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 12, 2021, immediately following the 9:30 worship service.

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, December 21, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. Because of the difficult logistics in implementing hybrid meetings, the December 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.
December 6-20th 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

Trinity’s Fall Festival was a wonderful success!
Our committee (few, but mighty!) worked tirelessly for weeks planning and coordinating, not knowing if we could serve Mary Jane’s scrumptious food in Fellowship Hall. “Covid” tried to dampen our spirits but failed! Even though we were “Carry-Out Only”, spirits were high, and fellowship bloomed! Our community shopped for Christmas presents, lovely hats and scarves and wonderful home-baked goodies!

We are so proud of our first ever Fall Festival!!

Messy Church
“Christmas Around the World”
Sunday, December 12th from 4p-5:30p
Let’s explore Christmas celebrations from other countries!

Camp Ministries at the Wittel Farm:
Look for the colorful flyers in the Gathering Area for more information.

December 4th 10a-2p Advent Day Apart (Wittel Farm)
All are invited to a day of prayer and meditation in preparation of the birth of the Christ Child.

December 19th 7p-8:30p Advent/Christmas in a Barn (Wittel Farm)
Join us at the farm for our 4th annual Advent/Christmas night.
Come gather around the outdoor fire and have cookies and cocoa in the barn. Lights and decorations!

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
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 Trinity experience with the Afghan culture. Please let me know if you think you have talent in locating someone.

Please let me know if you have questions, suggestions, or other ideas of beneficial partnerships!

- We want a "New Name" for what we are currently calling the Gettysburg Partnership of Churches for Refugee Resettlement. The idea is to have one person receive suggestions from people in the 6 churches, to be recorded and submitted for a vote to the partnership (without the name of the suggester). We want to come up with a new (shorter) name that captures the imagination, evokes imagery, and invites community involvement. If you would like to volunteer to be the person to receive, record and submit the new names that are received, let me know asap along with your email and physical address. If you think of a name you want to submit, please make a note of it and save until we have this volunteer. After we choose a new name, we would like to perhaps have a local art contest to come up with a logo or image we can use for the project. If you think you could coordinate this with the Arts Council or some other entity, or manage it yourself, please let me know this.
- Once we are on our way, we might like to arrange for a speaker from a Veterans group or other organization who has experience with the Afghan culture. Please let me know if you think you have talent in locating someone.
- Think of other groups we may be able to energize around our efforts, and again, please let me know.
- Please fill out the personal inventory of talents and gifts that is available in the gathering area.

Afghan Resettlement Update:
Tens of thousands of Afghan SIV’s and Humanitarian entrants have come into the US, and are being settled across the country as we begin to think about Advent and the giving season. Church World Service in Lancaster has begun settling refugee families in central PA, and expects to be settling more in November and December!

The time is upon us! As we think about our welcome and provisions for refugees resettled in our area, some thoughts around bringing the project to our greater community pop up! As we move forward with entering into a Covenant relationship with 5 other local churches, here are some ways we might bring in the wider community.

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**Trinity’s Bell now rings on our website. Just in time for the Bell Tower Campaign! Check it out:**  www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org

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Lila Martin
December 26

The Lyons
Marjorie & Francis
December 8

The Weiant Family would like to thank all who send cards, flowers, and love to us on the passing of Thomas. He truly loved this church and church family. Love the Weiant Family

Dear Trinity United Church of Christ,
Thank you for your donation to the Adams Rescue Mission to support the Agape House program. We are very grateful for your generosity. It will help ARM to meet its obligations and to continue to help our ministry to the community.
Thank you again for your gift.
Adams Rescue Mission Staff

Ruth’s Harvest
December 8th
4:00pm
Lincoln Elementary.
Masks required!
Help is needed to sort, organize and pack.
Please call Sandy Busche 717-309-3748 if you can in help.
If you would like to donate food items, please bring items to the church marked “Ruth’s Harvest” BEFORE Tuesday, December 7th.
Non-perishable, nutritional, individual servings, easy to prepare.
Ruth’s Harvest provides week-end meals to elementary school age children who are served by the free lunch program during the week. Backpacks are packed and sent home on Friday’s with the children. They bring the backpack back on Mondays to be filled again for the next week-end.
Tuna/Cracker Packs
Canned Chicken
Canned Ham Chunks
Instant Soup Cups
Mac and Cheese Cups
Rice and Bean Cups
Spaghetti/Meatballs
or other Pastas
Oatmeal Packets
Peanut Butter To-Go Packs
Shelf Stable Liquid Low Fat Milk
Pudding Cups
Canned Vegetables (8 oz or less)
Nuts/Trail Mix
Raisins or Dried Fruit
100% Juice
Protein Breakfast
or Granola Bars
Real Fruit Snack Packs
Goldfish
Shelf Stable Milk
Microwave Popcorn
Cold Cereal
Fruit Cups
Pretzels

Counters Needed. The church needs your help. Please consider giving 1 hour of your time (no “talents” required) each month. It’s very easy and training will be provided. Call Don Walsh 717-253-5077 or Deb in the office.

Financial Status as of November 28
Envelope offering needed: $172,944.00
Envelope offering rec’d to date: $156,517.26
Property Fund needed: $14,784.00
Property Fund rec’d to date: $18,598.00

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped keep the church clean and our grounds clear! during the medical leave of Lisa and Bruce, and Lisa’s bereavement leave in the death of her father.
The Gettysburg Choral Society of TUCC Presents...

"Christmas Comes Again!"

with Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Bells of Faith

Friday, December 10th

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.

facebook.com/gburgchoralsociety
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 available in the Gathering Area and pews.

“Christmas Fund”
Christmas is the time of year to remember our faithful retired clergy and families. The Pension Board of the UCC is able to monetarily assist those retired clergy families who often received little or no pension as they served in the ministry. This used to be called “The Veterans of the Cross” offering. There are PURPLE envelopes in Gathering Area and pews for you to respond to this need. These gifts will be forwarded to the UCC office. Thank you!

We usually send these giving envelopes in the December newsletter and place them in the pews and Gathering Area. We are no longer mailing the newsletter but the Christmas giving envelopes are available in the Gathering Area and the pews.

You may also send your donation to the church. Please clearly mark where you want your donation to be applied - specifically to the “Annual Christmas Gift to the Church” OR the “Christmas Fund”

TRINITY UCC ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021
FOLLOWING WORSHIP
Please watch your emails and bulletins over the next week for more information.

The budget and slate will be presented, as approved by Consistory.

The Five Year Property Plan 2021-2025 will be presented.
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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

Merry Christmas

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or our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/GettysburgTrinityUCC

December 5th
Second Sunday of Advent
Baruch 5:1-9 Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

December 12th
Third Sunday of Advent
Annual Congregation Meeting
Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-8

December 19th
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10

December 24th
Christmas Eve with Communion
Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97 Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:(1-7, 8-20

December 26th
First Sunday after Christmas
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

Awakening joyful service
guided by our still speaking God!

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION - DELAYS/CANCELLATIONS
THERE WILL BE NO CANCELLATIONS OR DELAYS ON THE RADIO.