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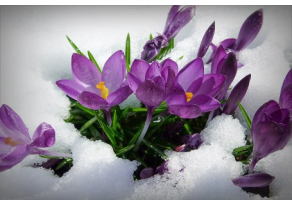
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## *From the Pastor*

The New Year always spurs thoughts of change and new beginnings. Our church family is constantly changing too. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings.

There have been many new things within the life of Trinity over the past few years. I am grateful for our continued sense of adventure even when the final destination has seemed uncertain. As we continue our journey, my hope is that we will discover the many gifts each of us bring to help make Trinity shine. If the pandemic has taught us anything, it is to be flexible and to hope in the things to come. I am excited about the many things to come here at Trinity. Our mission and ministry are constantly changing as the needs of our church and the community in which we serve continue to change. My hope is that 2023 will find us alert and ready to respond to whatever challenges and joys we might face together.

January is the time for new beginnings. Resolutions are made, but we all know that is the easy part. Please join me in keeping our promises to ourselves and to our church well into the future. I leave you with a favorite prayer from Brother Roger of Taize, a spiritual community in France.

*Holy Spirit of the Living God, you breathe in us on all that is inadequate and fragile.  
You make living water spring from even our hurt themselves.  
And through you, the valley of tears becomes a place of wellsprings.  
So, in an inner life within neither beginnings nor end,  
your continued presence makes new freshness break through. Amen*

May it always be so!

**Pastor Fred**

## **Training for Care Giving**

Offered by  
*The Care Team*

The earliest stories of the Christian tradition reveal the central role of love with the community of faith. Not only did Jesus claim that his commandment to love God and neighbor embodied the whole of the law and the prophets, but also stated that love was a distinguishing mark of Christian discipleship.

Compassion literally means to feel or suffer with another, or to walk in another's shoes. In Christ, God's compassion is revealed. Today, the Christian community continues to concern itself with caregiving ministries. Caregiving is an opportunity to love others because God first loved us. Join us as we embark on a journey of learning how to care for each other by offering the assurance of God's presence, healing, and peace during any life situation.

### **The following training sessions are open to the Congregation**

*Mondays from 2:30-4PM  
January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6<sup>th</sup>*

Inclement Weather Days (If needed)  
February 13 and 20<sup>th</sup>

## **YTD Financial Status**

Envelope offering needed: **\$185,016.00**

Offering rec'd to date: **\$180,713.88**

Property Fund needed: **\$21,008.00**

Property Fund rec'd to date: **\$16,615.00**



Sara Mummert  
January 6

Pat Hammann  
January 29



*In our thoughts and prayers:* In our thoughts and prayers: Ethan Barley, Ashur Bowley, Darla Jean Christopher, Glenn Crouse, Alice Fritz, Joyce Golden, Harry Hilbert, John Harrison Hoffman, Evelyn Kretz, MacKenzie Kretz, Josh Langley, John Lucas, Jen Mickelson, Bob Miller, Kathy Murphy, Lisa Reinoehl, Bill Swisher, Mary Timmins, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, Mckenna Voss, Teeyara Jo Weiant, Joe & Diane (Taughinbaugh) Wisotskey. (Please notify the office to be removed).

### Trinity Messy Church 2023

Please join us on Sunday afternoon,  
January 22nd in Fellowship Hall  
for our next  
Messy Church, 3-5PM.  
It's entitled  
"New Year's Around the World".

Come learn about different customs internationally and in our own church!  
We'll have fun and a few snacks.  
If you have a custom you'd like to share please come and present it to all.  
Families are all invited.  
Children are not a necessary ticket, although a desired "ticket"!

On February 12th we will have a  
second Messy Church.  
We will be talking about  
"Love in our Church and Community"  
and assembling "Love Care Bags"  
to place in our Blessing Box.

There will be a "Valentine Box" in our lobby for the congregation to drop off items to be included in these "Love Care Bags".  
Items could include: gloves/mittens, socks, hats, small bags of pretzels or animal crackers, combs, barrettes, shampoo, deodorant, miniature cards, etc.  
Please watch for its appearance!!

### SPONSORS NEEDED 2023

**Altar Flowers:** \$35 Altar Pair \$30 Centerpiece  
The 2023 Flower Chart is posted in the office.

**Newspaper Ad:** \$75 (one month) \$37.50 to share

**Newsletter:** \$50 per month

Call, stop by or email Deb to sign-up



Our sincere condolences these families and friends. May God's loving embrace provide comfort and peace.

**Marilyn White, died December 7th**  
**Carol Zeigler, died December 15th**  
**Charles Ritter, died December 17th**  
**Don Walsh, died December 26th**  
and to Gail McClusky in the death of her husband  
**Bob Alcorn, who died December 12th.**



Kara and I wish to extend our thanks for all of your prayers and condolences surrounding the passing of my father, Robert Young. We would also like to thank you all for your generous Christmas Gift! We are so grateful to be in ministry alongside each of you. Looking forward to what 2023 will bring to Trinity!  
**Pastor Fred & Kara**

Thank you for all for your thoughts, prayers and the many cards! A big "thank you" also to Ruth Kreitz, Nina Redding, JoyceAnn Hamilton, Sandy Busche, Jane Malone, and Lucy Greene for covering the desk for me while I was out. All went well with the surgery and I'm back on my feet. **Deb**

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone that have contributed Incontinent Supplies over the past few months. We recently delivered over 474 items to Adams County Office of Aging. There is a critical need for such supplies as they noted that people come in on a weekly basis asking for these supplies. Your ongoing generosity is greatly appreciated by Office of Aging and the Outreach Committee as this is an important mission and we look to continue and grow this valuable outreach to our community in 2023. **Many thanks! Outreach Committee.**

#### Dear Congregation,

We received your donation of \$500 and wish to extend our warmest thanks on behalf of our guests. Your donation enables us to continue to fulfill our mission of feeding the hungry each year. **Thank you again! Sandy Lutz, Operations Manager, Gettysburg Soup Kitchen.**

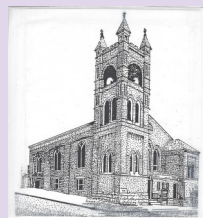
#### Dear Trinity United Church of Christ,

Thank you very much for your donation of \$600. Generous donations are vital to our nonprofit Christina ministry and our shared mission to provide affordable housing via no-interest mortgages to Adams County residents. Habitat operates with nominal administration costs entirely run by volunteers. Your donation makes it possible for us to fulfill Habitat's worldwide mission: "A world where everyone has a decent place to live." **Thank you again on behalf of the entire Adams County Habitat for Humanity Board. Lori Wright, Board Secretary.**

Do you get your fuel (propane or heating oil) from **AERO ENERGY**? If you do, you could help Trinity.

In case you haven't heard, Aero has a program called *House of Worship Program*. It works like this: Members of Trinity enroll in *Our House of Worship program* and Aero will donate \$0.04 to Trinity for every gallon you use.

If the church enrolls 20 participating members, Trinity could expect to receive an average donations of \$600 per year! For more information, visit [www.AeroEnergy.com/HOW](http://www.AeroEnergy.com/HOW) or call 1-888-480-1271. Flyers are in the Gathering Area.



### 2023 Pictorial Update

Please note we will be updating The Pictorial Directory and if you haven't had the opportunity to supply a photo or have one taken, please give one to George Steckert or have George take your photo any Sunday that he is present at church through mid-January. Thank you.



*Sundays at Trinity*

*8:00am Worship*

*9:00am Sunday School*

*10:00am Fellowship (Gathering Area)*

*Choir Practice*

*10:30am Worship*

# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day One Service @ 10:30a	2 Closed	3 Deb Out	4 12p & 6p Prayer Service  6p Christian Ed 7p Choir	5  6p Girl Scouts	6 9a-11a Flutes 10a Coffee w/Friends	7 10a Rainbow Talk
8 Epiphany Communion  Last night Gburg C.A.R.E.S	9 2:30p-4:30p Care Giver Training 3p G.C.S. Board Meet—Library	10 3:30p-5:30p Knitting 6p Property 7p Ministry in Mission	11 2p Bazaar  6p Worship 7p Choir	12  Consistory Reports Due	13	14 9:30a-12p Consistory Retreat
15 Installation & Ordination of Elders & Deacons 2p Private Event Fellowship Hall	16 2:30p-4:30p Care Giver Training	17 Deb Late	18  7p Choir	19  6p-8p Girl Scouts	20 9:30a Flutes in Fellowship Hall  11:30a Lunch w/Friends	21
22 Reception of New Members 3p-5p Messy Church	23 2:30p-4:30p Care Giver Training	24	25  7p Choir	26 Deb Out  Newsletter Articles Due	27 Deb Late	28
29 Pastor Fred Out	30 2:30p-4:30p Care Giver Training	31				

**Return Service Requested**

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# January 2023

**Staff**

**Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young**, Pastor

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

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

**Deb & Bruce Guiher**, Housekeeping  
**Bruce Guiher**, Bldg & Grounds Keeper

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



TUCC donation code

TUCC prayer requests code

Scan your phone across one of the QR codes to make a donation to Trinity or make a prayer request.



**Awakening joyful service  
guided by our still speaking God!**

**POST TO TRINITY'S FACEBOOK!** 

- SEND AN EMAIL TO [TECHTUCC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TECHTUCC@GMAIL.COM)
- PUT [FACEBOOK](#) IN THE SUBJECT LINE
- ATTACH PHOTOS, SHORT VIDEOS, POSTERS, INFORMATION OR OTHER CONTENT
- LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT THE ITEM POSTED "AS IS" OR ENHANCED BY OUR TALENTED STAFF!

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**January 1, 2023**  
**New Year's Day**  
**One Service at 10:30am**  
Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18  
Matthew 2:23-23

**January 8**  
**Epiphany**  
**Communion**  
Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

**January 15**  
**Installation/Ordination of Elders & Deacons**  
Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42

**January 22**  
**New Members Reception**  
Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23

**January 29**  
**Pastor Fred out of the office**  
Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Matthew 5:1-12

**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](http://www.facebook.com/GettysburgTrinityUCC)

**8:00am Worship**  
**9:00 Adult Sunday School**  
**10am Fellowship Time (Gathering Area)**  
**Choir Practice**  
**10:30am Worship**

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

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