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From the Pastor

November Trinity Tower ***In honor of our daughter, Kathy's birthday,*** ***by Nancy MacMeekin***

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

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 shower us with unconditional love and support.

We will remember Trinity's Saints on Sunday, November 5th.

Robert J. W. Young
Charles A. Ritter
Joseph S. Wisotzkey

Marilyn H. White
Donald C. Walsh
Darla Jean Christopher

Carol L. Zeigler
Diane L. Wisotzkey
Jim Lohuis

*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 11th

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

Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, November 12th at 2PM

*Join us in the Stratton Street Parking
lot for a brief time of worship and
prayer and laying on of hands
on our animals.*

December 3rd

1st Sunday of Advent/Communion

December 10th 1 Service 10:30AM

2nd Sunday of Advent

Congregational Meeting

December 17th

3rd Sunday of Advent

Christmas Dinner

7PM – Flute Flock Christmas Concert

December 24th 1 Service 10:30AM

4th Sunday of Advent

December 24th

Christmas Eve/Communion

2 Worship Times Noon and 8pm

December 31st 1 Service 10:30AM

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dinner Church: 1st Wednesday of each month 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Next Dinners: Wednesdays, November 1st and December 6th

Worshippers are asked to please bring a dish or dessert to share with the larger group.

What is this, Dinner Church? Well, for us at Trinity, it is a monthly gathering where all the most important things happen at the table. There is a meal. But the group does not meet first and then eat. Or eat dinner, and then go to church. It all happens simultaneously. Think of a good dinner party with a spiritual twist – and then just add art (music, poetry, Scripture), robust conversation and prayerful moments (which may embrace silence, simple liturgy or a single person who vocalizes the prayer on behalf of the group). Did I mention robust conversation?

Property Notes for November Newsletter

Our property projects are moving along. HARB approved the repair and covering of the windowsills in Fellowship Hall. They also approved the repair of the round window at the UUG church as well as the replacement of the front door which no longer fits properly and is a safety concern. The rotted columns on the parsonage porch can be replaced with a composite material. There were a few concerns about the measurements of the replacement windows for the parsonage. When those are resolved at the November meeting, that project can move forward.

Repair of mortar joints, cleaning and sealing of Trinity's bricks is scheduled as soon as weather allows in spring of 2024. Hopefully, we will have the funds to schedule exterior painting in 2024. Then the only capital project that remains is the replacement of the roof at the UUG church.

A heartfelt thank you to each of you have supported these projects! If Trinity could say "Thank You", I'm sure that we could all hear the sigh of gratitude for the repairs that have been completed! Again, thank you for the support you have provided!

YTD FINANCIAL STATUS October 22, 2023

Envelope offering needed: **\$154,241.00**
Offering rec'd to date: **\$138,156.00**

Property Fund needed: **17,372.00**
Property Fund rec'd to date: **\$15,720.00**

Ways to continue to support the work of Trinity!

- **E-Giving:** Find instructions under either the Members tab
- **Missions in Giving** tab on our website
(more info available in office)
- **Use the automatic bill paying service** your bank provides you
- **Mail your offering envelope** to the church by U.S. mail:
Trinity United Church



I am still collecting your used ink cartridges.

Staples give us \$5.00 Rewards back for 20 ink cartridges. As a business we are allowed 20 cartridges a month. Any shape, size, or brand is OK. They also give us 5% Rewards back for every purchase at Staples. The last three months we received \$45 each month in Staples Rewards to spend. This helps a lot with copy paper purchases. Please bring your used cartridges in to the church. You can leave them on my desk.



Scan your phone
across the QR
code to make a
donation to
Trinity

Aero Energy House of Worship Program: We recently received another check from Aero Energy bringing the total up to **\$411.72**. **Thank you to those who are participating in the program!** If you get your fuel from Aero Energy, you can help Trinity. Members can enroll in *Our House of Worship Program* and Aero will donate \$0.04 cents for every gallon you purchase. They have also expanded their program to include HVAC and plumbing services! Customers enrolled in the *House of Worship Program* will receive a 10% (up to \$250.00/year) donation to their church for HVAC/Plumbing systems sales and service. Flyers available in Gathering Area for more information or how to sign-up.

You ... Volunteer? Sure, why not, you are probably here anyway.

Lay Liturgist, Greeter, Acolyte, or Usher.
Please contact Deb in the office for more information
or to sign-up to help out. It's really not hard. Thanks! Deb

SPONSORS NEEDED 2024

Altar Flowers & Centerpieces: \$35.00
Newspaper Ad: \$75 (month) OR \$37.50 (share)
Newsletter: \$50 per month
Call, stop by or email Deb

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

Diapers for TenderCare (Sizes needed 5, 6, 7);
Incontinence Supplies for Office for Aging;
Cancelled stamps for the Brethren Home;
Soda can tabs for Hershey Medical Center

Helping Hand Fund

A fund established to help those who need financial assistance.
Fund envelopes are available on the table in the Gathering Area.

Henri J. M. Nouwen



A Journey Through Anguish to Freedom

November Faith Study – Mondays, 13th and 20th 1:00pm – 2:00pm

The Inner Voice of Love

By Henri Nouwen

This is Henri Nouwen's "secret journal."

It was written during the most difficult period of his life, when he suddenly lost his self-esteem, his energy to live and work, his sense of being loved, even his hope in God.

Although he experienced excruciating anguish and despair, he was still able to keep a journal in which he wrote a spiritual imperative to himself each day that emerged from his conversation with friends and supporters.

Facilitator: Pastor Fred



Christian Education – Messy Church

October's Messy Church was a fun-filled game night where we played "Apples to Apples", Battleship and some other games. We thoroughly enjoyed each other's company! We may schedule another game night at a future time and focus on a few games that are members' favorites.

November's Messy Church will be "virtual". We simply couldn't find a reasonable date to schedule it. We are a busy church!! However, here is an activity in honor of veterans that can be completed at home. Take some time to read the Beatitudes (Matthew 5) and think about how veterans may embody some or all, of these ideas. Continue to explore the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew). What lesson was Jesus trying to teach us? Continue, and write a prayer for a veteran. We will have a place in the gathering to display these prayers. Finally, make a card for a veteran. It can be for someone you know or someone that you don't. If you want, you can put them in a collection box in the gathering area and we will see that they are delivered.

We will schedule a December date shortly for Messy Church. The theme will be Advent. January will feature a trip to the WWII museum on the Mummasburg Road.

If you have never attended Messy Church, please consider it. It is intergenerational and a great way to learn to know members that you may not have had the opportunity to know. Hope to see you in December.

ONA: The Open and Affirming Process Committee thanks everyone who attended the Sunday morning presentation on Covenants on Sunday, October 8th and Sunday, October 22nd. Both were very informative.

In addition to hearing from members of St. James, we also received two written descriptions from St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Mechanicsburg. We are also in discussion with Dover United Church of Christ in Dover, Pennsylvania, and are near to having a similar description from them, either in writing or in person. We are obtaining these descriptions because of the comments received from the survey that our members completed in the hopes of answering questions as to how becoming Open and Affirming might change Trinity.

Since some of the written documents are too long for inclusion in our monthly newsletter, we will have copies available in the Gathering Area for you to read.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Julia O'Brien Sunday, November 5th at 9:00am in the Fellowship

Hall. Julia is Professor of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Her academic specialties include the prophetic literature of the Hebrew Bible (especially the Minor Prophets); the intersection of gender studies and biblical studies; theological, feminist, and ideological approaches to prophetic books; ethical issues in biblical interpretation; the theology of the Hebrew Bible; violence; and metaphor.

She will focus her remarks on the difference between being welcoming and being affirming. If there's time, she'll suggest how folks might journey toward becoming more affirming (including how to approach the Bible in that way). Her presentation may take a bit longer than an hour, but she assures us that she can cover the topic well in time for the start of our 10:30 service.



November 30
Garnet "Sonny" Coble

November 17
Martha Dodds

November 15
Annabelle Swisher



In our thoughts and prayers:

Ashur Bowley, Brayden Beamer, Sonny Coble, Dr. Douglas Eyer, Alice Fritz, Joyce Golden, Lois Grim, Linda Heller (Sara Shank's mother), Harry Hilbert, John Harrison Hoffman, Evelyn Kretz, MacKenzie Kretz, Josh Langley, John Lucas, Nancye Marinos, Jen Mickelson, Bob Miller, Kathy Murphy, Lenore O'Rourke, Lisa Reinoehl, Marian Smith, Bill Swisher, Brea Thomas, Mary Timmins, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, Mckenna Voss, and Teeyara Jo Weiant.
(Please notify the office to be removed)



Dear Trinity Family!

Thank you for the hugs, cards, prayers, and words of encouragement during my brother's illness and subsequent death. His family and I appreciate the love and concern you've shown. It has made dealing with this ordeal a bit easier.
Many blessings, Jen Mickelson

Dear Rev. Young,

We would like to express our appreciation for the warm welcome & hospitality we received when we joined you in worship on Worldwide Communion Sunday, October 1st. We were so thankful that our busy day of meetings in Gettysburg did not mean we had to miss Sunday worship. It was truly a joy to meet so many wonderful people. We did not realize your offering collections was not taken during the service so enclosed is our offering.

Thank you again, Robert & Barbara Strangfeld



Coffee w/Friends
Friday, November 3rd
@ 10:00am
Ragged Edge,
Chambersburg Street



Misty Mountain Knitters
Tuesday, November 14th
3:30pm-5:30pm
Gathering Area.
Anyone is welcome!



Knitted/Crocheted
Baby Blankets for Sale
\$20.00 each
Many colors available.
Contact Suzy Miller to purchase

Everyone is invited to attend:

Ministries and Missions (M & M) meeting

Thursday, November 2, at 7 p.m. In the Fellowship Hall

At that time proposals for the 2024 Calendar of Events will be compiled.

Many events are the same every year but your special interests could be included in the proposals.

A list of these events will then be posted in the Church where everyone can sign up for whichever event(s) they are interested in supporting with their time and talents.

Those events NOT receiving any signatures will be dropped from the calendar.

Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S is back! Trinity has again agreed to help in providing for the homeless during the winter through CARES. Our help will be provided in a different way this year. **St. James Lutheran Church will provide the housing for the homeless with overnight "stay awake" staff.**

Our dates are December 25, 2023 through January 7, 2024 (no Sundays). They need our help with preparing breakfast in the morning. Your volunteer time will be from 6 AM to 8AM in their kitchen. The meals will be prepared at St. James Youth House, 121-123 York St., Gettysburg.

We will also need two overnight volunteers for each night of the two weeks (these volunteers can sleep) and two people to launder the linens on Monday, January 8. Both of these have some additional training.

We will have a sign-up sheet in the gathering area. All new volunteers are welcome but must go through an application process. You may also call Janet Sheely at 717-357-1789 with questions.



TUCC FALL BAZAAR

Friday, November 17th from 9am - 6:00pm

Includes the wonderful Roast Beef Dinner
and lots of other great homemade food!!

Saturday, November 18th from 9am - 3:00pm

**Please consider helping and/or attending.
It's fun and for a good cause!!**

Crafters, Downsizers and Too many Booklovers!!

Your help is needed to adorn the Craft and White Elephant table at the Fall Bazaar.

The public is appreciative of our creativity so we need to deliver. Also gently used articles do well at the White Elephant table and books are back due to public demand. So rummage thru your cupboards and bookshelves. All donations can be left in Fellowship Hall starting Oct 1st or dropped off week of Bazaar.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to have another successful Bazaar and if you can work a few hours during the Bazaar we would be ecstatic!

Kitchen Help - Mary Jane Hilbert:

Thursday, November 16th
9am Start time
Make Soup and Sandwiches

Friday, November 17th
8am Start time
Help Serve

Saturday, November 18th
8am Start time
Help Serve

Booth Help and Donations needed:

White Elephant Table – Kathy Murphy
Gently used articles & books appreciated!

Craft Table – Kathy Murphy
Homemade hand crafted items are always in demand

Silent Auction Table – Becky Woodward
Create your own basket as a family or committee

Baked Goods Table – Suzanne Miller
Donated desserts welcome!

Your help is needed

any day
any time
any area

You choose your
availability.

**Sign-up sheets are in the
Gathering Area**

Once again this year we're asking for your creativity to put together **clever and/or beautiful baskets to auction** off for our cause. Team up as committee or family groups or individuals!

If you are interested in displaying a Festival yard sign to publicize our cause, please call Sandy Busche 717-309-3748



Veterans Recognition Sunday

November 12th

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 _____



Your name: _____

Number of Poinsettias _____ \$10.00 each)

Deadline for ordering – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

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

(Checks payable to Trinity United Church of Christ - Poinsettias)



September 23, 2023

Dear Friends of the Arts:

The Gettysburg Choral Society, Inc. will once again participate in the Adams County Community Foundation's annual Giving Spree on Thursday, November 9th at the Gettysburg Area Middle School, 37 Lefever Street, from 3:00-7:00 P.M. and online.

As you probably know, in just six years The Gettysburg Choral Society has experienced phenomenal growth and popularity. Our simple policy of performing good choral music well has definitely paid off. Last year's Christmas concert at the beautiful chapel on the campus of The United Lutheran Seminary was standing room only. Our series of four patriotic concerts this past summer was also a tremendous success.

Now we are 40 singers strong! Once again, we look forward to performing our annual Christmas Concert at the chapel of the Lutheran Seminary on Friday, December 1st at 7:00 P.M. The program, entitled Joy to the World!, will include some lovely a cappella choral arrangements that capitalize on the chapel's gratifying acoustics. As a special treat, Peggy Haas Howell, a renowned organist, and no stranger to Gettysburg's audiences, will perform a mini concert and accompany the popular singalong.

Our second Christmas Concert will be held at the spacious Seton Basilica in Emmitsburg, MD at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 9th. Joseph O'Brien, the basilica organist, will join the chorus for this special presentation.

As a non-profit organization, with no employees, we're sure you can understand the need that we have for your continued financial support. Without your help, we simply cannot continue providing the kind of programming folks seem to enjoy. If you have not previously contributed to the choral society, we hope you will consider joining those who have by participating in this year's Giving Spree.

There will be much publicity about the Giving Spree in coming weeks. **We want you to know that the Gettysburg Choral Society Giving Spree code is Number 43.** And we appreciate any donation you make that will enable us to continue offering first-rate choral musical performances for the citizens of Adams County--and beyond. Feel free to send your donor form in advance or donate online on November 9th. We hope to see you at our Christmas concerts this year!

Gratefully,

John McKay, Co-Founder and Artistic Director

Julie Strickland, Co-Founder and Manager

GettysburgChoralSociety.org

Joy to the World!

A CHORAL CELEBRATION

**JOHN MCKAY
DIRECTOR**



**DONATIONS
ACCEPTED**

DECEMBER 1ST, 7PM

**CHURCH OF THE ABIDING PRESENCE
61 SEMINARY RIDGE
GETTYSBURG, PA 17325**

PEGGY HAAS HOWELL, GUEST ORGANIST

DECEMBER 9TH, 3PM

**BASILICA OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON
339 S. SETON AVENUE
EMMITSBURG, MD 21727**

JOSEPH O'BRIEN, GUEST ORGANIST



GETTYSBURGCHORALSOCIETY.ORG

Happy Thanksgiving



Sundays at Trinity

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

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS on 5th ↓↓↓↓↓↓↓			1 All Saints Day 12p W.C. Audit 5:30p Dinner Church 7p Choir	2 7p M & M Meeting	3 9:30a Flutes 10a Coffee w/Friends	4
5 Communion 10:30a One Serv. All Saints Sunday 9a ONA 12:30p-4:30p MDANA	6 2:30p Bazaar	7 Election Day 9:30a - 10:45a Deb Out	8 6p Christian Ed 7p Choir	9 3p-7p Giving Spree	10 Deb & Bruce Out 9:30a Flutes Consistory Reports Due	11 Veterans Day 5p-9p ICPJ Dinner
12 2p Blessing of the Pets	13 <u>F.H. Closed</u> 1pm-2pm Faith Book Study 6:30p Fellowship	14 <u>F.H. Closed</u> 3:30p - 5:30p Knitting Group 7p Personnel	15 <u>F.H. Closed</u> 7p Choir	16 <u>F.H. Closed</u> 7p Choir	17 9a - 6p Fall Bazaar 9:30a Flutes NO Lunch w/Friends	18 9a - 3p Fall Bazaar
19 <u>F.H. Closed</u> Fall Bazaar wrap-up	20 1pm-2pm Faith Book Study	21 6p Spiritual Council 6:45p Consistory	22 Newsletter Articles Due NO Choir	23 CLOSED Thanksgiving	24 9:30a Flutes	25
26 Reign of Christ Grace Winakor to preach	27	28	29 6p Music Staff 7p Choir	30		

DATE	ALTAR CARE	GREETERS	LAY READERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
November 5	Nancy MacMeekin Ruth Krietz Roberta & Audrey (E)	10:30am Ann & Buck Harvey	10:30am Elder	10:30am Nina & Russell Redding	10:30am Buck Harvey
November 12	Same as above	10:30am Sandy Busche Suhua Dong	8am Jim Orner 10:30am Nancy MacMeekin	8am Jen Mickelson 10:30am Gordon Harvey	10:30am Bonnie Smith
November 19	Same as above	10:30am Ann & Buck Harvey	8am Cindy Blevins 10:30am Julie Strickland	8am Sony Coble 10:30am Mary Jane & Harry Hilbert	10:30am Bonnie Smith
November 26	Same as above	10:30am Janet & Steve Sheely	8am Jen Mickelson 10:30am Lenore O'Rourke	8am Sony Coble 10:30am Bonnie Smith	10:30am Janet Sheely

We need a 2nd greeter for 10:30a on the 12th and 26th, if you can help, please call Deb. 9

Staff

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young, Pastor

Deb Guiher, Admin. Assistant

Karen Lentz, Account/Payroll Mgr.

John McKay, Director Senior Choir

Jane Eiker, Organist

Sara Shank, Assistant Organist

Deb & Bruce Guiher, Housekeeping

Bruce Guiher, Bldg & Grounds Keeper

Nina Redding, Consistory Chair

Ruby Warren, Consistory Vice Chair



November 2023

8:00am Worship
9:00 Adult Sunday School
10:00am Fellowship Time
Choir Practice
10:30am Worship

Awakening
joyful
service
guided by
our still
speaking
God!

November 5
One Service 10:30am
Communion

All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Joshua 3:7-17 and Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

OR

Micah 3:5-12 and Psalm 42

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 12:1-12

November 12
Veterans Recognition

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 and Psalm 78:1-7

OR

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24

and Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 20

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

November 19

Judges 4:1-7 and Psalm 123

OR

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 and Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

November 26

Reign of Christ

Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 100

OR

Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46

REMAINING

Sunday Mornings - One Service 2023 - 10:30a

November 5 - All Saints Day

December 10 - Annual Congregation Meeting

December 24 - Christmas Eve Morning

December 31 - New Year's Eve Morning

**To access our on-line worship feed,
please go to our website:**

www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org

or our Facebook page:

**[www.facebook.com/
GettysburgTrinityUCC](https://www.facebook.com/GettysburgTrinityUCC)**