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From the Pastor

*When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.
¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.*

Matthew 2:9-12

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When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a star appeared in the sky. But this star didn't just shine in that Region. People in faraway lands observed its brilliant light. Some wise Magi, who studied the stars, wondered what the presence of this new star could mean. Convinced this new entity in the sky was a sign of a new earthly ruler, they decided to search for this new sovereign. They packed for a trip not knowing where they would end up or how long it would take to get there. It took time and resources to prepare for this mysterious adventure. With only the moonlight and the light of this new star, they moved slowly across the landscape into the unknown.

When I was in Youth Ministry, one of my favorite events to plan was what I called, **"It's a Mystery!"** For several years, such an event appeared on our year-long schedule. All anyone else knew was the date and time, I held the where and how close to my heart until we arrived at our destination. My favorite trip was to the *Philadelphia Museum of Art*. When we arrived another youth leader met us at the door, with pre-purchased tickets and a map of the museum complete with clues to our group's very own scavenger hunt. It was a day filled with fun, art, lunch and great intrigue. Teens looked forward to these events every year.

I think about these trips when I consider the great unknown the Magi faced as they set off to find their Messiah. Amid new and exciting astrology discoveries they eventually located Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Probably exhausted from their long journey, they knelt and celebrated the hope and light Jesus brings into the world. These wise travelers listened to the Lord and went back to their homelands by a different route, leaving King Herod clueless.

*We praise you, Holy One, for visions of your loving ways.
Stir our hope and fill us with the courage to imagine how we might journey
in the paths you illuminate with the brilliance of the Christ child. Amen.*

Pastor Fred

Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. Final week for Trinity. **Our dates are through January 8, 2024.** St. James Lutheran Church has provided the housing for the homeless PLUS an overnight "stay awake" staff person.

Volunteers for the C.A.R.E.S. shelter are still needed from the churches:

Help with preparing breakfast in the morning. Your volunteer time will be from 6am to 8am in their kitchen (no Sundays). The meals will be prepared at St. James Youth House, 121-123 York St.

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.

If you could not help during our scheduled time, maybe you could help another time. All new volunteers are welcome but must go through an application process. You may also call Janet Sheely at 717-357-1789 or St. James Lutheran Church with questions or more information.

Thank you Janet for your hard work in coordinating the volunteers for Trinity.



Sara Mummert
January 6

Pat Hammann
January 29



Coffee w/Friends
Friday, January 5th
@ 10:00am
Ragged Edge,
Chambersburg Street



Misty Mountain Knitters
Tuesday, January 9th
3:30pm-5:30pm
Gathering Area.
Anyone is welcome!



Lunch w/Friends
Friday,
January 19th
@ 11:30am
Friendly's,
Steinwehr Ave



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

SPONSORS NEEDED 2024

Altar Flowers & Centerpieces: \$35.00

Newsletter: \$50 per month

January, March, June, August, October, December

Call, stop by or email Deb

Used Ink Cartridges!

I am still collecting used ink cartridges.

As a business Staples allows us to bring 20 used cartridges a month. Any shape, size, or brand!

We can earn \$5 for the used ink cartridges and 5% Rewards back for every purchase at Staples.

Please bring your used cartridges in to the church. You can leave them on my desk.

Week of December 31, 2023



In our thoughts and prayers: Ashur Bowley, Brayden Beamer, Sonny Coble, Dr. Douglas Eyer, Alice Fritz, Joyce Golden, Lois Grim, Linda & Harold Heller (Sara Shank's parents), 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 Reinhoehl, Marian Smith, Bill Swisher, Brea Thomas, Mary Timmins, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, McKenna Voss, and Teeyara Jo Weiant. *(Please notify the office to be removed).*



Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the Kendlehart's -Karen, Neil, Victor and family - in the death Galia who died December 27th. May God's loving embrace provide comfort and peace.



Adams County Office for Aging: Ministries & Missions would like to thank everyone that contributed **INCONTINENT PRODUCTS** over the past few months. We recently delivered over 402 products.

Tender Care Pregnancy Center: Ministries & Missions would like to thank everyone that contributed **DIAPERS AND WIPES** over the past few months. We recently delivered over 547 diapers, 272 wipes along with some knitted hats, scarves, and blankets.

Both organizations were so thankful for these donations as they were much needed. The staff expressed their gratitude to Trinity for our continued support over the years. Your ongoing generosity is greatly appreciated by the Adams County Office for Aging, Tender Care Pregnancy Center and Ministries & Missions as these are an important mission we look forward to continuing.

Many thanks! Ministries & Missions

Dear Trinity Family,

Connie and I were so surprised that our church family remembered our 50th anniversary. Thank you for the lovely centerpiece that was placed in the church on Sunday. It now adorns our kitchen and looks lovely! Thanks for your kindness!

Connie & Scott Wehler

Dear Rev. Frederick,

On behalf of everyone at **Hoffman Homes for Youth**, thank you for your recent gift of \$225.00. Each day our team provides compassionate, safe and life-changing care to the 70+ youth and young adults on our campus. They learn and practice how to build supportive relationships. Their self confidence and awareness grow. Hope and resilience bubble up. New paths are discovered, leading to brighter futures. Thank you again for believing in and supporting our efforts!

With deep appreciation, Susan Cann, Director of Development

Dear Friends,

Thank you for giving one of the most amazing gifts possible - the chance to be a kid again! That's what your recent donation of \$294.01 means to the children who come to our **Adams County Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)**.

The CAC is a lifeline of love and support to the many children and families in our community who are struggling to cope with and heal from the trauma of abuse. At the center, children and their families work with specially trained professionals to share their experience, navigate the investigation process, and participate in multiple services including mental health therapy focused on healing from trauma. The center is also a community resource for training in child abuse prevention.

On behalf of all the children who have benefits from the CAC, thank you for your generosity and for making our programs possible.

Thank you always, Elida Murray, Director

Aero Energy House of Worship 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.

Thank you to those who are participating in the program!

Faith & Fellowship (F & F) January 2024

Our Christian Education committee continues to think about ways to engage our members both young and old.

When we met in December, we decided to consider revising our planning for Messy Church to include activities that focus on both faith and fellowship. We began planning those activities for the first half of 2024 in hopes of attracting a wider response.

The following is a list of **Faith and Fellowship (F & F)** plans:

January 21 – 3:00 PM – visit to the Adams County Historical Society/Beyond the Battle Museum

February 18 – 3:00 PM – movie at Trinity – perhaps the award-winning movie “Inside Out”

March 17 – 3:00 PM – game/trivia day at Trinity

April 14 – trip to Sight and Sound to see Daniel

May 19 – 3:00 PM – trip to the Grotto in Emmitsburg

June – to be determined – possibilities are a trip to the World War II Museum or a special program scheduled at Trinity

Some dates/times may be subject to change as availability changes.

Please plan to attend some/all of these opportunities. It’s a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Trinity members just a little better.

FROM THE OPEN AND AFFIRMING COMMITTEE (ONA):

We are pleased to announce that Connie and Ryan Howe, members of our church, will speak at 9:00 am on January 14th.

Also, on January 14th, Pamela Rutledge is scheduled to be at Trinity UCC on Sunday at 11:30 am to tell us about the ONA journey of Dover UCC.

Then, on January 28th at 11:30, Dr. Julia O’Brien, Professor of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament at Lancaster Theological Seminary, will share with the second service attendees the presentation she previously made in November after the early service.

We look forward to these presentations and hope the congregation will attend as many of these as they can.

Property Notes January 2024

In spite of winter weather, our property projects continue to move along.

Approvals and permits have been received. As weather permits, the front windows of the parsonage will be replaced with ones that function properly.

The columns on the front porch of the parsonage will be replaced.

Witmer Masonry is scheduled to repair the necessary mortar joints in the area near the Memorial Garden as well as seal the bricks to keep them from deteriorating.

Exterior painting (mouldings, etc.) and the UUG Church roof are the projects that remain. We will discuss ways to address these projects.

Completion of these projects is possible only because of your generous response to our Capital Campaign. Thank you!!

YTD FINANCIAL STATUS December 24, 2023

Envelope offering needed: **\$186,524.00**

Offering rec’d to date: **\$172,736.54**

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

Property Fund rec’d to date: **\$19,035.00**

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

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



Refugee Resettlement Partnership (RRP) December Update

By Rayna Cooper, Coordinator

The RRP has been making progress with both families. Today, I made a call to a trusted advisor at Church World Service in Harrisburg to ask for a resource. The trusted advisor said she was hoping I was calling to request another family! I told her we were still fully occupied with our first two families! She then graciously answered my question in the most complete and helpful way possible!

While reorganizing some of my computer files to find previous RRP updates, I came across this note made in February 2022, just 10 days after our first family arrived in Gettysburg. As we look toward the second anniversary of their arrival (2/12/24), I thought I would share my impressions from that day, after coming upon a quote that stoked these thoughts:

2/22/22 Quote from reading the book "Dear Edward"

"The air between us is not empty space.

I want to know what to do.

That's easy. The same thing we all must do. Take stock of who we are, and what we have, and then use it for good."

Impressions:

They wanted to go to Texas. They were not placed in Texas – too many in the family -hard to place large families because no big houses were available.

Nearly at the end of placements for those housed at Fort Dix, the family found a home had been prepared for them. Gettysburg had a nice 4-bedroom house available to rent at a very reasonable price.

On arrival, the warm and welcoming house was shown to the family; with children running up and down the stairs to see all the wonderful rooms and bathrooms. The littlest girl walked around pointing to the upstairs bath, while making the washing hands motion with excitement in her eyes. The father was looking worried, seeing how the family was so excited. Finally, the elder son interpreted: his father was anxious and wondering if this was another temporary placement. He was told that no, this was their home for the foreseeable future. His worry lines disappeared, as a smile replaced them.

Another Day:

Can he walk outside by himself? He's 17, is it okay?

Do you mean is it safe?

Well, no, is it allowed? Can he walk around outside by himself? (the family asked as the 17 year old said he was taking a walk, leaving by way of the back door).

Everyone can walk outside in America.

Donations: things, environment, experience

Who paid for this? (asked about many things)

Larger pans, bowls, platters! (needed!)

Small delicate glass teacups.(desired)

Very warm house (so nice!)

Garbage/recycling crisis. (coach/teacher needed!)

Can opener – using a knife? (coach/teacher needed!)

Bermudian Wrestling match to attend with RRP volunteer – 2 high school boys – see my hands shaking? – I'm so excited.. (so generous!)

December/January RRP Newsletter – it will soon be on its way to you all! We have some interviews and the List of books purchased by the library in honor of the RRP ICPJ Peacemaker of the Year Award, plus a few other shorts.

The RRP is grateful for all the resources and activities provided by our partner churches, our members, and other contributors. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the Extraordinary Caring and Sharing you have shown our two families in the last 2 years, as you have all taken stock of who you are, what you have, and then shared it for "Good"!



Sundays at Trinity

8:00am Worship

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Fellowship (Gathering Area)

Choir Practice

10:30am Worship

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>New Year's Day</i> CLOSED	2 7pm Personnel	3 7p Choir	4	5 Consistory Reports Due 10a Coffee w/ Friends	6 <i>Epiphany</i>
7 <i>Baptism of Christ Communion</i> 12:30p - 4:30p MDANA	8 6p Cap. Camp.	9 3:30p-5:30p Knitting Group	10 7p Choir	11	12	13
14 Installation of Elders & Deacons 9am Speaker's Connie & Ryan Howe 11:30am ONA speaker Dr. Julia O'Brien	15	16	17 7p Choir	18 9:30 -10:30a Deb out	19 9:30a Flutes 11:30a Lunch w/ Friends	20 9a-11a Consistory
21 Jane's Retirement Reception 3pm F & F visit to Adams Cnty Historical Society/Museum	22	23	24	25 Newsletter Articles Due	26 9:30a Flutes	27 4p Piano Recital
28	29 6p-8p G.C.S Auditions	30	31 7p Choir			

DATE	ALTAR CARE	GREETERS	LAY READERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
January 7	<i>Lucy Greene Nancy MacMeekin Roberta & Audrey (E)</i>	10:30am <i>Ruth & Terry Krietz</i>	8am <i>Elder</i> 10:30am <i>Elder</i>	8am 10:30am	10:30am <i>Buck Harvey</i>
January 14	<i>Same as above</i>	10:30am <i>Mary Jane & Harry Hilbert</i>	8am <i>Dave Churchill</i> 10:30am <i>Lenore O'Rourke</i>	8am 10:30am	10:30am <i>Bonnie Smith</i>
January 21	<i>Same as above</i>	10:30am <i>M. Jane Alleman and Ruby Warren</i>	8am <i>Jen Mickelson</i> 10:30am <i>Lucy Greene</i>	8am 10:30am	10:30am <i>Bonnie Smith</i>
January 28	<i>Same as above</i>	10:30am <i>Janet & Steve Sheely</i>	8am <i>Cindy Blevins</i> 10:30am <i>Jane Eiker</i>	8am 10:30am	10:30am <i>Janet Sheely</i>

Staff

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young, Pastor

Deb Guiher, Admin. Assistant

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John McKay, Director Senior Choir

Sara Shank, Organist

Deb & Bruce Guiher, Housekeeping

Bruce Guiher, Bldg & Grounds Keeper

Nina Redding, Consistory Chair

Ruby Warren, Consistory Vice Chair



JANUARY 2024

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!**

January 7 **The Baptism of Christ** **Communion**

Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

January 14

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51

January 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

2024 Sunday Mornings - One Service - 10:30a

March 31st - Easter Sunday

6:30am Sunrise Worship Service

10:30am Traditional Easter Sunday Worship

July 28th - Outdoor Worship

October 6th - World Communion

November 3rd - All Saints Sunday

December 8th - Annual Church Meeting

Watch bulletins for added information/changes.

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www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org

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