

Week of January 28, 2024

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, The Kendlehart Family, Evelyn Kretz, MacKenzie Kretz, Josh Langley, John Lucas, Nancye Marinos, Jen Mickelson, Bob Miller, Kathy Murphy, Lenore O'Rourke, Lisa Reinoehl, Fischer Samuelson, Marian Smith, Bill Swisher, Brea Thomas, Mary Timmins, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, Mckenna Voss, and Teeyara Jo Weiant. *(Please notify the office to be removed).*

ALTAR FLOWERS: In loving memory of Galia Kendlehart, by her family.

5th Sunday Collections: **Again this year the congregation is asked to choose four (4) local organizations to support the 5th Sunday Special Collections (March, June, September, December.)** With a little more than a month remaining in our selection of 5th Sunday Collections, these are the organizations with the most votes: Adams Rescue Mission (13), Ruth's Harvest (10), Adams County Office of Aging (8), Adams County Children & Youth Services (7), Halal Meal for refugee families (6), Hoffman Home (6), Mission of Mercy Healthcare (5). **Please participate in voting through February 29th.** **Thank you, Ministries & Missions**

December 2023 -The fifth Sunday Special Collection for SCCAP was \$130.00. Thank you for your support!

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 for January and February:

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

March 18 - 3:00pm – game/trivia day at Trinity

April 14 – trip to Sight and Sound to see Daniel

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

From the Open and Affirming Committee (ONA):

TODAY 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.

Ruth's Harvest – February 7th - 4:00pm – 5pm @ Lincoln Elementary School – Playground side entrance. **Please bring your non-perishable items into the church before February 6th.** A list of items is included in the bulletins this month and are available in the Gathering Area. **Help is needed on the 7th to pack the backpacks.** Contact Sandy Busche if you can help. Thank You!

Be a February Food Banker!! Trinity is coming together in February to collect and supply NON-PERISHABLE FOOD PRODUCTS for our local Food Pantry: SCCAP (South Central Community Action Program.) Starting the first day of February through the last day of February, you will find a table set up in the Gathering Area, as well as a grocery cart in the main entrance on High Street. The cart (compliment of Kennies) makes it convenient for those who do not want to carry food up the stairs. Bring food to Sunday services or during the week.

DID YOU KNOW?: In Adams County alone in 2022, 42% of the total student enrollment qualified for Free/Reduced Lunches. There were 15,744 meals served at the Soup Kitchen and 8359 residents were enrolled in the SNAP program (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.) All indicators are these number will increase when compilations are completed for 2023. That's a lot of children, seniors, and families going to bed hungry each night. There is an alarming gap in the amount of income (usually by a very small margin) that prevents families from qualifying for Federal and State Programs that offer food assistance. The gap needs to be filled. **We ask ourselves "What would Jesus do?"** He would become a FEBRUARY FOOD BANKER and feed those less fortunate. We've got this Trinity!! Let's do it!! THANK YOU!

Rebecca Woodward, Project Leader.

VOLUNTEER? Sure, why not We sure could use you **It's really not hard.**
Ask anyone who is or has been a volunteer. Please contact Deb in the office for more information or to sign-up to help out. Thanks!

Acolyte
Greeter
Lay Liturgist
Usher

SPONSORS NEEDED 2024. Call, stop by or email Deb if you for more information or to sign-up.

Altar Flowers & Centerpieces: \$35.00. The Flower Chart is located in the Gathering Area to sign-up.
Newsletter: \$50 per month. (March, August, October, December).

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

Diapers for Tender Care - (Sizes needed 5, 6, 7)
Incontinence Supplies for Office for Aging – adult underwear/diapers; wipes, bed/chair pads, etc.
Cancelled stamps for the Brethren Home
Soda can tabs for Hershey Medical Center

Today: 11:30am - Guest Speaker Dr. Julia O'Brien, Professor of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament at Lancaster Theological Seminary – Fellowship Hall following worship

Monday: 6:00pm-8:00pm G.C.S. auditions - Sanctuary

Tuesday: 7:00pm Finance

Wednesday: 7:00pm Choir - Sanctuary

Friday: 9:30am-11:00am Flute Flock – Sanctuary

10:00am Coffee with Friends - Ragged Edge, Chambersburg Street

Saturday: 11:00am – 1:00pm G.C.S. auditions - Sanctuary

Next Sunday: Communion

12:30pm-4:30pm MDANA – Fellowship Hall

Attendance: 1/21/2024 8:00am 13; 10:30am 42; On-line 20; Total 75

Financial Report: 1/21/2024

Envelope Offering Needed: \$11,031.00

Envelope Offering Received: \$6,934.00

Property Fund Needed: \$1,272.00

Property Fund Received: \$600.00

RUTH'S HARVEST
Lincoln Elementary School
Playground side entrance

Trinity's packing day is
Wednesday, February 7th from 4pm – 5pm.

Volunteers needed.
Please contact Sandy Busche if you would like to help.

If you would like to donate food items, please bring items
to the church marked "Ruth's Harvest"
BEFORE Tuesday, February 6th.
Non-perishable, nutritional, individual servings,
easy to prepare items. No glass items please.

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	Nuts/Trail Mix
Canned Chicken	100% Juice
Raisins or Dried Fruit	Protein Breakfast
Canned Ham Chunks	or Granola Bars
Instant Soup Cups	Goldfish
Mac and Cheese Cups	Shelf Stable Milk
Rice and Bean Cups	Microwave Popcorn
Real Fruit Snack Packs	Cold Cereal
Spaghetti/Meatballs	Fruit Cups
or other Pastas	Pretzels
Oatmeal Packets	Pudding Cups
Canned Vegetables (8 oz or less)	
Peanut Butter To-Go Packs	
Shelf Stable Liquid Low Fat Milk	

Trinity United Church of Christ
Gettysburg, PA

January 18, 2024

Members of Trinity UCC,

This letter is to thank each and everyone who donated generously to Trinity's Capital Campaign for Building Projects. In a June 14, 2023 letter, Trinity announced the Capital Campaign to raise \$137,000 in 6 months to support the 5-year property plan approved by the congregation.

At the end of 2023, your donations have raised almost \$110,000!

Your very generous support allowed the Property Committee to complete or start many of our needed capital building projects, including:

- Parsonage bathroom renovation - completed
- Bricks repair and sealing - scheduled to start in appropriate weather
- Repair of round window at UUG - will be reinstalled when temperatures allow
- UUG Front Doors - in progress
- Parsonage front windows - ordered and will be installed when they arrive
- Parsonage front porch columns - currently waiting an updated price

There have been project cost increases this past year that have not allowed Trinity to start two projects (exterior painting and Stratton Street building roof) as yet. The Finance Committee will continue to monitor campaign commitments/pledges and other funds as they become available for these needed projects.

Thank you for your continuing stewardship.

Capital Campaign Subcommittee

Joan Peck

Neal Hollabaugh

Terry Krietz

George Steckert

Pastor Fred Young