

Week of February 4, 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, 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 welcome of our new great grandson expected any day 1st week of February
by Pat & Jack Ziegler

December 2023 -The fifth Sunday Special Collection for SCCAP was \$130.00. Thanks 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

LAST CALL for 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!

From the Open and Affirming Committee (ONA): A discussion session for the congregation is open to everyone who would like to speak about adopting an Open and Affirming covenant. This will be moderated by the Mediation Society of Adams County in order ensure that anyone who would like to speak will be afforded the opportunity. This will be held on **Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 11:30** am after the conclusion of our worship service

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 Jennies) makes it convenient for those who do not want to carry food up the stairs. Bring food to Sunday services or during the week.

WID 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.

SPRING/SUMMER BASKET AUCTION! **Ministries & Missions is hosting a themed basket auction March 24th during Palm Sunday Dinner.** Get together with your family, friends, church committees, your neighbors and use those talents to create a Silent Auction masterpiece! Does not have to be a basket a stuffed flower pot, pretty spring or summer box, watering can, picnic basket, cloths basket, etc. The auction will begin at the Palm Sunday Church Dinner and bidding opportunities will continue through Easter Sunday. **You can drop your baskets off anytime at the church during office hours or Sundays during worship times.** Also, 2 or 3 people are needed to help set-up, registering bidders, and contacting winners. **Call Lucy Greene if you can give a little time 301-254-1982 Thank you!**

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.* Thanks!

- Acolyte
- Altar Guild
- 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: Communion
12:30pm-4:30pm MDANA – Fellowship Hall
Monday: 6:00pm Property – Fellowship Hall
Tuesday: 7:00pm Personnel - Parlor
Wednesday: 4:00pm Ruth's Harvest Pack Bags – Lincoln Elementary School
7:00pm Choir - Sanctuary
Friday: Consistory Reports Due
9:30am-11:00am Flute Flock – Fellowship Hall
Next Sunday: 11:30am ONA Discussion following worship – Fellowship Hall

Attendance: 1/28/2024 8:00am 25; 10:30am 25; On-line 16; Total 66

Financial Report: 1/28/2024

Envelope Offering Needed: \$14,684.00	Envelope Offering Received: \$9,631.00
Property Fund Needed: \$1,696.00	Property Fund Received: \$650.00

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
Canned Chicken
Raisins or Dried Fruit
Canned Ham Chunks
Instant Soup Cups
Mac and Cheese Cups
Rice and Bean Cups
Real Fruit Snack Packs
Spaghetti/Meatballs
 or other Pastas
Oatmeal Packets
Canned Vegetables (8 oz or less)
Peanut Butter To-Go Packs
Shelf Stable Liquid Low Fat Milk

Nuts/Trail Mix
100% Juice
Protein Breakfast
 or Granola Bars
Goldfish
Shelf Stable Milk
Microwave Popcorn
Cold Cereal
Fruit Cups
Pretzels
Pudding Cups

LILY/TULIP ORDER FORM

**** DEADLINE TO ORDER: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

Your name _____

Number of Lilies (\$12.50) _____

Number of Tulips (\$11.50) _____

Payment: _____ Cash _____ Check

Make checks payable to Trinity UCC

Please state bulletin listing: (please print)

Presented by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

_____ I will pick up my lily/tulip

_____ Deliver my lily/tulip to a shut-in