

## Week of December 1, 2024

**Our continued Prayers support:** Bobbi Becker, Ashur Bowley, Brayden Beamer, Kathy Ciolino, Deb Crawford, 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, Christopher Little, Nancye Marinos, Bob Miller, Kathy Murphy, Lenore O'Rourke, Lisa Reinoehl, Lori Ruhlman, Fischer Samuelson, Bill Swisher, Brea Thomas, Mary Timmins, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, Mckenna Voss, and Teeyara Jo Weiant. Please call the office to be removed from the list.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of Walter B. Lane by Shirley Carlson.

Consistory and the Finance/Stewardship Committee have engaged Local Church Ministries of the UCC to conduct a Visioning session with our congregation. This visioning session will kick off a strategic planning process for Trinity that will be imperative for the decisions we will need to make as we move forward in fulfilling our mission of *Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!* Sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area. If you are interested in the growth and future of our church, please consider attending both days of this session and have your voice heard.

It will be held in two parts beginning at 6:00 pm - 9:00pm on Friday, December 6th and continuing at 8:00 am - 2:30pm on Saturday, December 7th.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: BRING A BAGGED LUNCH for Saturday. Beverages will be available.**

**SPECIAL 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY COLLECTION;** December has 5 Sundays therefore we are collecting for the SPCA, (Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), an organization that came in 4<sup>th</sup> on a list of 18 suggestions that the Congregation was asked to choose where they would like the Special Collections to go. Special envelopes are in the Pews and Gathering Area.

**ADVENT IS A TIME FOR SHARING FAMILY TRADITIONS.** Some members of Trinity have expressed a desire to share their own creche or manger scene with their entire Church Family as another way of welcoming the Christ Child at Christmas this year. We will display them in our Gathering Area beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>. You may bring them into the church during office hours or when you come for worship. Certain areas in the Gathering Area will be marked and designated for these displays - cards will be available for telling to whom each one belongs, and any other information you would like to share; as well as a sheet to list your name, date you brought it in and date you have taken it home. **We ask that YOU be the only one handling these family treasures.** PLEASE DO GIVE THE CHURCH OFFICE A CALL when you are ready to bring them in or take them home. COME ONE, COME ALL !!!

**TRINITY UCC SCARF AND MITTEN TREE:** Please join Trinity in sharing the warmth this holiday season....Collecting **NEW** hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for those in our community (both children and adults) who are in need. These items will be collected through the end of December. Donations will then be dispersed to several agencies within the Gettysburg community. Please hang your donations on the Christmas Tree in the gathering area

**Our Reading Group is back! Thursdays (except Thanksgiving Day) through the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in December, (11:00am to 12:00 noon) in the Gathering Area.** We are reading *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Our discussion will focus on the section--"Planting Sweetgrass" (pp 3-59). We hope you can join us.

\*\*\*\***MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregation Meeting**  
 after the 10:30am worship service. **ANNOUNCEMENT MATERIAL** was emailed to everyone and  
**is available in the Gathering Area.**

**ANNUAL CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER** – **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am service.**  
**Menu:** Glazed ham balls, green beans, and scalloped potatoes. Please bring your favorite dessert to share.  
 Sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area so we can get an idea of how much to prepare.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** We will continue to help with building the two-family house in Littlestown  
 (41-43 Craftway Dr.) through the first week in February. **Our week for snacks is Saturday, December**  
**14.** They would like us to supply 3-4 workers from our church that day to help finish the indoor work. They  
 will have work leaders there to help. **Work is from 8 am- noon.** If anyone would also be willing to donate either  
 snacks, fruit or drinks for 10-12 people that can also be marked on our work sign up sheet in the Gathering area.  
 Any questions should be directed to Janet Sheely, 717-357-1789.

**GIVING ENVELOPE NEWS!** Please note that beginning with your January 2025 envelopes the frequency of  
 delivery for envelopes will change. For those of you receiving envelopes you will be receiving envelopes on a  
**bimonthly** basis in the mail. In late December you should receive January and February 2025 envelopes and that  
 will be the process moving forward for the year.

<b>Today: Communion</b>	<b>12:30p-4:30p MDANA – Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>Monday: Annual Committee reports due</b>	<b>7:00pm G.C. S practice - Sanctuary</b>
<b>Tuesday: 6:00pm Property meeting – Fellowship Hall</b>	
<b>Wednesday: 5:30pm Dinner Church</b>	<b>7:00pm Choir - Sanctuary</b>
<b>Thursday: Pastor Fred OFF</b>	<b>11:00am – 12:00pm Reading Group - Gathering Area</b>
<b>Friday: 9:30am Flute Flock – Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>10:00am Coffee with Friends at Ragged Edge</b>
	<b>6:00pm – 9:00pm Visioning/Strategic Planning</b>
<b>Saturday 8:00am – 2:30pm Visioning/Strategic Planning – Please bring a bagged lunch.</b>	
<b>8:00am Hot Chocolate Sale for 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Gettysburg Christmas Festival – Trinity UCC</b>	
<b>Next Sunday: Annual Congregational Meeting following 10:30am Worship – NO 8:00am Worship</b>	

**Annual Christmas Gift to the Church:** Your Christmas Gift to the church is a statement of your faith in the  
 work of the church and is greatly appreciated. Envelopes are included your December mailing packet and  
 available in the Pews & Gathering Area.

**‘Christmas Fund’** has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the UCC for over 100  
 /rs, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, etc., to our lower-  
 income retirees. UCC congregations and members have blessed the Christmas Fund with their generosity for  
 many years. **This year’s theme is “Be the Light”. The Glory of God Shone Around them. Luke 2:9. Look for**  
**he PURPLE envelopes in the Pews & Gathering Area. Please make checks out to Trinity United Church of**  
**Christ.** These gifts will be forwarded to the UCC office. Thank you!

**Attendance: 11/24/2024 8:00am 25; 10:30am 35; On-Line 8; TOTAL 68.**

**Financial Report: 11/24/2024**

**Envelope Offering Needed: \$172,537.00 Envelope Offering Received: \$164,773.31**  
**Property Fund Needed: \$19,928.00 Property Fund Received: \$10,860.00**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10.25 each)

**\*Deadline for ordering – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

*Last change to order*



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)

# "Sing We Noel"

## A Christmas Choral Celebration

JOHN MCKAY, DIRECTOR

DECEMBER 6, 7PM

DECEMBER 7, 3PM

CHURCH OF THE ABIDING PRESENCE

61 SEMINARY RIDGE

GETTYSBURG, PA 17325

PEGGY HAAS HOWELL, GUEST ORGANIST



DECEMBER 14, 3PM

BASILICA OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

339 S. SETON AVENUE

EMMITSBURG, MD 21727

GETTYSBURGCHORALSOCIETY.ORG

**Free entry! Donations Accepted**

### *Sing We Noel*

In addition to timeless Christmas favorites sung by the chorus, the Gettysburg concerts will once again feature a Christmas-themed mini-organ recital, featuring organist Peggy Haas Howell. Ms. Howell, the current national vice-president of the American Guild of Organists, has performed throughout Europe and the United States and is well-known in Gettysburg. She has a particular affinity for the chapel's magnificent Andover pipe organ and is sure to inspire all with her magnificent talent.

As always, all of the concerts will conclude with the audience joining in a joyous sing-along, as the sounds of Christmas resound through the chapel and basilica.