

Week of November 17, 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 Reinhoehl, 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 my sister Pauline by M. Jane Alleman.

Consistory and the Finance/Stewardship Committee have engaged Local Church Ministries of the UCC to conduct a Visioning session with our congregation.

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

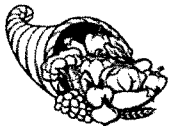
It will end at about 2:30 pm on Saturday.

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.

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 will be in the Gathering Area

Our Reading Group is back! Thursdays in November, from 11:00am to 12:00 noon (except Thanksgiving Day) we will be reading *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer. We will meet in the Gathering Area. Our discussion will focus on the section-- "*Planting Sweetgrass*". (pp 3-59). We hope you can join us for this beautiful book. "Robin Wall Kimmerer writes about the natural world from a place such abundant passion that one can never quite see the World the same way after having seen it through her eyes." - - Elizabeth Gilbert, author of *Eat, Pray, Love*



Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00pm Joint TUCC/GRACE UCC Thanksgiving Eve Service at Grace UCC, 100 4th Street, Hanover, PA 17331



Gettysburg Choral Society: "Sing We Noel" is the theme of this year's Christmas concerts, which will be held in a pair of concerts at the United Lutheran Seminary on **Friday, December 6th at 7:00 P.M.** and on **Saturday, December 7th at 3:00 P.M.** Then, on **Saturday, December 14th, at 3:00 P.M.** the chorus will repeat the concert at the beautiful Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD. The Gettysburg concerts will 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. Concerts will conclude with joyous sing-along, as the sounds of Christmas resound through the chapel and basilica.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Sunday, December 8th Annual Congregation Meeting following the 10:30am worship service.

ANNUAL CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER – Sunday, December 15th 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.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Even if you are not a part of this committee please join us this Thursday (21st) at 2:00pm and give us your input or see what the Fellowship Committee is about. Anyone is welcome!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: We will continue to help with building the 2 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.

Usher sign-up list in the Gathering Area for December, January & February. We only need one Usher for each service except for Christmas Eve, most likely will need two. Sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area.

Today: Celebration of Our Gifts - Time & Talents
Tuesday: 6:00pm Spiritual Council – Library 6:45pm Consistory – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday: 7:00pm Choir - Sanctuary
Thursday: DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
9:00m – 10:15am Deb & Bruce out of the office 11:00am – 12:00pm Reading Group - Gathering
2:00pm – 3:00pm Fellowship Meeting – Fellowship Hall
Friday: 9:30am Flute Flock – Fellowship Hall

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 yrs, 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 the PURPLE envelopes in the Pews & Gathering Area.** These gifts will be forwarded to the UCC office. Thank you!

Attendance: 11/10/2024 8:00am 19 10:30am 43; On-Line 20; Blessing of Pets: 5 TOTAL 87
Financial Report: 11/10/2024

Envelope Offering Needed: \$165,195.00 Envelope Offering Received: \$155,066.58
Property Fund Needed: \$19,504.00 Property Fund Received: \$9,720.00

Your name: _____ Number of Poinsettias _____ (\$10.25 each)

Deadline for ordering – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST.

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)

