

Week of November 24, 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 Ruth's mother, Ruth M. Hallman, by Ruth & Terry Krietz

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

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 be displaying them in our Gathering Area beginning the first week of Advent. All who wish to do so may bring them in any time during church 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 are bringing it in, date you have taken it home. We ask that YOU be the only one handling these family treasures; so please do the set up AND do the packing away when you decide to take them home again. There is no set time to bring them in OR to take them home - we will enjoy each one for whatever time it can be spared by your family. PLEASE DO GIVE THE CHURCH OFFICE A CALL when you are ready to bring these precious holiday displays in OR take them home, so that we can be certain someone will be present to unlock the door for you. COME ONE, COME ALL !!!

Our Reading Group is back! Thursdays (except Thanksgiving Day) through the 1st or 2nd 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. "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*

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

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.

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.

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: Pastor Fred @ Grace	Rev. Peter Kuhn will be doing both services
Wednesday: Church office closes at 12:30pm	
7:00pm Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service at Grace UCC in Hanover, 100 Fourth Street, Hanover 17331 (TUCC, Gettysburg/Grace UCC, Hanover/ Trinity UCC, Hanover)	
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day - Closed	
Friday: DEB & BRUCE OUT	9:30am Flute Flock – Fellowship Hall
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent. Communion	12:30pm-4:30pm MDANA – Fellowship Hall
Monday: ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS due for the Annual Meeting Packet	

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. Please make checks out to Trinity United Church of
Christ. These gifts will be forwarded to the UCC office. Thank you!

Attendance: 11/17/2024 8:00am 22 10:30am 34; On-Line 36; TOTAL 92

Financial Report: 11/17/2024

Envelope Offering Needed: \$168,866.00 Envelope Offering Received: \$161,639.58

Property Fund Needed: \$19,504.00 Property Fund Received: \$10,845.00

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)



“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.