

Week of December 29, 2024

Our continued Prayers support: Bobbi Becker, Ashur Bowley, Brayden Beamer, Kathy Ciolino, Deb Crawford, 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.

PLEASE JOIN TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th for anniversary celebrations of Ordinations of Ministry for Rev. Edward Gobrecht - 60 years and Rev. Peter Kuhns - 30 years. We will recognize them during the 10:30am worship service with a reception following the service.

Parsonage Christmas Open House: Sunday, December 29th 2:00pm – 5:00pm. Please join us!

LAST CHANCE - Special 5th 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 4th on a list of 18 suggestions the members chose where they would like the collections to go. Envelopes are in the pews & Gathering Area. Collection ends December 31st.

LAST CHANCE: Trinity UCC Scarf & Mitten Tree; Collecting NEW hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for those in need (both children and adults). Items will be collected through the end of December then dispersed to several agencies in the Gettysburg area. Please hang your items on the Christmas Tree in the Gathering Area.

Reading Group! Thursdays through the end of January, (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

GIVING ENVELOPE NEWS! Beginning with your January 2025 envelopes, the frequency of delivery for envelopes will be bimonthly. In late December you should receive January and February 2025 envelopes and that will be the process moving forward for the year.

GETTYSBURG C.A.R.E.S. Helping dates for TUCC are Tuesday morning, January 14 through Monday morning, January 27 to prepare breakfast. Trinity will again be helping with CARES breakfasts at St James. We will be preparing the breakfast in the St. James kitchen. Suggested time to be there is 6am. Guests arrive by 7am for breakfast. They provide a suggested menu for a week. You may improvise on the menu. All food supplies are provided there. We need at least 2 people to sign-up for each day during those 2 weeks to cook and prepare the breakfast area and clean up after 8 am when the guests leave. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. Questions may be directed to Janet Sheely 717-357-1789.

CARES "CARES has ask us to provide devotions for the two weeks we have been assigned to provide breakfast. These dates are from Monday, January 13-26. However, devotions are in the evening between 8:30 - 9 pm in the overnight rest area of St. James church. There will be a separate sign up for this in the Gathering Area. This can include reading verse and praying with and for those people involved and as short as you like or as long as a half hour. Questions may be directed to Janet Sheely, 717-357-1789. "

Third Sunday of the month beginning with Sunday, January 19th – Soup and Sandwich meal following the 10:30am service. Watch bulletins/January Newsletter for more details to come.

HISTORY TASK FORCE REQUEST: If you have any church directories (or anything like a church directory) before 2000, please see Jane Malone or Carl Barrick.

Ministries & Missions would like to thank everyone that has contributed incontinent supplies the past few months. We used funds raised from the September 2023 Polish Pottery Bingo to purchase some of the supplies along with the donated incontinent supplies. We plan on making two additional purchases in 2025 with the funds remaining. We recently delivered over 400 incontinent supplies to the Adams County Office of Aging. They were so thankful for these donations, and they were much needed. Your ongoing generosity is greatly appreciated by the Adams County Office of Aging and Ministries & Missions as this is an important mission, we look forward to continuing. Many thanks! Please note that they continue to have a demand for pull-up disposable underwear and bed pads any donations of these in the next few months would be greatly appreciated. Thank you! **Ministries & Missions.**

Today: ONE SERVICE 10:30am Anniversary Celebration of Ordination of Ministry	
for Rev. Ed Gobrecht – 60 Years and Rev. Peter Kuhn – 30 Years. Reception following service	
2:00pm – 5:00pm Christmas Open House at the Parsonage	
Monday: DEB and BRUCE OUT of the OFFICE – Church/Office Closed	
Tuesday: New Years Eve – Church/Office will be open 8:00am-3:00pm	
Wednesday: New Years Day - Church/Office Closed	
Thursday: 11:00am – 12:00pm Reading Group - <i>Gathering Area</i>	
Friday: 9:30a Flute Flock	10:00am Coffee with Friends
Saturday: Joanne Martin Celebration of Life at TUCC	
10am Visitation; 11:00am Service; Luncheon following the service	
Next Sunday: Communion	12:30pm-4:30pm MDANA – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>

LAST CHANCE: 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 in your December mailing packet and available in the Pews & Gathering Area.

LAST CHANCE: “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!

PLEASE NOTE: IRS Rules

All monetary contributions for 2024 must be received in the church office by December 31st or postmarked no later than December 31st to qualify as a 2024 contribution on your church statement.

Attendance: 12/22/2024 8:00am 18; 10:30am 37; On-Line 20;
Christmas Eve 3:00pm 35; 8:00pm 69; On-Line 43; TOTAL 222

Financial Report: 12/22/2024

Envelope Offering Needed: \$187,221.00 Envelope Offering Received: \$184,720.08
Property Fund Needed: \$21,624.00 Property Fund Received: \$11,647.00



In Loving Memory of:

Herbert & Doris Bailey by Russell Bailey (1)

Loved Ones by Cindy Barley (1)

Dong Qinglie and Liu Yumei by Suhua Dong (1)

Galia Kendlehart and Paul Kendlehart by Neal, Karen & Victory Kendlehart (2)

Lila & Don Martin by Cindy Kidd (1)

Loved Ones by Nancy MacMeekin (1)

M/M Richard Harner and M/M Herman D. Miller by Suzy & Bob Miller (1)

My Grandparents by Jim H. Orner (1)

Alice & Daniel Hoffman and Lula & Lawrence Redding

by Nina & Russell Redding (2)

Hank Whitfield and Miles M. Whitfield by Phyllis Whitfield (2)

Ruth Kennel, Mary Woodward, Trena Ribble, Sharon Wise, Eddie Bowers, Christopher Bowen

Susan Woodward, by Rebecca & Tim Woodward (7)

Ruth & Terry Krietz (2)



In Honor of:

The White poinsettia is in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ by the Hilbert Family (1)

Our Children and Grandchildren by Sandy & Tom Busche (1)

Altar Guild Committee Members by Nancy MacMeekin (1)

Our Grandchildren, Evelyn and Evan by Maryann & Ken Oelkers (2)

Donations towards church decorations:

Russell Bailey

Karen & Neal Kendlehart

Cindy Kidd

Ruth & Terry Krietz

Nancy MacMeekin

Suzy & Bob Miller

Jim Orner

Nina & Russell Redding

Bonnie Smith in honor of my Church family

Phyllis Whitfield

Rebecca & Tim Woodward

And our thanks to:

***The Altar Guild and other members** who decorated the Sanctuary, Gathering Area and outside doors.*

***The Hilberts** for the Poinsettia Tree*

***Cindy & Don Blevins** for the two Poinsettias on the Altar through the season*