

## Week of December 22, 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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Altar Poinsettia's are donated by Cindy & Don Blevins.

**Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family of Joanne Martin who died Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.** May God's loving embrace provide comfort and peace to Joanne's family. A Celebration of her Life will be Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Visitation 10am-11am; Service 11am with a luncheon immediately following the service.

### **Christmas Eve Worship:**

TUCC 3:00pm and 8:00pm w/Candlelight & Communion; GRACE 5:30pm w/Candlelight & Communion

**PLEASE JOIN US SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>** for anniversary celebrations of Ordinations of Ministry for Rev. Edward Gobrechts 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 29<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm – 5:00pm.** Please join us!

**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 the members chose where they would like the collections to go. Envelopes are in the Pews & Gathering Area.

**Advent is a time for sharing family traditions.** Share your own creche or manger scene as another way of welcoming the Christ Child at Christmas. We will display them in our Gathering Area. You may bring them into the church during office hours or when you come for worship. Cards are available to tell who it belongs to and any other information to share, as well as a sheet to list your name, date it was brought/date taken it home. **We ask that YOU be the only one handling these family treasures.**

**Trinity UCC Scarf & Mitten Tree:** Please join Trinity in sharing the warmth this holiday season....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

**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. They would like us to supply 3-4 workers from our church 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 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!** 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.

**Third Sunday of the month beginning with Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** – 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.

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**Today: 10:00am Pastor Fred @ Grace UCC**

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**8:00am & 10:30am Kara Young – Guest Speaker**

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**5:30p-7:00pm Private Event in Fellowship Hall**

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**Tuesday: Christmas Eve**

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**OFFICE CLOSED**

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**3:00pm and 8:00pm Worship both with Communion and Candlelight @TUCC**

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**Wednesday: Christmas Day – Church/Office Closed**

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**Thursday: Pastor Off**

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**11:00am – 12:00pm Reading Group - *Gathering Area***

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**Friday: NO Flute Flock**

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**Next Sunday: ONE SERVICE 10:30am Anniversary Celebration of Ordination of Ministry**

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**for Rev. Ed Gobrecht – 60 Years and Rev. Peter Kuhn – 30 Years. Reception following worship.**

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**2:00pm – 5:00pm Christmas Open House at the Parsonage**

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**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.

**“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: 12/15/2024 8:00am 15; 10:30am 43; On-Line 27; TOTAL 85.**

**Financial Report: 12/15/2024**

**Envelope Offering Needed: \$183,550.00**

**Envelope Offering Received: \$182,155.08**

**Property Fund Needed: \$21,200.00**

**Property Fund Received: \$11,097.00**