

Week of December 8, 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: Altar Poinsettia's are donated by Cindy & Don Blevins.

Christmas Eve Worship:

3:00pm and 8:00pm with Candlelight and Communion at Trinity UCC, Gettysburg
5:30pm with Candlelight and Communion at Grace UCC, Hanover

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 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 1st. 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 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.

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 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.

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. I will have sign up sheets available starting in December. Please think about it. We had wonderful helpers last year. 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.

Today: ONE SERVICE SUNDAY – Annual Congregational Meeting following 10:30am worship
Rev; Edward Gobrecht, Guest Pastor
Wednesday: 7:00pm Choir - Sanctuary
Thursday: CONSISTORY COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE
11:00am – 12:00pm Reading Group - Gathering Area
Friday: 9:30am Flute Flock – Fellowship Hall
5:30pm – 6:30pm Piano Recital - Sanctuary
Saturday 8:00am – 12:00pm Habitat for Humanity – TUCC Work & Snack Day
9:00am Christmas Dinner Prep/Set-up – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Next Sunday: 5:30p-7:00pm Private Event in 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 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: 12/1/2024 8:00am 18; 10:30am 36; On-Line 25; TOTAL 79.

Financial Report: 12/1/2024

Envelope Offering Needed: \$176,208.00 Envelope Offering Received: \$170,172.81

Property Fund Needed: \$20,352.00 Property Fund Received: \$11,047.50