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A message from Pastor Fred

Special Worship for October and November

October brings us two very special church celebrations, World Communion, and Reformation Sundays. **Dinner Church** will be held on **Wednesday, October 7th at 5:30PM**. We will host Dinner Church each first Wednesday of the month. The next offer will be Wednesday, November 4th. Join us for this time of Potluck food, fellowship and faith!

Staff

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young, Pastor
Deb Guiher, Admin. Assistant
Karen Lentz, Account/Payroll Mgr.
Sara Shank, Organist-Choir Director
Bruce Guiher, Bldg/Grounds Keeper/Sexton
Ruth Krietz, Consistory Chair
Joan Peck, Consistory Vice Chair

Sundays at Trinity

8:00am Church School

**9:00am Choir Practice
Tech Preparation**

9:30am Worship

Join us Sundays 9:30am livestream on

www.facebook.com/GettysburgTrinityUCC/

OR watch it later on

[https://www.youtube.com/@](https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityUnitedChurchofChristGettysburg)

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October 4

World Communion

Exodus: 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 & Psalm 19

OR

Isiah 5:1-7 & Psalm 80:7-15

Philippians 3-4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

October 11

Exodus 32:1-14 & Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

OR

Isiah 25:1-9 & Psalm 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

October 18

Exodus 33:12-23 & Psalm 99

OR

Isiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

October 25

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

OR

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 & Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

October 4, 2026, is World Communion Sunday. Traditionally, this worship offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Our Mission Team will be presenting their experience through picture and story, and the Flute Flock and Carl Glover will offer special music during worship as well. Please join us.

Sunday, October 25th is Reformation Sunday! Throughout the year we preach about many things in church. About how we live our daily lives, the choices we make, the habits of our faith. On Reformation Sunday we are brought back to the most important thing – the thing that compelled Martin Luther and others to risk their lives. In our worship we are invited to return to the core of our faith: **God loved us first, and God continues to shower us with grace and mercy.** We will also have a presentation about our congregation's Open and Affirming Journey.

November always begins with our celebration of the Saints who have died over the past year. Names will be pre-engraved on river rock and dropped into a bowl of water to signify the ripples each Saint has left in our lives. A singing bowl is struck as each name is read. We will also celebrate around the Communion Table. Please join us for **All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1st**. We remember these Saints of Trinity:

**Lois Monforte Sue Henderson Churchill Ronald Nicodemus
Barbara Muller Linda Zhea Donald Blevins**

Blessings! Pastor Fred

Trinity's Open and Affirming Covenant

Trinity United Church of Christ, founded in 1790, values and welcomes a diverse congregation. We believe that each of us is created in God's image and that all are loved and blessed equally by God. Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." In keeping with Jesus' commandment, we commit ourselves to demonstrating Christ's unconditional love in how we live together within our congregation and our community. We invite into our family all people with no exception. In our community of faith, we affirm and embrace that all people are encouraged to fully participate and share their talents and energy in worship, sacraments, leadership positions, ordained ministry, lay ministry, learning, service, mission and fellowship. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Trinity United Church of Christ.

Leading up to the Open and Affirming presentation on October 25th, we will be reciting the Covenant as an Affirmation of Faith during the month of October.



Our continued Prayer support: Ava Grace (Pastor Fred’s and Kara’s granddaughter), Jeff Baum, Sheila Bowmaster, Brayden Beamer, Family of Don Blevins, Ashur Bowley, Tom Busche, Shirley Carlson, Kathy Ciolino, Sue Cline, Sonny Coble, Deb Crawford, Frank & Sandy Buhr and Family in the death of her mother John M. Venny. Bill & Dee Duffy, Linda & Harold Heller (Sara Shank’s parents), Harry Hilbert, Richard Hough, Connie Howe, Robert Keller, Evelyn Kretz, MacKenzie Kretz, Family of Kim Krietz, Josh Langley, Christopher Little, Bob Malone, Bob Miller, Kathy Murphy, Lenore O’Rourke, Leo Palvekosky (3 yr old with Leukemia), Brian Parker, Fischer Samuelson, Genevieve Shaffer, Betsy Dane Smith & Dusty Smith, Bonnie Smith, Brea Thomas, Mary Timmins, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, Mckenna Voss, Ruby Warren, and Teeyara.

(Please notify the church office when a name can be removed from the prayer list)



Our Condolences to the family of Don Blevins who died Monday, September 21st. Funeral services were held at here at Trinity, Monday, September 28th. **Please keep the Blevins family in your prayers.**

THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family,
Thank you **for the beautiful *Get Well* cards.** I love each and every one of them! **Bonnie Smith**

POST TO TRINITY'S FACEBOOK!

- SEND AN EMAIL TO TECHTUCC@GMAIL.COM
- PUT FACEBOOK IN THE SUBJECT LINE
- ATTACH PHOTOS, SHORT VIDEOS, POSTERS, INFORMATION OR OTHER CONTENT
- LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT THE ITEM POSTED "AS IS" OR ENHANCED BY OUR TALENTED STAFF!



Happy Birthday!
Stan Gish, October 22

Happy Anniversary!
Barbara & Oscar Spicer,
October 18
Pat & Jack Ziegler,
October 22



Helping Hand Fund

A fund established to help those who need financial assistance.

Fund envelopes are available in the in the Gathering Area.

Ways to continue to support the work of Trinity!

- E-Giving:
Find instructions under either the Members tab;
Missions in Giving tab
on website (info available in office);
Use the automatic bill paying service your bank offers;
Mail your offering envelope to the church by U.S. mail:
Trinity United Church of Christ
60 E. High Street
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Try our new donation by credit card
via website-missions/giving tab



Scan your
phone across
the QR code

Financially
Envelope offering Needed YTD: \$144,768.00
Envelope offering received to date: \$122,355.50
Property offering Needed YTD: \$15,015.00
Property Offering received to date: \$13,212.50
******Trinity is nearing a \$20,000 budget deficit that needs to be made up by the end of this year. Please consider increasing your weekly giving to help Trinity meet this year’s budget.**

DRIVERS NEEDED

Drivers are needed to provide transportation for members in need, please contact Pastor Fred or Deb in the office 717-334-7266

DON'T FORGET!

TRINITY’S ON-GOING MINISTRIES & MISSIONS:

Diapers - Tender Care;
Cancelled Stamps - Brethren Home;
Incontinence Supplies - Office Aging;
Personal Care Items - Blessing Room;
Soda can tabs - Hershey Med Cntr

Do you get your fuel (propane, heating oil) from Aero Energy?

You can help Trinity.

For more information visit: www.AeroEnergy.com/HOW or call 1-888-480-1271.

Members of Trinity can enroll in *Our House of Worship* program and Aero will donate \$0.04 to Trinity for every gallon you use.



The Good Ship Steward

It takes several resources to keep the Good Ship Trinity afloat, not the least of which is money. In order to keep the lights on and the staff paid, we need more of it. Please bring your spare change and drop it in the Cash for Christ jar (a.k.a. Pennies from Heaven, Dough for the Deity, Lucre for the Lord, Alms for the Almighty) in the gathering area.
When my granddaughter lost a tooth a while back, she told her mother that she hoped that the Tooth Fairy would put under her pillow the money that was made of green paper with numbers on it. In addition to loose change we need those greenbacks as well. In 2 Corinthians 9:7, Paul states that “the Lord loveth a cheerful giver.” At Trinity we lover all givers, whether they are cheerful or not! – **Carl Glover, for the Stewardship Committee**

Property October 2026 Newsletter

Trinity’s property committee continues to identify projects that need to be done to keep our church in apple pie order. Most recently the stained glass windows were repaired and should be aok for the next 25 years. Under Bruce Guiher’s direction volunteers removed the parsonage deck so that the smashed underground drain lines (courtesy of our Norway spruce) could be replaced. The deck will be replaced with a composite material. The railings will be reused. Bids ranging from \$20,500 to \$37,000 were received. The \$20,500 was accepted. Funds from interest earned on our endowment fund will be used to pay for this project. This marks the end of expensive projects that need to be completed. Hallelujah.

Bruce Guiher is a gem of a groundskeeper/maintenance employee. He is a problem solver without equal. He has saved Trinity countless dollars. A listing of recent projects that he has completed follows:

- Opened the downspout drains on the parsonage so that water no longer leaks into the basement
- Repaired the wrought iron railing at the UUG church. This required fashioning brackets with a welder and fastening them securely to the concrete
- Installed the dedicated handwashing sink in the kitchen which required cutting the stainless steel counter and installing the sink and faucet
- Ran wire and installed the four security cameras at various locations around the building. He also installed a monitor so that Deb can see what’s happening at the exterior of our building
- Supervised removing the deck from the parsonage. He also reinstalled temporary steps leading from the parsonage living room/sunroom to the back yard and parking lot until the deck is replaced
- Routinely replaces light bulbs in the sanctuary. In the past, Hull’s Electric was called to do this
- Researched various sensors for HVAC/Fire units in the building so that he can replace them in the future
- Researched and installed railing at the UUG Church that meets ADA requirements

Bruce’s skill and unfailing good humor are much appreciated!!

Dinner Church
Wednesday, October 7th 5:30pm
A gathering where all the most important things happen at the table.
Please bring a dish or dessert to share with the larger group.
No reservations needed.
Just show up with food.

COME TO CHURCH . . . STAY FOR BRUNCH
Sunday, October 18th following 9:30am worship
Cindy Kidd and Chris Swinn will be your hostesses.
Menu: Pizza and Toss Salad
To be sure enough food is prepared, please sign-up in the Gathering Area or call the office.
Bring a friend or a family member. All are welcome!

BLESSING ROOM
Monday, October 26th 11:00am - 1:00pm
(Help needed to set-up 10:00am /tear down 1:00pm)
A list of items needed is in the Gathering Area.
REMEMBER, if you use it, they use it!
The shelves are AGAIN empty. We still have enough toothbrushes and toothpaste, but everything else is gone.
Please keep the donations coming.
This is a much needed ministry in our community.
From the Social Concerns Committee

Christian Education
SENIOR SOCIAL
1:00pm
October 27th
and will continue the fourth Tuesday of each month
Get out of the house!
Come and enjoy games, snacks, and most of all – fellowship or just come and hang out.
Learn a new game or play an old one.
Bring your favorite game.
No pressure just fun!

The PA Dept of Food Safety will be doing a class:
Friday, October 9th
1:30PM to 3:00PM,
in the social hall.
All persons who help or plan to help in the church kitchen are encouraged to attend.
Now that our kitchen has been certified to serve food to the public it is necessary that everyone knows the current rules and procedures.
Please sign up to attend. There is no fee to attend.
All participants will receive a certificate of completion



TRUNK OR TREAT
Saturday, October 31st 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Parking lot next to the church.
We will distribute candy to the neighborhood children from our car trunks.
Just park your car, bring out your candy and set up a chair.
Put out a battery powered light (if you have one).
You can dress up too if you want to add to the fun!
If you cannot come join the fun, candy and/or money donations to purchase candy are accepted and appreciated.
This year we’ve added the homemade hand puppets with Trinity’s name on them to hand out to the kids along with the candy.

October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
					9:30a Flutes	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
World Communion Mission Team Presentation 12:30p -4:30p MDANA	Deb/Bruce OUT		5:30p Dinner Church 7p Choir		9:30a Flutes 1:30p–3:00p Food Safety Class	SOLD OUT Polish Pottery Bingo 5p Doors open 6p Games begin
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	2:30p Property		7p Choir	CONSISTORY REPORTS DUE	9:30a Flutes	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Come to Church – Stay for Brunch following worship		1:15p Spiritual Council 2p Consistory	9a-4p UCC Boundary Training w/lunch at TUCC 7p Choir	Deb/Bruce out between 9a-10:15a	9:30a Flutes	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Reformation Sunday ONA Presentation	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 11a-1p Blessing Room	1p Senior Social	7p Choir		9:30a Flutes	6p-7:30p Trunk or Treat

DATE	ALTAR CARE	GREETERS	LAY LITURGISTS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
October 4 World Communion	Pat Ziegler Suhua Dong	Sandy Busche Roberta Weiant	Carl Glover		Buck Harvey
October 11	Same	Neil Hollabaugh Roberta Weiant	Penny Frantz		
October 18	Same	Alison & Joe Lysitt	Scott Wehler		Janet Sheely
October 25	Same	Janet & Steve Sheely	Jim Orner		Janet Sheely