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Sundays at Trinity

8:00am Church School

9:00am Choir Practice
Tech Preparation

9:30am Worship

Waiting, hoping, giving shape to our dreams is part of the human condition. To dream of a world of peace and justice, where God's goodness is all in all, and to wake to its realization, is a cherished human hope. So, the church waits for Jesus in Advent. Poised, we are alert to the signs of the times in nature, Scripture, the news, ready to greet wherever the Christ appears. The Promise comes in unexpected peace blossoming like a garden in winter, in the wakeup call of an unlikely prophet, in the sudden courage to risk bringing God's future into being, in Mary's risk to bring Jesus into the world. Advent's color is blue, the color of the sky just before the first rays of sunrise wake the rooster to announce to the watchers the dawning of the new day.

Imaging the Word. Vol. 3. United Church Press.

Happy Advent!
Pastor Fred

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

Join us Sundays 9:30am
Livestream on
www.facebook/GettysburgTrinityUCC/
OR watch it later on
https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityUnitedChurchofChristGet

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th following worship.

Your attendance and participation are most important. Material will be emailed to everyone on the church email list, copies will be available in the Gathering Area beginning 11/29/26.

Please pick up the packet of information for review prior to the meeting.

Advent Season at Trinity

This Advent we will focus on Carols of Christmas as we light our Advent Candles. Join us as we celebrate this time of great waiting.

Week 1: November 29th - *1st Sunday of Advent, Communion* "In the Bleak Midwinter" – **Hope**

Week 2: December 6th – *2nd Sunday of Advent* "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" - **Peace**

Week 3: December 13th - *3rd Sunday of Advent* "All Earth is Waiting" – **Joy**

Week 4: December 20th – *4th Sunday of Advent* "What Child is This" – **Love**

December 24th – *Christmas Eve/Communion*
2 Worship Times – 3pm and 8pm

Each week liturgy, scripture and the sermon will focus on the carol's lyrics and history. Join us as we prepare for the Christ Child.
"All earth is waiting to see the Promised One!"

Advent and Christmas Schedule

November 29th *1st Sunday of Advent*
Communion
December 6th *2nd Sunday of Advent*

December 13th *3rd Sunday of Advent*
Congregational Meeting

December 20th 4th *Sunday of Advent*
December 24th
Christmas Eve/Communion
3 Worship Times *3pm and 8pm*





Our continued Prayer support: Jeff Baum, Sheila Bowmaster, Brayden Beamer, the Family of Don Blevins, Ashur Bowley, Tom Busche, Shirley Carlson, Kathy Ciolino, Sue Cline, Deb Crawford, Bill & Dee Duffy, Linda & Harold Heller (Sara Shank's parents), Harry Hilbert, Robert Keller, Evelyn Kretz, MacKenzie Kretz, Family of Kim Krietz, Josh Langley, Christopher Little, Alison Lysitt, 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, Barbara & Oscar Spicer, Brea Thomas, Mary Timmins, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, Mckenna Voss, Ruby Warren, and Teeyara Jo Weiant.

Please call the office to be removed from the list

Our condolences **to the family of Garnet "Sonny" Coble who died November 4th, and to the family of Robert W. Miller, Suzanne Miller's husband, who died November 6th. May God's loving embrace provide comfort and peace during their time of mourning.**

We want to thank all of you including the "desk duty" helpers, Property Committee (for cleaning including the bathrooms) and Speros for getting the Christmas decorations down from the attic. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated as we recover from our accident. Your many kind gestures to help out in any way possible did not go unnoticed. **Thank you again,**
Deb and Bruce



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Buck Harvey December 21
Bonnie Leedy December 30
John Ziegler December 29



Debra & James Hoffman
December 6

Marjori & Francis Lyons

December 8

Connie & Scott Wehler
December 22

THANK YOU!

I wish to thank everyone at Trinity for your prayers and support during my fall and long recovery. Especially Joan Peck and the small group of friends who helped get my home ready for my return. Thanks to Janet Sheely for weekly grocery store trips and John Lucas for taking care of my weekly trash pickup. I cannot express my gratitude for all the work and resources that have made my home more secure and safe.
With much love, Bonnie Smith

THANK YOU!!! After many, many, years of service on the Fellowship Committee, we have decided to retire. It has been a wondrous journey. We have enjoyed the friendship of many. Whenever we needed help in the kitchen, you were always ready and willing to lend a hand. We will miss being in the thick of things but you are in good hands. Please continue to support Fellowship activities and offer suggestions as you see fit. Thanks again to our Trinity Church family. Our thanks and love to all.
The Hilberts

Dear Trinity UCC,
Thank you for making the Independent Living and Project Hope programs one of your recipients for donations. Our program assists youth with their transition to becoming independent. We strive to offer support and education necessary to make their transitions a successful one. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! ***Sincerely, Kay Hollinger, IL Office Asst., and Leasia Ayres, Program Supervisor***

FINANCE REPORT 11/22:

11/22 Envelope Offering Needed WEEKLY: ***$3,707.00***
Offering Rec'd: *$*
Envelope Offering Needed YTD: ***$174,464.00***
Offering Rec'd YTD: *$*

11/22 Property Fund Needed WEEKLY: ***$385.00***
Offering Rec'd: *$*
Property Offering Needed YTD: ***$18,480.00***
Offering Rec'd YTD: *$*

******* Trinity is nearing a large budget deficit. Please consider increasing your weekly giving to help Trinity meet this year's budget.***

Scan your phone across the QR code to make a donation

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

Heads Up From the
Social Concerns Committee!

It may still be 2026, but Social Concerns is looking forward to our community work in 2027. So, Heads Up, Trinity!

JANUARY, we will be collecting men and boys gently used, or repairable shoes. They do not have to be perfect. Shoes that need repair, will be repaired. We will collect ladies and girls shoes in February. These shoes are shipped to the needy overseas. And don't forget that in **FEBRUARY**, as well as the continuing shoe collection, we will also collect for the Food Pantry. Your generosity is making life better for folks locally and around the world. Thank you!

Dinner Church
Wednesday, December 2nd @ 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.

Christian Education

SENIOR SOCIAL

December 22nd @ 1:00pm

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!

BLESSING ROOM

Monday, November 30th 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. Even when the "pickings" were thin, those who found something they needed were full of thanks to our congregation. Please: No Over-the-Counter medications.

Please keep the donations coming.
This is a much needed ministry in our community.

TRINITY UCC UNDERWEAR TREE:

Please join Trinity in sharing the warmth this holiday season …. collecting **NEW** underwear, socks, bras for the Blessing Room for those in need (both children and adults).

Items will be collected through the end of December.

Please hang your items on the Christmas Tree in the Gathering Area.

Do you get your fuel (propane, heating oil) from Aero Energy? You can help Trinity. For more information call 1-888-480-1271 or visit: www.AeroEnergy. com/HOW Members of Trinity can enroll in *Our House of Worship* program and Aero will donate $0.04 to Trinity for every gallon you use.

2027 SPONSORS NEEEDED

Call, stop by or email Deb

Altar Guild Members

Acolytes - Lay Readers

Greeters - Ushers

Newsletter: $50 per month

Altar Flowers: $35 (Altar Pair or Centerpiece)



Community Christmas Caroling
Saturday, December 5, 2026
More information will be emailed when it is verified.

December 6
Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2nd Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8

December 13
Annual Church Meeting
Isaiah 51:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126
OR Luke 1:46b – 55
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 20
Annual Church Christmas Dinner
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Luke 1:46b-55
OR Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

December 24
Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

December 27
Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER
Sunday, December 20th following the worship service.

Menu: Roast Beef dinner

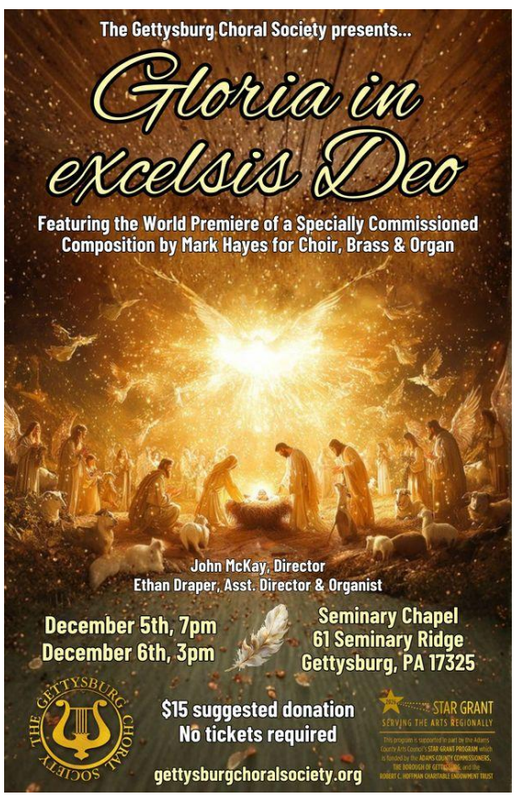
Please sign up in the Gathering Area
so Fellowship Committee can adequately prepare.

Property Newsletter - December 2026

The Property Committee had a little excitement when we learned that Bruce and Deb were in a car accident and would not be able to come to work for a bit. The personnel committee sprang into action and identified tasks that needed to be done. The property committee members volunteered to vacuum, clean bathrooms, organize items, empty trash and clear leaves. With some effort, Trinity looked clean and tidy for the Liberty Rifles on Saturday and for worship on Sunday. Thankfully, Deb and Bruce were back at their posts in a few days.

Trinity's Property Committee is working on the following items:

- The parsonage deck work will begin when the land use permit has been approved. This should happen after HARB has an opportunity to ask a few questions about the plan. With a bit of good fortune, the deck should be started before Christmas. Keep your fingers crossed for reasonable weather.
- The committee is investigating ways to save money on our electric bill as well as other cost saving measures.
- The committee is collecting estimates on a professional kitchen cleaning. This is something that we thought could be bypassed, but mouse droppings were discovered on a serving tray and it seems that a periodic "deep clean" is a good idea.
- Sewage backed up in the parsonage basement on October 29. Frantz Plumbing was called and was able to clear the clog (with some effort) and clean up the mess. This happens sporadically. Todd Taughinbaugh will run a camera into the line and see if this is yet another problem that was caused by the Norway spruce trees.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Join the Gettysburg Choral Society for a beautiful celebration of the Christmas Season featuring choral music, organ, brass, and more!

The centerpiece of our concerts will be the WORLD PREMIERE of "They Sing Gloria," a special commissioned composition by acclaimed composer Mark Hayes, written especially for the Gettysburg choral society for choir, brass, and organ.

Gloria in excelsis Deo:
~**Saturday**, **December 5**, **2026** — **7:00 p.m.**
~**Sunday**, **December 6**, **2026** — **3:00 p.m.**
Seminary Chapel
61 Seminary Ridge
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Donation: $15 per person suggested
No tickets required
John McKay, Director
Ethan Draper, Assistant Director & Organist
Christian Keller, Accompanist

DECEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**
			5:30pm Dinner Church 7p Choir		9:30am Flutes	Christmas Caroling 7p Gettysburg Choral Soc. Concert
2nd Sunday of Advent 6	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**
12:30p-4:30p MDANA 3p Gettysburg Choral Society	DEB/BRUCE OUT		7p Choir		9:30am Flutes	12p-8p Private Event in Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
Annual Church Meeting 13	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**
		1:15p Spiritual Council 2p Consistory	7p Choir	2p Book Club	9:30a Flutes	
Annual Christmas Dinner 20	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**
Penelope Frantz Baptism		1p Senior Social	7p Choir	Christmas Eve DEB/BRUCE OUT Two services 3p 8p	**Christmas Day CLOSED**	
27	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**		
	11a-1p Blessing Room		7p Choir	New Years Eve Office closes at 1p		

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

DATE	ALTAR CARE	GREETERS	LAY LITURGISTS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
December 6	***Lucy Greene*** ***Nancy MacMeekin***	***Mary Jane & Harry Hilbert***	***Ann Harvey***		***Buck Harvey***
December 13	***Same***	***Ann & Buck Harvey***	***Jane Malone***		***Penelope Frantz***
December 20	***Same***	***Sandy Busche*** ***Roberta Weiant***	***Cindy Blevins***		***Janet Sheely***
December 2 **3pm** **8pm**	***Same***				
December 27	***Same***	***Ruth & Terry Krietz***	***Jim Orner***		***Jen Mickelson***

