

# TRINITY U.C.C. PARISH POST

## February 2019

### CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH!!

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

(I Corinthians 12:1-11 NRSV)

Catch the Vision,  
Share the Joy!!

**Parish Post Deadline:**  
3rd Monday of the month

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR STUDENT PASTOR

Dear Fellow Disciples,

In my final homestretch toward graduation I was reflecting on some of the classes I have taken while attending seminary and realized there was a common thread or process that allowed me to fully take in all the knowledge and wisdom the subject offered me. I also noticed a connection to 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 where Paul speaks about spiritual gifts.

That common process was the art of learning together in community over time. Once in, you find that style of learning has a certain internal feel and momentum. It is ancient, and larger than you are; it weaves you together with other people in doing things none of us could do alone. Learning within the body of Christ also draws people together from across neighborhoods and communities each individual unique and different yet sharing common ground as being a member of the body of Christ. Paul makes the same claim when explaining the beauty of spiritual gifts. Paul expresses how no spiritual gift is better than another and all spiritual gifts are governed by the Holy Spirit. Each gift is unique to the individual, but all gifts are equal unto God and Christ and the common ground is we are the members of the body of Christ and we make up the whole of the body of Christ.

As the body of Christ, we also share common ground with the Eucharist. Part of shaping communities and finding common ground is table fellowship. The Eucharist can allow space to ask important questions regarding the sacrament. What does it mean when we say all are welcome to the table? Everyone is welcome at the table. There is no hierarchy at the table of Christ. The Eucharist gives the opportunity to share common-ground and learn about one another in community. Paul is teaching that exact message when he writes about spiritual gifts and how they are not subject to hierarchy. There is no ranking on which spiritual gifts are better than others. All gifts are unique yet the same in the body of Christ.

As the body of Christ let us take table fellowship and hospitality beyond the church walls and into the world where we can discover and learn about the rich spiritual gifts that we bring and learn about the spiritual gifts of others through faithful presence in community.

God is still speaking and acting, and is inviting us into the divine dance of love through learning and acceptance.

*Student Pastor Jack Hocker*



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## JANUARY CONSISTORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Chuck Husted presented the long-range plan from the property committee. Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Trinity's Covenanted Minister of Mission discussed her roles at Trinity and at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Pastor Rankin will be leading the retreat called Come Follow Me to be held at Trinity on March 16.

Pastor Rankin will form a task force to talk about ministry to children in our congregation and the community.

Pastor Rankin's sabbatical will be from July 22-September 7.

## LENTEN PREVIEW



The Rev. Dr. Harry Covert will be leading a Lenten study on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. The title of the class is "Biblical Perspectives on Suffering". The adult classes will meet together starting March 10. We invite all members of the church to join us for this class.

Our Wednesday Lenten services will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 6. The theme for our weekly Lenten services is "Perfect Love Casts Out Fear". Clergy members of Trinity Church will be our guest preachers. Look for more information in the March Parish Post.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Would you be interested in an outreach ministry to children in our congregation and community? Pastor Chris is forming a task force to talk about an activity to bring families with children to Trinity once a month. Please speak with him for more information.



## THE TRINITY MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting will be on February 9 at 8:00 a.m. at Family Fare Restaurant in East Petersburg. **Doug Hopwood from The Transitional Living Center (TLC) will be our guest speaker.** This is open to all men of the congregation!

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/01	Brad Miller
02/05	Steven Archibald
02/05	Robbin Stone
02/08	Hayden Knoll
02/13	Ian Derstler
02/13	Don Witmer
02/19	Dina Slechta
02/21	Arlene Hoxworth
02/24	Gregory Gruber
02/25	Judie Bistline
02/26	Rev. Vernon Baum

## Stewardship XXX by Rev. Jack Esbenshade

February is the month that I gather together receipts and records in order to compile the information necessary to submit to the CPA for completion of the federal, state and local tax documents. When the year ends it is a time to review the list of deductions to itemize.

But this has been the focus of my year end activities in the past. I have a spread sheet with various categories across the top and the months down the left column. This exercise has enabled me to examine where our money went, whether to pay the mortgage, utilities and household expenses or contributions and medical bills.

The reality is that in the future, with the increase in the standard deduction, I probably won't have to undergo this exercise. So that raises a question for an internal dialogue. Do I give because I have been given much? Or do I give because it has a secondary benefit as a deduction against my taxable income?

Of course, for me the answer is that I give because I have been given much, because it is a part of just something I (we) do. I give because it has been incorporated into my very being. Moving forward, I wonder if my CPA will want the spread sheet that I compile each year. She will probably find it easier to simply calculate the standard deduction and tell me how much of a refund or payment is due.

But I think I will continue with the exercise, simply to have some idea what we are doing with our money and whether or not we are remaining faithful in our giving to others.

## "KNIT IN GOD'S LOVE" PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. Come, bring a friend, enjoy an afternoon of tea, snacks, good fellowship and help us to continue this ministry. We have given many shawls in the past few months and more are needed. **If you would like to financially support the prayer shawl ministry, you can make donations on your weekly offering envelope.**

## WINTER WEATHER POLICY

We are now in the winter months and we may see some snow! We will try to hold worship services as long as the pastor can make it to the church. However, there may be times when we have to change the Sunday morning schedule or cancel services & Sunday School. The pastor and the Consistory president will make these decisions in enough time to inform you through the website, e-mail, church voicemail and WGAL (you can check their website for church information). If we decide to hold services and Sunday School, we ask that you make a personal decision on whether you can attend. We don't want you to risk your health!

## LIFE LINE SCREENING



Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque buildup in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on 2/9/2019 at Trinity UCC. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149(\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979. You can also sign up on the Screening Apt. Sheet on the table in the Narthex.

Scriptures for February	
3	Jer. 1:4-10; Ps. 71:1-6; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30
10	Isa. 6:1-13; Ps. 138; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11
17	Jer. 17:5-10; Ps. 1; 1 Cor. 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26
24	Gen. 45:3-11,15; 1 Cor. 15:35-38,42-50; Luke 6:27-38

## BIBLE STUDY GROUP NEWS

The Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 in Karen Olley's home. We will begin a new study of Philippians. All are welcome. For more information contact Diane Rice.



The sign-up sheet for Koinonia is downstairs by the kitchen.

Anyone interested in contributing a small snack for this time of fellowship is encouraged to sign up. Talk to Paula Dennes for more information.

## PEANUT FELLOWSHIP



Peanut Fellowship will meet on February 11 and 25 from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## SUNDAY LUNCH GROUP

The Sunday lunch group to Chives is having their next lunch will be on February 3 (after the 10:30 service). The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Deadline to sign-up is January 26. Contact Donna Zirkel for more information!

## Trinity Concert Series and Upcoming Concerts (Half of the Free Will Offering from each Concert Series Concert will support the listed charity):

**February 10, 2019** - The Celtic Martins - 3:00 PM - Ting Ministries

**April 28, 2019** - Trinity Spring Concert - 6:00 PM concert followed by desserts

**October 13, 2019** - QuintEssentially Brass Concert - 4:00 PM

**December 1, 2019** - Trinity Christmas Concert - 6:00 PM concert followed by desserts

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The children and youth of our congregation will be collecting money after both services on February 3 to support the community meal ministry of Trinity Church.



## TRINITY'S MEALS WITH A MISSION February 3, 2019



Trinity will again be assembling meals for our some of our members on Super Bowl Sunday. We will meet after the second service to put together the meals - it should take less than an hour. We will have a Valentines themed menu this time!

If you are able to help out with the assembly of the meal or are able to deliver the meal, please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex! Hands of all sizes are welcome to help. We will have plenty to do!

## LOVE SUNDAY



On February 14, 1993, the members of St. Luke's began a mission project called "Love Sunday". The purpose of this project was to collect non-perishable items for the local food bank. We will continue with this mission project on February 17. The food will be donated to the Hempfield Power Packs. The following items are needed: canned chicken, instant rice, chili (not taco) seasoning packets, and mashed potatoes. The children will help us collect the items during the children's sermon.



## ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

**The Christian Issues Class** will continue using the Wired Word curriculum by the stage in Isenberg Hall.

**The Good News Class** will continue their study of the Gospel of Mark around the tables at the back of Isenberg Hall.

**The Bible Discovery Class** will continue their study of C.S. Lewis in the choir room.



You are invited to come in and be a **MYSTERY READER** for one of our preschool classes. You may choose a book of your own or one suggested by the teacher. Also, you can choose to provide a snack for the day. For more information please

contact

Sean McKelvey

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Hooley (717 940-9380).

## Save The Dates



**VBS 2019**

**"Knit In God's Love"**

**July 8 -11, 6:30 - 8:30 PM,**

**Closing Program - July 12**

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has supported our capital campaign. As of January 13 we have received 89 pledges totaling \$531,434. This means we have achieved 138% of our original goal (\$385,000). We have received \$489,147.65, 92% of the pledges. We have also received \$6,723.39 from people who did not submit a pledge.

There is still time to submit a pledge if you have not done so already. Pledge forms can be found in the narthex. You can put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. We will continue to update the congregation on the status of the campaign. **Remember to put your contribution in a separate envelope or use the special designation box on your envelope. Contributions in building improvement box go to the building fund!**

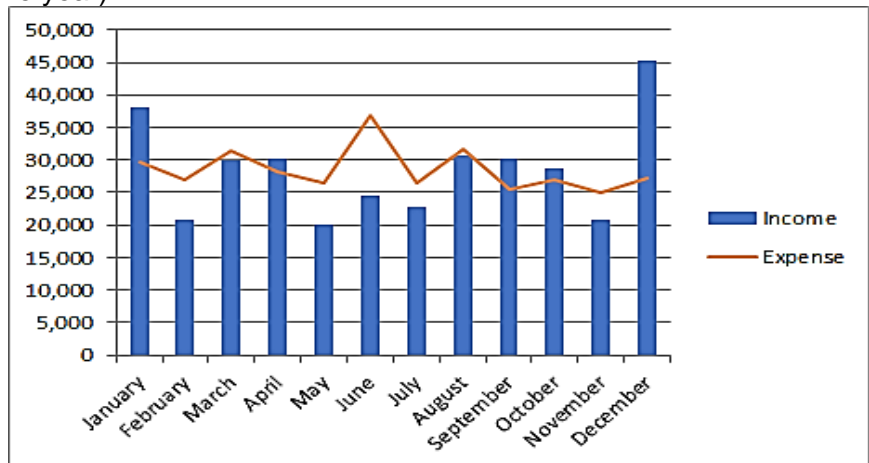
## MONTHLY FINANCIAL DATA THROUGH 12/31:

Below is a graph comparing our monthly income/expenses through October.

**Year to Date Income....\$342,048,**

**Year to Date Expense..\$341,854**

(January income is above normal due to a member contributing for the entire year).



AS WINTER CONTINUES  
T.W.O. INVITES THE LADIES OF  
TRINITY TO CHASE AWAY THE  
BLAHS

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20,**

**7:00PM**

WE WILL MEET FOR A TIME OF  
DEVOTIONS FOLLOWED BY  
FUN AND GAMES AND FOOD!  
NO PRESSURE, JUST LOTS OF  
LAUGHS!!!!

(TRINITY'S WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION)





## The Celtic Martins In Concert

### Trinity UCC

2340 State St.  
East Petersburg, PA  
717-569-1632  
[www.trinityeastpete.org](http://www.trinityeastpete.org)

## Sunday, February 10, 2019

Concert – 3:00 PM  
Freewill Offering  
Benefits  
Ting Ministries  
And  
Trinity's Music Ministry





## Trinity Concert Series Looking For Supporters 2019

Would you like to support the Trinity Concert Series with a donation towards the expenses incurred? Please complete this form and return it with your donation to the church office, or place it in the offering plate. If you wish to Sponsor a complete concert, please speak to the Director of Music.

1848 Circle \$200.00 or More  
Benefactor \$100.00 - \$199.99  
Patron \$50.00 - \$99.99  
Well-Wisher \$0.01 - \$49.99

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Name

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In Honor/Memory Of:

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### CONTRIBUTIONS BY WAY OF ON-LINE OR TELEPHONE

Did you know that you can make your contributions to Trinity by way of an on-line transaction or using QR code on your smart phone? It can be a one-time transaction or an automatic continuing transaction.

#### ON-LINE or SMART PHONE

Go to our web site...[www.trinityeastpete.org](http://www.trinityeastpete.org). Click on RESOURCES tab and you will see:

GIVE ONLINE – OUR GIFTS TO OTHERS

**GIVE ONLINE OUR GIFTS TO OTHERS**

GIVE ONLINE-NORMAL CONTRIBUTION

**GIVE ONLINE – NORMAL CONTRIBUTION**

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giving...Normal Contribution



QR Code for smart phone

Click on the SELECT BOX and you can then identify to which account you contribution is to be credited.

You have the following options:

Create an account or not.

Select to include the extra 3% if paying by credit card

Select to include the extra 1% if paying by your bank account

If not selected, the added cost will be paid by the church.

We will show the QR code in the Sunday Bulletin and Parish Post in the future so it is accessible.

Any questions, please contact Ken Zimmerman.

## **May We Have Your Attention Please...**

**United Church of Christ Homes** is pleased to inform your congregation that our 2018 Helping Hands Dinner & Auction raised almost \$26,000 for the Benevolent Endowment Trust Fund.

Thanks to your support of UCC Homes, residents of UCC Homes who are unable to pay for the cost of their care and who do not have access to governmental assistance programs will be able to receive financial aid for years and years to come.

The Board of Directors along with the Special Events Committee of UCC Homes encourage your congregation to mark your calendars for our **24<sup>th</sup> Helping Hands Dinner & Auction to be held on MAY 4, 2019** at the Hershey Country Club and support our event in one or more of the following ways:

- Gather items relating to a specific theme and make a gift basket to be auctioned at the 2019 event
- Serve on the Special Events Committee (contact Victoria at (717) 303-1502 if you're interested)
- Attend the May 4, 2019 Helping Hands Dinner & Auction to be held at the Hershey Country Club

***Thanks again for your interest and support of  
UCC Homes!***

*For further information on the 2019 Helping Hands  
Dinner & Auction or to inquire about making a  
contribution, please contact the Development Office  
at (717) 303-1502.*

### **PASTOR ON VACATION**

Pastor Chris & Anne will be taking a winter/pre-Lenten vacation to Florida from February 20-27. The Rev. Dr. Carrie Call & Student Pastor Jack Hocker will lead worship on February 24. Pastoral emergencies will be covered by Rev. Sandy Morris (Feb. 20-25) and Rev. Bob Hunsicker (Feb. 26-27). You can reach Rev. Morris at 717-385-1588 and Rev. Hunsicker at 717-299-4234.

### **THE 2019 FLOWER AND WORSHIP AIDS CHARTS ARE POSTED:**

Thank you for supporting this part of our worship service by your sponsorship! Chancel flowers cost \$33 or \$41. Worship Aids (bulletins, communion elements, candles, and other worship items) cost \$26.





# LENTEN RETREAT AT TRINITY CHURCH

Saturday, March 16, 2019

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

*Led by Pastor Chris Rankin & Pastor Dave Bushnell*

*Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex!!!!*

## COME FOLLOW ME

“Most mainline congregations are in decline, especially in attracting new members or in helping long time members come alive in faith. If your church is like that, David Bushnell’s excellent and widely field-tested retreat COME FOLLOW ME is an answer to your prayer. Someone once told Dr. Bushnell, ‘The problem isn’t that we resist growth because we like things the way they are. The problem is...why would anyone really want to become one of us.’ I have witnessed first hand the transforming power of COME FOLLOW ME Retreats upon individuals and congregations. The retreat manual is easy to use, theologically grounded, and educationally solid. What is more, it is designed for persons and churches who already have a full schedule. This is the best of its kind I have seen in more than thirty years of ministry.”

*Benjamin Griffin, Retired President and Professor of Liturgics  
Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, MA*

The COME FOLLOW ME RETREAT is a weekend experience designed to have people experience an awareness and a renewal of Christian Community. Brief talks are followed by small group sharing sessions. Each part of the retreat builds on the foundation of earlier sessions. Some of the themes considered include:

- .....Our Calling to be “The Body of Christ”
- .....Obstacles to Christian Community
- .....Jesus’ Vision for our Church
- .....A Renewal of Baptism
- .....God’s Gifts to and through the Church
- .....Called to be Disciples

The weekend includes times of worship, singing, prayer, fellowship, and good fun. But most importantly, the weekend is a concentrated time to grow in relationship to others and to deepen our relationship to Christ.

### WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID....

...The weekend gave me a real sense of belonging, not just as a number or face, but as a person of Christ’s Body. It is hard to express the closeness, love, communion, and healing with which you leave the weekend. The weekend is certainly a rare encounter in such a superficial world. People make the weekend- we have some great people at our church. People being open and giving of themselves is what makes the weekend.

...The most helpful part of the COME FOLLOW ME weekend was the opportunity to really learn to know and understand members of my own church. These are people that I passed Sunday after Sunday in church saying “hello” to them but never really knowing most of their names or their real concerns of life.

...There is a special bond that develops, but it’s funny, you don’t want that bond to stop with these people. I guess it’s like a chain link fence- the more you add, the stronger it becomes and the farther it can reach.

...Prior to the weekend, I didn’t know what the body of Christ meant, intellectually or spiritually. Being with a group of people, sharing, caring...they have become trusted friends. I had not trusted the Church or the people in it. I now care deeply about the church and these people.

...The COME FOLLOW ME Retreat helped to teach me that the people are God’s Church. We can be there for each other as well as the pastors. It helped me care for persons I didn’t know so well, simply because we are part of Christ’s Body. We have a common ground on which to approach each other. That realization helps to break down barriers. I think I knew this, but never saw it realized, as it was during the weekend.





## MEET MITCH & BLAKE GIBSON



Blake and I live in Manheim. Blake is 4 years old and currently goes to preschool at Manheim BIC. Blake enjoys being outside, playing trucks, spending time with his brother and his cousins, and being a good helper, especially to his Grandma. I work at E-town Sporting Goods and also coach track and field at Manheim Central High School. I enjoy trips with Blake to Lake Erie, spending time with family and friends. In March 2018 I started to look for a church to attend so that Blake would be able to experience church, and have a foundation for him to eventually make his own decisions on his faith and religion. The few people I spoke to about their churches were not quite what I was looking for. I reached out to Pastor Chris, whom I knew through college, and the things we spoke out seemed to be in line with what I was looking for in church for us. Once we started attending Trinity it became very clear that it was exactly what I was looking for: wonderful people who were genuine, caring and friendly and a message of inclusion, service, and love. Blake and I couldn't be happier with our decision to start attending Trinity and our grateful for how friendly and accommodating everyone has been to us.



### NEW ADDRESSES FOR DIRECTORY

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Trinity UCC,

All of you have been so kind to me. I appreciate all the cards, calls & flowers. I hope you all have a happy new year. The church and the church family have given so much. I can only return my thanks with lots of prayers. To you all a thank you. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

*Joyce & Ronnie Becker*

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Dear Trinity UCC,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$731 to Bethany's Brighter Future Fund. Your special gift to the Brighter Future Fund will provide our youth with a new foundation to become empowered young adults with positive goals.

Thank you for thinking of our youth during this time of year. Your ongoing support will help them to continue to heal and take back their lives.

Sincerely,

*Carolyn Shultz Spano*, Director of Development

Dear Trinity UCC,

Thank you for your congregation's gift to Phoebe! Because of your generosity, Phoebe is able to meet the needs of older adults through diverse residential options, comprehensive care and exceptional educational programs. From independent living to affordable housing to skilled nursing, charitable contributions truly make a difference in the daily lives of our seniors.

On behalf of everyone who lives and works at Phoebe, thank you again for your support!

Warm regards,

*Stacey L. Prohaska*, Executive Director Office of Philanthropy

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Dear Members of Trinity UCC,

We thank you for your 12/18/2018 gift of \$764.00 in support of the ministry of UCC Homes from the congregation of Trinity UCC. Without people like you, so many people would not be able to receive the assistance they need.

UCC Homes' greatest area of need continues to be the securing of sufficient funding to meet the growing financial need of residents who are unable to pay for their costs of care and who are not deemed eligible for governmental assistance programs. the Benevolent fund helps to meet this need.

On behalf of the residents and staff, thank you for your thoughtful gift. Helping people, reaching out a helping hand to someone who needs our concern is what UCC Homes is all about. Because of your continued support in this effort, it is what you are about also.

Sincerely,

*Victoria M. Velez*, Director of Public Relations and Fund Development.

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Dear Members of the Congregation,

Thank you for your generous support of Milagro House. Your recent gift of \$316.00 will go far in supporting our mission to provide education, housing and support to women and their children who would otherwise be experiencing homelessness.

The mothers who come through our doors have made a commitment to improve their family's lives through education. With your assistance they are able to focus their energies and hard work on their studies while living in the safe and supportive environment found at Milagro House.

We simply would not be able to serve the women and children we serve or have the impact we have without the support of many individuals, foundations and corporations. We are extremely grateful.

Thank you again for your generous support of Milagro House.

With Gratitude,

*Christina C. Duncan*, Executive Director

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Dear Friends in Christ,

We are so very thankful for your recent generous gift to support the ministries of Love in the Name of Christ. Because of you, churches in Lancaster County responded to over 9000 calls and emails in 2018, and met over 5,000 needs of their neighbors with love and compassion, reflecting the light of Christ to everyone they served. Without your prayers and financial support, we would be unable to connect the growing number of folks in need in our community with the Body of Christ.

We appreciate your partnership in this ministry more than you can imagine. The hundreds of congregational volunteers who serve, and the thousands of folks whose lives are touched, attest to the vital work that is being accomplished by the Church in the name of Christ. If you know of anyone who may be interested in learning more about how to serve or support Love INC, please let us know.

Thank you again for making a difference in the lives of your neighbors. We are privileged to serve you, and others, because of your gifts of love.

May God's blessings be with you.

Yours in Christ,

*Kim Y. Wittel*, Executive Director

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift in support of the ministry of theological education at Lancaster Seminary.

Your gift provides support for Lancaster Seminary's mission "to educate and nurture leaders to join God's redemptive and liberating work so that all creation may flourish." We seek to bring a gifted and dedicated faculty, committed and called students, and supporting churches, organizations, and friends into a vibrant community of faith.

The support you provide with your prayers and your gifts opens the doors for our students' education, opens their mind to learning, and opens their hearts to serving.

In Christ,

*Rev. Dr.Carolyn Call*, Executive Director of Development and Communications.

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Dear Trinity UCC,

Thank you very much for Trinity United Church of Christ's generous donation of \$313 to Music for Everyone in support of our programs.

We know that there are many worthy causes in our community and we are humbled by the trust you have exhibited in us to utilize your contribution in a way that will have a meaningful impact. Again, thank you for joining us in our effort to cultivate the power of music in Lancaster County.

Sincerely,

*John Gerdy*, Founder and Executive Director

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of CASA of Lancaster County's Board of Directors and staff, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your recent donation of \$349.25 from the proceeds of your Brass quartet Concert to CASA of Lancaster. Your monies will support our mission of providing advocacy within the Lancaster County Court system for children who have been abused and neglected. It is CASA's belief that all children deserve safe, nurturing and permanent homes. With over 300 children in Lancaster County who need a CASA volunteer, your generous donation will bring us significantly closer to achieving our goal.

Again, thank you very much.

Sincerely,

*Jessica L. Laspino*, Executive Director

## FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

ACOLYTES		CRUCIFERS		GREETERS		FLOWERS	
3	Rylan Shelley	3	Thomas Goodhart	3	Jodi & John Keller	3	Rohrer
10	Sophie Murray	10	Jack Hocker	10	Rosemary Minder & Beth Bossert	10	Fogle
17	Rachel Baynard	17	Lily Kilgore	17	Kathy & Bud McCarty	17	Barr
24	Landis Knoll	24	Thomas Goodhart	24	Dorothy Schadt & Betty Fogle	24	Himelwright

LECTORS AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS		TRINITY BREAD		WORSHIP AIDS	
February		February		February	
3	Dan Otthofer	3	Chris Eyer	3	
10	Jack Hocker/Diane Rice	10	Joan Sensenig	10	Geisler
17	Jack Hocker/Dave Trostle	17	Rosemary Minder	17	Covert
24	Jack Hocker	24	Betty Fogle	24	

PRESENTER OF ELEMENTS		COMMUNION USHERS	
February		February	
3	Zach Baynard/Caleb Kreider	3	Diane Rice, Karen Olley, Dave Trostle
17	Lily Kilgore/Rylan Shelley	17	Diane Rice, Karen Olley, Dave Trostle

MONEY COUNTERS		CHURCH NURSERY	
February		February	
3	Noreen & Dave Trostle, Betty Tyndall, Bob & Nancy Musser	3	Anne Rankin & Heidi Fischer
10	Bud & Kathy McCarty, Scott Owens, Dave Connor	10	Chris & Mark Eyer
17	Bud & Kathy McCarty, Scott Owens, Dave Connor	17	Jill & Dan Otthofer
24	Jack Richards, Dave & Noreen Trostle, Paula Dennes	24	Marlyn Wible & Denise Huggins

REGULAR OR MONETARY USHERS		Bold=Head Usher   Underline=Distribute bulletins	
February			
3	Steve Shenk, <u>Betsy Bailey</u> , John Bailey, Chuck Husted, Denise Huggins, Lee Bossert, Jane Starr, Judie Bistline		
10	John Barr, <u>Chuck Portser</u> , Hank Fox, Jane Portser, Dolly Barr, Theodore Slechta, Stan Seachrist, Thomas Goodhart		
17	Bud McCarty, <u>Kathy McCarty</u> , Mark Eyer, Christine Eyer, Dennis Eberly, Jack Richards, Scott Summers, Zach Baynard		
24	Dave Connor, Ken Zimmerman, Dan Otthofer, Bob Kilgore, Jill Otthofer, Anne Rankin, Robby Kilgore, Heidi Fischer		

VISITATION MINISTERS		ALTAR GUILD		KOINONIA	
		February	Dave & Mid Gockley	February	
CALLED TO CARE	BUILDING TRUSTEE	CARD		3	A. Rankin & R.B aynard
January-March	February	February		10	
Anne Rankin	Mike Wagner	Church Staff(Carol Kratz)		17	
				24	

### DID YOU KNOW?

We have a wheelchair, a cane, two sets of crutches, and two walkers for members of our church family to borrow. Contact the church office if you need to borrow any of these items.



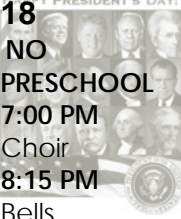

**PLEASE** put any information for the secretary in her mailbox and not on her desk. Thanks so much for your help in this matter.

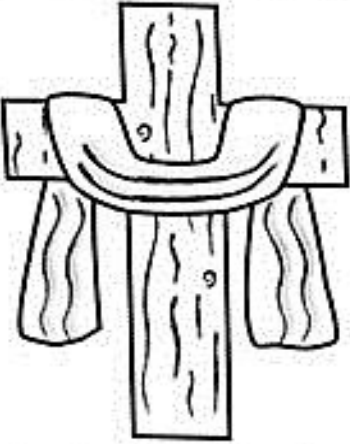




# February 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:00 PM/AA 
3 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM-C.E. 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Eucharist	4 7:00 PM Choir 8:15 PM Bells	5	6	7 7:00 PM Lancaster Assoc. Mtg.	8	9 LIFELINE 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 8:00 PM/AA
10 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM-C.E. 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Worship 3:00 PM Concert	11 7:00 PM Choir 8:15 PM Bells	12 7:00 PM Consistory/Bds.	13	14 10 AM-Noon Mercersburg Study Group 	15 NO PRESCHOOL	16 11 AM-4 PM Isenberg Hall in use 8:00 PM/AA
17 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM-C.E. 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Eucharist	18 NO PRESCHOOL 7:00 PM Choir 8:15 PM Bells 	19 1:00-3:00 PM Knit for God's Love Prayer Shawl	20 7:00 PM T.W.O.	21 7:00 PM Finance Committee	22 7:00 PM Pinochle	23 8:00 PM/AA
24 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM-C.E. 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Worship Dr. Call, Guest Preacher 3-8 PM Cub Scouts	25 7:00 PM Choir 8:15 PM Bells	26	27	28 7:00 PM Pastor/Parish	PASTOR AWAY 	
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Find all ten words:

Jesus  
Lent  
Ash  
Wednesday  
Dust  
Prayer  
Alms  
Fasting  
Sacrifice  
Purple

W	J	E	P	S	A	C	T	A	P
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D	J	G	E	O	R	V	R	M	A
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Unscramble these Lenten Words

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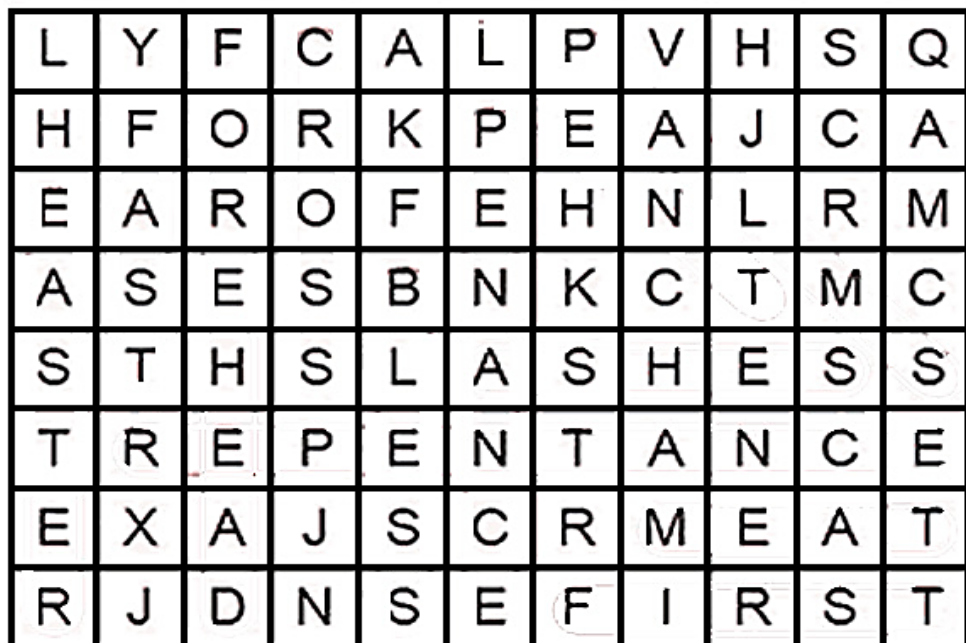
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One thing I can do during Lent to bring me closer to God...

## Ash Wednesday - Word Search

How many words can you find in this puzzle using the word bank below?



ASHES	EASTER	FOREHEAD	PALMS
BLESS	FAST	LENT	PENANCE
CROSS	FIRST	MEAT	REPENTANCE



# PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### February 2019

**PARENT VISITS FOR 2-DAY, 3-DAY, AND 4-DAY**

#### **CLASS ROOM VISITATION**

**SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE POSTED FOR CLASSROOM VISITS. YOU ARE WELCOME TO PROVIDE A CRAFT OR ART PROJECT, TEACH A GAME OR SONG, READ A FAVORITE STORY, BRING A SNACK, OR SIMPLY JOIN IN OUR FUN!. PLEASE TRY TO NOTIFY THE TEACHER AHEAD OF TIME OF YOUR PLANS. THIS IS YOUR CHILD'S SPECIAL DAY, PLEASE NO SIBLINGS!**

#### **REGISTRATIONS FOR 2019-2020**

**PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** Registrations are accepted on a "first come, first served" basis, so don't delay. We hope you will want to share your positive preschool experiences with friends, family and neighbors. If you know of families who would be interested in our program, please give their names and addresses to Sean McKelvey and they will be sent a registration brochure. You can receive a refund of next year's \$50.00 registration fee for referring a child who enrolls next year too.

#### **THE PRESCHOOLER'S DAY**

Have you ever asked your little one, "What did you do in preschool today?" and gotten a response such as "I don't know"? That's because your child has done so much in the 2-1/2 hours of school it's difficult for them to summarize and recall everything! A 3-year old has practiced choosing a toy or activity, coped with a peer who knocked into his/her block building, and managed to use scissors to cut out a shape. And that's just in the first 1/2 hour! To gain a little insight into your child's time in the classroom, try asking about specifics, then asking for more detail. Here's an example:

**Adult** What did you have for snack today at school?

Child Pretzels.

**Adult** Who were the snack helpers?

Child Kelsey and Robbie. I didn't get to help.

**Adult** Sounds like you would like to be a snack helper. Have you done it before?

Child Yeah, I got to hand out the napkins one time.

**Adult** Would you like to help me with lunch today?

Child Sure! Miss Ellie gives us 5 pretzels. I'm good at counting to 5!

**Other specifics to ask about might include:**

Who did you sit beside at circle time?

What was the story about today? Did you like it?

Did you use crayons/scissors/paints today?

Conversation is a huge part of learning language and social skills! Enjoy and watch your little one grow!

#### **IS YOUR CHILD PREPARING FOR KINDERGARTEN?**

If your child is 5 by September 1, 2019 he is eligible for most Kindergartens. Being developmentally ready is another standard completely. Things to consider are your child's ability to cope with transitions, care for himself independently, handle his emotions, communicate effectively, listen, focus and follow directions. Your child's confidence is important for a positive start in school!

## CONFERENCES FOR 2-DAY, 3-DAY AND 4-DAY STUDENTS

Your teacher will be available for a conference to discuss your child's progress in preschool. Besides providing enriching activities in the classroom, your child's teacher is observing and assessing each student as each one engages in the activities of the day. Your conference time is a time to hear these observations and for you to express concerns or ask questions. See individual teachers for the date and times available.

## SPECIAL DATES AND TOPICS

Thursday, February 15

Friday, February 15 – Monday, February 18

Monthly Tuitions Due

**NO SCHOOL** (Presidents' Day)

### MISS JILL - MRS. RITT TINY TOTS CLASS

During February, we will be exploring building! We will also look at hearts, and the color pink!

### MISS ELLIE - MRS. COX- MISS JILL 2-DAY CLASSES

February will be a month full of counting, hearts, fairy tales and the color pink. We will talk about the letter V and celebrate Valentine's Day with our wonderful class of friends. Parent/teacher conferences will start the first or second weeks in March. A sign-up sheet will be posted next to the bulletin board.

### MISS ELLIE - MRS. COX 3-DAY CLASS

February is the month of love! We will be making valentines, practicing letter sounds/names/writing, rote counting to 20+, number writing, and rhyming with Dr. Seuss. We will be reading lots of fairy tales and making stone soup! Parent/teacher conferences will be held on Saturday, February 23. A sign-up sheet will be posted next to the bulletin board.

### MISS JILL - MRS. RITT 4-DAY CLASS

We will continue to explore patterns and dice games. We are exploring how letters we know combine to form words. We will also dive into fairy tales, building, and the wonderful wacky world of Dr. Seuss!.

## WHY MANNERS ARE IMPORTANT

AS PARENTS WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE OUR CHILDREN EVERY TOOL WE CAN TO HELP THEM GET THROUGH LIFE. HAVING GOOD MANNERS IS ONE OF THOSE TOOLS. BEING COURTEOUS TO ONE ANOTHER AND TREATING EACH OTHER WITH RESPECT ADD HARMONY AND GRACE TO OUR DAILY LIVES. AS CHILDREN SHOW THIS KIND OF RESPECT THEY ARE PRACTICING SELF REGULATION!

## MANNERS AND THE APPROPRIATE AGE FOR LEARNING

**2-3 1/2 years** "Hello," "Goodbye," "Please," "Thank You," "Excuse Me," "I'm Sorry."

**3 1/2-5 years** Using napkin and silverware correctly, asking to be excused, asking for food to be passed, not talking with a full mouth, offering to help older people with disabilities.

**5-6 years** "How do you do?", shaking hands, not running, screaming, yelling, or talking loudly in a public place, using an "indoor" voice, not interrupting others, waiting for a turn.

**6-7 years** Allowing elders to enter or exit first, holding the door for an older person, offering assistance, speaking respectfully, respecting elders.

**7-8 years** Not making insensitive or hurtful remarks or judgments, writing thank you notes.

**10-13 years** Keeping family matters private.





## The Lancaster Association

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Perin Central Conference  
United Church of Christ  
Upcoming Events



# February 2019



President's  
Concise



*"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deacons of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. (1 Corinthians 12:27-31)"*

Greetings,

I am writing this message to you from U.C.C. offices in Cleveland. I was there from January 17-19 for the General Synod Nominating Committee meeting. We were charged with the task to select a slate of nominees for the U.C.C. Board, and the General Synod moderator and assistant moderator. This slate will be presented to the General Synod later this year.

We received nominations from all over the country. People of all ages are eager to serve the wider church. This makes our responsibility a very daunting task. Each person has special gifts and skills that will help strengthen the body of Christ. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit we discerned the gifts and graces needed for our church at this time.

Every member of the Lancaster Association has gifts and graces to share in order to build up the body of Christ. In a world full of tension and division, we are called to proclaim that we find our unity in Christ. I hope that the Lancaster Association can do that as we pray and support one another. We may not agree theologically, liturgically, or politically, but we can agree that we are one in Christ.

Our Executive Committee recently met with the leaders of the Lebanon Association to discuss possible opportunities for collaboration. This conversation came out of the Conference's strategic plan and the idea of merging associations. The Lancaster & Lebanon Association leaders did not believe that merging is the best thing for us at this time. However, we would like to seek ways to strengthen our churches. The clergy are gathering together for ministerium meetings. We are also talking about events to support our lay leaders. Look for more details in the coming months!

As we strive to proclaim our unity in Christ, I want to remind you of the Spring Association Meeting at Hamilton Park U.C.C. on Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m. Dr. Lee Barrett and Dr. Randall Zachman will be our presenters. More information will be in the March newsletter.

I also call upon the Lancaster Association to pray for the family and loved ones of several colleagues who recently joined the church triumphant:

**The Rev. Charlotte Whiting** (former instructor/dean of students at Lancaster Seminary & member of Salem U.C.C., Rotherstown)—keep Dr. Douglas Whiting and his family in your prayers.

**The Rev. Norma Mengel** (former pastor of Maytown Reformed U.C.C.)—keep the Rev. Jim Mengel and his family in your prayers.

**Dr. Chuck Melchert** (former professor at Lancaster Seminary & member of Wisdom's Table at St. Peter's U.C.C., Lancaster)—keep the Rev. Dr. Anabel Proffitt in your prayers.

*"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. (1 Corinthians 12:26)"*

In Christ,  
Chris Rankin

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 9  
Lifeline  
Screening

Feb. 10  
Concert

Feb. 15  
Registration  
Deadline

Hartman  
Center Dates  
to



LIFE LINE SCREENING  
The Power of Prevention

### Did you know?

- Atherosclerosis (illustrated at left) is the leading killer of adults age 55+.
- 70% of those age 55+ have 2 or more risk factors, and many are not aware of it.
- Using advanced ultrasound technology, Life Line Screening can now actually see inside your arteries to help determine your risk for atherosclerosis.

\*National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute  
Life Line Screening database analysis: 5 million customers screened between 1980-2016.

### Which Screenings are Right For you?

9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors support preventive health screenings for cardiovascular disease among patients with key risk factors.\*

#### All 5 Tests for \$149

Carotid Artery/ Plaque Screening \$79.00	Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation) \$79.00	Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening \$79.00	Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening \$60.00	Osteoporosis Risk Assessment \$60.00
Ultrasound scan of the carotid arteries that screens for plaque buildup.	This screens for irregular heart beat.	Screens for an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta, which could rupture.	Screens for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities.	An ultrasound measurement of the heel bone to determine abnormal bone mass density.

\* Survey was among Cardiovascular Physicians, Vascular Surgeons and Neurologists.  
Examples of key risk factors include obesity, tobacco use, diabetes, high blood pressure, Age 55+, family history of CVD.

Join the nearly 8 million people who have been screened. Appointments are limited, register today:

WHEN: Saturday, February 9th, 2019  
WHERE: Trinity United Church of Christ  
2340 State St, East Petersburg

To register for your screening and to receive a \$10 discount, please call 888-653-6400 or visit [www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners](http://www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners)

LIFE LINE SCREENING  
The Power of Prevention



## The Celtic Martins In Concert

### Trinity UCC

2340 State St.  
East Petersburg, PA  
717-569-1632  
[www.trinityeastpete.org](http://www.trinityeastpete.org)

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Concert – 3:00 PM

Freewill Offering  
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And  
Trinity's Music Ministry



## LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

### UCC Polity and Theology Courses



United Church of Christ History and Polity will be taught at Lancaster Theological Seminary during Term III in Spring 2019, beginning Friday, February 22, 2019 and ending Friday, April 12, 2019. The class will be held for 7 weeks on Friday afternoons from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

**Lancaster**  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Assignments include reading and writing, resulting in a History and Polity paper that can be used as part of the ordination paper requirement for authorization.

Successful completion of assignments in the class will result in a Certificate of Completion that may be shared with the individual's Committee on Ministry to designate completion of an approved course.

This class is non-credit. Registration is required. The course fee is \$ 300.00.

Registration deadline is Friday, February 15, 2019.

Course Dates: Seven weeks - Fridays, Feb. 22 through April 12, 2019, from 2-5pm

## 2019

### HARTMAN CENTER EVENTS

March 15-17 Confirmation Retreat

May 2-5 Work Days

Come for one day or more

May 11 Golf Outing

Fairview Golf Course, Quenton

May 17- 19 Elementary Retreat

June 23- July 27 Summer Camp

October 12 Fall Festival

November 15-17

Youth and Women's retreats

For more information on any of these events go to our website [HartmanCenter.com](http://HartmanCenter.com) or contact us email: [Program@Hartmancenter.com](mailto:Program@Hartmancenter.com) Phone: 717-50Cabin (502-2246)



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