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*righteousness*

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**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY/BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** The feast of Epiphany (manifestation) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through his great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

**Welcome all visitors!** We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

**Welcome to the Eucharist!** All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion. *Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.*

**Prayer As You Enter:** *O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with you Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

#### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Arise, shine; for your light has come; and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Lift up your eyes and look around; sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.

**Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

Come and taste the joy of God!

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

God has come to us in Christ, but we often live as if it made no difference. Let us now confess our sins in silent prayer.

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

#### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

**Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

## COLLECT

Let us pray the collect together.

God of mystery and grace, whose revelation comes to those willing to hear and see and feel, send your word, your star, your dreams, to confront us with the gospel of salvation, that we might respond with a radiance that is contagious to those around us and faithful in proclaiming your praise; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

*God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## THE PSALTER

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

**The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 2:1-12; 3:13-17

*God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel. Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

***Glory be to You, O Lord.***

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

***Praise be to You, O Christ.***



*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

**SERMON**

**“The Revealing of God’s Love”**

**Pastor Rankin**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PEOPLE’S OFFERING**

### **OFFERING DEDICATION**

We bring our wealth to praise you, God. All the riches of our abundance you have provided. The land has yielded prosperity for us that even the poorest among us have something to give. Above all, we are thankful for your revelation in Jesus Christ that gives us good news to share. May this offering accomplish among us, and far beyond us, the mission you give to each one of your people. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care. We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and grace. With the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you.

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

### **THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP**

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

**The Bread of Life, broken for us.**

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

**The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.**

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. **Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.**)*

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYERS**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the Church, the world, and all in need.

Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen pastors, elders, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**



Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving or experiencing crisis. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, those recently ordained, and any beginning a new ministry. Inspire denominational leaders and congregational councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. Strengthen this congregation in the coming year as we celebrate 175 years of ministry in the East Petersburg community and around the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

## **CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

### **RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

Arise, and go forth to shine for all the world to see.

**We go to spread the good news of light and love, righteousness and justice.**

May the blessing of the God of light rest upon you and fill you with light. Amen.



**CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY**



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by the **SOT Choir** in memory of Ken Geib on what would have been his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**The Worship Aids** are given by the **Rev. Sandra Morris.**

## Ministering Today

<b>Pastor/Celebrant</b>	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
<b>Lector/Assistant</b>	Rev. Sandy Morris
<b>Money Counters</b>	Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Charlene Christy, Anita Rohrer
<b>Koinonia:</b>	Paula Dennes
<b>Building Trustee</b>	Mike Wagner
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Card</b> Christian Ed. Committee(Cherie Cataldi) <b>Called to Care</b> Anne Rankin <b>Visitation</b> Janice Jenkins

## **Happy Birthday!**

Today – Rick Mowrer

Wednesday – Samantha DeLong, Mark Eyer

Friday – Brenda Himelwright, Walter Tyndall, Stacie Eberly

Saturday – Rosemary Huber, Dawn Stauffer

## **This Week at Trinity Church**

**(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)**

Today	Following 2 <sup>nd</sup> Service – Undecorate church
Monday	7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM-Bells
Tuesday	7:00 PM – Property Committee—Isenberg Hall 7:00 PM – Anniversary Committee—Choir Room
Thursday	10:00-Noon– Mercersburg—Isenberg Hall 1:30 PM – Pinochle—Isenberg hall 6:30 PM – Cub Scouts
Saturday	8:00 AM – Men’s Breakfast 7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM - Koinonia 10:30 AM – Worship/Installation of Consistory 5:30 PM—Confirmation Class

**Attendance for Sun., Jan. 1**

**TOTAL – 49**

**CAROL KRATZ IS ON VACATION JANUARY 6-11.** You can reach Pastor Chris in the church office or on his cell phone (717-575-0286).

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Mark Shenk, Dr. Janet Harriger, the Lehman family, Deb Lichtenwalner, Jodi Keller, George DeLong, Dave Trostle, Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner), Summerlyn Burger (granddaughter of Marge Burger), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Janet Owens (sister-in-law of Scott & Jane Owens), Joann Peck, Mary Lou Shaab, Stan & Pat Seachrist, Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley, Donna Nesbitt (neighbor of John & Sarah Paulukow), Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel), Jane Portser, Tom Wolf (son of Donna Wolf), Judie Bistline, Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), David and Brenda Haverstick (friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Jeannie & Bill Toy (sister & brother-in-law of Lainie Christensen) Carmen Richards, Donna Zirkel, Don & Pat Miller, Sam Minder III, Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Dick & Tillie King (friends of Stan & Pat Seachrist), Robin McComsey (neighbor of Himelwrights), Rylan Brent (relative of Chuck & Sue Husted), Hank Fox, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Don Pfeifer (husband of Denise Pfeifer), Bob Kilgore, Judy Barr (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Joann Garvin, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer), Rev. Paul Eyer (former pastor of St. Luke's), Mary Witmer, the Martin family, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Monica Williams (friend of Sandy DeLong), Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards), Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio), Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Nancy Patton, Mike & Judy Barr (friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Phyllis Zimmerman, Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), Bob & Marlyn Wible, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church)

### **CHURCH UNDECORATING SCHEDULED**

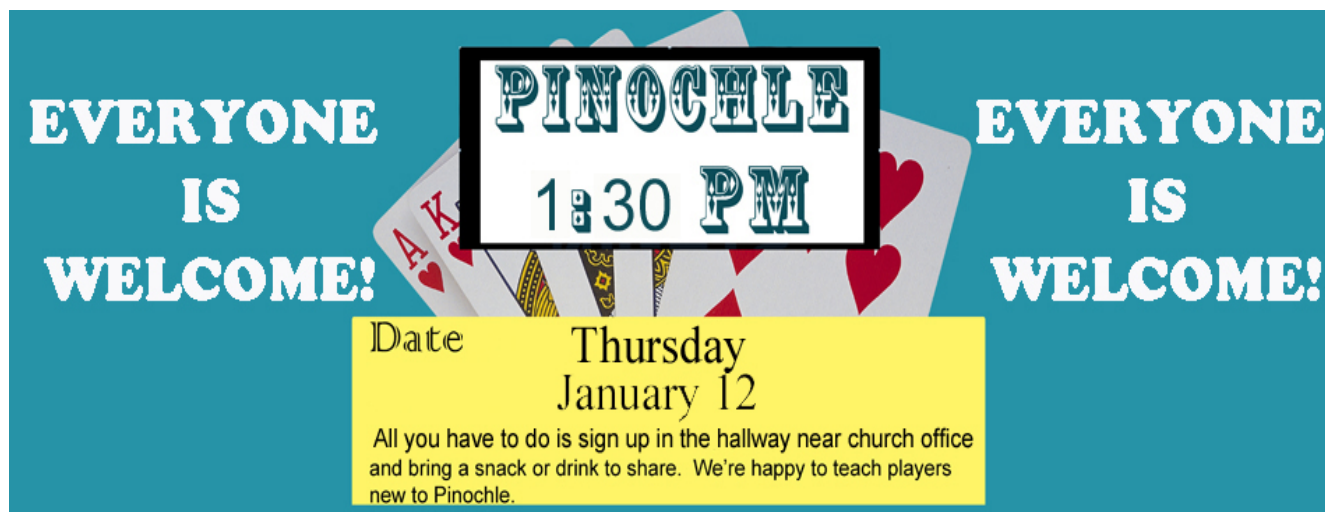
Please plan to stay after the 10:30a.m. service TODAY to help remove and pack up Christmas decorations from the exterior and interiors of the church. Thank you in advance for your assistance in packing up decorations in preparation for next year!

**THE JANUARY PARISH POST** is available on both floors of the church building. **There is one correction to the Parish Post...**Shelley Wagner's birthday (January 31) is missing from the birthday list.

**MEN OF TRINITY BREAKFAST:** The monthly breakfast will be held at the Family Fare Restaurant on January 14 at 8:00 a.m. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER:** The Stewardship Committee has been organizing speakers to offer a mission moment each month during worship about one of our mission partners. As we celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the committee decided to lift up some of the ministries that occur here at Trinity. Sean McKelvey, Trinity Preschool Director, will be at both services next Sunday to share about our preschool.

**DEVOTIONALS:** The January-March edition of *These Days* are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

A flyer for a Pinochle event. The background is teal with a pattern of playing cards. The text is white and yellow. The event title and time are in a white box with a black border. The date is in a yellow box. The sign-up instructions are in a yellow box.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**PINOCHLE**  
**1:30 PM**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

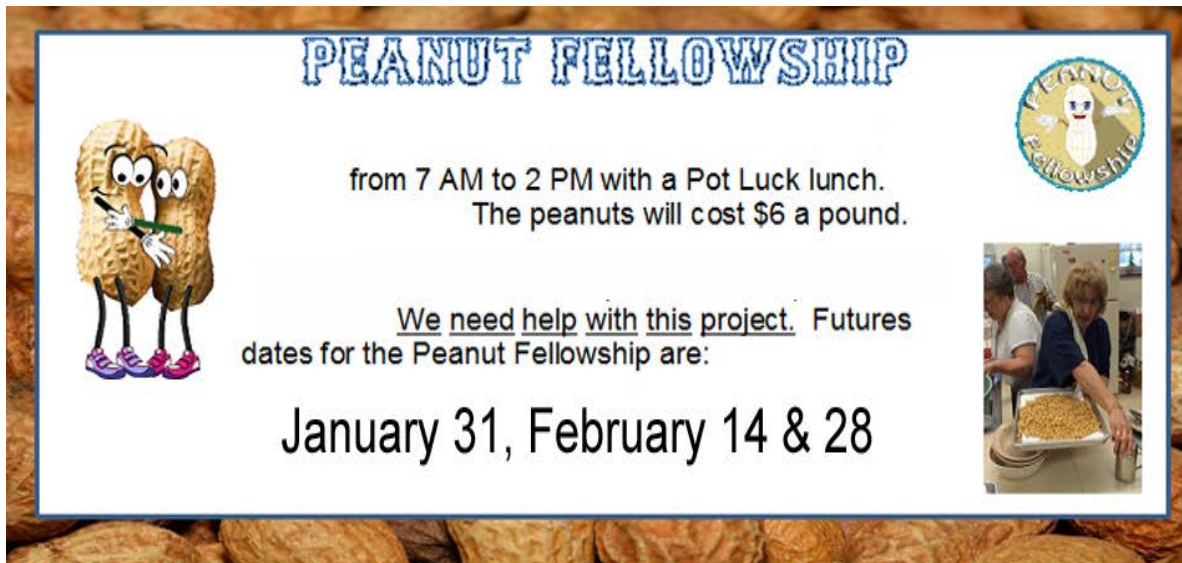
Date **Thursday**  
**January 12**

All you have to do is sign up in the hallway near church office and bring a snack or drink to share. We're happy to teach players new to Pinochle.

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

The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 PM. They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

**KOINONIA:** We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship) every Sunday at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments and drinks/coffee. The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen coordinator. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes.



The poster features the title "PEANUT FELLOWSHIP" in a blue, bubbly font at the top. On the left is a cartoon illustration of two peanuts with faces, arms, and legs, one holding a pencil. On the right is a circular logo with a peanut character and the text "Peanut Fellowship". Below the title, it says "from 7 AM to 2 PM with a Pot Luck lunch. The peanuts will cost \$6 a pound." A line of text reads "We need help with this project. Futures dates for the Peanut Fellowship are:" followed by "January 31, February 14 & 28". A small photo on the right shows people in a kitchen setting. The entire poster is set against a background of peanuts.

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available on the table across from the church office. Please help us by delivering envelopes to some of our homebound members!

### **2022 CELEBRATION**

Join us after the 10:30 service on January 29 for a luncheon and celebration of our ministry in 2022. The Parish Life Committee is planning a short program as we look back over the past year in our annual reports and through a video slideshow. Look for more details about the luncheon in the bulletins. A sign-up sheet will soon be available on the table across from the church office.



### **2022 ANNUAL REPORTS**

The 2022 annual reports are due to the church office by January 15!

### **2023 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:**

Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: February 5, 19 & 26.

Upcoming dates for worship aids are: February 5, 12, 19 & 26. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Contact Carol and look for charts for 2023 dates.

**CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY:** The Evangelism Committee is revitalizing the Called to Care ministry this month. Meals will be provided for members after they have returned home from the hospital or during other critical moments. Transportation to medical appointments is also available. Anne Rankin will be the coordinator for January and February.



*News from the Parish Life Committee*  
**Dutch Apple Dinner Theater**

Saturday, March 11  
11:30 AM Lunch/1 PM Show

Trinity is going to Dutch Apple Dinner Theater to see “Sister Act”. The Dinner and show, which includes all tips and fees is \$66.93. Children ages 3-12 are \$23.28 per child; students ages 13-18 are \$28.13 per student. Youth ministry funds will be used to pay for children & youth! Don't miss out on this exciting production.

We have ordered 32 tickets. Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office. **The deadline to order tickets is February 9<sup>th</sup>.** Speak to a member of the Parish Life Committee for more information (Kayla Brennan, Anne Rankin, Cherie Cataldi, Denise Pfeiffer, Jeff Hackenberger, and Rachel Baynard).

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for worship volunteers on Sunday mornings. Contact the church office to sign-up!

**Greeters:** To welcome worshippers at the door for the second service.

**Ushers:** We have returned to passing the offering plate during the second service. We especially need ushers because some people have stepped down!

**Lectors:** Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.

**WOODEN CHURCH SCENES FOR SALE**

Mike Wagner recently made church scenes to benefit the Trinity Preschool. They are available on the table across from the church office. The cost is \$15 and you can place it in the red box.





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Highland is conveniently located off Oregon Pike just north of Route 30.

Head north on Oregon Pike, turn right on East Roseville Road, then right into the Highland parking lot.








**Deux Voix**  
 Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 7:00 pm

Formed in 2014, Deux Voix ("two voices") has amassed a sterling reputation with national and international acclaim. In their mission to expand the world of trumpet and organ, musicians Stephen Langham and Justin Distad are constantly adapting works from other genres and instrumentations.



**WORKSHOPS**

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<p><b>Becoming Your Best Self: Introduction to the Enneagram</b></p> <p>HYBRID CONTEMPLATIVE</p> <p>February 25, 2023 9:00 am - 4:00 pm</p>  <p>BECOMING YOUR BEST SELF: INTRO TO THE ENNEAGRAM</p>   <p>Ethen Kanagy, LCSW Rhonda Myers, LPC</p>	<p><b>Resiliency for Volunteers</b></p> <p>ZOOM ONLY VOLUNTEER</p> <p>February 27, 2023 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm</p>  <p>RESILIENCY FOR VOLUNTEERS</p>    <p>ANDREA GRILL BOB FENNIMORE LESLEY HUFF</p>
<p><b>Using Volunteer Skills in the Real World</b></p> <p>ZOOM ONLY VOLUNTEER</p> <p>February 9, 2023 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm</p>  <p>USING VOLUNTEER SKILLS IN THE REAL WORLD</p>    <p>ANDREA GRILL BOB FENNIMORE LESLEY HUFF</p>	<p><b>The Path Between Us: Enneagram Conference with Suzanne Stabile</b></p> <p>IN PERSON ONLY CONTEMPLATIVE</p> <p>March 24, 2023 - March 25, 2023 6:00 pm - 5:00 pm</p>  <p>The Path Between Us Conference The Enneagram and Healthy Relationships</p> <p>Sponsored by WORK WISDOM</p> <p>March 24 6-9 pm March 25 9am-5pm</p> <p><b>Suzanne Stabile</b> Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA</p>

**JANUARY 8, 2023**

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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**FIRST LESSON. Isaiah 42:1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

**SECOND LESSON. Acts 10:34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**GOSPEL. Matthew 3:13-17**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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