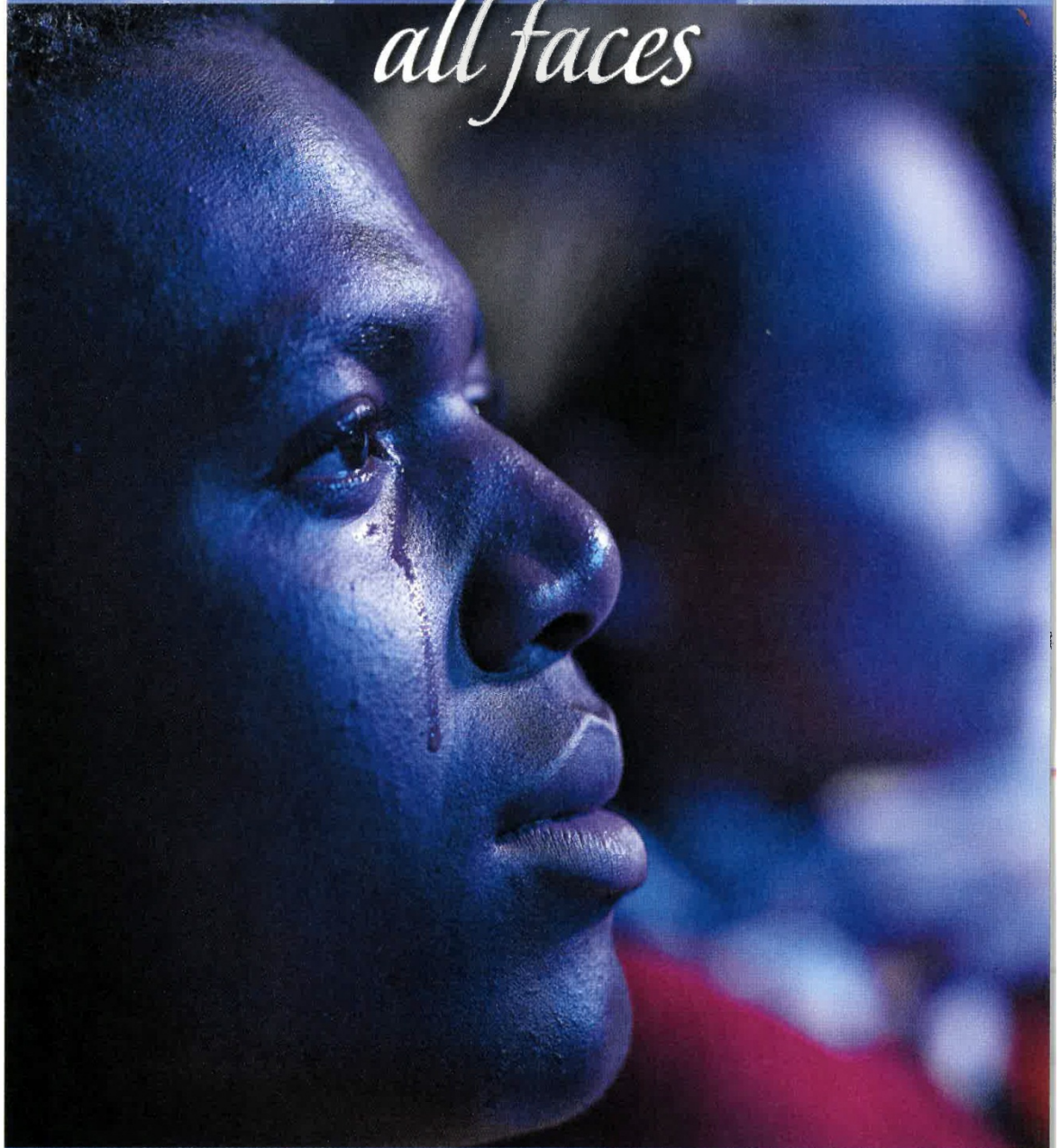


*God will
wipe away
the tears
from
all faces*



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Mrs. Christine Oetama, Organist

Mrs. Carmen Richards, Pianist

Mrs. Carol Kratz, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Sean McKelvey, Preschool Director

ALL SAINTS DAY
10:30 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

Prayer: *Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

PRELUDE

Aria Cantabile

Beethoven

Kyle Bainhauer, organ

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.**

The earth and all things in it are God's.

The world and all its people belong to God.

We are God's people, called and saved by Christ.

We are the saints who share in Christ's ministry.

Jesus invited saints and sinners to dine with him and to be his friends.

Therefore, Jesus invites us, saints and sinners, to this sacred meal, in which we can taste and see, experience and remember the goodness of our God.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sins against God and one another.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Merciful God, you have loved your people from the beginning of time, desiring that we also love you and our neighbor with fullness of heart. We confess that we have sought wealth or betterment for ourselves, without acting generously toward others. Redirect our commitments, that they might reflect your will for us and your creation. 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)

HYMN

Rejoice in God's Saints

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!

A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
 who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own:
 A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.

Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
 they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:

their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!
 their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.
Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

“Death is Swallowed Up!”

Pastor Rankin

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

O God of the pilgrim’s way, we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of God’s love at work in the world. As we pray, we know that we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses.

Yet even as we name these holy ancestors, we thank God for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten, who showed us the meaning of life in Christ.

We remember with thanksgiving the following members(*), relatives and friends who have entered the Church Triumphant since last November:

Sarah “Sally” Bright*
November 8, 2020

Betty Baker
November 8, 2020
Grandmother of Kayla Brennan

D. Scott Huggins*
November 10, 2020

The Rev. Richard Whitney
November 22, 2020
Former Penn Central Conference Staff Member

W. John Meisky
December 31, 2020
Uncle of Pastor Rankin

Marguerite E. (Portser) Kreider
January 2, 2021
Sister -in-law of Jane Portser

Audrey Boyles
January 14, 2021
Sister of Pat Sensenig

Lori Martin-DeWitt
January 30, 2021
Friend of Anne Rankin

LeRoy Hoffman
February 5, 2021
Relative of Dina Slechta

The Rev. Dr. Paul Irion
February 7, 2021
Professor Emeritus, Lancaster Seminary

Bob Ritter
February 9, 2021
Cousin of Pat and Joan Sensenig

Roberta Brandt*
February 15, 2021

Tom Flickinger
February 16, 2021
Cousin of Pat and Joan Sensenig

Lydia Rebuck
February, 21, 2021
Great-grandmother of Kayla Brennan

Gene Bickford
February 22, 2021
Brother of Joann Peck

Carrie Foreman
February 4, 2021
Friend of Sarah Paulukow

Cindy Sensenig Coons
March 1, 2021
Sister of Pat Sensenig

Audrey Ritter
March 19, 2021
Cousin of Pat and Joan Sensenig

Melanie B. Mohan
April 4, 2021
Friend of Anne Rankin

Mark Sheely
April 11, 2021
Friend of Trinity Members

Mary Jane Montgomery
April 12, 2021
Mother of Denise Pfeiffer

Kathi Shaak
April 12, 2021
Cousin of Pat and Joan Sensenig

Julio Acevedo
April 29, 2021
Cousin of Pat and Joan Sensenig

Dolores Stehman*
May 2, 2021

James D. Diffenderfer
May 10, 2021
Friend of Jack and Charlene Cristy

Elwood Rye*
May 12, 2021

Richard Kline
May 17, 2021
Friend of Trinity Members

Geeta (Karakapur) Stowe
May 25, 2021
Hambrick-Stowe family

Janice Burkhart
May 28, 2021
Sister of Jay Enders

A. Richard Bard
May 28, 2021
Uncle of Lynn Dull

Georgi Galen
June 29, 2021
Cousin of Sandy DeLong

Richard Lehr
June 29, 2021
Brother of Carmen Richards

Gary Miller
June 29, 2021
Friend of Denise Huggins

Joan Masten
July 1, 2021
Friend of Pat and Joan Sensenig

H. Randall "Randy" Leinbach
July 8, 2021
Father of Chuck Leinbach

Ray Enders
July 9, 2021
Uncle of Jay Enders

Otis Kitchen
July 20, 2021
Friend of Trinity Members

Jack Piosa
August 3, 2021
Nephew of Marge Burger

Ronald Burger
August 21, 2021
Son of Marge Burger

Georgia McCune
August 27, 2021
Friend of Trinity Church

Joe Houghton
September 22, 2021
Friend of Sandy DeLong

Keith Kratz
September 26, 2021
Friend of Joan Cash

Joan Hughes Hammer Yohe
October 2, 2021
Former member of Trinity Church

Kathy Kuzmiak
October 5, 2021
Friend of Trinity members

Don Dahlgren
October 7, 2021
Friend of Denise Huggins

Emma Nissley
October 8, 2021
Sister of Nancy Patton, Patsy Miller & Jane Starr

Karen Rhoads
October 22, 2021
Friend of Nancy Enders

Lena Olena
October 23, 2021
Mother of Pat & Stan Seachrist's son-in-law

Billy Ray Meyer, Jr.
October 25, 2021
Friend of Sandy & George DeLong

THE UNISON PRAYER

O God, our strength and redeemer, giver of life and conqueror of death, we approach you in this moment with humbled hearts. With faith in your perfect mercy and wisdom, we commit your servants to your keeping. We praise you for your loving kindness to them throughout the days of their earthly life and for all they were, by nature and grace, to those who loved them and to the Church of Jesus Christ. Keep us all in communion with your faithful people in every time and place, that at last we may rejoice together in your presence both now and ever more. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

The earth is yours, O God, and all that is in it. We have received untold blessings from your hand. You set before us the vision of a new heaven and a new earth, inviting us to share in its formation. May the love of Jesus be expressed to others by our sharing of gifts, both person-to-person and through the investment of dollars to support the ministries of others. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We give you thanks that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

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.

COMMUNICATION

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.

(You are invited to partake of the elements)

(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.

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away. Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

HYMN

For All the Saints

#418

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alleluia Toccata

F. Groden

Kyle Bainhauer, organ



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Denise Huggins** in memory of her husband Scott and what would be their 38th anniversary on November 12 and in honor of Danielle's birthday on November 2.

The Worship Aids are given by **Betty Fogle** in loving memory of my husband Charles Fogle and my parents and sister, Dorothy, Walter and Linda Weil.

Greeters/Ushers: **Steve Shenk**, Scott Summers, Karen Olley, Mark & Chris Eyer

Money Counters: Bud & Kathy McCarty, Scott Owens, Dave Connor

Building Trustee: Pat Sensenig **Lector:** Jeff Hackenberger

Happy Birthday!

Monday – Joan Sensenig

Tuesday – Hans Slechta, Sevi Keares

Friday – Dorothy Fasnacht

Attendance for Sun., Oct. 31	8:00–19	10:30–81	TOTAL – 100
Sunday School	18		

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Tuesday 7:00 PM – Consistory

Thursday 10:00 AM – Mercersburg Study Group

Friday 7:00 PM – Pinochle

Saturday 7:00 PM – Alanon

8:00 PM - AA

Sunday 8:00 AM – Eucharist

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:30 AM – Worship Service

Followed by Congregational Meeting

CARD SHOWER: Dorothy Fasnacht will be 95 years old this coming Friday. We encourage you to send her a card at the following address:

Dorothy Fasnacht

2839 Ben Franklin

100 Freemason Dr.

Elizabethtown, PA 17022

We welcome Kyle Bainhauer as a guest organist today. Kyle is a senior at Manheim Township High School. He has played piano for 10 years and is currently in his fourth year of organ study under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Marsch. He has been playing classical guitar for 2 years and started learning drums about 6 months ago. Kyle is planning to major in digital communications and minor in organ studies. He has already been accepted to Lebanon Valley College and is strongly leaning towards attending there next year. In his spare time, Kyle enjoys drawing, creative writing, playing video games and enjoying his dog Cookie and 3 cats. Kyle and his parents, Mike & Desiree, are former members of Trinity Church. It is a joy to welcome them back today!

PRAYER CONCERNS: The family of Rev. Charles Strasbaugh (Pastor Emeritus of Bethany U.C.C., Ephrata), **Denny Eberly, Robert Richards** (brother of Jerry Richards), **Hillary Brennan** (mother of John Brennan), **Ann Wolf** (neighbor of George & Sandy DeLong), **the Brennan family, Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, David & Ann Potts** (friends of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), **Pete & Nora Petrosky** (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), **Joyce Becker, Lynn Dull, Jill Otthofer, Paul Zirkel** (son of Donna Zirkel), **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), **Donna Denlinger, Cathy Hoshauer, Mike Wagner, Pat Miller, Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds** (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), **Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Phyllis Zimmerman, Donna Zirkel, Linda Brown** (sister of Mike Wagner), **Jose Arroyo** (husband of Sandy & George DeLong's niece), **Chris Rice** (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley), **Jaimie & Aurora Commero** (friends of Sarah Paulukow), **Mark Zody** (friend of Denise Huggins), **Jim & Kathy Long** (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), **John Siebern** (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), **Carl Roth** (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), **Scott Summers, Rev. Frank Lantz, 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, Lily Kilgore & family, Barry Moore** (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), **Sam & Rosemary Minder, Jordan Sensenig** (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), **Judy Wisniewski** (sister of Chuck Husted), **Elaine Sturgis** (friend of Sue Husted), **Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Doris Leaman, Kelsey (Minnich) and Tom Burgo, Judie Bistline, Hilma Slehta, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family** (friends of Trinity Church).

2022 BUDGETS are available on both floors of the church building. This will be voted on at the congregational meeting.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The congregational meeting will be held **after the 10:30 a.m. service on November 14.** There will be no luncheon this year.

Here are the items on the agenda:

1. Approval of the 2022 budget

2. Election of the following people:

Elder (Class of 2024): Tim Geiger (1st term), Vacancy

Deacon (Class of 2024): Steve Shenk (1st term), John Shelsky (1st term)

Preschool Board (Class of 2024): Lori Daly (1st term), Deb Lichtenwalner (1st term)

(Board of Elders & Board of Deacons will also present their committee appointments)

We still need one elder. Contact a member of the Nominating Committee for more information: Denise Pfeifer, Cherie Cataldi, George DeLong, Joyce Kohler, Betty Fogle, or Pastor Rankin.

3. Approval of Restricted Funds Made Possible by PPP Loan

4. Recognition of 50 year members

ANNUAL MEETING VIRTUAL OPTION

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for worship volunteers at the in-person worship services:

Greeters/Ushers: To welcome worshippers at the door and to seat them in the sanctuary (10:30 a.m. service only)

Lectors: Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 8:00 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.

Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer.

PINOCHLE FELLOWSHIP: Mark your calendars now because the



Pinochle Fellowship will meet again on November 12th at 7:00 PM. Look for more information in the October Parish Post. You can respond using the electronic version that Carol already sent via e-mail or on the website under Ministries!

Speak with Karen Olley for more information!

HARVEST HOME will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 14. You may bring donations of food for the Lancaster food hub to help our neighbors in need on November 14 or 21. Items needed are: canned soups, canned meats, fruits, hamburger helper, rice, cereals.

Decorations will remain until Thanksgiving Eve service, after which the items will be transported to the food hub. If you are not comfortable bringing items to church, you can donate financial contributions. Just mark your donations for the food hub. Contact Nancy Enders or Paula Dennes. Thank you for your support!

CROP WALK: The total raised so far is \$5,173.57. Thank you to everyone who supported our walkers!

THE 2021 WORSHIP AIDS & CHANCEL FLOWERS: You can either contact the church office or use the website under resources to sign-up for flowers and worship aids for 2022!

THE NOVEMBER PARISH POST is available on both floors of the church building.

DEVOTIONALS: The October-December edition of *These Days* can be found on both floors of the church building.

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

As we continue to resurrect community again in the life of our church, Pastor Rankin is inviting members to have lunch in Isenberg Hall on Thursday, November 18 from noon-1 p.m. You bring your own lunch and enjoy the fellowship with your fellow church members. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES: Christian Education classes will be held for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Here are the locations for the classes:

1. **Children's Class** will meet in the classroom on the first floor.
2. **Middle School/High School Class** will meet in the classroom on the second floor.
3. **The Combined Adult Class** will meet in Isenberg Hall.

There will be no Koinonia at this time!



Holiday Wishes for Jordan Sensenig

Since Jordan is deployed overseas, he will not be coming home for three years. This Christmas will be a difficult one, and we hope you will help to boost his spirits. Whether you share a note, a Christmas card, or a memory, we hope you will help by sending him words of encouragement.

With the issues surrounding mail delivery, we would like to have your well wishes by the end of November. We will collect your encouraging correspondence and will send all as a single mailing. It takes about three weeks for him to receive his mail from us.

Jordan appreciates his Trinity family, and we hope this will be a great reminder of all the times he spent at Trinity. He's far from home, and this will help him feel all the caring that surrounds him.

Many Thanks!
Pat and Joan

ADVENT WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 27TH FROM 1:00-5:00 P.M.

It's time to think about preparing Trinity Church for the Advent season.

We are planning on doing indoor decorating and outside decorating and crafts for both kids & adults.

All help in making this happen is greatly appreciated as we decorate our church for the season. Call the church office at 717-569-1632 or use the sign-up sheet in the church hall way or use the link on the home page of the church website. We will conclude with a brief service and a pizza dinner!

Schedule for Advent Workshop

1:00-3:30 decorating and crafts

3:30-4:00 worship service

4:00-5:00 pizza and fellowship

Speak with me if you are willing to help plan the workshop.

Thank you,
Cherie Cataldi



There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Trinity United Church of Christ to conduct these valuable screenings.

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.

CALLING NEW SINGERS AND RINGERS: We invite anyone who is interested in providing a solo as a Musical Offering this fall, in joining the SOT Choir, or in playing bells to email Michael and Dina at Music@Trinityeastpete.org.

I PROMISE FORMS: It is not too late to submit your I Promise forms for 2022. You can place them in the offering plate or mail them to the church. If you need another copy of the forms, they are on the table across from the church office.

CHURCH COVENANT IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC

As an individual who attends Trinity United Church of Christ I covenant to work with my fellow church members, family and friends to keep our community safe and healthy.

I covenant to . . .

Wear a face mask as a symbol of love and care for others.

Sit six feet apart from others, leaving room for God to work in the in-between spaces.

Clean up after myself in the spaces I use because germs are everywhere I go too!

Honor and respect the sacredness of each person in this space and to stay home if I don't feel well or have been around someone who is waiting the results of a COVID test, knowing God is with us wherever we are, whether inside or outside the walls of the church.

Work together with my church family in creating a safe and healthy space to gather for worship, fellowship, or church activities as one body, united in God's love.

Acknowledge the hard work ahead, and the commitment to care for one another.

Together, we as the church, covenant to care and love one another in new and different ways as we:

- Share God's love with our community
- Serve God's children
- Bring healing and wholeness to those in need
- Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study



HEMPFIELD POWER PACK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Hempfield Power Packs could use a few volunteers! We are most in need of people to help with delivery and distribution on Thursday afternoons.

“Delivery” means bringing the bags from our room at EPACC (East Pete Civic Center – corner of State and Lemon) to Arbor View Traylor park on Columbia Ave (across from Super Shoes). This takes about 45 minutes from start to finish. You help to load the bags into your car (and a few coolers) and bring them to the ‘community room’ at Arbor. The two volunteers there will help unload your car and they stay to distribute. (And then you are free to go!) (Pick up bags at EPACC about 2:50pm on Thursday, deliver to Arbor and leave)

“Delivery AND Distribution” are about a 2 hour time commitment. Volunteers pick up bags/coolers, etc at EPACC, and bring them to either Hempfield United Methodist or Mountville Church of the Brethren, and then stay to distribute them when our families come. (We are serving approx. 32 families at MCOB and 48 families at HUMC)

MCOB distributes from 3 - 4:15 – which means pick up at EPACC approx. 2:25 and returning leftover bags to EPACC after 4:15.

HUMC distributes from 4:30 – 5:30 – which means pick up at EPACC approx. 3:45 and returning leftover bags to EPACC after 5:30.

“Distribution” – this one is without a delivery – as it happens right at EPACC between 5:30-6:30. We distribute out of the entrance of EPACC – so it’s just a matter of showing up about 5:15 and handing out bags to our families. (We are serving approx. 35 families at EPACC)

You are not alone at any site – we always have 2 volunteers.

If you want any other details or info, feel free to email or call me – I’d be happy to chat! (717-203-9506 or deblich@comcast.net)

Thanks,
Deb Lichtenwalner

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

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ALL SAINTS DAY

FIRST LESSON. Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

SECOND LESSON. Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

GOSPEL. John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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