

TRINITY U.C.C. PARISLI POST

March 2020

TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to: 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

A LENTEN PRAYER

Merciful God, we thank you that in love you sent Jesus Christ to share our earthly life with its joy and suffering. Give us grace, that in our need we may come to you in humility and receive your blessing with open hearts, that we may once again serve you with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

Catch the Vision, Share the Joy!!

Parish Post Deadline: 3rd Monday of the month

<u>A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RANKIN</u> Dear Friends,

The liturgical calendar now moves to the season of Lent. Our weekly gospel readings will be from John, except for readings from Matthew on the first Sunday in Lent and Palm Sunday. The readings from John will focus on personal encounters with Christ.

Our Wednesday services, focusing on the early Christian hymn found in Philippians 2, will lead us into a deeper relationship with Christ. In this wonderful passage, we are called to have the mind of Christ who humbled himself and was obedient even to his death on the cross.

This is why we begin the Lenten season with imposing the sign of the cross on our forehead with ashes and hearing the words, "remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return". In that moment we face our own mortality!

In recent months, we have experienced a lot of death in our congregation and our extended family. I heard people each time lament that it causes them to think about their own death. We all know that this isn't easy. However, the Lenten season is a perfect time to think about life and death.

I have once again included the funeral information sheet. In the past, I have found this information to be helpful for me and the family members of one who has died. This is a way for you to let us know what you would like at your funeral or memorial service. In a way, this is your last gift to us! So I encourage you to take time to write down your plans, and then share it with your family and me. I will keep completed forms in the office.

I want to remind you of another opportunity to engage in conversation around life and death issues. The Stewardship Committee is planning three seminars to discuss estate planning, funeral planning, and the services provided by Hospice. We will be doing this after Easter as a way to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection! You will find more information about these seminars in this newsletter. Please share this with your family, neighbors, and friends. We definitely want to open this to the wider community!

In the meantime, please join us in worship on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. I also hope you will join us for a Lenten study on Sunday mornings with Dr. Randall Zachman and Dr. Rich Christensen about Reformed worship. All of these opportunities help us grow in the faith. As we hear the personal encounters with Christ in John's gospel, we are reminded of God's steadfast love which endures forever. I hope you will join us to sing, pray, and study together!

Blessings, **Pastor Rankin**



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Stewardship by Rev. Jack Esbenshade

Trinity UCC has been blessed through the wisdom of forebears who established a series of endowment funds. Some funds are restricted and others are not. But all have been established to be used as instruments to enhance the life and ministry of the church.

In effect, these funds earn dividends and interest and these dollars are available to be disbursed. In some cases the disbursements are made to underwrite major capital expenses like replacing the roof (2018) or steeple (2019).

On other cases, the funds are used to support mission programs like the Food Hub, Power Packs and community meals. And then there are specific funds like St. Luke's Urban Ministry fund which supports programs in local UCC congregations.

Some of the Endowment Funds include: Building Food Bank Cemetery Pre-School (scholarships) General Music Flower Parsonage (funds generated from the sale of the parsonage are used to offset the Pastor's Housing Allowance) St. Luke's Urban Ministry

These fund have been established in such a way that the principal dollars cannot be spent. Only earnings are available. However, each specific fund is open to additional contributions.

When it comes to making a memorial gift or a bequest, consider designating a gift to the endowment fund.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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03/01	Holly Connor	
03/01	Heather DuBois	
03/01	Scott Huggins	
03/02	Diane Arey	
03/02	Michael	
00/04	McDonough	
03/04	Rev. Phyllis Baum	
03/07	Mid Gockley	
03/07	Valerie Zahm	
03/09	Meghan Leinbach	
03/11	Sally Bright	
03/11	Eleanor Latsha	
03/11	Michael	
03/12	Lichtenwalner Brendan	
03/12	Garrett	
03/12	Maxwell	
	Schuessler	
03/13	Bonnie Boothman	
03/13	MacKenzie	
03/14	Harley Noah	
	Kauffman	
03/14	Carl Spangler	
03/16	Joann Garvin	
03/16	Robert Siever	
03/16	Jane Starr	
03/20	Michael Minder	
03/21	Kirsten	
03/23	Leinbach Marvin	
03/23	Lehman III	
03/23	John Richards	
03/24	Kaitlyn Vargas	
03/26	Mary Lou	
03/26	Shaab Miguel Serrano	
03/20	Sue Husted	
03/27	Gretchen	
	Leinbach	
03/28	Alexander	
03/30	DeLong Tami Lehman	
03/31	Marge Burger	
03/31	Jane Owens	

FEBRUARY CONSISTORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—Scott

Owens, Consistory Secretary

Elders/Deacons meetings preceded Consistory meeting. Pastor's Report included:

- Review of participation in recent Holocaust Remembrance Day.
- Discussion about potential members for Trinity.
- Synopsis of activities planned for Lenten Season.

Deacons Report – Nevin Cooley, Chair included:

• New directional signs being installed by Property Committee inside and outside church facility.

• Plans to hold 3 seminars that deal with 1) estate planning/legacy giving, 2) end of life planning, and 3) Hospice relates services available today. Look for announcements of the meetings and bring a neighbor or friend.

• Deacon review of all restricted financial accounts to update best practices.

• Deacons are looking for the right mission to benefit from Lenten offerings.

• Deacons are evaluating providing a gift to the Lancaster Theological Seminary Capital Campaign from funds reserved in the Wider Church Mission account. More to follow when recommendation is made after research.

Elders Report – Pastor Chris Rankin, Chair included:

• Evangelism Committee is planning a March 22 welcome dinner and partnering with the Preschool to plan for the summer Ice Cream Social.

• Christian Education Committee is planning for the Spring project, Rally Day, Vacation Bible School, and a Teacher Appreciation event.

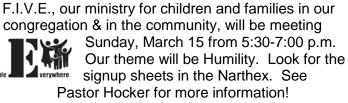
• Training and discussion sessions are planned for the Altar Guild and Monetary Usher groups.

• Elders are reviewing wedding & funeral procedures. Pastor will be providing small group setting for those who are grieving.

• Elders are also reviewing group life concepts and contemplate use of small group teams to enhance quality of life and spiritual journey work in the future.

• Plans have been finalized to welcome 5 confirmands into church membership this spring.

F.I.V.E. (FAMILY IS VALUABLE EVERYWHERE)





	Scriptures for March
1	Gen. 2:15-17;3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matt. 4:1-11
8	Gen. 12:1-4a, Psa. 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17
15	Exo. 17:1-7, Psa. 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42
22	1 Sam. 16:1-13, Psa. 23, Eph. 5:8-14, John 9:1-41
29	Eze. 37:1-14. Psa. 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

CHANCEL FLOWER & WORSHIP AID SPONSORS NEEDED

We need sponsors for worship aids (bulletins, communion elements, candles, and other worship items) & Chancel flowers for 2020. The cost for Worship Aids is \$26, the flowers are \$40. Thank you for supporting this part of our worship service by your sponsorship! The sign-up sheets is in the Narthex.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP NEWS

The Bible Study group will not be meeting in March. Our April meeting will be Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 pm. We will be gathering at Karen Olley's home and continuing the 'Heroes of Faith in the Bible' study. For more information contact Diane Rice.

THE MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.)

They will be meeting for breakfast on March 14th at 8:00 a.m. at Family Fare Restaurant in East Petersburg. This is open to all men of the congregation! Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

SUNDAY LUNCH GROUP

The next Chives will be April 5th at 12:30 PM. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Deadline to sign-up is March 29th. Contact Donna Zirkel for more information!

KOINONIA

The signup 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. Speak to Paula Dennes for more information!

FINAL SERVICES AT U.C.C.CHURCHES

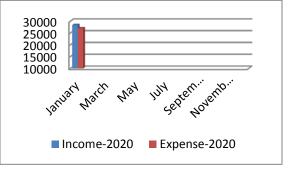
Two congregations in the Lancaster Association have decided to end their ministry. You are invited to attend their final service.

Zion Reformed U.C.C., Ephrata on April 19 at 3 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Carrie Call will be preaching. This is Katie Weeber's home church.

Zion U.C.C., New Providence on May 31 at 3 p.m. Dr. Lee Barrett will be preaching. This is where Rev. Bob Bistline is serving as designated pastor.

News from the Finance Committee

2020 INCOME......\$28,375 2020 EXPENSES...\$26,989 2020 NET GAIN.....\$1,386



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Since our inception in 2014, this ministry has donated 241+ prayer shawls, several going to Philhaven Hospital as well as individuals locally. Even if you don't know how to knit or crochet, we are eager to teach you, and would welcome new members. We hope to see you on March 17th from 1-3 p.m.!!!

LIFELINE SCREENING

Have you ever thought about the following?

- I want to see my grandchildren grow up.
- I want to continue living independently.
- I don't want to be a burden on my family.

Preventive screenings can help and we have partnered with Life Line Screening to provide these valuable screenings at on .

The mission of Life Line Screening is to provide advance, yet affordable and convenient health screenings that supplement your traditional healthcare.

They can help make you aware of a previously silent, unrecognized problem that can now get treated at an early stage, or confirm that you are on the right path and should continue your healthy habits.

Don't let heart disease and stroke get in your way of the life you love. Call toll free 1-888-653-6441, visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle, or text the word, "circle" to 797979 to schedule your health screening.

A package of 5 vital screenings is offered for only \$149. If you call today to register, you will receive a \$10 discount!

SOUPER BOWL REPORT

Thanks to everyone who donated money on February 2 for our community meal ministry. We collected \$810 for this outreach ministry.

Thanks to those who helped prepare and deliver meals to church members. A special thanks to Deb Lichtenwalner for organizing our Meals with a Mission.

COMBINED ADULT CLASS DURING LENT

Dr. Randall Zachman and Dr. Rich Christensen will be leading an adult class on Sunday mornings during Lent. The class, beginning on March 1, will be focusing on Reformed worship. **Hope to see you at 9 a.m. on March 1 in Isenberg Hall!**

LENTEN SERVICES

Jenten Services Every Wednesday at 7:00 PM March 4 - April 8 Theme: "At the Name of Jesus" March 4-Christ Emptied & Humbled Himself Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen March 11-Christ Became Obedient Dr. Randall Zachman March 18-At the Name of Jesus All Knees Shall Bow Rev. Dr. Carrie Call March 25-Every Tongue Confesses Rev. Ken Trauger April 1-Let the Same Mind Be in You Rev. Sandy Morris April 8-Order of Healing Rev. Jack Esbenshade

PREACHERS ON SUNDAYS IN LENT

March 1----Pastor Rankin will be preaching.

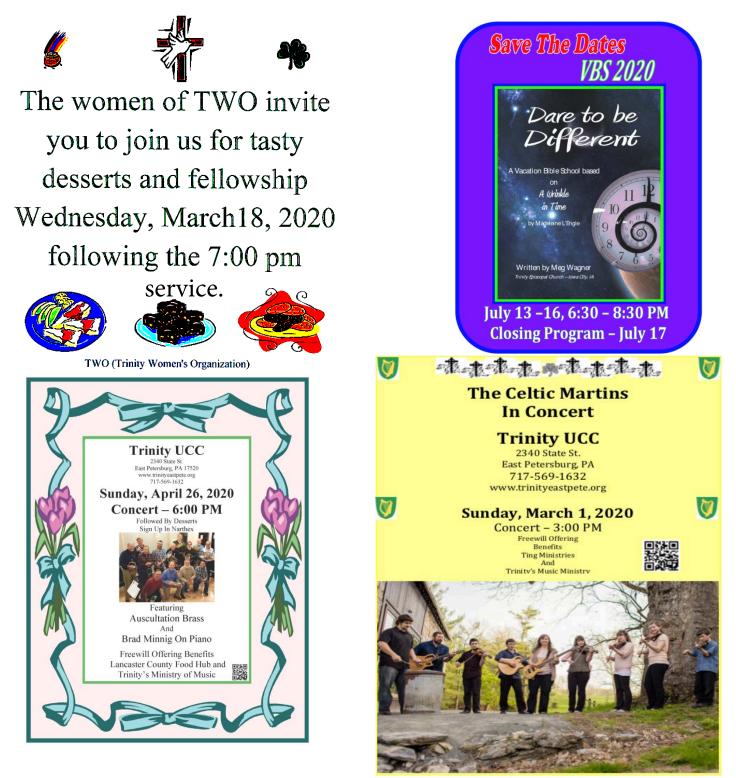
March 8---The Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Transitional Conference Minister and member of Trinity Church, will be our guest preacher at both services.

March 15 & 22---Pastor Rankin will be preaching.

March 31----Pastoral Assistant Jack Hocker will be preaching at both services.







Spring Book Study

Pastor Chris will be leading a book study on April 21 at 7 p.m. We will be reading *In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership* by Henri Nouwen. This great 20th century theologian presents a powerful vision of leadership for the church now and in the future. Nouwen reflects on his life in academia and working with a mentally challenged community in Toronto. He calls today's leader to look to God to overcome the temptation to be powerful and popular. Nouwen does this by looking at the lessons of the scriptures and life of Christ.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those who would like to participate. The deadline to order books through Trinity is March 22. Speak to Pastor Chris for more information.

HARTMAN CENTER 2020 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Early Bird Registration: 10% off for registrations paid in full by March 31

DATES CAMP NAME		DIRECTORS	COST	GRADE	AREA [†]
PRE-WEEK June 14-20 Love Thy Camp (Service Camp)		Dave Bushnell	\$50/day	Adult	All
WEEK 1 June 21-27	CIT (Counselors In Training) Fishing Camp Grand Camp (June 24-27) Middle School Adventure Tie Dye Family Camp (June 21-24) STEM Camp	Betsy Bruaw Bushnell/Landis TBA Price/Henry Brooke Bensinger Butz Family		10-12 6-Adult Inter 7-10 Inter 3-6	ML Cabins ML Cabins ML Cabins
WEEK 2 June 28-July 4	Extreme Camp Family Camp (Full Week) Family Camp (Half Week) Getting Started (June 28 - July 1) Senior High Adventure Sports of All Sorts	George Robertson Ron Oelrich Ron Oelrich Matt & Becky Hoover Tom Downing Lee & Elizabeth Nocheck		7-10 Inter Inter 1-3 10-12 4-6	Cabins ML ML ML Cabins Cabins
WEEK 3 July 5-11 ARTS WEEK	MADD (Music, Drama, Dance) MADD Middle MADD Jr. Arts & Crafts Body, Mind & Spirit (July 5-8) Camp of the Heart (July 8-11)	Rauch/Rooney TBA TBA Deb Frailey D'heedene/Kowalik Kara Druckenmiller	•+\$25 • • • • • • • • • • • •	9-12 7-8 3-6 5-8 Adult Inter	Cabins Cabins Cabins Cabins ML ML
WEEK 4 July 12-18	Adventure Double Dip Getting Started (July 12-15) Grand Camp (July 15-20) Soccer	Charlie & Kori Eisenhart Dani Fair Clayton Pirtle TBA Tom & Allison Downing		4-6 10-12 1-3 Inter 6-9	Cabins Cabins ML ML Cabins
WEEK 5 July 21-27 NATURE WEEK	Family Camp (Full Week) Family Camp (Half Week) Getting Started with Nature (July 19-22) Hartman Center Reunion (July 22-25) Nature Adventure Senior High Nature Water World	D'heedene/Kowalik D'heedene/Kowalik TBA Adam Kardisco Phil & Gail Landers Charles Koogle Weis/Druckenmiller		Inter Inter 1-3 Adult 4-7 10-12 7-10	ML ML Cabins Cabins Cabins A-Fr Cabins

[†]A-Fr: A-Frames ML: Michaux Lodge

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Tier 1

This year we are offering voluntary three-tiered pricing. Families can self-select the rate they can afford to pay. Paying a higher tier helps us cover the actual cost of a camp experience. All campers receive the same camp experience regardless of which tier you choose. Families are also encouraged to contact their church for assistance.

Tier 1: Covers the complete cost of camp for families who want to support Hartman Center.

Tier 2: Slightly subsidized for families needing some support to make camp affordable.

Tier 3: Rate for families who need more support to send kids.

Full Week Tiered Pricing: \$575 / \$515 / \$450 Half Week Tiered Pricing: \$288 / \$258 / \$225

If additional financial assistance is needed, please contact program@hartmancenter.com

Speak to Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin for more information!!! We will be again be selling camper stock to help send people to Hartman Center this year!



For more information, see the bulletin boards or Pastor Chris!

IN REMEMBRANCE



We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Mary Ranck as they continue to grieve. Mary joined the Church Triumphant on January 22, 2020. A memorial service was held at Trinity Church on February 7 with the Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin and the Rev. Bob Hunsicker officiating.

Mary joined Trinity Church in 2013 after her former church, St. Andrew U.C.C., closed. She served as a greeter on Sunday mornings at Trinity Church. Recently, she was unable to attend worship due to health issues. Please keep the Ranck family in your prayers.



We also extend our sympathy to the family of Arlene Wolf as they continue to grieve. Arlene joined the Church Triumphant on February 13. A funeral service was held on February 22 at Trinity Church with Pastor Rankin officiating.

Arlene was a former member of St. Luke's U.C.C. and became a member of Trinity Church when the two congregations united in 2015. She was a member for 82 years. We give thanks for her faithfulness and generous support to both congregations.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:28 NRSV)

Save the Date!!!

Mark your calendar.

TWO presents: Elva Hurst, Chalk Talk Artist Elva will be here on Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00p.m.





HELP OUR PRESCHOOL!

Little fingers use large amounts of supplies. Please help our preschool by donating the supplies listed below. You may wish to select a "jelly bean" on the poster in the Narthex with a needed supply written on it. Place your items in the bin.

Dry erase makers, wide tip, low odor

Dry erase board erasers Crayola markers, large for children Masking tape Blue painter's tape Bio paints from discount school supply Chalkboard chalk white or colored Block of white air-dry clay Pens for teachers Elmer's glue sticks, XL (lots) Ream of computer paper Potting soil Napkins (Weis white) Children's underwear, sizes 4/5 Snacks-pretzels, animal crackers, Cheese crackers (please NO goldfish, families have brought large amts.) Scotch tape Tissues Hand sanitizer Shaving cream (plain, no gel) **Corn starch**

May We Have Your Attention Please...

United Church of Christ Homes is pleased to inform your congregation that our 2019 Helping Hands Dinner & Auction raised <u>almost \$25,000 for the</u> <u>Benevolent Endowment Trust Fund.</u>

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 25th Anniversary Helping Hands Dinner & Auction to be held on <u>MAY 2, 2020</u> 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 event
- Serve on the Special Events Committee (contact Victoria at (717) 303-1502 if you're interested)
- Attend the May 2, 2020 25th Anniversary Helping Hands Dinner & Auction to be held at the Hershey Country Club

Thanks again for your interest and support of UCC Homes! You won't want to miss this extra special anniversary celebration event!

For further information on the 2020 Helping Hands Dinner & Auction or to inquire about making a contribution, please contact the Development Office at (717) 303-1502.

See Pastor Chris for more information.

Save The Dates *Rally Day 2020* Performance On September 13, 9:00 AM Weekly Rehearsals Will Begin The Week Following VBS.

A Wrinkle In Time Adapted For The Stage By Morgan Gould From The Book By Madeleine L'Engle

Come

join us

This is a play, not a musical, this year. Actors of various ages will be needed, for parts large and small, some speaking, some not.

There is little in the way of scenery or props, so some cast members may play the parts of trees, tables, doors, etc. The more actors who participate, the more we can do in this play.

The following poem was read at the recent Holocaust Remembrance Event at Temple Beth El

I CANNOT FORGET

by Alexander Kimel Holocaust Survivor

Do I want to remember? The peaceful ghetto, before the raid: Children shaking like leaves in the wind. Mothers searching for a piece of bread. Shadows, on swollen legs, moving with fear. No, I don't want to remember, but how can I forget? Do I want to remember, the creation of hell? The shouts of the Raiders, enjoying the hunt. Cries of the wounded, begging for life. Faces of mothers carved with pain. Hiding Children, dripping with fear. No, I don't want to remember, but how can I forget? Do I want to remember, my fearful return? Families vanished in the midst of the day. The mass grave steaming with vapor of blood. Mothers searching for children in vain. The pain of the ghetto, cuts like a knife. No, I don't want to remember, but how can I forget? Do I want to remember, the wailing of the night? The doors kicked ajar, ripped feathers floating in the air. The night scented with snow-melting blood. While the compassionate moon, is showing the way. For the faceless shadows, searching for kin. No, I don't want to remember, but I cannot forget. Do I want to remember this world upside down? Where the departed are blessed with an instant death. While the living condemned to a short wretched life, And a long tortuous journey into an unnamed place, Converting Living Souls, into ashes and gas No. I Have to Remember, and Never Let You Forget

Good Friday Breakfast

The YMCA invites you to join them at the 67th Annual Good Friday Breakfast on Friday, April 10, 2019. This year's event will be held at the Farm & Home Center, located at 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster. The doors open at 7:00 a.m. The buffet breakfast & program will begin at 7:30 a.m. The speaker will be Pastor Gerald Simmons, Faith Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, & instrumental music will be provided by the Moravian Brass Choir. Tickets are \$15 per person. Trinity has reserved two tables! Please reserve your tickets with Pastor Chris by March 30th.

WELCOME DINNER

The Trinity UCC Evangelism Committee would like to invite you to a Welcome Luncheon to be held on March 22nd following the 10:30 a.m. Service. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex by March 15th. We look forward to your presence at the "Welcome" luncheon.

TRINITY CEMETERY

Any member of Trinity United Church of Christ may purchase a plot of ground for burying purposes. The price is \$800.00 per grave, paid for by the purchaser. Contact the church secretary to purchase a plot/s or for more information.



Dear Trinity Friends,

Thanks for your cards, many phone calls & comments on Facebook concerning my recent fall at home. Visit from Pastor Chris & Zach bringing the church flowers was so appreciated. Still in the process of healing but each day gets better.

Sincerely, Marge Burger

Dear Trinity UCC,

May God bless the Trinity Youth Group for doing your "Super Bowl Dinner Project for Shut-ins"

Chaplain Jere & Judy Chapman

Dear Pastor Chris & Church Family,

Thank you for your support of love and friendship during this sad time of the passing of my Mom. Your cards, calls, texts and kind words and hugs helped to get me through these difficult weeks.

Blessings to All, Gretchen Leinbach & Family

Many thanks to the Prayer Shawl Committee for the handmade shawl gifted to me. So beautiful, so thoughtful, so appreciated. The shawl is warm and comforting on a cold winter evening around my shoulders while watching T.V. Love it!!

Marge Burger

Dear Trinity UCC,

John and I can't possibly say thank you enough times for what took place in church, if the girls that are nurses wouldn't have worked on him immediately, he would not be with us today. There isn't a word strong enough to extend to all of you for your help, prayers, card, phone calls and food! We truly are a church family and there for each other. And Pastor Chris, thank you for all your visits, prayers and thoughts. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

John & Dolly Barr

P.S. And a big thank you to the young people who brought us a great supper on Superbowl Sunday. It was greatly appreciated and very good.

Dear Friends:

We are so grateful for your recent donation supporting our life-saving work with refugees and immigrants. Your generosity and belief in welcoming refugees and immigrants enable a better world in which we are all #GreaterAs1. We deeply appreciate your support and look forward to our continued partnership in the days and weeks ahead.

May God bless you for your support. *Rev. John L. McCullough,* President & CEO Church World Service

Dear Trinity UCC,

Thank you so much for your gift of \$611.26 to The Lancaster County Food Hub.

We are fortunate to live in a prosperous and strong community where we can easily obtain the items we need. However, that is not the case for over 50,000 of our neighbors who struggle daily to get the things we take for granted – food, clothing and shelter.

Your partnership with the Lancaster County Food Hub makes a significant impact.

Thank you for walking beside us in this journey of service. Together we can continue to make our community stronger by helping ensure that everyone has their basic human needs met.

Blessings, Gail G. Rittenhouse, Executive Director Dear Pastor Chris & Trinity Friends,

A special thank you for your prayers, cards and poinsettia.

Ken & Janice Jenkins

Dear Trinity UCC,

Thank you for your contribution of \$611.26 from the St. Luke's U.C.C. Endowment Fund and the Wible/Zimmerman Endowment Fund to The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society on January 16, 2020. It is through support such as yours that we are able to continue the work of preserving our artifacts and history as well as making them available to historians, researchers, and genealogists.

Thank you again for remembering us in your giving.

Sincerely, *Alison Mallin*, Office Manage on behalf of the ERHS Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$100.00 in support of the children and families we serve. Bethany believes every child deserves to be loved, connected, and safe in a family-because family changes everything.

Our work together matters. It brings hope. It saves lives. It literally changes a child's world. And we couldn't do it without you.

Thank you for standing with us for children close to home and around the world.

Blessings,

Chris Palusky, President & CEO Bethany Christian Services

Trinity UCC,

Once again thanks for all the cards & calls. All is appreciated. I'd be lost without you.

Joyce & Ron Becker

I wish to thank everyone who made such a delicious Ziti dinner for some of us on Super Bowl Sunday. I enjoyed it for two days and felt the love and caring that was put into preparing it. We have such a caring congregation!

Blessings,

Donna Zirkel

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, flowers and phone calls while I was recovering from knee surgery. I have a ways to go yet till it is healed.

Also thank you for the Souper Bowl Sunday meal. It was really appreciated and delicious.

Pastor Chris, thank you for your visit and calls.

In Christian love, Pat Seachrist

Our Gifts for Others 2020 from the Board of Deacons

Each year Trinity UCC considers donations titled *"Our Gifts for Others."* These annual gifts serve to support various outreaches that are important to our friends who are in need throughout the area.

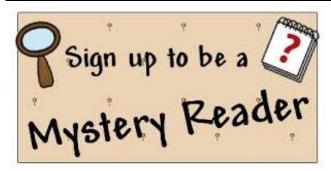
We have a number of outreach options from which we may choose. Here is a brief summary of those seeking your consideration and support.

- **Milagro House** is committed to providing education, counseling and housing for women and children experiencing homelessness here in Lancaster County.
- Bethany Children's Home started its *Helping Hands* program to provide unaccompanied children and youth the opportunity to be reunited with their families in the U.S. Youths stay an average of 10-12 days and receive basic medical care, food clothing shelter more development and basic education while their families are located.
- Hoffman Homes Inc. is a similar but longer term stay facility for troubled youth.
- Love, Inc. is a national agency that seeks to provide a conduit through which people in need can seek out much needed support efforts by local churches. This agency is geared for those among us in chronic need and seeks to transform lives in the community.
- Lancaster Theological Seminary educates men & women for here for a variety of ministry settings. Donations to LTS help to support students in need with tuition, housing, etc.
- Phoebe Devitt operates nursing home facilities here in central Pennsylvania. The ministries seek donations to help cover the cost of residents stay, regardless of their ability to pay.
- UCC Homes– provides benevolent care, and uncompensated care for needful seniors. This organization seeks our help to meet this need. There are homes in Ephrata, Annville, Carlisle, and Harrisburg.

Through December 2019, we received **\$16,632** for the Our Gifts to Others Fund.

Please consider these worthy agencies as you think about your possible financial offerings for March 22, 2020. Envelopes are available in the Narthex and will be in the March 15 bulletin.

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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 (preschool@trinityeast pete.org), Noreen Trostle noreentrostle@gmail.com) or Ellie Hooley (717 940-9380).

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PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 2020

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION REMINDER. Thank you for registering your child for next year! We are happy for each individual child who joins us in learning! We're also excited for all the students who will be moving on to kindergarten! Our classes for 2020-2021 are filling fast, so spread the word and get the registrations in as soon as possible!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS. Area school districts are posting registration dates. Call your school if you have not received information. Our teachers make an effort to be well informed of what kindergarten "readiness" means and will share with you what we know about current trends in each district. We will share with you what we observe in the classroom. Chronological age 5 does not always mean "ready." A child's path of development is unique to each one – how beautiful!

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER. As Spring approaches we hope the weather will permit more outdoor "Big Play" time. Please help your child dress accordingly.

EXCITING CHANGES. What a thrill to watch our Trinity children thrive as they do! We are aware of the many educational options parents have, and feel fortunate to work with your little one! We see the makings of a future artist, or scientist, an inventor, or an actor. We see some who seek adventure, some who imagine and express stories. Others are interested in engineering and building, or directing and organizing a game with friends. We hope we are providing a comfortable environment for each child to develop confidence and find new talents, too!

SPECIAL EVENTS. The 3-day and 4-day classes will host Dads and Donuts on Friday, March 13. Dads are invited to attend Trinity with their student, 9:00-9:30a.m.

The 3-day PM class will host Dads and Donuts on Thursday, March 12. Dads are invited to attend Trinity with their student, 12:30pm - 1p.m. Dads will be treated to sweet treats and a little fun with the class and their little one. Please R.S.V.P. by signing up ahead of time.

APPRECIATION. An "extra" was offered last month as we attempt to enrich our services to your children and family. Kidsight offers free vision screening helping with early diagnosis of special needs. We value this organization and their support very much!

BUDDY HOP. Schreiber Pediatric Center helps us to understand their services with "We Are All Special", a

presentation introducing our children to the special needs of those with disabilities. Each year our 3-day and 4-day students learn through video, song, and hands-on experience. We are happy to show our appreciation for this very special organization by holding a Buddy Hop to collect donations for Schreiber's children.

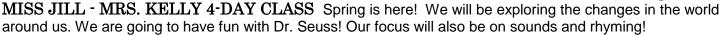
SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS. Missed days will be made up according to the school policy, most added onto the end of the year. Stay tuned for a final schedule!

FACEBOOK. Have you checked us out on Facebook? Please "like" and "share" the fun happenings at Trinity Preschool! We often post pics of activities going on in the classrooms.



SPECIAL DATES AND TOPICS

March 12Dads and Donuts, 12:30p.m. – 1 p.m.March 13Dads and Donuts, 9a.m. - 9:30a.m.



MISS ELLIE - MISS JILL - MRS. COX 3 DAY CLASS. We will celebrate Dr. Seuss day, have donuts with dad, look for lions, lambs and leprechauns. We will be focusing on rhyming, letter sounds, and writing numbers. March will be full of adventure!

MISS ELLIE - MRS. COX 2-DAY CLASS. With nursery rhymes, counting, wind and weather, and leprechauns – we will be having lots of learning and fun in the 2-day class.

MISS JILL - MRS. KELLY TINY TOTS CLASS. This Month, the Tiny Tots will be exploring the world of Eric Carle. We will continue to build our fine motor skills, begin counting objects, and exploring the shapes of our names.

WHEN I SORT THINGS, I AM LEARNING:

- to notice details and likenesses/differences, form categories, essential concepts for reading and mathematics.
- concepts of color, size, and shape.
- numerical concepts of more and less.
- logical reasoning.

HOW YOUNG CHILDREN LEARN

Children learn best if:

- they are active.
 - they are interacting.
 - they are doing something meaningful and relevant.
- their experiences are appropriate to their individual needs and age.
- they are having fun!

"READ TO ME"

by Jane Yolen

Read to me riddles and read to me rhymes. Read to me stories of magical times. Read to me tales about castles and kings. Read to me stories of fabulous things. Read to me pirates and read to me knights. Read to me dragons and dragon-book fights. Read to me spaceships and cowboys and then When you are finished – please read

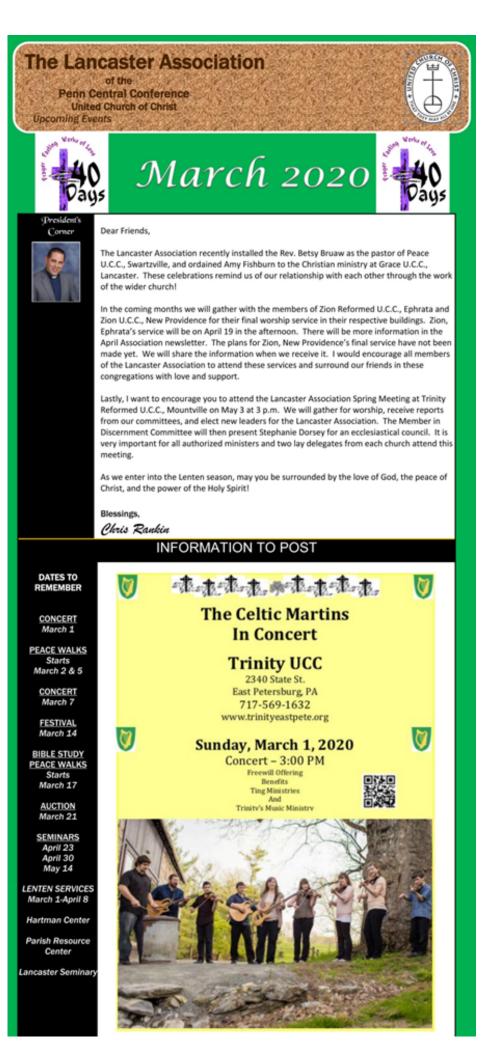
PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR LENTEN SERVICES

The members of Trinity Church invite you and your family to join our family for Lenten Services on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.









WILD HARBORS

IN CONCERT

FEATURING SONGS FROM THEIR ALBUM "MONUMENT"

Forty years. That's how long the Israelites wandered in the desert before they entered the Promised Land. It's true, they were a forgetful people; but along the way, they built monuments—reminders of God's faithfulness throughout their journey. We, too, are forgetful. That's why it's important to be reminded of the places where God moved in our past, so we can be expectant of the ways He'll move in our future. For husband/wife alt-pop duo Wild Harbors, building a affirmation that the good things in life are worth the risk.





Saturday, March 14, 2020 Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church 600 Shepherd Street, Jonestown, PA 17038

Festival Directed by Dave Harris, Artistic Director of the Raleigh Ringers

Special Appearance by duo Handbell Soloist and Pianist Ron Bellamy and Linda Lorgus

Handbell Concert open to the public: 4:00 P.M.

Admission is free. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit Music For Everyone, Lancaster, PA musicforeveryone.org

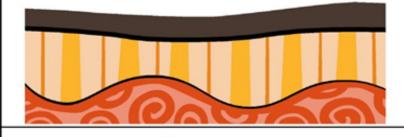
This event is endorsed by Handbell Musicians of America, Inc. dedicated to uniting people through the musical art of handbell and handchime ringing. www.handbellmusicians.org

That's a Lot of Prophets!

a Bible Study of the "Minor" Prophets *Hosea *Joel *Amos *Obadiah *Jonah *Micah *Nahum *Habakkuk *Zephaniah *Haggai *Zechariah *Malachi

> sessions at 1 pm and 7 pm March 17, 24, 31 April 21, 28 May 5

Peace United Church of Christ 37 E. Swartzville Rd., Denver Information at 717-484-4400 pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org





Church Mission Fund.



"Christ Church UCC in Elizabethtown is holding its annual Church Auction on Saturday, March 21st at GEARS Community Center, 70 Poplar St. in Elizabethtown. Doors open at 5 p.m. with the event kicking off with a potluck meal. Many gift baskets, handcrafts, woodcrafts, gift certificates, and other items will be available. Attendees may purchase tickets for \$1/adults, and .50/children. The more tickets you buy the more free tickets you will receive, and the better chances you have of winning fabulous prizes! Benefits the Christ

ST. LUKE'S UCC 222 N BROAD ST, LITITZ

Lenten services for Wednesday evenings at 7 PM -

March 4 - With over 30 years' experience in leading worship, our music director Karen Umberger has learned much about the meaning of worship.... and is still learning. This will be a most enlightening evening on a crucial topic.

March 11 - Craft Night! Always a favorite. This year, we will be making Easter wreaths. Never seen an Easter wreath? Come out and see for yourself. We'll have some materials, but feel free to bring your own.

March 18 - Thank You Notes. Most of us are behind on our thank-you notes. Here is a night to catch up, and consider who we may need to be thanking and be thinking of creative and crafty ways to express those thanks.

March 25 - Perspectives on local government. While our attention usually focuses upon national issues, local government is crucially important. Come and hear from our hometown experts - Mavor Tim Snvder: Rapho Township Manager. Sara Gibson: and Consultant Michelle Brummer.

April 1 - A Service of Healing Prayer. As the St. Luke's family has battled much illness in recent days; how crucial is it that we dedicate our final service of Lent to praying for healing and wholeness.

Every Wednesday, St. Luke's holds a free lunch for the community from noon to 1 PM.

PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

onfirmation Retreat: Be The Church

March 27-29, 2020 To our churches, Confirmation is an important step for the young people of our churches. Our confirmation retreat allows them to experience the value of the wider church and the power of Christian community. \$100/youth for the full weekend.

Marriage in the Later Years of Life Monday, March 2, 2020 (2 p.m.) – Wednesday, March 4, 2020 (noon) Leaders: Anne and Dave Bushnell

Come join Dave and Anne Bushnell and share with other senior couples the unique

joys and concerns of growing old together. Topics will include: Retirement (the time of your life); Your Legacy (the gifts of your life); Aging (the challenge of your life); and Ending Well. Of course, there will be time to practice the skills to keep your relationship going and growing strong. The Bushnells have been a certified leadership couple with BetterMarriages (formerly Association of



Couples for Marriage Enrichment) since 1982.

The retreat planned for Michaux Lodge will be limited to the Bushnells and seven more couples. Cost per couple is \$280 (includes two nights lodging and six meals.) Register at the (events) Hartman Center Website by February 26.



Monday, March 16, 2020 (2 p.m.) – Wednesday, March 18, 2020 (noon) Hosted by: George Robertson, Dave Bushnell and friends

So much of Fishing is ANTEQPATION don't you agree? Have you always wanted to learn how to fly fish? Or how about participating in the "art" of tying flies? Bring your equipment along and teach someone how to do it!

Maybe you'd like to watch and help make a spinning rod or two. Lessons and materials will be provided.

Of course we will have lots of videos about fishing and at least one feature film that everyone will enjoy. Bring your favorice lures. You can show us all how you fish the lures when we can head out to the pond.

Cost for the retreat housed in Michaux Lodge is \$140. (fivo nights lodging and six meals.) Register online by 3/11/20. If you would like to build your very own rod email Dave Bushnell to discuss the cost.(abushnell@sel.com)

Register online at HartmanCenter.com/events

What is Good Leadership? Tuesday, April 14, 2020 (10 a.m.) – Wednesday, April 15 (3 p.m.) Leader: Dr. Carrie Call

The church needs excellent leadership. Not only for current challenges (of which there are many) but also as we move into an uncertain future. Clergy and lay leaders are invited to delve more deeply into the new science of leadership at this two-day retreat. You will consider and explore your own leadership style, learn what effective leadership looks like, and consider case studies in how to respond to leadership challenges in today's church. We guarantee you will come away with new, useful insights and practices. All skill levels and degrees of experience are welcomed. This will be a collegial and inclusive gathering whether you're a seasoned leader or a neophyte. All are welcome.



Rev. Carrie Call, PhD Transitional Conference Minister Penn Central Conference United Church of Christ

The cost of the retreat in Michaux Lodge is \$85.00. (Includes one night lodging and 4 meals.) Commuter cost is \$50. (Includes all meals.) Register on-line before 4/8/20.



Cape May alumni/ae getaway is shore nice

Unwind and relax by the Jersey shore at our annual alumni/ae Cape May getaway May 15-18 Just \$150! Email Paul Eyer for details. Reserve your spot now!



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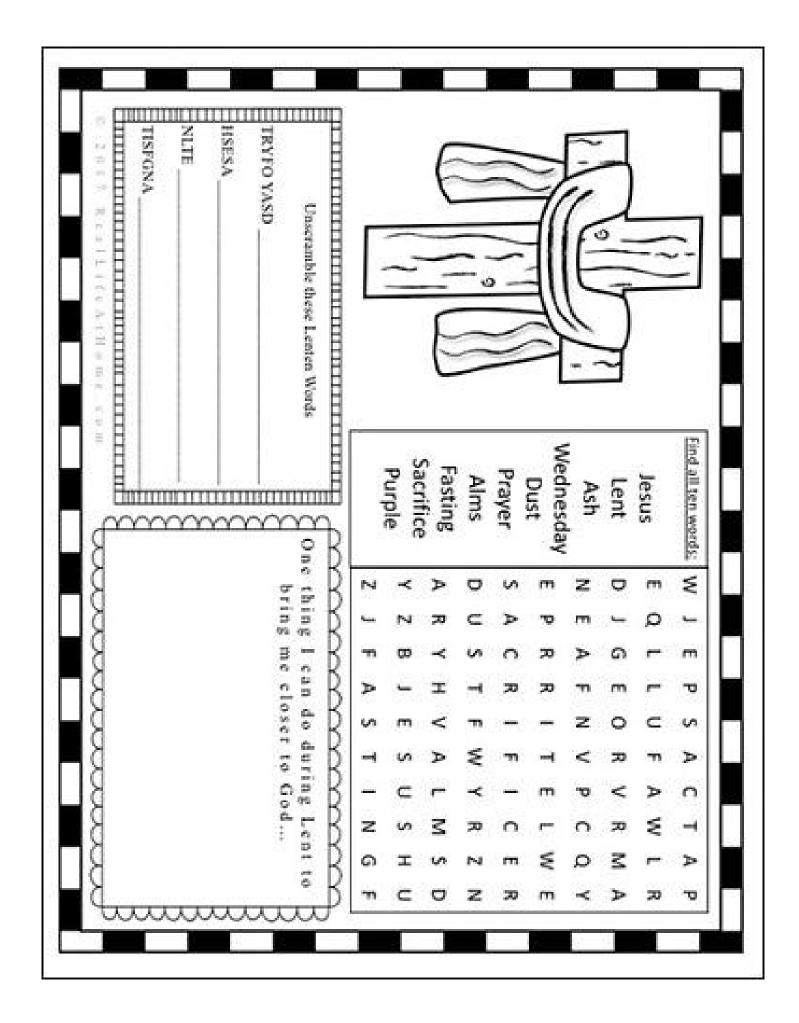
MAR 22 Singing Our Lives: From Joni to Gaga, Celebrating Women's History Month

Recording artist and seminarian Liz Fulmer, MDiv 2020, presents her own songs and those of Joni Mitchell, Lady Gaga, Sara Bareilles and others whose music inspires and delights.



APR 19 Hot, Cool & Soulful: Jazz, Blues & Gospel

Our Hammond electric organ is center stage as Josh Tindall, MDiv 2017, and his organ trio blaze through jazz, blues, and gospel favorites.



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Trinity Concert Series Looking For Supporters 2020

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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In Honor/Memory Of:

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please fill out one form per person and return it to Pastor Rankin. These will be stored in the church office and you can make changes at any time.

NAME:

Have you already made arrangements with a funeral home? If so, which one?

What setting do you prefer for your funeral/memorial service? Examples: the church, a funeral home, graveside services, etc.

What hymns would you like? (There are usually 2-4 hymns and others could be used by the organist as prelude or postlude)

Common ones: Because He Lives; Amazing Grace; It is Well with My Soul; Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee; For All the Saints; Jesus, I Live to Thee; How Great Thou Art

What scripture readings would you like? (We usually read 3-4 passages)

Common ones: Psalm 23, 46, 121; Isaiah 40:28-31; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Romans 8:31-39; I Corinthians 13; Matthew 5:3-10; John 14 (selected verses); Revelation 21:1-6

Are there other readings, including poetry, that you would like read?

Who will be participating in the service? (Clergy, family, friends)

Are there specific accomplishments/achievements that you would like mentioned in the service?

Would you like to designate the church or another charity to receive memorial gifts in lieu of flowers?

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