

TRINITY U.C.C. PARISH POST December 2021

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RANKIN

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

AN ADVENT PRAYER

God of Advent, we live in
the promise that you will
fulfill your will for earth.
Yet nations are in chaos and
our lives in turmoil. Gather
us together to begin our
watch for the coming of your
Promised One. Lead us
through the chaos by a
watchful heading spirit. In
the name of the One who is
to come, we pray. Amen.

*Catch the Vision,
Share the Joy!!*



Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are at the beginning of another church year! The Advent season is a time of waiting and preparation for the birth of the Christ child. I am amazed at how many people have already rushed to Christmas, as if we don't need some preparation time.

During this Advent season, I hope you will join us for worship and Christian Education classes as we walk together on this journey to Bethlehem. We will gather around the Advent wreath and light a candle each week to bring us closer to the light of Christ at our Christmas Eve services (look for more information in this newsletter about those services).

Furthermore, I hope the Advent devotionals will be helpful on this journey to Bethlehem. As we begin this Advent season, I want to add to your devotional life by offering these words from the late Ann Weems, a poet, speaker, and devout Presbyterian:

TOWARD THE LIGHT

Too often our answer to the darkness is not running toward Bethlehem but running away.

We ought to know by now that we can't see where we're going in the dark.

Running away is rampant....separation is stylish: separation from mates, from friends, from self.

Run and tranquilize, don't talk about it, avoid.

Run away and join the army of those who have already run away.

When are we going to learn that Christmas Peace comes only when we turn and face the darkness?

Only then will we be able to see *the Light of the World*.

(From *Kneeling in Bethlehem* by Ann Weems, 1987)

Blessings,
Pastor Rankin



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CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Nevin Cooley, Consistory Secretary

The Treasurer reported that Year to Date through October member gifts is running ahead of expenses and in the month of October two significant gifts totaling \$14,000 increased our current surplus for the year to \$27,795.

The Music Committee recommendations to the Regathering Committee on how the choir and bell choir might be reactivated were recommended for approval by the Regathering Committee and Consistory approved them.

Lon Wible and Charlene Cristy will serve on the Pastor Parish Committee for the term of 2021-2024.

The Come Follow Me Retreat will be led by Pastor Rankin and Rev. Dr. Dave Bushnell (Pastor Emeritus of Hamilton Park Church in February 2022)

ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

One of our clergy members is celebrating their anniversary of ordination this month:

The Rev. Robert G. Hunsicker---55 Years (December 4, 1966)

He served the following pastorates:

Pastor Emeritus, St. Andrew U.C.C.

1981-05 Pastor, St. Andrew U.C.C., Lancaster

1974-81 Associate Pastor, Salem U.C.C., Doylestown

1968-74 Pastor of the Evangelical Church in the Rhineland, Germany



Rev. Hunsicker has served as a lector in worship and is a member of the Lancaster CROP Walk Planning Committee.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. (2 Timothy 4:1-2 NRSV)

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS		
12/01	Hope Krantz	
12/01	David Trostle	
12/02	Randy Woerner	
12/03	Claire Miller	
12/04	Scott Wible	
12/05	Theodore Slechta	
12/07	Steven Shenk	
12/07	Diane Summers	
12/08	Ronda Hartenstine	
12/12	Megan Harley	
12/14	Charlene Cristy	
12/16	Debbie Wible	
12/17	Lainie Christensen	
12/18	Dottie Schadt	
12/18	Thomas Goodhart	
12/19	Sarah Paulukow	
12/20	Marvin Lehman	
12/23	Hedwig Hunsicker	
12/23	Jerry Richards	
12/24	Penny Kilgore	
12/26	Judy Chapman	
12/31	Rev. Jack Esbenshade	

TREASURES



IN CLAY JARS

We have a compost pile just outside our back door. Sometimes I call it a humus pile. In it are placed dried leaves, egg shells, coffee grounds, fruit and vegetable peelings, and grass clippings. Occasionally I take a pitch fork and turn it. One time I even added worms, to help the process along. It amazes me that within a few months, the pile has converted all those ingredients into dirt. Humus becomes earth, rich soil which gets distributed around the flower beds.

Pastor Chris sent out a notice this past summer as part of the adult VBS course. The course he was teaching was on Madeleine L'Engle. Because I am always looking for material for this column, I printed it out and saved it. Here is a quote from Ms. L'Engle - "Walking On Water: Reflections on Faith and Art"

"Remember the root word of humble and human is the same: humus: earth. We are dust. We are created; it is God who made us and not we ourselves. But we were made to be co-creators with our maker."

In this season of Advent and Christmas it is important to remember that not only are we human and made by God from the stuff of the earth, but that God became one with us in the person of Jesus. And so as humble creatures, we are called upon to be co-creators and to celebrate joyfully the powerful presence of God in our lives and in our world.

PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

You will again find a pink envelope in your box of offering envelopes. This is a way for you to give a Christmas gift to Pastor Rankin. If you want the pastor to receive the full amount of your gift, then you should give it directly to him. This means that the money will not go through the church treasury and you will not receive a tax deduction for your gift. All checks should be made payable to the pastor if you choose to give it to him directly.

If you choose to make your check payable to Trinity UCC, you will receive credit on your 2021 contribution statement. A gift sent through the church treasury is considered taxable income for the pastor.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Ken Zimmerman, Church Treasurer

ADVENT ENVELOPES

The Board of Deacons decided to give funds from the Advent offering envelope to the U.C.C. Christmas Fund for retired clergy, widows/widowers of U.C.C. clergy, and ministerial assistance. We will hear more about the U.C.C. Christmas Fund offering in December.

2021 ANNUAL REPORTS

The 2021 annual reports are due to the church office by January 14!

FREE WHEELING

by Elinor M. Nicholas

When we were kids...

My aunt Esther owned a Ford coupe, a 1932 with a rumble seat; my uncle Chet had a new Hudson - riding in them was such a treat!

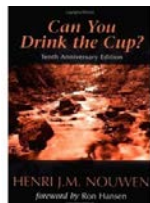
My brothers and I sat three in a row In the rumble seat as wind whipped by; but when we rode in our uncle's car "free wheeling" was an option to try.

Once we got to the top of a hill, he would change gears and we would coast all the way down without much control! But we liked the rumble seat the most!



Scriptures for December	
5	Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6
12	Zeph. 3:14-20; Isa. 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18
19	Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55; Heb. 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55
24	Isa. 52:7-10; Psa. 98; Heb. 1:1-12; John 1:1-14
26	1 Sam. 2:18-10,26; Psa.148; Col. 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

JANUARY BOOK STUDY



Pastor Rankin will be leading a book study via Google Meet on January 17, 24, and 31 from 7-8

p.m. We will be reading Henri Nouwen's *Can You Drink the Cup?*

This question—one that Jesus asked his friends James and John—"has the power to crack open the hardened heart and lay bare the tendons of the spiritual life," explains world-renowned spiritual writer Henri Nouwen.

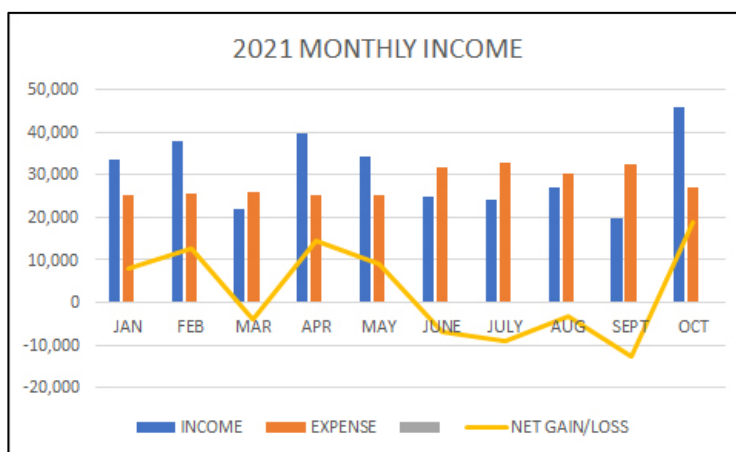
The cup, a powerful image in the human experience, a symbol used to celebrate a wide range of human endeavors, becomes for Nouwen a doorway opening on the spiritual horizon.

"Drinking our cup to the bottom is seen as the expression of the full freedom of the sons and daughters of God," he writes. His goal is to make the question Jesus posed pierce our hearts so that a personal answer can emerge from it.

Please sign-up by contacting Carol in the church office. The deadline to order books through the church is December 27.

News from the Finance Committee

YTD TOTAL INCOME	308,761	OCT INCOME	45,976
YTD TOTAL EXPENSES	280,965	OCT EXPENSE	27,100
YTD GAIN/LOSS	27,796	MONTHLY GAIN/LOSS	18,875



Congratulations to Our Confirmands and Their Spiritual Friends

Theodore Slechta with **Zachary Baynard**
251 Hempfield Avenue
Landisville, PA 17538

Anita Rohrer with **Elene Keares**
2159 Georgetown Dr.
Lancaster, PA 17601

Dan Otthofer with **Landis Knoll**
3266 Marietta Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17601

Rob Hollenbach with **Caleb Kreider**
5945 Reeves Road
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ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

The annual meeting of the congregation was held in Isenberg Hall and online after the 10:30 service on November 14. The congregation approved the 2022 budget and the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee. We still have a vacancy on the Board of Elders.

We also approved the following distribution of restricted funds made possible by the PPP Loan:

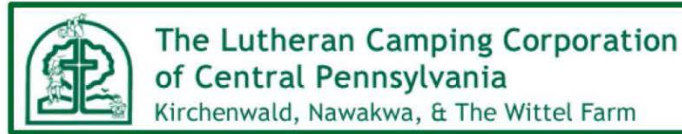
\$15,000 to Lancaster Theological Seminary (St. Luke's Scholarship)

\$2,000 to O.C.W.M.

\$1,214 to Ting Ministries (in lieu of a concert offering)

\$7,274.95 to our Long Term Improvement Restricted Account

Lastly, we honored our 50 year (and more) members who have a total of 2,906 years of membership to Trinity/St. Luke's.



The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

*For more information about upcoming events and to register,
go to: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/>*

Advent Day Apart
at The Wittel Farm

Saturday, December 4, 2021
10am - 2pm



All are invited to a day of prayer and meditation in
preparation of the birth of the Christ child.

*For more information & to register,
go to:
[https://www.lutherancamping.org/e
vent/advent-day-apart-2021/](https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/advent-day-apart-2021/)*



**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS
IN A BARN**

December 19

7:00-8:30 p.m.

At The Wittel Farm

*Join us at the farm for our
4th annual*

*Advent/Christmas night.
Come gather around the
outdoor fire and have
cookies and cocoa in the
barn.*

Lights and decorations!

*For more information & to register, go to:
<https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/christmas-in-the-barn-2021/>*

IN REMEMBRANCE

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)



G. Joyce Becker joined the Church Triumphant on November 13, 2021. A funeral service was held at the Groff Funeral Home on November 17 with Pastor Rankin officiating.



Donald Huber joined the Church Triumphant on November 16, 2021. A memorial service was held at Trinity U.C.C. on November 20 with Pastor Rankin officiating.

Don was a member of Trinity U.C.C. for 51 years and was involved with the Men of Trinity (M.O.T.) Group.

Please keep the Becker and Huber families in your prayers.

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, 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

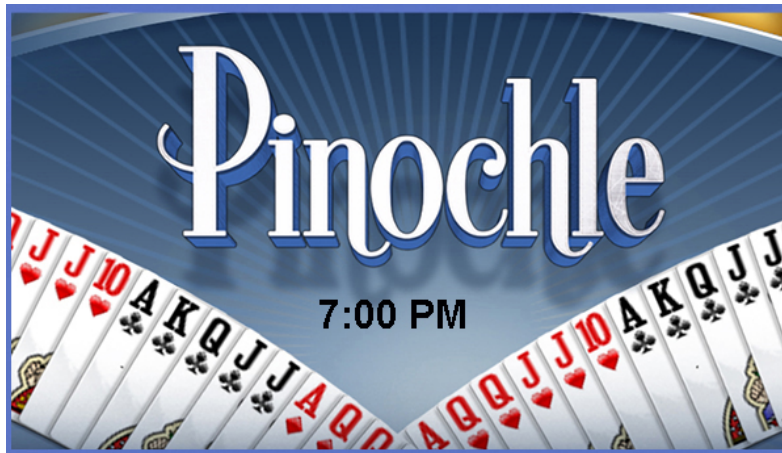
--Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study

Reminders to Regather Safely

If everyone follows these processes, we can safely regather for worship in the sanctuary.

- Stay home if you aren't feeling 100%, or if you've been in contact with someone who is ill or has been tested for COVID-19.
- Those who need to use the elevator should enter at the portico entrance. This will be the way you exit.
- Those who do not need the elevator, please enter at the other side of the building (the lower door). You will exit the building via the stairwell at the church office.
- The ushers/greeters will direct you throughout the building.
- Please do not congregate in the building. You can enjoy fellowship with one another in the parking lot.
- Wear a mask properly covering your nose and mouth and don't touch your face.
- Use hand sanitizer as you enter the building and before and after using the restroom.
- Follow the usher to your pew, maintaining a 6-foot distance between other families. Ushers will dismiss you at the end of the service.
- Handrails and doorknobs will be disinfected during the service.
- Cover your cough and sneeze with your elbow.
- Rest assured that any virus that sneaks out will be clumped, filtered or neutralized by the friendly ions pouring out of the Ionizer units in the air ducts.

Remember, no one is pressured to return to in-person worship! We will have the morning services in the sanctuary, and the 8:00 a.m. service on Facebook Live and later on the church website!



JANUARY 4TH

Masks may required per CDC guidelines

Please bring your own drink and snack.

Any Questions call: Karen Olley (717)598-0247

There is no Pinochle during the month of December!

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

Pastor Rankin is inviting members to take a break during the holiday rush and have lunch in Isenberg Hall on **Monday, December 20 from noon-1 p.m.** You bring your own lunch and enjoy the fellowship with your fellow church members. Hope to see you there!



We will have three in-person services this year.

2:30 p.m.--Traditional Service with Holy Communion

6:30 p.m.---Family Service

10:30 p.m.--Traditional Service with Holy Communion

We will consider streaming one of the services on our Facebook page. Look for more information in the weekly bulletins and emails from the pastor.

Save The Date!

The Twenty Third Annual MS Benefit Holiday Concert

Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 at 7:30pm

First Reformed Church U.C.C.
40 East Orange Street, Lancaster, (717) 397-5149

In Person
(masks suggested)
or Livestream at
www.QEBLive.com

A free-will offering
will be taken to benefit
the National Multiple
Sclerosis Society.



Quint Essentially
BRASS

Doug Albert *trumpet*
Gene Clark *trumpet*
Kristen Albert *horn*
Andy Walls *trombone*
Geoff Davis *tuba*

You are invited!

*The SOT Choir would like to
invite the congregation to join them
in the church parking lot*

on

Dec 19 at 2:00 PM

*for a Christmas Carol Sing-along/Concert,
weather permitting.*

2021 HOLIDAY SEASON @ ZION LUTHERAN (LANDISVILLE)

Holiday Concert at Zion
Sunday, December 19
3:00 p.m.

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*Featuring the Hempfield High School
Chamber Singers*

LANCASTER
LIEDERKRANZ WINTER
COMMUNITY CONCERT

Saturday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m.

This seasonal concert featuring traditional German
selections is held annually at Zion.

A free-will offering will be taken.

Connecting with others
Connecting with God
Connecting others with God
All are welcome!

**Hershey Handbell
Ensemble**
Christmas
Concert

AT ZION
Sunday, December 12
at 3:00 p.m.

Come enjoy the sounds of the season!
*Music will feature 7 ½ octaves of handbells
played by the 15 member ensemble!*

A free-will offering will be collected to help support the Zion Musik Concert Series.
info@hersheyhandbellensemble.org - (717) 298-7071 - hersheyhandbellensemble.org

85 E. Brandt Blvd.
(Off Main St. in Landisville)

717-898-2911



adminzelc@comcast.net



Zion Lutheran Hempfield





Dear Trinity Church Family,

Thank you for all the get well cards and 70th birthday wishes!! The get well cards really cheered me up and the birthday cards warmed my heart and reminded me how much I've missed our church family this past year!

Thank you all so much!

Kathy McCarty

To my friends at Trinity:

Thank you so much for the beautiful floral arrangement. It lasted for weeks.

Everytime I looked at it I was reminded of all of you. I wish I could worship there again but I'm kind of "laid up" right now in a room with three other ladies.

God bless,

Doris Leaman

Dear Trinity,

Thank you for your continued financial and prayerful support of Hempfield Power Packs. We recognize the blessing of your partnership with us and we value your support to reach the community and those in need around us.

As we launched the program this school year, we have seen number return to what we experienced "pre-Covid", even as we continue to distribute packs at the 4 off-site locations – Arbor Park, Hempfield United Methodist Church, Mountville Church of the Brethren, and the East Petersburg Area Community Center. Our volunteers are faithfully packing, delivering, and distributing packs each week to about 120 families here in our community. We're grateful to continue operations through these challenging times.

It is a great honor to serve our community in this way. We know that the need is as significant as ever. Thanks for all that you do to partner with us!

Your neighbors,

Amy Jordan, Co-Director

To our Trinity family.....Phyllis & I would like to thank our Trinity friends/family for their many cards and notes celebrating our birthdays and anniversary during the month of October. We are amazed at the number of responses and always appreciate all the kindness extended to us. We are proud to be members of Trinity U.C.C.!

THANK YOU,

Phyllis & Ken Zimmerman



Peanut Fellowship

Peanut Fellowship is temporarily on hold. We will keep you informed of when we will be resuming. Thank you for your patience.

Dates	Greeters/Ushers (10:30 a.m. service)	Lectors	Worship Aids	Money Counters	Flowers
12/5	Steve Shank , Scott Summers, Karen Olley, Mark & Chris Eyer	Jack Esbenshade (8:00) Bob Bistline(10:30)	McCarty	Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Charlene Cristy	Paulukow
12/12	Mike Wagner , Shelley Wagner, Stan & Pat Seachrist, Charlene Cristy	Jack Esbenshade (8:00) Sally Rodenberger (10:30)	Hambrick-Stowe	Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Charlene Cristy	Cash
12/19	Dave Connor , Hank Fox, Bob Bistline, Paula Dennes, Denise Huggins	Sandy Morris (8:00) Jeff Hackenberger (10:30)	Bailey	Lee Bossert, Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shank	Cataldi
12/24		TBD			Portser
12/26	Don Miller , Zach Baynard, Cherie Cataldi, Betty Fogle, Dottie Schadt	TBD	Chapman	Lee Bossert, Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shank	Chapman

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



Greeter /Ushers Needed

If you would like to volunteer as a Greeter/Usher for the 10:30 a.m. service please contact the church office.



Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer.

DEVOTIONALS

The October-December edition of *These Days* can be found on both floors of the church building. Contact the church office if you would like us to mail you a copy.

WORSHIP NEWS

We will continue to stream the 8:00 service on the Trinity Facebook page and later upload it to our website. The Eucharist will be celebrated every week at 8:00 a.m., on December 5 & 19 at the 10:30 a.m. service, and on Christmas Eve at 2:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

We will have a service of Lessons and Carols on December 26 at 10:30 a.m. Please let Pastor Chris know if you would like to be a reader for that service.

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Solutions For Churches & Communities

Feb 26,
10-11:30am



Annie Browning
MDiv, LCSW

Using Intuition in Your Work



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. They are using the Seasons of the Spirit curriculum.
2. **Middle School/High School Class** will meet in the classroom on the second floor. They are using the book "Way To Live-Christian Practices For Teens" edited by Dorothy C. Bass and Don C. Richter. Topics the young people have voted on and are interested in, and which we plan to study are Music, Food, Stuff, Creativity, Work, Creation, Justice, Growing, Bodies, Friends, and Play.
3. **The Combined Adult Class** will meet in Isenberg Hall. They are using the book "What's in the Bible About Church?" by David L. Barnhart.

There will be no Koinonia at this time!



WHITE GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS—BETH BOSSERT

As in years past, we would like to share our blessings with others in need by providing gifts to the residents of Bethany Homes and Ephrata Manor. The residents at both locations are always very appreciative of our caring and giving. Both organizations rely on our donations to make Christmas special for each of their residents.

This year, due to the pandemic, they are asking for GIFT CARDS so that they can use them to purchase desired gifts for each individual. The following are the gift card requests for each location.



Ephrata Manor (United Church of Christ Home) requests: Amazon, Walmart, Dollar Tree, Visa/MC, and Target gift cards.



Bethany Home requests: Target, Walmart, Amazon, Dick's, Michael's, Food Locker, Turkey Hill, and McDonalds gift cards.

This year there will not be a designated White Service to collect the gifts cards. We are asking that these gift cards be dropped off or sent to the Church Office. They can also be put in the offering plates. Please mark the designated location that the gift card is to be given. Donations need to be received in the church office by **Sunday, December 5th**. The gift cards will then be delivered to both locations.

Come, Follow Me Retreat



Mark your calendars for a church retreat to be held at Trinity Church February 18-20, 2022. The retreat will be led by Pastor Rankin and Rev. Dr. Dave Bushnell, Pastor Emeritus of Hamilton Park U.C.C. and author of the retreat.

Here is what Dr. Bushnell says about the retreat:

The Come Follow Me retreat seeks to invite people to experience being the body of Christ in our own time and place. This corporate identity, this “we”, can open us up to others, even to all creation. It invites us to experience others as I/Thou relationships (to use the Jewish scholar Martin Buber’s language).

In order to experience being the body of Christ today, the Come Follow Me retreat uses worship as its basic paradigm. The retreat follows the essential elements of worship from being called, to confession, then moving on to a unique experience of Jesus Christ, exploring how Jesus’ spirituality can help shape our own. The retreat includes a time of sharing deeply with one another remembering the waters of baptism. Then, after seeing the church as a community of abundant Christian practices, we will work to envision what our incarnational ministry will be like. Finally, we are sent out into the world, into “the long emergency” with solid “next steps” to follow.

Some members of Trinity Church experienced a shorter version of this retreat in 2019. The retreat in February will be different as we look at climate change (the long emergency) and how it relates to our faith. Look for more information in the coming months! If you have any questions, contact Pastor Rankin!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
December Ministry Volunteers: Cards: Advent Workshop (Cherie Cataldi) Visitation Minister (Phone Calls): Paula Dennes Building Trustee – Pat Sensenig			1	2	3	4 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA
5 —White Gift Sunday 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Eucharist	16 6:00 PM Pastor Parish	7	16 7:00 PM Preschool Board (in classroom) Finance (Isenberg Hall)	9 10:00 AM Mercersburg Study Group 6:30-8:30 PM Cub Scouts	10	11 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA
12 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of Word	13	14	15	16 7:00 PM Consistory/Bds	17	18 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA
19 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday Schoo 10:30 AM Eucharist 2:00 PM Carol Sing in Parking Lot	20 Noon Lunch with the Pastor	21	22	23 6:30-8:30 PM Cub Scouts	24 2:30 PM 6:30 PM 10:30 PM Christmas Eve Services	25 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA
	No Preschool					
26 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Lessons & Carols	27 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	28	29	30 6:30-8:30 PM Cub Scouts	31	
	No Preschool					



TRINITY UCC PRESCHOOL

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021

CREATE SOME PEACE THIS SEASON

The holiday season can be filled with activity and special pleasures. We hope that you will create time to catch your breath, be still, and enjoy your child. Reading a book or telling a story with your little one snuggled close can be of more value than viewing too many television specials. Family traditions are more memorable than squeezing in more "Christmas spectaculars." We wish you each a blessed and beautiful holiday season!

SNOW DAYS (Just In Case!) Remember to listen to WGAL-TV, Channel 8, or check their web site for any delays or cancellations. When Hempfield schools are delayed, we will have classes with a modified schedule. 2 day, 3 day, and 4 day 10:30-12:30. Tiny Tots 10:30-12:00, Enrichment Class 12:30-2:30, and Lunch Bunch 12:30-2.

EMAIL ALERTS/REMINDERS Please be sure we have an accurate email address you use regularly.

FUNDRAISER APPRECIATION We are grateful to all of you for the ways you supported Trinity Preschool through the fundraiser with Bird-in-Hand Bakery! We sold well over 300 baked goods! **That's more than last years total!!!** We are aware of how much time some of you put into taking orders, collecting money, picking up and delivering and we thank you! The proceeds will be used to replace worn out, tired toys as well as pay for field trips and special events.

PRESCHOOL SKILLS Your child spends time each day in class developing fine motor skills like cutting with scissors, manipulating writing tools, and placing puzzle pieces. The more opportunities they have to practice at home, the less frustrating it will be for them. Keep this in mind as you make your child's "wish list" for the holiday! Does your child have access to a wide variety of writing tools, child safety scissors, glue, paints, reading/picture books and play dough? There are some wonderful teaching videos and television programs but nothing teaches better than **doing!**



A CHILD'S LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT Your child may be able to express himself so that you can understand, but he is still developing! To stimulate speech and language development:

- encourage your child to express his feelings, ideas, dreams, wishes and fears.
- comment on what you did or how you think your child feels; this will stimulate more speech than a direct question.
- allow your child to create new, free designs with crayons and paper; then ask her what she has made.
- help your child memorize songs, rhymes and verses. Nursery rhymes are terrific!
- continue to read longer stories.
- talk with your child as you would with an adult in most instances.
- remember that your child will understand more than he/she will be able to say.
- actively listen when your child talks.

SPECIAL DATES AND TOPICS

Monday December 20 through Friday, December 31 – **NO SCHOOL** Christmas Holiday

Monday, January 3 – 3 Day and 4 Day Classes resume

Tuesday, January 4 - 2 Day Class resume

Wednesday, January 5 - Enrichment class resume

Thursday, January 6 - Tiny Tots class resume

FRIDAY JANUARY 14 Semi annual, quarterly, and monthly payments due

Monday, January 17 - **NO SCHOOL** – Martin Luther King Jr. Day



4-day class – Wow, the holiday season is already here! We will be discussing the difference between wants and needs. Merry Christmas!

3-day class – December is a short month full of gingerbread men, magic and wonder and doing for others. We will continue with our shapes and number recognition as well as continuing our letters of the week. We wish you all a wonderful holiday season

2-day classes – We will continue with our shapes and number recognition as well as continuing our letters of the week. We wish you all a wonderful holiday season

Tiny Tots – Tiny tots will be exploring the color green, and triangles. We will learn some Christmas songs and be thinking about Santa and his reindeer!



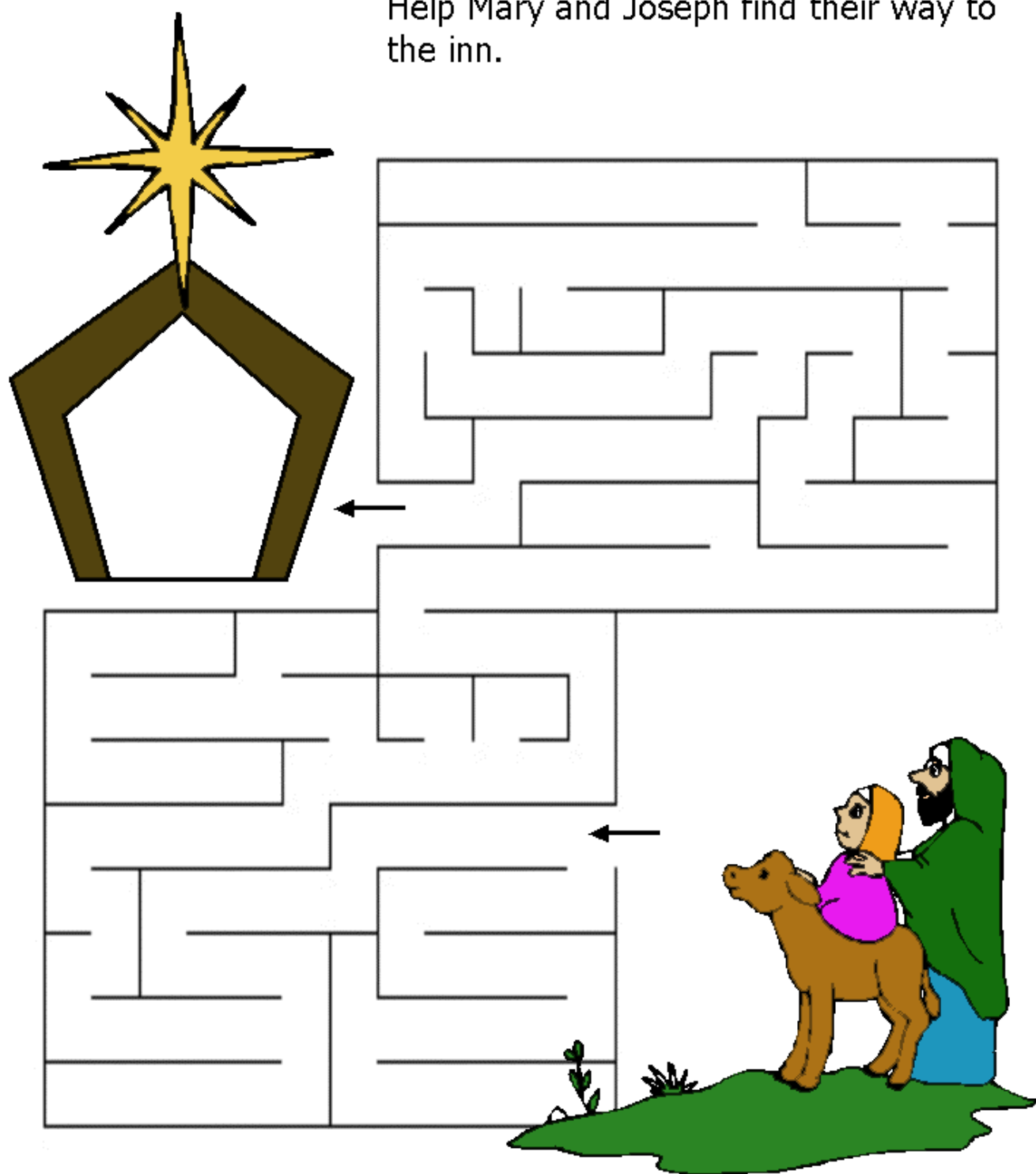
PRESCHOOL TAX NUMBER TAX #23-1719341. IF YOU ARE WORKING WHILE YOUR CHILD IS IN PRESCHOOL, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO CLAIM TUITION. SEE YOUR TAX ADVISOR.

"I hear, and I forget. I see, and I remember. I do, and I understand." – Chinese proverb



Christmas Maze

Help Mary and Joseph find their way to the inn.



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