

TRINITY U.C.C. PARISH POST

January 2022

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 Epiphany Prayer

Lord, we see your star and seek your presence in our midst. Draw us to you, guide us by your light, that we, too, might become witnesses to your Good News. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



*Catch the Vision,
Share the Joy!!*

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that we will begin a new year! The pandemic has caused me to lose track of time. It seems that the past two years are very blurry in my mind. So I wonder what I will see as I look ahead.

We recently made some changes to our COVID restrictions. Worshippers are invited to come forward for Holy Communion or they can continue to receive the elements in their pew. I now greet people in the narthex after the service. We have made some adjustments to the seating by opening some of the pews in each section of the sanctuary. We still have some sections with pews roped off for those who wish to have some distance. The leaders of Trinity Church will always keep the safety of our members in mind as we make decisions regarding the congregational life at this challenging time.

The joyous songs of Christmas have now been silenced on the radio or in the stores, but they still are ringing in our hearts as we move toward Epiphany. It is our responsibility to remind people that the joy of Christmas is not over. We must proclaim the message that the light of Christ breaks into the dark moments of our life.

Like I did at the beginning of the Advent season, I want to share with you words from the late Ann Weems, a poet, speaker, and devout Presbyterian:

The church is Epiphany.

We are the Magi, searching, resplendent in this world's accouterments of knowledge and wealth and achievement.

But we search for something more. And—of all unlikely places—in a stable the Deity appears.

The birthing of our Lord bursts upon our ordinary lives like fireworks in the snow.

Only God would send a little baby King, and we are on our knees, where we are within reach of our full personhood.

(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 November member gifts is running ahead of expenses and are close to budget. The Financial Secretary reported 75 I Promise forms have been submitted and this is up from the number in 2020.

Consistory approved recommendation of Deacons to send \$1191 from OGTO -Undesignated account to Conference Disaster Fund for use to aid those affected by tornadoes in Kentucky. Also approved sending \$195 from OGTO- Local Missions account to LOVE Inc.

The ordination/installation of Consistory members will take place on January 9 at the 10:30 a.m. service.

The Sacrament of Baptism for Lee Bossert Davis (son of Hillary (Bossert) & Logan Davis) will be on January 16.

We still need an Elder to serve on the Consistory. Speak to Pastor Rankin or Denise Pfeiffer for more information.

The following slate of Church Officers was elected for 2022:

President – Denise Pfeiffer

Vice President – unfilled

Secretary – Nevin Cooley

Treasurer – Ken Zimmerman

Assistant Treasurer – Scott Owens

Financial Secretary - Dan Otthofer

WONDER by Elinor M. Nicholas

I wonder - did a divergent whale
with a well developed persona
surface, blow, then turn tail,
after having swallowed Jonah?

Also, concerning Noah, a good man
selected by God to build an ark;
did he say "I don't think I can"—
then, as it floated, regret his remark?

And angels, with no media device
to help them announce our Savior's birth,
did they know there would be a precise
star maneuvered, lighting up earth?

NEW ADDRESSES

Rev. Frank Lantz
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Mennonite Home,
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Marianne Gibble
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS		
01/01	Joan Cash	
01/01	Pat Seachrist	
01/04	Mary Ann Bradley	
01/06	Koen Miller	
01/06	Nancy Musser	
01/07	Shelby DeLong	
01/07	Harry Himelwright	
01/07	Delaney Minder	
01/08	Rick Mowrer	
01/11	Samantha DeLong	
01/11	Mark Eyer	
01/13	Brenda Himelwright	
01/13	Walter Tyndall	
01/13	Stacie Eberly	
01/14	Rosemary Huber	
01/14	Dawn Stauffer	
01/16	Mary Neville	
01/17	Jodi Keller	
01/17	Deb Lichtenwalner	
01/19	Zachary Mowrer	
01/20	Hank Fox	
01/20	Pat Miller	
01/22	Sandra Garrett	
01/24	Chad DeLong	
01/27	Doug Shaab	
01/29	George DeLong	
01/29	Andrew Rankin	
01/31	Samuel Minder	
01/31	Shelley Wagner	

TREASURES



IN CLAY JARS

by Rev. Jack Esbenshade

I did a little research and discovered that I started writing this column at the behest of the Pastor and the Stewardship and Endowment Committee seven years ago. Taking into consideration the fact that the Parish Post is not published each summer, that means I have written about 75 columns on the topic of Stewardship. Over time I have molded and shaped things, like a potter would clay and thus the title for the column as well. Which is simply to state that I have enjoyed offering my reflections and thoughts on the topic of stewardship.

At the end of each year, I gather all of the pertinent financial information for our accountant to file tax returns. Since the standard deduction has been increased, my workload has decreased. But I keep a spreadsheet and record monthly expenditures. The end of the year gives me an opportunity to see what we have done, where we have spent our money and if we've been good stewards of our resources.

I learned early on, that I may not be able to make a large contribution to the church or any other worthy organization. But I can make a commitment to give weekly or monthly and over time those gifts mount up. Looking back at the past year's spread sheet underscores that pattern of giving.

As the New Year begins, give serious consideration to your own family resources. What is it you want to save for? What is it that you want to support? How will you reach those goals? And where is God in the midst of those decisions?

Blessings in 2022 to you and yours.

Stewardship Mission Moments

The Stewardship Committee is organizing speakers to offer a mission moment each month during worship about one of our mission partners we support through Our Gifts to Others. We have scheduled speakers for January and February.

2021 ANNUAL REPORTS

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

CROP WALK UPDATE

The total raised was \$5,198.57. Thank you to everyone who supported our walkers!

January 23: Jay Rairigh, Executive Director of Love INC will speak at both services. He will also share more about Love INC to the adult Sunday School class in Isenberg Hall at 9:00 a.m.

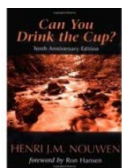
February 27: Dr. Anne Thayer, Diefenderfer Professor of Mercersburg & Ecumenical Theology/Professor of Church History.

HARVEST HOME THANK YOU

Thanks to the congregation for your very generous donations of 426 pounds of food for the Food Hub. Thanks also to Tobe Rohrer for supplying the bales of straw, buckets of corn, baskets of apples and potatoes for our Harvest Home display. Your contributions help to feed our neighbors in need in the community.

Scriptures for January	
1/2	Jere. 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Eph. 1:3-14; John 1:1-18
1/9	Isa. 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17,21-22
1/16	Isa. 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; John 2:1-11
1/23	Neh. 8:1-3,5-6,8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Cor. 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21
1/30	Jere. 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

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.

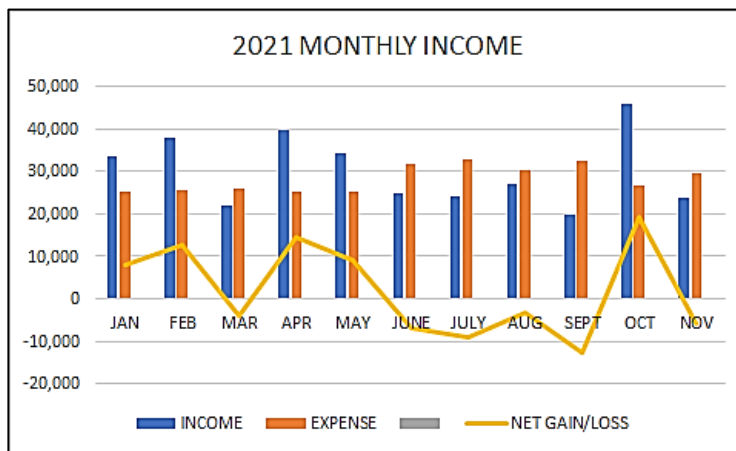
The cup, a powerful image in the human experience, a symbol used to celebrate a wide range of human endeavors, becomes for Nouwen a doorway opening on the spiritual horizon.

"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 was December 27, so you will now have to order the book on your own.

News from the Finance Committee

YTD TOTAL INCOME	332,409	NOV INCOME	23,648
YTD TOTAL EXPENSES	309,951	NOV EXPENSE	29,407
YTD GAIN/LOSS	22,458	MONTHLY GAIN/LOSS	-5,759



SAVE THE DATE
Barnstormer's Game

July 7, 2022

Mark your calendars for July 7 when the Lancaster Barnstormers will play the York Revolution! The cost is \$30 (ticket, suite rental, endless buffet for 90 minutes, gratuity). Children from ages 4-18 will be covered by our Youth Ministry account and those under 4 are free. Stay tuned for information on how to sign up!



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

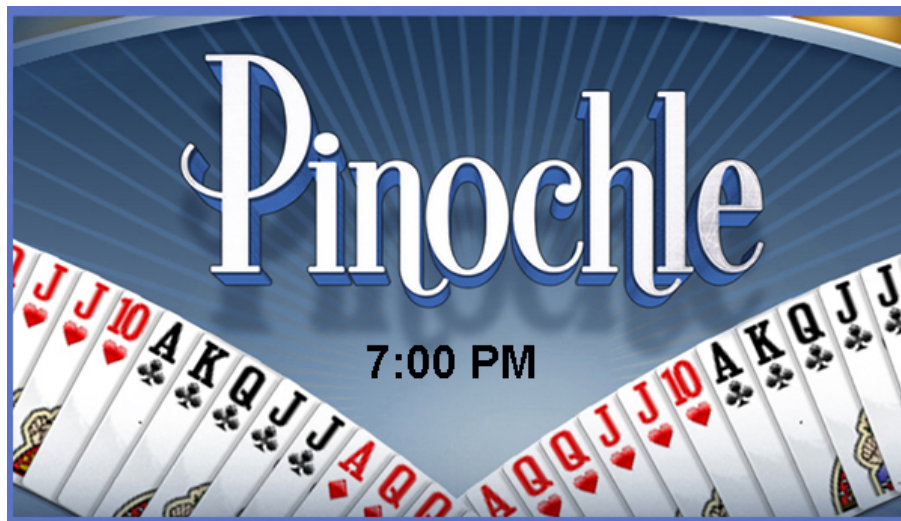
--Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study

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.
- 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 14th

Masks may required per CDC guidelines

Please bring your own drink and snack.

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

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

We will take a break in January and February. Watch for more information about a lunch gathering in March!

Prayer Shawl

Ministry



PRAYER SHAWL UPDATE

Since Prayer Shawl is not actively meeting right now, if you need a prayer shawl, lap blanket or have any questions, please contact Betty Tyndall at 717-572-1443. Prayer Shawl will resume at a later date.

Photos from Carol Sing on December 19th



INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY



The United Nations has designated the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz - Birkenau concentration camp as International Holocaust Remembrance Day.



The Lessons of the Holocaust

**Join us on Thursday, January
27th, 2022, at 7:00 pm.**

**This is a hybrid event, and will be held
simultaneously in person and on Zoom.**

The speakers will be:

Pastor Mark Ammerman - Grace Evangelical Congregational Church

Pastor Timothy Bistline - Church of God of Landisville, and Real-Life Church of God

Pastor Pamela Carnes - Evangelical Lutheran, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pastor Doug Hinton - Hempfield Church of the Brethren

Pastor Christopher Rankin - Trinity United Church of Christ

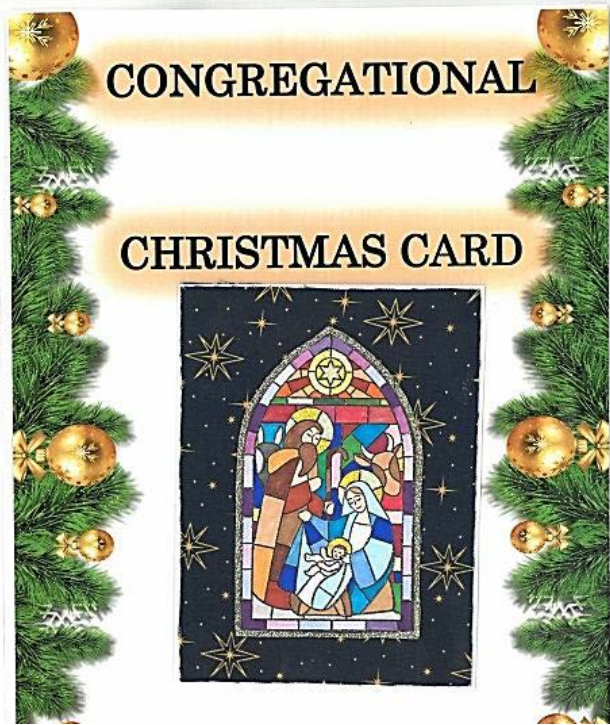
Rabbis Daniela Szuster and Rami Pavolotzky - Temple Beth El Lancaster

[Register to attend in person and on Zoom here now.](https://www.tbelancaster.org/holocaust-2021/)

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Merry Christmas

from

Jack & Karen Olley
Diane Rice
Donna Zirkel
Pastor Chris, Anne, Zach, Rachel & Andrew
Donna Geisler
Parry Miller
Claire Miller
Mark & Chris Eyer
Nancy Enders
David & Mid Gockley
Paula Dennes
Bob & Nancy Musser
Marge Burger
Marianne & Marcel Gibble
Ron & Donna Denlinger
Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman
Jeff Hackenberger
Ken & Janice Jenkins
Harry & Brenda Himelwright
Herbert, Janet, Beverly Charles
Pat & Joan Sensenig
John & Betsy Bailey
Rosemary Minder
Chuck & Sue Husted
Betty Tyndall
Roger & MaryAnn Bradley
Joann Peck
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Jerry & Carmen Richards
Christine Oetama
Cherie Cataldi
Sandy & George DeLong
Jodi & Jack Keller
Donna Wolf
Stan & Pat Seachrist
Terry & Carol Kratz
Ken & Marilyn Trauger
Denise Pfeiffer
Noreen & Dave Trostle
Lee Bossert
John Shelsky
Rich Christensen
Bud & Kathy McCarty
Dottie Schadt

We collected \$403 for the Hempfield Power Packs.

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!

Dates	Greeters/Ushers (10:30 a.m. service)	Lectors	Worship Aids	Money Counters	Flowers
1/2	Steve Shenk , Scott Summers, Mark & Chris Eyer, Karen Olley	Jeff Hackenberger	Dull	Bud & Kathy McCarty, Scott Owens, Dave Connor, John Shelsky	Himelwright
1/9	Mike Wagner , Shelley Wagner, Stan & Pat Seachrist, Charlene Cristy	Diane Rice		Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Charlene Cristy, Cherie Cataldi	
1/16	Dave Connor , Hank Fox, Bob Bistline, Paula Dennes, Denise Huggins	Marge Burger (10:30)		Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Charlene Cristy, Cherie Cataldi	
1/23	Don Miller , Zach Baynard, Cherie Cataldi, Betty Fogle, Dottie Schadt	Sandy Morris (8:00) Jerry Richards (10:30)		Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller, Denise Pfeiffer	Rankin
1/30	Steve Shenk , Scott Summers, Mark & Chris Eyer, Karen Olley	TBD	Royer	Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller, Denise Pfeiffer	Royer



Peanut Fellowship

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

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 January-March 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 a.m. 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., and on January 2 and 30 at the 10:30 a.m. service.

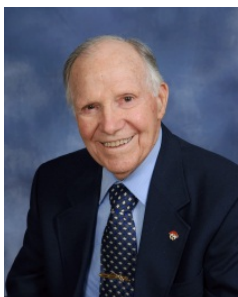
IN REMEMBRANCE

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)



Samuel Minder, Jr. joined the Church Triumphant on December 2, 2021. A funeral service was held at Trinity U.C.C. on December 11 with Pastor Rankin officiating. Sam joined Trinity Church when St. Luke's U.C.C. united with us in 2015. He was a 56 year member of the congregation. At St. Luke's, Sam was an adult Sunday School teacher, assisted in worship as a lector, Consistory member, and served in various leadership roles. After joining Trinity, Sam served on our Capital Campaign Committee. Sam also served on the Penn Central Conference's Outdoor Ministries (Hartman Center) Commission.

Please pray for his wife Rosemary, his sons Mike, Matt, and Sammy, and the rest of the Minder family.



Ken Geib joined the Church Triumphant on December 20, 2021. A memorial service will be held at a later time. Ken was recently recognized as an 83 year member of Trinity Church, the oldest member of the congregation. Throughout those 83 years, Ken served on the Consistory and in other various leadership roles, and was a longtime member of the Sound of Trinity Choir. He also shared his musical gifts in worship by playing his saxophone several times a year.

Please pray for Ken's family and loved ones.

Community Meal at First Reformed U.C.C., Lancaster

The community meals at First Reformed U.C.C. are starting again in 2022. They will continue to serve a grab and go meal. The diners and servers must be masked at all times.

Meals (cold or hot) can be prepared in the church kitchen. They are telling us to prepare for 60-70 people.

We are looking for some people to coordinate these meals. If you are interested or have more questions, contact Paula Dennes, Nancy Enders, or Pastor Rankin.

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!



**Jesse North, Master of Divinity Student
The St. Luke's UCC Scholarship**



Hometown: Lancaster, PA

How are you hoping to serve your community post-graduation?

I hope to serve as the pastor of a congregation.

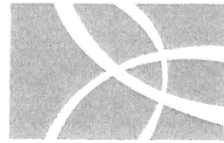
Why have you chosen to pursue a degree at Lancaster Theological Seminary?

The total package: ecumenical history and approach, world-class faculty, cohort-based learning, progressive sensibility - and all right here in my own community.

Dear Rev. Dr. Rankin,

All of us are well aware that membership, attendance, and giving are dropping across all Christian churches - regardless of theology, history, or "style." I believe the seriousness with which LTS takes faith in God AND the realities of culture are crucial to answering the question: what does a church faithful to Christ need to look like in the future, and how do we get there? I believe your investment in LTS is helping move us all towards the good future God is calling us into. Thank you.

- Jesse North



Lancaster
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The St. Luke's UCC Scholarship

Market Value as of December 31, 2020	\$27,922
2021-22 Academic Year Scholarship Grant	\$1,303

The St. Luke's UCC Scholarship grant for the 2021/22 academic year was awarded to Jesse North.

Financial aid is essential to provide accessible, high quality theological education for future ordained and lay leaders of the church.

In light of the pay range most of our students can likely expect following graduation, it is critical that scholarship grants continue to provide the necessary funding so that we can continue to attract the most promising students.

Lancaster Theological Seminary has a long history of faithful alumni/ae, churches, and friends who generously support our mission. Your gifts are a living legacy that embodies your commitment to theological education for every generation. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our students!

Your scholarship fund is invested under the direction of the investment committee of the Board of Trustees to achieve maximum long-term total return with prudent concern for the preservation of capital. The purpose is to generate, in perpetuity, annual scholarship dollars to support our students. *The current endowment draw is 5%. This reflects best practices regarding wise use of our endowment funds.*

On behalf of the Seminary community of students, faculty, and administration, we thank you for your sustained interest and faithful support.

Development Office
Lancaster Theological Seminary
555 West James Street
Lancaster, PA 17603
development@lancasterseminary.edu



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$125 to Hospice & Community Care in honor of Gretchen J. Thomas. Your contribution helps to provide medical, emotional and spiritual support for our patients who are coping with a life-limiting illness.

We are deeply grateful that you have chosen to contribute to Hospice & Community Care. Your gift ensures that our mission “to help patients and families live better with serious illness through the end of life” continues.

Thank you so much for caring in this life-affirming way.

Sincerely,

Steve Knaub, President & CEO

Dear Trinity UCC family:

Thank you for your thoughts & prayers during my recent hospitalization. My family & I appreciate you.

Denny Eberly

Dear Trinity,

Thank you so very much for the gift! The timing is perfect and this gift will to to Pakistan Brick Kiln families and to feed street children in the Philippines. We would love to visit and share!

God bless you!

Stephanie, Ting Ministries

Dear Trinity Congregation,

Thank you for your generous support of Milagro House. Your recent gift of \$125 will go far in supporting our mission to provide education, housing and support to women and their children who would otherwise be experiencing homelessness.

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

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

Thank you again for your generous support of Milagro House.

With gratitude,

Ashley Bievenour, Accounting & Operations Manager

Thank you from the Minder family for the many kind words and cards of sympathy we received upon the passing of Sam. Also a special thanks to Pastor Rankin and church members who visited during his illness when a kind word and caring was needed.

Rosemary Minder

Dear Members of Trinity UCC:

Thank you for the \$665 Worth of donated Gift Cards and \$5 cash that has been designated to be used to purchase meaningful Christmas gifts for the residents of Ephrata Manor. Each year we are amazed at the generosity of the UCC members within Penn Central Conference who have responded to God's call to be our partners in mission.

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

Sincerely,

Victoria M. Velez, Director of Public Relations & Fund Development

Dear Trinity UCC,

Thank you for your gift of \$15,000 to the St. Luke's United Church of Christ, Lancaster, PA Scholarship Fund in support of the ministry of theological education at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

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

In Christ,

Jill Anderson P'25CAP®. CFRE, Vice President for Development and Alumni Engagement

Dear Friends,

We are grateful for your generosity offered to our family during the Christmas season. We appreciated your cards, gifts, and other acts of love and kindness expressed to us during the holidays. We are truly blessed by the generosity of Trinity Church!

Peace,

Pastor Chris, Anne, Zach, Rachel, and Andrew



January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January Ministry Volunteers: Cards: Christian Education Committee (Bob Kilgore) Visitation Minister (Phone Calls): Pete & Anita Rohrer Building Trustee – Mike Wagner						1 New Year's Day 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA
2 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Eucharist	3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	4	5 7:00 PM Property Com.	6 7:00 PM Lancaster Assoc.	7	8 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA
9 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of Word Installation of Consistory Members	10	11	12 7:00 PM Finance Committee	13 10:00 AM Mercersburg Study Group 6:30-8:30 PM Cub Scouts	14	15 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA
16 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of Word Sacrament of Baptism	17 Martin Luther King Jr. NO Preschool 7:00 PM Book Study	18 7:00 PM Preschool Board	19 7:00 PM Consistory	20 9:30 AM Stewardship Committee- Google Meet 6:30-8:30 PM Cub Scouts	21	22 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA
23 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of Word	24 7:00 PM Book Study	25	26 7:00 PM Christian Ed.	27 6:30-8:30 PM Cub Scouts	28	29 7 AM-2 PM Pinewood Derby 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA
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PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

JANUARY 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to a new year at the school! As the children get re-acquainted with school since their holiday vacation there may be some bumps on the road, but back in the swing of the schedule we'll see some really big jumps in learning! The children are forming friendships, learning how to cope with a variety of situations and people, and developing confidence to last a lifetime! We are so glad you are a part of our preschool!

SNOW DAYS

When Hempfield School District is closed, we will be closed. When they have a delayed start, we will have our modified schedule and meet 10:30-12:30; Enrichment Class is 12:30-2:30. Tiny Tots will meet 10:30-12:00. Lunch Bunch 12:30-2:00.

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Semi-annual, third quarter and monthly tuition payments are due January 14th. Please make checks payable to Trinity U.C.C. Preschool. Thank you!

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2022 - 2023

Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested in enrolling your child next year, please do not delay (to avoid disappointment.) Please spread the word to friends and neighbors! A registration form will be sent home to you. If you have made a referral, have that person note your name on their registration form and you will receive a rebate on your registration fee. Parents are our best advertisement! **We appreciate you!**

PRESCHOOL TAX NUMBER

Tax #23-1719341. If you are working while your child is in Preschool, you may be able to claim tuition. This is also the number to use when claiming a donation to the preschool.

SPECIAL DATES AND TOPICS

3 and 4 Day classes Resume Monday, January 3

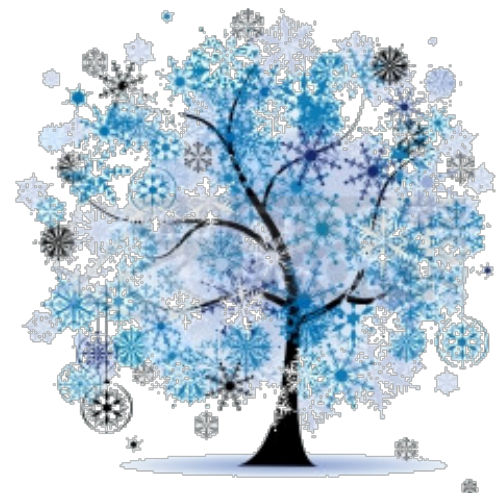
2 Day class resumes Tuesday, January 4

Enrichment class resumes Wednesday, January 5

Tiny Tots class resumes Thursday, January 6

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

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



INDOOR WINTER FUN

Your child will benefit greatly from participating in these activities with you at home. Remember, the benefit is in the process of doing, not the product created! Encourage your child in conversation with questions: How does it feel? What does it look like? How much or how many? Another fun interaction is to simply describe what you see your child doing. They will LOVE it.



*playing with play-dough

- *playing in shaving cream squirted on the table
- *measuring trail mix goodies and stirring with your hands
- *cutting out coupons
- *dancing to music
- *sorting piles of coins

4-DAY CLASS WITH MR SEAN & MISS KELLY

We will explore snow and winter animals. We will also continue working on identifying letters and the sounds they make. Dice games which will help develop number sense will also be a part of our day.

3-DAY CLASS WITH MISS KAREN & MRS. COX

Welcome back! We are ready for a new year of fun! Mittens, arctic animals, ice and igloos will all be part of our classroom while we work on letters. Lots of cool Science experiments will be happening this month.

2-DAY CLASS WITH MISS KAREN & MRS. COX

Welcome back to school – we missed you! The month of January will be filled with winter activities, polar bears and penguins. What fun!

TINY TOTS CLASS WITH MISS CRYSTAL & MISS KELLY

Tiny Tots: We will be exploring snowmen and bears. We will discover the color white and the shape of a star. We will also practice counting and build our fine motor skills.

“Play is our brain’s favorite way of learning.” -Diane Ackerman



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

KIDZ KORNER

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WINTER HOLIDAY Word Find



Ice
Sled
Snowboard
Toboggan
Ice Skates
Mittens

Ski Lift
Snowman
Ski Slopes
Snowball Fight
Hot Chocolate
Winter Solstice

Fireplace
Snowflakes
December
Ski Resort
Snowsuit
Vacation

Winter
Eggnog
Hockey
Snowmobile
Snow Boots
Frozen

Snowfall
Pine Tree
Icicles
Holiday
Scarf
Cold

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