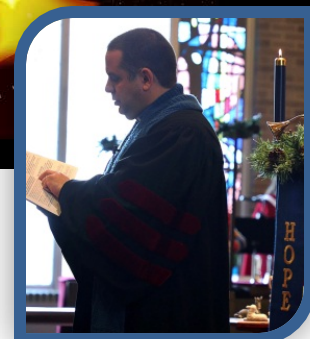


# TRINITY U.C.C. PARISH POST

## December 2022

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



#### **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 shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
(Isaiah 11:1-3a NRSV)**

*Catch the Vision,  
Share the Joy!!*



Dear Friends,

If you drive by Trinity Church at night and look through the clear glass window, you will notice that the Trinity window is now illuminated. This was an idea shared with me several years ago by Pastor Emeritus Harry Royer, and I never forgot about it! Then just before his death in 2019, Bob Price told me that he was leaving money to Trinity Church and we could use it for any purpose. I presented Pastor Royer's idea to Cherie Cataldi-Miller (Bob's daughter) and her husband, Dave. They loved the idea and contributed to this effort. Upon Dave's death this past summer, memorial funds in memory of Dave were used to support this project. We dedicated this spotlight on Thanksgiving Eve in memory of Bob & June Price and David Miller.

As we move into the Advent season, I will be focusing our attention on the readings from Isaiah. In these passages, we will discover that hope comes to us in the midst of destruction, trauma, and despair. Throughout this season, we move from darkness to light. Each Sunday we will light another candle that will help us in transition from darkness to light, from despair to hope. I can already imagine the glorious light around the sanctuary on Christmas Eve! I hope you will be with us to receive the joy of Christ as we pass the light around the sanctuary.

As we wait for the Lord to enter into our lives with light and hope, I share these words from the 20<sup>th</sup> century theologian Henri Nouwen:

#### ***In the Midst of Our Dark World***

I keep expecting loud and impressive events to convince me and others of God's saving power...Our temptation is to be distracted by them...When I have no eyes for the small signs of God's presence—the smile of a baby, the carefree play of children, the words of encouragement and gestures of love offered by friends---I will always remain tempted to despair.

The small child of Bethlehem, the unknown man of Nazareth, the rejected preacher, the naked man on the cross, *he* asks for my full attention. The work of our salvation takes place in the midst of a world that continues to shout, scream, and overwhelm us with its claim and promises.

**A Prayer:** We welcome you, small child of Bethlehem, whose coming we await with quiet attention. Shield us from the shouts, screams, the empty promises of the season, and encourage us to turn our hopes to your coming. We know that the promise hidden in the stable in Bethlehem and rooted in the offspring of Jesse; let us look for our salvation there. Amen.

*(From Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Henri J.M. Nouwen, 2004)*

Blessings,  
**Pastor Chris**

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### CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS by Nevin Cooley

Trinity has received the \$54,817.71 gift from the estate of Ken Geib to be used for church building purposes.

The October Financials were reviewed by the Treasurer and the Church and Pre-School continues to perform within the budget and have a positive position with income exceeding expenses for the first ten months of 2022. Between July 1 and October 31 Trinity received \$11,905 in Our Gifts to Others contributions from our members. These gifts will be distributed to the various organizations by year's end.

The Consistory signed a letter on behalf of the congregation to the E&R Historical Society Board of Directors in response to the recent decision to move the archives to Eden Seminary in Missouri. The letter is asking the leaders to look at other options in order to keep the archives in Pennsylvania.

Jack Richards has agreed to continue to serve on the Pastor Parish Committee and Jeremy Eberly will be serving on the Finance Committee.

The revised Cemetery Policy was approved.

Concerns were raised about the choir singing in front of the Trinity window and not the choir loft. The Board of Elders will be discussing this with the Director of Music.

### OTTHOFER NAMED FULBRIGHT FINALIST

Erika Otthofer '20 was named Fulbright Finalist in the Fulbright US Student Program for an English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) for the 2022-2023 academic year from the US Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign



Scholarship Board. In March 2023 Otthofer will head to Argentina where she will assist with mentoring and instructing English teachers-in-training at a regional university.

"I look forward to experiencing Latin American culture firsthand, sharing cross-cultural connections with a host community, and collaborating with Argentinian scholars

who have a passion for teaching English. I cannot wait for my grant to begin," said Otthofer.

Otthofer was an international studies and political science major with concentrations in international politics and Latin American Studies.

Otthofer is Ship's seventh student/alumna to receive a Fulbright through the US Student Program since 2013. The university also boasts 20 Fulbright Scholars, making Ship the State System leader in Fulbright grants.

### News from the Evangelism Committee

We recently held our first Welcome Luncheon since September 2019. We had two recent visitors and two people who joined Trinity Church during the pandemic. We will be doing another one on April 30, 2023.

The Evangelism Committee will be revitalizing the Called to Care ministry in January. Meals will be provided for members after they have returned home from the hospital or during other critical moments. Transportation to medical appointments. Anne Rankin will be the coordinator for January and February.

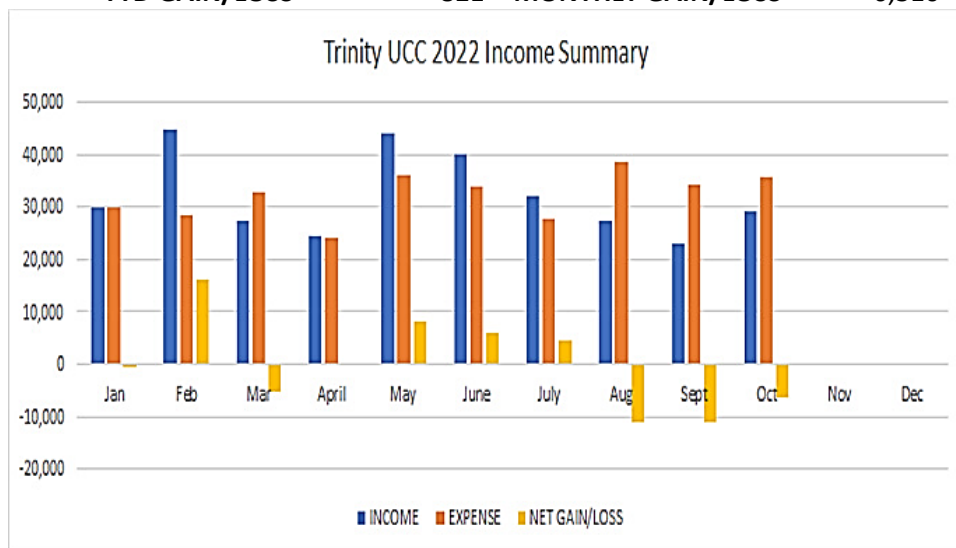
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS		
12/01	Hope Krantz	
12/01	David Trostle	
12/02	Randy Woerner	
12/03	Claire Miller	
12/04	Scott Wible	
12/05	Theodore Slechta	
12/07	Steven Shenk	
12/07	Diane Summers	
12/08	Ronda Hartenstine	
12/12	Megan Harley	
12/14	Charlene Cristy	
12/16	Debbie Wible	
12/17	Lainie Christensen	
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	
12/29	Kathleen Adams	
12/31	Rev. Jack Esbenshade	

December Scriptures	
<b>4</b>	Isa.11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7,18-19; Rom. 15:4-13; Matt. 3:1-12
<b>11</b>	Isa.35:1-10; Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matt. 11:2-11
<b>18</b>	Isa.7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19; Rom.1:1-7; Matt.1:18-25
<b>25</b>	Isa.52:7-10; Psalm 98; Heb.1:1-12; John 1:1-14

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

## News from the Finance Committee

YTD TOTAL INCOME	322,155	October INCOME	29,259
YTD TOTAL EXPENSES	321,334	October EXPENSE	35,569
YTD GAIN/LOSS	821	MONTHLY GAIN/LOSS	-6,310



### 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 2022 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.

**Scott Owens, 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.

### 2022 ANNUAL REPORTS

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



## 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 and other stewardship concerns. Here is the schedule of mission moments:

**December:** U.C.C. Christmas Fund (retired clergy from Trinity will present).

**January:** Trinity Preschool

### ALLOWANCE

*Elinor M. Nicholas*

When we were kids ...

Each of us received an allowance

amounting to five cents a week; my dad would take a firm stance before us, and then he'd speak:

"You need to know how to spend

money! It's something you learn! Be careful! You don't want to end

up without it!. It's not easy to earn!"

Then he'd give a nickel to each of us, so we could practice thriftiness!

### New Address

Theodore Slechta

1027 Drexel Hills Blvd

New Cumberland, PA 17070

### NEW Nursery

#### Coordinator:

Betty Fogle has agreed to serve as our nursery coordinator. If you are interested in providing nursery care for children during worship, please contact Betty at 717-471-1026 or

[bettsfog@comcast.net](mailto:bettsfog@comcast.net).

## TREASURE IN CLAY JARS

by Rev. Jack Esbenshade

We all want to give good gifts to our children and grandchildren. Even Jesus makes reference to that fact [i.e Matt. 7:11; Luke 11:13]. The Christmas holiday is all about giving good gifts. No one wants to receive a lump of coal in their stocking.

Some of start out early and shop throughout the year trying to get the best buy or the last item before the shelves are empty. Others wait until the last minute and simply order on-line or stop at the bank for crisp new currency. However it's handled, we do our best to see that we give good gifts to our children and grandchildren.

We might say that we are simply following in the footsteps of the Almighty who has given us the gift of Jesus Christ. And our gifts extend beyond our families and those closest to us. Our gifts to others support mission and ministry throughout the region and world.

Wishing you warmest greetings and generous spirits in this season of gifting good gifts to others. And blessings to you and yours in the coming New Year.

## PRAYER SHAWL UPDATE

The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 PM. They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

## Congratulations to Our Confirmands and Their Spiritual Friends

Paula Dennes with **Rachel Baynard**  
251 Hempfield Avenue  
Landisville, PA 17538

Cherie Cataldi with **Sevi Keares**  
2159 Georgetown Dr.  
Lancaster, PA 17601

A poster for a Pinochle game. At the top, the word "PINOCHLE" is written in large, blue, serif capital letters. Below it, "7:00 PM" is written in large, blue, serif capital letters. The background of the top half of the poster features a blue sky with white clouds and several playing cards (Ace of Hearts, King of Hearts, Queen of Hearts, Jack of Hearts) fanned out. Below the title and time, the text "Date: Friday Dec. 16" is written in black. At the bottom, a yellow box contains the text: "Everyone is welcome! All you have to do is sign up in the hallway outside the church office, and bring a snack or drink to share. We're happy to teach players new to Pinochle."

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## Worship News

We will continue to stream the 7:45 a.m. service on the Trinity Facebook page and later upload it to our website. The Eucharist will be celebrated every week at 7:45 a.m. and at the 10:30 a.m. service on December 4 & the 10:00 a.m. service on December 25 (one service that day). The Eucharist will also be celebrated on Christmas Eve at the 2:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. services. The Board of Elders decided at their October meeting that we will return to serving communion around the chancel rail (kneeling or standing) at the 10:30 service for those who wish to come forward. We still have pre-packaged elements for those who choose to not come to the rail.

There are also special worship services in December:

**December 11:** The Order of Healing at both services.

**December 24:** Christmas Eve Services

**2:30 p.m.** Service with Holy Communion (lector is needed)

**6:30 p.m.** Family Christmas Eve Service (readers are needed)

**10:30 p.m.** Service with Holy Communion

**December 25 (Sunday)**-Service of Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. **Readers are needed for this service. Contact Pastor Rankin if you are interested.**

**Note:** We will look into streaming some of these services. Watch for more details in the bulletins.

## ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

The annual meeting of the congregation was held in Isenberg Hall and online after the 10:30 service on November 13. The congregation approved the 2023 budget and the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee:

### **ELDERS (2022-2025)**

Donna Denlinger (Extension of 1 year)

Sally Rodenberger (1<sup>st</sup> term)

### **DEACONS (2022-2025)**

Rev. Bob Bistline (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Ron Denlinger (1<sup>st</sup> term)

### **PRESCHOOL BOARD (2022-2025)**

Beth Bossert (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Karen Olley (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

**Thank you to the following people who are completing their terms: Beth Bossert (Board of Deacons), Nevin Cooley (Board of Deacons), Kathy McCarty (Board of Elders), and Mitch Gibson (Preschool Board).**

Lastly, we honored our 50 year (and more) members who have a total of 2,769 years of membership to Trinity/St. Luke's.





## WORKSHOPS



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### Becoming Your Best Self: Introduction to the Enneagram

HYBRID CONTEMPLATIVE

February 25, 2023  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm



### Resiliency for Volunteers

ZOOM ONLY VOLUNTEER

February 27, 2023  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

### RESILIENCY FOR VOLUNTEERS



### Using Volunteer Skills in the Real World

ZOOM ONLY VOLUNTEER

February 9, 2023  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



### The Path Between Us: Enneagram Conference with Suzanne Stabile

IN PERSON ONLY CONTEMPLATIVE

March 24, 2023 - March 25, 2023  
6:00 pm - 5:00 pm




**Community Grab 'N Go Community Meal: Tuesday, December 27 at First Reformed U.C.C. (40 E. Orange St., Lancaster)**

Trinity has another opportunity to feed the underserved on December 27. A few volunteers will be needed to pack and distribute 120 to-go dinner bags. The sign-up sheet for volunteers and food donations is on the table in across from the church office. The food items needed for this meal are: fruit cups, hamburger rolls, water, individually wrapped desserts and baby carrots. Donations can be placed in the basket on the table.

Contact Kathy Cooley for more information! Thanks for your continuing support!


## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Parish Life Committee is planning to go Christmas caroling on December 11 to some of our members and around the East Petersburg community. We will enjoy lunch together after the 10:30 service in Isenberg Hall and the go caroling from 1-3 p.m. Please sign-up on the table across from the church office! This is open to all members and friends of Trinity Church!!!



### Calling all Singers and Ringers

**2022-2023 Season Starts**  
7:00 PM SOT Choir  
8:15 PM Canticle Ringers  
\*New Singers and Ringers Welcome  
Contact Michael or Dina Slechta





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**Concert/Desserts**

Featuring  
Trinity Church Musicians

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**  
**Concert – 6:00 PM**  
Desserts Following The Concert  
Sign-up Sheet In Church Narthex  
Or  
Call 717-569-1632 For Dessert Reservations

*Freewill Offering Benefits  
Schreiber Center For Pediatric Development  
and Trinity Music Ministry*



**Also Join Us Dec. 24  
(Christmas Eve):  
2:30 PM Eucharist  
6:30 PM Family Service  
10:30 PM Eucharist**

## **LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR**

Is on hiatus due to the upcoming holidays and winter months!

## ***I PROMISE* PARTICIPATION SHOWS A DECLINE FOR 2023**

At the recent Annual Meeting it was reported that there were about 53 *I Promise* Forms submitted this year. One form could represent an individual member or an entire family. We were making great progress in the past. Each year there was an incremental increase of participation. In 2022, 76 *I Promise* Forms were presented as an offering of members.

Our commitment to our faith in Jesus and to the church is made tangible through the *I Promise* campaign. It is not too late to complete and submit this form. In and through it we make a clear statement about what we will offer to the life of Trinity UCC in 2023.



## Holiday Wishes for Jordan Sensenig



Since Jordan is deployed overseas, this will be his third Christmas away from home. Christmas will be a difficult time for him, and we hope you will help to boost his spirits. Whether you share a note, a Christmas card, or a memory, we hope you will help by sending him words of encouragement.

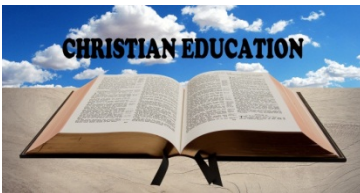
You surprised him with your wonderful greetings last year, and we hope we can surprise him again. He couldn't believe how many greetings he received. You were great!

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

With the issues surrounding mail delivery, we will collect your encouraging correspondences and will send all as a single mailing. We will send one mailing in early December, and then another a few weeks later.

Many Thanks!  
Pat and Joan

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS INFORMATION:** Join us every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in Isenberg Hall for opening devotions before we go to our individual classes.



Here is information about the various classes:

1. **The Young Children's Class (5 years old and younger) & the Primary Children's Class (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades)** will meet in the lower classroom in November and will be using the Seasons of the Spirit lectionary based curriculum.
2. **The Middle/High School Class** will be meeting with the adult class and use the youth study of *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Faith* by Adam Hamilton. There will be opportunities for a youth breakout session during the classes.
3. **The Adult Class** will meet in Isenberg Hall. They will finish two chapters in *Practicing Our Faith* (their textbook from last year) and in October will begin using *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Faith* by Adam Hamilton.

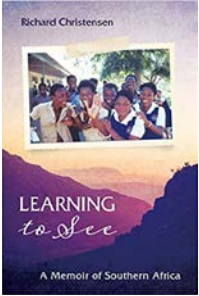
### News from the Christian Education Committee

Everyone is invited to a special Advent/Christmas celebration on December 18 at 9 a.m. in Isenberg Hall! There will be singing, a special story, and a time for people to share their favorite Christmas Eve/Christmas Day memories. The celebration will end with a special koinonia! We hope to see you there!

**Special note: Sunday School classes will not be held on December 25 and January 1.**



## Learning to See: A Memoir of Southern Africa by Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen



Teaching in the southern African nation of Botswana in the early 1980s, Richard Christensen faced a new world, one endlessly fascinating and challenging. Experiencing warm hospitality from many people, sharing both joyful celebrations and painful struggles with students, he and his family encountered a deeper sense of the true meaning of community. Travel in apartheid South Africa and war-weary Zimbabwe gave him a fuller understanding of the reality of oppression and how people of faith endured their plight and kept hope alive. In this experience, so surprising in many ways, he came to a deepened realization of the genuine freedom of the gospel and the hope it affords us. He saw that relationships are what save us, that the salvation of God in Christ is not merely personal and individual, but communal, and that we are thus more dependent upon one another than we realize. Learning to see the world

with new eyes, he discovered not only a more expansive vision of the church and the world, but also a more honest and complete understanding of himself as a product of an affluent and segregated society. You can purchase book at either [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or [wipfandstock.com](https://www.wipfandstock.com)

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The monthly breakfast will be held at the Family Fare Restaurant on December 10 at 8:00 a.m. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

### WHITE GIFT SUNDAY ON DECEMBER 4---BETH BOSSERT



As in years past, we will share our blessings with others by bringing (unwrapped) Christmas gifts to the service. This is our special time of sharing our gifts with residents of Ephrata Manor and Bethany Home.

The residents are very appreciative of our caring and both homes are requesting gift card suggestions to better meet needs and interests.

#### **Ephrata Manor (United Church of Christ Home)requests:**

Gift cards: Amazon, Dollar Tree, Michael's, Wal-Mart, VISA/MC, Giant Food Stores, Target, or CVS

#### **Bethany Home requests:**

Washi tape, canvas paper, Zippered Sheet Protectors, Rubber Stamps & ink pads, stencils, origami paper, letter & number stickers, lightweight twin size comforters

Gifts Cards: Lowes, Home Depot, Michaels, Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon, TJ Maxx, Dick's Sporting Goods, Turkey Hill, Giants, McDonald's & Kohls.

Please include Trinity U.C.C Church and address and/or individual along with your card.

**Gifts will be received at both services on December 4. The children will collect them during the 10:30 service. Thank You!**

### 2023 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS

The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can also sign-up by calling Carol in the church office. The price for flowers is \$60. You can share the date for flowers and just sponsor one of the arrangements for \$30. The price for worship aids is \$26. Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: January 8, 15, & 22. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: January 1, 8, 15, & 22. If a date is already taken for flowers, you can sponsor baptismal font flowers.

Online Giving Information: Contributing your donation using our website....[trinityeastpete.org](http://trinityeastpete.org)....**RESOURCES, PAY ON LINE**

For several years, members have been able to make weekly/recurring donations on-line in lieu of paying cash/checks or by mail. On-line donations save the cost of a check and envelope and if using the recurring feature, remembering weekly to prepare your envelope. Presently we have several individuals/families using on-line donations either weekly or recurring.

*We believe that financial transparency builds trust and is a mark of stewardship so we want to take a moment to remind you that there is a small cost for this convenience. You'll have the opportunity to help cover the cost of processing when you give. Please know that this is **100% optional**, but we appreciate your partnership in making your gift go as far as possible to impact our mission.*

We have never asked our members to cover these costs especially since 2020 at the start of the pandemic. The costs are 1.05% when paying by check, 3.05% when paying by credit/debit card.

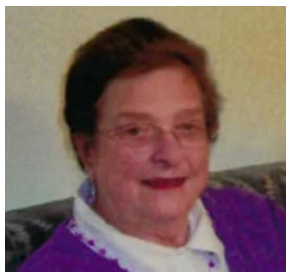
Beginning July 1, 2022, we added a feature to our on-line giving whereby you can help to cover the costs of paying online by debit/credit card or checking account. This is entirely **OPTIONAL**. There will be a check-off block to use if you wish to cover your transaction cost in addition to your contribution.

#### **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)



Lynn Dull joined the Church Triumphant on November 13, 2022. A memorial service will be held at Trinity U.C.C. on December 7 with Pastor Rankin officiating. Lynn was confirmed at Trinity Church in 1967 and was recently recognized as a member for 55 years. She was an active leader in the East Petersburg Historical Society. We pray for her husband, Ric, and the rest of her family.



Doris Leaman joined the Church Triumphant on November 20, 2022. A memorial service was held at The Groff's Family Funeral Home on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, with Pastor Rankin officiating. Doris joined Trinity Church when St. Luke's united with us in 2015. She was recently recognized as a member for 74 years. A faithful member of St. Luke's Church, Doris served as a Christmas pageant director and Sunday School teacher, and maintained the church bulletin boards. We pray for her daughter Marcia; her sons, Michael, Greg, and Brian; 7 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; and the rest of her family. Just weeks before her death, Doris sent this note to us:

**Dear Trinity,  
Thank you for being so thoughtful in remembering me with your special cards wishing me well.**

**God bless,  
*Doris Leaman***

	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Worship Aids</b>	<b>Money Counters</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
<b>Dates</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>						
<b>4</b>	Denise Huggins, Bob Bistline, Dottie Schadt	Sandy DeLong/ Lee Bossert	<b>Don Miller</b> , Jane Starr, John Bailey, Denise Huggins, Dottie Schadt, Tim Geiger, Lon Wible, Dan Otthofer	7:45 AM Sandy Morris 10:30 AM Diane Rice	Minder	Lee Bossert, Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk	Cooley/ Minder
<b>11</b>	Charlene Cristy, Karen Olley, Cherie Cataldi	Kayla Brennan/ Rachel Baynard	<b>Steve Shenk</b> , Dave Connor Charlene Cristy, Scott Summers, Theodore Slechts, Zach Baynard, Karen Olley, Kathy McCarty	7:45 AM Jack Esbenshade 10:30 AM Bob Hunsicker		Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi	Cash
<b>18</b>	Pat Seachrist, Shelley Wagner, Betty Fogle	Hedwig Hunsicker/ Charlene Cristy	<b>Mike Wagner</b> , Shelley Wagner, George DeLong, Anne Rankin, Rachel Baynard, Stan Seachrist, John Shelsky, Lee Bossert	Jeff Hackenberger	Cataldi	Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi	Hunsicker
<b>24</b>				<b>2:30 PM</b> — Needed <b>6 :30 PM</b> --- Various Readers <b>10:30 PM</b> Diane Rice			
<b>25</b>	Denise Huggins, Bob Bistline, Dottie Schadt	No Nursery	<b>Don Miller</b> , Jane Starr, John Bailey, Denise Huggins, Dottie Schadt, Tim Geiger, Lon Wible, Dan Otthofer	10:00 AM Various Readers		Bud & Kathy McCarty, Scott Owens, Jeff Hackenberger, John Shelsky	Chapman
<b>December Ministry Volunteers</b>							
<b>Trinity Bread:</b> 4-Denise Huggins 11& 18-Shelley Wagner 24-Denise Huggins(early), Karen Olley(late) 25-Denise Huggins				<b>Visitation Minister (Phone Calls):</b> Paula Dennes <b>Building Trustee</b> –Nevin Cooley <b>Card Ministry:</b> Advent Workshop (Parish Life Committee) <b>Altar Guild-</b> (4) Nancy Enders & Karen Olley (11,25)Nancy Enders (18)Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy (24)early-Nancy Enders, late-Karen Olley (25) Nancy Enders			

## 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 plus a \$250 maintenance fee, paid for by the purchaser. Contact the church secretary to purchase a plot/s or for more information.



## HIGHLAND CONCERT SERIES

### Highland Presbyterian Church

500 East Roseville Road  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601  
717-569-2651  
[www.highlandpc.org](http://www.highlandpc.org)



### Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster

Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 7:00 pm

MCCL creates exceptional music that represents the diversity of the global church across time. They serve over 100 children and youth representing 45 congregations, 35 schools, and 10 denominations. In addition to local concerts, they tour every summer.

**Caleb Kreider is a member of the Mennonite Children's Choral**

## **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. We recently had some vacancies as ushers, so we are in need of help!!! **We also need ushers & greeters for Christmas Eve. Contact the church office**

**if you are interested.**



Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer. **We need readers for the Christmas Day service at 10:00 a.m. Contact Pastor Rankin if you are interested.**



Dear Friends,

You just changed everything. How? Because you made a gift to support and strengthen families – and family changes everything.

Your donation on 10/6/22 for \$67.32 will ensure kids and families have the support they need to be together, grow together, and stay together. Because we know kids thrive in families, and communities thrive when families are strong. Together, we are changing the world through family.

Your generosity connects foster children, foster and birth parents, refugees, and immigrants with resources, support safety, hope and love. You've let families in crisis know they're not alone. From meeting basic needs to equipping families to thrive, your compassion is changing the world, one child, one family at a time.

Blessings,

*Cheryl Jereczek*, Senior Vice President of Donor Development and Engagement Bethany Christian Services

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The card ministry at Trinity is one of the greatest ministries we have. Birthdays, anniversaries, illness and more, within the church family are recognized by many and some have been doing it faithfully for years. Phyllis and I want to express our appreciation to all for their cards throughout the month of October...2 birthdays and an anniversary. The expressions on the cards are thoughtful and meaningful thereby making enjoyable reading. Thank you and God bless.

*Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman*

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Dear Trinity UCC,

Thank you for your donation of \$2,000 on 10/31/2022 in support of the Open Doors building campaign. Trinity UCC's ongoing support for our 5-year, \$4 million endeavor is opening the door to homeownership for even more families across Lancaster and Lebanon Counties.

As you know, through affordable homeownership, families have the opportunity to build wealth and make big life decisions. A Habitat home opens pathways that lead to educational opportunities, healthy and safe housing, and financial security. Children of homeowners perform better in school and are far more likely to attend college, while homeowners themselves gain the capacity to explore job growth, new careers and, yes, even retirement. A safe, decent and stable home can transform lives for generations to come.

Thank you again for your continuous support of the Open Doors building campaign.

Warmly,

*Andrew Szalay*, President & CEO

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**CROP WALK UPDATE:** Trinity has raised **\$12,740** for the 2022 CROP Walk. So far, the Lancaster CROP Walk raised **\$45,743.12**. Thanks to Mark & Chris Eyer for serving as our walk coordinators!

You can still help us reach our goal of \$50,00 by giving money to the church office or go online (through the end of December) at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/trinity-east-pete>



# December 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 PM Parish Life	2	3 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA
4 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Eucharist 6:00 PM Concert	5 7:00 PM Choir 8:15 PM Bells	6 6:00 PM Pastor Parish	7 6:00 PM Visitation for Lynn Dull Memorial Service 7:00 PM Memorial Service	8 10:00 AM Mercersburg	9	10 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA
11 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Worship Followed by lunch & Caroling	12 7:00 PM Choir 8:15 PM Bells	13	14 7:00 PM Finance  No Enrichment	15 2 Day Christmas party	16 3 & 4 day Christmas program 7:00 PM Pinochle	17 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA
18 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Eucharist	19 7:00 PM Choir 8:15 PM Bells	20 1-3 PM Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM Consistory/Bds	21 Start of Winter	22	23	24 2:30 PM Eucharist 6:30 PM Family Svc. 10:30 PM Eucharist 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA
NO PRESCHOOL						
25 Christmas 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Eucharist	26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	27 5:00 PM Community Meal @ First Reformed	28	29	30	31 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA
NO PRESCHOOL						





#### 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 450 baked goods! **That's way 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 19 through Friday, December 30 – **NO SCHOOL** Christmas Holiday

Monday, January 2 – 3 Day and 4 Day Classes resume

Tuesday, January 3 - 2 Day Class resume

Wednesday, January 4 - Enrichment class resume

Thursday, January 5 - Tiny Tots class resume

FRIDAY JANUARY 13 Semi annual, quarterly, and monthly payments due

Monday, January 16 - **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



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## CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



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