



Celebrating 175 Years:  
Honoring Our Heritage,  
Moving Forward in Faith!

### **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

*Catch the Vision,  
Share the Joy!!*



Dear Friends,

As we reflect on 2023, one of the most important events in the life of our congregation was the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. We **honored our heritage** through the monthly reflections in the Parish Post, the photo displays in Isenberg Hall, and the video with some of our longtime members. Now we must move **forward in faith** as we now look to another year of mission and ministry!



In her book *Child of the Light: Walking Through Advent & Christmas*, Beth A. Richardson suggests that we think over the past year and review the seasons that we have experienced throughout the year. Then read the following words from Ecclesiastes (3:1-8) and reflect on how those seasons have played out in our life.

***For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:***

***a time to be born, and a time to die;***

***a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;***

***a time to kill, and a time to heal;***

***a time to break down, and a time to build up;***

***a time to weep, and a time to laugh;***

***a time to mourn, and a time to dance;***

***a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;***

***a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;***

***a time to seek, and a time to lose;***

***a time to keep, and a time to throw away;***

***a time to tear, and a time to sew;***

***a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;***

***a time to love, and a time to hate;***

***a time for war, and a time for peace.***

As we look to a new year, are there unresolved issues? Are there places where we need healing? Where are the places you need God's presence as you move forward in faith?

Richardson then provides us with a prayer that you can use on a regular basis as we step into 2024: ***Loving God, thank you for your presence in the tiny details of our lives. May you be with us in every season, every situation in the coming year. Amen.***

Blessings,

***Pastor Chris***

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## CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS by Denise Pfeiffer, Consistory Sec.

The Treasurer reported that the month of November net income was a breakeven, and year to date net income had a \$17K loss. Liquidity improved to 79 days from 74 days. We were short about 12K in member contributions. Our cash is about \$38k, which is lower than previous months due to projects and building improvements.

- The Elders reported that the Preschool Director, Sean McKelvey, has turned in his resignation, effective 1/8/24. Consistory voted to accept his resignation and the Preschool Board has started the process of looking for a replacement for that position.
- The Consistory has voted on the decision to hire a Sexton to perform the janitorial duties for Trinity. The Sexton position is an employee position and will report to Pastor Chris.
- Approved Sue Bowman to serve on the Preschool Board (Class of 2023-26)
- Installation/Ordination of Consistory Members will take place at the 10:30 service on January 14.
- The election of officers for 2024 took place:  
President – Cherie Cataldi  
Vice President – Jeff Hackenberger  
Secretary - Denise Pfeiffer will continue until someone else comes forth.  
Treasurer – Denise Pfeiffer  
Financial Secretary – Dan Otthofer

## CORRECTION FROM DECEMBER'S CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

It was reported about a clerical error that the Consistory changed in our by-laws. However, we did not report the correct information about where it is in the by-laws. The appropriate changes were made to Article VI (Congregational Meetings), Sections 1 & 2.

## 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 the following dates: January 7 & 21.



### CHURCH UNDECORATING SCHEDULED

Please plan to stay after the 10:30a.m. service on Sunday, January 7 to help remove and pack up Christmas decorations from the exterior and interiors of the church. Thank you in advance for your assistance in packing up decorations in preparation for next year!

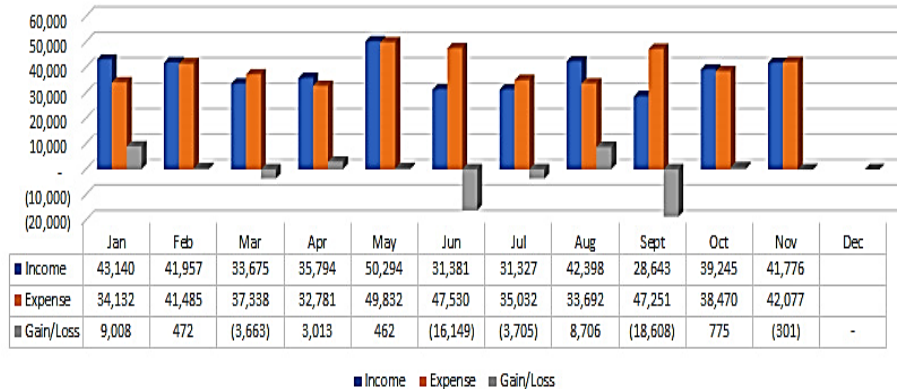
Contact a member of the Parish Life Committee (Anne Rankin, Kayla Brennan, Denise Pfeiffer, Cherie Cataldi, Jeff Hackenberger, and Rachel Baynard) for more information.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS		
01/01	Joan Cash	
01/01	Pat Seachrist	(717) 392-1427
01/03	Samuel Minder	(717) 587-8262
01/04	Mary Ann Bradley	(717) 285 -6509
01/06	Koen Miller	(717) 725-9866
01/06	Nancy Musser	(717) 656-7887
01/06	Matthew LaRouche	(717) 898-3750
01/07	Shelby DeLong	(717) 450-3807
01/07	Harry Himelwright	(717) 569-4607
01/07	Delaney Minder	(717) 898-2260
01/08	Rick Mowrer	(717) 392-2879
01/11	Samantha DeLong	(717) 450-3807
01/11	Mark Eyer	(717) 625-0523
01/13	Brenda Himelwright	(717) 569-4607
01/13	Walter Tyndall	
01/13	Stacie (Eberly) McCormick	(717)-330-7094
01/14	Rosemary Huber	(717) 627-0116
01/14	Dawn Stauffer	(717) 569-1925
01/16	Mary Neville	(717) 823-2421
01/17	Jodi Keller	(717) 569-6294
01/17	Deb Lichtenwalner	(717) 203-9506
01/20	Hank Fox	(717) 569-3517
01/20	Patsy Miller	(717) 898-7769
01/22	Sandra Garrett	(717) 581-0703
01/24	Chad DeLong	(717) 847-3430
01/27	Doug Shaab	(717) 393-2468
01/29	George DeLong	(717) 569-6254
01/29	Andrew Rankin	(717) 459-3315
01/31	Shelley Wagner	(717) 569-5167

## News from the Finance Committee

YTD TOTAL INCOME	419,630	NOVEMBER INCOME	41,776
YTD TOTAL EXPENSES	439,620	NOVEMBER EXPENSE	42,077
YTD GAIN/LOSS	(19,990)	MONTHLY GAIN/LOSS	(301)

Trinity UCC Income Summary for 2023



## TREASURE IN CLAY JARS by Rev. Jack Esbenshade

Our financial advisor has raised the question about how much risk we are comfortable with. He doesn't want to know if we plan on going skydiving or spelunking. He wants to know whether to invest our funds in securities and bonds or equities and stocks.

Some people seem to thrive on risk. I remember Evel Knievel and his white jump suit doing all sorts of amazing feats on his motorcycle or Karl and Nik Wallenda walking on the high wire. These folks are risk takers in my book.

We are on the threshold of a New Year. What do you need to secure and where will you risk? What will you keep safe and sound? Where/when will you push the envelope?

In Matthew 25 Jesus tells a parable about three servants who are entrusted with talents (5, 2 and 1). They exemplify the various approaches to security and risk. As the year 2024 opens to us, we each are receiving 366 days (8,784 hours). Where will you step out in faith? Will you risk doing something new or different? Will you join

a club or organization, volunteer your time in a new way, increase your charitable giving, set aside time each day or week for a spiritual exercise, make phone calls or send cards to the sick or shut-ins?

Will you invest your talents wisely in the days and hours ahead or will you simply hide what is given to you and reap no benefits?

The future has been made secure by our Lord Jesus. We simply need to step out in faith and move boldly into the New Year.

## 2023 ANNUAL REPORTS

The 2023 annual reports are due to the church office by January 12!

## Men of Trinity (M.O.T.) Breakfast

The men will be meeting in January 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM at Family Fare Restaurant. The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office. This is open to all men of the church!

## New Address

Katie Weeber  
6194 Bayberry Ave  
Manheim, PA 17545

January Scriptures	
7	Gen. 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11
14	1 Sam. 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; John 1:43-51
21	Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Cor. 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
28	Deut. 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

## CALLED TO CARE

The Evangelism Committee has revitalized the Called to Care ministry. Meals will be provided for members after they have returned home from the hospital or during other critical situations. Another part of this ministry is transportation to appointments. If you need transportation, please contact the church office. Anne Rankin will be the coordinator from January thru March. **We are in need of more volunteers to provide meals for our members! If you are interested, speak with Pastor Chris!**

**GRIEF GROUPS:** Prior to the pandemic, Pastor Chris was hoping to form some small groups to look at issues of grief. Please contact him or Carol Kratz if you are interested in participating in one of the groups!

## PRAYER SHAWL

The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, January 16 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.

## WE NEED YOU!!

The Nominating Committee is still searching for people to fill some key leadership positions: 1 Deacon (2024-2026); 1 Elder (2024-2025); and 1 Preschool Board member (2024). If you are interested or have questions, speak to Jeff Hackenberger (Nominating Chair) or Pastor Rankin.

## LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

The Pastor/Parish Committee is working with the Samaritan Counseling Center to provide a leadership seminar on effective communication to be held on Saturday, February 3 (snow date is February 10). This is for members of Consistory and the various committees/boards. We are planning to meet in Isenberg Hall at 9:00 a.m. and will be finished by noon. Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office and watch for more details in the bulletins and the February Parish Post.

## 2023 CELEBRATION

Join us after the 10:30 service on January 28 for a luncheon and celebration of our ministry in 2023. The Parish Life Committee is planning a short program as we look back over the past year in our annual reports and through a video slideshow. Look for more details about the luncheon in the bulletins. A sign-up sheet will soon be available on the table across from the church office.



## CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD (created by Betty Tyndall) MERRY CHRISTMAS



Bob & Marlyn Wible  
Pat & Joan Sensenig  
Paula Dennes  
Walt & Betty Tyndall  
The Rankin Family

**We raised \$150 from the Christmas card for the Off the Streets ministry in Lancaster.**

Jeff Hackenberger  
Joann Peck  
Nevin & Kathy Cooley  
Hedwig & Bob Hunsicker  
Rich & Lainie Christensen  
Rosemary Minder  
Diane Rice  
Jack & Karen Olley  
Dave & Noreen Trostle  
Nancy Enders  
Brenda, Harry & Gary Himelwright  
Dolly & John Barr  
Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman  
Jerry & Carmen Richards  
Bob & Nancy Musser  
Parry & Claire Miller  
John & Sarah Paulukow  
Beth Bossert  
Chris & Mark Eyer  
Marge Burger  
Donna Geisler  
Kathy & Bud Mcarty  
Stan & Pat Seachrist  
Ken & Janice Jenkins

## 2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS

Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: January 21. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: January 21. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Carol in the church office.

## 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 counter. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes. Coffee is always available between 7:45 service and Sunday School.



Thank you to the Trinity congregation for the support you have given me and my family since my mother Dorothy Fasnacht died on November 11<sup>th</sup>. I texted Pastor Chris and he was with me and my sisters the day before she passed. He responded immediately and it was comforting to have him there.

The memorial service was beautiful and the kitchen crew provided us with a terrific meal afterwards.

I also want to thank you for the ongoing support you gave my mom while she was at Masonic Village. She loved the visits and we read the cards together. I am blessed to be a part of such a caring congregation.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

**Janet Harriger**

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Thank you to all who sent me cards and gifts for Christmas. It was very greatly appreciated.

Love in Christ,  
**Carol Kratz**

Thank you to all of the cards and gifts offered to us during Pastor Appreciation Month in October and throughout the Christmas season. We are grateful for your love and kindness!

Blessings,

**Pastor Chris, Anne, Zachary, Rachel, and Andrew**

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I want to express my gratitude to all who sent kind messages, sentiments, and cards to me during the last few weeks. They are very much appreciated and helped me adjust to this new life with health concerns. I am very grateful to be surrounded by so much concern and expressions of love.

A blessed Christmas to you all.

**Hedwig Hunsicker**

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Dear Trinity UCC,

Bethany Children's home provides a haven for youth to heal from their pasts and to prepare for their futures!

Thank you for your contribution of socks, blankets, and **\$645 in gift cards**. In-kind contributions are a valuable asset to our organization as they enable us to provide additional opportunities and services for the youth in our care.

Sincerely,

**Jennifer M. Koch**, Development Coordinator/Archivist

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Dear Trinity UCC,

When a youth is placed at Bethany, they are scared, angry, and without hope. Most will come with the clothes on their back and if they are lucky, they may have a small bag of personal belongings. They are seeking someone to listen to, provide a guiding hand, and care about them. Every resident not only receives the most basic needs of food, shelter, and clothing but also opportunities to learn new life skills.

Thank you for your generous gift of **\$595.00 to Bethany's Brighter Future Fund**. Your special gift will provide our youth with a new foundation to become empowered young adults with positive goals.

Sincerely,

**Jennifer M. Koch**, Development Coordinator/Archivist

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Dear Trinity UCC,

Thank you for your thoughtful and generous donation to SWAN! Your gift will help support our Students' classes throughout 2024 and help them heal, learn, and serve others through their performances.

We are all very grateful.

Warmly,

**Diana Vuolo**, Executive Director

Dear Trinity UCC,

Thank you for graciously investing your financial resources in the ministry of Love INC of Lancaster County. Your gift of **\$210.00** sustains our ability to build and activate a strong network of churches that serve Lancaster County people in need. We are very thankful that you believe in our ministry!

When you give to Love INC of Lancaster County, you are contributing to hundreds of neighbors being served across the County. Your investment helps Love INC empower gifts present in church congregations around Lancaster and connect gifted church members to neighbors in need. We were so glad to see God use Love INC to connect our neighbors to Christ's love, through needs being met. Thank you for giving generously so that our ministry and work may continue to transform communities and lives, in the name of Christ.

**John A. Rairigh**, Executive Director Love INC of Lancaster County

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Dear Trinity UCC,

We are proud to provide compassionate person-centered care to every resident who calls Phoebe home, and charitable care when needed. You help us fulfill our mission, and you also help us provide the opportunities that make life worth living, like seasonal celebrations, enriching community life activities, and uplifting spiritual programs.

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Phoebe. We can't thank you enough for your support and commitment to those we serve.

With gratitude,

**Kristine Paupini**, Donor Relations Coordinator

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Dear Trinity UCC Members,

We thank you for your 11/7/23 gift of **\$495** in support of the ministry of UCC Homes. Without people like you, so many people would not be able to receive the assistance they need. Your generosity will touch the lives of real people and enhance our mission to provide compassionate care and services.

On behalf of the residents and staff, thank you for your thoughtful gift. Helping people, reaching out to helping and 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 also about.

Sincerely,

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

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Rev. Rankin,

I wanted to reach out to you to thank you for your church's generosity in donating to our Help Thy Neighbor fund. Please know that your donation will be of great help our families in need.

Thank you very much!

**Amy Gates**, Student Services Coordinator  
Hempfield School District Administration Building

**ADVENT WORKSHOP** (THANKS TO Nancy Enders, Kayla Brennan, Denise Pfeiffer, Pastor Chris and Deb Lichtenwalner for providing the breakfast, and to Betty Tyndall and Kathy Pilsner for leading the crafts!!!)



**Calling all Singers and Ringers  
2023-2024 Season  
Mondays**

**7:00 - 8:00 PM SOT Choir**

**8:15 - 8:45 PM Canticle Ringers**

**\*New Singers and Ringers Welcome**

**Contact Michael or Dina Slechta**

**NO CHOIR OR CANTICLE RINGERS REHEARSALS ON JANUARY**

**1. REHEARSALS RESUME JANUARY 8.**





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sosparkcitydiner@gmail.com



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Lititz, PA. 17543  
717-490-6198  
knddiner.com

**Every time you eat at our diners you will be making a donation to**

**\*TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST-**  
**East Petersburg\***

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



**TRINITY PRESCHOOL  
SUB SALE**

We would like to thank you for supporting our fund raiser. When you redeem your coupon at S. Clyde Weaver you get to choose from at least seven sub varieties:

**Sweet Bologna • Ham • Italian • Turkey  
Roast Beef • Chicken Salad • Tuna Salad**

**The above is a list of what you can order at Weavers**

**Locations: 5253 Main Street, East Petersburg, PA/ 1509 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA /Lancaster Central Market**

**Each Sub Redemption Certificate: \$8.00**

\* Please note you have to go to Weaver's location to order & pickup Subs.

**BREAD OPTIONS:**  
white sub roll • bread • tortilla wrap

**CHOICE OF YOUR CONDIMENTS:**  
mayonnaise • mustard • creamy horseradish • olive oil • vinegar

**CHEESE OF YOUR CHOICE:**  
American • Provolone • Swiss

**YOUR CHOICES OF VEGETABLES:**  
lettuce • tomatoes • onions • marinated onions • sweet peppers  
banana peppers • hot peppers • black olives • pickles  
salt • pepper • herb mix • Parmesan

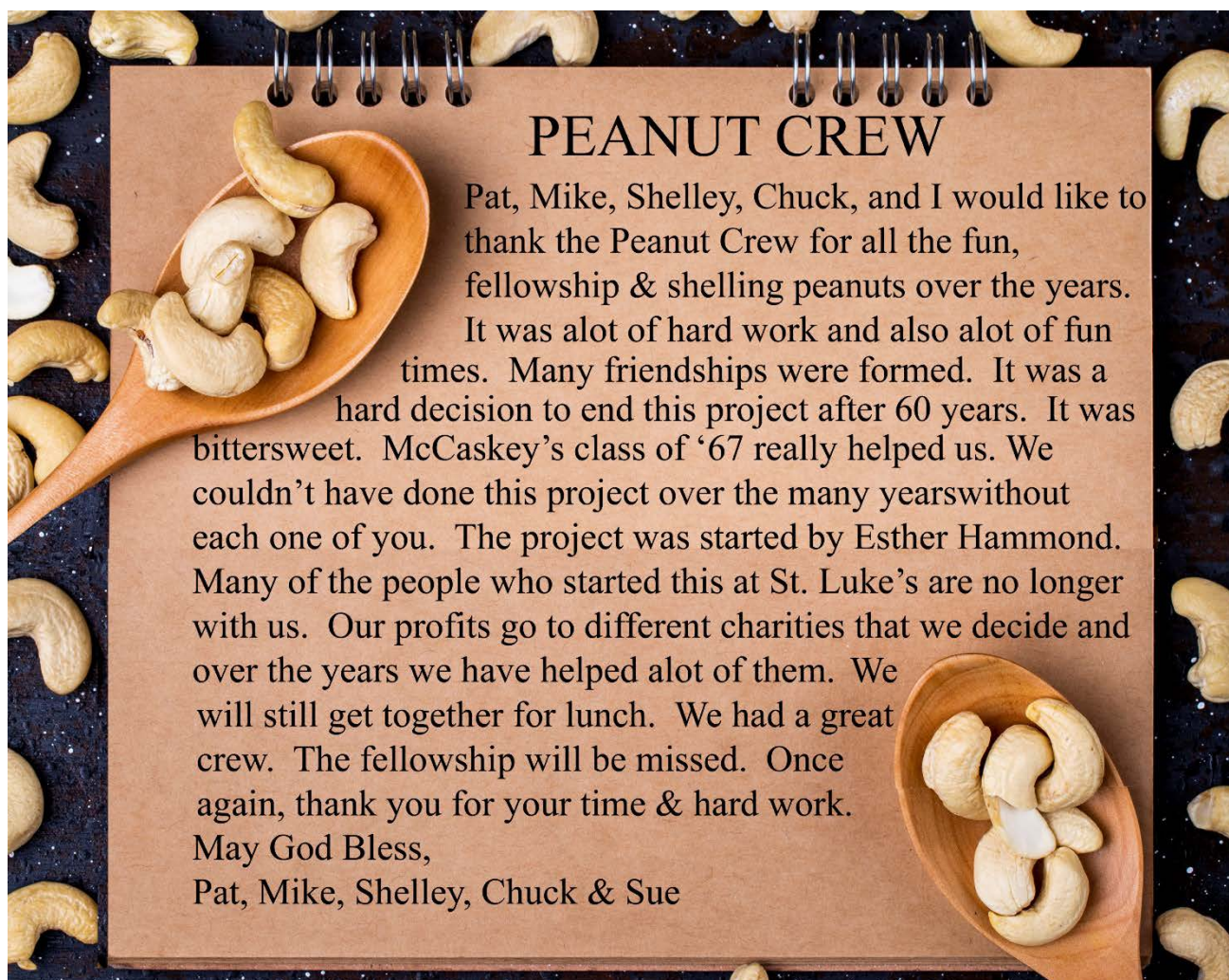
NAME	PHONE	QUANTITY	TOTAL	PAID (Please check)
Please make checks payable to: <b>TRINITY PRESCHOOL</b>				

**8 sub certificates are left!**

## **FINAL NUMBERS FOR THE 2023 CROP WALK**

The Lancaster CROP Walk raised **\$53,934** to support the work of Church World Service (75%) and the Lancaster Food Hub (25%). We exceeded our goal of \$42,000 (to honor Father Veronis' 42 years as walk coordinator). Trinity's portion was **\$12,320**. Thank you to everyone who helped our walkers put an end to hunger and poverty in our community and throughout the world! We look forward to next year's walk on October 20, 2024!





## PEANUT CREW

Pat, Mike, Shelley, Chuck, and I would like to thank the Peanut Crew for all the fun, fellowship & shelling peanuts over the years. It was a lot of hard work and also a lot of fun times. Many friendships were formed. It was a hard decision to end this project after 60 years. It was bittersweet. McCaskey's class of '67 really helped us. We couldn't have done this project over the many years without each one of you. The project was started by Esther Hammond. Many of the people who started this at St. Luke's are no longer with us. Our profits go to different charities that we decide and over the years we have helped a lot of them. We will still get together for lunch. We had a great crew. The fellowship will be missed. Once again, thank you for your time & hard work. May God Bless,  
Pat, Mike, Shelley, Chuck & Sue

## HARVEST HOME REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for your donation during Harvest Home celebration to the Lancaster Food Hub. Your donations totaled 380 pounds, and will help people who are in need in our community.

## WINTER WEATHER POLICY

We are now in the winter months and we may see some snow! We will try to hold worship services as long as the pastor can make it to the church. However, there may be times when we have to change the Sunday morning schedule or cancel services & Sunday School. The pastor and the Consistory president will make these decisions in enough time to inform you through the website, Trinity Facebook page, e-mail, and church voicemail. You can always contact the pastor if you have any questions. If we decide to hold services and Sunday School, we ask that you make a personal decision on whether you can attend. We don't want you to risk your health!

**Copies of the 175th Historical Book, the Trinity Prayer Book, and a booklet of letters sent to us for the anniversary are available on the table across from the church office. Contact Carol in the church office if you need copies mailed to you!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT

### WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

at Kirchenwald

#### EVENT INFO:

- January 5 - January 7, 2024
- Kirchenwald, **\$170**

Enjoy Kirchenwald in the Winter! Play broom hockey and other games on the frozen pond. Have fun sledding, playing snow soccer and other winter games. Creative Bible studies and worship experiences led by our summer camp counselors are an important part of this retreat. Meet new friends and catch up with your summer camp friends. Other indoor and outdoor activities may be included, as the weather dictates.

For youth in grades 3 through 9

### WINTER FUN DAY

at Kirchenwald

#### Event Info:

- January 14, 2024 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Kirchenwald, **Free**

Bring your family or youth group and enjoy an afternoon on Kirchenwald's award-winning toboggan run, ice-skating on the lake, or drinking hot chocolate in the lodge.

Free will offering accepted.

### CHICKEN & WAFFLES

at Nawakwa

- January 14, 2024, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- Nawakwa, **Free**

Spend a Sunday at camp with a delicious home-made chicken and waffles dinner. Bring your sleds (if there's snow) to work off the calories, as if camp food actually has calories!

Free will offering accepted. Please [RSVP](#) or call 717-677-8211.



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



## LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Send my confirmation materials by email.

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Request \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out one form per participant-  
photocopies may be made.

Mail this form with check payable to:

*Lutheran Camping Corporation*

*PO Box 459*

*Arendtsville, PA 17303*



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Trinity United Church of Christ on Saturday,

March 2, 2024. A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

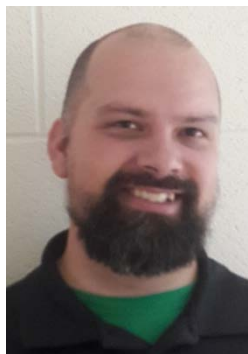
**Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)**  
**Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening**  
**Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)**  
**Atrial Fibrillation**

These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://llsa.social/>

## 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.

## PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR RESIGNS



Sean McKelvey, Trinity's Preschool Director, tendered his resignation to the Preschool Board on December 7. The Consistory approved the resignation at their December meeting. Sean is resigning for personal reasons and will complete his service on January 8. Please keep the Preschool Board in prayer as they search for a new director. Until a new director is hired, Pastor Rankin and the Board will be working with the wonderful teachers to keep the Trinity Preschool moving forward. We thank Sean for serving as our director since 2018, and we thank our teachers for their dedication during this transition.

## FLOWER DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to be on the rotation to pick up the weekly chancel flowers from the florist on Friday mornings? Would you like to deliver the chancel flowers after worship to members of the congregation? If so, contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz.

## **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!!!



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.

### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

Betty Fogle is our nursery coordinator. If you are interested in providing nursery care for children during the 10:30 service, please contact Betty at 717-471-1026 or [bettsfog@comcast.net](mailto:bettsfog@comcast.net). **NOTE: Dottie Schadt is willing to serve as a substitute**

	Greeters	Nursery	Ushers	Lectors	Worship Aids	Money Counters	Flowers
Dates							
<b>7</b>	Dottie Schadt/ Cherie Cataldi	Jodi Keller/ Sandy DeLong	<b>Theodore Slechta</b> , Jane Starr, John Bailey, Denise Huggins, Dottie Schadt, Tim Geiger, Lon Wible, Dan Otthofer	Sandy Morris/ Sue Bowman	Zimmerman	Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller, Denise Pfeiffer	Himelwright
<b>14</b>	Karen Olley/ Gail Kogut	Kayla Brennan/ Rachel Baynard	<b>Steve Shenk</b> , Dave Connor, Charlene Cristy, Scott Summers, Andrew Rankin, Zach Baynard, Karen Olley, Kathy McCarty	Sandy Morris/ Jerry Richards	Jenkins	Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller, Denise Pfeiffer	Rankin
<b>21</b>	Pat Seachrist/ Shelley Wagner	Charlene Cristy/ Dottie Schadt	<b>Mike Wagner</b> , Shelley Wagner, George DeLong, Anne Rankin, Rachel Baynard, Stan Seachrist, Andrew Rankin, Betty Tyndall	Diane Rice		Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi	
<b>28</b>	Denise Huggins/ Charlene Cristy	Betty Fogle/ Anne Rankin	<b>Theodore Slechta</b> , Jane Starr, John Bailey, Denise Huggins, Dottie Schadt, Tim Geiger, Lon Wible, Dan Otthofer	Jeff Hackenberger	Royer	Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi	Royer/ Rankin

#### **Other Ministry Volunteers**

##### **ALTAR GUILD:**

Jan. 7 and 14 – Karen Olley and Beth Bossert  
Jan. 21 and 28 – Charlene Cristy and Anita Rohrer

##### **TRINITY BREAD:**

Jan. 7 - Beth Bossert  
Jan. 14 – Kathy McCarty  
Jan. 21 – Charlene Cristy  
Jan. 28 – Autumn Shenk

**Visitation Minister (Phone Calls/Visits):** Sue Bowman  
**Building Trustee:** Mike Wagner  
**Card Ministry:** Christian Education Committee (Bob Kilgore)  
**Called to Care:** Anne Rankin

##### **FRIDAY FLOWER DELIVERY:**

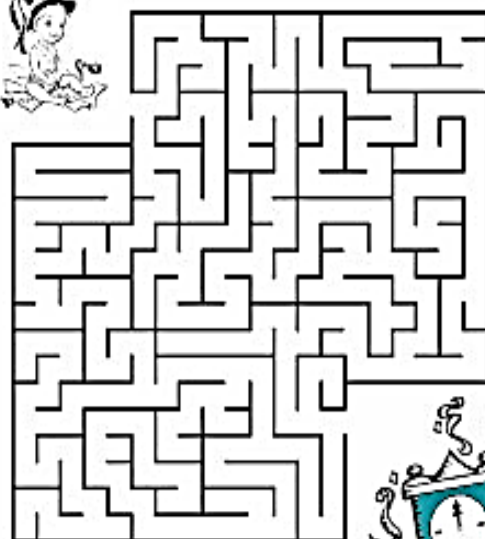
Jan.5 - Kathy Cooley  
Jan. 12 – Paula Dennes  
Jan. 19 – Donna Geisler  
Jan. 26 – Denise Huggins

# Happy New Year!

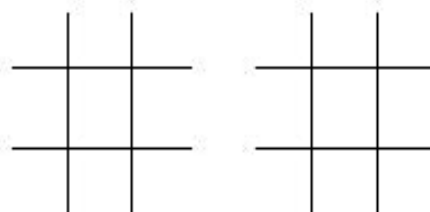
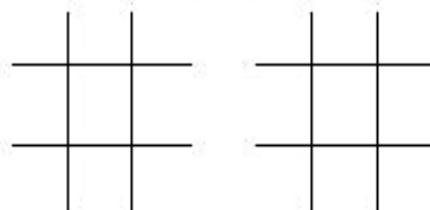
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## TIC-TAC-TOE



On the back of the paper, see  
 how many words you can make  
 from

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Office Closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 3,4 day & Enrichment resume	<b>4</b> 2 day & Tiny Tot resume <b>1:30 PM</b> Anniversary Committee	<b>5</b>	<b>6 7:00 PM</b> Alanon <b>8:00 PM</b> AA
<b>7 7:45 AM</b> Eucharist <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> Koinonia <b>10:30 AM</b> Eucharist After Service Church undecorating	<b>8 7:00 PM</b> Choir <b>8:15 PM</b> Bells	<b>9 7:00 PM</b> Property Committee—Isenberg Hall  <b>7:00 PM</b> Preschool Board—Choir Room	<b>10</b>	<b>11 10:00 AM</b> Mercersburg Study Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts <b>6:00 PM</b> Parish Life	<b>12</b> <b>Annual Reports Due</b>	<b>13 8:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast <b>7:00 PM</b> Alanon <b>8:00 PM</b> AA
<b>14 7:45 AM</b> Eucharist <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> Koinonia <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship/Installation of Consistory Members	<b>15</b> No Preschool <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir <b>8:15 PM</b> Bells <b>Parish Post Deadline</b>	<b>16 1:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>7:00 PM</b> Consistory	<b>17 9:30 AM</b> Stewardship	<b>18 2:00 PM</b> CROP Walk Meeting  <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts	<b>19 1:30 PM</b> Pinochle	<b>20 7:00 PM</b> Alanon <b>8:00 PM</b> AA
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<b>28 7:45 AM</b> Eucharist <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> Koinonia <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>12 Noon</b> Celebration Luncheon	<b>29 7:00 PM</b> Choir <b>8:15 PM</b> Bells	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			



# PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### JANUARY 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Welcome to a new year at Trinity Preschool! As the children get re-acquainted with school since their holiday vacation there may be some bumps on the road, but as we get back in the swing of the schedule we'll see some really big jumps in learning! The children have been 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to Trinity U.C.C. Preschool. Thank you!

#### REGISTRATIONS FOR 2024 - 2025

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!**

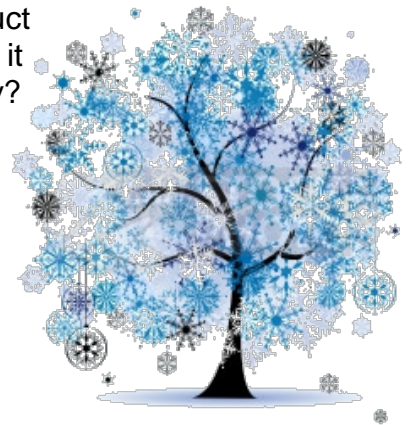
#### INDOOR WINTER FUN

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 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
- \*playing with play-dough



#### **4-DAY CLASS**

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**

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**

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**

We will be exploring snowmen and penguins. We will discover the color blue and the shape of a star. We will also practice counting and build our fine motor skills.

#### **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.

#### **Important Dates:**

3 and 4 Day classes Resume Wednesday, January 3

Enrichment resumes Wednesday, January 3

Tiny Tots and 2 Day class resumes Thursday, January 4

Tuition Payments Due January 16th

**NO SCHOOL Monday, January 15th** - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

*“Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.” – Fred Rogers*



**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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