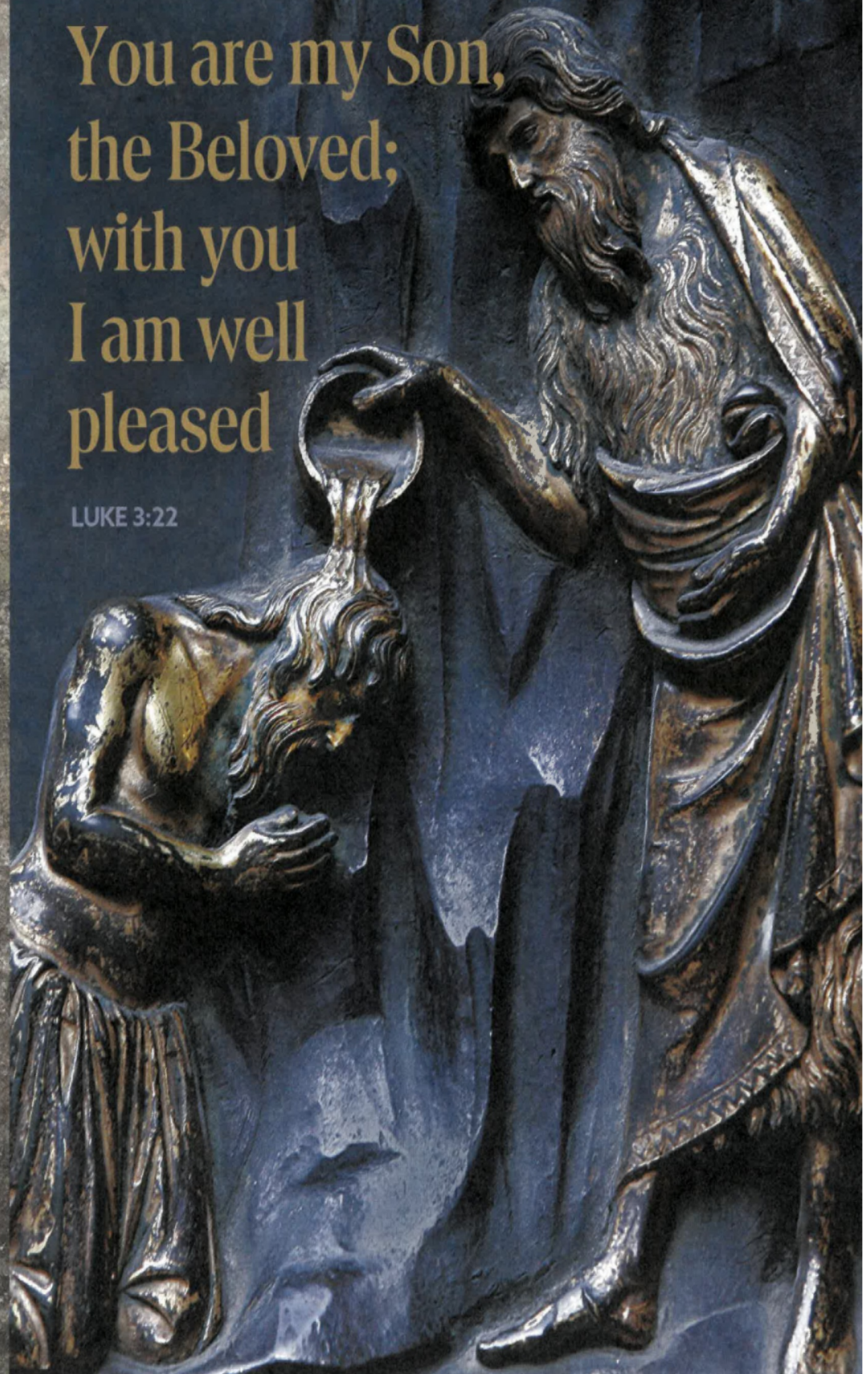


You are my Son,
the Beloved;
with you
I am well
pleased

LUKE 3:22



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Mr. Michael Querry, Sexton

Mrs. Amy Grube, Preschool Director

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD/FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters ...the rivers ...fire." The heavens continue to opened for us when we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and cup.

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

Welcome to the Eucharist! All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion.

Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.

Prayer: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



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*

BY YOUR SILENCE OTHERS MAY HEAR THE STILL SMALL VOICE OF GOD!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

Amy Grube
Trinity Preschool Director

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gather from East and West, from North and South.

God is calling us; listen, for God is naming you.

The voice of God thunders through our midst.

The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.

God reaches out to strengthen, not condemn us.

God brings us through terror to a place of peace.

Ascribe to God glory and strength.

Worship God in awe, wonder, and joy!

Friends, as we come to the font of living water, let us recall the meaning of baptism. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

We live as if Christ had never been born.

We abuse the privileges that are ours as children of God.

Let us confess our sins before God in silent prayer.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

KYRIE

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| Lord, have mercy. | Lord, have mercy. |
| Christ, have mercy. | Christ, have mercy. |
| Lord, have mercy. | Lord, have mercy. |

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

ADORATION AND PRAISE

ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Let us pray the collect together.

God of gifts and blessings, who opened the heavens to the prayers of Jesus, send your Spirit among us that we, too, may learn to please you and live as your beloved children. Baptize us with the Holy Spirit and with fire so our lips may sing to your glory and our hands reach out to heal and bless your people, in Jesus' name. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 3:15-17,21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

Pastor Rankin

“Claimed and Called in The Water of Baptism!”

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PEOPLE’S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

For the joy of giving, Holy God, we offer the products of our labor for the ministry of this church, in outreach to the world. With concern for those who are poor, oppressed, and needy, we rededicate ourselves as helpers and advocates. Out of devotion to Christ, we commit our best, that the church may bear witness among the principalities and powers of this world. Help us all, O God, to be faithful stewards. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us in your steadfast care. We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and grace. With the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you:

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace. Amen.

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements at the back of the sanctuary and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. **Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.**)*

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially missionaries and international congregations. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by his goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Arise, and go forth to shine for all the world to see.

We go to spread the good news of light and love, righteousness and justice. May the blessing of the God of light rest upon you and fill you with light. Amen.

The Chancel Flowers are given by **SOT Choir** in memory of longtime eldest choir member, Ken Geib, and to celebrate our new “most senior choir members”, Carmen & Jerry Richards.

The Worship Aids are given by **Peter & Anita Rohrer** in loving memory of our mothers, Ruth Rohrer & Wanda Mattern Carnes.

Ministering Today

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| Pastor | Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin |
| Lector | Diane Rice |
| Money Counters | Bud & Kathy McCarty, Jeff Hackenberger, John Shelsky |
| Altar Guild | Karen Olley, Beth Bossert |
| Building Trustee | Mike Wagner |
| Koinonia | Diane Rice & Karen Olley |
| Ministries | Card Christian Education (Sue Bowman) Called to Care Anne Rankin Visitation Sue Bowman |

This Week at Trinity Church

(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Monday 6:00 PM – Music Committee
7:00 PM – Choir/8:15 PM - Bells

Tuesday 7:00 PM – Property Committee

Wednesday 7:00 PM – Christian Education

Thursday 2:00 PM – Crop Walk Mtg.
6:00 PM – Cub Scouts
7:15 PM – Preschool Board

Friday No Preschool

Saturday 8:00 AM – Men’s Breakfast
7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA

Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist
9:00 AM – Sunday School
10:00 AM - Koinonia
10:30 AM – Eucharist/Installation of Consistory Members

Attendance for Sun., January 5 7:45–13 10:30–51 **TOTAL – 64**
Sunday School 17

Happy Birthday

Monday – Brenda Himelwright, Walter Tyndall, Stacie (Eberly) McCormick
Tuesday – Rosemary Huber, Dawn Stauffer
Thursday – Mary Neville
Friday – Jodi Keller, Deb Lichtenwalner

PRAYERS FOR GOD’S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

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| Pat Seachrist | Janice Jenkins | Betsy Bailey |
| Ron & Donna Denlinger | Rev. Dr. Carrie Call | Jodi Keller |
| Don & Pat Miller | Mid Gockley | Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman |
| Rhonda Hartenstine | Joann Peck | Scott & Jane Owens |
| The Lehman family | Mary Lou Shaab | Carmen & Jerry Richards |
| Donna Wolf & Family | George & Ellie Latsha | Lainie Christensen |
| Sam Minder III | Erika Otthofer | Hank Fox |
| Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser | Donna Zirkel | Danielle Huggins Holbein |
| Kathleen Sensenig Adams | Betty Tyndall and family | Michael McDonough |
| Kelsey Minnich Burgo | Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline | Rev. Ken & Marilyn Trauger |
| Ron Becker | Joann & Dawn Garvin | Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman |
| Arlene Hoxworth | Mary Lou Sturgis | John Shelsky |
| Betty Fogle | Autumn Shenk | Bob & Marlyn Wible |
| Denise Huggins | Himelwright Family | Jamy Shelly |

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Family of Dr. Randall Platon (Leader of the AA Group at Trinity)

Tom Riley (friend of Bud McCarty)

Ryan Dennes (son of Paula Dennes)

Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)

John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)

Rev. Pam Illick (pastor of Zion Lutheran, East Petersburg)

Nancy Scholl (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner)

David Haverstick (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner)

Dan Congelton (friend of Nancy Enders)

Audria Husted (granddaughter of Chuck & Sue Husted)

Cindy Greiman (friend of Betty Fogle)

Carmen Sweigert (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine)

Glenn Wible (nephew of Bob & Marlyn Wible/cousin of Lon Wible)

Marianne Gibble (friend of Trinity)

Carol Hooper (sister of Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen)

Marlene Harlow (friend of Gail Kogut)

Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)

Kaitlyn, Ben, and Lucy Miller (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)

Ken Hoshauer (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)

Kurt Kalbach (brother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)

Mary Call (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)

The Herr Family (Former Trinity Preschool Family)

Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong)

Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)

David Brown (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)

Logan Davis (husband of Hillary Bossert-Davis)

Jean Weglarz (neighbor of Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline)

Melby Bush (friend of Joan Sensenig)

Harvey Sick (friend of Judy Chapman)

Rev. Loy Garber (former seminarian)

James Malone & family

Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards)

Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright)

Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards)

Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio)

Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)

Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards)

John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law)

Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

OTHER CONCERNS

Victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton
World Peace

THE JANUARY PARISH POST is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

THE 2024 ANNUAL REPORTS are due to the church office by **January 10!**

THE MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST MEETING will be held at the Family Fare Restaurant on January 18 (weather permitting) at 8:00 AM. This is open to all men of the congregation! You are encouraged to invite other men to the breakfast.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The Knit in God's Love Prayer Shawl Group will be meeting on January 21 at 1:00 p.m. and 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.



THURSDAY, January 23, 1:30 PM

Sign-up sheet on table outside office

MINISTRY SERVER SCHEDULE: We have created a serving schedule for the various volunteer ministries for January thru March. You can find them on the table in the Narthex.

DEVOTIONALS: The January-March edition of These Days are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

2024 CELEBRATION: Join us after the 10:30 service on January 26 for a luncheon and celebration of our ministry in 2024. 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.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR: The Pastor/Parish Committee is working with Deaconess Myka Kennedy Stephens to provide a leadership seminar on conflict management. The seminar will be held on **Saturday, February 1 from 9:00-11:30 a.m.** This is for members of Consistory and the various committees/boards. **Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office. It is imperative that you sign-up because participants will be asked to do an online survey before the meeting.** Myka Kennedy Stephens is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, Emory University, and Florida State University. She is a Deaconess in the United Methodist Church and a former professor and librarian at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Deaconess Stephens is now working with individuals and congregations as a leadership consultant.



2025 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **February 2, 9, 16 & 23.** Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **January 19 & February 2, 16 & 23.** 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/SUNDAYMORNING FELLOWSHIP happens every Sunday in Isenberg Hall at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments. The drinks/coffee will be taken care of for you! 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.**

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Looking ahead this month: Sunday School classes for children, youth and adults will resume as usual on January 12th at 9 am.

The Children's Class will be continuing their work with SPARK!

Youth and adults are invited to join *The Wired Word* studies meeting in the Choir Room or in a series of sessions led by Pastor Chris in Isenberg Hall.

The title of Pastor Chris' study is "What's in the Bible About Life Together?"

The Law Reveals God's Way of Life (January 12)

The Prophets Challenge Us to Return to God's Way (January 19)

Jesus Teaches God's Way and Invites Us into God's Kingdom (January 26)

The Rev. Dr. Charles Hambrick-Stowe will be leading a study on the topic of "Religion and the American Revolution" on February 2, 9, & 16. Here is information from Dr. Hambrick-Stowe about the class:

Our nation begins its observance of the 250th anniversary of the War for Independence this year. Three February class sessions will look at the complex role Christian faith and the various church traditions played in the struggle, along with the impact of the Revolution on religious life in the New Republic.

February 2 How religious experience set the stage for the Revolution

February 9 Why the war was spiritually and theologically complicated

February 16 Ways the Revolution changed religious life in America

Participants will be encouraged to reflect on ways the issues confronting Christians in the Revolution—from the start of the war in 1775 to ratification of the Constitution and Bill of Rights by 1791—are still with us in contemporary American society.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUPPORT: We continue to support the medical mission project that was presented on Rally Day by Donna Geisler and her brother-in-law, Dr. Bill Lovett. Look for the display across from the church office. There are cans for you to place monetary donations. **We have already raised over \$3,600.**

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 Sue Bowman (Nominating Chair) or Pastor Rankin.

The Board of Elders is looking for people to serve on the Christian Education and Evangelism Committees. If you are interested, speak to the pastor or a member of the Board of Elders (Sue Bowman, George Delong, Jeff Hackenberger, or Karen Olley).

WINTER WEATHER POLICY: We have already seen some snow this season! If it snows on a Saturday night or Sunday morning, we will try to hold worship services as long as the pastor can safely travel 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!



JOIN US!

CLIMATE

TOWN HALL



**Learn how to get involved with
climate action in Lancaster.**

Share your stories with our community.

Connect with people and resources.

JANUARY 26, 2025 | 3:30 - 5:30 PM

**THIS TOWN HALL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT
HAMILTON PARK U.C.C.
1210 MAPLE AVE. (LANCASTER)**

Pastor Chris is planning to attend! If you are interested in attending or want more information, speak to the pastor.

Come enjoy choirs, instrumentalists and other musical groups representing various UCC congregations in the Lancaster and Lebanon Associations for a



Music Fair

*Presented by the Mission and Ministry
Team of the Lancaster Association-UCC*

February 2nd, 2-4pm

*at St. John's UCC in Denver
659 S. 4th Street, Denver PA 17517*

*At 2pm, come enjoy snacks and fellowship time
while our performers set up.
The program will begin at 2:30pm.*

This event is free and open to the public.

Come celebrate the gift of music in our congregations!



FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
 Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will
 be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not
 overwhelm you;
 when you walk through fire you shall not
 be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the LORD your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
 I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honored, and I love you,
 I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;
⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
 and to the south, "Do not withhold;
 bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of
 the earth—
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made."

Psalm 29**SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17**

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.

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