

# TRINITY U.C.C. PARISH POST

# February

**Parish Post Deadline:**  
3rd Monday of the month

## **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,

There are a lot of significant church related anniversaries to celebrate in 2025! I want to highlight these important milestones for you!

First, you will see some information in this newsletter about a special adult class that will happen this month. The Rev. Dr. Charlie Hambrick-Stowe, my father-in-law, will discuss the topic of religion and the American Revolution. As we prepare to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Revolution, Charlie will share with us what this means for us today! I hope you will join us on February 2, 9, & 16 in Isenberg Hall.

Next, Lancaster Theological Seminary is celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Please look in this newsletter for the flier with the various events Lancaster Seminary has planned for this celebration! The first event will be Seminary Sunday on February 23. We will lift up Trinity's longstanding relationship with Lancaster Seminary during both services that day. Some of our members who are graduates of Lancaster Seminary will assist with the 10:30 a.m. service. I encourage you to attend the other events listed on the flier!

This year is also the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German Reformed Church in the United States. The first communion service was held on October 15, 1725 at Falkner Swamp Church in Gilbertsville, PA. Since Trinity Church is rooted in the German Reformed Church, we will join other U.C.C. congregations in commemorating this anniversary with a special liturgy on October 12. There will also be a Festival Celebration on Wednesday, October 15 sponsored by the Pennsylvania conferences of the U.C.C. Stay tuned for more information!

Lastly, this year is the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. This Council met from May-July in the year 325. One of the major accomplishments of this ecumenical council was the formation of the Nicene Creed. The Christian Education Committee is interested in exploring the Council of Nicaea. Watch for more information!

I hope you will participate in the various activities, services, concerts, and learning opportunities planned for these significant celebrations. All of these milestones occurred before the founding of Trinity Church, but they have influenced who we have been and who we are now! Let us honor our heritage as we continue to move forward in faith!

Blessings,  
**Pastor Chris**



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## CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS by Bob Kilgore

--Treasurer's Report: Denise reported that the congregation has been generous with their financial support of the congregation. We have 72 days of liquidity. Trinity ended 2024 with a gain of \$4,728. The combined financials (congregation & preschool) ended 2024 with a gain of \$4,229.

--Pastor's Report: Pastor Chris has been making connections with the new leadership of the AA group and the Scout troop, both groups that use Trinity's building for their meetings. He shared that we had some visitors at our Christmas Eve services, especially some young people at our late service who were looking for a traditional Christmas Eve service.

--Approved Pastor Chris' suggestion of using the Education Ministry Fund to support the leadership seminar on February 1.

--President Jeff Hackenberger will be contacting members to see if they will serve as the at-large member of the Audit Committee. Elder George DeLong and Deacon John Shelsky are the Consistory representatives to the committee.

--Pastor Rankin reported that a representative from Traditions of America (TOA) in Lititz talked with him about using Trinity for an afternoon concert in May (during the week) with the Silver Sings Chorus (members come from the TOA communities in Lititz and East Petersburg). Consistory felt this would be a good way to connect with our neighbors at the TOA community in East Petersburg. Consistory approved the Silver Singers Chorus to use Isenberg Hall on May 16 or 17 for an hour-long concert. More information will be forthcoming.

## LEADERSHIP SEMINAR REMINDER:

The seminar will be held on Saturday, February 1 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Our presenter is Myka Kennedy Stephens, 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. Thank you to the Pastor-Parish Committee for sponsoring this seminar on conflict resolution.

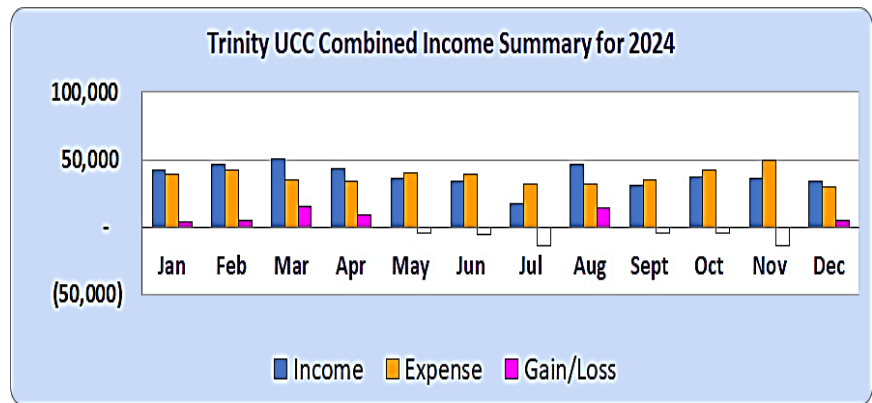


## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

|       |                  |                |
|-------|------------------|----------------|
| 02/01 | Brad Miller      | (717) 725-9866 |
| 02/05 | Steven Archibald | (717) 725-3140 |
| 02/05 | Gerald Simmons   | (717) 239-0544 |
| 02/05 | Robbin Stone     | (717) 392-7641 |
| 02/08 | Hayden Knoll     | (717)341-5189  |
| 02/13 | Ian Derstler     | (717) 615-5718 |
| 02/15 | George Adams     | (609) 267-2430 |
| 02/16 | Ali Daly         | (717) 940-1871 |
| 02/16 | Alison Kauffman  | (717) 393-1978 |
| 02/19 | Dina Slechta     | (717) 569-0543 |
| 02/21 | Arlene Hoxworth  | (717) 569-1830 |
| 02/24 | Gregory Gruber   | (410) 482-7292 |
| 02/25 | Judie Bistline   | (717) 917-2424 |

## News from the Finance Committee

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|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|----------|
| YTD TOTAL INCOME   | \$452,923 | DEC. INCOME         | \$34,222 |
| YTD TOTAL EXPENSES | \$448,693 | DEC. EXPENSE        | \$29,942 |
| YTD GAIN/(LOSS)    | \$4,229   | MONTHLY GAIN/(LOSS) | \$4,280  |



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

## Daily Devotionals

We have *These Days for* January-March available on the table across from the church office. If you need a devotional mailed to you, contact Carol in the church office.

## PRAYER SHAWL

The Knit in God's Love Prayer Shawl Group will be meeting on February 18 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.

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.

In 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.

**GRIEF GROUP UPDATE:** Pastor Rankin has ordered the books and will contact the participants when they arrive. He is planning to offer two sessions (afternoon and evening). It is not too late to sign-up for a group, so look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office. Contact Pastor Rankin if you have any questions.

| February Scriptures |   |
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| 2/2                 | Jere. 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30                  |
| 2/9                 | Isa. 6:1-13; Psalm 138; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11                       |
| 2/16                | Jere. 17 :5-10 ; Psalm 1 ; 1 Cor. 15 :12-20 ; Luke 6 :17-26               |
| 2/23                | Gen. 45:3-11,15; Psalm 37:1-11,39-40; 1 Cor. 15:35-38,42-50; Luke 6:27-38 |

## KOINONIA

We enjoy fellowship with one another every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. 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.

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

The men will be meeting at the Family Fare Restaurant for breakfast February 15 (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.

## TREASURE IN CLAY JARS by Rev. Jack Esbenshade

I consider it a privilege to be able to participate in the rite of healing that is held periodically at Trinity. As people come forward to be anointed, I place my thumb into a scented oil and then inscribe a cross on each person's forehead. I use a blessing - "As I anoint you, so may God fill you, with the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit."

And after everyone who wishes to be anointed has returned to their seats, Pastor Chris and I anoint each other. The rite includes words, visual cues and also the scent of the oil. It is a multi-sensory event. There is a certain staying power with the anointing. The aroma of the oil remains with me as I catch a whiff throughout the day

The scented oil enables me to recall the healing service but it also remains with me as a comforting reminder of the grace of God and the healing presence of the Holy Spirit.

Outward and visible signs like the oil of anointing or the bread and the cup are intended to offer us cues so that we might be aware and alert to God's love, grace and presence in our lives.

Our response as healed and accepted people is to be loving and gracious too. As we move into a new year, it is incumbent upon us to be aware of the ways in which God touches our lives. Equally important is our response of gratitude.



**THURSDAY, February 27, 1:30 PM**  
Sign-up sheet on table outside office



## LUNCH BUNCH

**Place:** Iron Hill, reservation under Denise Pfeiffer  
781 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17603  
**Date:** February 16  
**Time:** 12:30 PM

**Cost:** Paid by each person  
Sign up sheet on table in hall outside office.  
*(They will give us separate checks and we will have the full menu to select from)*

## 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)



**Nancy Musser** entered the Church Triumphant on January 10, 2025. A memorial service was held at Trinity U.C.C. on January 25 with Pastor Rankin officiating. Nancy was a very active member of Trinity Church. She served on the Consistory, the Christian Education Committee, and the Preschool Board. Nancy was an active member of the choir, taught Sunday School, served as a visitation minister, attended T.W.O. (Trinity Women's Organization) meetings, and was a frequent visitor to the prayer shawl group (she enjoyed the fellowship more than the knitting).

We give thanks for Nancy's ministry in our congregation and throughout the U.C.C. Please keep Rev. Bob Musser and the rest of Nancy's family in your prayers.

## Religion in the American Revolution

Charles Hambrick-Stowe

Trinity United Church of Christ, East Petersburg, PA

February 2, 9, and 16, 2025

9:00 a.m.



Our nation begins its observance of the 250<sup>th</sup> 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.

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| 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.

*Charles Hambrick-Stowe is minister emeritus of the First Congregational Church of Ridgefield, Connecticut. Previously, he served as academic dean of Northern Seminary in Illinois, director of the Doctor of Ministry program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and pastor at Church of the Apostles in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Westminster, Maryland. In addition to MA, and MDiv degrees, he holds a PhD in American Studies from Boston University. He is the author of numerous books and articles in the fields of American religious history and biblical studies.*

## A Message from Christian Education for February

New beginnings abound! New possibilities are near us just lurking around the corners waiting for us to discover them and respond!

*Isaiah 43:18-19: "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (NSRV)*

God promises to do something new in our lives, turning challenges into pathways for progress!

This month the **Children's Class** will be continuing their work with SPARK!

**Youth** and **adults** are invited to join The Wired Word studies with Diane Rice meeting in the Choir Room, or in a series of sessions led by the Rev. Dr. Charles Hambrick-Stowe in Isenberg Hall.

The Rev. Dr. Hambrick-Stowe's topic of discussion will center around "Religion and the American Revolution" as our nation begins its observance of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the War for Independence this year. 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.

*Lectionary Readings* for each Sunday may be found in the February Parish Post

**Looking ahead this month**, the last Sunday of the month, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, a special session will be held in Isenberg Hall at 9:00 a.m. for all members of the congregation, teachers, and attendees of the Youth and Adult Sunday School classes past and present.

**"Sunday Mornings & Beyond" is an opportunity for folks of all ages who would like to share in the shaping of our Christian Education program at Trinity.** Prior to the COVID pandemic, there were book studies online led by various members of Trinity, clergy and lay alike. What about providing an online experience again for those not able to make a Sunday morning class? Would mid-week gatherings be meaningful where, day or evening, either in person or presented in a recorded lecture, issues of faith be presented and discussed? What we have been used to in the past may or may not be pertinent to young families; the message of assurance the same; but the method of delivery different? How do we start with who we've been and be led by the Spirit into becoming something we've yet to be – finding a new way in the wilderness?

The Christian Education Committee invites you to come and share the things that you have always valued, and continue to value in a Christian education that enables you and your family to belong in our faith community and that can be taken out in the world beyond!

*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!*



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Trinity musicians will be joining other U.C.C. congregations for this event!

Diane Rice is on the planning committee for this event!

Contact her if you have any questions!



Dear Members of Trinity UCC,

We thank you for your 12/16/24 gift of \$445 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.

UCC Homes' greatest area of need continues to be the securing of sufficient funding to meet the growing financial need of residents who are unable to pay for their costs of care and who are not deemed eligible for governmental assistance programs. The Benevolent fund helps to meet this need.

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

Sincerely,

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

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Thank you for the poinsettia and the well wishes of your membership expressed by Pastor Chris when he visited me!

**Elinor Nicholas**

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Dear Trinity UCC,

Time and again, Trinity UCC has demonstrated its unwavering commitment to Hoffman Homes. We are so grateful for your continued generosity of \$750 in support of our programs and services. We truly appreciate it!

As you know, Hoffman Homes is a nonprofit that provides inpatient behavioral and mental health treatments, educational services, and other residential services to youth, young adults, and their families. We also have outpatient therapy services for adolescents and adults in the community. Our trained, compassionate staff offer safe, life-changing care every day.

Thank you again. Your generosity is a blessing to our programs and provides a vital pathway to recovery and a healthier future.

In gratitude,

**Susan Cann**, Director of Development

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Dear Trinity UCC,

Thank you so very much for your kindness and generosity in giving towards our family at this time. We appreciate all the help while we continue to navigate these murky waters. Each day I push closer to being and getting to 100% and the love and support shown towards us helps me along this journey. Thank you!

Sincerely,

**The Herr family**



Dear Trinity UCC,

At the Lancaster County Food Hub, it is humbling to receive the steadfast support of so many friends-like you-who believe in our mission and work.

Your gifts of \$2,294.52 & \$390 will help to ensure that free food and clothing, homelessness services, and supportive outreach partners are sustainably available under the red awning at 812 N. Queen St.

Deman for our services are higher than ever, and the numbers tell the tale. Last year, over 58,000 neighbors utilized our services-and the number of people who need support continue to trend upwards.

Because of your generosity, we can uphold our commitment to meet neighbors where they are and support them toward more stable life circumstances, and for that we are grateful.

Gratefully,

**Paige McFarling**, Executive Director & Corinne Foster, Development & Communications Manger

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Dear Friends,

I am delighted to acknowledge your recent gift of \$165 to the LTS Fund at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Your support is invaluable, and I am truly grateful for your generosity.

Your generous contribution to the LTS Fund enhances every aspect of the student experience. Your philanthropy supports excellent academic programs and extraordinary faculty that push the boundaries of theological understanding, transformative experiences that broaden perspectives and deepen faith, and a vibrant community fostering a nurturing environment to create lasting bonds and support networks. Thank you for investing in our students' seminary journey and providing them with the resources and experiences they need to be effective, compassionate leaders in their faith communities.

I am grateful for your support of our mission to educate and nurture leaders to join in God's redemptive and liberating work. It is a historic year at LTS as we celebrate our seminary's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Santee Chapel's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Thank you for your commitment to the future of LTS and our students. Your generosity not only supports them in their journey to becoming compassionate leaders but empowers them to make a profound impact in our world.

Yours in service,

**Kristin Warner**, Associate Director of Engagement & Philanthropy

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Merry Christmas to you all,

Thank you for having the joy of Christmas with you all.

**Rev. Makoto Zokahashi**, Aizu-Long Church UCC (partner church in Japan)

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Dear Trinity UCC,

Thank you for choosing to make a difference in the lives of our seniors at Phoebe!

Because of you, our residents will continue to experience programs and services that improve quality of life, including seasonal celebrations, enriching community life activities, and uplifting spiritual programs.

With gratitude,

**Kristine Paupini**, Donor Relations Coordinator

### **2025 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS**

Upcoming dates for worship aids are: February 2, 9, 16, & 23/ Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are February 23 & March 2. 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.

### **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.



### **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**

**\$4,100 toward our goal of \$5,000!** Donna Geisler, Jeff Reed,

Dr. Bill Lovett, and the rest of the team will be traveling to the Dominican Republic in March!



## TRINITY'S MEALS WITH A MISSION

February 19, 2025



Trinity will again be preparing/assembling meals for some of our members on Sunday, February 9. We will meet after the second service to prepare the meals - it should take about an hour.

If you are able to help with the assembly or delivery of the meal, please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex. Hands of all sizes are welcome to help.

If you have questions, contact Deb Lichtenwalner-717-203-9506 or [deblich@comcast.net](mailto:deblich@comcast.net).



**LOVE SUNDAY/SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** Trinity will celebrate “Love Sunday” and the “Souper Bowl of Caring” on February 9, 2025. We will collect canned goods and money for the Hempfield Power Packs. They could use the following items:

**Mac and Cheese, Peanut butter, Pasta, Soup (kid friendly - tomato, chicken noodle, etc) or cream soup for casseroles (chicken or mushroom)**



**2024 CROP WALK FINAL REPORT:** The 2024 Lancaster CROP Walk raised **\$46,085.17!** We have started working on this year’s walk. It will be held on Sunday, October 19 at the Greek Orthodox Church. Watch for more information in the coming months!

## U.C.C. GLOBAL MINISTRIES SPOTLIGHT

(Thanks to Rev. Ken Trauger for suggesting to Pastor Chris that we share these frequent mission moments we receive from the U.C.C. Global Ministries)



### Prayers for Sierra Leone

Heavenly Father, we come to you with open hearts and minds as we thank you for the blessing of community and all it does to help us, keep us, and grow us. We thank you for the joy the festive season has brought us. It has been a time to enjoy the company of loved ones, reflect on the mountaintops and valleys of the year, and celebrate your son Jesus' birth.

We also see the ways in which we have fallen short of your desire for our lives and your purpose. We pray that you baptize us in the way only the Holy Spirit can, in the way you told us in Luke 3, God.

We pray that in your divine timing, issues like food security and energy access will start to improve. Under the current government, the import tax on rice alone has risen from 5% to 10%. Give Sierra Leone the resources it needs to see lasting change, and let those in power be good stewards of the responsibility given to them.

This and more is our prayer to you, Lord. We will forever give you glory and thanks for the continuous blessings you have poured into our lives. Amen.

### Mission Moment from Sierra Leone

Music is a universal language that can transcend language and cultures. Through the programs of the Youth Desk at the Council of Churches of Sierra Leone (CCSL), supported by Global Ministries, kids are able to express themselves and the problems they face through music.



In December, two inception meetings were held to carve out opportunities in the fine arts for the youth of Sierra Leone. One program is helping to teach the youth a new instrument of their choice. They are also learning to read music and get the opportunity to perform in bands and choirs at

events such as Youth Thanksgiving Church Services. This allows them to not only broaden their knowledge but also use their God-given gifts and talents to perform in God's house of worship.

The second inception meeting was about how the youth desk and music committee of CCSL can collaborate with an advocacy group from a village outside the province of Makeni, Sierra Leone. Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is a common practice in Sierra Leone and is often believed to be a spiritual and social practice, but it actually puts women and girls at risk of short-term and long-term health problems. The advocacy group led by Pastor Emmanuel uses their voices and creativity to make songs and short plays about the issue to inform people how horrific and detrimental FGM is to the health of women and girls.

In the coming months, Pastor Emmanuel and the CCSL Youth Desk Music Team will be collaborating to hold conferences in the villages of Sierra Leone to inform people about how FGM affects women, how we can help combat it, and how integral government policies are to combat these issues. With all this work, the kids will be expressing this through the universal language of music—making songs and art to express their needs and desire for the safety of themselves and other women.

*Written by KC King, Music Teacher for the Council of Churches of Sierra Leone and Ballanta Academy of Music*

# Where are you gifted to serve?

Mark 10:43b -45 *Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."*

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|  <p><b>Greeter /Ushers Needed</b></p>   |  <p><b>NURSERY VOLUNTEERS</b></p>   |   |
| <p>Volunteer as a Greeter/Usher for the 10:30 a.m. service please contact the church office. <b>We currently have vacancies for ushers!!</b></p>   | <p>We now have some vacancies for nursery care during the 10:30 service. If you are interested in caring for our children, please contact Betty Fogle (nursery coordinator) at 717-471-1026 or <a href="mailto:bettsfog@comcast.net">bettsfog@comcast.net</a>.</p>   | <p>The Evangelism Committee oversees the Called to Care Ministry. Meals will be provided for members after they have returned home from the hospital or during other critical situations. <b>We are in need of volunteers to provide meals.</b></p> <p>Another part of this ministry is transportation to appointments. If you need transportation to appointments or worship, please contact the church office. <b>We are in need of volunteers to provide transportation to church!</b> Anne Rankin will be the coordinator for January-March. If you are interested in helping with the Called to Care Ministry, speak with Pastor Chris!</p> |
|  <p><b>Lector</b></p> <p>Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services. Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer.</p> |  |  |
| <p><b>ALTAR GUILD</b></p> <p>We could use a few more people to help with the weekly responsibilities to prepare the altar for worship. If you are interested, contact Nancy Enders at 717-342-6899 or <a href="mailto:nancyenders@comcast.net">nancyenders@comcast.net</a>.</p>                          | <p><b>FLOWER DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b></p>  <p>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.</p> |  |
|  | <p><b>Working With Children and Youth</b></p> <p>We are in need of leaders to plan activities beyond Sunday School for our teenagers. If you are interested, speak with Bob Kilgore, Sue Bowman, or Pastor Rankin.</p>   |  |

## 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).

| <b>Dates</b> | <b>Greeters</b>                  | <b>Nursery</b>                      | <b>Ushers</b>   | <b>Lectors</b>                          | <b>Worship Aids</b> | <b>Money Counters</b>  | <b>Flowers</b> |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------|--|----------------|
| <b>2/2</b>   | Dave Connor/<br>Darlene Zerbe    | Jodi Keller/<br>Sandy DeLong        | <b>Theodore Slechta</b> , Carl Spangler, Kayla Brennan, Dottie Schadt, Andrew Rankin, Lon Wible, Dan Otthofer, Beth Bossert       | Sandy Morris/<br>Sue Bowman             |                     | Diane Rice,<br>Karen Olley,<br>George DeLong,<br>Jodi Keller | Bowman         |
| <b>2/9</b>   | Beth Bossert/<br>Charlene Cristy | Betty Fogle/<br>Anne Rankin         | <b>Steve Shenk</b> , Dave Connor, Charlene Cristy, Scott Summers, Hillary Bossert-Davis, Zach Baynard, Karen Olley, Kathy McCarty | Jeff Hackenberger                       |                     | Diane Rice,<br>Karen Olley,<br>George DeLong,<br>Jodi Keller | Cash           |
| <b>2/16</b>  | Leo & Lori Daly                  | Jodi Keller/<br>Sandy DeLong        | <b>Mike Wagner</b> , Shelley Wagner, George DeLong, Anne Rankin, Rachel Baynard, Stan Seachrist, Andrew Rankin, Betty Tyndall     | Sandy Morris/<br>Steve Gold             |                     | Nevin Cooley,<br>Steve Gold, Pat Sensenig,<br>Cherie Cataldi | Owens          |
| <b>2/23</b>  | Gail Kogut/<br>Karen Olley       | Hedwig Hunsicker/<br>Rachel Baynard | <b>Theodore Slechta</b> , Carl Spangler, Kayla Brennan, Dottie Schadt, Andrew Rankin, Lon Wible, Dan Otthofer, Beth Bossert       | Diane Rice/<br>Lancaster Seminary alums |                     | Nevin Cooley,<br>Steve Gold, Pat Sensenig,<br>Cherie Cataldi |                |

**Other Ministry Volunteers**

**ALTAR GUILD:**

Feb. 2 & 9 – Karen Olley/ Beth Bossert  
Feb.. 16 & 23 – Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy, Hedwig Hunsicker

**Visitation Minister (Phone Calls/Visits):** Anita Rohrer

**Building Trustee:** Mike Wagner

**Card Ministry:** Carol Kratz (Church Staff)

**Called to Care:** Anne Rankin

**TRINITY BREAD:**

Feb. 2 – Kathy McCarty      Feb. 9 – Kathy McCarty  
Feb. 16 – Joan Sensenig      Feb. 23 – Charlene Cristy

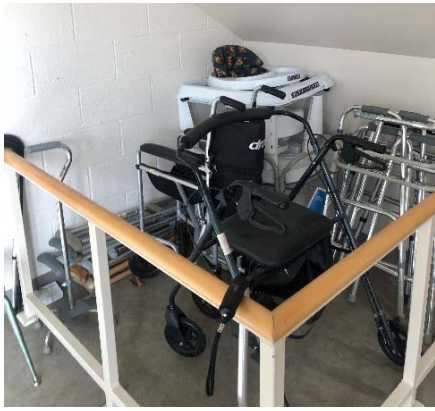
**FRIDAY FLOWER DELIVERY:**

Jan. 31 – Anita Rohrer      Feb. 7 – Diane Rice  
Feb. 14 – Cherie Cataldi      Feb. 21 – Kathy Cooley  
Feb. 28 – Paula Dennes

**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!

**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 February 2 & 16.



## MEDICAL SUPPLIES AT THE CHURCH!

If you or someone you know needs canes, walkers, portable toilets, or shower seats, contact the church office. We've had a lot of items donated to us that are here for members and friends of the congregation!



**The Kid: Silent Film with Don Kinnier, Organist**  
 Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 7:00 pm

Don is known as the premier silent film accompanist in the northeastern United States. His programs are easygoing and feature a large dose of good-natured humor. *The Kid* (1921) stars Charlie Chaplin as a tramp who finds love and acceptance with an orphan and his mother.



**25th**  
 Anniversary Season  
 2024-25



**Dr. Eric Fung, Pianist**  
 Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 7:00 pm

Dr. Fung is a distinguished pianist renowned for his "vibrant vitality, unflappable logic, flexibility in nuances, and requisite lyricism," as lauded by the New York Concert Review. In 2002, he was awarded the prestigious title of "Bach Prize Winner" at the International Johann Sebastian Bach Competition in Leipzig, Germany.



**The King's Brass**  
 Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 7:00 pm

For 40 years, The King's Brass have offered an innovative worship experience for young and old, performing original arrangements of all types of music. Their 9 instrumentalists include 3 trumpets, 3 trombones, a tuba, keyboards, and percussion. Together, they use all corners of the concert space to lift hearts and spirits in praise.

**Highland Presbyterian Church**

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

Highland is conveniently located off Oregon Pike just north of Route 30.

Head north on Oregon Pike, turn right on East Roseville Road, then right into the Highland parking lot.



Lancaster  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

# 200TH ANNIVERSARY SAVE THE DATES!

23

FEB, 2025

Seminary  
Sunday



27

APR, 2025

200th Anniversary  
Celebration Event

02

MAY, 2025

Alumni  
Day




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JUN, 2025

100th Anniversary of  
Santee Chapel Concert





| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
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|   |   |  |  |  |  | <b>1</b><br><b>9-11:30 AM</b><br>Leadership Seminar<br><br><b>8:00PM</b><br>Alanon/ AA |
| <b>2 7:45 AM</b><br>Eucharist<br><b>9:00 AM</b><br>Sunday School<br><b>9:45 AM</b><br>Koinonia<br><b>10:30 AM</b><br>Eucharist  | <b>3</b><br><b>6:00PM</b><br>Environmental Stewardship Task Force<br><b>7:00PM</b><br>Choir<br><b>8:15</b><br>Bells | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b><br><b>6:00PM</b><br>Cub Scouts  | <b>7</b>   | <b>8 8:00PM</b><br>Alanon/ AA  |
| <b>9 7:45 AM</b><br>Eucharist<br><b>9:00 AM</b><br>Sunday School<br><b>9:45 AM</b><br>Koinonia<br><b>10:30 AM</b><br>Worship  | <b>10 7:00PM</b><br>Choir<br><b>8:15</b><br>Bells   | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b><br><b>9:30AM</b><br>Preschool Vision Screens<br><br><b>7:00PM</b><br>Finance Committee | <b>13 9:30AM</b><br>Preschool Vision Screens<br><b>10:00AM</b><br>Mercersburg Study Group<br><br><b>6:00PM</b><br>Cub Scouts | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b><br><b>8:00AM</b><br>Men's Breakfast<br><br><b>8:00PM</b><br>Alanon/ AA       |
| <b>16 7:45 AM</b><br>Eucharist<br><b>9:00 AM</b><br>Sunday School<br><b>9:45 AM</b><br>Koinonia<br><b>10:30 AM</b><br>Eucharist<br><b>Following Svc.</b><br>Lunch Bunch | <b>17 No Preschool</b><br><b>7:00PM</b><br>Choir<br><b>8:15</b><br>Bells  | <b>18 1:00PM</b><br>Prayer Shawl<br><br><b>7:00PM</b><br>Consistory/Boards | <b>19</b>  | <b>20 2:00 PM</b><br>CROP Walk Meeting<br><br><b>6:00PM</b><br>Cub Scouts  | <b>21</b><br><b>11:30 - 1:00 PM</b><br>Preschool Lunch Bunch | <b>22 8:00PM</b><br>Alanon/ AA   |
| <b>23 7:45 AM</b><br>Eucharist<br><b>9:00 AM</b><br>Sunday School<br><b>9:45 AM</b><br>Koinonia<br><b>10:30 AM</b><br>Worship   | <b>24 Secretary off</b><br><b>7:00PM</b><br>Choir<br><b>8:15</b><br>Bells   | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b><br><b>1:30 PM</b><br>Pinochle<br><b>6:00PM</b><br>Cub Scouts   | <b>28</b>  |  |

# TRINITY UCC PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2025



Happy February!

What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."- John Steinbeck

We are so excited to share all the fun and learning that will be taking place this month in our preschool classrooms. February is a month filled with love, kindness, friendship, and many exciting activities as we continue to grow, learn, and explore together. Remember to ask your children specific questions to foster further conversation about their day. For example, "What did you play with during big room play?", "How did you practice sharing today?", "Can you tell me about an art project you may have done today?", "Tell me about a book you read."

### CONFERENCES

We are currently scheduling parent teacher conferences for 3 Day with Miss Karen and 4 Day with Miss Crystal. Conferences will take place the last week of February through March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each conference will last up to 15 minutes beginning at 9:00 am. Please see the appropriate sign-up for your class. Tiny Tots and 2 Day will receive an end of the year progress report from their teachers.

4 Day: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49A8AE23A4FBC52-47404249-4day>

3 Day: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49A8AE23A4FBC52-47404221-3dayconferences>

### Registration - 2025-2026 School Year

We are now accepting registration from all of those in the community that are interested. Please spread the word through your social media groups as we want to fill our classrooms with more sweet, smiling faces! Direct anyone interested to call (717-569-1632) or email the director, Amy Grube, [preschool@trinityeastpete.org](mailto:preschool@trinityeastpete.org), or head to our website, <https://www.trinityeastpete.org/preschool/registration/> for a registration brochure.

### February Lunch Bunch for 3 and 4 Day:

Lunch Bunch will be held Friday, February 21st. Miss Crystal and Miss Kelly will help facilitate social, emotional, language, and physical development while students share lunch time and play with their friends. If you are interested in signing your child up for Lunch Bunch, please use the sign-up genius link below, pack a lunch and send in \$13 for the February session.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49A8AE23A4FBC52-54383463-lunch>

### SPECIAL DATES:

February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> - Vision Screenings

February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine Parties

February 17<sup>th</sup>- No School-President's Day

February 21<sup>st</sup>- Lunch Bunch

February 24-Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> – 3-Day and 4-Day conferences

## KINDERGARTENERS FALL 2025



TIME IS TICKING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESCHOOL CONNECTIONS CLUB AT HEMPFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT. PRESCHOOL CONNECTIONS WILL BE WRAPPING UP SOON BECAUSE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AND SCREENINGS FOR THOSE THAT ARE 5 YEARS OLD BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

“PRESCHOOL CONNECTIONS AIDES IN THE TRANSITION FROM PRESCHOOL TO KINDERGARTEN, SO OUR HOPE IS THAT INCOMING STUDENTS WILL ATTEND WITH THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN/CAREGIVER AT THEIR FUTURE SCHOOL BUILDING OF ATTENDANCE. “IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SIGNING YOUR CHILD UP FOR PRESCHOOL CONNECTIONS. PLEASE GO TO THE BELOW LINK AND SELECT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YOUR CHILD WILL BE

ATTENDING FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR AND RSVP. [HTTPS://WWW.HEMPFIELDSD.ORG/DOMAIN/324](https://www.hempfieldsd.org/domain/324)

**Valentine Parties** Check your calendars to see which day your child's class will celebrate. If you are sending valentine cards, please make sure there are enough for all students in the class. Filling out the “FROM” section is wonderful but please **don't fill in the “TO”**. It's easier to deliver them without the worry of names.

Tiny Tots - 4 students

2 day - 11 students

3 day - 7 students

4 day - 12 students

### HELPFUL HINTS:

**SICKNESS:** If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home. If your child has a fever, please be sure that they are **FEVER FREE FOR 24HRS** (without medication) before returning to school.

**WEATHER CHANGES:** Please send your child dressed appropriately for outdoor play. We will plan to take the children outside as much as possible so please plan accordingly. This may include, boots, hats, mittens, snowpants!

**In Case of SCHOOL CLOSINGS:** We will follow Hempfield School District's delays and closings. If HSD is closed (switching to a virtual learning day) due to inclement weather, we are closed. If HSD is delayed, we will follow our modified schedule; 10:30-12:30 and Enrichment 12:30-2:30.

**FACEBOOK:** Trinity Preschool is on Facebook! Periodically, we will post events that have already happened or helpful information. Our purpose for using this media is to inform you and the community of this rich, fun, nurturing place for growing children. Follow us on FACEBOOK

### CLASSROOM EXPERIENCES:

**Miss Crystal and Miss Kelly 4 Day:** We will start off February by wearing Pjs to school on Groundhog Day. We will talk about what's healthy, bucket filling, and fairy tales. We will also learn about friendship and kindness and have a Valentine's Day Celebration! We will continue our work with letters and their sounds with rhyming and exciting games.

**Miss Karen and Mrs. Cox 3 Day:** We will continue working with rhyming, opposites, numeral recognition as well as alphabet recognition and letter sounds. We have a fun unit based on whole and parts that will include lots of games and math. Some will be board games and others will be action based. We will also talk about our health and how to keep our hearts strong.

**Miss Karen and Miss Ashley 2 Day:** We will decorate bags for our Valentine's Day celebration. Plans include a shape hunt where we collect, count, and sort shapes into categories. We will have fun with Qq and Uu. These letters are found together - Queen, Quilt, Quiet, and Quack games!

**Miss Crystal and Miss Kelly Tiny Tots:** This month we will be exploring hearts and have a Valentine's Day Party! We will also talk about planes, trains, and automobiles and a Very Hungry Caterpillar with fun games and crafts.

**ENRICHMENT CLASS:** This month we will explore hearts with some science experiments and problem solving. We will explore faces with emotions and paint a self-portrait. We'll get to use different materials to create some beautiful sunflowers. Then create stories with black dots and purple crayons. It's going to be a fun filled month!

# KIDZ KORNER

## Valentine's Day Word Search



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| AFFECTION  | COURTSHIP   | FAMILY   | LETTER  | ROMANTIC  |
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| ATTRACTION   | CUSTOM  | FLOWERS  | MAILBOX  | ROSES   |
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| BOUQUET  | DATE  | FRIENDS  | MARTYR  | SAPPY   |
| BOW  | DATING  | GENEROSITY   | MESSAGE   | SENTIMENT   |
| BOYFRIEND  | DEAR  | GIFTS  | MIRACLE   | SMILE   |
| CAKE   | DELICIOUS   | GIRLFRIEND   | MUSHY   | SPECIAL   |
| CANDLELIGHT  | DEVOTION  | HEARTS   | NURTURE   | SWEETHEART  |
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| CARD  | DINNER  | HUG  | PINK  | SYMBOL  |
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| COMPASSION   | EXPENSIVE   | KISS   | RING  | WIFE  |

# Trinity Concert Series Looking For Supporters 2025

Would you like to support the Trinity Concert Series with a donation towards the expenses incurred? Please complete this form and return it with your donation to the church office, or place it in the offering plate. If you wish to Sponsor a complete concert, please speak to the Director of Music.

1848 Circle \$200.00 or More  
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