

From Your Pastor's Heart My dear Trinity Family,

"Fall is my favorite season", I heard one of you say. It is not difficult to understand why. While our friends who migrate to those warmer shores, do give the cold winter a slip, there's more to the story.

"Christmas in California one year made me want to rush back to PA. What is Christmas without snow! I couldn't bear to see those inflated Christmas decorations outside homes standing on brown earth, grass and mud minus the snow!" I heard one of you say.

The four seasons. For nearly the first 50 years of my life, I did not live in a place where the four seasons were expressed as distinctly as we have them here. Having lived here some years now, I don't believe I will ever cease to be fascinated by the beauty of the seasons and keep saying, "Wow! Wow! Wow! Thank you, Lord! Hallelujah! This is my Father's world! How great thou art!......" As I told you when we first got here, if the State of Pennsylvania levied a tax on me every time I expressed my appreciation for creation, I would be bankrupt in a flash!"

"Pastor, I can't believe people won't believe in God after seeing all that beauty in creation", said one of you to me recently.

What a spectacular gift for us who live here. The seasons of Fall and oncoming winter are a visual treat and an invitation to consider our Maker. We are given an 'in the face' sermon about the One who created the heavens and the earth, who put the stars in place and even took time to design the colors schemes of the feathers of the blue jay, the cardinal, the robin, and the woodpecker. And what a visual treat we are given by his handiwork in the colors of the sugar maple, beech, oak, Japanese Lilac, cherry and the many trees we pass by.

CREATION HAS A MESSAGE:
Witness His Majesty!

CHRISTMAS HAS A MESSAGE:
Witness His Majesty!

God's word has a message:
Witness His Majesty!

Let me wish you and your loved ones a truly wonderful season of worship, sharing with those in need, serving our community, enjoying those vintage Christmas Carols and yes, those amazing Christmas pastries, dinners, and delights.

But at the heart of it all, let us not forget that the true reason for the season was that God sent his only Son to deal with the cancer of human sin. His love did not minimize, condone, or ignore sin. One might wonder, "But wait a minute. Would it not have been much easier for Him if he did in fact minimize, condone and ignore sin?" This is where a modern culture of desensitized souls finds it hard to understand that at the heart of God's loveliness is his holiness. At the heart of his goodness is his otherness. At the heart of his kindness is his firmness.

While he became one among us – He will always remain as the one above us. John 1: 1-14/ Phil 2:1-11. While he came down to meet us – we will one day have to go up and stand before Him in the judgement. Hebrews 9:27. The idea of God as your friend or buddy is not incompatible with God's revelation but the idea of God as a buddy who is no different from us, is indeed incompatible.

We find evidence of God's friendship in the scripture. For instance, Abraham was called a friend of God. 2 Chron 20;7, Isaiah 41:8, James 2:23. Exodus 33: 11 records that, "The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend".

Jesus said to his disciples in John 15:15, "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."

What a gift! What a blessing! What a privilege that we can be given the opportunity of intimacy with God. Romans 8:16 says that the Holy Spirit himself testifies to our spirits that we are the children of God.

While we are blessed with the opportunity of knowing God in this proximity, we are not to forget his Divinity.

Note that in John 15:15 Jesus says, "I no longer call you servants...I call you friends". If verse 15 stood alone in a vacuum, well, there you would have it — a happy no demands, no conditions, no expectations friendship with God! But as you have heard me say in the past, "A text without its' context is a pretext". We can therefore ask, did Jesus say anything else in the context? Verse 14 precedes verse 15 for a definite reason. Progressive arguments that "God's unconditional love" makes his non-negotiable standards appear unfriendly, untenable, or untoward have no Biblical legitimacy nor do they possess the power to discount God from being God. This is his Universe where his love comes first, and his word is final!



#### **DECEMBER THEME**

#### WITNESS HIS MAJESTY!

December 5
Elizabeth and Zechariah:
From waiting to wonder
(Communion Sunday)
Rev. Dr. John Smith

Scripture:Luke 1: 5-25

#### December 12

Mary: From surprise to surrender

Dr. Flora Armetta

Scripture: Luke 1: 26-38

#### December 19 8:15 AM The shepherds: From the

mundane to the miraculous

Rev. David McCullough Scripture: Luke 2: 8-20

#### December 19

10:45 AM Musicale-"For Unto Us"

Rev. Carl F. Peterson

December 24

The Magi: From star gazing to

star-struck!

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12

#### December 26

From grateful to glorify (Testimony Sunday\*)

Scripture: Luke 1: 46-56

\*\*Inviting you to share a 2-3 minute testimony about something God did in your life in 2021.

So, Jesus makes the deal. He wants us to be in friendship with him – but it is not on our terms but on his. That's why he says what he says in John 15:14: "You are my friends if you do what I command". At the heart of the gift of God is the "if" of God.

At the first Christmas, the Word became flesh. Divinity embraced humanity. The Mighty one came to us as the tiny one. But the holy One remains the holy One. The majestic one will always be the majestic one. Our Almighty God will always be Almighty God. Did he not say in Isaiah 66:2: Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being? declares the Lord. "These are the ones I look on with favor; those who are humble and contrite in spirit, **and who tremble at my word.** 

Let us not be mistaken. Christmas is not just about an infant Jesus, it is about an Infinite Jesus. It is not just about "God so loved the world", it is also about, "the penalty of sin is death". It is not just about a loving God – but about a loving God who will not and cannot alter the nature of who He is.

At the manger, I wonder if those who bowed pondered the words that Moses declared in Exodus 15:11

Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory,working wonders?

As we experience this Advent and Christmas time, may we truly surrender to the God who made us, loves us and calls us to be his own.

Let's witness his majesty and be witnesses for his Majesty,

Arun

The Leadership Team, staff and Pastor's family wish you and your loved ones a truly wonderful season and a merry and blessed Christmas.

#### IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS – WE STAND IN AWE! by Pastor Peggy

JESUS, Name Above All Names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord. Emmanuel: God is with us! Blessed Redeemer, Living Lord \*

Matthew 1:20-21: "Now that which is conceived in MARY is of the Holy Spirit, and she will bring forth a Son and you shall call His name Jesus. For He will save His people from their sins" So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah 7:14 "The Lord, Himself will give you a sign: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall Call His name Immanuel." Which is translated, "GOD WITH US"

All of life is about Jesus! Not just Sunday mornings, not just Christmas and Easter. He came because we all need a Savior! The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 3:23 that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God". Thanks be to God for His gift of salvation through Jesus! "For God so loved the world and gave His one and only begotten Son, that when we believe in Him (Jesus) we shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world though Him." John 3:16-17

We all know John 3:16 but it's important to realize and memorize verse 17 also for it emphasizes God's love for us, His children, and His purpose of sending His Son to earth to reveal our Heavenly Father and to die on Calvary's cross to pay the price for our sin (past, present and future) so that we might be right with our Heavenly Father and be in a relationship with Him. Relationships are daily intimacy of praise, worship, and commune with the One we are devoted to every day of our life. Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

When I think about the wonder and beauty of my Lord and Savior, I can't help but proclaim the words of the great hymn of faith: "How Great Thou Art". We sing the firsts two verses, but it is the 3rd verse we truly proclaim the Greatness of our Savior God and why He came:

And when I think that God His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

May you sing it daily as you worship and pray. May you celebrate the Advent of our Savior's birth with your testimony of how God through JESUS saved you and what Jesus means to you. That is the gift Jesus wants you to give away this Christmas.

May you have a blessed Christmas season, and a New Year filled with Jesus!

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#### THE PRAISE CORNER by Todd Davis, Director of Music Ministries

#### ADVENT HYMN THOUGHTS. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is a hymn that has echoed throughout the centuries! Originally written in Latin and used in the early church one week prior to Christmas Eve, the English text was translated, as we know it today, by John Mason Neale, in 1861. The music of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is based on one of the earliest forms of sacred music-the Chant or Plain Song. This combination of text and tune is awesome and soul-stirring still today. As we pray and sing the ancient words and melody, as we slowly unwrap the Christmas story during Advent, may this hymn continue to penetrate and prepare our hearts, to make him room, this season, and always.

There are so many beautiful hymns for Advent! I have listed below just a few that I find myself persistently praying and singing from the hymnwriters who eloquently penned them:



"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (UMH 230) O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel.

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (UMH 196) Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free.

"Savior of the Nations, Come" (UMH 214) Savior of the Nations, come, Virgin's Son, here make thy home!

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (UMH 216)
True man yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

"Joy to the World" (UMH 246) Let every heart prepare him room.

With much to be thankful for, and so much to look forward to, Soli Deo Gloria! Todd



#### CHRISTMAS MUSICALE - "FOR UNTO US!"

The Christmas Musicale is set! The dates are set for **Thursday December 16th, 7:00 pm**, and **Sunday, December 19th, at the 10:45 am service**. After two years, it is a joy to present this program again! We'll hear the Christmas story with readings from Isaiah and Luke. We'll reflect on those readings with our musical selections. Please join us for this special program. The Worship Committee is planning a special time of fellowship following the program!

Among the many musicians who will take part, a special setting of "I Saw Three Ships" for four pianos, eight hands, is included! An ancient carol sung by Sing and Celebrate, with percussion, to music of Handel, "For Unto Us a Child Is Born," to a spiritual, "Angels Watching Over Me," sung by the Chancel Choir, to fresh new settings of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" by the Praise team are all included. The Handbell Choir is planning to ring "Carol of the Bells"! Choirs, soloists, percussion, synthesizer, guitar, and familiar carols for all to sing will make this a very special and unique worship experience!

#### FACEBOOK CONCERTS

Facebook concerts continue at 12 pm on Wednesdays! Thank you to all who attend in person and online. The month of December will feature music for the Advent and Christmas season! Often, we are blessed when others join us from the sanctuary for the program. It is truly a fun time of music and fellowship.

#### PIPE ORGAN RESTORATION

We look forward to the organ being restored in the coming year! This is exciting, that, as the organ is currently experiencing all types of issues, this work will restore the organ to excellent functionality and allow for greater tonal egress into the sanctuary. As the organ has served the church for many, many years, this work is vitally important for the organ to continue serving the church for many, many years to come. The instrument's role remains vitally important in worship!

#### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AND CANDLE LIGHTING

We will have our services at Trinity on Christmas Eve. As always, before the 11:00 pm service, we will have an extended time of music making beginning at 10:30 pm. As we are hopefully nearing the end of the pandemic, we are still being cautious. We will have two tables for check-ins, and for this year we will be using battery operated candles for the candle lighting. This will alleviate any concerns from having the entire congregation blow out candles, all at the same time. Mike and Dianne Schofield, along with Peggy Morrison, will coordinate Christmas Eve candles.

On November 7th, Al Saint's Swnday, we celebrated the lives of our Trinity Family members who have gone on before...

I so appreciated each of you for your participation in honoring our loved. The beauty of placing a flower upon the cross in remembrance was a symbol of faith and hope... returning the life we cherished to Our Creator. Blessing to you in His name. Barbara Z.

# Thank You!

I want to offer a **special thank you** to Sally Ray and Wilma Rockey. Sally and Wilma work diligently behind the musical scenes in so many ways! With the transition to a new office and music space, they have assisted in organizing and cleaning out the robing room, the handbell room, and the music office. For all that they do, and there are many more musical ways that are too long to share in this article, I can never say thank you enough, or ever say enough, for the faithful and selfless work they so graciously offer each week. They are truly musical saints!

Todd Davis

Grover and Mary would like to thank Pastor Arun, Pastor Carl, and Sister Barbara for their phone calls, concern, and prayers following Grover's surgery. We also appreciate, very much, the many beautiful cards, phone calls, emails, and other ways our church family reached out to us. Thank you so much. We feel truly blessed to be part of such a loving and caring church community. Bless all of you. Grover & Mary Herr

My Dear Trinity Family,

I am tryly thankful.

...For each kind wish and every whisprered prayer.

...For remembering "me" in song and birthday cards you shared. You made my birthday great! But for next year's date, I'm happy to wait. With Love, Barbara Z.

#### THANK YOU, MEL EYER!

Mel Eyer, has been the Children's Talk Coordinator of the past five years. Mel, has been a wonderful support to all who have given talks. She scheduled them, gave them to information about the theme of the day, and would even substitute for last minute emergencies! As a retired teacher, Mel was always able to offer good insight and help to those doing the talks.

Mel has requested to be relieved of this responsibility. We thank her for her dedication and faithfulness in this position and look forward to her occasional Children's Talk, even though not coordinating.

One of Mel's recruits for the Children's Talk, Betsy Miller, has accepted the role of Children's Talk Coordinator. Betsy is a member of Sing and Celebrate and regularly shares Children's Talks. Thanks to Betsy for her willingness to serve. Welcome to the Worship Team, Betsy!



#### TRINITY'S KIDS FOR CHRIST

Mary Poppins at children's ministry

What a precious lesson in faith, Mary Poppins brought to our children! And the teachers even got a photo shoot with the star!

Thank you Mary Ellen Eyer (Mel) for bringing us a lesson in faith by being Mary Poppins. Now don't you forget to keep a watch for that flying umbrella.....but all the more for kids shinning for Jesus in flying colors with their faith!















unday, December 12th 9:30 AM

No Sunday School December 19th or 26th















#### TRINITY'S YOUTH MINISTRY

Our youth experienced celebration, fun, Bible studies, a glow event evening at Medard's house, Sunday School sessions, serving at the Veterans' program and dinner hosted by the New Cumberland First Church of God.

Thank you for praying for our youth and youth leaders. Our youth leaders and doing a faithful job in this interim period. We invite you to continue to pray for our discernment process as we ask the Lord to send us a leader who can inspire, nurture and challenge our youth and children in their walk with the Lord in his Holy Word and also connects them to the worshipping community at Trinity in a way that will encourage families to become a part of our lives and faith journey.

Our youth and adult volunteers served at the Veteran's dinner and program hosted by the NC First Church of God. Saluting all veterans. Thank you for your service.

#### **DUTIES FOR DECEMBER 2021**

| DUTIES             | DECEMBER 5                   | DECEMBER 12      | DECEMBER 19   | DECEMBER 24              | DECEMBER 26    |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| WORSHIP<br>LEADER  | 8:15 Carol Crossley          | Norm Haas        | Kathy Brosius | 6:30 Genevieve<br>Lupold | Jane Rosenthal |
| LEADER             | 10:45 Diane<br>Hanse Jenkins | NOIM Haas        |               | 10:30 Michelle<br>Loomis |                |
| CHILDREN'S<br>TALK | Pastor Raymond<br>Brooks     | Jennifer Beshore | George Karnes | Nehara Andrews           | Doug Eakin     |

## TRINITY CHURCH, DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD AND STARFISH MINISTRIES TO TEAM UP

It has come to our attention that Downtown Daily Bread is in need of more volunteers. In the past Trinity served the 1st and 2nd Tuesdays every other month. Permission was granted that we may now serve EVERY month. Currently they are only accepting 3 volunteers each time BUT, they're looking into the possibility of utilizing 4-5 to help with the dishwasher and cleanup. I, Carol, have personally taken it upon myself to provide sandwiches each time we would go and they've come to rely on it. Usually a delicious soup or chili is served with the sandwiches. We've also noticed that the selection of desserts is very low class. So, Starfish Ministries will now be providing sandwiches and desserts each time we serve. After all, Starfish serves our friends on the street so we will simply be expanding our ministry to DDB. You will find sign up sheets on the table across from the mailboxes if you are willing to serve. Anyone wishing to provide sandwiches or desserts for a specific Tuesday may do so. Starfish is willing to provide anything you need. (we make enough for 75-80 people) Any questions, please 717-379-9030 see Carol Crossley at cacrossley1@gmail.com.

#### TRINITY'S STICHIN' SISTERS ADDING COLOR TO COMPASSION

#### Members:

Betty Hannum, Mary Weller, Joann Frownfelter, Millie Walters, Kathy Miller, Janie Rosenthal, Paula Taylor, Kathy Karnes (leader)

Quilts go to: Bethesda Mission - men and women
The Paxton Home
UM Children's Home
New Life for Girls

Lap Robes go to: Manor Care, Camp Hill

95 quilts and 63 lap robes lovingly handcrafted blessed on November 21 are an offering of hard work and deep love.

Thank you Stitchin' Sisters!! Our prayers for all who will receive your gifts of warmth and love.

### 2021 TRINITY CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECT- A.S.K. PROGRAM

We will be collecting food and toiletry items for the A.S.K. program 12/5, 12/12 and 12/19. This program is an ongoing food drive that originated in 2019. One out of every three students at West Shore School District is considered HUNGRY! The items collected can be carried home by the students in their backpacks and can be prepared for their families. Please consider bringing items into the church on these dates and putting them on the designated table in the hallway. List of Preferred Items: Pop top canned meals made by Chef Boyardee, Mac n cheese individual cups, small jars of peanut butter or jelly, individual snack packs of cereal, individual packs of oatmeal, individual snack bars & fruit snacks, Ramen noodle packs and cups, Poptarts & cups of fruit, pop top canned tuna or chicken, pop top Dinty Moore beef stew, individual bags of snacks, small pop top canned vegetables & soups, cases of bottled water/juice boxes, Knorr pasta, side packs of rice/pasta, Hormel individual complete meals, Toiletry items We also accept any checks made payable to TUMC with ASK on the memo line and grocery gift card donations!!! Please contact Cathy Baum @ (717)-774-0907 for further information. Thanks to all who have supported this project and all of those who will continue.



#### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY SERIES

You'll get through it! Hope and help for turbulent times Series starts: Wednesday, January 19th

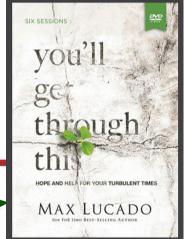
A powerful and encouraging series with small group discussion based on the life of Joseph. We are working and hoping towards adding dinner to the evenings. Start times in the evenings will be announced.

Register for our new midweek Bible study series: 'You'll get through' this by Max Lucado by entering your name in the sign-up sheet placed across the mailboxes or by calling the church office or by sending an email to office@trinityumnc.com or feel free to contact Pastor Peggy, Shirley Sharpe, Jody Blacksmith or Pastor Arun

Bring a friend – maybe someone who usually doesn't go to church.

We are hoping and praying to have a very good number of you attending.

This is going to be exciting and a big blessing!!!





#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sharing faith stories and the joy of being at Trinity at our new members sessions. Thanks to Cathy Baum and Dianne Schofield for the hospitality, creativity and welcome.

We will be received our new members on November 28, 2021. Please welcome and pray for:

David Lidle
Ruby Lidle
Genevieve Lupold
Reyn Lupold
Arlene MacMillan
Aaron Martinez
Rose Marie Murray
Lucille Rodriguez
Jeffrey Wagoner
Charlotte Wagoner
Kathleen Wintermyer

Children: Gabriella, Yuliana, Hector and Rylen



A special morning with faithful friends Tom Bowmen and Wes Kister. Wes misses being at Trinity



#### TRINITY NURSERY

Stop by and see the new nursery! It is down the hallway past the restrooms. As a result of a generous gift from an anonymous donor, Trinity was given beautiful equipment from a day care center that went out of business. God provided over and above what we could imagine!

Sandy Williams and Joyce Klinger co-coordinate the nursery. It is attended by two safe sanctuary trained individuals during each service. Each Sunday they have a little Christian story time, in addition to bringing the toddlers to the Children's Talk in the sanctuary. Consider volunteering in the nursery or bringing your children or grandchildren.

**Urgent Need For Nursery Volunteers** 

Thank you to all those who volunteer regularly, you are much appreciated. However, we have Sundays coming up with three or four openings needing to be filled each week. Could you prayerfully consider helping us fill the nursery calendar either online or on the table across from the mailboxes?

Thank you, Sandy Williams

#### TURKEY THANKSGIVING LOVE **BOXES FOR THE COMMUNITY**

New Cumberland churches unite to share turkey thanksgiving love boxes. Thanks to Carol Everrtts and all the volunteers from all churches which participated - and especially our Trinity volunteers. The boxes also included a message of love from the churches.

May these gifts of love, spread the love of our Savior to homes and hearts this Thanksgiving time.





#### TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Faithful. Diligent. Passionate for God's Word. The Tuesday morning Women's Bible study coordinated by Jody Blacksmith and led by Shirley Sharpe has been an amazing space with the Scriptures for women from Trinity and beyond.

What a beautiful gift the Lord has given us in each of these dear women who strive to study and practice God's Word- and for a teacher like Shirley who makes the experience remarkable!

Acts 4:13 women

The group recently added a T-shirt feature. The T-shirt which focuses on Acts 4:13 reminds us that the world notices the difference when "ordinary people" have been with Jesus.

Way to go, ladies! Thank you, Lord!

#### STARFISH MINISTRY

**December 12, 2021** 12:30-1:30 PM

We are currently planning for our December outreach. If anyone would like to join us and provide Christmas carols, we'd love to have you! Our December needs are winter coats, hats and gloves, and hand warmers. Thank you for your loving support of our friends on the street.



#### **Advent Gospel** Reading Challenge: Starting December 1st

read one chapter from Luke's gospel everyday. You will complete the book on Christmas Eve and it will be a great way to prepare and offer your heart to the King who was born in Bethlehem.

#### SECRET SISTER

#### December 18th @ 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Bring your Christmas gift for your secret sister. We will share how being a secret sister has been a blessing to each one of us this year. If you need assistance getting your gift to your secret sister please contact me by phone. I would like to have your reveal gift to your secret sister by December 17. Please put your name and phone number on it so she can call you directly! There will be door prizes in-store for those attending.

Next meeting is January 15, 2022 @ 10 AM in Fellowship Hall. Pease join the secret sister program starting your new year off with the encouragement of a secret sister praying for you every day. Vicky Foreman

#### CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2021

#### STOP & PRAY TIMES AT 8:30 PM

| SUNDAY                                                                                                               | MONDAY                                                                               | TUESDAY                                                                              | WEDNESDAY                                                                          | THURSDAY                                                                                         | FRIDAY                                            | SATURDAY                           |
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| 5<br>8:15 AM & 10:45 AM<br>Worship Services<br>9:30 AM Sunday<br>School<br>6 PM Youth Group                          | 6<br>10:45 AM<br>Grandparents in<br>Prayer<br>6:30PM Leadership<br>Team Meeting      | 7<br>10 AM TMWG (FH)<br>7 PM Facebook Live<br>Time of Prayer                         | 8<br>12 PM Facebook Live<br>Midweek Music                                          | 9<br>11 AM Celebrate from<br>Heart & Spirit (SJ)                                                 | 10<br>7 PM NC Town Band<br>Christmas Concert      | 11                                 |
| 12<br>8:15 AM & 10:45 AM<br>Worship Services<br>9:30 AM Sunday<br>School<br>12:30PM Starfish-HBG<br>6 PM Youth Group | 13<br>Tidings Articles Due                                                           | 14<br>10 AM TMWG (FH)<br>7 PM Facebook Live<br>Time of Prayer                        | 15<br>12 PM Facebook Live<br>Midweek Music                                         | 16<br>10 AM Sewing Group<br>(WR)<br>11 AM Celebrate from<br>Heart & Spirit (SJ)<br>7 PM Musicale | 17                                                | 18<br>10 AM Secret Sisters<br>(FH) |
| 19<br>8:15 AM<br>Worship Services<br>10:45 AM Musicale<br>6 PM Youth Group                                           | 10:45 AM 20<br>Grandparents in<br>Prayer<br>12 PM Office closed<br>2:30 PM Pray & Go | 21<br>10 AM TMWG (FH)<br>12 PM Office closed<br>7 PM Facebook Live<br>Time of Prayer | 9 AM Assemble Tidings (OC)  12 PM Office closed  12 PM Facebook Live Midweek Music | 23<br>11 AM Celebrate from<br>Heart & Spirit (SJ)<br>12 PM Office closed                         | 24<br>6:30 &10:30<br>Services<br>OFFICE<br>CLOSED | 25<br>MERRY CHRISTMAS!             |
| 26<br>10:45 AM<br>Worship Services                                                                                   | OFFICE<br>CLOSED<br>6:30PM<br>Leadership<br>Team Meeting                             | 28<br>OFFICE<br>CLOSED                                                               | 29<br>OFFICE<br>CLOSED                                                             | 30<br>OFFICE<br>CLOSED                                                                           | OFFICE<br>CLOSED                                  |                                    |

#### **NEXT PRAY & GO**

The next scheduled gathering at the church for Pray & Go is Monday, December 20, 2021 @ 2:30 PM weather permitting. If that date / time does not work for you and you want to walk with a partner(s) at another time so as not to duplicate houses please contact Coordinator, Sharon Sheffer 717-774-3137 (sesheffer@outlook.com) and Map Strategist, Carol Evertts 717-774-3207 (carolevertts@verizon.net) for where to Pray & Go. Once you walk please e-mail Carol and Sharon with street and house numbers you covered so Carol can fill in the map and both Carol & Sharon have information of which houses have been covered. Thank You.



#### CAITLIN'S SMILES

## Volunteers are the lifeblood of Caitlin's Smiles.

With only a handful of staff, they depend on volunteers in many ways. Prior to COVID, dedicated volunteers (all ages) from our congregation (and their friends and family) would meet at the church 6 times per year to decorate bags, make cards, and prepare craft kits. We are considering starting this ministry up again, but before we do, we would like to better understand the interest level from our congregation.

If you would like us to <u>restart this</u> <u>ministry at the church</u>, or have questions about Caitlin's Smiles, please contact Sharon Marburger. A decision will be made based on the interest level of volunteers. THANK YOU!

#### YEAR END OPPORTUNITY

Inviting your year-end financial support to finish well.

In case you are able to include an extra portion of generosity in your support to the ministry here, it would be appreciated this season.

Thanks to those of you who have also been purchasing Giant, Karns and Weis gift cards from us as they benefit the church.

May our Lord return blessings to you - as only He can.

Thank you for your support!

Await announcement: Draft copies of the 2022 budget will soon be made available at the church office for your inputs, suggestions or questions.

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



### **Trinity United Methodist Church**

Susquehanna Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

415 Bridge Street New Cumberland, PA 17070 717-774-7146 www.trinityumnc.com

**Sunday Worship Services** 8: 15 AM and 10:45 AM

**Sunday School Classes** For all ages at 9:30 AM





FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED



The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

# December 2021

Please submit articles for the January 2022 TRINITY TIDINGS by December 13th



#### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER

We will be decorating the church with poinsettias for Christmas Eve services. If you would like to order a poinsettia(s), orders are due in the church office, along with your cash or check made payable to Trinity United Methodist Church (showing "Poinsettia" in the memo) by **Sunday, December 5th, 2021**. Cost of the poinsettias are \$10.00 each.

|               | 6" Red Poinsettia                          | 6" White Poinsettia                             |  |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--|
| In Memory of: |                                            |                                                 |  |
|               |                                            | Cirron by:                                      |  |
| In Honor of:  |                                            |                                                 |  |
|               |                                            | Cirron bru                                      |  |
|               | Take Flowers:                              | Leave for Homebound:                            |  |
|               | our poinsettia(s), they should be picked u | up no later than <b>Sunday, December 26th</b> . |  |
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|               |                                            | Check Cash                                      |  |