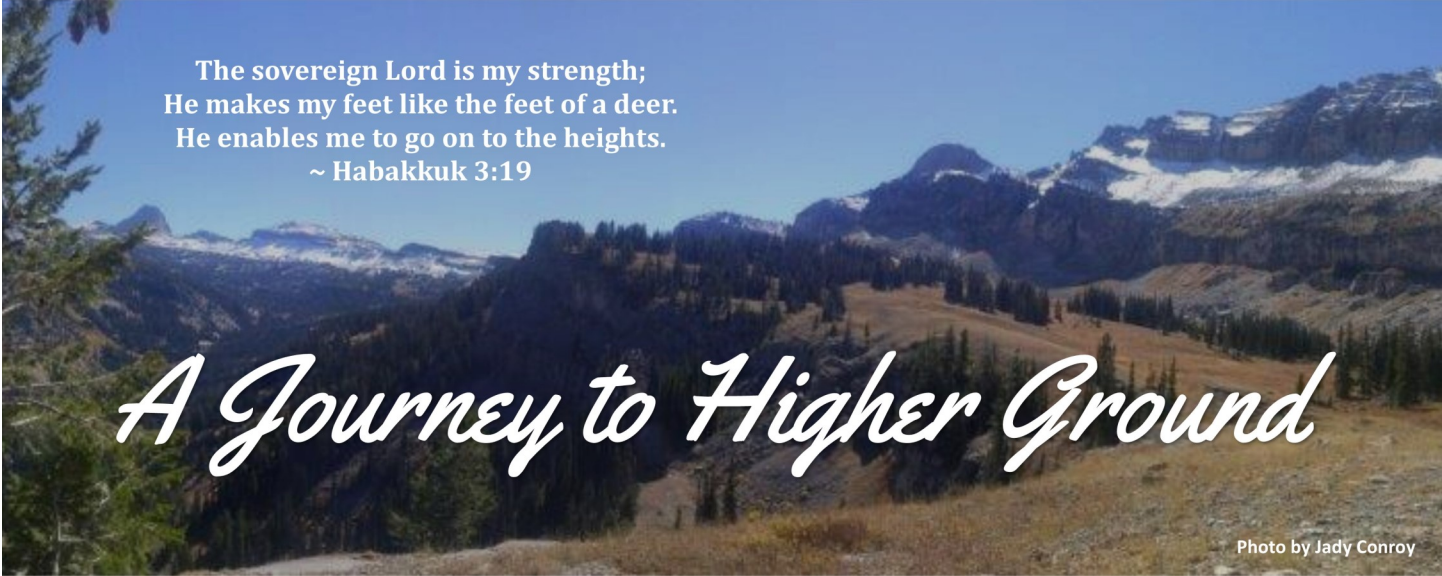


Trinity Tidings

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The sovereign Lord is my strength;
He makes my feet like the feet of a deer.
He enables me to go on to the heights.
~ Habakkuk 3:19

A Journey to Higher Ground

Photo by Jady Conroy

Dear fellow-pilgrim,

From the Pastor's Desk

God opens the door of a new year to us.

His welcome is warm. His faithfulness is great. His love is stable. His purpose is unchanged.

Times change. God doesn't. Friends change. God doesn't. Plans change. God doesn't. God remains the same. Yesterday, today and forever! God has a purpose in our lives. That purpose does not change. His purpose is that we "be confirmed to the likeness of his Son"¹.

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.² John the gospel writer says "We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth"³. Peter, the apostle writes, "but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty"⁴.

Eyewitnesses.

Ever wanted a better view of things? Like the time you wished you could have gone up a nearby building to see the mega event happening at the stadium beside it. Or better still, haven't you sensed the excitement when you traveled up to a holiday on a mountain? Haven't you known the thrill of getting to the place with the best view and looking into those miles of God's artistry in the sky and his works upon the earth?

Higher ground gives us a better view.

Ever been in a shipwreck? Ever been lost at sea? Late in the night? How would it be if what you would have first thought of as something "strange" under your feet turned out to be the edge of a rock? A rock that you could climb onto and discover that it led you way above the cold dangerous waters...to higher ground.

Higher ground not only gives us a better view, but also a greater security.

Join us as a congregation this January as we hold to the tradition that we have been blessed with over the last few years. Each January, we begin our preaching on the theme of "God". In our preaching, we focus on the person of God or on his invitations. The logic is simple; God is the foundation of all Christian preaching. He

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

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

Sunday 9:30 AM - Sunday School Classes for all ages

TAKE 5 TO PRAY
DAILY AT 8:30 PM

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Trinity United Methodist Church New Cumberland

Deadline for

**February 2017
Tidings Articles**

January 15

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is the fount and focus of preaching. Preaching is bereft of meaning unless it is primed from the heart of God. The world needs to be reached because it is God's. The church exists because it is God's. Preaching is relevant because it is God's.

In our services this month, we shall journey to some Old Testament mountains. Get set with your hiking kit. Prepare yourself for some time-distilled lessons in understanding God from those heights. Let us climb to higher ground together in order to catch a glimpse and more of the One who declares "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."⁵

Arun

Notes:

1. Romans 8:29b 2. Hebrews 1:3a 3. John 1:14b 4. 2 Peter 1:16b 5. Isaiah 55:8,9

"Nothing can alter the character of God. In the course of a human life, tastes and outlook and temper may change radically: a kind, equable man may turn bitter and crotchety: a man of good-will may grow cynical and callous. But nothing of this sort happens to the Creator. He never becomes less truthful, or merciful, or just, or good, than He used to be. The character of God is today, and always will be, exactly what it was in Bible times." ~ James I. (J.I.) Packer

JANUARY 2017 THEME:

The higher ground of understanding God

January 1 Mt. Ararat : The God of new beginnings

Scripture lesson 1 : Genesis 8:15-22

Scripture lesson 2 : Genesis 9:12-17

January 8 Mt. Moriah : The God of providence

Scripture lesson 1 : Genesis 22:1-8

Scripture lesson 2 : Genesis 22:9-19

January 15 Mt. Sinai : The God of the covenant

Scripture lesson 1 : Exodus 20:1-11

Scripture lesson 2 : Exodus 20:12-21

January 22 Mt. Pisgah : The God of changing times

Scripture lesson 1 : Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Scripture lesson 2 : Joshua 1:1-9

January 29 Mt. Calvary : The God of unfailing love

Scripture lesson 1 : John 3:16-21

Scripture lesson 2 : Luke 23:32-43



Thanks to everyone of you for your greeting cards and wishes sent our way this season. Your love and the graciousness of it's expression means a LOT to us. You have been the most caring and encouraging congregation that a pastor and family can serve. Wishing you a blessed new year!

With deep and sincere gratitude, Arun and Miriam Andrews

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

~Prayer Pocket Square~

I carry one with me almost all the time. When Mrs. Marburger was in the ICU and I was in the waiting room, a lady was sitting by herself, looking very, very, very distraught. So... I went to sit with her. Her name was Grace. I learned that her husband was in critical condition and was not expected to live much longer (a code blue had just been called for him). She had no children or siblings. I asked her to tell me fun stories about him, where they met, and stuff like that – we even laughed a little. I also gave her my little prayer pocket square and we talked about our faith. Just a few minutes before I was called back to see Mrs. M. a very good friend of mine (her name is Patti) appeared in the waiting room (her father was also in ICU). Patti sat with “our new friend, Grace”. They chatted for a while, and Grace was called back to her husband’s room... she put the little prayer pocket square down on the table and left. Patti said that Grace returned quickly to get the prayer pocket square – she said she didn’t realize the comfort it brought her until she put it down. Her husband did pass away, but I believe the pocket prayer square brought her great comfort during a very sad time. ~Sharon Marburger

~A Thank You Note from Caitlin’s Smiles~

My daughter was recently hospitalized at Harrisburg Hospital with new onset diabetes. She is only 5 years old. Your trick-or-treat goodie bag was the highlight of her stay there. She did not want to watch TV or play with her iPad. She just wanted to color and play with everything in her bag.

I just wanted to say thank you! Your gift really made me think that, despite all the bad stuff that life throws at us sometimes, there is still more goodness and kindness in the world.

Your work is amazing, and I would like you to know that it touches children and parents alike.

I am also a physician — a medical oncologist at Carlisle Regional Medical Center. And if there’s anything I can do to help your organization, please let me know.

~With Gratitude~

The Senior/Homebound Christmas Celebration was held in Fellowship Hall Thursday, December 8th. Many thanks to the Senior/Homebound Ministry Team; Master-Chefs, Arv and Bev; the organizational skills of Mary and Grover; Carol and Randy’s delicious fruit baskets; Trinity’s Crafty Ladies’ heart ornaments; Trinity’s faithful kitchen support service team; Brother Dan’s prayers of meal-blessing and grace and healing for our dear Miriam’s sudden illness. And, a special thank-you to each and every one of you who gifted us with your presence.

In a previous Sunday message, Pastor Arun encouraged us to ‘think outside the quadrilateral parallelogram.... (the ‘box’) “ Our innovative and unique family entertainment, “This Way Up!” did just that. They blew us away! Who knew we could find God in the plumbing aisle and worship Him with music from PVC pipes? Unconventional percussion indeed!

As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, we view the manger in the light of God- and in the shadow of the cross. ~ Barbara Z. ~ Your Parish Nurse

Do you want to know greater love?

Know Jesus~

For there is no greater love.

~Thank You George~

A big thanks to George Karnes for taking over the important position of usher coordinator for the 10:45 service. George may have asked you to consider becoming a part of a team. It is a great way to welcome newcomers to Trinity and to show Christ’s love to those coming into worship. Guidelines are available if you wish to review the duties. If you attend the 10:45 service, we ask you to consider ushering for one or two months of the year. It’s even something couples can do together. You will be blessed, and God can make you a blessing to others!

STRONG WOMEN GROWING STRONGER



STRENGTH TRAINING PROGRAM OFFERED

Trinity United Methodist Church and Penn State Extension will be offering the **StrongWomen/Growing Stronger Program** this winter and spring. This twelve week program is geared for middle-aged to older women and men and is based upon years of research on how strength training and proper nutrition improve the health of women and men of all ages. The program was developed to help individuals increase their strength, bone density, balance and energy and help them look and feel better. Participants will meet two times a week for one hour sessions. There is a \$90 fee for this program and participants may need to provide their own hand weights and ankle weights.

The first winter/spring session will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 9 – March 29, 2017, 9:30 – 10:30 am, in the Mt. Olivet Room. Mandatory paperwork must be completed in order to participate in the program and individuals age 70 and over must get a doctor's permission. Past participants must pre-register. Registration opens December 12, 2016.

For more information or to register for the program, go to: <http://extension.psu.edu/strongwomen/events> and click on "Upcoming Events" or contact the Penn State Extension office at 240-6500.

HE CHOSE THE NAILS

Max Lucado's, "He Chose the Nails", is a 6 week Bible Study that will be held Sundays March 19th thru April 23rd in the Otterbein Conference Room during Sunday School (the Elective Sunday School Class). If you are interested in joining the study please contact Sharon Sheffer by January 29th 2017 at either 774-3137 or sesheffer@outlook.com.

LAMBS TALK WORKSHOP

Sunday, January 22, 12 to 2 PM
(snow date – January 29)

This workshop will begin with lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Andrews will share a short devotional, "3 Minutes That Can Change a Child's Life". We will begin in the Fellowship hall and then move up to the sanctuary. All who give Lambs Talks, or would like to in the future, are encouraged to attend. Mel Eyer and Beth Sider will be conducting the workshop.



ALTAR GUILD TRAINING

Saturday, February 4 at 9 AM



We will begin in the kitchen for communion training and then move to the sanctuary for altar guild training. This will be conducted by Cindy Ickler, communion steward; Kathy Brosius and Carol Evertts, altar guild coordinators; and Beth Sider, Worship team leader.

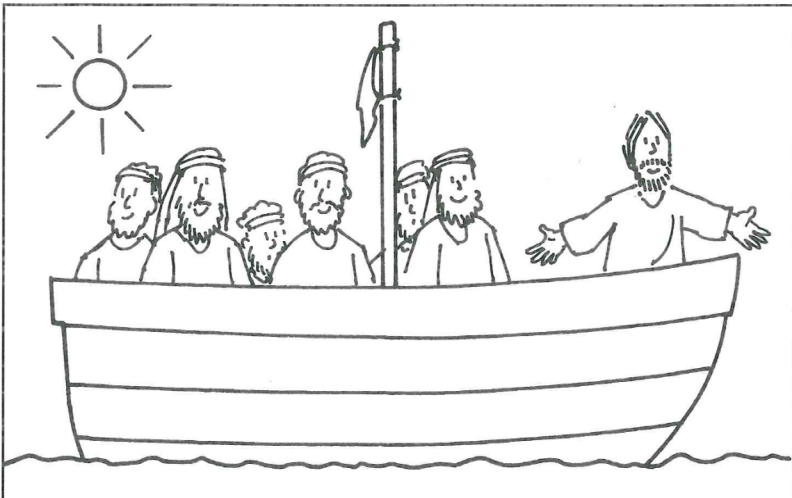
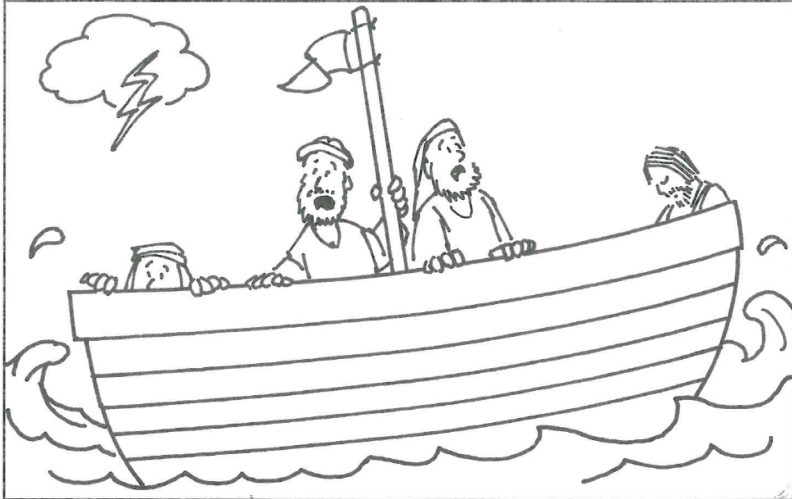
**Cancellations due to weather will be reported on
ABC 27, CBS21, Facebook and Trinity's Website**

PUZZLE PAGE

Mark 4:35-41

It was storming. Jesus' friends were afraid.
Jesus talked to the wind and waves.
The storm stopped.

Circle 6 things that are different in the second picture.



**Mark your calendars for these
“Exciting, Don’t Miss It”
events for Youth and Teens!**

Jan. 8	6-8 PM Youth Group Creation Room
Jan. 15	6-8 PM Youth Group Creation Room
Jan. 22	6-8 PM Youth Group Creation Room
Jan. 29	6-8 PM Youth Group Creation Room

NURSERY NEWS

The nursery is open for infants and children up to 5 years of age. We would like to ask parents to help in the nursery at least four times a year. This means you would need to take the Safe Sanctuary orientation and Police background check which is provided by our church members, Donna Ratulowski and Dianne Schofield. Please call the church office if you are willing to help us out.



On behalf of the pre-school children we would like to thank the Safe Sanctuary volunteers who kept us so our Mommies and Daddies could attend church services.

~ Joyce Klinger

Sunday Duties for January 2017

<i>DUTY</i>	<i>January 1</i>	<i>January 8</i>	<i>January 15</i>	<i>January 22</i>	<i>January 29</i>
Altar Guild	Sue Bishop Cindy Ickler (Pew communion)	Bonnie Minskey	Bonnie Minskey	Barb Mickle	Barb Mickle
Liturgist: (both services unless specified)	Rev. Carl Ford Peterson	8:15-John Mickle 10:45- Tanya Hollinger	8:15-Daryl Potteiger 10:45- Jody Blacksmith	8:15-Eric Rodgers 10:45-Pat Stacey	10:45-Tom Baum
Lamb's Talk	Communion, No Lamb's Talk	Betsy Miller	Sandi Tobias	Rev, Richard Creamer	Jody Wickenheiser
Nursery: 8:15 10:45	No Nursery	Scott Loomis Doug Eakin Rhoda Houser	 Jody Wickenheiser	Sue Bishop	Combined Service Betsy Miller
Ushers: 8:15 10:45	<p style="text-align: center;">Harry Minskey (head usher), Dianne Schofield, Jo Lower, Judi Meyer, Irv Kiehl</p> <p style="text-align: center;">George Karnes (head usher), Gordon Taylor, Barb and John Mickle</p>				
Coffee Fellowship	Adult Couples' Class		Chancel Choir	Adult Couples' Class	
Adult SS Teacher	No Sunday School	Grover Herr	Rodney Miller	Betsy Miller	Pastor Andrews
Elective SS Teacher	No Sunday School	Raymond Brooks	Sharon Sheffer	Mary Strausbaugh	Combined Classes
Counting Team	Mary Herr and Kathy Karnes				

TEAM L TRIPLE H TO THE RESCUE

Bringing practical help to your doorstep - for free!

Introducing Trinity's extension of "practical and handy folk". We have a group of people from our faith community at Trinity who are willing to volunteer time, skill and energy to help you with some of your practical needs. For fixing a wall, painting, mowing your lawn, sorting out a practical household issue, cleaning, vacuuming, etc., you can count on **"Team L triple H"**.



Contact Mike Schofield or one of our Trustees.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Trinity Church offers electronic giving through automatic deduction from a checking or savings account. You designate the frequency and date/day the donation is deducted from your account. If you are interested in signing up for electronic giving, forms are available in the church office. Any questions can be directed to Carol Wilson in the church office.



USHER COORDINATORS WILL RETIRE

Ruth and Roger Miller have requested that a replacement be found for their position as usher coordinators for the 10:45 service. Ruth and Roger have been ushers at Trinity for approximately 31 years. They would like to become involved in some different ministries.

Ruth Dierich Miller grew up in Trinity and had uncles and aunts who attended the church. Roger grew up in Minnesota, came to Pennsylvania in 1967 and was employed at the New Cumberland Army Depot. Roger met Ruth at Bingo at the Depot. Ruth says that Roger was the prize at Bingo! They married and have a daughter, Anne- Marie Brandt of Dillsburg and son, Christopher of Arizona. Roger has been attending Trinity since the early 1970's.

Ruth and Roger have been involved with many ministries in the church: they helped Jim Blacksmith with Youth Fellowship, they taught grade 4 Sunday School, Roger was the Sunday School superintendent for 7 years, Ruth taught adult and youth Bible studies for 35 years, Ruth was the evangelistic chair for 3-4 years, and Ruth continues to teach in the Adult Sunday School class.

They will continue as communion ushers for the 10:45 service. We know they will continue to welcome people to Trinity, and look for them branching out to a different ministry. Thank you, Ruth and Roger, for your commitment and many years of ushering every week at Trinity!

ALTAR FLOWERS INFORMATION

As of January 1, 2017 the price of the altar flowers will change.

\$35 Sets of altar flowers

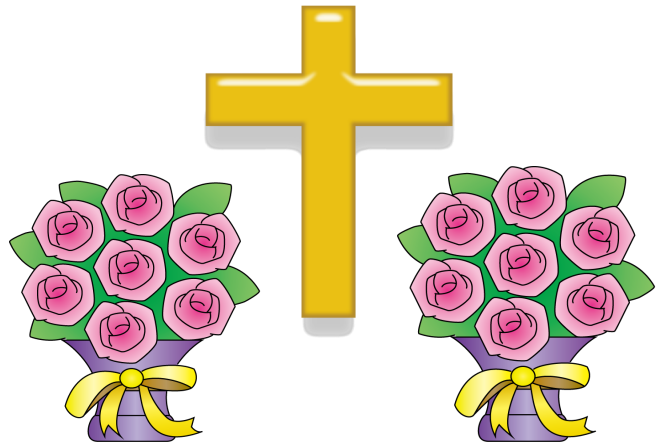
\$25 Center piece

\$9.50 Rose bud and vase

\$4 Rose bud

We will be placing the flowers in a wrapped coffee can following the service. If you are taking the flowers, please do not take the liner. The flowers will transport easier in a coffee can than in the liners. We will be better stewards by reusing the liners and not throwing them out each week.

Needed: 1 pound coffee cans. Please place them in the box on a table in the hallway labeled "coffee cans for altar flowers".



Reflections on Creation

January 2017

"Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." ~Mathew 11:28

We are coming out of a season where everything says, 'go, go go!!' Back-to-School supplies are quickly replaced with costumes and candy. Before the Halloween candy has been consumed, the Christmas decorations are on sale in the stores. We eat our Thanksgiving turkey while scanning the ads for Black Friday bargains and before we know it, Christmas party calories are piling up on our over-indulged bodies. How many of us enter the new year with a sense of searching for the emergency brake to just Stop. For. One. Minute. ?

We've seen how quickly the last year roared by and somehow, we would like to make this one last a little longer. It is like we are perched on the edge of the ski jump, wary of the speed which we will pick up seconds after we leave the safety of the starting gate. We need a plan! We need to find a way to make better use of every day and fill the weeks and months with deliberate action instead of hurtling downhill, skis chattering over the uneven terrain upon which we are racing.

Doesn't the wisdom which comes with age carry a solution to this problem? I confess that I struggle more with this every year. I try to keep a journal so I can have some accountability for where the time went, but yet I am puzzled as to how to make each day count and still get all the things done which are required for maintaining our homes and our families. The scripture quoted above gives us the solution. We need to go to Jesus. We need to trust that our problems will be covered by God's mercy and grace and that we are precious in his sight, even if we have not gotten every blasted thing done. We are not supposed to wait until all the things are done and we feel rested.... We are supposed to come to Jesus WHILE we are weary and carrying heavy burdens. He will give us rest as we trust in Him. I pray that this new year will be one in which we find that rest.

Heavenly Father, thank you for bearing the weight of our burdens and weariness. Help us to turn to you first, despite the speed of our lives. Help us to make you a priority in our daily walk, so that we don't miss opportunities to rest in you. Bless this new year and help us to live each day for you. Amen. ~Jady Conroy

HELP TRINITY BY BUYING GROCERIES AT DARRENKAMP'S MARKET

At Darrenkamp's Market, we are strongly committed to supporting our surrounding communities. Through our Community Rewards program we will donate 1% of your total Gold Card purchases every 3 months to the nonprofit organization of your choice. All you need to do is sign-up online and choose one registered nonprofit organization. It's free and it's easy! Your registration will roll-over each year automatically.

Here's How to Sign Up

1. Go online to www.familyownedmarkets.com
2. Select the login link below the e-Shur logo. (If you don't have an e-Shur account complete your registration by selecting the register link below the e-Shur logo and then select the login link below the e-Shur logo.)
3. Enter your Username & Password then click the login button
4. Click on the Community/School Rewards and select Trinity United Methodist Church

January 2017

Choir & Bell Rehearsals:

Wednesdays
 6:30 PM Sing & Celebrate
 6:30-7:15 PM Sonshine Singers
Thursdays
 6:30-7:30 PM United Bells
 7:30 PM Chance! Choir

January 2017							February 2017						
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Jan 29 - Feb 4		Jan 22 - 28		Jan 15 - 21		Jan 8 - 14		Jan 1 - 7	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
Jan 1, 17	2	3	4	5	6	7			
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10:45am Junior Church 12:00pm Lambs Talk Workshop (FH & S) 6:00pm Youth Group (FH) 6:30pm Pray Shawl (karnes)	9:30am Strong Women (Mt. Olivet)	8:30am Assemble Tidings (OC) 7:00pm Friends of NCTB (SJ)	9:30am Strong Women (Mt. Olivet)						
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10:45am Junior Church 10:45am Unified Service (S) 12:00pm Luncheon for Medard House (FH) 6:00pm Youth Group (FH)	9:30am Strong Women (Mt. Olivet) 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting (SJ)	7:00pm Officers of NCTB (SJ)			FH=Fellowship Hall MO=Mt. Olivet Room O=Otterbein Conf. Room S=Sanctuary SJ=St. Johns Room	CR=Creation Room PS=Preschool Room YD=Young Disciple Room WR=Wellness Room L&L=Lion & Lamb Room			

MUSIC NOTES FROM DAN

So, how many people does it take to produce a Christmas Musicale ?

Seems like an easy answer to this one, just take a look at the sheet with the list of handbell ringers, instrumentalists, singers, directors and accompanists and count. The number you get will not even be close !

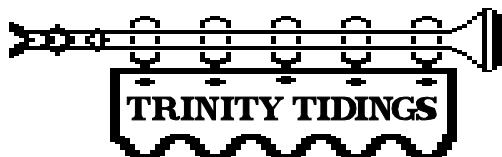
There were angels who came in to decorate the Sanctuary, there were the breathtaking poinsettias, there is the faithful service of cleaning, nursery care, greeters, folks who not only provided a meal but kept the food coming when the numbers exceeded expectation by a hundred, there are ushers, the worship committee providing co-ordination, those who count the money, those who type the program, those who print the programs, those who write the checks for the music which is purchased, those who catalog and organize choir folders, there those who create publicity, those who invite and most importantly, those who faithfully pray ! With just a little thought, you can add the numerous blessings. that I failed to mention.

I Corinthians 12 provides the perfect analogy; we are like the body; we need eyes and ears, a sense of balance, lungs, heart, etc. ! We need one another to make Christ known in a world which longs to be whole. I'm grateful for the ways in which Trinity models a healthy body, each part serving joyfully and faithfully.

On to Higher Ground in 2017
with gratitude and anticipation ,
Dan

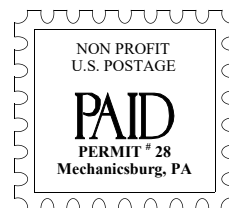


Happy Birthday
to all our January Birthdays!



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January 2017

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
415 BRIDGE STREET
NEW CUMBERLAND, PA 17070

Mission Statement

Trinity Church is a caring, welcoming community for all ages with a heart for outreach, children, and youth. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to KNOW, GROW, and SHOW the love of Christ by:

- Opening doors to our community as we share our faith and use our gifts*
- Opening hearts to the love and acceptance God has offered everyone through Christ*
- Opening minds to a faith in Christ that changes lives as we grow spiritually through scripture, prayer, worship, music, small groups, service, and fellowship.*

Vision Statement

We envision a vibrant, vital community life center that reflects God's love, embraces all people through Jesus Christ, and provides a place for renewal of mind, body, and spirit as we do life together.

Core Values

Spiritual Growth: intentionally opening our lives to the Holy Spirit to grow in Christ-likeness, seeking to apply God's word in our daily living and in relationships with one another through practices such as: prayer, study of scripture, fasting, simplicity, solitude, confession, worship, giving and service

Forgiveness: viewing and treating someone as though their mistake or wrongdoing never happened as we remember the undeserved forgiveness we receive in Christ's blood

Family: a group of persons brought together through God, who share beliefs, love and power of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, sticking together through good and bad times, cooperatively serving towards a common goal

Communication: honest and loving two-way process of listening to and sharing information, thoughts, feelings, and ideas that moves us toward understanding and accepting each other and our neighbors