

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear Trinity Family,

Here's wishing you a fantastic season of celebrating, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come". Since October of this year some in the Andrews family have been playing, 'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas' during car rides. I am not sure if you would classify that as an acute case of over-enthusiasm or a mild case of dyslexia with seasons. Whatever your guess, we are once again being ushered unto that magical time of the year when even the

extreme cold cannot steal from the beauty of what Central PA offers! A picturesque season of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. May our worship this season be made sweeter by the gratitude of our hearts.

November 2018 once again saw us share in community life together at Trinity. Our saints were remembered with gratitude and solemnly on November 4th. Thanks to Sandi Tobias for leading us and to Mary Herr and Barbara Zimmerman for their participation. Our youth were at Salt n' Light's worship and battle ball event on November 4th. On November 10th, we engaged in Holy Conferencing as nearly 65 of us gathered to listen to a presentation by Rev. Dr. Tom Salsgiver (assistant to Bishop Park and member, Commission on a Way Forward). At the end of our time together, we were challenged to engage in spiritual disciplines such as prayer, fasting, etc., during the time leading up to the special session of General Conference (February 23-26, 2019) at St. Louis, Missouri. It is purposed to be a time in which the gathering will discuss and potentially deliberate on which church model option would be the most appropriate in the light of our response to the matter of human sexuality. It is important for us to take note that the decisions of the General Conference will not only have ramifications for local congregations and pastors, but also for the many, many organizations, seminaries and agencies that serve under the umbrella of the United Methodist Church. I earnestly ask that each of you would commit yourself to daily prayer for General Conference 2019. As we traverse through what can potentially be our most uncertain time in modern history as a denomination, we will do well in remembering this Advent and Christmas-time, that the God of the church is still, "The Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and our Prince of Peace". Isaiah 9:6

By the time this issue of Tidings reaches you, we would have enjoyed a great evening at our Thanks-giving turkey dinner. We want to thank God for every new visitor/friend that you brought to the event. Thank you for sharing in the vision of using this season as a great opportunity to share the Gospel. We want to especially thank our very own Chief Chef Arv Krick, Carol Evertts and our wonderful team of volunteers who make such events an experience of excellence, great hospitality and fellowship. We are also grateful for all those who will add to the evening by their gifts and talents. Let us also remember Haley Warner, our youth and our team of adult volunteers who will be accompanying our young people during the youth retreat.

December is once again going to be a season for caring and sharing. Our expressions of love will be translated in New Hope Ministries Christmas blessing Express, our Sewing Club's quilts and lap robes ministry, Operation Christmas Child, Bishop's partners in mission, the United Methodist Home for Children, Starfish ministries, Caitlin Smiles and others. On Sunday, December 3rd, our children's Sunday School will present their Christmas pageant and reception at 3 PM. We look forward to the Adult Sunday School class Christmas Party at 6 PM on Saturday, December 8th. We anticipate a precious time of fellowship at our Homebound Christmas luncheon, followed by worship at the Sunnier Side of Sixty, on Tuesday, December 11.

We are also going to have a great time of sharing God's love through the gift of music this season. That will include carol singing by our youth to friends who are unable to come to church, the Christmas Musicale, which will be presented on Thursday, December 20 at 7 PM and at 10:45 AM on Sunday, December 23 - and all the music that we will receive in the services. The one thing you don't want is the pastor singing his entire sermon. You may not need a benediction to have the church empty out instantly. On a positive note, we are assured that Dan Stokes and Wilma Rockey, in partnership with our singers and musicians, will present a soul-stirring season of music in worship and cel-

December 2018 Theme: BABY NAMES THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

December 2nd

Wonderful Counsellor

Scripture 1: Luke 1: 26-38 Scripture 2: Isaiah 9: 1-7

December 9th Mighty God

Scripture 1: Matthew 1: 18-25 Scripture 2: Isaiah 9: 1-7

December 16th

Everlasting Father

Scripture 1: Luke 2: 1-14 Scripture 2: Isaiah 9: 1-7

December 23rd

Prince of Peace

Scripture 1: Luke 2: 13-20 Scripture 2: Isaiah 9: 1-7

December 24th

Services at 6:30 pm and 10:30 pm

Nothing is Impossible with God

Scripture 1: Luke 1: 26-38 Scripture 2: Matthew 2: 1-12

December 30th - United Service Testimony Sunday

God' Stories for His Glory

Scripture 1: Psalm 103: 1-12 Scripture 2: Psalm 40: 1-8

ebration. I would request you to consider inviting a friend to any of our services in December. Our theme for the preaching series will be, "Baby names that changed the world". It will be especially meaningful if you could invite friends to the Musicale or to the services on December 24 (6:30 PM and 11:00 PM). I would also invite you to come prayerfully and after contemplation to our testimony services on Sunday, December 30th. It will be a time in which you can share a three-minute testimony of God's work and goodness in your life in 2018.

In conclusion, let me focus on an important question. What does God expect of us as we celebrate this season once again? At the heart of the Christmas message is a God who not only loves us utterly but who gave his Son most generously. Why did he do so? If there was one paramount purpose in the gift, what was it? The answer is simple. That we be saved from our sins (John 3: 16). No other interpretation of Christmas can ever diminish this one because the angel told Joseph in Matthew 1: 21, "You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" As an Easterner who now lives in this part of the world, it is heartwarming to step into stores, malls and public areas to be greeted by Christmas Carols playing in the background. It is special that we can tune into multiple Christmas radio stations as we drive through our interstates or town roads. Not every country in the world affords these privileges and freedom! On the other hand, the commercial side of life here in the West keeps our seasons moving quickly, doesn't it? Aren't we already shopping for Christmas with Thanksgiving being at our heels? But let us get back to the heart of Christmas. What is it? Putting it plainly, celebrating Christmas without accepting the Lord Jesus as one's Savior and Lord is like celebrating someone's birthday in their absence. Some years ago, I was attending a Christmas Eve service in which young people presented a short message. As a narrator read from a script, individual youth came forward and stood before the congregation, each carrying a cut-out of a letter from the word, "Christmas". The only difference was that the person who was carrying the letter, "M" had it inverted. The message read, "C.H.R.I.S.T.W.A.S?" Is that the state of our celebrations today? Is Christ a faded prop somewhere in the background of our highly commercialized and festive stage show? Or is he truly the reason for the season and the Savior of our hearts? It was the famed preacher Peter Marshall who said, "May we not 'spend' Christmas or 'observe' Christmas, but rather 'keep' it."

If you never have accepted Christ as your Savior, may I invite you to consider opening your heart and life to Him at this moment? You can pray a simple prayer asking Him to forgive all your sins and inviting Him to come into your heart. He will! And life will never be the same again for you!

One of the heartiest responses to the first Christmas story was that of simple shepherds. Relegated by their time and culture to the edge of society, they were even denied the privilege of being able to stand as witnesses at a

court of law. Yet, when God chose to announce the most important of all messages to the planet, he chose them as his audience and witnesses! Angel voices streamed the message of peace, good will. The shepherds could not wait. They hurried! As they ran to the stable, they experienced what C.S. Lewis wrote, "Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."

From Bethlehem to New Cumberland, the angels' song repeats. In a world that longs for stability and tranquility, we yet have the promise of peace on earth and good will towards the humankind. No matter how our political or cultural moments might appear, the words of Ralph W. Sockman remain true, "The hinge of history is on the door of the Bethlehem stable".

Let's celebrate the Savior!

Pastor Arun



P.S: A special thanks to Jocelyn MacMinn for creating these beautiful issues of Tidings.

You're invited!



The Children's Department is presenting the musical drama "The Fumbly Bumbly Angels". How do angels Chance, George, Penelope, and Daphne earn their way into the heavenly choir?

Sunday, December 2nd 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

I would like to say a BIG thank you to Ken Gable, Bob Druckenmiller, Mike Schofield, Daryl Potteiger, Jim Luck, Norm Batcheler, Bill Northey, Jed and Sue Beshore and Larry and Kathy Miller for getting up EARLY on a Saturday morning to give of their time and talents in flipping pancakes and cooking sausages for the hungry crowd that came to support Lisa's pancake breakfast fundraiser. Also, a thank you to those who came out on a rainy morning to eat the delicious pancakes and raise money for Lisa. The family can't thank you enough for all your support given to Lisa. God Bless – Jodi Walters

Dear Dan.

Thank you for your donation to the Camp Curtin Memorial Mitchell Church. We appreciate and love your thoughtfulness for the Community. Please thank the Youth Choir also, they did a wonderful job, cleaning the carpets and we really enjoyed the wonderful singing. It really lifted our Worship Service and our hearts. Love and Blessings

Lynda Hudson, Soup Kitchen Manager

Dear Pastor Arun.

We want to thank you and everyone at Trinity United Methodist Church for your tremendous support for our mission. Together we are reaching out to help those in need in our community with God's love and grace. Your leadership is amazing and I look forward to working with you and all your followers at Trinity. Onward and upward helping others! Thank You Mickey Minnich

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER

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orders are due in the church office, along with your cash	as for Christmas Eve services. If you would like to order a poinsettia(s), or check made payable to Trinity United Methodist Church (showing mber 9th, 2018. Cost of the poinsettias are \$8.00 each.
6" Red Poinsettia	6" White Poinsettia
In Memory of::	
Given by:	
In Honor of:	
Given by:	
Take Flowers:	Leave for Homebound:
If you are planning to take your poinsettia(s), they should be p	picked up no later than Wednesday morning, December 26th.
Your Name:	
Phone#:	Amount Enclosed:
	Check Cash

STRONGWOMEN/GROWING STRONGER

Strength Training Program

StrongWomen is back again for another session and registration is open!. If you haven't had a chance to try this class, consider joining us as we work to increase strength, bone density, balance and energy. This 10-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 Participants will meet two times a week for one-hour sessions. There is a \$75 fee for the program.

This winter session will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 14 – March 20, 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. Instructor is Sandi Tobias.

For more information or to register for the program, go to: http://extension.psu.edu/strongwomen/events and search for Cumberland County classes or call 1-877-345-0691. Contact the Penn State Extension office at 240-6500 or Nancy Routch at ner10@psu.edu with any questions about the program.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE GIFT CARDS

The Adult Sunday School class is selling Texas Roadhouse gift cards again. December 2, 2018 is the cutoff date with delivery being December 15, 2018. Make checks payable to Adult Sunday School Class. A sign up sheet is on the table across from the mailboxes. Thank you, Robert Bennett and Barb Mickle.

HEART-TO-HEART WITH JESUS



Greetings brothers & sisters in Christ,

It is with thanksgiving and a grateful heart that I rejoice in your warm welcome to be part of the Trinity Family. Your cards and prayers for healing during my journey through hip replacement warmed my heart and allow me to know the depth of your love for one another and the strangers among you.

Visits to my home prior to surgery and to the hospital at 7 am the morning of surgery were a great comfort to me and to the hospital staff that marveled at the number of people covering me and them with prayer.

Then, when I was back home and wanting to be in my gardens (but couldn't!), five members of Trinity's L Triple H Team came to my home and winterized my gardens. I wept with joy for these good Samaritans who saw their work as "doing it onto the Lord". Thank you to all of you for the many way you reflect Christ to the people of New Cumberland and the surrounding area and around the world.

Heart-to-Heart with Jesus is my way of talking to Jesus on a one to one basis; coming before a holy God and having a conversation with Him through His son, Jesus (God with Us). God has called me to this place and time with you at Trinity to encourage you in your prayer life. I am a Spiritual Director with two years training with the Susquehanna Conference Center for Spiritual Formation and another two years with Oasis Ministries. My passion is God's Call on my life to pray and help all of you to develop and enrich your prayer lives so that together we can cover the New Cumberland area with prayer.

I would like to sit down with you and have a one on one conversation (your heart to my heart) as we discover how to have deeper one-on-one conversations with Jesus (our Heart-to-the Heart of Jesus). If you would like to get together and chat, just call the office and leave your contact information and I will get back to you, or you can email me direct at Hearttoheart1942@gmail.com or call my cell phone 717-433-1670.

May the grace of God be with you and in you as you live for Him, Pastor Peggy

TRINITY YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

Fall Festivities, "Seeking to live with an attitude of gratitude"

Out of the ten men Jesus healed of leprosy, only one returned to gives thanks and praise to God (Luke 17). It can be so easy to FORGET or MISS the many blessings God gives us each day. In a society that equates productivity and busyness to success, we

"What if you woke up tomorrow with only the things you thanked God for today?"

experience the pressure to focus on the next moment or day ahead and it becomes difficult to make time or remember to pause, reflect, turn back, and give God thanks and praise for all He has done. Well Trinity Youth want to pause... turn back and thank God for you! They invite you to join them on their quest to consider what it would look and be like to live lives of utter gratitude.



Trinity Youth Play "All for Him!" in 2018 Battleball Tournament

Trinity Youth's "All Stars 4 JC" finished with a 5 (wins)-1 (losses) record in the semi-annual Salt 'n Light Battleball Tournament. 18 youth groups came together to worship together through competition and fellowship as battleball (aka dodgeball) games were played throughout the day. Trinity youth bonded over pre-game cheers and post-game team talks as they reflected on what it means to bring God glory through sport and competition, have integrity, and play as a team. Recognition for Sportsmanship (Andrew Wickenheiser), Intensity (Nick Emig & Owen Rynex), and the Secret Weapon (Carol

Wilson) were awarded to candidates by their peers. In the evening, hundreds of youth and adult leaders who competed against each other all day piled into the sanctuary for a time of unified worship where we quickly became "one team" all playing for the glory of God.



On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11

HOMEBOUND / SENIORS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY December 11, 2018

Lunch in Fellowship Hall at Noon followed by the SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY SERVICE

at 1:15 pm in our beautifully decorated Sanctuary

"Why Worship at the Manger can make us Better"

2018 Theme: A journey for a greater cause. Celebrating the "why" of who we are!

Preaching: Reverend Arun Andrews Music by: Louis Lynch, harpist

Please join us for a time of fellowship followed by a time of worship. You are welcome at both events, but we understand if you can only attend one or the other.

RSVP Mary Herr (717-938-1910) by December 2, 2018

SUNDAY DUTIES FOR DECEMBER 2018

DUTY	DEC. 2	DEC. 9	DEC. 16 DEC. 23		DEC. 30 UNITED SERVICE				
Altar Guild	Paula Taylor, Jane Gable	Sue Beshore	Kathy Brosius	Kathy Brosius	Kathy Brosius				
Liturgist: 8:15	Rev. Carl Ford Peterson	Doug Tobias	Eric Rodgers	Ron Winter	Yvonne James				
10:45 (both services_ Sandi Tob		Sandi Tobias	Gordon Taylor Bev Krick						
Children's Talk	No talk- pew communion	Betsy Leppo	Raymond Brooks Musicale -23 Sandi Tobias-24		John Mickle				
Nursery: 8:15	Doug Eakin Amy Blakely	Patsy Bashore Allyn Litzelman	Sally Keim	Scott Loomis					
10:45	Rhoda Houser Sandy Williams	Barb Mickle Cherice Swick	Mary Herr Betsy Miller						
Ushers: 8:15	Daryl Potteiger*, Ken Keim, Larry Miller, Nevin Bashore, Mel Eyer								
10:45	Norm Batcheler*, Melody Oligane, Floss Batcheler, Shirly Hetrick *denotes head usher								
Coffee Fellowship	Adult S.S. Class	Sing and Celebrate	Chancel Choir	Adult S.S. Class	No coffee fellowship				
Adult SS Teacher	Betsy Miller	Raymond Brooks	John Mickle	Pastor Peterson	combined				
Elective SS Teacher	Mel Eyer	Rodney Miller	Bob Rosenthal	Shirley Sharpe	combined				
Counting Team	Norm Batcheler and Arv Krick								

THE GIFT OF WARMTH

With the season of Thanksgiving upon us, we are thankful that with your help, we are able to give the gift of warmth as we begin our coldest season. The Sewing Club had quilts and lap robes on display in the sanctuary and in the hallway that will be given away this year to local facilities. The Paxton Home, Bethesda Mission (men, women and children), UM Home for Children and New Life for Girls will all receive quilts. The knitted lap robes are wrapped and given to Manor Care, Claremont and Golden Living on Erford Road as Christmas gifts.



If you would like to support this ministry with either your time or financially, please contact the church office.

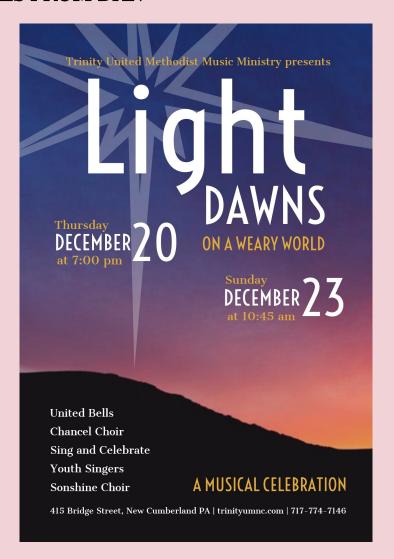
MUSIC NOTES FROM DAN

Light dawns on a weary world

Light dawns on a weary world
When eyes begin to see all people's dignity.
Light dawn on a weary world:
The promised day to justice comes.

Love grows in a weary world
When hungry hearts find bread
And children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world;
The promised feast of plenty comes.

The trees shall clap their hands;
The dry lands, gush with spring;
The hills and mountains
shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out with joy,
And be led forth in peace,
As all the world in wonder echoes shalom.



This powerful hymn text, based on Isaiah 55, foretells the coming of Christ as it calls us to faith and repentance. Chancel Choir members have been living with these words for months as they prepare a challenging setting for the Christmas Musicale. I'm motivated by the way it describes our faith as a transformation rather than a transaction. The text of Matthew 25 was brought to us again recently in worship. The words of Jesus haunt me, "When did we see you hungry? When did we see you a stranger? Our faith is not a transaction or a political movement; it is a way of life pointing to Jesus.

I'm grateful for some inspiring sightings of faith in action

- Two Trinity youth radiating love to guests at Soup Fellowship.
- Being stopped on the street in Harrisburg by a man remembering the concert Trinity Youth Singers shared at Bethesda Mission in July, grateful for the spirit of hope in Christ our youth radiated during a difficult time in his life.
- The power of a pocket prayer shawl knitted by Trinity members found in a winter coat given to a woman finishing 8 months in recovery, trying to regain parental rights and finding a tangible symbol of Christ's abiding presence.
- The joy of listening to a stranger rant about politics with intense hostility to every form of religion as the conversation takes a surprise turn to Jesus

We are part of God's Kingdom NOW! When we pray "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven", we are signing on. Indeed, Light Dawns and Hope Grows as we claim our calling in God's kingdom!

40 DAYS OF PRAYER COMING SOON.....

Lenten 2019 will be a season of 40 Days of Prayer as we center ourselves on a deeper journey to a closer relationship with Jesus.

Yes, I know were now in Advent and anticipating the birth of our Savior and celebrating God's presence in our world and how we might take the next steps in our relationship with God through Jesus. And that is exactly why I'm introducing you to a deeper walk with God through Jesus at this time.

Advent and Christmas are always followed by New Year's resolutions or if not a list of resolutions, at least mental thoughts of how I might live the new year more effectively. That's why I'm introducing you to the 40 Days of Prayer during Lent!

It is something you can put on your calendar and say to yourselves, "Yes, God's entrance into my world is important to me and I want to have a closer relationship with Him".

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019; however, our Lenten 40 Days of Prayer will begin on Sunday, March 3, 2019 with Pastor Arun preaching on prayer and the Sunday School Classes gathering during the Sunday School Hour in Fellowship Hall to share a video and then break out into their groups for discussion and prayer.

There will be other opportunities during the week to gather to review the video and discuss and pray together. Please let the office know what time of day and what day of the week will work for you and we will plan a group around your schedule.

A sample of the workbook will be on display in the Lobby and can be purchased through your Sunday School Class or the office. The workbook is a beautiful, leather bound book with the weekly small group lessons as well as guidance for your daily 40 days of prayer with the King of the Universe. The cost of the book is only \$7.00; however, if we need to order more the cost of each book is \$13.00.

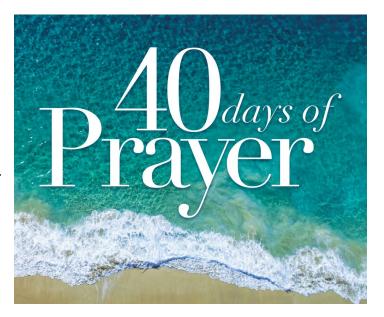
So, sign up for a small group/Sunday School Class and get your book early.

NOTES FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

2018 has been a memorable year for Trinity. With the payoff of the main building mortgage changes are being made to the use of some of our fund sources.

The building fund envelope program, which annually raises \$40,000 towards principle debt payments, will continue for the future and be part of our regular envelope offerings. Proceeds from the building fund envelope will be used 3 ways: First to handle the \$2,500 annual escrow for the parsonage to fund expected major appliance change outs; Second to contribute \$16,000 to the general fund for repair and maintenance of the main building; Third the remainder will be used to help fund renovation projects in the main building, such as the planned Junior and Primary room renovations. Please continue to help Trinity plan for the future through this special offering.

The gift card program for Giant, Karns and Weis markets currently raises over \$10,000 each year and was used to defray the interest costs on the main mortgage. For the future this program will be used to increase our Mission and Benevolence Fund Ministries activity. This includes supporting Downtown Daily Bread, Friday Night Soup Ministry, Medard's House, Vicky's Angel Walk and numerous special offerings such as Florence Hurricane recovery. This will be a great supplement to our Lenten and Advent envelope program. Your participation in this program will help to serve others in need.





DECEMBER 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAYS 8:15am Worship Se 9:30amSunday Sch 9:30 AM Coffee Fell 10:45 AM Worship S	nool for All Ages owship - FH		WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM Sing & Celebrate 6:30-7:15 PM SONshine Singers	THURSDAYS 6:30-7:30 PM United Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir		1 9:00am Communion Prep (K & WR) 10:00am Children's Play Practice (FH & SS rooms)
2 3:00pm Children's Play (FH) 3:00pm Youth return from retreat 6:30pm Prayer Shawl (Karnes')	3 9:00am set up for luncheon (FH & K) 12:00pm Grands in Prayer Lunch (FH & K) 5:30pm Private Party (FH & K)	4 6:00pm Caitlin's Smiles (MO) 6:30pm Hospitality Mtg. (SJ) 7:00pm NCTB (FH)	5	6 10:00am Sewing (YD) 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L&L)		8 3:00pm Adult Sunday School Christmas Party (FH)
9 5:00pm Youth Singers (MO) 6:00pm Youth Group (FH & WR)	9::00am set up for Senior Christmas Lunch (FH)	11 12:00pm Senior Christmas Lunch (FH) 1:15pm Sunnier Side of 60 (S&MO) 7:00pm NCTB (FH)	12	13 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L&L) 12:00pm Staff Christmas Lunch	'	15 Tidings Deadline 10:00am Private Party (FH)
16 9:30am Blood Pressure Check 6:00pm Youth Group (FH & WR)	17	18	19	20 10:00am Sewing (YD) 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L&L) 7:00pm Musicale (S)	21 5:00pm Community Soup Fellowship (K&FH)	22
23 10:45am Musicale (S)	24 Christmas Eve 6:30pm Family Service 10:30pm Music 11:00pm Late Service	25 Christmas Office Closed	26 8:30am Assemble Tidings (OC)	27 10:30am Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (L&L)	28	29
30 10:45am United Service 6:00pm Youth Group (FH & WR)		CR=Creation Room FH=Fellowship Hall PS=Preschool Room MO=Mt. Olivet Room YD=Young Disciple Rm O=Otterbein Conf. Rm WR=Wellness Room S=Sanctuary L&L=Lion & Lamb Rm SJ=St. Johns Room			Take 5 to Pray Daily at 8:30 PM	



Trinity United Methodist Church

Susquehanna Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED



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



Please submit articles for the JANUARY 2018 TRINITY TIDINGS by Dec. 15th

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS EXPRESS

When entering the Genesis room you may have noticed a beautiful Christmas tree with assorted decorations. Written on the decorations you will read a description saying boy or girl, age, and item requested. New Hope is holding their 8th annual **Christmas Blessings Express** for families struggling during Christmas. New Hope is mak-

ing a request for our congregation to please take one of the ornaments off the Christmas Blessing tree and donate what is written on their ornament. When donating your gift please do not wrap and put your gift on the table in the hallway. You may donate wrapping paper if you like. Collections will continue until December 14th. Mission Coordinators: Carol Evertts and Tiffany Hollinger

Proverbs 21:26the righteous gives and does not hold back.

