### A Newsletter Ministry of Trinity United Methodist Church "The Messenger"



### November 2022

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**Trinity United Methodist Church** 

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Galatians 5:13

Being a servant to all is not really an immediate appealing concept. Who in their right mind would consider a life of being a servant to all? But that is exactly what God has in mind for his people. God has shown us the ultimate level of service to all in and through the life of Jesus Christ. God also knows how it will bless us as well as the community around us.

Service is a great way to distract us from a life of self-centeredness and to be aware of how we are connected to others. It opens our eyes to seeing the genuine needs of others. Not a single one of us has become the people we are alone, through the sacrifice and care of many others from our earliest years has formed who we have become. And that doesn't take into account what Christ has done for us.

Serving others opens our eyes to the shared humanity and sacred worth between us; it reflects the love of God. When we notice service to us, and when we serve others, we experience God's grace. Our service is a way that points people to Christ. Jesus modeled grace that goes way beyond our understanding. He emptied himself for us, though we deserved nothing. The example and the standards that God has set before us calls us to "submit to one another out of reverence for Christ" (Ephesians 5:21). In our "me-first" culture, God calls us to put others first. What a challenge!

Are we looking out for others the way we look out for ourselves?

Can we put their needs ahead of our own? How are you serving in your community?

Service is how the body of Christ responds to what God has done for us. It is in it's own way an act of worship and praise

Lord, teach us how to serve one another.

Help us to put the needs of others first, as you did for us.

Show us ways to use our gifts to bless others and to shine your light brightly into the world around us. In Jesus name Amen.

God Bless You, and May God Keep You Always Pastor Doug

### SERVING THE LORD-November 2022 Head Usher-John Wilson

### Altar and Pedestal Flowers and Bulletins

<u>Date</u>		Altar Flowers	<u>Pedestal Flowers</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>	
Nov.	06	Wendy and Steve Albright	Robbie Swanger	Mabel Wilkinson	
Nov.	13	None	None	Becky Peplinski	
Nov.	20	Church-Dora Cain	Kaye Fetzer	Church-Dora Cain	
Nov.	27	None	None	Vicki and Steve Brightbill	

If you name is on this list and you do not wish to participate with flowers or bulletins, please contact the church office at 814-355-9425.

Paper Copies of the November 2022 Newsletter "The Messenger" and

THE UPPER ROOM for November and December are located in The Gathering Room and in the Sanctuary on the table by the elevator.

### To Honor November Birthdays

03-Stacy Showers	04-Ron Sheffer	05-Mabel Wilkinson	05-Jim Fultz
05-Robert Emel	08-Darrell Furfaro	09-Melissa Thompson	09-Brett Bixler
13-Dion Furfaro	14-Linda Spangler	15-Erin Wilson	16-Clint Bodle
18-Jane Onderko	18-Kiaha McCool	21-Bob Davidson	22-Laurie Wion
23-Barbara Funk	23-Paisley Smith	24-Wendy Albright	27-Richard Devereaux
29-Nancy Buller	29-Ken Weaver	30-Mike Young	30-Michelle Caldwell

### **PRAYER MINISTRY** - (Please contact the Church Office 355-9425)

Pastor Doug Conway and family --Trinity members at home or in assisted living -- our church and its ministries our community -- nation -- world -- Our military and families -- Desi McNichol -- Tanisha Ranio -- Donna Brooks Janet Houser -- All people afflicted with COVID-19 and caregivers and all front-line workers -- Bethany Schwartz Sonia Myers -- David Walker -- Mike Faulkner -- Connor Wagner -- Raymond Brooks -- Brenda Blue Tom Scornavacchi -- Scott Young -- Ed Steele -- Tim Williams -- Pastor Doug's uncles Steve, Matt and Jim Gerry Lynn Schultz -- Roy Goreck -- Ed Drumond -- Mike Moyer -- Donna Bennett -- Robert Pluebill Jane Bodle -- Carole Hockman -- Mike Sheckler -- Robin Burns -- Trudy Snyder -- Sharon Lowe Richard Sterling -- Mark Adams -- Brittany Kay -- Harry Brooks -- Tony Michael and Torri -- Sharon Kosman Pat King -- Rich Miles -- Kelly Baron -- Valarie Fisher -- Cindy Rider -- Lois Schultz -- Zade -- David Bubb John and True Coleman -- Jody Swarmer -- Prayers for the Caskey Family on the passing of Shirley Caskey Daniel Scott

Please look over the prayer ministry and if you need to take anyone off or if you want to put someone on please call the office at 814-355-9425. Thanks You.

#### **General Fund Finances**

Here is a condensed picture of the monthly income and expenses, which is one month behind. The financial report for the current month has not been completed at the time of the newsletter publication.

### Report for September 30, 2022 Finances

Attendance (5 week average) Sunday Church Service Wednesday Night Service = Total: 77 **Beginning Balance Checkbook** 15,596.65 Receipts 19,886,18 Total Cash Available for use this Month: \$ 19,886.18 **Expenses** - \$ 12,401.35 Pastor Retirement/Pastor Health + \$ 631.64 Payroll Taxes + \$ 107.36 Dues + \$ 200.00 **Ending Bal. Checkbook** \$ 13,340.35 Less Designated Funds 18,624.38 Available Cash for Church Expenses: -5,284.03

### "It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." Mother Theresa

Trinity is pleased to offer an easy and convenient way of giving through our Vanco online system. It allows you to enter the amount and frequency of your gift. Just go to our website at www.trinitybellefonte.com and click on <u>Online Donation</u> at the top of the page. It will take you to directions on how to begin. Our Vanco online system is a great way to make sure your continued support of Trinity is provided to the church, even if you are unable to be present with us.

Since the publishing of our September newsletter, we have received notice that our monthly payment plan for natural gas is increasing from \$1,480.00 to \$1,905.00.

Additionally, we have property taxes of \$3,465.08 due on the parsonage by November 30, 2022. Due to the ongoing financial challenges, we are opting to pay this in 3 monthly installments of \$1,155, paid in September, October, and November. If you wish to assist with this, please designate your gift as "Help with Taxes" so we are sure the funds are properly allocated directly to the tax payment.

#### **CURRENT FUNDRAISERS TO BENEFIT OUR GENERAL FUND**

A SPAGHETTI DINNER will be held on October 22 from 4:00 – 6:30PM. This will be take-out only. A special thank you to Dan & Bonnie Kustanbauter for coordinating and leading this fundraiser. See the flyer in this month's newsletter.

We are planning on a Soup Sale on November 12. As before this will be take out only.

**Sandwich Sale** – The September 22 Sandwich Sale raised approximately \$700.00. Thank-you to everyone who sold, purchased, packed, and distributed sandwiches. A special thank you to Denise Geissinger, for coordinating and leading this fundraiser.

We are continuing with the **Quarters by Quarter** fundraiser. You can help by just saving quarters in an unused medicine bottle. When you have a bottle filled, place it in the offering plate. Empty medicine bottles are in the back of the sanctuary, by the elevator. A small bottle can hold \$8, and a large bottle can hold \$10.

Thank-you to the congregation, family, and friends of Trinity for your continued faithful gifts and support.



### God's work, OUR HANDS

# FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS NOVEMBER, 2022

### HARVEST HOME FOOD COLLECTION

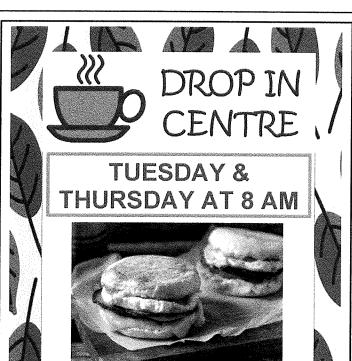
We are collecting the following items from November 1 to November 20 for use in our Thanksgiving meal boxes that will be distributed through our food bank.

Gravy (jars or cans) Mac and cheese

Green beans Stuffing

Sweet potatoes Cranberry sauce



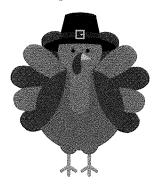


**NOW SERVING** 

**BREAKFAST SANDWICHES** 

THANKSGIVING DINNER
AT THE DROP IN CENTRE

Join us on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in the Gathering Room.



United Women of Faith (formerly UMW) will be participating in our worship service on November 20 and collecting the annual Thank Offering.

OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD
SHOEBOXES



**NOVEMBER 13** 

PACKING PARTY #2 AFTER WORSHIP

IN THE GATHERING ROOM.

Please stay and help us pack!

#### TRINITY PRAYER CHAIN

Please call Barb Catherman at 814-355-9425 (office) or 814-571-8899 (cell) to add a person or concern to our prayer chain.

# FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS NOVEMBER, 2022



BINGO will be held at 10:30 am on NOVEMBER 22 for anyone who wants to participate.

After BINGO, free hot dogs, potato chips and beverages will be served.

If you can help us with this activity, please contact Pastor Doug at 570-660-6515.

# TRINITY TRANSPORTATION BUDDIES

We are looking for volunteers who could provide transportation to church and community members a few times a month. Many folks who do not drive have the need to get to the grocery store, pharmacy, laundry mat, etc. and really need help with this. If you can help, contact Linda Mundy Boone at 814-280-3852 and get a "buddy."



### TRINITY MISSION CENTRAL HUB

Mission Central's current needs are the following:

Women's briefs, feminine hygiene items
Laundry detergent
Dental floss, toothpaste, deodorant
Small personal sized shampoo and conditioner
Scissors, rulers

Please place items on the table in the HUB/Sunday School room.

# GLORIFY is the word.



OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD
TRIP TO NORTH
CAROLINA

Volunteer opportunity to work at an OCC processing center in Charlotte, NC from November 25 to 27. Fee of about \$400 includes bus and lodging. See Linda Mundy Boone for more information.

**LOOKING AHEAD** 



December

Alternative Christmas
Prison Christmas Card Ministry

# Announcements and Meetings

### Leadership Board

Monday November 07, 2022 at 6:30 pm in The Gathering Room

Leadership Board meetings are open to all members who wish to attend and observe.

### **Win-One Class**

will meet on November 04, 2022 11:30 am at

**Sunset West** 

call Barb Markel for reservations by Wednesday, November 02, 2022 814-353-8049

### **SCRIP Gift Cards for the Holidays**

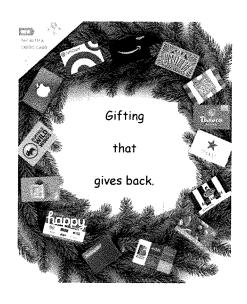
The holidays will be here before you know it.

Not sure what to buy someone for Christmas?

Why not purchase some Scrip gift cards for your holiday shopping list and stocking stuffers, and help support Trinity as well.

You can purchase gift cards to many local and nationwide retailers. Trinity will receive a percentage of the purchase price for each gift card. This percentage varies for each vendor, ranging from 2% - 14%.

Order forms are available at the church or you can contact the church office and we will be sure to get one to you. If you have any questions, please reach out to either Denise Geissinger or Kaye Fetzer.





Please join us on Friday evening, November 25, 2022 at 6:00 pm to decorate our beautiful church building for Advent and Christmas. It's a big job, so all hands are needed and appreciated.

# Poinsettia Order Deadline – Sunday, November 20, 2022

Name:	Phone:
This year you have your choice of RE \$6.00 each. Please <u>SUBMIT PAYMEN</u> November 20, 2022.	This year you have your choice of RED or WHITE poinsettias.  The price remains the same at \$6.00 each.  Please <u>SUBMIT PAYMENT WITH ORDER</u> to church office no later than Sunday, November 20, 2022.
In Honor of lin Memory of Color	For Whom
TOTAL	Please print or write legibly so that I am sure of the correct spelling of all names. Thank Barb
If this is a management of the	

Memorial Fund, Heating of the Church, The Gathering, etc. If no designation is made it will go to If this is a monetary gift please designate where you want the money to go - specifically the general fund where it will help with the everyday expenses of the church.

**DESIGNATION:** 



### Bellefonte Sunday Afternoon Chamber Music Series

2022-23 Trinity United Methodist Church 128 W. Howard St., Bellefonte



Sundays, 2:30 PM Free Admission



Oct. 30
Jonathan Gangi solo guitar



**Nov. 13** Brian Curtin, violin



Hyun Ju Curtin, piano



Sponsored by the Bellefonte Historical & Cultural Association <a href="http://bellefontearts.org/">http://bellefontearts.org/</a>

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Jan 22 Callanish

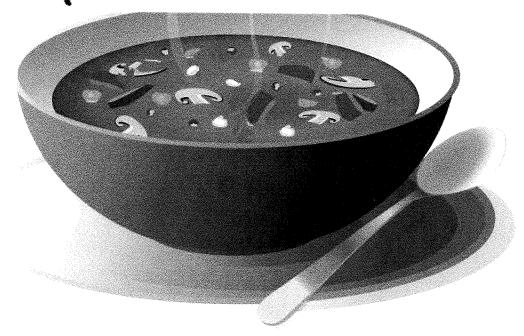
Feb. 19 Sarah Shafer, soprano Timothy Shafer, Piano

**April 16** Centre Brass Quintet

Sponsored by the Bellefonte Historical & Cultural Association <a href="http://bellefontearts.org/">http://bellefontearts.org/</a>

# SOUP SALE! Saturday, NOVEMBER 12, 2022

1:00 am - 1:00 pm TAKE-OUT ONLY 58.00 PER QUART



SOUPS AVAILABLE: STUFFED PEPPER; CHILI;

HAM & BEAN; VEGETABLE BEEF;

CHICKEN CORN; ITALIAN MEATBALL

Trinity United Methodist Church

128 W. Howard Street, Bellefonte

CALL: the Church Office @ 814-355-9425 to Pre-order

Soup Sale Pick-Up The Gathering Room Prayer Breakfast 11 am and 1 pm at the church between 8:30 AM 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 9 20 21 6 17 18 19 20 21 22 22 25 26 27 28 30 31 Now Serving Breakfast at 8:00 am Tuesday and Thursday Something New at the Drop-In Centre 12 19 26 S Occ Trip to North Carolina Hanging of the Greens 10:30 am BINGO every 4th Thursday at the Drop-in Centre To Decorate the Church November 25th to 27th Veterans Day Win-One Class Sunset West 11:30 AM December '22 5 M T W T F 5 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 112 13 14 15 16 17 16 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 48 25 F 4 Dinner at the Drop-In Centre Happy Thanksgiving Thursday October '22 5 N 7 W 7 F 5 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 116 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 The Gathering - 6:00 pm worship in the Sanctuary - 6:30 pm meal in the Gathering Room - Every Wednesday 10 17 24 က Community Lunch Program -11:30 am thru 12:30 pm - Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday Wednesday 16 8 6 23 30 8:00 am Serving Breakfast (Tuesday and Thursday) **Drop-In Centre** DROP-IN CENTRE - 9:00 am thru 12:00 pm - Every Tuesday and Thursday Tuesday 10:30 AM BINGO "Just Friends" - 2:00 pm - The Gathering Room - Every Tuesday 8 15 29 22 Men's Group - 2:00 pm - The Gathering Room - Every Thursday Bellefonte Community Lunch will be collecting products for meal boxes through our  $\mathcal{X}\!am_{}\mathcal{A}\!tt_{}$  - 2:00 pm - in the Hub Room - Every Thursday The Gathering Room The Gathering Room Leadership Board November 1st thru November 20th Trinity's Website: www.TrinityBellefonte.com at 6:30 pm Monday November 2022 Food Pantry - Every Day until 2:00 pm MISSIONS food bank from Trinity United Methodist Church 14 21 28 Order Forms Due for Poinsettias Harvest Home for WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY Brian Curtin and Hyun Ju Curtin Operation Christmas Child Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am with Holy Communion In Santuary at 2:30 pm 27 Twenty-Second Sunday 6 Twenty-second Sunday All Saints Sunday 20 Twenty-Fourth Sunday Potluck Luncheon Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost after Pentecost Packing Party after Pentecost after Pentecost Sunday 13



### **TRINITY'S MISSION STATEMENT:**

# BRING THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST TO OUR WORLD.

