



The Lamplighter

Trinity United Church of Christ

February, March, and April 2020

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity UCC –

Wow, that went fast! December 1, 2019, marked my five-year anniversary as your pastor. What a blessing it has been to be a part of such a caring and active church family. Perhaps for the first time in my life, I look forward to each and every day and am continually amazed at the countless blessings God bestows on our church and community.

I have previously talked of focusing our efforts on being a more visible presence in our community, creating meaningful worship opportunities, and practicing radical hospitality to both our church family and other members of our community. We will continue to focus in these areas of course, but this year I would like to issue a different sort of challenge to you. **I'd like to challenge all of us to filter everything we see, feel or hear through the lens of God's love. See others, and the world around us, with God's perfect 20/20 vision in the year 2020.** I'd like to encourage all of us to read and repeat to ourselves frequently, "I will be a vessel of God's mercy and grace, slow to anger, quick to forgive, an instrument of peace in all situations. I will allow God's presence to fill and flow through me, such that grace and truth, God's true nature, are revealed." This challenge is not much different from what the Apostle Paul asked of the people of Thessalonica when he said, *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

Being mindful of God in all our daily routines and activities is a form of prayer and is what Paul intended when he said to "pray without ceasing." Something else that will hold true even more so in 2020 is that we respect one another. Being hospitable to one another, our guests and visitors, and community members is more than just a good idea, it's fundamental to our faith. In a divisive time in our nation, my prayer is that in Christ, we will be one. That doesn't mean we have to agree on everything, it simply means we treat everyone with courtesy and respect.

Reflecting back on 2019, it was a good year in that many of our ministries continued successfully. We continued to serve the people of Penns Valley and beyond through your generous giving and some successful fundraising. The Centre County Child Development and Family Council (CDFC) continues to hold before and after school care in our church. In the summer months, Trinity UCC is home to one of the CDFC Summer Day Camps for children in grades one through five. Summer days at the church are filled with the laughter and joy of children as they play on the church lawn or in the gravel parking lot. We are also able to partner with the YMCA and other churches to have nutritious lunches served to them as part of a county-wide summer lunch program. Volunteers and donations are always welcome for this program.

One of the highlights for me last year was hosting the combined Centre Hall Council of Churches Lenten services. Each Wednesday evening, from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week, the people of Centre Hall and beyond came together to sing, pray, and worship together. We had wonderful attendance this year, to include some new events during Holy Week that we had never participated in before. For instance, we had our usual Maundy Thursday soup and bread meal with Holy Communion, a Good Friday event for area children and adults to include a "Stations of the Cross" worship service and then a "Cross Walk" where several of us carried a large wooden cross through the streets of Centre Hall, stopping to pray at designated areas for the people in our community. That evening we held our annual Tenebrae service or "Service of Shadow", a very meaningful

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service which ends in silence and a darkened Sanctuary. Saturday evening, an Easter Vigil service was led by Rev. Becky Horn from St. Luke Lutheran Church. Finally, in addition to our regularly scheduled Easter service, we held a sunrise service on the east lawn using the stone altar placed there years ago. It was a busy but holy time for our community, and I look forward to continuing our combined services this year.

This year's Christmas Eve service was filled with music, scripture reading, and glowing candles. I never tire of the beauty of our Sanctuary on Christmas Eve. It's something I always look forward to. Even

church, any more than we are perfect people, but I get the sense that people are trying hard to live as Christ would want us to. Each day is a new opportunity to serve our Risen Lord. May God's peace be with you in this coming year as we seek to serve and worship together.

Respectfully Submitted, Pastor Dave

CHURCH RECORD

Births

Mae Alise Wolfgang was born on December 16, 2019. She is the daughter of Leena and Kirk Wolfgang.

Addisyn Marie Stover was born on January 17, 2020. She is the daughter of Alia Smith and Colby Stover.

Baptisms

Paxton Eugene Williams and Paisley Grace Williams were baptized on November 17, 2019. They are the son and daughter of Jessica Stover and Todd Williams.

Colton Lee Stover was baptized on November 17, 2019. He is the son of Brianna Stover and Logan Johnson.

Kaiden Noel Hanson was baptized on December 22, 2019. She is the daughter of Sara and Michael Hanson.

Marriages

Tricia Limbaugh and Brooks Meyers were married on November 23, 2019.

Carly Andriaccio and Evan Smith were married on December 27, 2019.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

...to Ardranna Henry and Ann Moellenbrock for providing desserts for the Penns Valley Men's Chorus catered meal at Trinity UCC on November 30th; and to Carol Clark-Baney, Jen Gooch, and Dot Strickler for helping to serve the meal

...to the Sunday School older youth classes for their donation to Heifer International in lieu of Christmas gifts from Trinity UCC

...to Carol Clark-Baney and Robert Henry for installing the "grippers" for the new pew cushions

...to Tammy and Steve Besecker, Vickie and Glenn Fultz, and Don Matter for doing the initial prep work needed prior to decorating the sanctuary for Advent; and to ALL who helped decorate the sanctuary for Advent

...to Martha and Craig Weindensaul for donating the beautiful Christmas trees to the church

...to the Caregivers Committee for arranging the JOY Luncheon on November 13th and to Nevin Dutrow for the handcrafted door prizes

...to Larry Campbell and Robert Henry for assisting in the installation of the new sound system in the sanctuary

...to Steve Besecker for fixing the parking lot lights and installing electricity to the new gazebo

...to all who purchased gifts for the recipients of the "Angel" tree; you helped make a lot of people have a lovely Christmas

...and Ardranna and Robert Henry for removing the candle wax from the pew cushions

...to Trinity UCC's Sunday School teachers – Rick Arnold, Rich Auman, Jean Brooks, Russ Brooks, Pastor Downer, Emily Martell and Teri Statham – for being prepared every Sunday to teach our children

...to Vickie Fultz for accompanying Pastor Downer to Wynwood Homes and providing music with her guitar for the guests

...to the congregation for your offering of \$299 to the Veterans of the Cross Christmas Fund special offering

...to the congregation for your Christmas Eve offering of \$909 to Hoffman Homes for Youth

...to all who purchased poinsettias for Christmas Eve and to Tammy Besecker for arranging them so beautifully
...to all who donate to the Centre Hall Food Pantry and to Cathy and Lance Arney for delivering the items
...to all who planned the Christmas Banquet and Program and to "Santa" for entertaining the children
...to all who agreed to serve on the many committees within the church
...to all who participated in the "Rake and Run" event

CHURCH NEWS and EVENTS

Church Cancellation Notice

In the event of inclement weather, please tune into TV station WTAJ and/or check the Trinity United Church of Christ Facebook page for an announcement regarding cancellation of Sunday worship services.

Consistory Officers for 2020

At the January 21st Consistory Meeting, the following officers for 2020 were elected:

- ❖ President – Toni Witherite
- ❖ Vice President – Carol Clark-Baney
- ❖ Secretary – Jackie Stover
- ❖ Assistant Secretary – Sally Arnold
- ❖ Treasurer – Ann Moellenbrock
- ❖ Assistant Treasurer – Bob Rumbaugh

Save the Dates

The *Spaghetti Valentine Dinner* will be held on Sunday, February 16, at 5:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Installation of Lay Ministry Members will be held during worship service on February 23 – all members of the committees and teachers are encouraged to attend this affirmation and commissioning service.

Centre Hall Council of Churches *Vacation Bible School* will be held July 26th through July 30th, 5:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church.

Lenten Dates and Services

Lenten services are combined with St. Luke Lutheran Church and Grace United Methodist Church. All services will be held at St. Luke Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

- * February 26: Ash Wednesday, message by Rev. Becky Horn, Combined Choirs
- * March 4: Message by Rev. David Downer, Sacrament of Holy Communion, Trinity UCC Choir
- * March 11: Message by Rev. Debra Dailey, Sacrament of Holy Communion, Grace United Methodist Choir
- * March 18: Message by Rev. Becky Horn, Sacrament of Holy Communion, St. Luke Lutheran Choir
- * March 25: Message by Rev. David Downer, Sacrament of Holy Communion, Trinity UCC Choir
- * April 1: Message by Rev. Debra Dailey, Sacrament of Holy Communion, Combined Choirs
- * April 5: Each church will conduct **Palm Sunday** Services at their respective sites
- * April 9: 6:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Meal and Communion Service
- * April 10: 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Service
- * April 11: 7 – 8:30 p.m. – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service
- * April 12: Each church will conduct **Easter** services at their respective church

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Barry & Glenda Abrams	Lance Arney	Denny Beckenbaugh	Cim Besecker	Jane Boldin
Kaelynn Bressler	Hunter Bristow & Family	Carol Brown	*Betty Burd	Aurelia Burnette
Bobbi Chard	T. J. Coursen	Hank Cramer	*Marie Crater	Erin, Austin, Conner Derr
Charles Dreibelbis	*Jean Dunkleberger	Lori Ebert-Tyworth	Kellie Eichler	Gracie Eisenhower
Jim & Tanya Evans	*Trudy Furner	Bonnie Graziose	*Mary Hardy	Myrtle Harpster
*John & Carol Hayes	Nancy Heaton	Megan Henry	Patricia Hess	Janet Houser
Olivia Lewis	Gina Lucas	Diane Matter	Peter McDevitt	Joshua Miller
Ethel Musick	Tanya Musser	Paige Musser-Gray	Rycen Musser	Larry Myers
*Miriam Myers	Malcolm Obiri	Matthew Renno, Jr.	Jane Rimmey	Tom Runkle
Iain Scoular	Denise Simms	Marilyn Sproule	JR Stoner	Laurie Stover
Lori Stover	Ronald Sweitzer	Jenn & Abbey Tice	Colin & Jaci Tucker	Rebecca Wagner
Jeff Weist	Chris Wert	*Faye Winkelblech	Duane and Wilma Yarger	Sandy Young

[*In personal care residence]

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2019, AND JANUARY 2020

Date	Worship Service	Sunday School	Date	Worship Service	Adult Sunday School	Date	Worship Service	Adult Sunday School
Nov 3	89	42	Dec 1	70	29	Jan 5	87	30
Nov 10	87	39	Dec 8	83	34	Jan 12	76	26
Nov 17	95	27	Dec 15	89	34	Jan 19	87	23
Nov 24	95	32	Dec 22	108	28	Jan 26	83	38
			Dec 24	224				
			Dec 29	51	9			

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion; "Souper Bowl" Offering

February 3: 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting

February 4: 1:30 p.m. Worship and Holy Communion at Wynwood House, Spring Mills

February 5: 11:00 a.m. Council of Churches Committee Meeting at St. Luke Lutheran Church
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

February 9: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

February 11: 1:30 p.m. Worship and Holy Communion at Wynwood House, Centre Hall

February 12: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

February 16: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
 5:00 p.m. Valentine Spaghetti Dinner

February 18: 6:30 p.m. Consistory Committee Meeting

February 19: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

February 23: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service; Installation of Committee Members and Officers; Hartman Center Special Mission Offering

February 26: 7:00 p.m. Community Ash Wednesday Service at St. Luke Lutheran Church
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

March 1: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. First Sunday in Lent Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion

March 3: 1:30 p.m. Worship and Holy Communion at Wynwood House, Spring Mills

March 4: 11:00 a.m. Council of Churches Meeting at St. Luke Lutheran Church
7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Service at St. Luke Lutheran Church, message by Pastor Dave Downer, Trinity UCC Choir
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

March 5: 6:30 p.m. SALT Committee Meeting

March 8: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Second Sunday in Lent Worship Service with guest speakers Glen and Karen Evans, Art for Humanity Mission in Honduras

March 10: 1:30 p.m. Worship and Communion at Wynwood, Centre Hall

March 11: 7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Service at St. Luke Lutheran Church, message by Pastor Debra Dailey, Grace United Methodist Choir
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

March 15: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Third Sunday in Lent Worship Service

March 17: 6:30 p.m. Consistory Committee Meeting

March 18: 7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Service at St. Luke Lutheran Church, message by Pastor Becky Horn, St. Luke Lutheran Choir
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

March 20: 7:00 p.m. Concert by Clarion University Choir at TUCC

March 22: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Lent Worship Service; One Great Hour of Sharing special mission offering

March 25: 7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Service at St. Luke Lutheran Church, message by Pastor Dave Downer, Trinity UCC Choir
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

March 29: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Fifth Sunday in Lent Worship Service

April 1: 7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Service at St. Luke Lutheran Church, message by Pastor Debra Dailey, Combined Choirs
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

April 5: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service

April 7: 1:30 p.m. Worship and Communion at Wynwood, Spring Mills

April 8: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

April 9: 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Meal at St. Luke Lutheran Church

April 10: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at St. Luke Lutheran Church

April 11: 7 – 8:30 p.m. Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service at St. Luke Lutheran Church

April 12: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Easter Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion

April 14: 1:30 p.m. Worship and Communion at Wynwood, Centre Hall

April 15: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

April 19: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

April 21: 6:30 p.m. Consistory Committee Meeting

April 22: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Responsibility	February	March	April
Head Usher	Ardranna Henry	Carol Clark-Baney	Toni Witherite
Alternate Usher	Brooks Meyers	Sally Arnold	Steve Riegel
Altar Flowers	Tammy Besecker	Tammy Besecker	Tammy Besecker
Altar Guild	Dorothy Strickler	Michele Brown	Deborah Riegel
Caregiver	Beverly Guyer	Eleanor Meyer	Peggy Treaster
Chancel Choir Director	Terri Downer	Terri Downer	Terri Downer
Fellowship Coordinator	Beverly Guyer	Joyce Barner	Carol Clark-Baney
Nursery Coordinator	Carol Clark-Baney	Carol Clark-Baney	Carol Clark-Baney
Oil in Candles	Carol Clark-Baney	Angela Auman	Volunteer Needed
Organist	Carole Smith Alyssa Limbaugh	Carole Smith Alyssa Limbaugh	Carole Smith Alyssa Limbaugh
SALT Hostess	Joyce Barner	Dorothy Strickler	Ardranna Henry

Date	Greeter	Greeter	Call to Worship	Scripture Reader	Children's Message
Feb 2	Jane Pifer	Beverly and Charles Guyer	Pastor Dave	Rick Arnold	Vickie Fultz
Feb 9	Shirley & Robert Reed	Jerelene & Barry Reish	Steve Riegel		Terri Downer
Feb 16	Deborah & Steve Riegel	Carole & Lynn Smith		Carole Smith	Ruth Floray
Feb 23	Hetty Runkle	Kim & Jim Smith	Sally Arnold		Teri Statham
Mar 1	Marietta & John Smith	Rhonda & Bob Rumbaugh	Pastor Dave	Rick Arnold	Vickie Fultz
Mar 8	Teri & Robert Statham	Dot & Larry Strickler	Paige Auman	Angela Auman	Terri Downer
Mar 15	Peggy Treaster	Eleanor Tyson	Rick Arnold	Carole Smith	Ruth Floray
Mar 22	Dixie Vogt	Nancy Vogt		Sally Arnold	Teri Statham
Mar 29	Nancy & Ennis Wagner	Tessa, Lori & Dan Walter		Rick Arnold	Pastor Dave
Apr 5	Rita Watkins	Toni & Thomas Witherite	Sally Arnold		Vickie Fultz
Apr 12	Leena & Kirk Wolfgang	Cathy & Lance Arney	Pastor Dave	Rick Arnold	Terri Downer
Apr 19	Sally & Rick Arnold	Angela & Rich Auman & Family		Carole Smith	Ruth Floray
Apr 26	Ruby & Robert Bair	Jeff & Carol Clark-Baney	Rick Arnold		Teri Statham
May 3	Linda Barner	Joyce Barner	Pastor Dave	Sally Arnold	Vickie Fultz
May 10	Tammy & Steve Besecker	Ruth & Ben Floray			Terri Downer

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Even the darkest night
will end and
the sun will rise.**



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, and APRIL 2020

February 2:	Micah 6:1-8	Matthew 5:1-12
February 9:	Isaiah 58:1-9a	Matthew 5:13-20
February 16:	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Matthew 5:21-37
February 23:	Exodus 24:12-18	Matthew 17:1-9
March 1:	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Matthew 4:1-11
March 8:	Genesis 12:1-4a	John 3:1-17
March 15:	Exodus 17:1-7	John 4:5-42
March 22:	1 Samuel 16:1-13	John 9:1-41
March 29:	Ezekiel 37:1-14	John 11:1-45
April 5:	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29	Matthew 26:14-27
April 12:	Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18
April 19:	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	John 20:19-31
April 26:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Luke 24:13-35

