



# TRINITY TIMES

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## General Information:

Sunday Service  
9:00am

Fellowship Time  
10:00am

Sunday School  
10:30am

Office Hours  
Mon-Fri 9am-1pm

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## A penguin “parable”

During storms, emperor penguins huddle for warmth, taking turns at the center and on the perimeter of the group. While incubating eggs, up to 6,000 male penguins have been observed clustering for shelter against the harsh Antarctic winter. Partially grown chicks gather in protective “crèches” (French for “cribs”); often surrounded by a colony of adults, these groupings ward off predators and cold.

In stormy times, humans also need supportive groups; we can’t survive alone. A church family allows us to take turns giving and receiving care. Amid social upheaval, injustice, illness, natural disaster and any loss or crisis, God invites us to gather for protection and warmth. In the church community, we support and strengthen one another and are empowered to go out again into the less-sheltered world.

## Winter gift

“God ... does great things beyond our knowing. He says to the snow, ‘Fall to the earth’; likewise to his heavy, drenching rain. He shuts up all human-kind indoors, so that all people may know his work” (Job 37:5-7, NABRE).

Snow, ice and cold can make winter a hassle. “Snow days” due to a blizzard may thrill students but usually inconvenience parents. But now and then, winter blankets the earth so heavily that it seems to quiet everything. We’re granted permission to hunker down at home, snuggle close with family or pets, enjoy a book or movie, make cocoa or cookies, and rest. It’s like a surprise sabbath — the gift of grace-time — when no one’s expected to get out the door or the driveway.

Perhaps indeed, as Job declared, God sees fit on such days to put our busyness on hold and shut us all indoors so we pause and remember his work — his place — in our lives. Praise God for snow days!

—Heidi Mann



# January

## SPECIAL DATES

New Year's Day, January 1, 2018

Epiphany, January 6, 2018

Baptism of the Lord, January 7, 2018

MLK Jr. Birthday Observance, January 15, 2018

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25

## *Peg's Page*

It doesn't matter that just a few weeks ago I had the opportunity to de-clutter my life. Granny's Attic did receive contributions from me, however, it seems I need a Granny's Attic every month or so. It seems the amount of stuff I accumulate in my in-box, office, and at home is only exceeded by the amount of stuff I accumulate in my heart. Worry, guilt, regret, doubt can fill any human heart to overflowing. Really, what does it take to clear the mess out?

The state of stuff and clutter in my office is overwhelming but I want to start the New Year with a clean slate; tidy up, toss out, and organize. And, I fear my mind is filled with meaningless dust-catchers too. Only a certain (frail) discipline of my morning routine; making the bed, tending to Mr. Mason (my cat, folks), making my coffee, checking the news, and morning prayer keeps me somewhat sane.

As I write this we are in the throes of Advent, a time of hope, a time of preparation, and I thought to start 2018 by getting rid of things I no longer need. If outward physical signs reveal our inward spiritual condition, I need to clear out all the stuff that crowds out my being able to be truly present with and for the people of God. This is not about only the physical stuff but the mental/heart stuff as well.

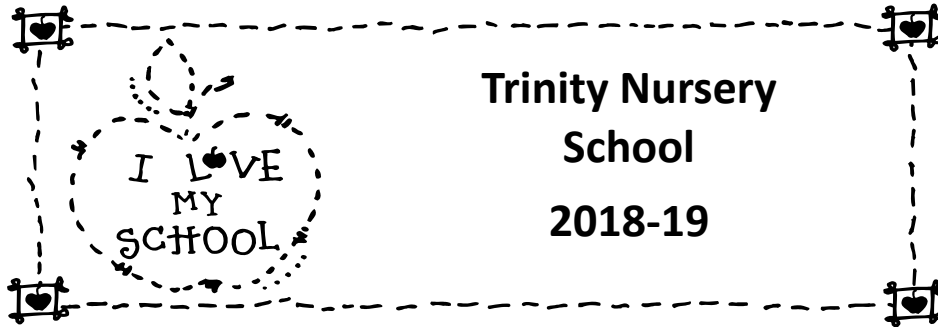
Elizabeth welcomed her young pregnant relative, Mary, to her home. Elizabeth didn't say, "O Gee, Mary, this is a bad time. I'm pregnant myself and not feeling too well. Given my age I can't take on anything more." Instead, Elizabeth greeted Mary with a joyful hospitality. There is no evidence that Elizabeth neglected her own health by receiving Mary into her home but she did lay aside self-preoccupation and distraction. She found room in her heart for Mary.

Whether your basement, attic, garage, and closet is crammed with stuff or not, we can clean the clutter of our hearts and begin a new year with lots of room for Christ and each other.

Peace

*Pastor Peg*





Registration for the 2018– 19 school year will open on February 1<sup>st</sup> for current enrollees, their siblings and members of the Trinity UCC congregation. It will remain open exclusively to the above until February 15th. At that time all remaining openings will be advertised to the general public. Classes are always filled on a first come - first served basis. You are encouraged to register your child as soon as possible.

**The \$35.00 registration fee must accompany all registration forms.**

**Registration must be mailed to the school.**

Registration Packets will be available by January 21st. You may pick up a registration packet outside the church office entrance under the awning. Please feel free to pick up packets for friends and relatives. There is no obligation to register when you take a packet.



*We'd like to thank all our volunteers who helped decorate the church for the Christmas season. It is such a large task and the folks who help every year do an absolutely fantastic job! Special thanks to Ruth & Steve Weaver for coordinating the effort. If you would be interested in helping next season, please see Ruth. Volunteers are always welcomed!*

Join us after worship on Sunday, January 28 in Fellowship Hall for “*Winter Warm Up.*” Chicken will be provided by the church while you supply the side dishes and desserts. It may be feeling like winter outside, but inside the temperature will be toasty with an abundance of good food and conversation. Look for more details in the upcoming weeks.





Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
13	Deborah and Steven Sauble	47	28	Edith and Earl Menchey	70
18	Melissa and Bradley Herrick	26			

**Note:** *If your anniversary was omitted, please contact the office to update your records. Thank you.*

**Trinity’s Cancellation Policy for Inclement Weather**

Whenever there is a need to cancel or change existing church schedules the following stations will be notified of the changes.

**WGAL----their website only**

**WHP/CBS-----television**

**WGTY/WGET & WYCR/WHVR -----radio**

**Closures or changes in time can also be found on the Trinity website.**

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- Earl Blettner                      January 4
- Jane Houghland                January 15
- Helen Yingling                 January 20

***Congregational Meeting***

Please plan to attend this important meeting!  
 The annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, February 4th at 10:00am immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the proposed budget for 2018. Fellowship time will follow the meeting.

<b>January</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>
	Communion			
<b>Consistory Team</b>	6	1	2	3
<b>Worship Leader</b>				
	Steve Hutton	Kay Altland	Lorraine Hall	Jim Barnhart
<b>Young Adult Leader</b>				
	Josiah Leckrone	Katie Winhauer	Kyle McCormick	Matthew Hutton
<b>Ushers</b>				
	Volunteers Needed	Scott & Stephanie Markle	Linda Lohr, Dee Stauffer, Kay Altland	Valerie Wentz, Sheila Wiest, Amy Ehrhart
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	John & Yvonne Dickert	Trailblazers	Host Needed	"Winter Warm Up"
<b>Altar Flower Sponsor</b>	Open	Markle	Bartlett	Junga
<b>Chancel Flower Sponsor</b>	Open	Open	Open	Foreman
<b>Bulletin Sponsor</b>	Altland	Open	Open	Open

Please call the church office to schedule a flower or bulletin dedication for any available Sunday. The cost is \$40 for altar flowers and \$25 for pedestal arrangements (plus tax), and \$20 for bulletins. If you would like to assist with ushering or host fellowship, please call the church office at 637-2233. Volunteers are always needed. Thank you.

**Are you having trouble with the high cost of heating or paying for your food bills and daily living expenses?**

The Century Trust Fund may be able to help. Assistance from the Century Trust Fund is available to members of Trinity United Church of Christ who may be in need of financial aid to remain in their own homes, retirement homes, boarding homes, or nursing homes, provided certain conditions are met. Applicants must be members of Trinity Church for at least five (5) years, at least 62 years of age, and must show reasonable proof of financial need. All applications are strictly confidential and are available in the bin across from the church office.



**Velma L. Millheim**

**Born - May 19, 1931**

**Died - November 12, 2017**

**John C. Menges II**

**Born - October 23, 1945**

**Died - November 20, 2017**



*Dear Trinity UCC*

*On behalf of those involved with Bible school at St. John's UCC, I would like to say thank you for allowing us to use your Bible School decorations. They added a special touch to our church and were perfect.*

*God Bless  
Brita Runkle*



**"I love bowling night at church."**

**Resolve to "be there"**

Let our New Year's resolution be this:  
We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.

—Goran Persson

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