



TRINITY TIMES

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Trinity United Church of Christ
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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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The Magi's story — and ours



The story of the Magi is our story. God has used his supernatural means to draw us unto himself. ... On one glorious day, when we were exhausted and wearied in our sin, God led us to gaze upon Jesus just as the Magi did. We see the glory of God manifested through Jesus Christ in the internal work of the Holy Spirit. We see our utter sinfulness and God's abounding grace offered in the Messiah. We are filled with joy as this grace sinks into our hearts.

We fall down on our knees and confess our need of this Messiah. We worship him and offer up our lives as our greatest offering to him. Then we continue on in our lives, carrying the truth about the Messiah.

—Travis Cunningham, tvcresources.net

Live in the light

Often we want to be able to see into the future. We say, "How will next year be for me? Where will I be five or 10 years from now?" There are no answers to these questions. Mostly we have just enough light to see the next step — what we have to do in the coming hour or the following day.

The art of living is to enjoy what we can see and not complain about what remains in the dark. When we are able to take the next step with the trust that we will have enough light for the step that follows, we can walk through life with joy and be surprised at how far we go. Let's rejoice in the little light we carry and not ask for the great beam that would take all our shadows away.

—Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*



Special dates

New Year's Day, *January 1, 2021*

Epiphany, *January 6, 2021*

Baptism of the Lord, *January 10, 2021*

Religious Freedom Day, *January 16, 2021*

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 18, 2021*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2021*

Inauguration Day, *January 20, 2021*



Isaiah 9:2-3, 6

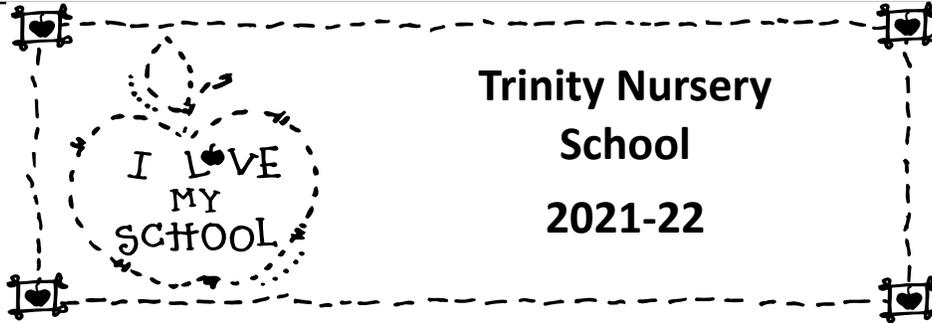
*The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

This is the passage from Isaiah that we did not hear, this year. This is the Christmas that we did not gather in the sanctuary. This is the Christmas that we had to celebrate as best we could, even though it was not as we wanted to celebrate. The Wonderful Counselor stood by us nonetheless, and if we listened closely, may have even said to us, “Fear not! For I am with you.”

I pray that you have felt God’s presence, and God’s comfort. As we look ahead to 2021, surely nothing could be more surprising than the events of this past year. Among the surprises of 2021 for which I am hoping and praying are a successful pastoral search for Trinity! The pandemic has not been kind to the search process, yet your Search Committee labors on, faithful in their duties. Another welcome surprise would be a sense of bipartisan cooperation taking hold of our government, at all levels. We could use the Wonderful Counselor’s help in that! Yet another surprise would be a way for millions of hard-working Americans to see their way out of the economic disruption that has plagued us; to be able to feed their children, and feel secure in their homes. Maybe God will surprise us with a swift return to our sanctuary, our children to their classes, and our ability to gather and socialize with friends and families.

Certainly, God’s hand was working in the amazing development of a vaccine that we pray will restore us to normalcy. I am so grateful for all those who labored on our behalf, the scientists, our medical personnel, front-line responders, our elected officials, and so many more. The Wonderful Counselor has been with us every step of the way, and will continue to lead us! Be well, and stay safe.

Pastor Kim



Registration for the 2021-22 school year will open on February 1st 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 22nd. 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.



A big thank you to the Property Committee and Ruth & Steve Weaver for decorating the Sanctuary and other areas of the church for the Christmas season. It is a big task and the folks who do it every year, do an amazing job! If you would like to be a part of the decorating crew next Christmas, please contact Ruth Weaver. Volunteers are always needed!



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. You can pick up an application in the plastic bin across from the church office.





Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
11	Shelby and Luther Hess	18	20	Veronica & Mitchell Mummert	3
13	Deborah and Steven Sauble	50	28	Edith and Earl Menchey	73

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

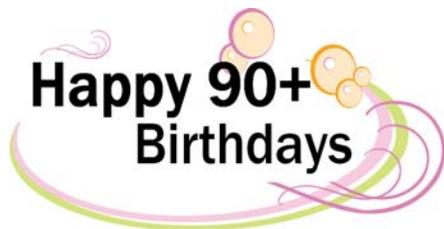
Trinity’s Cancellation Policy for Inclement Weather

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

WHP/CBS-----television

WHTM/ABC----television

Closures or changes in time can also be found on the Trinity website at www.trinityucchanover.org or by calling 717 637-2233 for special announcements.



Earl Blettner January 4
 Robert Leppo January 6
 Dorothy O’Leary January 20
 Helen Yingling January 20



Judith E. Caler Heck
Died - November 6, 2020

Richard Leroy Shelleman
Born - September 1, 1938
Died - December 5, 2020

January Trinity Times

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Trinity's Mission Statement: *Trinity United Church of Christ strives to be a warm, caring family of Christian believers. Our calling is to witness and strengthen the Christian faith through meaningful worship, Christian education, and Christian living in the home, the community, and the world.*

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