



# TRINITY TIMES

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Trinity United Church of Christ  
[www.trinityucchanover.org](http://www.trinityucchanover.org)

JANUARY, 2022

## General Information:

Sunday Service  
9:00am

Fellowship Time

10:00am

Sunday School

10:30am

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Mon-Fri 9am-1pm

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## So help me God

No matter how firm our resolutions, we can't make ourselves better people *by ourselves*. God empowers our good works when we rely on his aid.

H.P. Nichols, a 19<sup>th</sup>-century poet, wrote:

If I resolve, with the new year, a better child to be,  
'Twill do no good at all, I fear, but rather harm to me,  
Unless I try, with every day, no angry word to speak;  
Unless, each morn, to God I pray to keep me mild and meek.  
Then let me try with all my might, and may God help me too,  
Always to choose the way that's right, whatever act I do.

## Biblical resolutions

Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)  
Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)  
Pray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)  
Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)  
Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Notice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)  
Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)  
Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)  
Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)  
Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)  
Redeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)

—Gus Nichols (adapted)



## Special dates

New Year's Day, *January 1, 2022*  
Epiphany, *January 6, 2022*  
Baptism of the Lord, *January 9, 2022*  
Religious Freedom Day, *January 16, 2022*  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 17, 2022*  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2022*

Dear Friends:

A Saint of the 14<sup>th</sup> Century, Julian of Norwich, said these words:

*All shall be well, and all shall be well,  
And all manner of things shall be well.*

To me, that quote speaks of our desire to be well, or to be made well. But it does not mean that all is well, however! Everyone of us needs some kind of healing; and certainly family life, community life and the world itself needs to be made whole. The gift of healing and wholeness is the gift of God; and often comes in an unexpected way.

**We are beginning to offer at Trinity, monthly healing services. It is our plan to gather on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary for an informal service.** We come to such a service with a myriad of expectations, needs, and perspectives on healing. It is important that we let God take the lead and offer to us the healing appropriate to our needs.

In our praying, we do not pretend to impose our will on God. Rather, we seek to give ourselves over to what God wants to do in us and through us. As we pray we don't imagine that we are informing God of things that God would not otherwise have known! Instead, we are directing ourselves toward God, **conforming to God**---not informing God of our needs. We operate with faith that we can receive God's limitless love, while entering into a mysterious communion with God through the Holy Spirit.

Our healing service will include an invitation to come forward for personal prayer, laying on of hands, and/or anointing. Anointing with oil is a tradition rich in biblical meaning. It is a sign of God's fullness, blessing, and presence. In the ancient world scented oils were used for celebrations and as a balm for those who were ill. Anointing, rather than coronation, was the way that Kings Saul, David, and Solomon were set apart for service to God and the Hebrew people. It represents the outpouring of God's blessing and affection. The book of James urges those in need of healing to seek prayer and anointing with oil.

The laying on of hands is also rich in biblical imagery and meaning. It is, and has been, a sign of remembering one's baptism, and conferring God's blessing. In the New Testament, Jesus laid his hands on the children and blessed them; but he also healed by touching blind eyes, withered limbs and leprous skin. Jesus never pulled away from human needs, but gave of himself unstintingly. When we present ourselves for healing, we do so in the name of the Great Physician.

Healing is a process. Rarely is the process fast, and more often we must continue in the discipline of healing prayer and regular communion with God. We must open ourselves to the ongoing activity of the Holy Spirit. And certainly, at a healing service we can come to pray for others. We might also be seeking forgiveness for our sins, or the sins of others. No matter the reason, you are welcome to worship with us as we stretch out our hands toward God's healing presence.

See you in church,

*Pastor Kim*



## Trinity Nursery School 2022-23

Registration for the 2022-23 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 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.



*Special thanks to all those who took part in decorating the Sanctuary and other areas of the church for the Christmas season. It is quite the 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 needed every year!*



### **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. |
|-----|-----------------------------|------|-----|------------------------|------|
| 13  | Deborah and Steven Sauble   | 51   | 28  | Edith and Earl Menchey | 74   |
| 20  | Veronica & Mitchell Mummert | 4    |     |                        |      |

**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](http://www.trinityucchanover.org) or by calling 717 637-2233 for special announcements.**



Robert Leppo                      January 6  
 Dorothy O’Leary                  January 20  
 Helen Yingling                    January 20



**Jean M. Sullivan**  
**Born - October 26, 1928**  
**Died - November 27, 2021**

**Harold “Doc” Ernst**  
**Born - August 17, 1934**  
**Died - December 13, 2021**

## Trinity United Church of Christ

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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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**January 15, 2022**