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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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Predictions for the new year

Author Ronald Wilson, in *Stretching the Soul*, describes being certain that four things will occur in the days ahead.

- Trouble will come. Life is difficult. I must mourn as well as dance.
- In this long journey [of life], I'm not in control. God has reminded us of this.
- Many times I will fail.
- I will find forgiveness and get up and go on. God will wipe up the mess I've made of things, take me by the hand and set me back on the right path.

Praise God for his sure presence during the joys and challenges the new year brings!

Resolve to go micro

Most New Year's resolutions are so major they seem made to be broken. Maybe that's why "micro-resolution" is the latest January buzzword. Setting smaller goals is more realistic and helps ensure follow-through, according to experts. People who try setting micro-resolutions say that approach is more positive and leads to longer-lasting change. For example, instead of attempting to lose 30 pounds this year, make a micro-resolution to walk 10 minutes twice per day and to snack on fresh fruit at least once a day.

Micro-resolutions can also be helpful in matters of faith. If aiming to read the entire Bible in one year feels overwhelming, take five minutes each morning and evening to read a brief devotional or pray. If joining your church's missions committee isn't possible, try to talk to one new person each week about your faith or church. May God bless you as you take small steps that add up to big impact this year!



Special dates

- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2024*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2024*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 7, 2024*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 15, 2024*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2024*

This and That from Pastor Ken

A New Year is upon us—with a heightened sense of expectation as we greet 2024. At last, we will be welcoming a new settled pastor. January 15 is the starting date for the Rev. Steven Ostendorf. We look forward to Pastor Steve's ministry in our midst. I am sure there will be some changes in the weeks and months ahead—that is the purpose of calling new leadership! I trust that we will welcome Pastor Steve and Tricia with warmth, patience, understanding and the love of Christ.

The welcoming of Pastor Steve means the completion of the “Bridge Time” so I will be diminishing in visibility and leadership. It has been a joy to do ministry in this limited way for the past 7 ½ months. Yes, a bit longer than we originally planned, but you have been patient with me through several health issues—thank you. I (and Joyce) look forward to sliding back into retirement when we can pick and choose the intensity of the schedule! Thank you for letting me walk with you in worship these past months. I do believe this is the last time I will be agreeing to a long term commitment. (My retirement in 2005 is finally sinking in!!) For the first two Sundays in January, Rev. George Heberling will be with us to lead worship—a little break between me and Pastor Steve will be appropriate.

January ushers in Epiphany Season. The emphasis during this season is the spreading of the light—that begins with that star of Bethlehem, and the spreading of the news of Jesus into the world—that is signified with the arrival and departure of the Wise Men of old. This is a season of increasing awareness of the universal love of God that is not constrained by boundaries and borders.

A couple of weeks ago the Men's Group of Homewood was treated to a lecture by Mr. Paul Berg. He is a resident of Hanover, after a very full career in the Diplomatic Corp of the United States. He has served in several administrations and resided in many countries. His insights into our relations with other countries is fascinating and informative. He will be speaking at the Hanover Public Library on January 23—check the bulletin board at the library for the specific time. If you have even a slight interest in world affairs you will find his lecture helpful and informative.



Highlights from December Mission & Outreach Meeting

- Discussed upcoming Neighborhood Supper, Wednesday, February 7, 2024. Menu will be worked on by our resident Chef Elaine. Congregation will be asked to bring a guest and the sign board will be put out on Walnut Street for our neighbors.
- Movie night is on hold due to the death of Doug Appler until some details can be worked out.
- A check for \$2,000 was sent to Penn Central Conference for Maui relief. \$1,750 was raised by the M&O fund-raising drive and the balance was donated by the Men of Trinity.
- HACC food drive is underway and will probably end by mid-December.
- Trinity is sponsoring the *Roots for Boots* luncheon on Tuesday, December 12. Lee & Billie are Trinity's representatives.
- Hoffman Home gift cards were purchased. These will benefit the residences in general, not specific students. Total was \$123.50.
- Lee will look into ways that M&O can assist Hoffman Home residents in the 18–21 year-old age group. M&O would like to help provide them with things needed when they transition from Hoffman Home to residences outside of Hoffman.
- Lee will check on providing some assistance for *Safe Home* pertaining to needed cleaning supplies, etc. A list will be provided.
- There will be a food drive for *God's Meal Barrel* in February.
- M&O is planning on assembling hygiene kits for distribution by *Church World Service*. This will tentatively start in January.

Century Trust Fund

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.



Welcome New Consistory Members!

Please welcome the following new members to the 2024 Trinity consistory: John Coulson, Lorene Crooks, Dave Snyder, & Barb Williams. We thank outgoing members: Diane Betlyon, Steve Hutton, Deb Rhodes, & Belinda Sabaka for their service.



Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
13	Deborah and Steven Sauble	53			
20	Veronica & Mitchell Mummert	6			

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.



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



Douglas Ronald Appler
Born – November 9, 1945
Died – November 22, 2023

G. Ronald Albright
Born – January 25, 1942
Died – December 11, 2023

January	7	14	21	28
Consistory Team	2&5	3&6	4&1	5&2
Lay Leader	Caleb Leckrone	Aaden Reichart	Brittany Breighner	Doug Cooper
Altar Flower Sponsor	Open	Markle	Open	Junga
Chancel Flower Sponsor	Lam	Open	Foreman	Rebert
Bulletin Sponsor	Open	Open	Wilson	Open

Please call the church office to schedule a flower or bulletin dedication for any available date. The cost is \$40 for altar flowers and \$25 for pedestal arrangements (plus tax), and \$20 for bulletins.

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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.

Trinity Staff:

Rev. Kenneth Heasley, Bridge Pastor

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