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General Information:

Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service

9:00am

Fellowship Time

10:00am

Sunday School

10:30am

Office Hours:

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The living Word

Many know of teacher Annie Sullivan helping young Helen Keller break through barriers of blindness and deafness to discover language: how Sullivan placed one of Helen's hands under running water, spelling *water* in sign language over and over into the other. In Keller's words: "Suddenly I felt a misty consciousness as of something forgotten — a thrill of returning thought; and somehow the mystery of language was revealed to me. I knew that w-a-t-e-r meant the wonderful cool something that was flowing over my hand. That living word awakened my soul, gave it light, hope, joy, set it free."

God's living Word, working through the waters of baptism, also awakens us — to a life of faith anchored in God's unconditional love. Baptism revives in us a "misty consciousness" that we are safe in God and reveals "the mystery of language" that is prayer. In baptism, as water washes over our bodies, the living Word gives us light, hope, joy and true freedom.

Time-management tips

A general rule for the good use of time is to accustom oneself to live in a continual dependence on the Spirit of God, receiving from moment to moment whatever it pleases him to give us, referring to him at once in the doubts which we necessarily run into, turning to him in the weakness into which goodness slips from exhaustion, calling on him and lifting oneself to him, when the heart, swept away by material things, sees itself led imperceptibly off the path and finds itself forgetting and drifting away from God. Happy the soul which ... never stops saying to itself a hundred times a day, "Lord, what wouldst thou that I should do? Teach me to perform thy holy will, for thou art my God."

—François Fénelon

Special dates

National Day of Prayer, *May 2, 2019*
Mother's Day, *May 12, 2019*
Armed Forces Day, *May 18, 2019*
Victoria Day (Canada), *May 20, 2019*
Memorial Day, *May 27, 2019*
Ascension, *May 30, 2019*



Peg's Page

April 16, 2019

Dear Ones,

As I write this the day is ebbing in Paris. Firefighters have spent the day watching for hot spots in Notre Dame. The fire is out and the damage is being assessed. No one was killed and many of the cathedral's treasures were saved. Thanks be to God for that. But much was lost; all the beautiful and intricate wood of the choir stalls, the wonderful ceiling with its crisscrossed wood supports so delicate and strong, referred to as "the woods" for its similarity to a forest. Imagine the hands of medieval artisans, the visions of builders and architects of so long ago, the strength of arms and backs that laid stone upon stone, the satisfaction and humility of those who were building a house for God.

Things change, some things are destroyed forever and new things are born. France will rebuild its cathedral. I don't doubt that it will be beautiful but no matter how faithful the renovations are to the original, it cannot be the same. Perhaps, it is not meant to be the same. We mourn the loss and, also, embrace the new thing God is doing. Change is inevitable and necessary, challenging, painful, poignant and often welcome.

On more than one Sunday after church when the doors have been locked by the sextons and they depart, I have remained. Usually I stay because I have some work to do, a eulogy to write or emails to catch up on. I have walked the halls, entered the empty sanctuary (empty of people, that is) and listened to the stillness. I know the rooms I stand in are not the same as they once were, nor will they stay the same. The people I have shepherded; worked with, prayed for, ministered to, have changed too. Little ones have grown up before my eyes, some who were sick are well now, some have grown frail. I have buried more than a few. But this is life. Change is inevitable and necessary, challenging, painful, poignant and often welcome.

In a few short weeks I will no longer be your pastor. Another person will step into that role and take Trinity on a new journey, preparing you for the next settled pastor. In a way, you will become a new congregation, seeking, inviting, hoping for God as you always have in ways that are familiar but also new because a new voice will be added to the community. Some of you will take on new roles, some of you will step back.

In Frederick Buechner's book *Godric*, the saint who would not be a saint, cries out "Praise, praise! Praise God for all that's holy . . . Praise him for all we lose, for all the river of the years bears off. Praise him for the stillness in the wake of pain. Praise him for emptiness."

What is the emptiness Godric speaks of? Perhaps, it's the emptiness of a tomb. That new thing that God is always doing among us.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Peg



Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
3	Crystal and Brock Arentz	22	17	Sally and Donald Hoover	34
3	Adam and Sara Weaver	11	18	Tammie and Don Knight	28
6	Stephanie and Scott Markle	30	21	Melanie and Russell Berwager	36
8	Jacquelyn and Byron Thoman	32	26	Jean and Greg Yiengst	46
13	Kellie and Jim Musselman	24	29	Sharon and Scott Fuhrman	37
13	Jennifer and Bryant McCusker	19	30	Arlene and Merle Dubbs	67
13	Wendy and Gregory Eline	30	30	Rachel and Andrew Betlyon	10
15	Kathy and Andy Hansford	48	31	Kathleen and John Becker	33

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



- Rodger Saltzgiver May 1
- Hollis Arentz May 3
- Johanna Berwager May 11
- Shirley Krepps May 25



A very big thank you to Pastor Peg for her council and prayers and for being with me prior to my surgery on March 22nd, and for staying with Kim and the girls while I was undergoing my procedure. Also, thank you to Mike Blottenberger, Betsy Bristol, Mike Dandy, and Ruth & Steve Weaver for their prayers and well wishes.

*Sincerely,
Bill Spangler*

VBS Planning Well Underway!

Trinity's Vacation Bible School plans for 2019 are ramping up! Our theme this year is "ROAR!—Life is wild. God is good." **Save the week—June 17-21 from 9-11:30am.** Children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they discover their strength in God via Bible stories and verses, music, crafts, games, and snacks. Registration & helper forms are available in the church office or on the Trinity website at www.trinityucchanover.org.



As always we need you to volunteer, estimating 2 adults for 15 children which does not include session leaders and snack preparers. All adult volunteers must undergo the state-mandated background checks (free for volunteers) if they have not already done so. Please see Pastor Peg or Diane Betlyon to volunteer. They will give you information on background check sign-up. The background checks are easy and free, so please don't let that discourage you from helping. Be a blessing and be blessed in return. We really do need your help to have a successful VBS!

Attention Graduating Seniors!

Trinity is recognizing graduating seniors from both high school and college. If you've not yet provided information on your graduate, please contact the church office asap at 717 637-2233 or via e-mail: info@trinityucchanover.org. We would like the name of the graduate and the high school or college/university plus name of parent(s) if applicable. All graduates will be recognized during the worship service on Sunday, May 19.



Are you having trouble keeping up with your 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. Financial assistance provided by the Century Trust Fund need not be paid back. All applications are strictly confidential and are available in the bin across from the church office.

A Special Thank you!

Thank you to all those who assisted with the WOT Lenten devotions; Belinda Sabaka, Lee Bartlett, Dee Stauffer, Nancy Sanders, Ruth Ann Leib, & Diane Betlyon. Blessings to all of you!

B. J. Rhodes

Your help is needed!!

The Sewing Circle is in need of flannel sheets for use in the making of lap quilts. The sheets may be any size or color and it matters not if they are worn or torn since they will be used inside of the lap quilts. Questions? Please contact Sue Bollinger.

*With
Sympathy*

Born

Lucille M. Rohrbaugh

February 7, 1937

Merle E. Dubbs

September 23, 1932

Died

March 12, 2019

April 9, 2019

Strengthen the Church is the second of four offerings taken specifically by United Church of Christ congregations and grows the UCC's future by:

- Funding new church starts and invigorating existing congregations.
- Nurturing lay and pastoral leadership.
- Building youth and young adult ministries.
- Supporting the *God is Still speaking* Ministry and its extravagant welcome for all within the United Church of Christ.

**SPREAD THE
LOVE**

 **Strengthen the Church
Special Mission Offering**

All gifts are directed to activities and programs of your church's local conference as well as the UCC's national ministries. The offering will be received on Pentecost Sunday, June 9.



Kids' Page



A blessed woman

The last chapter of Proverbs describes a woman who loves God and strives to be a good wife and mother.

Directions: Use the picture clues to complete Proverbs 31:15, 28.

She gets _____ while it is still _____ ;
 

she provides _____ for her _____
 

Her _____ rise _____ and
 

_____ her blessed.


PROVERBS 31:15, 28 (NIV)

Answer: up, night, food, family, children, up, call



HEART-SHAPED breakfast



Treat Mom with this yummy, beautiful yogurt parfait.



What you need:

- Large heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Greek yogurt (any flavor)
- Toppings (mini chocolate chips, granola, shredded coconut, chia seeds, oats, slivered almonds, blueberries, sliced strawberries, raspberries, bananas)
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup

What you do:

1. Place cookie cutter on a plate. Spoon in yogurt, spreading it to the edges of the cookie cutter.
2. Add toppings, making a nice design. Remove cookie cutter.
3. Drizzle syrup around the edge of the plate.
4. Serve to your mom on Mother's Day!

May	5	12	19	26
	Health Kit Sunday	Health Kit Sunday	Recognition of Graduates	
Consistory Team	4	5	6	1
Worship Leader				
	Lee Bartlett	John Coulson	Kay Altland	Lorraine Hall
Youth Leader				
	Grant Reichart	Leland Smith	Caleb Leckrone	Aaden Reichart
Ushers				
	Vic & Lorene Crooks	Ryan, Marie, & Leland Smith	Hutton Family	Ushers Needed
Fellowship Host	Host Needed	Host Needed	Stewardship	Host Needed
Altar Flower Sponsor	Open	Trone	Hoke	Junga
Chancel Flower Sponsor	Open	Open	Berwager	Open
Bulletin Sponsor	Rhodes	Open	Wilson	Wilson

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. Ushers are always needed. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 637-2233.

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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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