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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 language of lament

Unlike nonbelievers, Christians can grieve with hope (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). On Memorial Day and at Christian funerals and burials, our lament is real — and it's a uniquely Christian concept, according to Pastor Mark Vroegop. "It takes faith to pray when you are in pain," he writes in *Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy*. "Belief in God creates challenging questions, and lament provides the opportunity to reorient your hurting heart toward what is true. But in order for that to happen, you have to turn to prayer. The silent treatment must end."

Vroegop, who had a stillborn daughter, says lament opens a door that leads to trust. Heartfelt lament, he says, can be brief or messy and can feel forced or uncomfortable. But the important thing is to "keep talking to God."

"Don't allow your fear, your despair or your track record of silence to cut off the flow of grace," he urges. "Your pain can be a path toward God if you'll allow lament to be your new language."

Open hands

Liturgical scholar Balthasar Fischer (1912-2001) shared an "a-ha" realization about the significance of praying with open, outstretched hands, an ancient practice. The opposite gesture, a closed fist, is used to threaten others or even inflict violence. We also grasp things in closed fists, refusing to let go, to share, to hold gently or loosely.

When we pray with open hands, Fischer explained, we're saying before God that we renounce "all highhandedness, all pride in [our] own sufficiency, all violence." We hold up our empty hands to God, saying, "I have nothing that I have not received from you, nothing that you have not placed in my empty hands. Therefore I do not keep a frantic hold on anything you have given me; therefore, too, I desire not to strike and hurt but only to give and to spread happiness and joy."



	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>
Nancy E. Markle	May 12, 1947	March 8, 2024
Robert C. Markle	October 29, 1939	March 27, 2024
James H. Frey	March 10, 1950	April 2, 2024
Nancy A. Sanders	February 9, 1936	April 7, 2024

Greetings in Christ,

I pray this note finds you well and spiritually uplifted after our Easter celebration of the resurrection of Christ followed by the New Member Sunday that started out the month of April. It is wonderful to see us growing in faith and numbers here at Trinity and your participation in the life of our congregation is appreciated. Please continue inviting your family, friends, and neighbors to worship with us.

This month in worship we look forward to celebrating: the Ascension of our Lord, May 12th; the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, May 19th; and Holy Trinity Sunday, May 26th to round out the month. On May 12th we will also honor mothers and include a special dedication of new benches in the portico given in memory of Kay Altland. A neighborhood supper is planned for May 15th so we may continue to reach out and welcome to the table, those who live around our church. We invite all to be an active part of our Spring and Summer activities as we continue to have visitors and new folks expressing interest in joining our church.

May we all find blessing in the worship, mission, and spiritual life here at Trinity UCC.

Pastor Steve



Is there anything you'd like to share with us?

We worship an all-knowing and all-seeing God, unfortunately He doesn't have time to update our church records when members move, change their phone number or email address. Please update the church office whenever your address or contact information changes.

You can update the church office by sending an email to: info@trinityucchanover.org. You can call the church office with your new information, you can mail your new information to the church via USPS, or stop by the church and let us know about your changes in person. Up to date information ensures that we can contact you should the need arise and is also very helpful for the purpose of visitation.



Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
1	Linda and Donald White	59	17	Sally and Donald Hoover	39
3	Adam and Sara Weaver	16	18	Tammie and Don Knight	33
6	Stephanie and Scott Markle	35	21	Melanie and Russell Berwager	41
13	Kellie and Jim Musselman	29	26	Jean and Greg Yiengst	51
13	Jennifer and Bryant McCusker	24	30	Rachel and Andrew Betlyon	15
15	Kathy and Andy Hansford	53			

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



Daryl Mummert	May 5
Shirley Krepps	May 25
Edith Menchey	May 31

Sheely-Hicks Endowed Scholarship

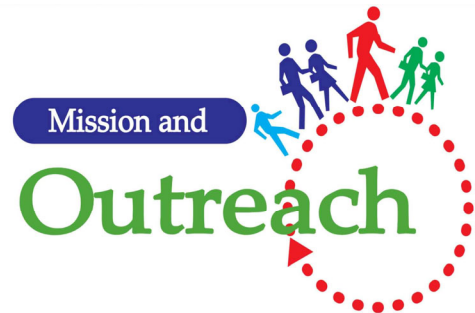
The Sheely-Hicks Endowed Scholarship is for young adults who are affiliated with Trinity UCC in Hanover, PA. Some restrictions apply. The restrictions are as follows:

- *The scholarship is to be used in the following disciplines: music, languages, nursing, religion, Christian education, philosophy, economics and related majors, and political science.
- *The scholarship is to be granted to Trinity affiliated young adults for attendance at accredited liberal arts and science undergraduate colleges or theology schools.
- *The applicant must demonstrate financial need (FAFSA).
- *The applicant must hold a high school or prep school rank in the upper 1/3 of the class and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5.

*Applications are available in the church office or by email
Deadline for submission is May 31*

Highlights from April Mission & Outreach Meeting

- Food drive for *God's Meal Barrel* was successful and they were very appreciative of Trinity's donation.
- Discussion took place on the neighborhood meal scheduled for May 15. Paper products and plastic utensils will be used since our dishwasher is out of commission.
- Hygiene kits for *Church World Service* were assembled after worship on April 7.
- Discussed a possible upcoming project: Jared Boxes. This project is geared toward children hospitalized at UPMC Hanover. More info forthcoming.
- Discussion on helping youth transition from Hoffman Homes to the outside world by providing duffle bags to carry their possessions in. Project is underway.
- The "Relief Jar" in the narthex brought in \$95. It was decided to use that money to help pay for the shipping costs associated with the CWS hygiene kits since these kits are used to "provide relief."
- The team looked at how we support *Roots for Boots*. We are researching the feasibility of having a food provider supply us with the on-site luncheon that Trinity sponsors. More info on that later.



Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and planning is ramping up! **Save the dates—June 17-21 from 9-11:30 a.m.** Volunteers are needed so be thinking about how or where you can help. If you would like to volunteer or if you have questions, please contact the church office at 717-637-2233 (9am-3:30pm) Monday through Friday, or you may email Diane Betlyon at: dbetlyon@gmail.com. A VBS info and orientation session will take place Wednesday, June 12 at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.



We would love for your children, grandchildren, and neighbor kids to attend. Registration deadline is Friday, June 7, or when classes are full. Whichever comes first. Children ages 4-12 may be registered. Also, our friends from Emmanuel UCC will again be joining us. Registration and helper forms can be found in the narthex or on the church website at: www.trinityucchanover.org.

May	5	12	19	26
		Mother's Day	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday
Consistory Teams	1&4	2&5	3&6	4&1
Worship Leader	Albert Day	Bill Foreman	Grant Reichart	Lee Bartlett
Altar Flower Sponsor	Open	Open	Open	Junga
Chancel Flower Sponsor	Open	Open	Open	Berwager
Bulletin Sponsor	Rhodes	Wilson	Open	Wilson

Please call the church office to schedule a flower or bulletin dedication for any available date.

May 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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