



TRINITY TIMES

Trinity United Church of Christ
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Information:

Worship Schedule

Sunday Service

9:00am

Fellowship Time

10:00am

Sunday School

10:30am

Office Hours

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Stop the hopping



A church is an imperfect mix of imperfect believers, so it's easy for members to find faults or feel disappointed. That, in turn, may tempt us to shop around.

C.S. Lewis addresses that in *The Screwtape Letters*. "If a man can't be cured of churchgoing," Screwtape advises his demon protégé, "the next best thing is to send him all over the neighborhood looking for the church that 'suits' him until he becomes a taster or connoisseur of churches." How Satan must hate when Christians maintain long-term commitment to one church!

The urge to church-hop harms congregations as well as believers. "Spiritual depth isn't fostered by satiating your sense of felt needs," writes James Emery White. "It's receiving a balanced diet of teaching and challenge, investing in service and mission, living in community and diversity that you probably would not select for yourself."

Be yourself for God

Rabbi Joseph Liebermann describes a dream where he dies and goes to stand before God's judgment seat. As he waits, the rabbi fears that the Lord will ask him, "Why weren't you a Moses ... or a David ... or a Solomon?" Instead, God surprises him by simply asking, "Why weren't you Rabbi Liebermann?"

When our lives are over, God won't ask us why we weren't a Mother Teresa or another saintly soul. He simply wants us to be who he created us to be.

"We are his workmanship," St. Paul writes in Ephesians 2:10. In Greek, *workmanship* means "a piece of art." You are God's masterpiece. Life isn't a game of comparison. It's a journey of discovery of how God has uniquely created you to perform specific tasks in this life.

Your life is God's canvas. Don't hinder the painting process!

—Mike Paulison



Special dates

Labor Day, *September 2, 2019*

National Grandparents Day, *September 8, 2019*

Patriot Day, *September 11, 2019*

Hispanic Heritage Month, *Sept. 15 – Oct. 15, 2019*

First day of autumn, *September 23, 2019*

Dear Friends:

I am very grateful for the wonderful welcome extended to me by all of you, on behalf of Trinity. Let me share a few words to better introduce myself, as we get to know each other better. I was born in Gettysburg and am a fifth generation Adams Countian. My great, great, great grandfather had a farm near Barlow's Knoll, part of the first day's battle. And that is a fascinating story to be told another day! His son, grandson, and great grandson owned Blocher's Jewelry Store on Chambersburg Street in Gettysburg. My family lived in Colt Park, behind Gettysburg Hospital. It was a great place to grow up, in a neighborhood of young families with gangs of kids to play with. We lived on the edge of Pickett's Charge field, and when new houses were constructed always found bullets and relics from the battle.

Several years after high school, I joined the U.S. Navy, was posted to Pearl Harbor, and worked at Fleet Weather Central as an Aerographer's Mate. Tough duty, I know! It was a great experience to serve my country in uniform and I have an interest in military history. After my enlistment I went back to college and finished my undergraduate degree at Shippensburg University. Not sure what I wanted to do with my degree, I continued on for an MBA degree. After that I worked in the family jewelry business for a number of years, moved into a position at Fort Ritchie (near Waynesboro) in Communications, and eventually felt a call into the ordained ministry. It was quite a twisting winding road, believe me! But the Holy Spirit held me captive until I said yes, and finally entered Lancaster Seminary as a "second career" candidate for ministry. I was ordained into the Gettysburg Association of Penn Central Conference in June of 1995.



I met my husband Larry Knutson at Seminary, and we married 20 years ago. Second career marriage! We live in the mountains near Carlisle, with our dogs Ethel and Emma. Larry is no longer in the ministry, where he served at least 10 churches as an intentional interim. He now owns his own business, Penn Trails, and builds and designs hiking trails for public and private entities. Larry travels a good bit in his work and has projects in numerous states. You may already know that I am a Cumberland County Master Gardener and my particular interest is native plants in general, and native orchids in particular. I often give talks on the topic to various groups. That is a brief synopsis about me and my life.

So here I am, at Trinity—after a very winding and twisted road that has included chaplaincy at Hoffman Homes and York Hospital; and almost 15 years as the called pastor of Zion Arendtsville. It is now my task to get to know you, and to assist you in the process of finding a new pastor to lead you into the future. I predict that our work together will be challenging but meaningful, and I hope that we will all be called into a deeper relationship with God along the way. And I also think that we will enjoy each other's company and have fun. I am delighted to be here.

See you in church,

Pastor Kim



Dear Friends at Trinity UCC:

Thank you for your kind donation of Hygiene Kits to *Church World Service*. Your compassion has given individuals and families touched by disaster the tangible evidence that they matter. That someone cares. And they are not alone.

Here at home or overseas when tragedy strikes your donations ensure that help is never far behind.

With deepest gratitude,
Rev. John L. McCullough,
President and CEO, Church World Service

A Brief Update from the Profile Committee

Developing a local church profile is an essential part of our journey toward calling a new pastor at Trinity. Think of it as a lengthy “resume” designed to attract solid ministry candidates with the skills and gifts needed to lead our church. Obviously, the candidates will also have a profile that outlines their particular qualifications. Once our profile is complete it will be sent to the national UCC office for listing on the Ministry Opportunities section of the website. You may see that listing for yourself at <http://oppsearch.ucc.org>. This is where pastors searching for a call start their search process. A candidate who is interested in applying to Trinity then asks that his or her profile be sent to Trinity’s search committee.

The local church profile consists of three parts focused on three questions: WHO ARE WE NOW? WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR? And WHO IS GOD CALLING US TO BECOME? The profile committee has begun the process of exploring and discerning those complicated questions, along with assembling demographic information about the church and wider community. To facilitate their work, small teams consisting of one or two members of the Profile Committee and Pastor Kim will begin holding short meetings with groups that are already formed and working at Trinity. For instance, they might meet with the choir, the Men of Trinity, the Knit Wits, etc. From those affinity groups the Profile Committee hopes to gain insight into the ministries that form the heart of our church, and better tell our story.

The Profile Committee will be reporting on their progress periodically during announcement time at church. They meet the second Monday of every month and welcome your input. But most especially they desire your prayers for their work. Members include: Doug and Joan Appler, Brittany Breighner, Ron Bristol, Yvonne Dickert, Andrea Hutton, Scott & Ellie Rebert, and Mary Snyder. Ellie Rebert is chairperson.

VBS at Trinity - June 17-21, 2019

Everyone who participated had a good time at Trinity's VBS "ROAR!—Life is wild—God is good." Thank you to the staff for putting together a wonderful program for the children. A super thank you goes out to Carol Wilson, Tosha Dodd, and Michael Dodd Sr., who created and displayed all the wonderful wild animals. We thought we were in Africa for the week! A special shout-out to Roxie who can sing and remember all the motions & words at the same time. Her enthusiasm is contagious and makes the music memorable!

Special thanks to Abby who made the stories come alive! The kids experienced life as an Israelite slave walking through the parted sea escaping Pharaoh and the Egyptians, eating quail and manna in the wilderness, and learning how God is good no matter what we go through in our lives. Thanks to Tricia and Grant for leading fun games for our students. Also, thanks to Linda, Lee, Abby, and Leona for helping create fun projects. Thanks to Belinda, Nancy, and Marie for preparing the snacks and cleaning up afterwards. Thanks to all the guides for leading and keeping track of our students—Donna, Martie, Dawn, Linda, Connie, Carol, Edith, Kelsey, Tosha, Riley, and Dick! Our 55 students and 25 VBS staff donated \$528 towards our project, *Cure International* with the help of our generous office staff!

VBS Coordinators: Diane Betlyon, Carol Wilson, Roxie Schloyer, Linda Lohr, Lee Bartlett, Abby Reichart

Designer/Decorator/Artist Extraordinaire: Carol Wilson

Bible Study: Abby Reichart

Music & Motion: Roxie Schloyer

Games: Tricia Warehime, Grant Reichart

Crafts: Linda Lohr, Lee Bartlett, Abby Rhodes, Leona Casteel

Snacks: Belinda Sabaka, Nancy Sanders, Marie Smith, Diane Betlyon

Preschool 4s Hoopers: Donna Donnan, Martie Young, Dawn McGee

Preschool 5s Lions: Linda Funkhouser, Connie Lawrence

K/1st Grade Rhinos: Carol Wilson, Edith Trone, Kelsey Donnan

Grades 2-5 Giraffes: Tosha Dodd, Riley Becker, Dick Betlyon

Also, huge thanks go to: Mike B. and Betsy in the church office for accommodating all of us so nicely. Ruth & Steve for helping to clean up, set up, etc. Joel Weaver's VBS T-shirts that we wore again this year! Tricia Warehime for donating delicious snacks from Snyder's Pretzels. And finally, the congregation for supporting our VBS each year with your prayers, your volunteers, and your donations!





Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
3	Jennifer and Dwayne Sager	25	18	Joyce and Kenneth Heasley	26
5	Jennifer and Christopher Albrecht	21	19	Beth and Adam Rabine	21
9	Renate and Craig Johnston	41	20	Tami and Douglas Cooper	16
10	Kelly and Michael Blouse	31	22	Susan and Frank Seidenstricker	45
12	Lisa and Troy Hildebrand	27	25	Betsy and Ronald Bristol	27
14	Susan and Gregory Erb	19	25	Lauren and Jacob Markle	4
15	Anna Mae and Dale Alwine	73	25	Nicole and Shawn Miles	15
17	Kobie and Joseph Klunk	42	27	Angela and Anthony Meoli	22
17	Chris and Greg Gobrecht	31	29	Elaine and Karl Albin	40

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

Granny's Second Chance Boutique

Come join Granny and her coworkers for a morning of bargains and treasures! We'll gather on Saturday, September 21, from 9am-1pm, in Fellowship Hall at Trinity UCC. Since we won't be having a Holiday Bells Bazaar this year, Granny didn't want to wait until November. There will be plenty of seasonal and holiday items, as well as household must-haves. If you wish to donate items or volunteer to help with setup or the sale, please contact Lee Bartlett at 410-746-2945 to make arrangements.



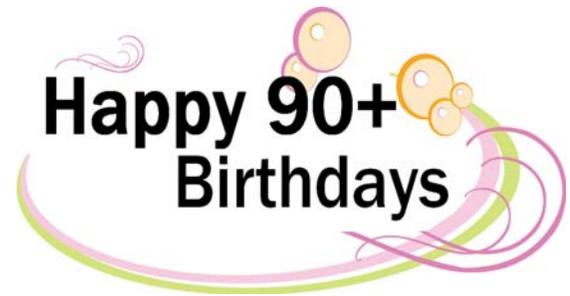


Trinity
Toy Workshop

Opens Tuesday, September 10th

9:00am to 4:00pm

*For more information please
call the Toy Workshop at 633-9864*



Dorothy Hartlaub

September 8

Mary Louise Rau

September 21

Marie Eltz

September 25

Sanctuary Choir & Trinity Ringer Rehearsals

Attention singers & ringers! Sanctuary choir rehearsals will resume Thursday evening, September 5th at 7:30pm. For anyone who would like to learn more about the sanctuary choir, please contact Sue Seidenstricker or any choir member. New singers are always welcome! Trinity ringer rehearsals will also begin on September 5th at 6:15pm. Fall is in the air when we welcome back our singers and ringers!



It's back to school time and that means our Monday evening children's music program will soon begin. The children's choir is under the direction of Roxie Schloyer. Roxie will be leading our kids in a fun and exciting exploration of music and sound as they learn some of the songs of our faith. Choir rehearsals resume Monday, September 9th at 6:30pm. All rehearsals end at 7pm. Kids ages 4 thru 4th grade are welcome!

September	1	8	15	22	29
	Communion				
Consistory Team	3	4	5	6	1
Worship Leader					
	Susi Guinn	Katie Winhauer	Lee Bartlett	Doug Cooper	Kay Altland
Young Adult Leader					
	Eric Leib	Grant Reichart	Leland Smith	Caleb Leckrone	Aaden Reichart
Ushers					
	Barb & Bob Williams	Jenny Sanders, Shirley Kemp	Dolores & Jim Zinneman, Peggy & Allen Myers	Bill Foreman, Jim Barnhart	Steve & Mike Sabaka, Jason Leckrone, Tony Brallier
Fellowship Host	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Altar Flower Sponsor	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Chancel Flower Sponsor	Open	Open	Yoder	Open	Open
Bulletin Sponsor	Klunk	Turner	Open	Open	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. If you would like to assist with ushering duties, please call the church office at 637-2233. Volunteers are always needed. Thank you.

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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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