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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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A veteran's service

American hero Eddie Rickenbacker (1890-1973) led a life of daring and risk, from racing cars as a teen to piloting warplanes. Throughout his experiences, Rickenbacker grew in faith while discovering that "life had no meaning except in terms of helping others."

In the first issue of Guideposts magazine, Rickenbacker described spending four agonizing months of 1941 in the hospital after an accident. While recovering, he pondered life and death, concluding that he couldn't give up because he still "had work to do, others to serve."

Less than two years later, that ordeal came in handy. After crashing in the South Pacific, Rickenbacker and "seven other starving men" were adrift on a raft for 21 days. Most were "so young they needed the strength and understanding of a man who had been down in the valley of the shadow, who had suffered and made sense out of his suffering," he said. "It was clear to me that God had a purpose in keeping me alive. ... I had been saved to serve."

A challenging word

Do you not know that God entrusted you with that money — all above what buys necessities for your families — to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to help the stranger, the widow, the fatherless; and, indeed, as far as it will go, to relieve the wants of all mankind? How can you, how dare you, defraud the Lord, by applying it to any other purpose?

—from a sermon by John Wesley

Special dates

All Saints' Day, November 1, 2022
Daylight saving time ends, November 6, 2022
Veterans Day, November 11, 2022
Christ the King Sunday, November 20, 2022
Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2022
First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022



November 6

As someone born and raised in Gettysburg, November always calls to mind the Gettysburg Address, given by Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863. The occasion was the dedication of the new soldier's cemetery just a few months after the battle. As Lincoln came to Gettysburg there were still coffins piled up, ready for burial in town. Death and destruction were evident everywhere. Lincoln offered 272 words that so captured the central idea of the dedication they are still being studied, argued over, and emulated today. And these words were informed by Lincoln's study and understanding of scripture.

Lincoln, referring to the fragile Constitutional foundation of the country said, *"Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure."*

Born in 1776, the country had lived almost 100 years under the old promise, the old contract, as outlined in the Constitution. Then the war started. That promise was called into question because of the notion of individual liberty. Some felt that the Constitution promised them their individual freedom to own slaves. Others saw the notion of liberty very differently.



Like the Israelites in the wilderness, we were also wandering, but in a terrible time of civil war. The old promise was good for our previous life, but now we needed to move forward into another life, and a new promise. It parallels the movement in scripture from the Old Testament to the New Testament, old life to new life. – *that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.*

According to historians “New Birth of freedom” is the most crucial phrase in the whole speech. It encompasses the vision of that new promise. Lincoln was asking his fellow citizens to look past the darkness of the terrible conflict, to a vision of wholeness in which people would set aside some individual liberty, in exchange for the common good. He saw that action as one that offered true freedom, a new freedom, that would take us from the disastrous war into a new age as a nation. From a splintered people into a whole union.

The Apostle Paul tells us in Colossians “in Christ the fullness of God dwells.” Sadly, we have not yet learned how to live in a way that the fullness of God dwells in us. So, we are still a splintered country arguing over individual liberty. However, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has made possible redemption for the whole world. We can dedicate ourselves to the unfinished work that lies ahead. We can reorder our lives in a way that suits God's holy purpose. In essence, we can be part of a new birth of freedom that could unite the whole world. Find some inspiration for that unfinished work at the Lincoln Dedication at the Gettysburg National Cemetery on Saturday, November 19th.

The 2022 Dedication Day events will begin at 10:15 a.m., with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Soldiers' National Monument, inside Gettysburg National Cemetery, followed by the Dedication Day Program at 10:30 a.m. at the cemetery Rostrum. This event is free and open to all. Parking for the event is provided at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center in Lot #3, with free shuttle service. For more information, visit www.lincolnfellowship.org. We could use a good pep talk from Abraham Lincoln!

See you in church, Pastor Kim



Second Chance Boutique will take place from 12-5pm on Friday, November 11th and 8am-noon on Saturday, November 12th. If you have items to donate, please contact Lee Bartlett to make arrangements for drop-off or pickup. Lee can be reached at (410) 746-2945. Please, no clothing, magazines, electronics, or large furniture.

Mission & Outreach

Food Drive

Donations benefit *God's Meal Barrel*.

Some of the items most needed are listed below.

*Please remember non-perishable items only
and no institutional-sized canned goods.*

Please place filled bags in the rear of Fellowship Hall.

Canned fruits, vegetables, & soups

Toilet Paper

Dried Box Goods (Hamburger Helper, mac & cheese, etc.)

Cleaning Supplies

Mission & Outreach thanks you for your donation!

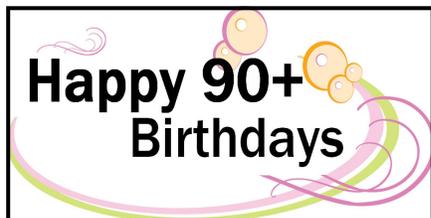


**Restock the
SHELVES**



Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
3	Beth and Rick Forry	37	19	Ann and Michael Farley	45
4	Linda and Bruce Markle	44	22	Sharon and Keith Raubenstine	42
4	Debra and Kenneth Wentz	43	22	Marcia and David Forsythe	35
4	Corrie and Jim Bankert	12	23	Barbara and Donald Rosenzweig	65
5	Denise and Bradley Geiman	28	23	Belinda and Steve Sabaka	53
9	Wendy and Ricky Cover	42	25	Patricia and William Still	55
11	Kimberly and Randy Kessler	45	28	Starlett and Eric Hood	35
13	Danielle and Larry Hagan	18			

Please contact the church office at 637-2233 if your name was omitted or you wish to make changes.



Nancy Shultz	November 17
Irene Shutts	November 28

Pot Pie Take Out

Mark the date on your calendar!

On Saturday, December 10, The Men of Trinity are sponsoring a take-out only ham & chicken pot pie dinner from 10:30 until ??

Come early to be sure you get yours!

Offering Envelopes 2023

Offering envelopes for 2023 will be available in the narthex extended beginning Sunday, December 4. The office staff would appreciate if you can pick up your envelopes and anyone else's that you might be able to deliver. The boxes are filed in alphabetical order.



November	6	13	20	27
	Communion		Reign of Christ Sunday	Adv 1
Consistory Teams	1&4	2&5	3&6	4&1
Lay Leader	Caleb Leckrone	Kay Altland	Aaden Reichart	Brittany Breighner
Altar Flower Sponsor	Open	Open	Open	Open
Chancel Flower Sponsor	Sabaka	Open	Sabaka	Open
Bulletin Sponsor	Sanders	Rhodes	Wilson	Rau

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.

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