



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

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Veterans Day Salute

After fighting in World War II, Luther Bergeland wasn't done serving his country — or his God. The Minnesota farm boy, who "came back to faith" during combat, later served for decades as a military chaplain. For his actions in the field in Korea, Bergeland was awarded the Bronze Star. Then during Vietnam, he served in the Army Reserves in Colorado, tasked with informing family members about soldiers' deaths.

Despite the challenges, Bergeland embraces the special role he was able to play for four decades, sharing Jesus and his love with countless people. "That's what we did, preaching and reaching out to people," he told a reporter. "I always liked the military very much because it just did a lot for me, and I hope I did a lot for it."

On Veterans Day, we salute Bergeland and all the men and women who selflessly serve.

In Awe of Everyday Joys

Maybe you've heard of making micro-resolutions for the new year. Similarly, health experts recommend becoming aware of — and thankful for — micro-joys we experience and encounter.

In *The Power of Awe*, Jake Eagle and Michael Amster describe the benefits of taking several brief A.W.E. breaks throughout the day:

- **A** is for Attention, as you focus on something that amazes you or seems valuable.
- **W** is for Waiting, as you pause to take a deep breath.
- **E** is for Exhaling, as you breathe out and feel joy and gratitude.

This simple practice reveals how profound the "ordinary" can be, thanks to the generosity of our extraordinary God.

November Happenings



- Nov 2 Pot Pie Sale
- Nov 3 All Saints Sunday
- Nov 3 Daylight Savings Ends
- Nov 8-9 Granny's Second Chance Boutique
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 28 Thanksgiving



Greetings to all in the name of Christ,

On my recent trip visiting family in New Orleans, I was waiting in the airport TSA inspection line and heard the jazz rendition of "When the Saints Come Marching In" over the speakers. I overheard someone further back in the line say 'I wondered how long before they start playing Mardi Gras music'. As a native New Orleanian I immediately wanted to correct the individual, but decided to stay in line and think about misconceptions regarding customs. The jazz song is actually a remake of a gospel spiritual hymn written in 1937. In New Orleans it is used as a song of celebration when departing from a jazz funeral burial. It is meant to connote that there is hope in heaven where the decedent has now gone. The lyrics also give voice to our desire to go to heaven to be with: God, our loved ones and the Christian Saints. The song has little to do with Mardi Gras, but much more to do with faith and prayer. Hear the refrain from the perspective of concluding a Jazz funeral: "Lord, I want to be in that number as the Saints go marching in" to heaven.

All Saints Day is a holy day that often brings misconceptions as it gets grouped with All Hallows Day and All Souls Day. I'll sum up what I have come to understand about each one. All Saints day was originally the day to celebrate the Christian Saints and Martyrs known and unknown by the church. But Pope Gregory III changed the date to November 1st, and included prayers for all Christians to be protected from evil. All Saints and All Hallows Day are one in the same with different names. To be hallowed is to be holy or sanctified and thus a Saint ready for Heaven. All Souls Day, November 2nd was a Catholic Holy Day to pray for the deceased who had not worked out their sins and thus remained in purgatory (a non-biblical concept of a place to hold souls not ready for heaven). The idea behind All Souls Day is to hold a special mass to pray for the sanctification of deceased sinners so they can go to heaven. The idea of purgatory is not biblical and thus a rejected concept by the Protestant Reformers who only celebrated All Saints Day to remember Christians who have died over the past year and joined the cloud of witnesses in heaven.

As modern Protestant Christians, we gather to remember those who departed over the last year and offer our prayers in the presence of our Savior as we give thanks for life, salvation, and eternal life in Christ's Heavenly Kingdom. It is a day for reflection on life and faith, sorrow and comfort, hope and promise, in light of the good news of Jesus Christ.

May All Saints Day hold a special place in the heart of your faith. And may the month of November be a time of remembering all of God's blessings to us so we may have "thankful hearts" this Thanksgiving.



Pastor Steve



All Saints Day 2024

We invite all who have lost a loved one in the past year to attend our All Saints Service on Sunday November 3rd. Please bring a framed photo of them and place it on the window ledge in the Sanctuary prior to worship so we may be surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. We also request to have a family representative who would be willing to process with a lighted votive candle and place it on the window ledge by the framed photo during the prelude. Names of members with the birth and death date will be announced during the time of remembrance. Names of non-members may be announced from the floor at a microphone stand or from the pew with portable microphone so that all may be remembered before God and the gathered body of Christ during worship.

Advent Study “Prepare The Way For the Lord”



Please plan to join us for the 2024 Advent Study to begin the first Sunday of December. It will be held after the social time on Sunday mornings in the basement Adult Sunday School Room. We will be using a book and Video Study called “Prepare The Way For The Lord: Advent And The Message of John the Baptist” by Adam Hamilton. Books are available in the church office. Each gathering will feature video recap of much of the readings to facilitate discussion. Contact the church office for more information or to obtain a book.

Joint Worship Opportunity

We invite you to worship with us, the ‘Hanover area’ United Church of Christ Congregations, for a special Thanksgiving Eve service to be held at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 27th at Grace United Church of Christ, 100 Fourth Street, Hanover. Let us join together as siblings in Christ’s body to raise grateful voices of prayer and praise for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us for abundant and faithful living. Hope to see you there!



UPCOMING *Events*

Pot Pie Take Out

Mark the date on your calendar! On Saturday, November 2, the Men of Trinity are sponsoring a take-out only chicken pot pie dinner at 10:00 am. They will be selling their pot pie at \$9 a quart and will also have pepper slaw available. Come early to be sure you get yours!



Granny's Second Chance Boutique



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Granny's Second Chance Boutique will be November 8th from 12-6, and November 9th from 8-12. A bake sale and food will be available for purchase on both days. To donate items or volunteer, please contact Lee Bartlett.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

In 2023, the Pastoral Relations Committee was reactivated, new Committee members were appointed, and we received guidance and insight into the Committee's role and responsibilities. The primary function of this Committee is to support and maintain an open and healthy relationship between the pastor and members of the congregation. We serve in two primary ways: (1) As an advisory group to the pastor and (2) as support for the pastor's leadership. As an advisory group, the Committee shares ideas, dreams, hopes, expectations, and concerns of the congregation with the pastor. As support for the pastor, the Committee interprets roles, functions, and needs of the pastor to the congregation.



After welcoming Pastor Steve in his new position at Trinity in January, 2024, the Committee began its work to help sustain open and healthy pastor-congregation relationships which will hopefully enhance the effectiveness of the Church's mission. The current Committee members include the following: Ruth Ann Leib, Sharon Goldstein, Doug Cooper, Ron Bristol, and Ellie Rebert. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of our Committee members.



LAST CALL! ACTION NEEDED!

Your picture is needed for the new pictorial directory. We are trying to wrap up this project and your picture is needed. Why? It's always good to have a face to go with a name, especially for Pastor Steve who is still learning who we are. PLEASE send a picture along with information: address, phone numbers, and emails (anything you wish to share with our congregation).

SEND TO: dbetlyon@gmail.com or morgan@trinityucchanover.org

Offering Envelopes 2025

Offering envelopes for 2025 will be available in the narthex extended beginning Sunday, December 8. 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.



Thank You for your generous donation of Jared Boxes to UPMC Hanover. These boxes will be given to pediatric patients in the Emergency Room, Same Day Surgery, and Inpatient Pediatric Units. We know they will bring a smile to the faces of many children.
 - Amy Hursh, R.N. Unit Director, Pediatrics & Maternity; Casey R.N.; Jenna Jembecki R.D. ED Unit Director; Cheryl Mallory R.N. Unit Director Perianesthesia.



To my Trinity family,

Thank you for the fellowship time recognizing my retirement as church secretary. It has been my pleasure to serve you and the church for the past 17 years. I was blessed to work with a wonderful staff and enjoyed getting to know everyone who walked through the office door. Trinity and its good folks will always hold a special place in my heart!

Sincerely,
 Betsy

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Change Service Requested



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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