



Trinity Lutheran Church

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 State College, PA 16803
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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given by Bill and Sally Adams in memory of their mothers on their December birthdays.

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Linda Leslie, Bonnie Knapp, Jerry Wion, Jim Reynolds, Kris Glad (military)

TLC FRIENDS

Edward Petersen (back surgery), Jan Dykhuis (cancer), Elton Richards (cancer), Jenny Dye, Stan Lembeck, Delores and Richard Broking, the McJanssen family, Amanda Sigman and family (cancer), Bill Sherman and family (cancer)

DEATHS

Helen Hill (Joan Kimerer's Mother)

PARK FOREST PRESCHOOL
 CRAFT KITS

Thank you to everyone who will be providing a Craft Kit for a Park Forest Preschool student. **Please be sure to bring your kit to the church by December 10 so they can be delivered to the Preschool families.**

CALLING ALL
 MUSICIANS!



If you would like to be part of the pre-worship music (vocal or instrumental) for our 8:00 Christmas Eve Service, please contact Jim Rearick or Barb Roberts.

READINGS - DECEMBER 3

Isaiah 64:1-9
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
 Mark 13:24-37

AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL TIME

During the holiday season, a social time will be held following each of the Sunday services. Please feel free to bring any goodies to share. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Woodland.

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERIES



Once again, this year, we will have Wednesday night dinners during Advent. The meal will begin at 6:00 pm followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm. A sign-up sheet for each week will be posted on the door to Fellowship Hall. A freewill offering will be received to cover the costs of the meals. Desserts are also requested. See Pastor Ron for more details.



POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS
 DUE SUNDAY!

Order forms to purchase a poinsettia to adorn our worship area on Christmas Eve are still available at this weekend's services. Both white and red poinsettias are available. The cost for a small pot with one plant is \$8.00; the large pot with two plants is \$14.50. The last day to turn in the order forms, with payment, is **this Sunday, December 3**. If you have any questions, contact Marla at 238-2024 or tlcmarla@comcast.net.

FOOD DRIVE COUNT

As of November 26, 222 food items and a \$100 Gift Card have been donated to the Holiday Food Drive.



TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 am - 9:00 pm IHS Bell Ringing at Meyer Dairy
 10:00 am Zumba
 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm Spaghetti Dinner for Hurricane Relief
 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:15 am Worship with Communion
 9:15 am Social Time
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship with Communion
 11:45 am Social Time
 12:00 pm Deeper Waters at the Movies

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:45 pm Zumba

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:00 pm Advent Meal
 7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:45 pm Zumba
 7:00 pm Bell Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 am Newcomers' Class
 10:00 am Zumba
 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:15 am Worship with Communion
 9:15 am Social Time
 9:30 am Sunday School
 9:30 am Joyful Voices
 10:45 am Worship with Communion
 11:45 am Social Time
 4:00 pm SCS Family Caroling Night

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and make you aware of his constant presence as we enter this season of Advent. The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* which is usually translated as 'arrival'. But this word also has a richer meaning that referred to the triumphal and glorious entry of a general or emperor into a city. The word Advent therefore, not only points us to the fact that our Lord Jesus has arrived at his nativity but that Jesus Christ is the Lord and king we were waiting for.

It is also important for us to remember that Jesus came to save us because he is merciful, loving, and good. Nothing forced or compelled our God in Jesus Christ to act in this way. Jesus came to save us because we cannot save ourselves. Jesus chose to take on a human body (for the purpose of giving it up later on the cross) so that we would not be swallowed by sin, death, and destruction. Jesus loves you and will not lose you.

This salvation in Jesus Christ is all we need. It is all sufficient. Because of Jesus, we do not have to worry if we are good enough or have done enough good to merit eternal life with God. The truth is on our own we would never be able to earn, merit, or deserve our life in Jesus Christ. But we do not do it on our own because at our baptism Jesus Christ has made us his own. We are not worthy but Jesus Christ makes us worthy. Jesus saves us because we can't save ourselves, and for that we should say – Thanks be to God!

So as we walk through this Advent let us all remember how blessed we are by the Lord who loves us and claims us. This is the Lord who saves us from death and brings us into his eternal life. He does this out of his mercy and goodness. When we can offer him nothing, he offers us everything. We have been blessed by the gift of Jesus. May we be led by him to be a blessing to our communities and to this world.

Have a Happy and Blessed Advent 2017
+Bishop Michael Rhyne



WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Patton Township Business Association is once again holding a Winter Clothing Drive to benefit the Burrowes Street Youth Haven, which is part of the Centre County Youth Service Bureau in State College. They're looking to collect new or gently-used winter coats, winter boots, scarves, hats and gloves. These clothes will be given to boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18.

Each year this drive helps more than 50 kids, but more coats and winter accessories are needed because so many other children come and go within their offices and shelters.

A donation box is located in the church narthex.



NEWCOMERS' CLASS

Interested in learning more about Trinity? Looking to become a member? Plan now to attend the Newcomers' Class on Saturday, December 9, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Pastor Ron will lead the class. If you want to attend or if you have questions about the class, please contact him at TLCRevRon@comcast.net, or speak to him personally.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

Every December Trinity provides a birthday party for the residents of the Assisted Living Area at The Oaks, which is our Lutheran Home in Pleasant Gap. Two dozen of iced cupcakes and prizes are needed for the party.

Prize Suggestions:

- Dollar Bills (which are the first choice of the residents)
- 500 piece Jigsaw Puzzles
- Books
- Jewelry
- Toothpaste, etc.

You may place any prizes in my mailbox. Please contact me with any questions.

~ Jean Quinn



LOVE
JUSTICE
SIMPLICITY
COMPASSION

Alternative Christmas Fair

University Baptist & Brethren Church

Sunday, December 3, 2017

11 am to 2 pm

**411 S. Burrowes St.
State College, PA 16801**

**Meet volunteers and contribute to charities
in honor of friends and family.
100% of donations go to the participating
charities:**

Alternatives in Community Justice
Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund
Bridge of Hope
Centre County PAWS
Centre LGBTQA Support Network
Centre Volunteers in Medicine
Centre Wildlife Care
CentrePeace
Church World Service
ClearWater Conservancy
Habitat for Humanity
Heifer International
Hope International Services

House of Care
Housing Transitions
Interfaith Human Services
Jana Marie Foundation
Meals on Wheels
Mid-State Literacy Council
Out of the Cold
PA Interfaith Power & Light
Park Forest Preschool
State College Food Bank
The Tides Program
Women's Resource Center
Youth Service Bureau

**Gift cards available, suitable for any holiday
Enjoy Soup/Sandwich Lunch (eat in or take out)
Children's Fair 11 am – 12 noon**

Make a difference!

Trinity's Care of Creation Group offers a great way to kick off the holiday season. Twenty-six local and national nonprofits will gather in one place for one-stop shopping!

***Fifty percent of donations to PA Interfaith Power and Light will go to
Weatherization First, to help neighbors in need reduce energy costs.***

Make donations as gifts for your family and friends and stick around for a delicious soup and sandwich lunch and dessert!

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PRESENTS

WHAT A MIGHTY DAY!

WITH

ANTHONY T. LEACH,

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

DARRIN THORNTON,

PERCUSSION

NEAL HOLTER, ELECTRIC BASS

MARY BAHNFLETH, ORGAN

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PINE GROVE MILLS

DECEMBER 1, 2017

7:30 PM

FREE ADMISSION

FREE WILL DONATIONS COLLECTED AT THE CONCERT WILL BENEFIT
INTERFAITH HUMAN SERVICES, SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED IN CEN-
TRE COUNTY AND THE MOGOSHI SCHOOL IN SOUTH AFRICA.