



Trinity Lutheran Church

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PRAYER LIST

TLC Disciples

Dan Brooks, Lorene Stitzer, Neil Kimerer, Cory Bird, Zachary Smith,
and the Family of Mike Hall

TLC Friends

Brad, Vincent, Stella, People of the Congo, Gregg, Ardee, Mike C., Tim, Jerry, Barbara,
Jean, Ron and the Family of Reverend Emil Engelman.

Readings

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 21:5-19



POINSETTIAS

ORDER FORMS ARE ON THE TABLE

Please specify red or white poinsettias, size and
"In memory of" or "In honor of",

Cost:

Small 1 plant Pot - \$10.00

Large 2 plant Pot - \$18.00

Order forms with payment included, must be returned to the
church by **NO LATER THAN Sunday, November 16th.**

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:00AM E2 REHEARSAL AND LUNCH

10:00 AM ZUMBA

5:00 PM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:15AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

10:00AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION &

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11:00AM DEEPER WATERS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

10:00AM BIBLE STUDY @ FOXDALE

6:00PM TROOP#375 MONTHLY MTG

6:15PM TROOP #375 MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

11:30AM NITTANY CONFERENCE

5:00PM BROWNIE TROOP MTG

5:45PM ZUMBA

7:00PM **NO CHOIR REHEARSAL**

7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:00 PM **TRINITY THANKSGIVING MEAL**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

5:45 PM ZUMBA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

10:00AM ZUMBA

5:00 PM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

8:15AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

10:00AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION



THANKSGIVING DINNER



Wednesday, November 19, 2025

6 pm

Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and gravy will be provided



Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert for the Buffet



A freewill offering will be received to cover costs

136

Food items have been collected so far!
Thank you!

TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN & ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

WILL YOU HELP US?

On **November 1st thru December 14th**, we will be conducting our **TOYS FOR TOTS Annual Holiday Food and Toy Drive**. This event will help **Centre County Food Pantries** to distribute food and Christmas toys.

This year, with the current government shutdown, our pantries have been pressured with extra challenges causing families to need extra care and help.

Please consider donating **unexpired, non-perishable food items, baking products, baby food, personal hygiene products, and/or cleaning supplies** so we can distribute these within our Centre County Food Pantries.

Trinity has been a big supporter for both **Toys for Tots Campaign and the Holiday Food Drive**. Gene and Donna would appreciate your help and support through these challenging economic times for low-income families.

Any questions can be directed to **Gene (814-571-4332)** or **Donna Weller(814-571-2280)**





November is National Homelessness and Food Insecurity Awareness Month

—a time to reflect on the challenges faced by our neighbors who struggle with housing and food instability, and to take action toward creating a more compassionate and equitable community.

This month, Out of the Cold is partnering with three local restaurants for Dine to Donate nights, where a percentage of the proceeds will go to Out of the Cold. We are also raising awareness of homelessness in our area by ringing bells at Walmart on the Benner Pike. We invite you to join us in raising awareness and taking action. Whether it's by volunteering to ring bells, donating supplies, preparing a meal, or making a financial contribution, your support directly helps us provide warmth, dignity, and hope to those in need. Together, we can ensure that no one in Centre County is left out in the cold.



Thursday, November 13th Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchase to Out of the Cold.

← **Must bring in this flyer**

Tuesday November 18th, Take Me to The Greek from 4:30PM to 9PM a portion of the sales will be donated to Out of the Cold. **Must bring in this flyer or mention Out of the Cold.** →



ten thousand villages™

Ten Thousand Villages is holding a fair-trade holiday sale at the University Mennonite Church
606 Norma Street, State College,
November 14, 15, and 16.

Hours for the sale are:

4 pm – 7 pm Friday, November 14

10 am – 7 pm Saturday, November 15

Noon to 4 pm on Sunday, November 16

The sale will feature gifts, home décor, jewelry and more and will be held in the church foyer.

Come out and support fair trade and get started on holiday gift shopping.

For questions contact: joelpsu82@outlook.com

OUTDOOR FALL CLEANUP Monday November 24nd

Starting at 4:00PM till?

Troup #375 and our Zumba Class will help with this necessary Autumn chore.

If you'd like to help, contact our Property Chairperson Aaron Hunt.



USED CAR AVAILABLE

The church car is available for anyone interested in acquiring it. It is a **2013 Hyundai Elandra** with 113,000 miles. It also needs to have the engine rebuilt.

If interested, contact Pastor Ron TLCRevRon@comcast.net or 814-933-8515.



The Happy Valley Business Association will be conducting their, **20th Annual Winter Clothing Drive** of new or gently used winter coats, winter boots, scarves, gloves and hats to help support the Burrowes Street Yourh Haven as part of the Centre County Youth Service Bureau (YSB) in State College (boys and girls between the ages of 12-18). Donations are being accepted through December 19th.

Note: Due to current restrictions, please only drop off items in clean or "like new" conditions. This would be much appreciated by the recipients!

Thank you,
Trevor Stark, Treasurer

Join the Tradition – The IHS Wishing Well Campaign

For over **50** years **Interfaith Human Services** has provided programs to help low-income Centre County residents become financially stable. At Trinity, we have been there to support these programs. Please sign up for a one-hour shift on:

December 9th at the Waffle Shop-West (College Avenue and Blue Course Drive

[Trinity Lutheran: Ring the Bells at The Waffle Shop - West](#)

Or

December 19th at Meyer Dairy

[Trinity Lutheran: Ring the Bells at Meyer Dairy](#)



Once again, be a part of the tradition. Come out to Ring the Bells at The Waffle Shop – West (College Ave and Blue Course Drive) on December 9th or at Meyer Dairy on December 19th. Putting the **FUN** in FUNdraising!!!

For more information contact Sue Forster at 814-876-2029 or fsue58521@gmail.com

Points to Ponder

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." *Isaiah 55:8-9*



We make lists in our house, My husband likes to plan meals and groceries. I plan excursions, even simple, daily ones. The other day was no exception. We chose to have a busy fun morning before I had a doctor's appointment so we outlined exactly how it was going to go and off we went.

The first place we stopped was closed. No problem, move on to item number 2.....also closed. Number three was the appointment but we had about an hour so we abandoned the list and pulled into Dunkin' ... not our usual haunt but better than going home.

And that is where our day got exponentially brighter. When we entered the store, we noticed an old friend, whom we hadn't seen in YEARS, breakfasting alone, buried in his phone. We ordered our drinks and promptly went over to greet him. So thrilled to see each other, we couldn't talk fast enough.

Catching up over coffee and croissants, we were loud and animated and perhaps annoying to other customers. But we got to hear about him, his wife, and all five of his children and in turn he learned about the latest adventures in the Smith home.

We had to leave before we wanted. After long hugs all around, we sprinted to the car and just made the doc appt! But how delightful that serendipitous meeting was.

My husband Rodger often says, "Man makes plans, God laughs!" God must have been chuckling that day. Look what He had in store for us. Something better than we could ever have planned ourselves. Much better than we could have anticipated

What if we had just grumbled and gone home? What if we hadn't just shrugged our shoulders and soldiered on? We would have missed a cherished reunion.

Did we ever get to do what we expected to do? No. We got something much better. God knew what we needed.

This was such a simple sign of how He blesses our lives in ways surpassing our understanding. He gives us what we do not even know we need. If we look at more serious situations where our desires are squashed, our plans are thwarted, our expectations are unmet, we have several choices on how we can handle the ensuing disappointment.

We can wallow and complain. God knows I have done that enough, especially lately. Sometimes that is the only reaction until we can begin to see more clearly.

We can try to force God's hand and react with anger Let me know if that has ever worked for you. As for me, I always end up more discouraged and often embarrassed.

Or we can try to roll with it, accepting with faith that God has this.

Two of my favorite theologians, whose works, I confess, I have only just begun to appreciate, address this within the framework of comparing expectations with anticipation.

Both C.S. Lewis and Dietrich Bonhoeffer point to expectations as stemming from a desire to control and predict. Anticipation, on the other hand, requires faith and is defined by a yearning and a willingness to "let go and let God". In *Surprised by Joy* (1955) Lewis equates anticipation with Joy and delight.

Lewis writes:

"All Joy reminds. It is never a possession, always a desire for something longer ago or further away or still 'about to be'."

Doesn't that sound so much more lovely?

The holidays are almost upon us. And don't we all have those expectations of what a perfect Thanksgiving and Christmas can be? We scurry about, often losing sight of the spirit of the holidays as we plan, cook, bake, and decorate, striving to achieve that one perfect family celebration. Under the illusion of control, we set expectations only to see them thwarted by reality.

Bonhoeffer addresses this quite eloquently when speaking about Advent

from *God Is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas* (compiled from his sermons and writings):

“Advent can be a season of waiting only for those who have learned to wait and not run away from waiting. Those who look for quick answers or visible signs miss the deeper meaning.”

Waiting with anticipation. With patience and wonder.

I admit it. I can be a control freak, as evidenced by my planning obsession. Perhaps you can relate. But how I yearn to be more focused on the wonderment that God has in store for me, which will far out shine my expectations.

As Bonhoeffer said in his Letters and Papers from Prison -

“we must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God.”

How much better our lives can be if we let go of our expectations and anticipate what God has in store for us, even in our daily lives. Just look how great that serendipitous meeting at Dunkin’ turned out for us.

May we wait with eager anticipation and great faith for the coming of the Christ Child and for whatever God plans for us.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

June 2026 marks the 60th anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church in State College.

We need individuals to help plan a celebration to commemorate this extraordinary achievement. The celebration will be on **Sunday, June 14th.**

If you are interested in planning/helping to coordinate this milestone, please contact:

Debbie Fryer - tlcoffice2@comcast.net

Brian Lewis - greywolf1949@comcast.net

or any council member by November 30th.