

January 2020 Newsletter



CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR.....

Happy New Year! I hope that your new year has gotten off to a great start. As we begin January we often feel another Christmas is over and we can pack away the decorations and begin thinking about the New Year. We seem to be in a hurry, as always, to put Christmas in a box and pack it all away in the attic or basement. We seem to be in a rush to get ready for the next holiday. However, as believers and followers of Christ, we know that Christmas is not just about one day, but it is about the journey which begins at the manger and continues as we follow the magi who followed the star. We are like the magi or Wise Men who are seeking a deeper understanding of the newborn king who will become the Savior of the world.

I am reminded of a poem by one of my favorite author's, Ann Weems, entitled **January's Song:**

*There is a rumor on the streets that Christmas is over
Lights and ornaments are packed away, trees dragged to the curb,
people back to business as usual.
We're no longer in the party MOOD; the humbugging is back in vogue.
This is January – How can Christmas be over?!
The Child is just newborn, the song of Peace & Goodwill still rings in our
ears.
The shepherds and sages still kneel to this One who is born to us...
just born to us!
How can Christmas be over? The story of the gospel is just beginning.
We who saw the Star now live in its Light,
We who saw and heard now believe.
Christmas is not over. We're just beginning to follow this One
who calls us now to live in the Light of Love.
Christmas is not over. It's just beginning and this is January's song!!*

The season of Epiphany helps to focus our thoughts on the light which has enter the world in the birth of the Christ child. If we have truly encountered Jesus born in a manger and have heard the angels sing, then our lives have been changed. And we should feel compelled to share the good news and help others to find strength and hope in the life of Christ.

Just as the Wise Men came seeking the Savior of the world, people all over the world are still seeking a Savior who will bring peace into the world. So during this season of Epiphany let us reflect on how we are to be bearers of that peace and light and spread God's message of love to all the world.

Blessings for the journey,
Pastor Narda

INSTALLATION OF NEW CONSISTORY ELDERS & DEACONS

A Service of Installation will be held during the Worship Service on January 19 for our new Elders and Deacons.

New Elders are Christopher Bobb and Tori VanReenen.

New Deacons are Laurie Hovermale (replacing Randy Cramer), Joanne Keech and Larry Little.

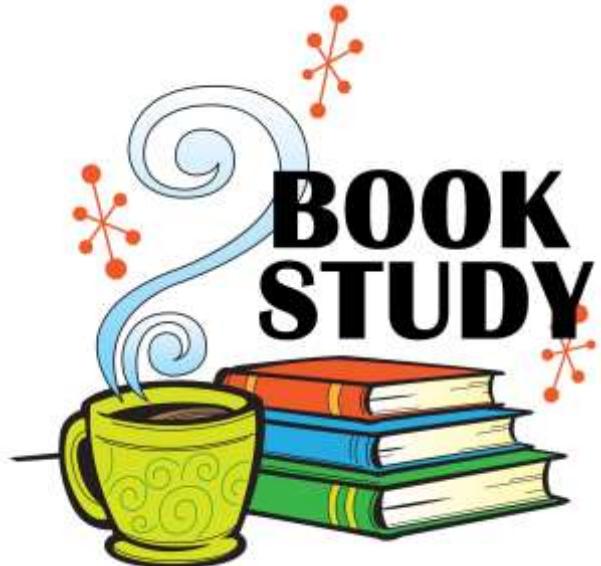
The new Consistory will meet following Worship on January 19.



WINTER BOOK STUDY BEGINNING SOON

Our lively and engaging Book Study Group is in the process of selecting the book for this winter's study, which will begin later this month.

Details will soon be announced in the Sunday bulletin, on our church website and in The Record Herald's "Things To Do" column.



Birthdays & Anniversaries in January



- 2 Arianna Taylor
- 7 Randy Cramer
- 24 Amy Dingle
- 25 Holly Berkey
- 28 Bruce & Maude Barr

Social Seniors

Social Seniors will meet Monday, January 13, in Harbaugh Hall at Trinity Waynesboro from 2 to 4 PM. The program will be Bible Jeopardy. Come and join in the fellowship with the folks from Trinity, Waynesboro and Trinity, State Line.



Calendar of Events for January

- 5 Worship 10:45 AM
- 12 Worship 10:45 AM
- 13 Social Seniors 2-4 PM
at Trinity, Waynesboro
- 19 Worship 10:45 AM
- 19 Consistory 12 PM
- 21 Silver Express Delivery 1:30 PM
- 21, 22 & 23 Winter Clergy Convocation
(Pastor Narda will be attending)
- 23 & 24 Audio/Visual System Training
(*Tentative dates*)
- 26 Worship 10:45 AM



Weight Watchers meets every
Tuesday at 6 PM
and Wednesday at 9 AM

Worship Assistants for January

- January 5:** Tony & Donna Haugh
January 12: Nevin & Sondra Monn
January 19: Donna Levick & Judy Fitz
January 26: Christopher & Christy Bobb
February 2: Ernie Fitz & Bob Benchoff



Lay Readers for January

- January 5:** Donna Haugh
January 12: Mary Lou Misner
January 19: Judy Fitz
January 26: Pastor Narda
February 2: Bob Benchoff



WANTED: *Audio/Video Engineer Trainees for Church of the Apostles new Audio/Video system.*

Training expected to take place on January 23 and 24.

Required: a willingness to learn and a desire to help make a joyful noise to the Lord.

A desire to explore your creative side is a plus. Sunday work required, and the pay is lousy [there isn't any], but the benefits are heavenly.

See Bert Hovermale for more details.

Communion Assistants

- January 5:** Tony & Donna Haugh
February 2: Ernie Fitz & Bob Benchoff



Snow & Ice will soon be here!

If a Worship Service or meeting must be cancelled...

...You will know before 8:00 a.m.

The church office will send emails and make phone calls.

If you have not been notified by 8:00 a.m. call

Pastor Narda 717-994-4614 or Mary Lou 717-749-3839 for verification.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the wonderful and meaningful gifts to me for Christmas! Your thoughtfulness and generosity is overwhelming and deeply appreciated. May your New Year be filled to overflowing with Peace, Joy, Good Health, and Love.

*Thank
you!*

I am extremely grateful to everyone who was instrumental in helping to make our worship and special times of celebrations during the Advent Season and Christmas Eve so meaningful. Thanks for saying "Yes" when asked to participate.

Blessings, Pastor Narda

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the congregation for your generous Christmas gift. God bless you all.

Jim Heefner

Thank you so much for your generous staff gift to both of us. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Dan & Linda
Ritchey

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN AT CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES!

Have you heard the good news?

We are starting a **new Woman's group** for fellowship entitled "**Spiritual Sisters**" here at Apostles. Our first gathering will be an Epiphany Party at Pastor Narda's home: 40 W. North St. in Waynesboro. So mark your calendars now for **Wednesday, January 8th, 7pm.**

All you need to bring is: **A new pair of Christmas or winter socks, filled with any items you feel we gals might need and enjoy (ex: candy, lotions, lip gloss, etc...),** but don't wrap the socks, just tie them together with ribbon at the top. The socks will serve as the wrapping.

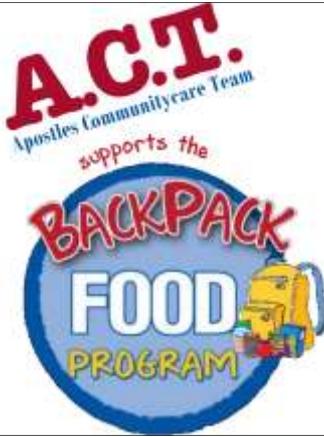
Plus, if you know another **one of our "Sisters" at Apostles who doesn't drive at night,** but would like to join us, make arrangements to **pick them up and bring them along.** Looking forward to getting together with all you sweet and special "Spiritual Sisters" for our first of many gatherings.



REMINDER to TEAM LEADERS

Please submit your 2019 Annual Report to the church office **by January 12** so Linda can have the report available by the end of January.

Christian Outreach Team News



Again this year, we are giving the Garden Produce money to Waynesboro Human Services.

Early in December, we delivered a check to them for \$392.25 to help with the Backpack food program. The check for the last quarter of the ACT fund will be delivered the week of January 6 along with our stockings off of the sock tree.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our many Outreach projects in 2019. For a small congregation, I think we should be very proud of ALL the people we have helped with our programs.

A big **THANK YOU** to **RICHARD HOVIS** for getting a donation of \$500.00 from the Eagles, Inc. for our Silver Express Food Bank.

Thank You

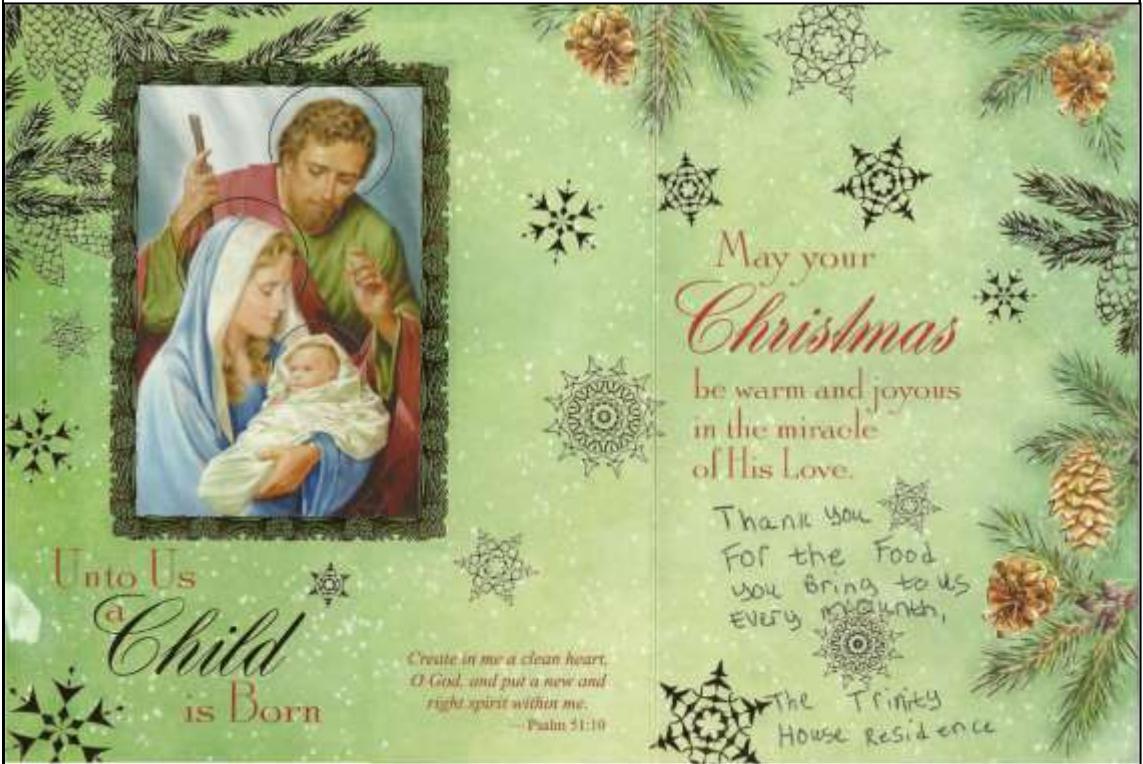
This food is delivered to residents of Trinity House the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Donations of food items can be brought to Church anytime during the month. We have a cupboard and refrigerator in the Educational wing to house these donations.

Please support these Outreach Missions

**SILVER
EXPRESS
DELIVERY**



Thank You from Trinity House



Thank You from
Waynesboro Hospital
Auxiliary

Thank you so much for
allowing us to use the
church for our annual
Waynesboro Hospital
Bake & Craft Sale.
We believe the event
was successful again this year
and is such a wonderful
way to start the holiday
season.
Again, thank you.
McFarland &
Ann O'Toole

AUDIO/VISUAL SYSTEM UPDATE

From Your Worship Team

The new audio/visual system was approved at the Church's annual meeting in October. Why isn't anything happening?

Actually, a lot has been happening, but it's all been behind the scenes. We paid a deposit to our system vendor, OneSeventeen A/V in November, which enabled them to order our new equipment. All our equipment has been ordered and received by OneSeventeen. We contracted with Decker Electric to install three new electrical outlets to power the two new video monitors and the sound board. Decker started work on December 30th. They've run into a few snags, but they will be finished before OneSeventeen A/V begins installing our new equipment on January 20th. We should be able to train on the new equipment on the 23rd and 24th. OneSeventeen will be with us during worship on January 26th to make sure everything works properly and the system is balanced for "regular Sunday" use. This is our "set and forget" mode. If all goes according to plan we should begin using the new system on Sunday, February 2nd.

How many people are going to be trained on the new system?

Five folks are signed up so far, but we can take more if anyone else is interested. See Bert Hovermale if you're interested.

So, we should expect to be dazzled during worship on February 2nd. Is that right?

No. People who go to one of those mega-churches in California might expect to be dazzled, but that's not what this system is about. It's not what this church is all about. We want to fix the issues we had with the old system and enrich our worship experience, but we still want it to be our worship experience – one we know, understand, and love.

Ok, so we're not going Hollywood. What should we expect during the early days of system implementation?

Pastor Narda has been very clear in her discussions with the Worship Team that she wants to adopt a "go slow, learn and grow" approach to the new system, particularly the video monitors. Our first priority is to make sure that we have an improved hearing assist capability for those who need it. These folks have suffered the most with the old system, and we need to make sure the new system addresses their needs.

I'm all for that. What's next?

Announcements, responses, and lyrics. Presently the congregation has to divide its attention between the chancel (the area at the front of the church), the bulletin, and the hymnals. We'll begin using the video monitors to help alleviate that requirement by posting spoken and sung responses and the words to hymns. Before church starts the monitors will list announcements.

That will be nice, but when will the video monitors actually show videos?

We'll begin showing video when we have quality, relevant content that supports the scripture readings or theme of the service. [Songs, spoken words, dramatic presentations and the like stored in a digital format and reproduced for entertainment or education are collectively called "content."] We've used this "get ready" period to research and understand our legal responsibilities regarding proper licensed use of copyrighted content. We think we have a good understanding of what we can and can't do. Rest assured the church is not going to be sued for showing a copyrighted video. We're also learning how to save files from YouTube and other internet sources. Finding good content on the internet is a lot like trying to hook one specific fish in the ocean. It's a process. We're not very good at it yet, but we're getting better. Luckily, many of our sister churches in the Mercersburg Association are already using video. We'll reach out to them and benefit from their experiences, and maybe borrow some content while we're at it.

Thanks for the update. I see that a lot has been accomplished to get ready for our new audio/visual system. Initial implementation will be primarily about the audio capability, and the video monitors will be used to alleviate the need to shuffle or juggle books and papers. I understand that more needs to be accomplished to take full advantage of the system's video capabilities.

That's it, my friend.
Until next time.





JANUARY 17-19, 2020 AT



Hartman Center
Camp, Conference and Retreat Center

PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE MEN'S RETREAT

SEASONS OF A MAN'S LIFE

RETREAT THEME:

"THE SEASONS OF A MAN'S LIFE" WILL TAKE AND
EXPLORE THE THEMES OF ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8
(TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON.)

Speakers (laymen will explore phrases of the scripture), **Workshops** (five workshops on topics suggestive of the phrases of the scripture), a **Film Festival** (The Hartman Center Cinema will have three featured films from which to choose), **Some Friendly Competition** (a corn hole Tourney); Sunday Morning Worship, and lots of fun and free time.

Cost is \$125 (includes \$5 credit card charge) or mail in your check of \$120 to
Penn Central Conference, 900 S. Arlington Ave. Rm. 224A, Harrisburg, PA 17109-5024.
In the memo indicate "Men's Retreat."

A maximum of 100 men will be able to attend.

Register on line at HartmanCenter.com

Register by 1/10/2020

YOU ARE INVITED
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BREAKFAST

Theme: A Continuous Fight for Justice
Acts 10:34-38

Hosted By
St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
Waynesboro, PA. 17268
Rev. Gwendolyn Bell, Pastor
&
The Waynesboro Area Fellowship of Churches
Rev. Gwendolyn Bell, President

Saturday, January 18, 2020

(Rain Date January 25, 2020)

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

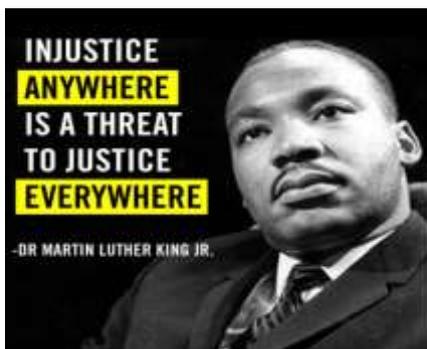
Location – Trinity UCCC

30 N. North Street

Waynesboro, PA 17268

Spoken Word Given By
Rev. Dr. Lois Waters, Pastor
Unity in Christ Church
Chambersburg, PA

For more information and RSVP contact Rev. Gwendolyn Bell at 267-454-1147.
Please note the event is free.



Trinity UCC

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Greetings from Trinity United Church of Christ,

Our Justice and Witness Ministry Team is very excited about our upcoming outreach project, and we are inviting you to participate. We understand the great need to “be there” for individuals who are experiencing any kind of harmful violence to others. Community members like friends, family, church members, coaches, teachers, employers, or co-workers are key to stopping and preventing power-based violence as they are often the main support person of the victim. Behaviors like victim-blaming, judging, or giving incorrect information, even when done with the best of intentions, can be harmful to victims and prevent them from seeking professional assistance. We have been in communication with the Women In Need (WIN) organization out of Chambersburg regarding a training session for laypersons to equip them with knowledge to be a first-line defense for victims of this kind of abuse.

On January 25, 2020 from 8am-4:30pm at Trinity United Church of Christ, 30 West North Street, Waynesboro, in Harbaugh Hall, WIN will be leading an all-day workshop called “I Believe You” Community Training, which is a part of a community campaign to build safer communities through bystander intervention. The “I Believe You” Community Training will provide the knowledge and skills to respond to power-based violence effectively through helpful, supportive responses.

The training will be free of charge, although there will be a free-will offering basket to help defray the cost of lunch and other supplies. **To sign up, please send your name(s) to this email tuccdeb@gmail.com no later than Monday January 20th.** We hope that you will share this with your congregation, so that you, too, will have a team of informed individuals who can serve in this critical capacity.

In the love of Jesus Christ,

Debra Hollen
Program Coordinator
Youth Director
Music Director
Trinity United Church of Christ
717-360-4809

I believe you.

MISSION TRIP IN JULY

The Justice & Witness Ministry Team of Trinity UCC, Waynesboro has invited anyone from Church of the Apostles to join them on their next mission trip to Deep Roots at Clairvaux Farm, near Elkton, Maryland. The dates are July 5-8, 2020.



Deep Roots serves as a homeless shelter for children and families in the community, and strives to break the generational cycle of homelessness. Also, Deep Roots offers an after-school enrichment program for children and teenagers who are residents at the Farm.

Groups do light construction and renovation chores; gardening and landscaping; and meal preparation. Often, groups also support programming for children and teenage residents.

If you have an interest in serving, let Pastor Narda know. An informational meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2020, following the worship service, at 12 noon in the Parlor at Trinity UCC.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Please forward an address change to the Church office.



January 2020

MISSION STATEMENT

We are called together to worship God, united by the Holy Spirit, and chosen as instruments of our Lord's purpose to teach, support and serve all people. We witness to the church, the community and the world by showing joy in the faith and using our talents to praise God.