



Faith & Fellowship

Trinity United Methodist Church

February, 2020

A Note From The Pastor

We are off to a great start for 2020 at Trinity Church! Our new Church Secretary, Peggy Papesh, is very nicely stepping into the responsibilities of our Office, working through hitches and learning new processes every day, such as producing this Newsletter. We welcome Peggy to our staff. In addition, on Sunday, January 19, we received Peggy and three other persons into membership of Trinity. Along with her, Phyllis Martin, Donna Metcalf and Kathy Metcalf also now locate their membership in our congregation. We rejoice in having each of these wonderful folks become a part of our life and ministry.



Very soon you will be receiving copies of our latest Directory as we update the information it holds and add the names of our newest members. In addition, we have put together our basic 2020 Calendar and will be making it available to everyone. It feels like we can say: “ready, set, go” to year 2020!

Of course, what is needed more than anything else is to have the Spirit of Christ live strongly, richly, and powerfully among us. We seek a vibrant life in which we all share. We seek an effective outreach ministry, calling others to our Worship and Life. We seek a growing ministry of Service to the community and to the world. We seek the Spirit of Christ to live among us, leading us to more that we can even imagine. Pray for this to happen.

This edition of the Newsletter leads us to Ash Wednesday on February 26. Our 7:00pm Service that night will lead us into Lent. We take the ashes on our forehead as a sign of the admission of our brokenness and receive Communion to remember that Jesus is with us. But we will also hear the call to take courageous measures to step up our life of discipleship to the one who gave his life for us. This is crucial, for only as each of us deepens our life in the spirit will all of us move together into all that 2020 opens for us as the Body of Christ.

**OUR WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY LEADS
US INTO LENT**

“God Is Calling Us to Be a ‘Peculiar People’”

**Sunday, February 2 – Holy Communion
“Practicing Prayer and Washing Dishes and
Other People’s Feet”
Scripture: John 13:1-17**

**Sunday, February 9 – “Becoming Eternal or at
Least Living In a Way that Does not Lead to
Death”
Scripture: John 17:1-9 and Romans 6:1-4, 11-
13, 20-23**

**Sunday, February 16 – “Being as Peculiar as
Jesus” All he had is all God gave him, and
Jesus gives it to us.
Scripture: John 14:5-14 and
Romans 12:1-2, 9-21**

**Sunday, February 23 – Stewardship Sunday
Dedication to the Church: Time, Talent,
Treasure, Service, and Witness
Scripture: John 17:20-23 and
Colossians 1L15-20**

**“Waffle Sunday” - Pastor David and crew will
be serving waffles following the Service...with
all the trimmings!**

**Wednesday, February 26 – Ash Wednesday
7:00PM – Service of Ashes and
Holy Communion
Ashes on Our Foreheads Mark Us as a
Peculiar People
Scripture: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 and
1Corinthians 5:20-**

**Sunday, March 1 – Pledge Sunday
Service of Holy Communion
Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11 and Genesis
2:4-9, 15-20a**

**We will all be challenged to bring our pledge
of giving to the church to the altar as we
come for Communion. Our Guide is what Je-
sus said about the Widow’s coin, the half of
his wealth given by Zachaeus, the “all that
you have” required of the Rich Ruler, and the
ancient standard of the tithe as we each seek
to respond to what the Lord is calling us to
give. Let us all be in prayer.**

“ASHES TO GO”

**Noon – 1:00PM on Ash Wednesday, February
26 at the Giant.**

**It was a wonderful experience to share
the blessing of the Ashes to persons passing
by at the Giant sidewalk on Ash Wednesday
last year. Many stopped to receive the ashes.
Some lingered to talk for a while or to take
one of the Bibles we were offering. We were
all blessed by the presence of the Lord.**

**You are invited to be apart of our
“Ashes to Go” group this year. We will meet
at Trinity at 11:30 a.m., prepare and pray, and
set up on the sidewalk of the Giant at Rolling
Road and Rt. 40. Our sign extends the invita-
tion, and the spirit will enable us to extend the
blessing of the ashes. You will never forget
the experience.**

**Speak to Pastor David, if you would like
to be in the group or sign up on the tear-off of
the bulletin on Sunday. No experience re-
quired – only the wish to share a blessing
with others. Maybe we will have some bottles
of water as well.**

SHARING LOVE WITH THOSE LIVING ON THE STREET

Many thanks to all those who donated socks, gloves, and other “keep you warm items” that were given to persons living on the street in Baltimore. Pastor David joined the team going out from John Wesley UMC on Dr. Martin Luther King Day, and in the cold and wind helped over 100 people to be a little less chilled. God’s love touching persons living without shelter.

This same team will be going out again on President’s Day, Monday, February 17. Again we will be collecting needed items: socks, gloves, hats, and this time also toiletry items. Please bring your donations to be placed in the box in our Narthex. Cash donations are also needed to purchase additional items. There is a receptacle for cash at the same place.

Also, on February 16, at our “Sharing the Love Event”, we will be making sandwiches to be given along with the other items. All are invited to this evening to make some sandwiches and enjoy the event.



Share the Love Event

A Valentine’s Evening to show some love to others.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church

2100 Westchester Avenue

410-747-5941

Come and join us as we Decorate and Fill Lunch Bags, Make Sandwiches, all to be given to people living on the street.

Plus: A Story to Live By, A sandwich for each other and Love Songs

COMMUNITY SOUP SUPPER

Saturday, February 29

3:00 pm – 6:30 pm

A warm winter supper of Three Soups and Panera Bread.

No charge – Just a Free Will Offering

Everyone is Joyously Welcome!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAYS

“GRACIOUS GIVERS”

FEBRUARY 23 AND MARCH 1

“We love because he first

loved us.” (1John 4:19)

As a very positive part of our being a part of the Trinity Church, we take opportunity each year to focus attention on our giving to the church. We call that our “Stewardship Sundays”. This year we will do this on the last Sunday of February and the first Sunday in March. On February 23, we look deeply into our response to Jesus’ love for us, shown to us in his laying down his life for us. In the light of that love, make a commitment to be his people – the Church. We have all promised to make our commitment to the Church in giving our Time, our Talent, our Treasure, our Service and our Witness. Therefore, our financial giving, while it supports the church budget and helps to meet human needs, is driven by our love and commitment to Jesus because of all he has done for us. All of this makes us not just grateful givers but also joyful givers.

On Sunday, March 1, the first Sunday in Lent, we will celebrate the joy of our giving in "Pledge Sunday". As we come to receive Communion, we will bring the card with our name on it expressing our pledged giving to the church for 2020. It will also have the opportunity to express other ways in which we would like to give our talents, time, service, and witness. As we all share in this act, we let our church know of the strength of support we can grow on in our work for this year. We also declare to ourselves and to our Lord how much it means to us that God's love for us sent his Son for our forgiveness and eternal life.

It is truly wonderful to know, that even in these turbulent and sometimes troubling times, we can know that without a doubt Jesus is always reaching out to us in his love for us. May our lives and our stewardship in the church flow forth as our genuine reflection of his love.



- 2 Donna Metcalf
- 4 Helen Conner
- 5 Joel Case
- 6 Kateri Wess
- 8 George Ward
- 9 Lee Rockenbaugh
- 12 Todd Sirasky
- 20 Jamie Dyer
- 27 Josh Galita
- 28 Preston R. Greene

3 Margaret and George Ward



November 2019 Treasurer's Report

Non-Designated Funds

General Fund	5,546.00
Hall Rental	880.00
Fund Raisers	1,279.00
Thrift Shop	869.00
Total Non-Designated Funds	8,584.00
Total Designated Funds	3,895.30
Total All Funds	12,479.30
Less Expenses	-13,372.46
Deficit For November	(893.16)

December 2019 Treasurer's Report

Non-Designated Funds

General Fund	10,395.00
Hall Rentals	880.00
Fund Raisers	485.00
Thrift Shop	746.55
Total Non-Designated Funds	12,001.55
Total Designated Funds	488.00
Total All Funds	12,994.55
Less Expenses	-18,181.88
Deficit for December	(5,187.33)

Deficit for December due to the yearly insurance premium of \$7,919.00.

Trinity UMC Church also received an initial payment of \$25,000 from the estate of Bill Clauss.



February 2020

Thrift Shop Hours: OPEN EVERY SATURDAY 9am - 1pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Isaiah Bible Study 6:30 pm	5 Isaiah Bible Study 10:00 am Panera's 7:00 pm SPRC	6	7	8
9	10 <i>UMW 11:30am</i>	11	12 7:00 Trustees	13	14 Valentines Day	15
16 F&F Articles Due 7:00 pm - Trustees 4:30 Share the Love Event	17	18 Westchester	19 6:15 Prayer 7:00 Council	20	21	22
23 Waffles Sunday	24	25 -	26 Ash Wednesday 12:00 Ashes to Go 7:00 Service	27	28	29 Community Soup Supper 3:00-6:30 pm