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The Trinity Times



November
Be present.
Let the day flow with grace.
Expect nothing. Give thanks.
Surrender. Be open.
Speak only kindness.
Impart only love.
Never forget you're not alone.
Give so you may receive.
See goodness in others.





On <u>November 7th</u> we return to Standard time and turn back clocks 1 hour at 2 am! Also, <u>November 7th</u> is *All Saints Sunday*, and a time to remember those who have gone before us in the Faith. This year will remember our loved ones who passed since last November: Marie Frey, Bill Gray, Woody Dechert, Jr., Judy Long, Sharon Yancey, Judie Kendig, and

Joanne Hansen. During the 10:30 worship service we will read the names, ring a chime, and ask family members or friends to light a candle in the loved one's honor. During the meditation of music at the Zoom Service, we will also show pictures of these members and others from our Trinity family who are no longer with us. If you are interested in viewing this *Journey of Remembrance* call 717-838-2812 for the YouTube link.

Members of Trinity are invited to attend our annual Charge Conference at 6:30 on **November 10**th at Hebron UMC.



November 11th is Veteran's Day, honoring all who served our country, past and present, in peacetime or war, wherever and whenever they were sent. God bless you, Veterans!

November 13th is **World Kindness Day!** This day encourages us to be kind to others and help create a nicer, better world. You will find kindness rubs off and generates even more kindness⊕



On *November 24th* there will be a Thanksgiving *Eve Service* at 7:00 p.m. (probably on Zoom). There will be more info closer to the date when final plans have been made following discussions about this year's service with the other downtown churches.



November 28th is the first Sunday in Advent. As in past years our Advent Services will include a time to light the Advent Candle. If you are on Zoom, you may wish to have your own "safe" advent candle ring to light or turn on. Please say yes if asked to read the "lighting" litany for a Sunday worship service.

You are invited to the Celebration of Life service for Leonard Washington, Jr. at Trinity UMC at 11am on Saturday, November 13, 2021. There will be time to visit with Family & Friends from 10-11.

Tina Washington





LISTENING CORNER...



01Gloria Clark 01.....Matt Neblock 09.....Joe Grandi 17.....Nancy Frey

19..... Kathy Zehring

22.....Joy Ellen Bastian 24.....Jill Brickley 24.....Walt Zehring 25Jack Stouffer 28.....Annika Evans

Liturgists

Zoom Service (9:15) *Live Service* (10:30) Date Rev. Rick Clark October 31 **Betsy Allwein** November 7 Carol Hollich Rev. Dr. John Carter November 14 Gloria Clark **Barbara Querry** November 21 **Pat Swartz** Dea Kishpaugh November 28 Rev. Rick Clark **Betsy Allwein**



If you are unable to serve as lay reader, please call... 717-838-2812.

November Missions

We are collecting non-perishable food items to be placed on the altar on **Harvest Home Sunday** (November 21st) for delivery to the Lebanon County Christian Ministries Food Bank. Collection Bags are available in the parlor to take and fill at home or bring your items to the church. If you have any



questions, see Dea Kishpaugh. The next time you're out shopping and see a "buy one-get one", consider donating the extra to this worthy cause!



In December, we are asking for monetary donations for the United Methodist Women's Christmas Stocking Project. Stockings are sent to nursing homes with an attached tag that identifies the name of the donating group. Checks can be sent to the church with UMW missions in the memo.



Don't forget to drop off your Redner's Receipts! Even if you don't shop at Redner's, perhaps a friend or family member does ...

Those receipts add up quickly and are an easy way to generate a little extra income for the church!





On Wednesday, October 20th many shoppers from Trinity were seen using their discount shopping pass at the 24th Annual



Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event. Your \$5 donations for shopping passes resulted in over \$200 for Trinity Mission Projects! Thanks Sally DeJesus for coordinating this great fund-raising project.

LAITY SUNDAY

Laity Sunday (held on October 17th) was a time to reflect on the ministry of the laity, knowing that without , the leadership of the people in the pews from the very beginning, we



would not be The United Methodist Church in the present. It is because of the clergy and laity partnership in ministry that the United Methodist Church will continues to lift high the cross... reaching out in ministry to the whole world. We thank Gloria Clark, Sally DeJesus, Keith Earle, George Hollich, Carol Hollich, Caroline Jacobs, Dea Kishbaugh, and Karen Neblock for assisting with this service.



Thank you to Pastor Lynn and the entire congregation for the visits, phone calls, cards and prayers.

They were certainly appreciated by Elmer and I. I know your prayers got me through this illness. It was a roller coaster ride and finally I think I am on the way to recovery.

I was overwhelmed by the cards and phone calls and offers of help. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful congregation. Thank you all again for your concern.

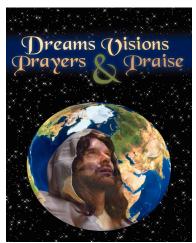
Kitty Fair



Bell Ringers Needed!

The Salvation Army is again asking local organizations for volunteers to assist in raising money to support their local programs for people in need. Trinity has agreed to provide bell ringers at the *Lebanon Farmer's Market* on Saturday, November 20 from 8:00 to 2:00. Please alert Sally DeJesus of your willingness to help in this mission project and be a bell ringer for one hour that day.

Adult Sunday School - November



We conclude our fall theme, *Celebrating God* in November with *Visions of Praise*. This month will be spent in Revelation. In the throne room scenes, where the worship by the angels, the elders, and the multitudes is united, we see how worship can change our view of reality. It is easy, in our media-saturated lives, to take what we see around us—illness, poverty, political discord, war—as all there is. When we gather in worship, however, we are reminded of the true nature of reality. No matter the suffering around us, God is on his throne watching over creation and moving us ever closer to the time when all things will be made new. On that great day he will be ultimately victorious and his justice and peace will rule over all. Join us in November as we conclude the fall theme, *Celebrating God...* ...

November 7 November 14 November 21 November 28 United in Praise God of Power Marriage of the Lamb Good News for All

Revelation 7:9–17 Revelation 11:15–19 Revelation 19:1–8 Acts 10:34–47

According to the New York Times, Americans are among the most anxious people on earth. One study found that Americans were significantly more anxious than people living in nations like Nigeria, Lebanon, and Ukraine that are among the most dangerous places in the world to live. Americans spend billions of dollars every year on anti-anxiety medications and additional millions to fund research into the causes and cures for anxiety disorders. And anxiety and depression are not limited to adults by any stretch of the imagination. Children are taking medication to deal with anxiety disorders in epidemic proportions. In 1985, 18% of college students sought counseling for anxiety and depression. In 2019 the year befor COVID... the # had surged to 41%.

This is NOT what your heavenly Father wants or desires for us. With all the chaos in our world and chaos in our country and chaos in our own lives, we must find the path that leads to the calm and peace that God promises. Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in Revelation, John says he is speaking to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right

hand of the Majesty on high. John then describes the multitude of believers gathering together before the throne to worship Him. As redeemed believers, we will be there at that celebration. We celebrate and worship God because He is in control, He brings justice in the end, and He brings those who love Him to Himself. We will stand in that huge audience praising God. However, we don't have to wait until heaven to celebrate and worship God.





In past lessons we discussed how the early church was characterized by those who put others before themselves. Jesus was the perfect example as he shared a Passover meal with his disciples. Instead of being a domineering boss, Jesus took the role of a servant. He encouraged his disciples to abide in his love! Following that example in daily life, the earliest Christians selflessly gave to fellow believers—to the point where no one lacked what was needed.

In our November lessons we will be reminded that although there was bickering, divisions, & difficulties going on in the early church... they were told to REJOICE! You may ask, "Why?" Because rejoicing TOGETHER is unifying. For a church that was divided over many things, it was imperative that they come together in worship... rejoicing! As Christians we are on the same side! It makes no sense for God's people to fight, fuss, bicker, argue, & attack each other. When God's people keep His word, there is joy & peace. Join us this month to see if lessons from the past apply to us in November of 2021...

November 7

1. In Revelation's throne room scenes, angels occasionally sit on the throne. T/F.	Revelation 7:10
2. The angels wipe away the tears of the saints. T/F.	Revelation 7:17
November 14	
1. After the "angel sounded," how many elders worshipped God? (12; 12,000; 24)	Revelation 11:16
2. The nations were and God's wrath had come.	Revelation 11:18
November 21	
1. The smoke from Babylon will rise for a thousand years. T/F.	Revelation 19:3
2. What is the bride of the Lamb pictured as wearing? (fine linen, leather, wool)	Revelation 19:8
November 28	
1. Peter taught that God accepts people who convert to the Jewish faith. T/F.	Acts 10:35
2. Peter taught that Jesus was appointed by God as what? (witness, judge, prosecutor)	Acts 10:42

MINUTES - ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING October 10, 2021 via ZOOM

Facilitator: George Hollich

Minutes: Carol Hollich (summary to appear in the November newsletter)

Attended via Zoom: Gloria Clark, Sally DeJesus, Joyce Dissinger, Mary Gruber, Pastor Lynn Hackman, Carol Hollich, George Hollich, Dea Kishpaugh, Jack Kishpaugh, Barb

Querry, Marilyn Smith, & Reba Sterner, Barb & Dave Wallett.

Housekeeping - Attendance, Approval of Past Minutes & Agenda

Devotions - Do Not Follow the Ways of the World - Isaiah 6:8

Calendar Dates that Reflect our Ministry

Unless announced differently -- other than the 10:30 In-Person Worship Service... the

9:15 Worship Service and Committee meetings will be done via ZOOM, unless other arrangements are announced.

- October 14 Staff Parish (4:30)
- October 14 Sort clothes at church (1:00)
- October 17 Laity Sunday George Hollich Preaching
- October 20 Boscov's Friends Helping Friends
- October 22 9am to 12 Noon Clothes to Go (masks required)
- November 7 All Saints Sunday/Communion (letters to the families)
- November 10 6:30 pm Charge Conference Hebron UMC (Submit reports by October 15.)
- November 11 Special Worship Team Meeting (7:00 pm on Zoom)
- November 13 11:00 am Celebration of Life Service for Leonard Washington, Jr. (masks required)
- November 19 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Clothes to Go (masks required)
- November 21 Harvest Sunday (bags of food brought in & put in front of the altar)
- November 24 Thanksgiving Eve Service TBA
- November 28 First Sunday of Advent (Christmas wreath up)
- Nov. or Dec. Salvation Army bell ringers (date TBA) (volunteers needed)
- December 5 Communion
- December 9 Worship Team
- December 12 Ad Board (1 pm via zoom)

Discussion - Current or Emerging Projects that Clarify Our Ministry

- **Bible Studies** Rev. Rick Clark's study of "Difficult Words of Jesus" is continuing on Thursday mornings at 10:30. Pastor Lynn's reading of a book will continue after a book has been decided on. The reading is on Tuesdays at 7:00.
- Communications Gloria Clark has the website up to date and posts items and worship services on Face Book,
 Instagram, and the website. She suggested making a poster that would announce our Bible Study, Book reading,
 Sunday School info, and activities (i.e. clothes to go) and post it at the library and other spots. The Trinity Times
 comes out at the end of each month.
- **LINKS** Pastor Lynn will check to see if any of the preachers are willing to get together to plan services/activities.
- Rental of Church Spaces Narcotics Anonymous is meeting in Fellowship Hall every Tuesday and Saturday.
- Return to live activities Carol Hollich will reserve Hoss's for Tuesday, November 16 for Ladies' (and Men's) lunch.
- **Clothes to Go** next sale on Friday, October 22 from 9:00 to noon. Leslie has changed the dates on the fliers and posters, Barb Querry has sent the info to the radio station and the Merchandiser, and Gloria has put it on Face Book, Instagram, and the Website. We need people to deliver the fliers to churches, businesses, etc. and people to sort the new clothes. Our next sale will be Friday, Nov. 19 from 10:00 to 1:00 (note change of time).

Highlights from Reports that Support Our Ministry

• **Finance** – Barb Querry – We have paid all bills including the conference bills. The totals are: General Fund - \$15,850.37, Money Market - \$43,158.57, and Capital Campaign - \$176,001.40. We also have the Ameriprise Financial Services Fund (from Judie Kendig) of \$239,339.61.



Ad Board Minutes cont.

- Missions Dea Kishpaugh In September we delivered 145 pounds of food and toiletries to LCCM. In November, we will have bags to fill with food for November 21st Harvest Home service. For December, we are asking for donations for the Christmas stockings for nursing homes which will be sent out the first week in December. Keep bringing in items for LCCM.
- Staff Parish Reba Sterner We asked the preacher to have more presence at the church with certain office hours and more visitation of all those in need. Rev. Rick Clark has agreed to visit members with Pastor Lynn and is sending out notes to the homebound introducing himself and asking them for their needs as far as visits, calls, and communion. Please let Rick or Lynn know if anyone needs a visit that isn't on their radar. Sally DeJesus shared results of a survey of missing members and those attending. With the comments shared, the SPR will meet on Thursday, October 14 to discuss the items and make a decision on the pastoral needs for Trinity. Call any SPR member to provide your ideas. Reba's phone number is 717-304-9549
- **Trustees** Jack Kishpaugh There are new LED lights in the church office, and the sanctuary will also be getting new lighting. Jack and David Wallett moved the back pew to leave room for the audio table that will be set up soon. They will switch the air conditioning to heat in the near future.
- Worship Team Carol Hollich The organ has been tuned and fixed and will be tuned before Christmas. We thank Dea & Jack Kishpaugh for the beautiful fall decorations throughout the church. The camera and audio work will begin on Friday, October 15. We will continue with the bread cubes and juice glasses for communion. The ushers for now are also being the greeters. Mike Querry and Keith Earle have been the ushers for now. The sermon topics for November and December have been given by Lynn. November 7 we will have All Saints Sunday remembering members who have passed away this year. There will be a short tribute to veterans on November 14 and Harvest Home will be on November 21. There will be a Thanksgiving Eve service, perhaps on Zoom. November 28 is the first Sunday of Advent, and Christmas decorations will start to appear. We are considering having a bell choir work on some music for services. Christmas Eve service will be discussed later. Update meeting is set for Thursday, November 11.
- *Education* No report
- Parish Visitor New ideas coming
- **Pastor Lynn** Pastor Lynn cares about Trinity and the people of Trinity and is willing to step down if that is what the SPR Team decides. She feels a lot of ideas have come up but no one had the passion to get them going.
- Other Ideas were brought up to use our church as a church for "elder" missions and some suggested having a youth pastor to bring in youth. Some suggested asking the young people to work on a mission project with the elder residents in the area. We also could combine some of our ideas with other downtown churches. Mary Gruber volunteered to come up with some ideas for elder mission projects and church attendance and to dwell on our strengths rather than our problems. Carol Hollich and Sally DeJesus suggested more positive comments about Trinity instead of dwelling on the negative.

3:04 Adjournment

Next Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

Wednesday, November 10^{th-} - 6:30 pm - Charge Conference @Hebron UMC Sunday, December 12, 1 pm



DISCRETIONARY FUND

Many times throughout the year the pastor is asked to help members of Trinity or the community as they go through difficult times. During days prior to Zoom, monetary gifts that were given as we approached the communion table helped to support this special fund. During the Thanksgiving season, please consider helping those in need by making a special gift marked for the "Discretionary Fund".

Trinity United Methodist Church

757 Willow Street, Lebanon, Pa. 17046

Where "Faith, Hope and Love abide to encourage all to respond to the call of Christ."

October 31, 2021 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

(The service begins at 9:15 with the fellowship area opening at 9:00.

To be a part of worship on the computer go to https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81931138855 or join by phone by dialing 1-646-876-9923 and entering 819 3113 8855 when prompted.)

Welcome Lay Leader: George Hollich

Flower basket in the sanctuary today is in honor of mother, June Crosby by Jill & Michael Brickley

Prelude

Sanctuary Prayer - Lewis

Call to Worship

- L: Come, sojourners in faith. Bring along a sense of expectancy, a vision of high hopes, a glimpse of future possibility, and a vivid imagination. For God's creation is not done
- P: We are called to pioneer a new future with God. As we venture forward, we leave behind our desires for a no-risk life, worldly accumulations, and certainty.
- L: Let us travel light in the spirit of faith and expectation toward the God of our hopes and dreams.
- P: We come along together as sojourners in faith, knowing that God goes with us and God is here now!

Hymn #61

Come Thou Almighty King

Come, thou Almighty King, Help us thy name to sing, Help us to praise! Father all glorious, O'er all victorious! Come and reign over us, Ancient of days!

Come, thou incarnate word, Gird on thy mighty sword

Our Prayer attend! Come and thy people bless,

And give thy word success, Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come holy comforter, thy sacred witness bear, in this glad hour

Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,

And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence, evermore

Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,

And to eternity love and adore!

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Lynn Hackman

Musical Meditation Pass It On Kurt Kaiser

Celebration of Gifts

Pastor Lynn Hackman

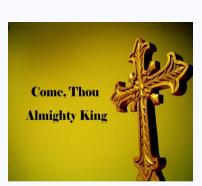
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Organist: Caroline Jacobs

Liturgist: Rev. Rick Clark

Felice de Giardini



Hymn #730

O Day of God Draw Nigh

Arr. William Crotch

JAMES 4:8

DRAW **NEAR TO**

GOD AND

HE WILL

DRAW

NEAR TO

YOU.

O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power;

come with thy timeless judgment now to match our present hour.

Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid,

the quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.

Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure, and finely build for days to come foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife thy sovereign word of peace,

That war may haunt the earth no more, and desolation cease.

O day of God, draw nigh as at creation's birth;

let there be light again, and set thy judgments on the earth.



New Testament Mark 12:28-34

Security Obsessions Sermon Pastor Lynn Hackman

Musical Meditation

Benediction Pastor Lynn Hackman

Announcements

Social Time





Sunday School Praise God for His Greatness Psalm 149: 1-5, 150





Praise God for His Greatness

Sunday School Handout - October 31

PRAISE TO GOD

(A discussion of this theme will follow the 9:15 Zoom service this week.)

Study Text: Psalm 147-150

Flash Mob

KEY VERSE: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. -Psalm 150:6a Food courts at shopping malls seem to be favorite targets of flash mobs. These

are groups of people, usually well-rehearsed, who perform a song, dance, etc., for an unsuspecting crowd. One such flash-mob appearance began in the typical way: a large crowd was eating amid the normal hubbub of a crowded food court and background music when different music began playing. The music was the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Händel's *Messiah*. A young woman holding a cell phone in the crowd stood up, as is customary during that chorus. No surprise there. But then she began singing in an operatic soprano. After her, a tenor sang. More singers joined in, then several more, and then more yet. Finally, an entire choir of professional singers, scattered throughout the court, was performing a magnificent version of that beautiful hymn of praise. Many diners recorded the unique scene on their phones. The performance was so unexpected and so beautiful that it moved some to tears. But unexpected professional performances of stirring music aren't the only opportunities to wonder in awe in sensing the presence of God. Heartfelt prayers and personally sung hymns have their place too.

A LOT OF CLATTER AND NOISE

One day in elementary music class, the teacher divided us into sections to teach us a round. Each section was to sing its own words. To make our task more challenging, we were singing as if we were violins, clarinets, trumpets, and drums. When we all sang simultaneously, it was *meant* to sound like the blending of instruments in an orchestra. Instead, we got distracted by the other parts, lost our places, and frequently dissolved into laughter. It was a noisy, happy mess. As we grow up we can lose sight of the value of outright doing. Consider the instruments in Psalm 150. There are certainly more types there than my class's "orchestra" had; we actually had only our voices. The resulting sound which some may have said *noise* was joyful noise that God wants to hear. This is not to minimize the importance of quality and giving our best to God. It is, rather, to stress our need to praise him in all contexts of life.

The Value of a Tune?

In 1984 two music producers had an idea to bring famine relief to Ethiopia. Well-known British musicians volunteered their talents, with the result that in a 24-hour recording session, the song "Do They Know It's Christmas?" came to be. It was an unexpected but tremendous success, earning millions of dollars in the first year. The message of the song resonated the world over, rousing people to action for the starving nation. In some ways, Psalm 149 begins with a similar message to believers: it is a reminder of the praise that is due to God for all the things we may take for granted. Perhaps a new song is called for because of what God is doing in your life. In what ways can your new song of praise give him the credit?

Thoughts to Consider

- 1. What are some ways to help our fellow Christians embrace new songs of worship when they always want to sing old favorites?
- 2. Thinking of the opposite of joy, what place should songs of a melancholy nature have in your church's Sunday worship?
- 3. How can psalms be of help in helping us balance "praising" vs. "asking" in our personal prayer life?

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS GREATNESS

Lesson 9, Psalms 149:1-5; 150:1-6, NIV

PRAISE GOD ANYWAY!

Consider these quotes from men and women who have discovered the value of praise in difficult times as well as in easy situations. Put an X next to the quote that most speaks to you; write a sentence at the bottom to explain why.

	"The point is not to completely understand God but to worship him. Let the very fact that you cannot know him fully lead you to praise him for his infiniteness and grandeur."
	—Francis Chan
	"When we complain about our current situation, we remain in it; when we praise God in the midst of difficulty, he raises us out of it." —Joyce Meyer
	"Praise is declaration, a victory cry, proclaiming faith to stand firm in the place God has given you. Praise is a proclamation that the enemy's intent to plunder you will not rock you. Praise declares that you will not be moved by the enemy's attempt to snatch you away." —Darlene Zschech
	"We can always find a reason to praise. Situations change for better and for worse, but God's worth never changes." —Matt Redman
	"Satan's aim is to destroy our joy and trust and delight in God, and to make God look worthless in the world's eyes. Every time someone forsakes God for the world, gets angry at God when part of the world is taken away from them, they highlight the world as valuable and every time someone stays with God, when the world is taken away, and praises God, they highlight the value and glory of God."—John Piper
	"The deepest level of worship is praising God in spite of pain, trusting him during a trial, surrendering while suffering, and loving him when he seems distant." —Rick Warren
	"In a sense, we are better prepared to praise God than the angels are, for angels have never known the joy of redemption." —David Jeremiah
Reasons	s for my choices:

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