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Trinity Topics

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Our mission is to Worship, Grow, Witness and Share through Christ's love in Service to God and Neighbor.

From the Pastor's Desk...

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

John 1:1-4, 14, 16

The day of Epiphany falls on January 6, 2024. The word "Epiphany" means a movement in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way. In the church, we celebrate January 6 in honor of the coming of the three kings to the infant Jesus Christ.

John writes about the Word (God) becoming one with us through the birth of Jesus. Through the birth of the Christ child, the light of God comes into our lives to guide us. A star filled the sky with light to guide the Wiseman to meet Jesus. Light is a central theme for our season of Epiphany that will take us through the days of January and the beginning of February. During this time the Northern Hemisphere experiences a gradual lightening of the darkest time of the year. This is an appropriate time for the church to reflect on Christ as our light and the light of God that can guide us in our daily lives.

There is an eastern European tradition where people are encouraged to take some time to pray for blessing on their homes on the day of Epiphany. A visual blessing may be inscribed with white chalk above the main door or written on a piece of paper to hang there: 20 + C M B + 24. The three letters stand for either the ancient Latin blessing "Christe mansionem benedicat" which means: "Christ, bless this house" or the legendary names of the magi (Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthasar).

Ready...Set... Grow...& Serve!

Start off the new year by joining one of these great opportunities to grow in faith & serve others. **Be sure to check out all the details found inside!**



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February Newsletter Deadline January 15

Annual Business Meeting

HIGHLIGHTS--Annual Business Meeting Minutes November 19, 2023

Call to Order: at 11:14am by Council President JoEllen Myers.

Handouts: Agenda, Ministry Spending Plan -2024, Minutes from February 26, 2023, meeting.

Establishment of a Quorum: Established by Parliamentarian, Mark Mariano. Official attendance was 39.

Approval of Minutes:

February 26, 2023: JoEllen asked if there were any questions, comments, corrections. Hearing none she asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion** by Jim Huebner, second by Susan Bianchi. **Motion approved.**

Election of Council Members for 2024: JoEllen asked if there were any nominations from the floor, and hearing none presented the following slate of nominees:

Kendra Ruhl (second 3-year term)

Ethan Ellenberger (second 3-year term)

JoEllen Myers (second 3-year term)

Jen Keeler (first 3-year term)

Will Mariano-youth (1-year term)

A motion was made by Marilyn Layman, second by Brian Link to approve the nominees. **Motion approved.**

JoEllen recognized and thanked the current Council members for their service. Also, outgoing Council member, Bob Sibert, for six years of service.

Approval of Ministry Spending Plan - 2024

JoEllen asked for comments or questions. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the Plan as presented. **Motion** made by Jim Huebner, second by MaryAnn Kilpatrick, and **approved by Congregation.**

Update/Status of Restroom renovations, HVAC replacement, Sanctuary Renewal

Chip Haak provided the following summary:

Phase 1--Main floor restroom renovations-work is complete. The ladies' restroom has been expanded to provide a new section which makes this ADA accessible. In both the restrooms, new flooring, partitions, walls, and fixtures.

Nursery-since the new restroom section took away part of the nursery area, the nursery has been moved to the library. The new nursery has been painted and an additional door added to give it two means of egress. We will be installing a TV in the nursery so occupants can watch the live stream of the worship service.

The library has moved across the hall.

Old Nursery-New Choir Room: The choir room and Alan Hair's office have been moved from the lower level of the church to the remaining area of the old nursery. Now a corner room with windows!

Phase 2--HVAC: Chip reminded the members that we have multiple HVAC systems throughout the church building and our goal is to eventually consolidate into one system powered by one source. The current project has two parts.

Replace Sanctuary A/C-now past its expected life, the air handler and compressor are being replaced. The "old choir" room has been reconfigured to accommodate this new, larger equipment.

Prep work for the future system-new duct work, vents, electric has been installed in preparation for the consolidation to one system. Most of this was through the closets and walls in the Christian Education wing.

All this work will be completed by Christmas.

Additional benefits: We cleaned out unneeded "stuff" from the old nursery, and several of the closets. The according doors in the Fellowship Hall have been removed providing additional space. The remaining area in the "old choir" room has been renovated into a "storage area."

Financial: When the Congregation approved these two projects, we estimated that our current funding would be short by about \$91,000. The actual costs have tracked closely with the estimates and because of generous donations from the Congregation, our shortfall is now around \$45,000. This will be addressed as final invoices are received and Council and Finance will determine funding as approved by the Congregation in February.

Chip reminded members that they can give to Capital Repair Fund on our website.

Sanctuary Renewal: With Phases 1 & 2 complete, we will move forward with the Sanctuary renewal (Phase 3) which includes new flooring, painting, and lighting. Chip noted that the "sanctuary lighting is critical" as it is currently functioning thanks to some "creative wiring shortcuts."

We will be gathering revised estimates, developing a funding plan and hopefully return to the Congregation in the Spring to move forward with the Sanctuary renewal.

JoEllen Myers thanked all those involved in getting these projects completed. (Property Committee, Finance, Staff)

Adjournment: Council President JoEllen Myers requested a **motion** to adjourn which was provided by Brian Link, second by Mark Mariano. **Motion approved.**

Closing Prayer: Meeting concluded at 11:34am with Pastor Brommer leading the Congregation in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Chip Haak, Council Secretary

Congregation Council News

HIGHLIGHTS--CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES November 22, 2023

Attendance:

Council Members: Pastor Brommer, Deb Brooks, Rodney Gross, Jim Huebner, Charis Mincavage, JoEllen Myers, Mark Mariano, Will Mariano, Kurt Nielsen, Kendra Ruhl.

Treasurer: Stephanie Gross **Secretary:** Chip Haak **Financial Secretary:** Denny Schwenk

The Congregation Council Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President JoEllen Myers

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Report for October was reviewed by Stephanie Gross. A five Sunday month and above average giving resulted in a Net Income of \$8,827. This reduced the Net Loss year to date to \$1,209. Stephanie noted that November giving so far has been down.

Financial Secretary's Report: The October report was included in the packet. Denny Schwenk had no additional comments.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the October 17, 2023, Council meeting were presented.

Pastor's Report: Report for October 18-November 21 was emailed to members prior to meeting.

In addition, Pastor led a women's retreat at Camp Nawakwa the weekend of November 10-12.

Correspondence: Thank you for financial donations

Love INC-\$1,000 (from Endowment allocation)

Bowman Trust-\$250 (from Endowment allocation)

Hershey Food Bank-\$1,165 (from Endowment allocation & Souper Bowl of Caring)

Ministry Teams:

Altar Guild: Minutes from November 12, 2023, meeting presented

Faith In Action: Report for November presented

Property Committee: Minutes from November 14 meeting were presented.

Unfinished Business:

Capital repair update: Restroom renovations and A/C replacement phases are complete.

Rental Properties-Rent increase: JoEllen Myers is preparing the letters to inform tenants of the increase.

New Business:

TV in Nursery: We will be consulting with A/V Solutions as to how to connect the TV in the new nursery so occupants can watch live stream of Service.

Next Council Meeting: DATE CHANGE-Thursday, December 14, 2023, via Zoom @7pm

Election of Officers for 2024.

Kurt Nielsen informed Council that he will begin his CE period in the Spring and will have to drop off Council.

We will need to find a replacement for his position on Council for the remainder of his term ending 2025.

Adjournment:

A *motion* to adjourn by Deb Brooks and second by Jim Huebner, approved by Council. The meeting concluded at 7:42pm with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by *Chip Haak*, Secretary

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It is a good tradition to begin with your family to pray for blessing in your home as a new year begins. Even if you do not display the inscription, reading of scripture and prayer is always a good habit to share as a family. You could begin by reading the verses found above from the gospel of John as you gather at the entrance to your home. A blessing and prayer can be found below.

As we gather for worship on the first Sunday in January we will pray for God to bless our worship space as we gather together in 2024. Please join us as we pray and worship together.

May your new year, 2024, be filled with great joy and peace. Our world is certainly in great need of God's message of light and hope during these dark days of pain and suffering around the globe. Please pray for our church family and the mission we share to reveal the light and love of God to those around us! May God bless you and your family always.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Cindy Brommer

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20 + C M B + 24

A New Year's Blessing for the Home

The magi of old, known as

C: Caspar,
M: Melchior, and
B: Balthasar

followed the star of God's Son who came to dwell among us

20: two thousand

24: and twenty four years ago.

+: Christ, bless this house,

+: and remain with us throughout the new year.

Prayer:

O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star.

We pray that you bless this home and all who live here with your gracious presence.

May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light and your peace our benediction;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Worship

Bulletin & Flower Sponsorships

If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers or bulletins in honor/memory of someone or a special event there are several Sundays open. Cost for flowers is \$45 for the arrangement. Please contact the church office to schedule a date(s).

For bulletins, please write the information in the book or contact the church office. The cost is \$12.50 for ½ of the bulletin and \$25.00 for the whole bulletin. If you would like to sponsor the bulletin, please call the office at 717-533-2467 or email the office at htluth@comcast.net.

ALTAR GUILD is looking for volunteers to deliver flowers. Flowers can be delivered on Sunday or Monday at your convenience. Check with the altar guild person after church or check the flower sign-up sheet to see if the flower recipient is someone living near you or if you'd be willing to deliver to them.



Delivering the altar flowers is a great way to brighten someone's day! Thanks for your help!

Holy Communion "at home"

Communion elements are available for those of you who are not able to attend in-person worship. By having these elements at home, you can share communion with us as we celebrate in the church. You can pick them up or we will bring them to your home. If you would like to receive communion elements, please contact Pastor Cindy at 717-512-4645 or the church office at htluth@comcast.net or 717- 533-2467.

READERS, GREETERS & FLOWER DELIVERERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to greet people as they come into church and deliver flowers after the service on Sunday. Readers are needed to read the 1st and 2nd reading and the Psalm. The lists are available on the bulletin board. Please sign up today or contact the church office if you would like to volunteer.



Website: www.htluth.org &
click on Facebook link.

Worship Schedule

Please join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM. Services will be in-person and livestreamed.



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church welcomes and affirms everyone seeking God's love and grace, regardless of faith background, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ability, size, class, immigration, or relationship status. We explicitly stand against hate and discrimination, as our Church community strives to continually grow and learn within the Body of Christ according to Christ's teachings. We are committed to creating and maintaining a welcoming and safe environment for all people.

GROW

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

The Adult Discussion group meets on Sundays in Room 16 at 9:00-9:45am. Please consider joining this time of learning and faith sharing. For more info, contact Kurt Nielsen who leads the weekly discussions of faith & learning.



Adult Discussion & Youth Sunday School

HTY is for everyone in grades 6 – 12

All are welcome. Bring snacks and friends.

Both are always welcomed and encouraged

Youth GROUP!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Jan. 7th – HTY Meeting 5-7 PM | Youth Group Room

Bring snacks and friends. Both are always welcomed and encouraged. Dinner will be provided. Be there for all the fun, faith, and fellowship!

Jan. 21st. Family Fellowship Sunday Bowling at Palmyra Bowling ~ 3-5 PM

Come on out for an afternoon of family fun and fellowship. We are meeting at Palmyra Bowling at 3pm, and we plan on bowling two games.

Feb. 4th | HTY Meeting 5-7 PM | Youth Group Room

Bring snacks and friends. Both are always welcomed and encouraged. Dinner will be provided. Be there for all the fun, faith, and fellowship!

Feb. 18th – Sunday – Family Fellowship Luncheon from 11:30am – 1:00pm-ish.

Come down to Fellowship Hall for a luncheon, games, table conversation, a mini-lesson, and a closing prayer. This event is for all church families and their children.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

| Date | Lesson/Scripture |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| 1/7 | Epiphany |
| 1/14 | Holy Baptism |
| 1/21 | Parable of the Good Shepherd |
| 1/28 | Parable of the Good Samaritan |

HOLY TRINITY YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS!

So far things have been pretty busy! And with the new year upon us, things will be even busier for our youth group and families. So far, we have two HTY (aka Holy Trinity Youth) nights. We meet the first Sunday of each month (normally) from 5 - 7pm in the Youth group room for fun, faith, and fellowship. At the first HTY night we had 8 youth, and 3 adults. At the second HTY Night we had 11 youth and 3 adults. I am trying hard to make HTY a place that our youth want to bring their friends too, and that is how we will grow. We are off to a super start and the youth seem to be responding well to a re-energized youth program.

My plan for Holy Trinity is to build a strong, solid, and thriving Youth Group. One that relies on each other, lifts one another up, and grows in faith through fellowship with one another. Like I said, there is lots on the calendar for this Winter/ Spring, regarding HTY, so the opportunities for growth are there.

Likewise, the Family Ministry at Holy Trinity is so important and crucial. I have been involved with several Family Fellowship Events so far. I have been a part of three Family Fellowship luncheons (running two of them). They have been an awesome time, drawing about 20 - 25 people at each one of them. Just like HTY, these provide a great faith, fun, and fellowship. In the new year families can look forward to more Family Fellowship luncheons, as well as, several Family Fellowship events that are away from the church. I am confident that these will be enjoyed equally by our families.

All and all, there are good things on the horizon. I look forward with anticipation to all the things to come.

Yours in Christ,
Peter Fox



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Faith in Action

READY, SET, SERVE!—Monday, Jan. 15, 2024

On Monday January 15th 2024, in conjunction with G2:10 Outreach, the Faith in Action committee is sponsoring an open table meal for the unhoused in south Harrisburg. We are planning to serve 60 people.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, also designated by Congress as a national day of service, is a great time for our congregation to serve our community. We have the following planned menu and are looking for monetary and actual item donations:

Pork BBQ for 50 (15 lbs) Faith in Action will purchase
60 Hamburger rolls Faith in Action will purchase
50 Individual slices of cheese Faith in Action will purchase
Potato Salad (for 50) -(15 lbs) Faith in Action will purchase
Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (50)
Baked beans for 50 (5 oz per serving)
Bananas (50)
Applesauce (30)
Fruit Cups (30)
Baked Goods, individually wrapped (150)
Assorted Miniature and Snack sized candy (50 or more)
Snack bags of chips (50 or more)
Pudding Cups (50 or more)
Granola bars (50 or more)
Hard Boiled or Deviled eggs (60)
String Cheese (60 or more)

CLOTHING ITEMS

New pairs of Socks (50 or more pairs)
Canned heat (50 or more)
Gloves (50 or more pairs)
Cash - \$\$
Full body blankets – no throws of knitted
Hand warmers

Please respond to Rodney Gross

Email: rodgross@comcast.net or 717 649-6224

If you can help with any of the following:

- ◆ Provide something not on the above lists (i.e. warm clothing or other food items)
- ◆ Make a monetary donation
- ◆ Help to prepare & serve.

Arrive Monday @ 3 PM to prepare food/supplies

Travel on Monday Eve to physically serve the meal



LET'S STAY IN CHECK!

Blood Pressure Screenings following Worship are back! Holy Trinity will offer blood pressure screenings the first Sunday of every month in the front of the sanctuary following the worship service.



**Next Scheduled Screening:
Sun. January 7**



Help Support Our Youth

A quick & easy way to help support our Youth is to purchase Giant Gift Cards! You get to match dollar for dollar of your gift card purchase toward the cost of your already expended expenses for groceries & gas too! All proceeds go to support the Youth programs.

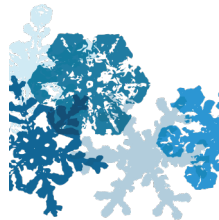


How it works: You buy a card at face value (\$25, \$50, or \$100). The Youth then will make 5% on that sale from Giant. You can then use that gift card anytime you shop at Giant stores (including gas purchases). If interested, see Nathan Paul in the Narthex after the service on Sunday.



Online Giving

To give your offering through Holy Trinity's website, snap a picture of this code with your phone and it will take you to our giving page.



January Special Offering Envelopes

There are three special offering envelopes with the January envelopes.

1) Vwawa Congregation is our companion congregation in the Konde Diocese in Tanzania. This offering allows us to help a vital and growing congregation in Tanzania. Vwawa is better off than most Konde congregations, but it is still very rustic. There is no running water and the bathrooms are just holes in the ground. They have many, many orphans due to the high mortality rate of AIDS. The money that we send is used for education, support of orphans, and support of their evangelists.

2) The Capital Repair Fund supports projects to renovate and maintain our property.

3) Love in the Name of Christ of Greater Hershey The mission of Love INC of Greater Hershey is to mobilize the church to transform lives and the community in the name of Christ. The primary ways Love INC does this are through the centralized call center or **Clearinghouse**, and their three large ministries: **The Bicycle Ministry**, which provides bicycles to children and adults; a **Personal Care Closet**, which provides personal, household, and baby basics not covered by food stamps; and **The Parsonage Ministries**, which is a free, home away from home for families of patients at the Hershey Medical Center.

Capital Repair Fund The Capital Repair Fund is used when we have major repairs to the church building. As you tithe, we encourage you to designate funding toward the Fund so that we don't need to make urgent appeals for things such as roofs or heating systems.

Financial Information November 2023*

*All figures are subject to audit pending necessary adjustments

| GIVING | 2023 | |
|--------------------------|----------|---------|
| | November | YTD |
| General Offering | 20,085 | 281,302 |
| Rental Income | 2,450 | 26,750 |
| Total General Offering * | 22,535 | 308,052 |
| Special Offerings | 210 | 6,568 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Actual * | 30,218 | 316,954 |
| Budgeted | 30,439 | 334,829 |



Many thanks to all who have contributed & faithfully commit their tithes each & every week. Your gifts to the Church throughout the year & this Christmas season are very much appreciated. These contributions help benefit the ongoing ministries & operating needs of the Church & Community.

If you would like information on VANCO electronic or automatic giving, please contact the Church office or Peg Huebner.

Annual Contribution Statements will be provided in January.



Mark Your Calendar for Holy Trinity's Intergenerational Family Retreat

When: March 8-10, 2024
Where: Schreiber Haus Lodge at Camp Kirchenwald near Mt. Gretna
Who: Anyone with a desire to retreat and get away.



Please consider joining us for this weekend away. This retreat is intended for all people who would like to get away and spend time reconnecting with family, friends and most important, God.

What can you expect if you decide to attend? We will share devotions, crafts, hiking, games, fellowship, campfire (weather permitting), faith sharing and worship...and free time to relax, replenish and regroup.

Schreiber Haus is a high comfort lodge. Each room has 2 double beds and 2 upper single bunks plus your own private bathroom with a shower.

Cost for lodging and food for the entire weekend:
Adults: \$60 per person
Youth age 10-17 attending with parents: \$10 per person
Youth age 0-9 attending with parents: FREE

(Please do not let cost stop you from attending. Scholarship money is available on a confidential basis by contacting Pastor Cindy Brommer.)

If you cannot attend for the whole weekend, that is fine. Join us for whatever time you are available, for one night or the day on Saturday. Whatever works for your family. We will gladly adjust the cost to meet your needs.

Registration forms and more information will be available in mid January on the bulletin board in the hallway near the rest rooms. Please try to register by **February 25.**

BIBLE ART JOURNALING

**Sunday, January 14
6-7:30 PM**



Meets in the Fellowship Hall (Alley entrance). Please sign up in the Narthex.

You're welcome to bring your own art supplies, or not. We have plenty to share. Please contact Colleen Nielsen (nielsen@mhsp-a.org) for more information.

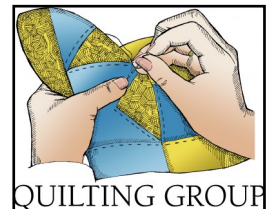
Mediating on the Word of God ♦ Take time to create with a variety of materials ♦ Enjoy fellowship in a creative setting.

QUILTING NEWS

The Quilters will begin meeting again on **the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month @ 9 AM in rooms 15 and 16.**

If you don't know how to quilt, we will teach you! If you cannot make the workshops, but have a sewing machine at home & are willing to sew quilt tops together, we will gladly supply patches for you to sew! Many thanks to all who have helped with this amazing ministry!

The quilters will meet on January 10 & 24 @ 9 AM



Share

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|----|---------------------|----|--------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Madeleine Griess | 16 | Peter Fox | 27 | Lauren Fox |
| 2 | Kenneth Day | | Michael Misceovich | | Charis Rossetti |
| | Kimberly Day | | Jared Stern | 28 | John Myers |
| | Kristofer Day | | Robert Trump | | Steve Shuey |
| | Dennis Lubold | 17 | Janice Geiling* | 31 | Barbara Brehm |
| 3 | Derek Lutes | | Edward Zaenglein | | Alice Link |
| | Kathleen Rudisill | 18 | Janet Evans | | |
| 7 | Jonathan Keeler | | Teri Hurst | | |
| | Matthew Lechleitner | 19 | William Royle | | |
| | Sharon Murray | 20 | Carole Bowman | | |
| 11 | Georgiann Jones | 21 | Gabrielle Grady | | |
| | Elaine McMillan | | Julia Hair | | |
| 12 | Drew Bankes | | Robert Homisak | | |
| 13 | Riley Curtin | | Else Nielsen | | |
| 14 | Lynn Warner | 22 | Molly Luderitz | | |
| 15 | Donna Artley | 24 | Mildred Fair* | | |
| | Renee Hoffman | 25 | Virgie King* | | |
| | Anne McQuaid | | Paislee Young | | |
| | Dennis Phillippy | 26 | Derek Dunham | | |
| | David Sassaman | | | | |

* celebrating 90+ birthday!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We celebrate our members who have reached 90+ birthdays in January:

Janice Geiling: (101)
Cards can be sent to:
Bobby Brehm
36 Holly Drive
Palmyra, PA 17078

Mildred Fair (99)
Columbia Cottage
103 North Larkspur Drive, Apt. 52
Palmyra, PA 17078

Virgie King (97)
8 Valley Road
Hummelstown, PA 17036



IT COMMUNICATION REQUEST PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNICATIONS UP TO DATE

Thank you for submitting your bulletin, newsletter & calendar updates to the Church office in a timely manner. We have recently been getting articles after the deadline causing last minute changes needing to be made to accommodate late submissions. Whenever articles are submitted, we ask that you please include Anita Housman (aahousman2@gmail.com) so that your submission can be included in both the weekly updates/communications through social channels & newsletters. **Bulletin deadline is Tuesdays (by noon); Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month. Thank you in advance for your help!**



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**CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS**
Mondays thru Thursdays
9:00 AM—2:00 PM
Fridays Staff work Remotely



2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|---|--|--------|----------|
| | 1 Office Closed | 2 Office Closed 6:00pm Scouting Pack 65- Webelos Den | 3 | 4 6:00pm Scouting- Wolf and Tiger Den | 5 | 6 |
| 7 9:00am Choir Practice 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream) 5:00pm Holy Trinity Youth Group | 8 6:00pm Scouts- Troop 65 6:30pm Susquehanna Chorale | 9 1:00pm Property Com- mittee 6:00pm Scouting Pack 65- Lion Den | 10 9:00am Quilter's Work- shop | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 9:00am Choir Practice 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream) 6:00pm Bible Journaling | 15 6:00pm Scouts- Troop 65 6:30pm Susquehanna Chorale | 16 6:00pm Scouting Pack 65- Webelos Den 7:00pm Congregation Council Zoom meeting | 17 6:30pm Scouts- Troop 65G Adult Meeting | 18 5:00pm Scouts Pack 65 Troop Meeting | 19 | 20 |
| 21 9:00am Choir Practice 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream) 3:00pm Family Fellowship- Bowling | 22 6:00pm Scouts- Troop 65 6:30pm Susquehanna Chorale | 23 6:00pm Scouting Pack 65- Lion Den | 24 9:00am Quilter's Work- shop | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 9:00am Choir Practice 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream) | 29 6:00pm Scouts- Troop 65 6:30pm Susquehanna Chorale | 30 | 31 | | | |



In Case of Weather Emergencies

Church services will be held if at all possible even when winter weather causes concern. Please know that we understand that our many volunteers may not be able to make it to church on those days. We will fill in for you if necessary but will miss your presence with us. Above all, be safe and use your good judgment to decide if you can get to church or not.

If driving is impassible or the sidewalks and streets around the church cannot be cleared, we will cancel services. In that case, watch for cancellations on the Church website or by calling the office for a recorded message.



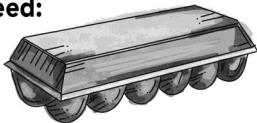
New INSIDE



Geodes look plain on the outside but contain beautiful crystals. Create these "rocks" to show how God makes us new on the inside.

What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors (and adult help)
- Epsom salt
- Plastic zippered bags (one per color of dye)
- Food coloring
- Glue
- Paintbrush



What you do:

1. Cut out the tops and bottoms of all the egg compartments so you can make 6 ball shapes.
2. In each bag, put 3 tablespoons of Epsom salt and a drop or two of food coloring. Seal and shake to mix.
3. With the paintbrush, spread glue inside two egg-carton halves. Sprinkle a spoonful of Epsom salt into those halves. Then close and shake.
4. Open your homemade geode and shake out excess salt.
5. Optional: Preserve the crystals with a coat of clear-drying glue.



HAPPY NEW YOU!

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.

JANUARY 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | God | night | word | in | love | Jesus |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| glory | therefore | speak | give | light | Christ | a |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| saw | beginning | anyone | waters | help | is | many |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| he | again | through | earth | made | while | back |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
| new | if | and | creation | | | |

- The second Monday _ _ _ _ _
- The last Monday _ _
- The 16th _ _ _ _ _
- One day before the 20th _ _
- The day before the first Friday _ _
- The last weekday of the second week _ _ _ _ _
- The day after the 20th _ _
- The day after 18th _ _
- The first day of the second weekend _
- The last Sunday _ _ _
- The last day of the month _ _ _ _ _

Answers: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.



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