

**February 2026**



# Trinity Topics



Monthly Publication of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

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



**February 18— 7:00 PM**  
**Worship with Holy Communion  
and Imposition of Ashes**

Join us on Ash Wednesday, for a service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. Lent is the 40 day season of reflection and preparation for Easter.

The purpose of repentance is the renewal of our lives, turning around and starting anew. Please consider beginning your Lenten journey in prayer and worship.

**Wednesday Evening Prayer—7:00 PM**  
**February 25 through March 25**

Join us for Evening Prayer during Lent beginning Wednesday, February 25 through Wednesday, March 25 at 7 PM. Please watch your bulletins & weekly news blasts for updates.

**All worship services, including Ash Wednesday, will be  
livestreamed.**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Sunday, February 22, 2026  
immediately following worship.

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**Forty Days of Renewal...**

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**Weekly News!**



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# Congregation Council News

## Highlights--CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES December 16, 2025

### Attendance:

**Council Members:** Pastor Pamela Carnes, Deb Brooks, Lisa Buettner, Beth Dunham, Rodney Gross, Andrew Herster, Jen Keeler, Sydney Keeler, Mark Mariano, Tess Mariano, Charis Mincavage, JoEllen Myers, Joan Rizzo, Jonice Storer  
**Treasurer:** Stephanie Gross **Secretary:** Chip Haak **Financial Secretary:** Dennis Schwenk

**Welcome to new members:** Lisa Buettner, Jonice Storer, Tess Mariano, Sydney Keeler

**Thanks to outgoing members:** Deb Brooks, Jim Huebner, Jordan Paul, Will Maiano

### I. Reports:

- a. **Treasurer's Report:** Report for November was reviewed by Stephanie Gross. Giving was average which resulted in Net Income of \$2,596. This reduced the Net Loss for the year to \$-12,025. So far December offerings have been better. Our cash-on-hand is about \$63,000.
- b. **Financial Secretary's Report:** The November report was included in the packet.
- c. **Informational:** The Executive Committee requested \$10,000 from the Endowment which was approved by the Congregation in the 2025 Ministry Spending Plan (to supplement giving).
- d. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from November 18, 2025, Council Meeting, and the Annual Business Meeting of November 23, 2025, were included in the Council packet.
- e. **Pastor Carnes Time:** Written report emailed prior to meeting.
  - i. **Vacation Time:** December 29<sup>th</sup> through January 4<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Jeffrey Compton will supply on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Frank Terhune will handle any emergencies.
- f. **Correspondence:**
  - i. Lutheran Camping Corporation: Letter from the Board of Directors that Executive Director Michael Youse will complete his service with the Lutheran Camping Corporation on December 31, 2025, after 25 years of service.
- g. **Ministry Teams:**
  1. **Faith In Action:**
    - i. Feeding the unhoused will be hosted by Holy Trinity on January 5<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. Christmas Giving Tree: Members provided 43 gift cards of \$25 each to be used by the Hershey Food Bank as Christmas gift to clients. Cash donations will also be sent via check,
  2. **Property Committee:** Minutes of December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were in the packet.
    - i. Minutes outlined the steps taken to evict the tenants from 216 Cocoa rental property for failure to pay rent and late fees for three months
      1. The Constable completed the eviction on December 9<sup>th</sup> @8:00am. [Karen Kline and Chip Haak were present]. The tenants had vacated the property the night before. Locks have been changed.
      2. The judgement against them is \$8,308.75 comprised of \$6,000 rent, \$1,900 rent late fees, \$408.75 in court costs. Chip stated that in PA you cannot garnish a person's wages so we will never recoup this money.
      3. The \$2,000 security deposit will be used to remove stuff left behind, professional cleaning, and repairs.  
(Questions & Additional Background-Contact Chip Haak)
    - ii. Glass replacement to cover the alley stained glass window-in progress.
    - iii. Recent inspection of the grouting on the church building indicated several areas which need to be repaired. Estimate: \$8,845.00 which can be taken from available money in the Capital Repair fund. Also need to consider cleaning and sealing of the grouting on the rest of the church which has not been done for over 20 years.
  - ii. **Extended Ministries:** We have used \$12,750 of the annual Endowment allocation of \$20,000. \$7,250 remaining.
1. **Recommendations from Committee and Council:**
  - i. \$5,000-Holy Trinity Capital Repair Fund
  - ii. \$750 -LoveINC
  - iii. \$1,500-Holy Trinity Youth Fund (Financial assistance for participants going on Mission Trip and National Youth Gathering)  
*A motion* to approve recommendations was made by Jen Keeler, second by Mark Mariano. Approved by Council.

### II. Unfinished Business:

- a. **Pastoral Transition Update**

- i. Opening is posted on ELCA website.
  - ii. Call Committee met with Synod on December 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss status of applications.
  - b. **Security Cameras for church and office:** Recommendation from Property Committee to approve proposal from Limited Access Fire and Security to install (6) cameras on the church property and (2) cameras on the office. The proposal, with cost estimate of \$7,880, was included in the packet and reviewed by Chip. Property Committee did review another proposal from J.A.Kolva, Inc with estimate of \$8,624.
    - i. In order to fund this project, the Executive Committee recommended that \$8,000 could be used from an anonymous grant of \$20,000 which is in the Capital Repair Fund. *A motion* by Joan Rizzo, second by Mark Mariano, to approve proposal and funding recommendation. Council approved.
  - c. **Live Stream Media desk:** Scheduled for arrival in January.
- III. New Business:**
- a. **Election of Officers and Appointments for 2026:**
    - i. The following were elected by ecclesiastical voting procedure to serve one year terms.
      1. **President:** Rodney Gross
      2. **Vice-President:** JoEllen Myers
      3. **Secretary:** Chip Haak (non-voting)
    - ii. **Election of other Officers and Appointments:**
      - Elected by Acclamation:** *A motion* by JoEllen Myers, second by Joan Rizzo. Approved by Council.
        1. **Treasurer:** Stephanie Gross
        2. **Parliamentarian:** Mark Mariano
      - Appointments:**
        3. **Financial Secretary:** Dennis Schwenk
        4. **Assistant Secretary:** Vacant
        5. **Giving Secretary:** Peg Huebner
        6. **Assistant Treasurer:** Mark Mariano
  - b. **Synod Assembly Representatives:** June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026-Need (2) members and (1) youth.

**IV. Next Council Meeting: January 20, 2026, at 7pm via Zoom**

- V. **Adjournment:** *A motion* to adjourn by Beth Dunham and second by Mark Mariano, approved by Council. The meeting concluded at 8:42pm with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by *Chip Haak*, Secretary

## Call Process Updates

The Church Council is dedicated to keeping members informed of all updates/documents that are part of the Call Process. For a complete list of updates, please visit [HERE](#) or visit the Church website at [www.htluth.org](http://www.htluth.org) and click on the "Call Process Update" link found on the home page. Alerts/updates will be posted, as appropriate, in the bulletin and/or newsletter and copies of printed documents will be available through this link. **Please continue to pray for the work of the Call Committee and its members: Nathan Paul, Jen Keeler, Derek Dunham, Artley, Ruth Gardner, Donna Artley, Ruth Gardner and Danielle Mariano.**

# ANNUAL MEETING

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING February 22, 2026

On **Sunday, February 22nd** we will hold our Congregational meeting. Your Annual Report will be distributed to you near the beginning of February. This meeting will be held in person after the 10 AM service on the 22nd. No Zoom option is available.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Agenda issues should be addressed with Council President, Rod Gross.

The schedule for the morning is as follows:

9 AM—Sunday School

10 AM—Holy Communion Worship Service

11 AM—Congregational Meeting following the service.

***The Congregation Council is interested in your ideas, suggestions and visions for our shared ministry at Holy Trinity. Please mark February 22nd on your calendars and plan to attend.***

# Financial Updates

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 Peg Huebner.

The 2025 Statements of Giving have been distributed.

**NOTE:** For those of you who have chosen to contribute using a **Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD), Donor Advised Fund (DAF), Stock Transfers or other tax advantage avenues**, these amounts are recorded as offering on your statement. Since the checks usually do not include any information about tax consequences, I rely on the member to handle any related tax reporting. These tax advantage programs are a wonderful way to make offerings to Holy Trinity and are greatly appreciated!!

—Peg Huebner

**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. Thanks for your support!



| GIVING                          | 2025          |                |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
|                                 | December      | YTD            |
| General Offering                | 58,190        | 353,903        |
| Rental Income                   | 1,400         | 31,650         |
| <b>Total General Offering *</b> | <b>59,590</b> | <b>385,553</b> |
| Special Offerings               | 1,125         | 7,726          |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                 |               |                |
| Actual*                         | 38,845        | 376,834        |
| Budgeted                        | 31,693        | 380,312        |

## February Special Offering Envelopes



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The special offering envelope for February included in all envelope packets is for Christian Churches United. Here is some information about their ministry.

Christian Churches United (CCU) is an ecumenical partnership with over 100 member churches in Dauphin, Cumberland, and Perry counties. Their goal is to provide assistance to many more people in need than one church could provide on its own.

Some of their programs include Help Ministries, Prison Action Committee, Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven, The Bridge Food Pantry and other programs where they partner with others.

Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven provides housing for homeless men with mental illness. They can always use the following items: twin size sheet sets, new pillows, pine sol cleaner, dish and laundry soap, dressers, end tables, night stands, desk lamps and table lamps and under-bed storage containers.

## 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.



Hey, All You Families: It's Family Fellowship Retreat time again!! Pick up a retreat flyer TODAY with all the registration details on the Narthex table. Hope you can join us for this awesome weekend!!



### ARE YOU REGISTERED YET??

Holy Trinity's Intergenerational Family Retreat

**When:** March 6-8, 2026  
**Where:** Camp Kirchenwald  
**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 & most important, God.

Please pick up registration information in the Narthex. For questions, contact Pete Fox.

# Worship

## Worship with Us Each Sunday!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL** for all ages begins at 9 AM  
**WORSHIP** (in person & livestream)

**10:00 AM** Worship and Holy Communion

Website: [www.htluth.org](http://www.htluth.org) & click on Facebook link.

**SERVING IN HIS NAME...**The council is encouraging and inviting those who would be willing and would like to present communion elements (wafers in the ciboria and the wine in the decanter) to please sign up. We need at least two people, and families would be welcomed to participate also. After the sharing of the peace, those presenting would go to the narthex and pick up the wafers and wine filled decanter and during the "Table Setting Song" bring them to the altar to give to the pastor or the assisting minister. If you would like to participate in the service in this way, please sign up on the sheet that is on the bulletin board in the narthex entitled Communion Presenters. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Pastor Carnes.



## Bulletin & Flower Sponsorships

If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers or bulletins in honor/memory of someone please contact the Church office. Cost for flowers is \$45 for the arrangement. There are dates available for sponsorship. Please sign up for dates on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. **2026 Dates are available.**

For bulletins, please write the information in the book in the Narthex or contact the church office. The cost is \$12.50 for 1/2 of the bulletin and \$25.00 for the whole bulletin. To sponsor the bulletin, please call the office at 717-533-2467 or email the office at [htluth@comcast.net](mailto:htluth@comcast.net).

## SERVING TOGETHER IN FAITH



**Usher Duties:** Taking attendance and updating the book, and also ushering people out of the pews for communion and collecting communion cards. If you would like to give your name to be available for ushering on Sundays, please contact Rodney Gross at (717) 649-6224

**Readers, Greeters & Flower Deliverers:** 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> lessons and the Psalm when it is spoken. The lists are available on the bulletin board. Please sign up today or contact the church office if you would like to volunteer.

## Holy Communion "at home"

Consecrated 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 consecrated communion elements, please contact Pastor Cindy or the church office at [htluth@comcast.net](mailto:htluth@comcast.net), 717- 533-2467.



**Devotionals Available:** Devotionals can be found in the Narthex. The Word in Season is scattered around the Narthex. Christ in Our Home is a large print devotional located on the hospitality desk inside the front door. Please help yourselves.

*In response to a security assessment, we have decided we will lock the alley entrance door and courtyard entrance door 5 minute after the Sunday service begins. Usher(s) will be responsible for locking the doors. The main entrance door on W. Granada Ave will remain open during the worship service.*



## Ashes to Ashes

Join us on Ash Wednesday, **February 18 @ 7 PM** for in-person and livestreamed service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. Lent is the 40 day season of reflection and preparation for Easter.

The purpose of repentance is the renewal of our lives, turning around and starting anew. Please consider beginning your Lenten journey in prayer and worship.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS--February 2026

### February 1—Epiphany 4

Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31,  
Matthew 5:1-12

### February 8—Epiphany 5

Isaiah 58:1-12,  
Psalm 112:1-10,  
1 Corinthians 2:1-16  
Matthew 5:13-20

### February 15

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2  
2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

### Ash Wednesday

**Lent Begins-February 18**  
Psalm 51, Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
Psalm 103:8-14

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### February 22—Lent 1

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-17  
Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11



# YOUTH & FAMILY CORNER

Greetings to everyone out there. 2026 is off to a great start and things are starting to get pretty busy. Things have been awesome so far this season and January was no exception. Before I move on and tell you more of what we did, I would like to take a quick opportunity to invite everyone to come out to the next HTY or one of our Fellowship events. With the advent of a new year still upon us, the time is always right to make a "new" start. That means it's the perfect time to take a chance and come out and check out what these events are all about.

HTY is our Youth Group here at Holy Trinity and it's for everyone in grades 6 - 12. HTY is open to everyone and friends are always invited and encouraged in all that we do. HTY normally meets on the first Sunday of each month from 5 - 7:30PM, and sometimes later on in the month, depending. At HTY it's all faith, fun, and fellowship. We will play lots of wacky youth group games, do group building exercises, have large and small group activities, share a meal together, and close down each HTY Night in prayer together. Likewise, the time is always right to get out to our monthly Fellowship events. Our Fellowship events normally occur on the third Sunday of each month, after church and in the afternoon time, depending on the event. Most months, we have a luncheon that starts right after church. This is an opportunity to share a meal, have conversation, play a game, and enjoy time together. Fellowship luncheons are for the whole congregation to come out and take part in. All of our Fellowship luncheons and events are a great way to get to know your fellow church brothers and sisters. Hope to see you soon.

Since we last talked a month ago, we have had one major event called Winterfest. Winterfest is a synod-wide High School age retreat that takes place the first week of January every year. This year we took 6 HTY and 3 Youth Advisors. There were around 250 people, youth and adults from around our synod at the event this year. In short, the event was blast! The theme for the weekend (like with "Alive" the Middle School event) was BETTER TOGETHER and it focused in on how we are always better when we work with others towards a common goal. This curriculum was designed to teach us that we are all one, and together we are part of something much bigger, "the body of Christ". Through active large group and conversational table groups, the theme was handled well and was very impactful to all who attended. On a personal note, this event is great because it gives me a chance to get to know the high school age HTY better, plus it gives them a chance to bond and meet other youth throughout our synod. Needless to say, a lot of friendships are made. It was an awesome weekend from start to finish.

With all this said, we are off to great start in 2026. The 1st HTY for the year is FAST approaching on Sunday, February 1st. I am expecting a great turnout and a solid beginning/continuation to the 2026 season. Our HTY is really starting to grow which is a great thing. Like I said in last month's newsletter, this year we are starting to really turn the corner with our HTY program. Our youth are excited and engaged and coming out to everything. They are bringing friends and we are starting to grow. In order to magnify this positive flow, there is a real need to do more as an HTY. Our youth want it, but it is really hard when we are only meeting once, maybe twice on some months. I would love to see more time freed up so our youth's HTY experience can be maximized. Concentrating on this ministry now is more vital than ever. We are truly in a great place to make this happen. I will end this newsletter by reiterating how excited I am for the 2026 season. There is a lot on the calendar for HTY and Fellowship this Winter and Spring. Please, do not be stranger. The time to get involved with everything is now. Like I said above, the time is always right to come out and take part in all that we have going on in HTY and our Fellowship events. Hope to see you soon. Nuff said.  
Yours in Christ,

## **Holy Trinity Youth (HTY) Grades 6 – 12 UPCOMING EVENTS**

All are welcome. Bring some friends for part of our crazy fun time together!

**February 1st– HTY Night from 5 - 7:30pm** in the Youth Group Room. HTY is for everyone in grades 6 - 12. All are welcome. Bring snacks and friends. Both are always welcomed and encouraged. Dinner will be provided. Be there for all the fun, faith, and fellowship!!

**15th – Sunday – Fellowship Luncheon from 11:30am - 1:00pm-ish.** Come down to Fellowship Hall for a luncheon, games, table conversation, and lots of fellowship. This event is for all families and their children. Hope to see you there!

### **March 6-8 2026**

Family Retreat  
Camp Kirchenwald  
(Near Mt. Gretna) - Please pick up the registration information in the Narthex

For more information on youth & family events, please contact Peter Fox at [youthyg@yahoo.com](mailto:youthyg@yahoo.com).



**Friendly reminder to ALL HTY about friends:** If you have friends who return to HTY (which is hopefully the case), or you bring friends to HTY, please try to have them fill "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Information and Medical Form" as they become fixtures in HTY. A form is needed to be on file for everyone.

# Grow



## Sunday School 2025-26

(thru May) Every Sunday @ 9 AM



- Children's Sunday School-Pre-k thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade (meets in the Sunday School room connected to the Fellowship Hall).
- Sunday School Grades 5-6 (meets in Art Studio)
- Affirmation of Baptism for Grades 7-8 (meets in the Youth Room)
- High School Bible Study for grades 9-12 (meets in Room #1)
- Adult Discussion (meets in Room #16)

### February Lessons

| Sunday  | Grades PreK-4                                     | Grades 5-6                                     | High School Bible Study  |
|---------|---|--|--|
| Feb. 1  | Jeremiah Vol. 6                                   | The Mustard Seed and Pearl Side by Side Vol. 3 |  BibleProject |
| Feb. 8  | TBD   |  |  |
| Feb. 15 | Combined Class<br>The Parables of Parables Vol. 3 |  |  |
| Feb. 24 | St. Patrick Vol. 7                                | The Parable Games Vol. 3                       |  |

### ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP



Adult Discussion Group is led by Donna Artley. The discussion in class is currently focused on a series in the Parables. Upon completion of this series, they will return to "Jesus, the

Game Changer 2 Video series: "To The Ends of the Earth" which explores how Christianity has been spread throughout the world.

### HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY: About BibleProject –

"We help people experience the Bible as a unified story that leads to Jesus. We are a nonprofit, crowdfunded organization that makes free resource like videos, podcasts, articles, and classes to help people experience the Bible in a way that is approachable and transformative. We do this by showcasing the literary art of

The Hershey Food Bank is in need of non-perishable food and paper supplies. There is a drop box next to the entrance of the Food Bank for all donations. The Food Bank is located at 120 East Derry Road in Hershey. The following items are examples of things that are needed:

- Canned vegetables: beets, mixed vegetables, corn, beans
- Progresso Chunky soups
- Applesauce (jars, not single-serve)
- Canned Pears
- Hamburger Helper meals
- Instant potatoes (Betty Crocker, Idahoan, etc...)
- Cake mixes



Thank you to everyone who has supported this very important & well needed ministry in the Community.

# Outreach Ministries

Faith in Action



## Thank you! For your donations, your time & prayers!

On Monday January 5th in conjunction with G2:10 Outreach, the Faith in Action committee sponsored a meal & served the unhoused in Harrisburg. In addition to food, clothing & other necessities were distributed. A smaller crowd than normal, (due to the extreme bitter cold conditions) approximately 20 -25 were served.

Please continue to pray for this ministry and the people being



### January PCC Needs

- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Tissues
- Paper Towels
- Baby Wipes
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
- Household Cleaner



Personal Care Closet



## Creative Devotions—February 15

(Formally Bible Art Journaling)

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church—6:00-7:30 PM**

**Meets in the High School Bible Study Classroom**

Signups are in the Narthex. Feel free to bring your own art supplies, but not necessary. We have plenty to share.

### February PCC Needs

Add to Your Shopping List!

- Tissues
- Men's Deodorant
- Laundry Pods
- Dishwasher Pods
- Household Cleaner (ex. Pine-Sol, Lysol, screw top preferred)



QUILTING GROUP

**QUILTING NEWS** The Quilters meet 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!

**February Workshops: February 11 & 25**

## CLEAN SHEETS NEEDED

The Holy Trinity quilters would appreciate the donation of clean, unstained, and hole free sheets for use on the underside of our quilts. We prefer full, queen, and king sized sheets, but can use twin sheets as well. We can use both the flat and fitted sheets. There is a basket in the narthex to receive your donations. Thank you!

## Blood Pressure Screenings

First Sunday of every month (In the front of the sanctuary following the worship service).

**Next Screening: February 1**



# GIANT

## 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 in the Narthex after service on Sunday.

# Share

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We celebrate our members who have reached 90+ birthdays in February

**Virginia Frank (Feb. 15)**

333 Dent Place NW  
Washington, DC 20007

### High School Youth on the Move!

Winterfest 2026

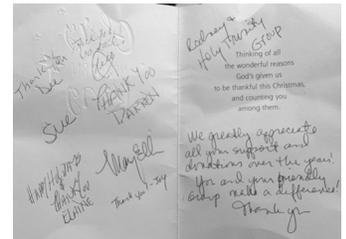


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|----|-------------------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Kelly Day                           | 16 | Judy Pluta        |
| 2  | Jeffrey Edleman                     | 18 | Douglas Knol      |
| 3  | Kayli Stern                         |    | Dana Misceovich   |
| 4  | Mackenzie Straw                     |    | Chris Phillips    |
|    | Craig Wisman                        | 19 | Sarah Dieffenbach |
| 8  | Penny Lutz                          |    | William Mariano   |
|    | Jordan Paul                         | 21 | Amanda Mikus      |
| 9  | Ruth Gardner                        | 22 | Charlotte Nielsen |
| 11 | Bonnie Rice                         |    | Nicholas Tiberie  |
| 13 | Kimberly McMenamin                  |    | Tory Young        |
|    | Ezra Smith                          | 23 | Mark Beatty       |
|    | John Smith                          |    | Pamela Saylor     |
| 14 | Carol Humphreys                     | 25 | Lynn Budgeon      |
|    | Dakota Nelson                       |    | Karen Sassaman    |
| 15 | <b>Virginia Frank* (103 years!)</b> |    | Derek Young       |
|    | <i>*celebrating 90+ birthday!</i>   | 27 | Scott Flowers     |

**2025 Giving Results**—In our 2025 annual report we will report on all the congregation’s time, talents, and treasures. Ahead of that, the Church Council having just reviewed the year-end financial statements. would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to all church members for their generous financial support throughout 2025. We had some months in the third quarter when we were in a negative income status, however in the fourth quarter you responded so that we ended the year with a Net Income of \$8,719. Your offerings have made it possible for us to continue our ministries, support our community, and further the mission of our church. Thank you from the Council for your ongoing commitment and faithfulness.



Thank you ❤️



### WELCOME LITTLE ONES!

Received into the Child/God relationship this past month:

January 11—**Abigail Mary Gansor**—Abigail is the daughter of Phillip and Andrea Gansor, sister of Owen and great-granddaughter of Barb Trump. **Mila Sophia Misceovich**. Mila is the daughter of Shane and Lauren Misceovich and granddaughter of Scott and Deborah Misceovich. Mila’s sponsors are Barry and Amie Wiestling.

January 18th—**Beau Alford-Warren Nelson**. Beau is the son of Dakota and Amy Nelson. Please hold these little ones & their families in your prayers.

Thank you from G2:10 Outreach.

### 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. When articles are submitted, please include Anita Housman so that your submission can be included in both the weekly updates/communications through social channels & newsletters ([aahousman2@gmail.com](mailto:aahousman2@gmail.com)). **Bulletin deadline is Tuesdays (by noon); Newsletter deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thank you in advance for your help!**



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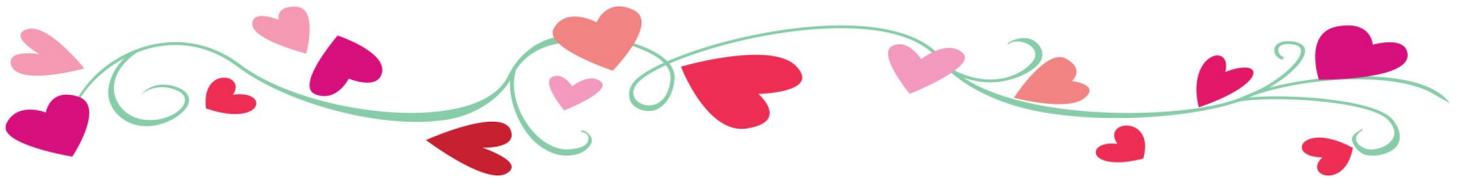
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**CHURCH  
OFFICE HOURS**  
Mondays thru Thursdays  
9 AM—3 PM

**2026**  
**FEBRUARY**

**HOLIDAY OFFICE  
HOURS**  
The Church office will be  
**CLOSED** the following days:  
February 16  
President's Day

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday                                | Friday   | Saturday                                      |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| <b>1</b><br>9:00am Choir Practice<br>9:00am Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream)<br>5:00pm HTY Night  | <b>2</b><br>4:30pm Chorale Room #16<br>6:00pm Scouting- Boys and Girls<br>6:20pm Susquehanna Chorale Sectionals<br>7:00pm Susquehanna Chorale  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b><br>5:30pm Scouting- Tigers     | <b>6</b><br>Office Closed                                  | <b>7</b>                                      |
| <b>8</b><br>9:00am Choir Practice<br>9:00am Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream)  | <b>9</b><br>4:30pm Chorale Room #16<br>5:45pm Scouting- Lions<br>6:00pm Scouting- Boys and Girls<br>7:00pm Susquehanna Chorale                 | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b><br>9:00am Quilter's Workshop                           | <b>12</b><br>6:30pm Executive Committee | <b>13</b><br>Office Closed                                 | <b>14</b>                                     |
| <b>15</b><br>9:00am Choir Practice<br>9:00am Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream)<br>11:15am Family Fellowship Luncheon<br>6:00pm Creative Devotion | <b>16</b><br>4:30pm Chorale Room #16<br>6:00pm Scouting- Boys and Girls<br>6:20pm Susquehanna Chorale Sectionals<br>7:00pm Susquehanna Chorale | <b>17</b><br>6:00pm Scouting- Bears<br>7:00pm Congregation Council Zoom meeting | <b>18</b><br>7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service                | <b>19</b>                               | <b>20</b><br>Office Closed<br>2:00pm Spaghetti Dinner Prep | <b>21</b><br>2:00pm Troop 65 Spaghetti Dinner |
| <b>22</b><br>9:00am Choir Practice<br>9:00am Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream)<br>11:15am Annual Meeting- In-person only                         | <b>23</b><br>4:30pm Chorale Room #16<br>6:00pm Scouting- Boys and Girls<br>7:00pm Susquehanna Chorale  | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b><br>9:00am Quilter's Workshop<br>7:00pm Evening Worship | <b>26</b>                               | <b>27</b><br>Office Closed                                 | <b>28</b>                                     |

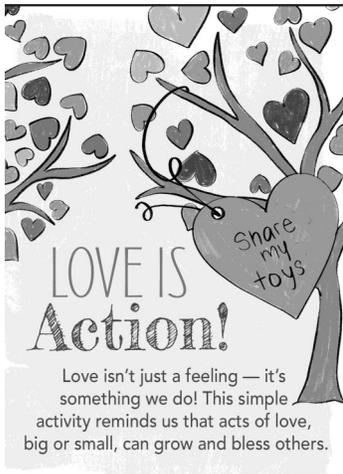


**WEATHER EMERGENCIES**

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.

**February  
Newsletter  
Deadline  
January 15**

# Kid's Corner



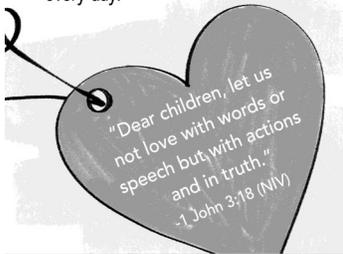
### What you need:

- Construction paper (brown for the trunk, pinks and reds for hearts)
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Markers or crayons



### What you do:

1. Cut a large tree trunk and branches out of brown paper and glue it onto a sheet of paper or poster board.
2. Use colorful paper to cut several hearts — these will be your "leaves."
3. On each heart, write loving actions like "share my toys," "pray for others," or "help clean up."
4. Glue the hearts onto the branches to create a full, love-filled tree.
5. Hang it somewhere visible as a reminder to put love into action every day!



## LOVE CODE BREAKER

Change some of the letters below to reveal this verse!

### Change:

C's to L    Z's to H    P's to R  
 J's to A    Q's to T    X's to E  
 K's to O

(The other letters stay the same.)

" L  
 C K V X    Q Z X    C K P D    Y K U P  
 G K D    W I Q Z    J C C    Y K U P  
 Z X J P Q    J N D    W I Q Z    J C C  
 Y K U P    S K U C    J N D    W I Q Z  
 J C C    Y K U P    M T N D    J N D  
 W I Q Z    J C C    Y K U P  
 S Q P X N G Q Z "

Mark 12:30

Answers: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength"



## February 8 Scout Sunday!

Holy Trinity serves as the charter organization for a Cub Scout Pack - Pack 65, and Scout Troop 65 - which has a separate Boys and Girls Troop.

Sunday, February 8th, we welcome members of the Pack and Troop who are participating in worship.

If you know a child interested in Scouting, please see Ruth Gardner for more information.



## HELP SUPPORT OUR SCOUTS! Spaghetti Dinner February 21, 2026—4:30-6:30 PM

Scout Troop 65 will be hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 22, from 4:30-6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for age 5-11, 4 and under are free.

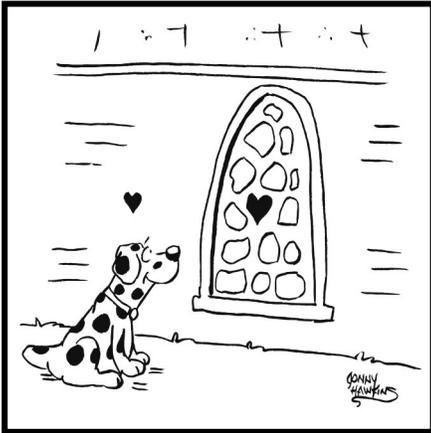
Meal includes Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, roll and drinks; desserts are available by donation.

Scouts will be selling tickets in the narthex after the service on Sunday, Feb 8, which is also Scout Sunday, or you can purchase tickets at the door.



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Altar Guild - Betsy Phillippy  
and Mary Ann Kelly

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Youth & Faith Formation—  
Danielle Mariano

Mutual Ministry—  
Camp—Rodney Gross

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