



# TRINITY REFORMED

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Monthly Newsletter

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*Hi friends,*

*Do you read this newsletter? Is the information valuable to you? Can we include something more? Do you prefer a paper or digital copy? Please call, text, email, etc. so we know that you receive it. Thanks!*

*Adrienne and Pastor Patty*

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”

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## Announcements:

**More directories have been printed!** Located on the table in the Narthex. If they are gone, you can place a note in Adrienne's mailbox or send her an email at [trucc@mountvilletrinityucc.org](mailto:trucc@mountvilletrinityucc.org)

**The 2020 flower chart has been posted!** Please indicate on the chart if flower are in memory of loved one or honoring a special occasion. Place money for flowers in an envelope labeled "Flower money."

**Offering envelopes have arrived!** They are ready to be distributed and will be on the table in the Narthex for pick-up.

### Journey to Love:

**Our Lenten Retreat will be held on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30AM-2:00Pm.** Please mark your calendars and invite a friend. If you are interested in helping to plan our retreat please contact Pastor Patty.

**On February 9<sup>th</sup> we will visit our friends at Hershey Mill Home at 1PM** with some music and a Valentine's Treat- Please plan to come! If you would be willing to provide a treat, please sign up in the Narthex and bring your treat to church next Sunday.

**Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>, we will collect the Love Offering** for the Outdoor Ministries programs at the Hartman Center.

**We are scheduled to help at the Breakfast in Columbia** on Saturday February 29<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up to help!



## February Birthdays

Ann Groff	February 13th
Rick Kaminski	February 16th
Devin Kennedy	February 17th

## February Anniversaries:

Jessica & Devin Kennedy	February 1st
Diane & Jack Fiebert	February 6th
Jane & Rick Kaminski	February 16th

## One Casserole to Rule Them All

### Ingredients:

1-10 1/2 oz. can cream chicken soup  
1-10 1/2 oz. can cheese soup  
1-10 oz. can Rotel tomatoes or diced tomatoes with chilies, undrained  
2 pounds skinless boneless chicken breasts, cut in 1" cubes  
1 cup diced green pepper  
1 cup diced onion  
1 clove garlic minced finely  
1 Tablespoon Paprika  
1 Tablespoon Chili Powder  
2 teaspoons ground cumin  
1-16oz bag Mexican blend shredded cheese, divided  
10 corn tortillas, cut or torn into quarters  
3 cups crushed corn chips

### Directions:

1. In a large bowl combine cream of chicken soup with cheese soup and canned tomatoes-mix well
2. In another bowl combine chicken, garlic, pepper, onion and spices. Mix well with spoon or spatula until everything is evenly coated
3. In a greased or non-stick casserole dish, add a layer of the chicken mixture followed by a layer of the soup mixture
4. Next, add a layer of corn tortillas followed by a layer of shredded cheese
5. Continue this layering until your casserole dish is nearly full or until you run out of ingredients.
6. In an oven preheated to 350 degrees, bake for 20 minutes
7. When done remove from oven and spread of layer of crushed corn chips on top followed by a final layer of shredded cheese
8. Bake for 10 more minutes. Allow to cool slightly and serve.

*Eileen Scion brought this to one of our covered dish events—  
it is Fabulous!!*

# Journey to Love

Join us *Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>* as we prepare our hearts to encounter Jesus! Begin the day with continental breakfast at 8:30 followed by an activity designed to help you answer the question “*When I wake up on Resurrection Sunday morning, how will I be different?*”



## A Lenten Retreat

A resource fair follows with lots of materials to help you “Journey to Love” this Lent. Make a prayer journal, collect materials to create a prayer space in your home, walk the Labyrinth, reflect on ways you will walk in love as you plan your Lenten journey.

Following lunch a session on Centering Prayer and worship will close the retreat. There is no cost for the day! Bring a friend. *Look for more information on registering for this Lenten retreat!*



As we prepare for this holy season, plan to attend our retreat on Saturday February 22 – See the previous page for more information.

### **Ash Wednesday February 26**

Noon – Service of prayer and ashes

7 pm – Worship with communion and ashes

A weekly Bible and/or book study is also being planned for Lent. More details to follow.

### **A Brief introduction to Lent**

Lent is the 40 days (Not including Sundays) beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending at Easter.

We begin the season with a cross of ashes on our forehead to be reminded of our humanity, our mortality and our sinfulness.

Forty days of this season are a reminder that after his baptism Jesus spent 40 days and nights fasting and praying in the wilderness as he prepared for his public ministry.

Traditionally, Christians have used this season for turning around and refocusing our lives on God through prayer, fasting and service. (Things we will learn about at our retreat)

The final 7 days of Lent is Holy Week which takes us into the trials of Jesus final days in Jerusalem from his joyful entry on Palm Sunday through the Last Supper, arrest, crucifixion, and resurrection.

Please prayerfully consider how you will remember and live into Lent.

Annual Congregational Meeting

**Sunday February 23**

We will receive our annual report and discuss other important news of the church!

GUILD

**TUESDAY February 4 ~  
7:00 pm**

This group is for ALL members of the church for planning fun, educational, fundraising, and

*Art & Craft Night*

Join us on Thursday February 13 6-9 pm

Bring a craft to share, or something you are working on.

Come to relax, learn something new, color or just to visit.



**Crafts**





## The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

The work continues...

In January groups met to discuss and consider the ideas which were generated by the small study groups. Here are the project and ideas from each of those meetings....

### **RADICAL HOSPITALITY**

- >We will establish a small group to increase and improve our website and social media presence. We will update the brochure.
- >We will wear our nametags and encourage others to wear them, ask greeters to help promote this.
- >We will create a handout for our fundraising events with an invitation to worship
- >We hope to increase our engagement with the LGBTQIA+ community
- >Two areas for continued conversation are childcare for multiple ages and adjustments to the upstairs restrooms making them more accessible for all.

**This group will meet again on Sunday March 1 at 1:00 pm**

### **PASSIONATE WORSHIP**

- >We will have a time of quiet centering after the announcements and before the Call to Worship. We may consider having someone other than the pastor do the announcements and have the pastor and lay reader process during the quiet time.
- >We discussed ways that the congregation might respond to or ask questions about the sermon or ask general questions.
- >We want to find ways for the congregation to participate – perhaps asking the question: Where do you experience God this week?
- >We want to have a group collaborate with the pastor collecting photos, art, video clips, non-biblical readings, etc that go with the theme of the sermon.
- >We want more visuals and experiential worship
- > We want to plan a Blue Christmas service for December 2020

\*\* Note both the Blue Christmas Service and an Animal Blessing service have been put on the 2020 calendar

**The Worship Committee will meet again on Thursday February 6 at 6:30 pm**



## **INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

This group did not meet but some of us are planning the Lenten retreat. We have also been in conversation about a book study on St Francis near the time of our Animal Blessing service and interest in small group ministry.

## **RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE**

- >We want to reinvigorate the Called to Care program. Maryanne Price will continue to lead the group.
- >We want to continue to promote and support the Columbia Food bank. We want to have a special offering..
- >We want to continue to support the breakfast at Salem in Columbia
- >We will establish a relationship with the Hershey Mill residence and visit on a regular basis with songs, crafts, etc. We will find out what their specific needs may be and how we can help. We might see if our Community Aid gift cards can be used by the residents.
- >We want to expand our prayer ministry, perhaps through social media and website. Also we are exploring a prayer "Mailbox" to be place outside the church. If people give their contact information a team will follow up after a few days.

**This group will meet again on Monday February 10 at 7:00 pm**

## **EXTRVAGANT GENEROSITY**

- >We will promote the places where we give 10% from our fundraisers in the advertising, on social media and on the sign outside the church.
- > We will look for organizations that might benefit from our fundraisers
- >We will talk to individuals who may be willing to speak about our special offerings and other outreach
- >We will ask the office to place special offering envelopes in the bulletin

**This group will meet again on Sunday February 16 at 1:00 pm**



# St. Valentine Day

Match the words to the correct pictures and complete the crossword. Then find a secret message.



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I love you



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16



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- arrow
- balloons
- broken heart
- cake
- chocolate
- Cupid
- date
- doves
- flowers
- gift
- heart
- hug
- kiss
- love
- poem
- rose
- teddy

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The secret message is Anyone can catch your eye, \_\_\_\_\_ special to catch your heart.

# VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SEARCH

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 N G O K Q T V Z L V S K M N S M Y V D S  
 L U N T L W L P B Q P J S B W E Z J W E  
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 A Q U H S X L I C S A B E R Y H C G O U

Valentine  
 Candy  
 Chocolate  
 February  
 Flowers  
 Friend

Cupid  
 Cuddle  
 Hug  
 Kiss  
 Love

Be Mine  
 Hearts  
 Card  
 Love  
 Arrow

Pink  
 Red  
 Roses  
 I Love You  
 Sweet



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