



TRINITY REFORMED

United Church of Christ

Monthly Newsletter

February 2020



S C H E D U L E

March 1 **1st Sunday in Lent**
Matthew 4: 1-11 Jesus' Temptation in the wilderness

March 8 **2nd Sunday in Lent**
John 3: 1-17 Jesus nighttime visit with Nicodemus

March 15 **3RD Sunday in Lent**
John 4: 5-42 Jesus meets a woman at the well

March 22 **4th Sunday in Lent**
John 9: 1-41 Jesus heals a man born blind

March 29 **5th Sunday in Lent**
John 11: 1-45 Jesus brings Lazarus back to life

April 5 **Palm/Passion Sunday**
Matthew 21: 1-11 Jesus enters Jerusalem
Matthew 26 & 27 Jesus is crucified

April 9 **Maundy Thursday** **6:00 pm**
We will gather around tables in the fellowship hall for a light supper and worship as we remember the Last Supper

April 10 **Good Friday** **7:00 pm**
Service remembering Jesus' crucifixion

Also remember our book study every Sunday at 1:00

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

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Announcements:

Upcoming Spaghetti Supper March 14th from 4pm to 7pm cost for Adults \$8, Children 4-up \$4, and Children 3 and under are free. Donations can be given to either Christine Macready or Gail Crissy.

*** We are in need of baked goods, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, and Salad Dressing. Sign-up sheets will be located in the Narthex to help with this event.**

During Lent we will collect change for our “Helping Hands” fund. This fund allows us to help members and friends of Trinity as well as our neighbors when there is an urgent financial need.

*Please place your change in the jar in the Narthex.

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

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.

***Tierney Elslager’s Father is celebrating his 95th birthday!** She is asking for cards to be sent to him in celebration of this special milestone.

All cards can be addressed and sent to:

**William F. Smith Sr.
400 Mill St., Apt #402
Columbia, PA 17512**



March Birthdays

March 2nd	Amanda Sheaffer
March 10th	Alice Heitmueller
March 15th	Zachary Jones
March 18th	Mary Lenox
March 19th	Dawson Cordell
March 21st	Karen Robinson
March 25th	Phyllis Cliff
March 27th	Jane Kaminski
March 29th	Donna Moore

March Anniversaries:

March 10th	Sharon & James Smaling
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TRINITY REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FEBRUARY 18, 2020 EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order by Mark

Prayer by Esther. Sharon volunteered for March meeting.

Executive Team members present: MarkCote, Sharon Smaling, Kathy Jones, Marilyn Shertzer, Esther Markey, plus Pastor Patty Dodds and George Himpsl.

Review and Approval of January 2020 Minutes. After minor corrections, Esther moved to accept and Sharon seconded approval of the January Minutes.

President's Report. Mark shared his discussion with Conference regarding the official vote for calling Pastor Patty at the February Congregational Meeting, February 23, 2020. Since Pastor Patty was going to Conference to pick up Labyrinth she volunteered to pick up the official ballots that need to be used. Mark following up on ensuring a representative would be present on February 23rd. Installation will be later. Date to be determined. Patty's Call Agreement was amended to include a Pastoral Relations Committee.

Treasurer's Report. Mark moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Esther seconded the motion.

Pastor's Report. Preparing for Lenten Retreat, Feb 22nd and Ash Wednesday, Feb 26th.

She presented Agenda for February Congregational Meeting to include:

Confidentially around prayer requests was raised and thought best discussed when TRUCC not "on Facebook." Need for permission and/or first names only.

Report on Fruitfulness Project

Name 10% donation receivers for all 10 fundraisers.

Money Jar for Helping Hands Fund

Annual Report of 2019

Looking ahead, Pastor Patty requested to take a week's vacation April 13-19.

Sexton Report. George reported that he is working on interior walls. Seeking quotes for Steeple painting. Discussed announcing that our Rummage Sale collection of items would be same as that noted by Community Aid. George will put out flyers and announce in church. Marilyn then updated everyone on our relationship with Community Aid and the availability of \$25. Cash cards for use at Community Aid by needy persons. We are eligible for \$300 in cards every three months as long as we request them quarterly. The church is also eligible now to apply for a \$5,000 grant for a mission project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: BEHAVIORAL COVENANT FOR TRUCC

Marilyn offered a proposal based on our mission statement posted on our TRUCC website combined with suggestions from a handout on "behavioral covenants for congregations." Discussion ensued whether there was a need for a specific action to resolve disputes. After consideration the group determined that based on our recent study we are being called to stretch ourselves toward love, radical hospitality and inclusion and thus offer the following proposal (Incl 1) for the congregation's consideration at the February Congregational Meeting and to be discussed and voted on at the April Meeting,

Kathy made a Motion to adjourn and Esther seconded it.

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Shertzer

**TRINITY REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

Call to Order by President Mark Cote. Mark called attention to the 2019 Annual Report and his remarks therein as well as the work of many others recorded there as well.

Fruitfulness Project – Pastor Patty shared the workings of several groups who have met so far:

Extreme Generosity Group

has decorated a glass jar for donations to Helping Hands during Lent.

Recommending 10% of each of our fundraisers go toward a charity.

Passionate Worship –Preparing Sanctuary for Ash Wednesday

Risk Taking Mission and Service

Establishing a supportive relationship with Hershey Mills

Working on making a Community Prayer Box for prayer requests from the greater community.

Supporting Call to Care

The other two groups, Radical Hospitality and Faith Development have not met yet.

Pastor Patty then asked for a list of charities that the Congregation wished to support as part of our ten fundraisers.

The following list was offered:

World Vision

Heifer Project

Church World Service in Lancaster County (helps refugees)

K Pets

Columbia Food Bank

Faith Friendship Village

Hershey Mills

Aaron's Acres (a camp for Autistic children)

Fire Department

Then Eileen Himplsl suggested we keep one opening for an emergency need. Marilyn Shertzer proposed holding the Foodbank until last since they received January's fundraiser donation so as to be used for the emergency. Then Adella Houck said any emergency could come out of the Helping Hands Fund.

Chuck Romberger raised our current missions like Mercy Home. He then suggested that the list which was now longer

than 10 go back to committee for resubmission for final approval.

Prayer Requests – Pastor Patty then raised concern about privacy when requesting prayer request during the service since we were on line and had no control over who might be listening. It was suggested to ask for permission to ask for prayer on someone's behalf and only use first names. Prayer requests can be given to Pastor Patty or put in her box, she can filter as she relays.

Good Practices – Behavioral Covenant – Pastor Patty passed out a Proposal for a TRUCC Behavioral Covenant. The congregation was asked to read and review. We will discuss and talk about it at our next congregational meeting in April. (see Covenant on next page)

VOTE TO CALL PASTOR PATTY DODDS TO BE TRUCC's Part Time Settled Pastor:

Pastor Patty offered these words from Romans 12 at her calling

“Take your life as an offering before God, as an individual and as a community, that together we share our gifts.”

Yes and No ballots were handed out.

Ballots collected on the calling of Pastor Patty Dodds to TRUCC:

YES: 48 NO: 1 TOTAL VOTES: 49

ON THAT HAPPY NOTE THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

PROPOSAL

TRUCC BEHAVIORAL COVENANT

As members of Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ, we uphold as our mission statement: TRUCC exists to render loving service toward humanity with Jesus as our example. We preach love, teach compassion and social justice and welcome all into the full life and ministry of the church.

We affirm that no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here to explore your faith, to meet new people, and to strengthen your personal relationship with God.

We further affirm that we are an Open and Affirming congregation.

In order to live and uphold our mission statement, we ask all members and participants in our faith community at Trinity Reformed UCC to agree to the following Behavioral Covenant in our sharing, worshiping, study, and work together in God's service.

- . To practice radical hospitality and inclusion.

- To be fully present, extending love and presuming welcome to and from others, through our presence, actions, and words.

- To listen generously and suspend judgment about another's story. Hold stories with care and respect. Keep confidentiality.

- To author my own story and share my own gifts

- To wonder. To welcome discomfort. To love the questions.

- To be mindful and respectful of time.

- To believe that it is possible to emerge from our time together refreshed, surprised, and less burdened than when we came.

2/23/2020

On March 22nd we will be taking an offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. One Great Hour of Sharing is one of the 5 all church offerings we take during the year.

The theme is **Invest in Futures** and the scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:5-9. It tells us we are servants in the service of God, one planting, one watering, and God being the one who grows and nurtures it all.



When we participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, we provide valuable support. Our church reaches people who suffer from emergencies, chronic poverty, and violence worldwide.

Among the support we give, water, sanitation, and adequate nutrition top the list of resources needed. Assets such as irrigation systems, wells, latrines and wash houses change peoples' lives in amazing ways. Clean water and adequate facilities improve health and gives dignity to people at the same time.

Clean water is also provided to grow better gardens. A combination of water, seeds, tools, and training on modern farming techniques produce a great harvest- leaving more money for families to live on. Lives are changed when health improves. Lives are changed when communities thrive.

What may seem like a small investment to us, yields amazing results worldwide. With water, sanitation and adequate food, children are more likely to attend school, and women, no longer searching for water, are able to earn money to contribute to their families' wellbeing and a overall health.

Stand with UCC congregations by lending a hand through support to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering! Your financial assistance will directly help people and communities affected by disaster, violence and poverty. Your financial assistance will be an investment into the lives of people and communities who need it most.

Together, we are co-workers in God's service, planting and watering seeds for God to nurture.

Thank you on behalf of the individuals and communities that will benefit directly from your support.

TRIVIA NIGHT?

With Bob Reight

Sponsored by the Guild

TUESDAY March 3 -7:00 pm

PLAN TO ATTEND AND BRING A FRIEND!

Art & Craft Night

Join us on Thursday 12 March 6-9 pm

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

Come to relax, learn something new,

Make hand stamped cards,

color or just to visit.





Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ
450 West Main Street, Mountville

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
SPAGHETTI DINNER
Saturday, March 14th

4:00 - 7:00 pm (in fellowship Hall)

Adults - **\$8.00**

Children (3-12 yrs.) - **\$4.00**

Under Age 3 - **FREE**



Featuring ...

Great Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad Bar & Beverages

Gluten Free Spaghetti also available

A Variety of Desserts for \$1.00 each

*10% of net proceeds will benefit KPETS (Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services)

Other Upcoming

Fundraisers:

Rummage Sale

April 17 & 18

Chicken barbeques:

June 6

July 18

September 19

Mark Your calendars !


**SOUP'S
ON!**

With thanks to our AWESOME cooks there is Vegetable Beef and Chicken Corn soup available for purchase in the kitchen.

A perfect meal to warm your
Body and spirit!

RUMMAGE SALE INFORMATION

From George (Keeper of the rummage room)

We appreciate and thank everyone who donates good, clean items to our rummage sales, however there are some items we cannot accept. We are using the Community aid sheet as a template, copies are available in the narthex.

WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

Infant furniture. Includes high chairs, walkers, car seats, baby swings, and booster seats. (Due to recall possibility)

Pillows (Unless new in packaging)

Tapes, CDs, DVDs that are homemade or taped from television

Furniture—upholstered and large pieces including mattresses and box springs

Miscellaneous: air conditioners, dehumidifiers, heaters, tires, weapons, gas powered tools, chemicals and cleaning supplies

If you have any questions, or need help call George Himpsl at 717-618-2261

P.S. after our sales, leftover items are donated to the following organizations:

Community Aid, Council of churches, Purple Heart, Homeless organizations and Habitat for Humanity



Bring the beauty of spring into
our sanctuary by donating
flowers for our

Easter Service

6 inch pots of

Lilies

Hyacinths

Daffodils

Tulips



Easter Flowers

\$7.00 each

Order forms are in the narthex.

Orders due by March 21

Please give put your money and order form in the
offering plate or give it to Kathy Brown.



HARTMAN CENTER 2020 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

In Memory of Rev. Lee Lawhead

May 9, 2020 – 1:30 Shotgun Start

Support Hartman Center's Summer Camping Program!

\$80 fee includes green fee, cart, welcome bag and steak and chicken dinner.

Portion of the fee is a donation to the outdoor ministries of Hartman Center.

PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 24, 2020

Can't attend the event? We need and welcome your support and donation!

For more information: Contact Dave Bushnell at 717.371.2593 or abushnell@aol.com or go to Hartmancenter.com and click on events.

Fairview Golf Course
2399 Quentin Road
Lebanon, PA 17042

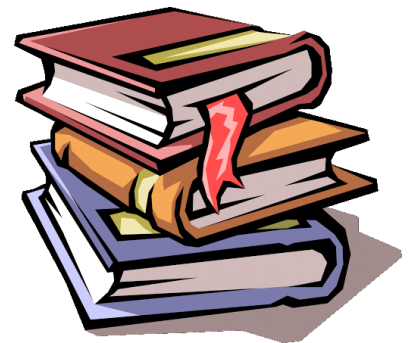


STRASBURG RAILROAD TICKETS

The Lancaster chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society has a limited number of tickets available for the Strasburg railroad. The cost is \$8. per ticket and can be used at any time except the special trains such as Thomas, Mystery, Easter Bunny, Santa, etc. If you are interested please call George Himpsl at 717-285-4026

Hey book lovers!

In the fellowship Hall is a bookshelf filled with some good books that have been culled from the rummage sale. Feel free to take one or two or more for your own enjoyment or to share with a friend. Also feel free to place a book or two on the shelf to share with others.



There are also some DVDs on the shelf if you'd rather watch a movie.



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