

# TRINITY TIDINGS

## January 2022

*“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”*

Psalm 91:1-2

As I write this, the clock is nearing 10:59 EST, the time when the winter solstice will occur; our shortest day and our longest night. In this moment, the sun is at its lowest point in the sky in the Northern Hemisphere meaning it is tilted farthest away from the sun. After the winter solstice, the Northern Hemisphere starts to tilt towards the sun again, and the days get longer. How often do we turn away from God causing our own demise where nights seem to be longer and darker? When our hearts and minds are farthest from God our days *will* seem gloomier and drawn-out, as if morning may never come. Do not despair, for the brilliant Light is never far away. There. Is. No. Need. To. Walk. Alone. “In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly (Psalm 5:3). One of my favorite verses of the Bible brings comfort and confidence of a new day as I tilt toward the One who hears, rescuing me from the doubts that nighttime can bring. I pray my way to the Light. Evil does not have power over us when we DWELL in the shelter of our Lord and Creator. To dwell means to stay, to be settled, to be domiciled (permanently fixed). If we remain permanently fixed in God’s presence we shall see Light even in the darkest of days.

If, when we are at our lowest, we dwell in the Lord’s presence, God shall prevail. When we find refuge in the safety of God’s presence, peace and sustainability will come. Refuge means safekeeping and deliverance from *all* our troubles. “*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble,*” sings the Psalmist (46:1). Chaim Bentorah, a website dedicated to Hebrew word study asks, “What type of trouble or distress is God delivering us from?” The big obstacles, the most painful events in our lives are not what cause us to stumble. Rather it is the little stuff, the inconveniences, daily dilemmas. When stacked one upon the other little problems overwhelm us in ways we do not expect. Bentorah explains, “The Hebrew word for trouble means a pebble, a small stone or pebble that gets lodged in your shoe. It is an annoyance, if is not dealt with, will cause you to go lame. [C.S. Lewis said] evil hits us with little pebbles in our shoe, annoyances that soon manifest themselves as huge problems that paralyzes us.” ([www.chaimbentorah.com](http://www.chaimbentorah.com)) Things can go sideways quickly if we do not protect ourselves and stay in the shelter of the One who loves us most. There is nothing too small to ask of God. The familiar lyrics, “Rock of ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee,” reminds us there is always an opening, a safe space for you and me, protected from the earthly things that shake us and often break us. Since the beginning of time God goes with us and gives us all that we need. May you enter the New Year stress-free in the safety of the Lord’s promises, knowing these words to Moses are meant for you as well;

*“My presence will go with you and I will give you rest”*

Exodus 33:14.



Christmas Blessings and ‘May the light of God shine on you’ in 2022,

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## EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD – Thursday, January 6

The Epiphany of Our Lord is the Christian feast observed on January 6. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11).

The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day. Epiphany is also a season that lasts until the beginning of Lent and encompasses four to nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter.

## BAPTISM OF OUR LORD – Sunday, January 9

In the liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord signifies the end of the Christmas season. The Baptism of the Lord is notable because it marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and confirms his identity as the Son of God. This event is documented in all the gospels except John.

*The Gospel of Mark Describes the Event*

*It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:9-11)*

Christ's baptism remarkably shows all three Persons of the Trinity at the same time: the Son being baptized, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking from the heavens. In this event, the Father and the Holy Spirit confirm the deity of Christ, and Jesus submits to his Father's will.



## A New Year's Blessing



**M**ay God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright, even in the  
shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people and their causes  
need you most, and by making you  
anxious to be there to help.

**G**od's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the  
year ahead.

— Author Unknown



## 2022 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Continuing:** Pennie Freet, Dan Hardy, Greg Kulp, Steve Miller, Rich Scanlon, and Tim Yeingst

**Newly Elected:** Barb Buchmoyer, Diane Carroll and Bob Hammer

**Out-Going:** Wendy Hammer and Earl Smith

### *A Message from Council President Greg Kulp and Pastor Cheri*

We want everyone to have a joyous and safe Christmas so we encourage you to do that which makes you the most comfortable; sanitizer is available at the entrance, social distancing is suggested and masks are encouraged. May you and your family have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

#### Finance Committee:

Dan Hardy, Jeff Keener (Chair), Craig Korte (Treasurer), Audra Spang (Financial Secretary), Bob Yeingst and Brad Yeingst

#### Cemetery Association:

Rod Carrol, Bob Hammer, Greg Kulp (Treasurer), Shaina Kulp, Steve Miller, Brad Yeingst and Tim Yeingst

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Account	12/6/2021 Balance	Account	12/6/2021 Balance
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>	
<b>Cash &amp; Bank Accounts</b>		<b>Other Liabilities</b>	
Business Savings – T XX0000	34,900.00	Building	- 2,778.00
Checking	24,818.76	Memorial Fund	- 9,421.00
Youth Savings – Trin XX0001	81.09	<b>TOTAL Other Liabilities</b>	<b>- 12,199.00</b>
<b>TOTAL Cash &amp; Bank Accounts</b>	<b>59,799.85</b>		
<b>Other Assets</b>		<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>- 12,199.00</b>
MUTUAL FUND	66,545.85		
<b>TOTAL Other Assets</b>	<b>66,545.85</b>	<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>114,146.70</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>126,345.70</b>		

### FOOD BANK SUNDAY – *First Sunday Each Month*

**Thank you** for your continuous donations to our 3 food banks and also **marking what direction they are to go**. They have different needs and it helps on getting them delivered to the correct places.

#### Updated Food Pantry Requests

**Manheim** – plastic grocery bags always needed, vegetable beef soup, crackers, canned fruit, SPAM, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues

**Lebanon Rescue Mission** – shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, Lysol cleaners, glass cleaner, individually wrapped snacks, saltines, coffee creamer, bottled water all sizes

**Caring Cupboard** – cake mix, icing, chunky soup, canned yams, cleaning wipes



## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sharon Albertson; Matthew Arment; Chuck & Bunny Armstrong; Mary Carroll; Ben Chicoria; Wayne DeFelice; Betty Kreider; Steve Miller; Helen Row; Bill & Alma Stober; Barb Witmer; Melissa Wolfe

Grieving – The Family of Faron Clouser (nephew of Glenn and Janet Hoy)

Others in Need – Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation

First Responders – Abigail Romberger; Brad Yeingst; Dylan Yeingst; Tim Yeingst

Military – Matthew Buchmoyer; Roger Daub; Drue Gerasimoff; David Martin; Gavin

Overholser; William Rimmler III; Adam Thieroff; David Walborn; Luke Waltz



To have the Prayer Chain activated for a family member or friend in need of our prayers, please contact:



**PRAYER  
REQUESTS**

1. Pastor Cheri at 717.606.8851 to begin the prayer chain.
2. If Pastor Cheri is not available, call Sandy Walborn.
3. If Sandy Walborn is not available, call any other person listed.

Margaret Daub	717.964.3342	Lillian Minney	717.964.5032
Pennie Freet	717.269.3292	Sandy Walborn	717.838.1681
Karen Miller	717.304.7012	Connie Weirich	717.665.6448



Becky Row (Jan 4); Samantha Lund & Rich Scanlon (Jan 6); Dylan Yeingst (Jan 8); Sally McGeehan (Jan 15)

Rodney & Karen Rhoades (Jan 2); Gregory & Melody Kulp (Jan 8); John & Marlene Stehman (Jan 28)



## FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE

A prayer service is held every Friday at 10:00 AM. Bring your concerns, thoughtful support and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ bring peace and healing to our world.



The Trinity prayer chain and email will be used to contact members if church services need to be cancelled.

As always, everyone is encouraged to decide about safe travel on roads.

## TIDINGS INFORMATION & ARTICLES



**February 2022 Tidings Deadline**  
Sunday, January 16

Items can be emailed to [grannycalhoon@gmail.com](mailto:grannycalhoon@gmail.com) or put in Diane Calhoon's mailbox

# Social Outreach News



## EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Sunday, January 16

Following Church in the Fellowship Room

- Tasty ham and cheese sliders
- Cupcakes



## RONALD McDONALD HOUSE



Since we can't provide a meal for the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey right now, like we have in the past, we would like to help with their wish list.

Every month they post a list of needs that can be donated. So, check out their January Wish List in the narthex and see how you can help. We will also have an auction during **Everybody's Birthday Party** of a few fun items and the money raised will go towards requested gift cards for the Ronald McDonald House

**So ..... January 16<sup>th</sup> come to church a little hungry and with a few extra dollars in your pocket!**



## CHRISTMAS STOCKING PROJECT

The Christmas Stocking Project was initiated in 1951 by the Department of Church Women of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches. Today, these remembrances are actually token evidence of the continuing concerns of the Christian churches in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for nursing residents. All the health facilities are located in Lebanon County, except Wernersville and Hamburg.

The Social Outreach committee was hoping that you would fill 50 stockings. As usual, you went above and beyond and filled all 61 stockings sown by Tracy Hoy. Thank you! Thank you!! — Marie Martin



## THANK YOU EVERYONE ...

for helping to bring a Merry Christmas to Suheidy and her children. The gifts, along with a generous Giant Gift Card were delivered to the Salvation Army last Wednesday.

**Next Social Outreach meeting is Thursday, January 13 at 3:30 pm  
PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US!**



TRINITY'S FAMOUS

HOME MADE

SOUP & PIE SALE



Chicken Corn Noodle Soup

\$5.00 for Quart

\$18.00 for Gallon

Feel Free to Bring Soup Containers to Fill Your Order



Fruit Pies

\$8.00 for 8" Pie

- Apple Crumb ● Blueberry Crumb
- Cherry Crumb ● Peach Crumb

Remember Your Neighbors, Friends and Family!  
Perfect for Super Bowl Game Day!

Order Deadline – Sunday, February 6 Pickup at Church – Saturday, February 12 between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm

Use form below and return to Melody Kulp  
or call: Margaret Daub at 717.964.3342 or Melody Kulp at 717.665.9768  
(Also listed on Facebook and [www.trinitylutherancolebrook.org](http://www.trinitylutherancolebrook.org))

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Pies

\_\_\_\_\_ Apple @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Blueberry @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cherry @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Peach @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Corn Noodle Soup

\_\_\_\_\_ Quarts @\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Gallons @\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Pie Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Soup Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Donations of canned goods will be welcomed when picking up your soup and pie and delivered to local food banks.