



# The Beacon

The Newsletter of  
St. Paul's  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
McConnellsburg, PA

1 Thessalonians 5:18

**In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of  
God in Christ Jesus concerning you.**

Trinity  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
Fort Loudon, PA  
**November 2023**

## Trinity UCC

Trinity poinsettias are being ordered for our church again. All colors are available like last year **EXCEPT** burgundy. Price is 9.00 per plant. Need orders by **Nov 13th** and will be getting them again from Phillips flower shop in Mercersburg.

Order by  
contacting Corinna Rotz @ 717-977-2723  
or  
717-369-4804.



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United Church of Christ  
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**-I will hold open office hours 10am-2pm at Trinity on Tuesdays, and at St. Paul's on Thursdays.**  
**-My cell phone is (609) 477-9194.**  
**Please feel free to call or text. I may not reply on Friday. (My day off.)**



Dear friends,

As November rolls in, greeting us with its chilly gusts that hint at the approaching winter, I can't help but think about how thankful I am for the comforts of warm meals shared with family: The delightful smells of home cooking wafting from the kitchen, the satisfaction of a delicious and filling meal, the assuring company of family, the sounds of their laughter, and the cozy feeling of being bundled up on the couch beside them.

What's not to like about Thanksgiving? It's a wonderful holiday, celebrated simply by enjoying moments like those described above—*food and family!* But even better, it is a time to reflect and express our gratitude. Whether or not this has been a tradition at your family table, gratitude is a significant part of the spiritual diet of *every* Christian. In the words of Paul, "rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

This Thanksgiving, I encourage you to make space for you and your family to earnestly share what each is thankful for. In keeping with Paul's teaching to "give thanks in all circumstances," let us each practice this reflection and gratitude *more than* once a year. Start a gratitude journal. Spend the time to write a personal thank letter. Offer up to God what you are thankful for in prayer each day before bed. However you choose to do it, dwell on God's goodness in your life, and know God through it.

Gratefully,

-Pastor Peter



**Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving**

"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.  
And whoever sows generously will also reap generously."  
2 Corinthians 9:6



**St. Paul's General Fund**

<b>Total Income September, 2023</b>	<b>\$5,325.51</b>
<b>Total Expenses September 2023</b>	<b>\$7,425.06</b>
<b>Interest Earned GF September 2023</b>	<b>\$ 40.72</b>
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<b>\$2,058.83</b>
<b>*January –September 2023 NET LOSS</b>	<b>\$2,505.66</b>



**Trinity will be collecting and bagging homemade cookies for Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry on Thanksgiving Sunday ( November 26) after worship. We have experienced such fun in past years preparing the bags of cookies to be distributed to people visiting Carlisle truck stops in past years. We always have more than 100 bags of 6 cookies each to assist with the event.**

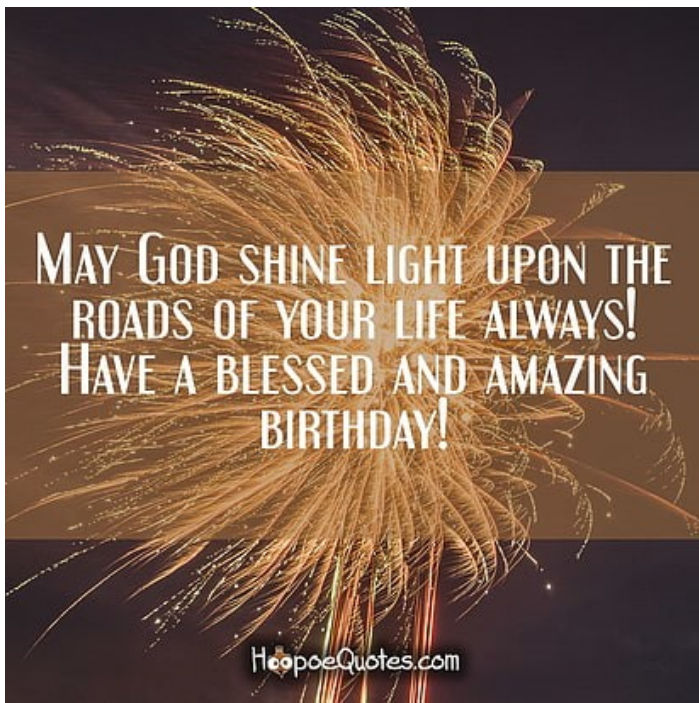
Each year, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc. conducts a cookie collection and distribution event. Individuals from local churches and other groups prepare homemade cookies and place 5-6 cookies in decorated bags along with a note, tract or Bible verse. These bags are dropped off at the trailer and then distributed to the local truck stops, trucking depots, restaurants, motels, and businesses to be handed out to drivers, employees and motel guests. Between 13,000 and 15,000 bags of cookies are collected and distributed each year. The purpose is to let truckers and travelers know that we're thinking of them, that we are here for them, and to provide a 'taste of home' while they are on the road.

"Many drivers have contacted us to say how much they appreciate our thoughts and prayers for them."



Please consider baking cookies for the collection and deliver them to Trinity between 8:30 and 10:00 on November 26 and/ or stay for the bagging. It's lots of fun! We do require gloving to handle the cookies.





- 1 Bryan Rosenberry
- 3 Jonna Baker
- 4 Eric Buterbaugh
- 6 Rebecca Souders
- 7 Andy Washabaugh
- 9 Lisa Harris Skiles  
Ed Weller
- 10 Joey Rotz
- 12 Tesha Keefer
- 19 Kylene McLucas Arwood
- 20 Robert Koontz
- 23 Russell McLucas, Jr.
- 26 Mindy Headley
- 29 Nancy Barmont



Please send additions and corrections to the church office>>>[mcbucc@embarqmail.com](mailto:mcbucc@embarqmail.com)

# Prayer Request

The healing of our nation + world

- Kathy Hess
- Kathy and Bill Kendall
- Glenn Crouse and family
- Betty Burns
- Amanda Mitchell
- Linda Sowers
- Mary Haubrick
- Lana Pine
- Kylene McLucas Arwood
- Elizabeth Kerlin
- Chase Andrews
- Korbyn Rotz
- Skip and Betty Daniels
- Nicole Hummel
- Carl and Carol Mellott
- Dennis Hess
- Robert Door
- Nancy Barmont
- Ann Hays
- Military Members and families
- Emily Rotz
- Leah Hamil
- Loy and Linda Garber and family
- Kathleen Pappas
- Patrick McCarthy
- Daniel Harper, grandson of Linda Best.
- Our Church & ministries, Sunday school classes teachers and students
- 522 Youth Group



# 2023



**Third Sunday each month: Trinity's Building Fund Offering**

**Sunday, October 29**

***Welcome into the house of our Lord***

**Tuesday, October 31st.**

***St. Paul's will be doing community outreach with trick or treat at the church from 5-7 p.m. Come, join in the fun, dress up like a Bible character!***

**Wednesday, November 1**

***All Saints Day***

**Sunday, November 5**

**Joint Consistory Meeting at Trinity 1:30 p.m.  
St. Paul's Fellowship luncheon following worship, covered dish**

**Wednesday, November 8**

**Trinity Consistory meeting, 6:30 p.m.**

**Friday, November 10**

**Veterans Day (observed)**

**Sunday, November 19**

**St. Paul's will be sending \$100.00 of the morning offering to Neighbors in Need Fund**

**Wednesday, November 21**

**St. Paul's Consistory meeting, 6:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, November 23**

***Happy Thanksgiving***

**Sunday, December 3**

***First Sunday in Advent***



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