

# The Beacon

*“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

*1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

The Newsletter of  
St. Paul's  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**  
McConnellsburg, PA  
Trinity  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**  
Fort Loudon, PA

**NOVEMBER 2016**

## Thanksgiving Eve Service

The Fort Loudon Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **November 23** at Freedom Lighthouse. A fellowship meal will begin the evening's activities at 5:30 p.m. The host church will provide soups. Trinity families are encouraged to bring desserts to the event. Come and be a part.



Congratulations to Christopher and Michelle (Baker) Lang. Married 10/28/2016.

Michelle is the youngest daughter of Charles and Jonna Baker. The congregation of St. Paul's has watched Michelle grow into the beautiful young woman she has become. Our best wishes and God's blessings to you both.



**The Fort Loudon-McConnellsburg Charge**  
of the  
**United Church of Christ**  
228 North 2nd Street  
McConnellsburg, PA 17233

**STAMP**

**America needs prayer.** She needs it now more than ever. We all do.

**But God has promised,**

*“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” –*

[2 Chronicles 7:14](#)

**We received a post card from Bethlehem General Baptist Youth, Whitewater, MO**

**Their goal is to reach every church in America, all 374,00 of them. They are supporting PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY DAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016.**



### **\*\* The Power of the Golden Rule \*\***

*“Do unto others as you would have others do unto you”*

The Golden Rule has not been exclusive to the Christian teachings. It has influenced individuals and various world religions down through the ages. There is power in its words, and especially when those words are put into personal actions. Let's explore the various expressions of the Golden Rule:

Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them

for this is the Law and the Prophets...*Matthew 7:12*

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise...

*Luke 6:31*

One should seek for others the happiness one desires for one's self...*Buddhist*

What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others...*Confucius*

Let none of you treat his brother in a way he himself would not like to be treated...*Muslim*

We should behave to our friends as we would wish our friends to behave to us...*Aristotle*

What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor...*Jewish Rabbi Hillel*

Do as you would be done by...*Persian doctrine*

Deal with others as thou wouldst thyself be dealt by...*Hinduism*

Do to others as I would they should do to me...*Plato*

The Golden Rule is a powerful thread that weaves its way through the words of many religions and influential persons through the centuries of time. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all the peoples of the world could always make those words come true in their lives.

*Submitted by: Loy Garber*

**Trinity United Church of Christ  
Consistory Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2016**

The Pastor's report was read by Rev. Tussing. He also thanked the consistory and the church for having him for an interim pastor. He said it has been an enjoyable time. He also had some suggestions for the church as we move forward. He said that we should not be afraid of using some of our funds such as the Memorial Fund and Gift Designated CD's for expenses for the church. He has found that churches that do this encourage more people to give money to those funds when they see them being actively used for the church. He believes that Fort Loudon and McConnellsburg needs our churches and that they serve a purpose in the community. He said we should not be discouraged by our current circumstances and that many ministers today are trained in church growth.

**Trustee's Report:** The lines on the parking lot have been repainted at cost by In Season Line painting. Glenn and Sam Burns will be sanding and repainting windowsills outside in the coming weeks.

**Evangelism Committee:** The Evangelism committee did not meet this month. Glenn has contacted James Martin at Freedom Lighthouse to inquire about plans for Thanksgiving services and also a Carol Sing.

**Old Business:**

The Search Committee is still negotiating with a possible candidate. Loy Garber is also taking steps to secure another interim pastor  
Permits are still needed for the electrical work.

**Other Business:**

The Mercersburg Association has advertised grant money available for church outreach projects. Since it has been several years since Trinity applied for this grant, a new application will be prepared for the Free Food and Clothing event next year. The grant is \$200.

The Brownie Troup meeting at Trinity would like to know if there is anything they can do for the church. The dates for the Mercersburg Association fall meeting need to be announced in case anyone in the church is willing to go.

The Truck Stop minister in Carlisle has passed away. He will be replaced by two lay ministers who will rotate working 8 hours per day every day. The annual cookie drive for this ministry will be held at the church. A poster has been put up in the hallway. It was suggested that the church look into the Truck Stop ministry in Greencastle as a possible place to deliver cookies as it is much closer.

Jerry Armstrong was asked how many boxes of envelopes need to be ordered.

Glenn read a letter from Penn Central Conference thanking and commending Trinity for its participation in Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM). Trinity gave \$4,875 last year.

*Linda Best*  
President

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**  
**Consistory Meeting, October 18, 2016**

Members present were Loy Garber, Carol Mellott, Kirk Cover, Pam Carmack, John Glazier and Donna House, Jennifer Brubaker and Pastor Tussing who opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved on a Kirk and Carol motion. Treasurer's report for September was reviewed and a deficit was noted. On a Pam and Donna motion the report was approved as presented. There were no new bills presented for payment at this time. Treasurer's report is attached to these minutes in the church office.

Committee reports: Donna reported that on October 30<sup>th</sup> we will be honoring Rev. and Mrs. Tussing following worship with Trinity at a luncheon here. The Praise Band will be present during worship.

Ruth and Jennifer Brubaker have prepared over 250 treat bags to give out at the church on 10/27 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Donna also reported that a new (used) dishwasher had been purchased and installed in the parsonage. Christian Education reported that there are now 4 classes downstairs. With the blessed increase of children, it had been discussed in a meeting the previous Friday that we needed to institute the Christian Education Committee with quarterly meetings. We are going to need more teachers both for class and substituting. An insert for the bulletin will be prepared for volunteers for each of these needs.

The reforming of a Christian Education Committee was approved on a Carol and Donna motion.

Pastor Tussing's report was reviewed and accepted with great appreciation for his ministry during the last 19 months, a copy is attached to the minutes in the church office.

The work on the Parsonage bathroom started on Monday, 10/17/2016.

The Beulah Grissinger bequeath of \$40,000.00 is now invested with The Alexander Group.

There were no donations made from the Memorial Fund at this time, there was \$100.00 available.

The Consistory members terms were reviewed, a copy attached in the office, John Glazier's, Loy Garber's and Carol Mellott's terms are to expire this year. After their agreement, on a Jennifer and Donna motion, these three were nominated for a new term, 3 years.

Loy, on behalf of the search committee, gave an update on the upcoming visit with Rev. Janice M. Bye.

The search committee from both congregations will meet with Rev. Bye on Friday, 10/21/2016 at St. Paul's. A reminder to all "Bring a Friend(s) to Church is important and ongoing.

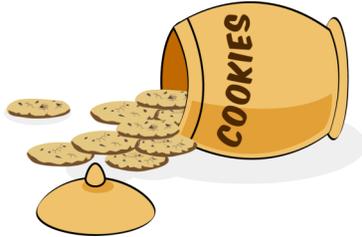
The meeting was adjourned on a Pam and Donna motion, meeting was closed with all praying Our Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Pam Carmack*

## Truck Stop Cookie Ministry

Trinity will again support the Carlisle Truckstop Ministry by collecting cookies from those willing to bake for this event. Please deliver home-baked cookies to Trinity in time for them to be appropriately packaged after Sunday School on Sunday, **November 27**. The truckers love to get their little bags of cookies and messages of Christian love during the holidays.



### From the Mercersburg Association:

Please visit the "News" tab of our website at <https://mercersburgassociation.wordpress.com/news/>

1. Information on our Fall Meeting, Sunday **November 6** at Solomen's Chambersburg. Please RSVP by **October 30**.

2. Invitations from our Churches:  
**October 15** - a turkey dinner at Zion Blain  
**October 23** - Zion Newburg's Hymn Sing features

Trinity UCC Youth in Waynesboro Attends National Youth Event

Zion UCC in Newburg celebrated the 60th anniversary of the reopening of Zion Healing Communities

4. Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry 2016 Cookie Collection

## Trinity's Poinsettia Time To Order

Colors available are:

Red

White

Pink

Burgundy

Marble (pink n white)

Red glitter (red with white splashes) **new**

**Price: 8.50**

Need to know order information by 21 November  
Contact Corinna Rotz ([717-369-4804](tel:717-369-4804)) or email at [cdrotz61@gmail.com](mailto:cdrotz61@gmail.com)



## SHOEBOX MINISTRY OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

*by: M. Haubrick*

It is not too late to participate in this special ministry by filling a shoebox with small Christmas gifts to bring joy and share the love of Jesus Christ with suffering children around the world. Boxes and information are available at St. Paul's. **FILLED BOXES MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13.** A donation of \$7 or more is requested for each shoe box to help cover shipping and project costs. If you are not able to shop to fill a shoebox, you can still participate by your donations that will be a great help to this special ministry. For more information, contact Mary at 987-3604 or [mhaubrick@embarqmail.com](mailto:mhaubrick@embarqmail.com).



[www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)

## Warm Soup Time

### Perfect Potato Soup

Food Network recipe courtesy of Ree Drummond

#### Ingredients:

6 slices bacon cut into 1" pieces  
3 carrots, scrubbed clean and diced  
3 stalks celery, diced  
1 medium onion, diced  
6 small potatoes, peeled and diced  
½ tsp. Cajun spice  
Salt and pepper to taste  
8 c. chicken or vegetable broth  
1 c. milk  
3 Tbsp. flour  
½ c. heavy cream  
Grated cheddar cheese

#### Directions:

Add the bacon pieces to a soup pot over medium heat and cook until crisp and the fat is rendered. Remove the bacon from the pot and set it aside. Pour off most of the grease but do not clean the pot.

Return the pot to medium heat and add the carrots, celery and onions. Stir and cook for 2 minutes or until onions are softened then add the potatoes. Cook 5 more minutes seasoning with Cajun spice, ½ tsp. of salt and some pepper. Pour in the broth and bring to a gentle boil. Cook until the potatoes are starting to get tender. Whisk together the milk and flour and pour into the soup. Allow to cook for another 5 minutes.

Remove about ½ of the soup and blend in a blender or food processor until completely smooth. Pour back into the soup pot. Taste for seasoning and adjust as desired. Stir in the cream. Serve in bowls with grated cheese and bacon pieces.

#### Changes I made

I used larger potatoes, we like lots of potatoes in soup.

I used an immersion blender to puree ½ of the soup. If you use a regular blender be careful not to fill it more than ½ full at a time.

I used ½ and ½ instead of heavy cream and I mixed the bacon pieces into the soup when I added the cream.

This recipe could certainly be made lighter by using less bacon or turkey bacon, 1 c. skim milk and ½ c. whole milk and low fat cheddar cheese.

*This was served at Trini-Tea, November 2014*

*Sent to us by Linda Best*

## TRINITY'S FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month	Received	Budget to Date	Expended
Jan./Sept.	\$44,900.29	\$54,054.00	\$41,906.33
Oct. 1-26	\$ 4,753.97	\$ 4,158.00	\$ 3,183.53
YTD	\$51,654.26	\$58,212.00	\$45,088.86

*"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

**Matthew 6:21**

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[www.mercersburgassociation.wordpress.com](http://www.mercersburgassociation.wordpress.com)

# 2016

Wednesday, November 2

Trinity Choir Practice, 6:30 PM

Sunday, November 6

Mercersburg Association Meeting, 3:00-5:00 PM at Solomon's UCC, 1594 Swamp Fox Road, Chambersburg, registration at 2:30 PM

Sunday, November 6

St. Paul's NO LUNCHEON AFTER CHURCH

Monday, November 7

Trinity Evangelism Committee, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, November 8

Trinity Consistory Meeting, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, November 9

St. Paul's Church Women United, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 12

Trini-Tea @ Trinity

Sunday, November 13

Deadline for Shoebox collection at St. Paul's UCC

Tuesday, November 15

St. Paul's Consistory Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 20

Holy Communion

Wednesday, November 23  
dessert fellowship at 5:30

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service, Freedom Lighthouse, soup and (bring dessert to share) service at 7:00 PM

Thursday, November 24

*Happy Thanksgiving*

Sunday, November 27

Cookie collection for Carlisle Truckstop Ministry

First Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 4

St. Paul's Hanging of the Greens, covered dish lunch after worship

Thankful

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY November

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

### Trinity's Ushers:

***Lana Pine and Karen Fox***

### St. Paul's Ushers:

***Mary Haubrick and Yvonne Krebs***

### St. Paul's Flowers:

**Ruth and Jennifer Brubaker**



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- Betty Daniels
- Dorothy Stevens and Family
- Gary Stevens
- Gene and Barb Bricker
- Joyce and Thurman Hassler
- Military and families
- Sponsored Children: Adrianus, Marc Philip, Thierry, Marcela
- Zeis family
- Jean McLucas
- Diane Baxter
- Tom Hamil
- Elaine Armstrong
- Nancy Barmont
- Darlene Hannon
- Ann Hays
- Corbin Rotz
- Nancy Lawyer
- John Hornbaker
- All individuals and families affected by cancer
- All Sunday school classes
- Our Church & it's ministries

