

## Announcements for the Week of December 17, 2017

In our thoughts and prayers: In our thoughts and prayers: **Rev. Dr. Bill Herzog, John Harrison Hoffman, Donald Hubbard, Sr., Kathryn Kepner, Evelyn Kretz, MacKenzie Kretz, Josh Langley, Bob Miller, Joann Motter, Diane Nicodemus, Ashlee (Black) Pyne, Tom Smith, , Mary Timmins, Mckenna Voss, Teeyara Jo Weiant and Pete Wilson.** (Please notify the church office when a name can be removed from the prayer list).

**Check out the children's corner in the Gathering Area.** When young children become a bit rambunctious during worship, parents are invited to take them to the children's corner for some quiet play and so parents can continue to see/hear the worship service.

**CENTERPIECE:** In memory of my daughter Kaci, by Lois Grim and Family

**TODAY: Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith, special guest pastor 10:30 service**

### **THIS WEEK:**

<b>Monday</b>	9:30a Music Staff 6:30p-8p Cub/Boy Scouts 6:30p C.A.R.E.S. Training- St. James Library 7p Choir 7p Pastor Relations	<b>Tuesday</b>	Newsletter Article Deadline 7p Consistory
<b>Wednesday</b>	9a Audit Committee 7p Choir	<b>Thursday</b>	6p-8p Girl Scouts

**Congratulations to Jay & Janet Cutshall on the celebration of their 57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**A big Thank You! To the our Boy Scout Troup 1863 for their help in tearing down and cleaning up after the Bazaar!**

**December 28<sup>th</sup> 7p - Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" –** This one man show being presented by **Ray Carver** is a classic. Ray has been involved in many theater productions and will produce the show in the Richmond, VA area prior to Christmas. He has offered to produce the show at Trinity and we are looking forward to his talents shared with us. **Donations to South Central Community Action Program will be received.**

**"Christmas Fund" –** Christmas is the yearly time to remember our faithful clergy and families over the years. The Pension Board of the UCC is able to monetarily assist those retired clergy families who often received little or no pension as they served in the ministry. In times past this used to be called "The Veterans of the Cross" offering. There are "PURPLE" envelopes in the pews and Gathering Area for you to respond to this need. These gifts will be forwarded to the UCC office. Thank you!

**Annual Christmas Gift to our Church –** Your gift is a statement of faith and is greatly appreciated in the work of our church and it is a "thank you" to all the blessings we receive. Envelopes are located in the pews and also available in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

**The Advent Devotionals are available on the table in the Gathering Area.**

**December Newsletter is available on the table in the Gathering Area.**

**2017 Annual Report is available in the Gathering Area.** (Look for the bright yellow booklet).

**2018 Calendars** are available from Peters Funeral Home. Please help yourself, grab a couple for family and friends. The pictures are beautiful!

**The Adults Bible Class is starting a new unit entitled "Faith in Action".** The lessons this month are from Acts and Matthew. We meet in the Parlor at 9:30a Sunday mornings. All are welcome.

**There are several sign ups in the Gathering Area today:**

We are now asking for you to volunteer to provide two dozen cookies for **Cookies for our Neighbors** for months January through June 2018.

**Gettysburg CARES** homeless shelter is being hosted by Trinity from February 5<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteer hosts to welcome those seeking shelter (from 7:30 to 9:00 pm) for each night. We must notify Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S the names of our volunteers by January 21<sup>st</sup>, so please sign-up now.

**C.A.R.E.S. Training – December 18<sup>th</sup> and January 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:40p** – St. James in the Library. Please let Deb know to sign you up.

The **church advertisement** in the Gettysburg Times appears once a month at a cost of approximately \$70.00 per month. If you would like to be a co-sponsor of the advertisement (at a cost of \$35.00) for a month, please sign up.

Trinity's **Spaghetti Dinner for Diapers** is scheduled for Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> (snow date of February 3<sup>rd</sup>). We need volunteers to help with meal preparation, serving, as well as clean up. You can sign up to help either part of the day or for the entire event

**Blankets for Sale – A few beautiful colors are still available.** See the list in the Gathering Area.

**Blankets are \$20.** Contact Suzy Miller if you are interested in purchasing a blanket or two. Proceeds go to the Bazaar Coffers. Blankets are made by Suzy's friends. Thank you!

**Shoes, shoes and more shoes! Once again Trinity is collecting shoes for SCCAP. THEY MUST BE IN PAIRS AND FASTENED TOGETHER.** Any condition accepted. Collection box is in the Fellowship Hall. **NEW TOTAL: 234 pairs of shoes have been collected!** Goal is 500 pairs. **We will be collecting through Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.** Please bring your shoes in by then. Thank you for your support!

**The Housing Authority** graciously allows us to park in their lot for quick stops or short time periods to the church during the week-days. **Please park only in the "VISITOR" marked spaces.** Do not park in the spaces that have numbers as they are privately rented. Thank you.

**Serving Today:**

Organists: **Audrey Blackstone and Jane Eiker**  
Altar Care: **Cynthia Blevins, Karen Kendlehart, Jane Malone, Roberta Weiant**  
Greeters: **Buck & Ann Harvey**  
Lay Reader: 8:15a **Suzanne Miller** 10:30a **Joan Peck**  
Ushers: 8:15a **Tom & Roberta Weiant**  
10:30a **Russell & Nina Redding, Elliot Redding, Cindy Barley**  
Acolyte: 8:15a **Roberta Weiant** 10:30a **Jackson Hilbert**

**Attendance December 10<sup>th</sup>:** 8:15a - 19 10:30a - 81

**Financial Report – December 10th:**

Envelope Offering needed: **\$170,750** Envelope Offering received: **\$170,837.58**  
Property Fund needed: **\$23,600** Property Fund received: **\$96,690**

**IRS Rules state that all monetary contributions for 2017 must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup> to qualify as a 2017 contribution on your church giving statement.**