

Announcements for the Week of December 24, 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 loving memory of Jay Brown's birthday by Mary, Becky and Dan

THIS WEEK:

Monday 9a Christmas Day Worship Service w/Communion - Office Closed

Wednesday Newsletter Mailed

No Choir

Thursday 7p "A Christmas Carol" – a one man show by **Ray Carver**

Friday 10a-3p Girls Scout meeting

Thank you very much for the generous and unexpected Christmas gift from the congregation that was presented to me last Sunday. It was quite a surprise. I promise you that it will be put to good use. Blessings to all this Christmas season. Pastor George

December 28th 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.**

Sunday, December 31st – Pork & Kraut Dinner following the 10:30a service. Fellowship will provide the main meal. Congregation is asked to bring their own place settings. Sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area

"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!

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 5th through the 18th. 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 21st, so please sign-up now.

C.A.R.E.S. Training – December 18th and January 22nd 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 27th (snow date of February 3rd). 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!

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: **Oscar & Barbara Spicer**

Lay Reader: 8:15a **Jane Malone** 10:30a **Nancy MacMeekin**

Ushers: 8:15a **Milhimes Family**

10:30a **Pam and Megan Poland, Terry Krietz, and Buck Harvey**

Acolyte: 8:15a **Luke Milhimes** 10:30a **Teeyara Weiant**

Attendance December 17th: 8:15a - 34 10:30a - 84

Financial Report – December 17th:

Envelope Offering needed: **\$174,165.00**

Envelope Offering received: **\$175,074.58**

Property Fund needed: **\$24,072.00**

Property Fund received: **\$96,780.00**

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