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General Information:

Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service
9:00a.m.

Fellowship Time
10:00a.m.

Sunday School
10:30a.m.

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Cultivating Good Habits

Entering a new year is a good time to inventory our habits — the bad ones as well as the good. Greek philosopher Aristotle once opined on this subject: “Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit. We become just by doing just acts. We become temperate by doing temperate acts. We become brave by doing brave acts.”

Just so, we will become faithful lovers of God by seriously worshiping and faithfully following the Christian way of life. Attending corporate worship, learning more about Christianity, doing good deeds for others and participating in fellowship events are all good habits. They enhance your life and bring joy to people around you.

A Prayer for the New Year

Eternal God, thank you for bringing us once again to the threshold of a new year. Help us dedicate each day of 2010 to following your will for our lives. Guide us, Lord, in all our decisions and actions, day by day and hour by hour. Help us accomplish all that you desire for us to do, until our mission on earth is finished. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Epiphany of the Lord

The word epiphany comes from the Greek word epiphaneia, which means appearance or manifestation. It is an important word for liturgical churches. Epiphany is observed annually on January 6. It refers to the wise men, who were the first Gentiles to see the manifestation of God’s appearance in the baby Jesus.

In the early church, January 6 was a day for baptism. The central significance of Epiphany is that Christ came as the Light of the World, not just for the Jews but for Gentiles as well. Christ’s light is for all.

In France, to celebrate Epiphany, children from Christian homes often put oats in their shoes on the evening before January 6. The oats are for the camels of the “Wise Men.” When they awake the next morning, the children hope to find the oats gone and gifts left in their shoes.

Special Dates

- New Year’s Day, January 1, 2010
- Epiphany, January 6, 2010
- Baptism of the Lord, January 10, 2010
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 18
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2010



One Voice

Even as I write this and look forward to the New Year, it seems as though Christmas Eve will never arrive. At the same time, it seems as though when it does arrive, we will not be ready. As a pastor friend of mine used to say, “Jesus is coming whether we are ready or not!”

I have very intentionally tried to keep the spirit of Advent – of anticipation – of eagerness – of watchful waiting – throughout these four weeks. Granted, it has not always been a simple thing because of the constant assault of poorly arranged and executed secular ‘Christmas’ music, repeated advertising in all of the media, the rush to buy, wrap, bake, cook, clean and prepare for the BIG DAY. In addition we have been deluged with all the details of preparing for worship services during Advent and on Christmas Eve

Because of the way the calendar falls, we, unfortunately, will have very little time between Christmas Day and Epiphany – Christmastide will be shortened. In addition, the time when we really need to be celebrating the marvelous gift of the Christ will be consumed with undecorating the house and yard and dismantling the Christmas tree, so that life can get back to “normal”. And I’m wondering if getting back to “normal” means that we stop looking for and celebrating the presence of God in our lives.

What would our lives be like if after Christmastide ends, we were as intentional about preparing for and looking for the appearances of the Christ in our lives every day as we are during Advent? Can we learn to anticipate the epiphanies – the showings – of Jesus as we go about the daily routine of our ordinary lives? How would that affect our moving into the next phase in the process of transformation?

Certainly, as we enter the New Year, we are well aware that the Search Committee has worked diligently and tirelessly. You have been patient and faithful to your covenant to hold the Search Committee in your prayers and to offer them your support as they perform the tasks to which they were all called. We are all aware that the search process will likely come to a close sometime in 2010. I encourage you to continue to pray for the Search Committee and the process, but to pray also for yourselves and for Trinity United Church of Christ that God will create in you all the spirit that welcomes and nurtures, prays for and encourages the work of the person God will call to serve God here at Trinity.

And I have one more item for your prayerful concern – that is the congregation that God is preparing for me to serve when my work at Trinity is finished. Please pray for them and for me to be guided by and to be open to the working of God’s Holy Spirit in that search process.

My prayer is that we will continue to eagerly anticipate the ways in which the Christ will be revealed to us. May we always be open to those showings and to the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives both as individuals and as the body of Christ.

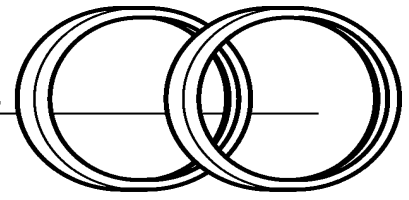
May you experience abundantly the blessings of love and peace in the New Year!

Karin

Rev. Karin

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month



Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
5	Barbara and Earl Gobrecht	30	20	Harriet and Harry Bemiller	59
11	Lois and Robert Simpson	62	22	Virginia and Eugene Hershey	61
13	Deborah and Steven Sauble	39	27	Terri and Dale Sheely	20
18	Melissa and Bradley Herrick	18	28	Edith and Earl Menchey	62
19	Ann and Robert Baker	47	28	Jeanne and Ralph Lemmon	42

Note: *If your anniversary was omitted, please contact the office to update your records. Thank you.*

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 31, at 8:40am prior to worship. The installation of the Deacons and Elders for the 2010 Consistory will take place during the worship service that day. Your presence at both the annual meeting and worship are very important. Please plan on attending.



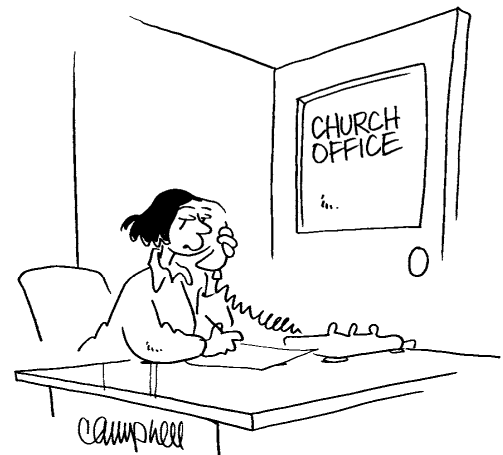
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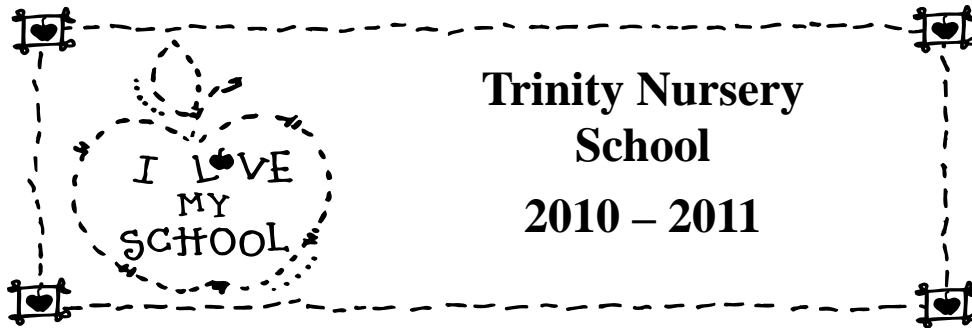
Nadine Crooks	January 19
Evelyn Baldauf	January 27
Rosalie Waltz	January 27

Stewardship Corner

Warm your hearts this winter by again helping with the “Hands To Gather-Hearts to Serve” stewardship project beginning in January. Bags will be available after worship each Sunday with an itemized list of much needed canned goods, food, and cleaning items to be donated to Hanover Area Council of Churches’ PAL Lunch Program. Travel-size toiletries will also be collected to benefit the Changing Lives Shelter. What a warm way to start the New Year!



“The search committee is interviewing prospective pastors, Mrs. Hepburn, not pricing preachers.”



Registration for the 2010 – 2011 school year will open on February 1st. for current enrollees, their siblings and members of the Trinity U.C.C. congregation. It will remain open exclusively to the above until March 1st. At that time all remaining openings will be advertised to the general public. Classes are always filled on a first come - first served basis. You are encouraged to register your child as soon as possible.

No registration will be accepted before February 1st.

Registration must be mailed to the school.

Registration Packets will be available by January 24th. You may pick up a registration packet from the basket inside the Walnut Street entrance to the church. Please feel free to pick up packets for friends and relatives. There is no obligation to register when you take a packet.



Born

Died

Yvonne W. "Tillie" Rohrbaugh January 11, 1918 November 29, 2009



*The Staff of Trinity Church is most grateful for the many expressions of kindness that they have received all year long, and also during this Christmas Season.
Thank you!*

Please convey special thanks Richard Frey and Cameron Wentz for the concert on November 22, 2009 to benefit the Hanover Council of Churches. This helps support the PAL, Meals on Wheels, Changing Lives Shelter, Clothing Bank, and many other programs. Once again, our many thanks.

*Carol J. Hinkle
Operation Manger*

Looking for Adult Education Opportunities?

Sunday School SCHEDULE

The Pilgrim Enrichment Class extends a warm invitation to all those who would like to participate in a discussion-type Sunday School class. The Pilgrims are an intergenerational group who do their best to value and respect everyone's contribution. Vic and Lorene Crooks, Dick and Diane Betlyon, and Judy Maust are the facilitators. The class meets downstairs in Room 45 at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

The Combined Adult Sunday School Classes invite anyone who would like to join them for Bible study each Sunday morning beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Facilitators will lead us as we explore the Bible and learn more about the teachings of Jesus. Some participation is encouraged.

Children and Youth Classes:

Pre-K-Brianna Shaffer

Kindergarten thru 4th grade-Holly Smith/Michelle Becker

5th thru 8th grade-Abby Reichart/Beth Leckrone

High School-Lee Davis

All classes begin at 10:30am (after Fellowship Time) and conclude around 11:15am.

Trinity's Cancellation Policy for Inclement Weather

Whenever there is a need to cancel or change existing church schedules, the following stations will be notified of the changes.

Television----NBC (WGAL Cable 3 and 11 and Local 8)

Television----ABC (WHTM Cable 6 and Local 27)

Television----CBS (WHP Cable 10 and Local 21)

Radio-----WHVR 1280



Mark Your Calendar!

The next event being sponsored by the Gettysburg Association is the **“Coffee, Chocolate, and Christian Caring”** which will be held on February 7, 2010 at the Brethren Home from 2-4pm. Do come and enjoy the refreshments and learn about the missions of the United Church of Christ.

Lectionary Texts for January

January 3, 2010

Second Sunday after Christmas

Jer 31:7-14 or Sir 24:1-12

Ps 147:12-20 or Wis. of Sol 10:15-21

Eph 1:3-14

John 1:(1-9), 10-18

January 24, 2010

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Neh:8-13, 5-6, 8-10

Ps 19

1 Cor 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

January 10, 2010 (First Sunday after Epiphany)

The Baptism of Christ

Isa 43:1-7

Ps 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Jer 1:4-10

Ps 71:1-6

1 Cor 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

January 17, 2010

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isa 62:1-5

Ps 36:5-10

1 Cor 12:1-11

John 2:1-11



Notes From the Office

Please remember the *Trinity Times* is available at trinityucchanover.org, or in the Narthex on the Visitor's table. If you would like to have the *Times* sent to you via US mail, please contact the church office at 637-2233.

Here are the Special Needs for January: **PAL**-Cream Soups (all varieties) & Mixed Vegetables, Stewed Tomatoes; **Changing Lives**-Deodorant (men & women's) Brillo/SOS Pads (scrubbing pads); **Clothing Bank**-Hats & Gloves - waterproof if possible (men & women's only).

Please if you have not already picked up your envelopes for 2010, we encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. If you do not have envelopes and would like them, or you cannot find your envelopes on the table, please contact the church office for assistance.

January	3	10	17	24	31
	Epiphany Sunday/ Communion				Annual Meeting/ Installation of Deacons & Elders
Greeters	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5	Team 6	Team 1
Lay	Worship	Leader			
	Lee Davis	Bill Foreman	Ruth Ann Leib	Ron Bristol	Yvonne Dickert
Youth Lay	Worship	Leader			
	Rachel Conroy	Karli Wolfgang	Dwight Kessler	Alicia Bloom	Evan Conroy
Usher Team					
	Ada May Koehler, Jack Leib, Dan Leib, Dick Bricker	The Scott Markle Family	Linda Lohr, Dee Stauffer	Greg & Valerie Wentz, Fred Warner, Larry Unger	
Child Care	Abby Reichart	Stephanie Markle	Holly Smith	Nancy Sanders	Vonnie Reichart
Fellowship Hosts	Consistory	Christian Education	Stewardship	WOT	Tony, Sue, & Jeanne
Anthem	Schedule				
	Sanctuary Choir	Sanctuary Choir	Sanctuary Choir	Sanctuary Choir	Chancel Choir
Altar Flower Sponsor**	Open	Open	Open	Junga	Open
Chancel Flower Sponsor**	Darr	Open	Open	Foreman	Open
Bulletin Sponsor**	Gobrecht	Open	Gobrecht	Open	Open
Flower Delivery to Shut-Ins	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

** Please call the church office to schedule a flower or bulletin dedication for any available date.

The cost is \$38 for altar flowers and \$25 for pedestal arrangements (plus tax), and \$20 for bulletins.

If you would like to assist with child care or flower delivery, please call the church office at 717-637-2233.

Volunteers are always needed. Thank you.

January 2010

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<i>1</i> AA-Annex (8am)	<i>2</i>
<i>3</i> Epiphany Sunday	<i>4</i> 6:00 PM WOT Board Mtg-Parlor 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Barber-shop Banquet-MOT-FH	<i>5</i> 6:30 PM Christian Ed Mtg. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Brownies AA-Annex (6&8pm)	<i>6</i> 7:00 PM NA-Annex	<i>7</i> 6:15 PM Trinity Ringers Sanctuary Choir	<i>8</i> AA-Annex (8am)	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 1:00 PM AARP Mtg	<i>12</i> 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Brownies 7:00 PM Consistory AA-Annex (6&8pm)	<i>13</i> 7:00 PM NA-Annex	<i>14</i> 9:00 AM Sewing Circle 6:15 PM Trinity Ringers Sanctuary Choir	<i>15</i> AA-Annex (8am)	<i>16</i>
<i>17</i> 3:00 PM WOT General Meeting	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Brownies AA-Annex (6&8pm)	<i>20</i> 7:00 PM NA-Annex 7:00 PM Nursery Board Meeting	<i>21</i> 6:15 PM Trinity Ringers Sanctuary Choir	<i>22</i> AA-Annex (8am)	<i>23</i>
<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Brownies AA-Annex (6&8pm)	<i>27</i> 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Clothing Bank 7:00 PM NA-Annex	<i>28</i> 9:00 AM Sewing Circle 6:15 PM Trinity Ringers Sanctuary Choir	<i>29</i> AA-Annex (8am)	<i>30</i>
<i>31</i> Annual Congregational Meeting Installation of Deacons & Elders						

Kid's Page

JINGLE BELL TAMBOURINE

To ring in 2010, make a joyful noise with this musical instrument.

What you need:

- 2 plastic plates
- Hole punch
- Pen
- Beads or beans (or other small items that will make noise when shaken)
- Tacky craft glue
- 6 pieces of ribbon (each about 5" long and 1/4" wide)
- 6 jingle bells
- Stickers
- Markers



What you do:

1. On the bottom of each plate, write, "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth" (Psalm 100:1, NIV).
2. Punch six evenly spaced holes around the rim of one plate. Mark the holes with a pen and then punch six matching holes in the second plate.
3. Pour the beads or beans into one plate and then squeeze glue around the rim of that plate.
4. Place the other plate on top, aligning the holes. (Make sure the Bible verses are on the outside.) Let it dry.
5. Thread one ribbon through one hole and through one bell, and then tie the ribbon. Repeat five more times, once for each hole.
6. Decorate the instrument with stickers or markers.
7. Play your tambourine when you sing your favorite songs.



Just for KIDS

Make a joyful noise

people often gather with noisemakers to celebrate the promise of a new year. be thankful and joyful for the many blessings in your life.

Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

CODE: before come gladness him joyful LORD songs the with Worship



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_____ the _____ ;



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Answer: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

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Deadline for February Newsletter is Jan. 15, 2010