

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Pastor

The Rev. Lawrence Guenzel,
Interim Pastor

Staff

The Rev. Dr. Dan Selbo,
*Bishop of the North American
Lutheran Church*

Mrs. Jacqueline Smith, *B. Mus.
M. Mus., Director of Music*

Mrs. Deborah Mumford,
Office Administrator

Worship Services

Saturday at 5 p.m.

Sunday at 9 a.m.

*(Sunday Church School
at 10:30 a.m.)*

Holy Communion

Saturday evening, Sunday morning
& Festival Days

*Deadline for submission of material
for the Echoes Newsletter is 9 a.m.
the 15th of each month*

From the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

November 28 is the First Sunday in Advent, the time of preparation. Advent means "Coming." In Advent our preparation is not for a holiday, Christmas. In Advent our preparation is for **Christ**. We prepare for His three-fold coming: in History, in Mystery, and in Eschatology.

In Advent we prepare to celebrate Christ's coming in **History**. The readings, music, and liturgy all point to God's promise to send His Son, the Messiah, to save the people from their sins. Our readings in the Divine Service include messages from the Old Testament prophets telling of the coming of Christ. Part of the preparation for God's Messiah was the coming of John the Baptist who was to prepare the way for the Lord.

In Advent we prepare to celebrate Christ's coming in **Mystery**. The Incarnation is one of the mysteries of the Christian Faith. In Christ, God became man. So Christ is fully God and fully human. How can that be? The same might be asked about the mystery of the Holy Trinity: One God, yet three persons. Impossible for the human mind to comprehend, yet that is how God reveals Himself to us.

Another mystery of the Christian Faith is in the Sacrament of the Altar. Jesus is truly present in the forms of bread and wine. "This IS my body," Jesus said as He gave the bread to the Disciples. We believe that Christ is bodily present in the consecrated bread and wine of Holy Communion. God is so much greater than what our minds can understand.

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Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation of people of God, bound together in love for the purpose of glorifying God in worship and in fulfilling His will through spreading the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ to all humankind.



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers have been presented to the Glory of God by the people of Holy Trinity. Altar Flowers must be ordered no later than the Tuesday afternoon preceding the Sunday they are presented. They may be ordered through the Church Office (215-659-2642). You may pay by placing \$20.00 in a small white pew envelope checked, "Altar Flowers." If you know it, indicate your envelope number.

From the Pastor

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In Advent we contemplate the mysteries of the faith and believe in this Awesome, Wonderful, and Mysterious God who comes to us in the Baby of Bethlehem.

In Advent, we prepare for Christ to come in **Eschatology**. Christ promised that he would return. We look forward to that Day with joy and expectation. Jesus came to save us from our sins so that we might live with God in Heaven. We remember that He will come again. Until that day, we wait in anticipation, doing the work that He has called us to do. Advent is a good time to take on additional acts of love and mercy instead of usual "Holiday Busy-ness."

This Advent Season what are you getting ready for? Can you focus your preparations for Christ? For He IS coming.

In Christ, Our Coming Savior,

Pastor Larry Guenzel





Healing Prayer Ministry

Prayer cards are available in a basket on the Altar in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Fill out your prayer requests and members of the Healing Prayer Ministry will pray for your needs. If you leave your contact information a team member will contact you.



Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity Women's Prayer Group meets once a month
3rd Monday of each month.

We gather at 7:30 PM
via Zoom. Email

RosemaryHinkle@comcast.net

to receive your Zoom invitation.
All women are welcome to join.

Join us in prayer
Monday, December 20, 2020

“Prayer is the breath,
the watchword, the comfort, the
strength, the honor of a Christian.”
– Spurgeon.

Resumes Jan. 17, 2022

Prayer List

One of the beautiful aspects of Christian Fellowship is that we can share one another's concerns through prayer. Please pray for the following:

Please pray for the following individuals & their families: *(we cannot add last names or initials)* The families of the members Holy Trinity together with those they love, including: Adam, Alanna, Aleksandr, Alisha, Allan, Amanda, Antonette, Art, Arthur, Aubrey, Audrey, Barbara, Barbara K., Baby Helen Elsie, Becky, Bethanne, Bill, Bob, Carly, Carol, Charlie, Chris, Christopher, Chuck, Colin, Colleen, Connie, Connor, Cory, Craig, Dalilah, Dallas, Darcy, Dave, David, Deb, Dennis, Densel, Dinda, Donna, Dottie, Dylan, Ed, Eda, Ekaterina, Elaine, Ella, Elwanda, Emma, Eric, Erica, Erika, Ernie, Evan, Frank Sr., Fred, Gavin, Gene, Georgia, Gloria, Greg, Hannah, Harry, Helen, Ingrid, Irina, Ivan, James, Jamie, Jane, Jason, Jean, Jen, Jenn, Jennifer, Joan, John, Jon, Joseph, Josh, Joyce, Julia, Karen, Karin, Kas, Katherine, Kathleen, Kathy, Kelly, Ken, Kristy, Larry, Laura, Levi, Lily, Linda, Logan, Louise, Luke, Maddie, Maggie, Mali, Marge, Marlisa, Matthew, Mayet, Melissa, Mike, Milt, Nancy, Neda, Paul, Penny, Phil, Rachel, Rick, Roger, Ron, Ronnie, Roy, Ruth, Ryan, Sam, Sarah, Sean, Sharon, Shary, Shelli, Sherri, Sherry, Sigrid, Silvia, Stanislav, Steve, Sue, Suzanne, Tammy, Tatiana, Tina, Todd, Trudy, Tyler, Valentina, Vicki, William, Willow.

Please pray for the following families: Barnes, Beck, Bell-Powell, Bertsch, Blessington, Breslin, Brown, Bundy, Callahan, Canaan, Cassady, Coleman, Colussi, Cook, Custer, Dewald, Dierkes, DiGiovanni, DiToro, Dominek, Engelke, Erb, Fisher, Ford, Frandsen-Canaan, Frank, Freer, French, Godfrey, Gregg, Guckin, Hoffmann, Houck, Ingerson, King, Kreisich, Lacy, Laemmler, Lewis, Linn, Lockhart, Mackintosh, Maieron, Mansell, McGovern, Myers, Nash-Lockhart, Rosa, Reinert, Samulis, Schenck, Schimpf, Seamon, Shaffer, Shannon, Shlyapnikov, Skilton, Steinhofner, Sullivan, Tinari, Tolton, Travis, Williams, Wyszomierski, Zbinden, Zieger.

Please pray for the following petitions:

That God would bless and protect all members of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for.
That God would guide each of us to grow in grace & that He would please send workers into the Harvest.
For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in.
For all who struggle with addiction to drugs and alcohol.
For the sick and the grieving.
For all congregations of the NALC.
For all travelers and for the dying.
For the military and their families.
The unemployed, the underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families.
All Caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs,
For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.
For our sister congregations: Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and First Lutheran in Kirkland Illinois.
For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.
For the victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes and for favorable weather and an abundance of crops.
For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.
For those suffering from racial injustice, bigotry, and oppression in our nation and in the world.

IF YOU ARE READING THIS ANYTIME BEFORE SUNDAY NIGHT
THERE IS STILL TIME TO PLAN TO ATTEND OUR...

Advent Choral Vespers

Psalms, anthems, hymns, and chorale preludes
by J.S. Bach, Buxtehude, Giffen, Haan,
Powell, and Shephard

for choir, strings, and organ



Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave., Abington, PA 19001

Sunday, November 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Community Carol Sing
on the Church Lawn with Brass Quartet



Sunday, December 19, 2021
at 3:00 PM

All are welcome!
Carol sheets will be provided.

Christmas cookies
and hot beverages will be served.

Dress warmly
and bring chairs if you desire to sit.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP IS NOW AVAILABLE
 LIVE ON YOUTUBE (HOLY TRINITY, ABINGTON) OR
 OUR WEBSITE HOLYTRINITY.NET OR OUR
 FACEBOOK PAGE. JOIN US AT 9 AM.
 ★ THE 7:30 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
 WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED.

Treasurer's Report

October 31, 2021 (For the Year 2021)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 277,779.55	\$ 55,418.13
Carry over from 2020	\$ 10,949.08	\$ 41,199.10
Expenses paid to date	\$ 308,551.74	\$ 50,097.35
Surplus/(Deficit) 2021	(\$ 19,823.11)	\$ 46,519.88

Support Us

Please consider a gift of appreciated securities to Holy Trinity as you do your tax planning for this year. You may direct questions about how to do this to Alan Hinkle @ alanhinkle@comcast.net

Keep in your prayers the following individuals serving in the armed forces:

Christopher Biehl
 Michael Boerner
 Connor Gowton
 Shaun Hall
 Eric Henderson
 C.J. Hess
 Nathan Quinlan
 Jamie Riley
 Vikas Shah
 Jonathan Skilton, MD
 Jeremy Zar

LUTHER QUOTE:

"Music is hateful and intolerable to the devil, I truly believe, and do not mind saying, that there is no art like music, next to theology. It is the only art, next to theology, that can calm the agitations of the soul, which plainly shows that the devil, the source of anxiety and sadness, flees from the sound of music as he does from religious worship. That is why the Scriptures are full of psalms and hymns, in which praise is given to God. That is why, when we gather round God's throne in heaven, we shall sing His glory. Music is the perfect way to express our love and devotion to God. It is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."

Please remember your Church in your will.



NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Holy Trinity Friends,

I walked into the house last Thursday after a grrrr.... Work day and saw a package on the porch. Thank you for turning my day into a grrrr...eat day full of warmth and Our Father's love. I will wrap my shawl around me every day and let your prayers sink into my heart.

Your friend in Christ,
Lynn (Mackintosh) Quinlan



This email arrived Thanksgiving morning from Pastor Didi and Serafina Panzo in the Democratic Republic of the Congo:

Greetings,

In this season as we pause to intentionally give thanks, we think of those of you who have been making the work of DRC mission over the years. May God's love be the hope for all of whom we serve! We are so thankful for you, your generosity and prayers has been such a blessing to the vulnerable families, the unchurched, the church leadership and the communities we are walking along side in the West side of the DRC.

Entering into this holiday season, we want to honor our Congolese brother and sister as we acknowledge their resilience in the face of discrimination, poverty and violence. This compels us all the more to continue to be a part of what God is doing, may His will prevail in the midst of suffering and atrocity.

We pray for a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration for you and your loved ones, and as we celebrate the many blessings we've received, may we all continue to find ways to faithfully be a Blessing to others.

Your fellows in mission,
Didi & Seraphina

FRANKLIN GRAHAM
P.O. Box 3000, BOONE, NC 28607

October 28, 2021

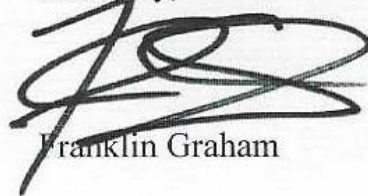
Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to Samaritan's Purse for our Operation Christmas Child project. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in this ministry.

Since 1993, we have delivered more than 188 million shoebox gifts to children in over 170 countries. Our goal this year is to collect 9.7 million boxes and use them as opportunities to share God's love with children and their families around the world. We want them know the true meaning of Christmas. *"And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world"* (1 John 4:14).

May God bless you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Franklin Graham', written over a horizontal line.

Franklin Graham

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November 11, 2021

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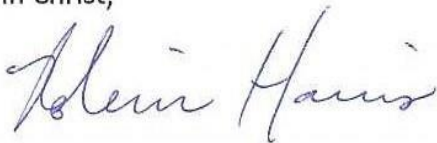
Dear Disciples of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Atlantic Mission Region Council I would like to thank all of you for the gift of \$500 in support of the Seminarian Debt Reduction Fund that was created in honor of retiring AMR Dean the Rev. David McGettigan. Your generosity has made this fund significant, not only to the seminarians who will benefit from it, but as a testament to the love you have for David and for the many years he served as our District, then Regional, Dean.

David has a soft spot in his heart for seminarians, which is why this fund was created. And it is your gift that will help enable these men and women to enter the ministry as debt-free as possible. So, thank you very much.

May the LORD bless you abundantly as you have blessed us.

In Christ,



Robin Harris

Administrative Assistant to the Deans and Council of the Atlantic Mission Region (NALC)



OCC Shoeboxes: It's A Wrap!

THANK YOU seems insufficient for each person who earnestly gave their time and treasure to one or more parts of Holy Trinity's shoebox efforts, but He sees and knows how You have used what He has given You to bless others.

Packing Party at Holy Trinity: **27 volunteers, 258 shoeboxes.**

Shoeboxes sent from Holy Trinity **439!** (combined packing party & individual boxes). That's almost the 10% increase we were asked to meet this year due to lower numbers last year.

National Collection Week at Holy Trinity (8 days straight): **21 volunteers giving 129 hours!**
Received, processed, cartonized, and delivered 1,252 shoeboxes in 85 cartons plus 6 cartons of filler gifts for less-than-full shoeboxes at the processing center.

Packing Party & Drop-Off Thank You's All Around to:

The Run Around shoe store in Roslyn for providing a couple hundred shoeboxes to augment our Samaritan's Purse supply.

Heidi Simmons who sewed 80 stuffed animals for our 2-4-year-old boys and girls as well as dresses for girls in each of the three age groups.

Dot McGowan who always makes the most beautiful and colorful knit hats to delight children in all genders and age groups and.

The Men's Devotional Group for their annual willingness to contribute toys for boys.

Deb who provides so much office support, especially printing and cutting apart 250 notes that we sign and enclose in our church shoeboxes.

Those who...prepared shoebox items for packing, carried tables and supplies outside for our packing party and then got everything back inside as well as those who gave hours to enable Holy Trinity to host National Collection week November 15-22.

The congregation for covering *every dollar* of our shoebox shipping.

The Ischinger's and their Holy Trinity crew who served as the transportation connection between Holy Trinity and Central Drop-Off at Covenant church, Hatboro, delivering 91 heavy cartons.

YOU have all made it possible for hundreds of children and their families to receive your generous blessing and most importantly help them to know Jesus Christ.

**You are fulfilling The Great Commission
To go therefore and make disciples of all nations.**

Enjoy touching and inspiring stories from children who receive shoeboxes @ samaritanpurse.org/occ-videos



Christ's Home

Caring. Compassion. Community.

www.christshome.org

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave
Abington, PA 19001-1136

November 5, 2021

Dear Rosemary,

When we closed our 2021 fiscal year in June we were deeply encouraged by the financial impact we saw from supporters that helped get Christ's Home through a very challenging year. New and previous donors stepped up in a variety of ways that truly lifted our hearts and filled a variety of needs.

Contributors helped us exceed our fundraising goal for the year as we received just over one million dollars in contributions. Praise The Lord!

The community also overcame the restrictions to dropping off traditional contributions of children's gifts and cottage supplies by shopping online. Christmas items for children of all ages, household supplies, and the furnishing of kitchen items, bed linens, towels and more were purchased through our online wish list. What a blessing!

During the strictest period of the lock down, we were approached by two faithful foundations that inquired about specific needs. One helped with technology enhancements to aid in educating the children on campus and made virtual visits with family possible. The other foundation provided a generous grant toward the unexpected costs associated with virus testing, PPE for our staff, and the cost of providing senior benevolent care.

In Matthew 6:21 it says, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." We are grateful for all who prayed, contributed, and encouraged the board, staff, and residents of Christ's Home. They demonstrated their heartfelt concern through their generosity, and we couldn't be more thankful for each and every one.

Allow me to share a few stories that will encourage your heart regarding our services to children. In the spring of this year, a young sibling group of four, that had been in our care for over two years on the Warminster campus, were adopted into a forever family. In a similar manner, three children that had spent over a year in care on our Paradise campus were reunited with their family during the summer. We praise the Lord for these provisions and for your financial support in the lives of these young children.

More stories could be told, but the purpose of this letter was to express our thanks to the community for sustaining our vital services to children and senior adults. We simply cannot do it each year without hundreds of supporters who make gifts of all sizes.

As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, the hearts of our friends and supporters turn toward making financial contributions. Last November and December we were blessed and encouraged by donors who gave in a generous and timely manner. As a friend of Christ's Home, I ask that you prayerfully consider supporting our vital services to children and senior adults with a gift that will help us provide for their needs.

Gratefully yours,



Vernon Wright, CFRE, CAP
Chief Development Officer

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)



Christ's Home Holiday Collection



Christ's Home would appreciate any contributions of the following items to meet the need of those from toddlerhood through the late teen years. Please leave your contributions in the narthex on the rack under the sign marked "Christ's Home."

Belts with buckles in all sizes for young men going on job interviews,

Sheets for cribs and Pack N Plays.

Plastic bibs for toddlers (no cloth please)

Brita pitchers and **Keurigs** with K cups for teens in apartments

Brooms for teen apartments

Bath towels are always needed!

You may also shop the Christ's Home priority list on Amazon. Simply go to Christshome.org and on the top far right click the "donate" button. Scroll down to the Amazon wish list paragraph and click on "view our wish list".

You can shop just like any other gift registry.

Please be sure to let them know you represent Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

And you are always invited to contribute a financial gift if you prefer that over shopping.

Questions: Rosemary Hinkle



At Annual Meeting this year, **Sunday, January 30, 2022** the first item of business will be the adoption of Rules of Procedure. This adoption of Rules of Procedure has always been done at the outset of every denominational or synodical convocation (LCA, ELCA, or NALC). This adoption needs only a simple majority and is done to make the meeting run smoothly. Among other things, The Rules of Procedure say that Holy Trinity's Annual Meeting will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, that all speeches will be limited to three minutes, and that anyone can present a resolution but that this resolution must be presented in writing to the Committee on Reference and Counsel by 3:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately prior to Annual Meeting. At the time each resolution is presented to Annual Meeting, Reference and Counsel will advise the Annual Meeting as to whether or not the resolution should be adopted. Copies of these Rules of Procedure and Forms for Resolutions are available in the Narthex.



To All Committee Chairpersons

If you haven't already, please submit your Annual Report to Deb in the office or email to secretary@holytrinity.net



Bread of Heaven Christmas Meal Collection:

for Homemade Chili Dinner

We will be putting together Christmas Bags for our guests at the *Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry for 4 Thursdays in December.



Donations needed for these items:

Diced Tomatoes, Kidney Beans, Vegetable Oil, Brownie mix, onions, Corn bread mix, Applesauce, or Cuties/Halos, Chili Seasoning packets, canned tomatoes with chilies, and money to purchase ground beef and peppers.

Thanks be to God for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit which inspires Holy Trinity's faithful disciples to provide so generously to those in need!

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



December Topic "A Feast for Christmas"

"And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." Acts 2:46-47

The celebrations surrounding festival days are a definite part of our Christian tradition. "We have received these days by tradition from our forefathers," says Saint Augustine, "and we transmit them to those that follow to be celebrated with like devotion."

Take a break from our regular Bible study lesson and enjoy some fellowship with your Circle. This month, we will read about Christmas Feast traditions from several countries around the world. Have fun discussing your particular family traditions and how you will pass them on to the next generation.

★ DECEMBER CIRCLES ★

Ruth Circle - Sunday, December 12 at 11:30 a.m. in the SS Peter and Andrew Study.

Leader: Katie Beyer (215) 572 - 6864 kbeyer0403@gmail.com

Eve Circle - Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and Zoom.

Leader: Sue Tolton (215) 659-7054 suetolton@comcast.net

Miriam Circle - Monday, December 13 at 12:30 p.m. in the Study and Zoom

Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com

Hannah Circle - Sunday, December 19 at 10:30 a.m. in Bread of Heaven Café and Zoom.

Contact: Deb Mumford (215) 443-5132 Debssam@msn.com

The holidays are upon us

so if you have started to think about shopping, remember Giant Cards make great gifts.

Joy has a small number of cards on hand, but will be happy to order whatever you need.

See Joy Alderfer for cards or orders.



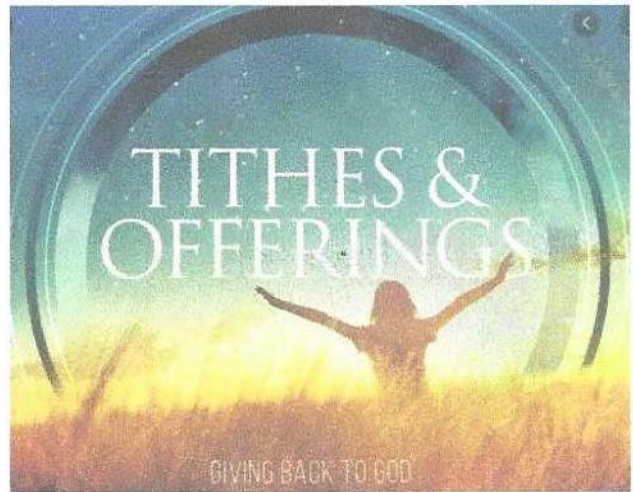
HTLCW receive a 5% cash back award for each card sold which goes to our scholarship fund. Our scholarship fund is utilized to offset the cost of an LCW related function for any church women who may want to attend but may need some financial assistance.

Women of Holy Trinity

We Ask for Your Support of Our Semi-Annual Thank Offering!

Twice a year, the women of Holy Trinity are asked to contribute their Thank Offering. This is the money you set aside in a special place each time you feel thankful to God for a blessing or answered prayer (a joy or a relief) in your life.

The Administrative Board (officers, committee chairs, and circle leaders) of the Lutheran Church Women of Holy Trinity have voted to use our fall Thank Offering in two ways. First, we are sending a \$75 sponsorship to the organization Boots and Wings following our November General meeting. This sponsorship will keep Holy Trinity's name and contact information before those who are seeking resources. The rest of our collection will go toward purchasing items for the Mother's Day gift bags for our Bread of Heaven guests. Last year we gave these gift bags for the first time and the recipients were thrilled!



In February, we will be asking you for specific donations of fancy teas, cookies/biscuits/candy, and pretty napkins; but we do need to create a fund to purchase other items to make our gifts extra special for people who struggle just to put food on their table. We are inviting all Holy Trinity women to **please be proactive and send your Thank Offering to Holy Trinity, c/o our treasurer Joy Alderfer, 2086 Parkview Avenue, Abington, PA 19001 OR place your envelope marked "Thank Offering" in the collection plate.**

Psalm 50:23 "He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; And to him who orders his way aright I shall show the salvation of God."

Military Prayer Shawl List

Captain Christopher E. Biehl, US Army,
Mother: Mrs. Cindy Biehl

Major Shaun Hall, US Marines
Mother-in-law: Mrs. Linda Frezza
Wife: Mrs. Katie Hall

SFC Eric Henderson
Mother: Ms. Deb LaPointe

Lt. Colonel Nathaniel Michael Quinlan, US Coast Guard
Mother: Mrs. Lynn Mackintosh Quinlan
Wife: Mrs. Nicole Quinlan

Lt. Jonathan Skilton, MD, US Navy Ready Reservist
Mother: Mrs. Sue Skilton
Wife: Mrs. Neda Skilton

Major Jeremy Zar, US Army
Mother: Mrs. Donna Zar

We would like to thank all the people who helped with this project: Our Knitters, Joy Alderfer, Linda Borkowski, Ilse Berzins, Helen Haun, Marilyn Murphy, and Nancy Necker. Ann Frey and Lois Hamilton helped with packing the shawls.



Coming December 1st to Fellowship Hall

Our enhanced Library Christmas display.

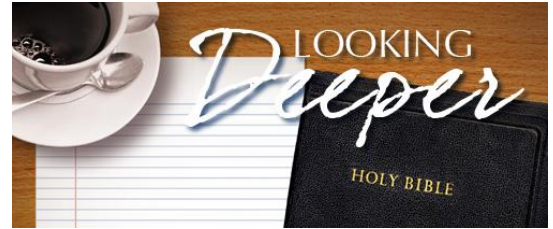
Hope you will stop by when you are in church and borrow a book or two. Your Church Library, located in the Chapel, is open as well so you may continue to take out books by signing off using the clipboard in Fellowship Hall.

We are currently updating the Library, so please pardon our appearance at this time.

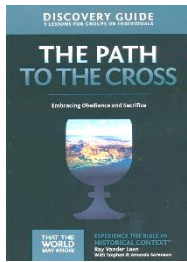
The Library Committee wishes you and your family a most glorious Christmas season and God's blessings in the New Year.



Fellowship Hall Class with Pastor Larry
Digging Deeper into the weekly readings



Saint Peter & Andrew Study Class with Tom Schied



The Path to the Cross, Volume 11 from the series
"That the World May Know" by Ray Vaander Llan.

Discover how the passionate faith of His followers
prepared the way for Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross.
Then, be challenged in your own life to live as they did.

Sarnelli House Needs ~URGENT

Men's & Women's coats & warm jackets
Men's jeans esp. waist sizes 32, 34, 36

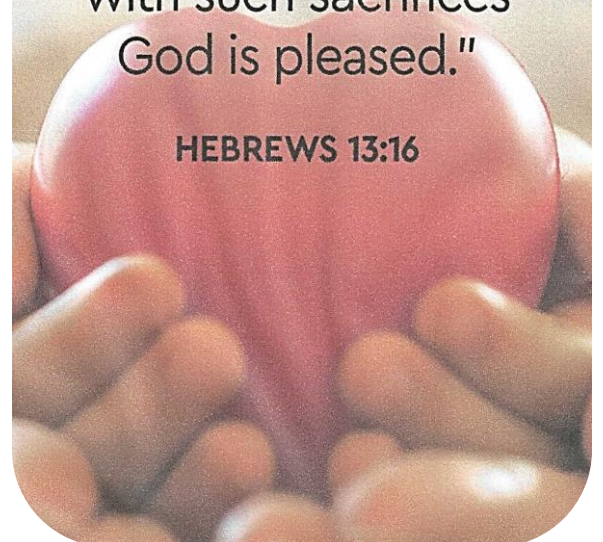
Women's jeans Hoodies
Gloves Knit caps
Blankets

Underwear and socks are always in need.

Weekly trips are being made to Kensington.
Leave your donations in the office.

"And do not forget
to do good and to
share with others, for
with such sacrifices
God is pleased."

HEBREWS 13:16

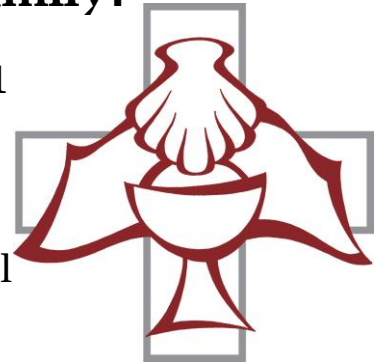


Congratulations and welcome to the family:

Newly baptized on Sunday, November 28, 2021

Chloe Grace Nedl

Congratulations to parents Stephen & Lauren Nedl
and big sister Penelope Brynn Nedl
and to grandparents Tom & Noreen Weld.



Congratulations and welcome to God's world:

Little Max Philip Necker

Born November 9, 2021

Weight: 7 lbs., 11 oz. Height: 22"



To parents Keith and Sondra Necker, big sister Willa
And proud grandparents Jim and Nancy Necker.
(This makes grandbaby #5 but first grandson!)



A Birthday party for Jesus

Mark your calendar and please make plans
to bring your children, grandchildren, or others to be part of a

**Nativity Pageant and
Happy Birthday Jesus Party
Tuesday, December 28th, at 2 PM
in Fellowship Hall.**

There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the Narthex.

We look forward to a joyful celebration!

It's All About Bringing Kids to Christ!

GEARING UP FOR 2022



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Young Life Montco · PA24
206 N. Bethlehem Pike
Ft. Washington, PA 19034

As the holidays approach, Young Life Montco finds itself in a season of joy and celebration, as well as grateful reflection. You, our donors come to our minds and hearts as we thank the Lord for all He has done in the lives of students in Upper Dublin, Wissahickon, Abington, Cheltenham and Norristown. Because of your faithful generosity, kids have gotten to interact with the life changing love of Christ and consider what their Creator has intended for their lives.

Young Life Montco looks forward to 2022 with great anticipation as we build on the current foundation and continue to grow with prayers and hopes of reaching more youth in our area!

If you are able, please consider us in your year end-giving by scanning this QR Code or going to giving.younglife.org/pa24.



Checks, payable to "Young Life - PA24" can be mailed to the address above.

Please contact us if you would like instructions on giving a stock gift.

You are a blessing!

The Staff of Young Life Montco
Jeff & Julia Pearson and Bailey Harrison

PRESORTED
FIRST CLASS



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Is Back! 2nd Monday of each month.

All are invited to join - even if it's "just for one book". Full-fledged membership is not required to participate although there are some yummy food benefits if you do 😊

Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
- *Saint Joan* by George Bernard Shaw

THE NEED

Only 2% of college students are being reached by the Gospel



Ray Wiesen, who leads the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) at Penn State Abington and recently spoke to our combined adult Sunday School classes has a request and shared a need.

Ray will be taking a bus of Penn State Abington students to the **CCO Jubilee event in Pittsburgh** the **last weekend in February**. He has plenty of guy leaders but is in need of four women who would be willing to go on this weekend Gospel event and spend time with young women, some who are learning to walk in the faith and some who will be hearing about Jesus for the first time.

If you feel God might be putting this special call on your heart, please reach out to **Ray @ 724-301-9920**. He can answer your questions and explore the possibilities with you.



December Worship Assistants Schedule



December 5

Usher 4	Lector- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Tony Quici
		Assistants Frank Ganther
Stream Rob	Sun Charlie Tolton	Acolyte Jim Necker
Team Ischinger		Crucifer Steph Templeton

December 12

Usher 5	Lector - Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Linda Frezza
		Assistants Deb Mumford
Stream Ryan Schied	Sun Nancy Berkovitz	Acolyte
Team		Crucifer

December 19

Usher 1	Lector-Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Jim & Nancy
		Assistants Necker
Stream Charlie	Sun Audrey Brown	Acolyte Kelly Darreff
Team Tolton		Crucifer Sherry Breslin

December 24 5:00 PM

December 24 7:30 PM

Usher	Usher 3	Acolyte Ryan Schied
		Crucifer Rob Ischinger
	Stream Charlie	
	Team Tolton	
Lector - Linda Borkowski	Lector - Scott Brown	
Communion Linda Cassady	Communion A. Shikhvarg	
Assistants Linda Borkowski	Assistants Linda Frezza	






December 26

Usher 2	Lector - Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Dave Tolton
		Assistants Charlie Tolton
Stream Hannah	Sun Suzanne	Acolyte Charlie Tolton
Team Mumford	Brown	Crucifer Frank Ganther

If you cannot serve please contact someone on the list for that particular service team and find a replacement. If you cannot find a replacement simply contact the office (215) 659-2642 or email Deb at secretary@holyltrinity.net

Called to *Serve*

DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 10:00 Bread of Heaven	3	4 5:00 Holy Communion
			7:30 Council	6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	7:30 AA	7:00 AA
5 ADVENT 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	6	7	8	9 10:00 Bread of Heaven	10	11 5:00 Holy Communion
				6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	7:30 AA	7:00 AA
12 ADVENT 3 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Ruth Circle in Youth Room	13 12:30 Miriam Circle	14	15	16 10:00 Bread of Heaven	17	18 5:00 Holy Communion
		7:00 PM Evangelism		6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	7:30 AA	7:00 AA
19 ADVENT 4 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 10:30 Hannah Circle	20	21	22	23 10:00 Bread of Heaven	24 OFFICE CLOSED  <i>Christmas Eve Worship</i> SERVICES 5:00 & 7:30 PM	25  5:00 Holy Communion
3:00 CAROL SING AND COOKIES ON THE LAWN				6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir		7:00 AA
26 CHRISTMAS 1 9:00 Holy Communion	27	28  Party 2 PM	29	30 10:00 Bread of Heaven	31 	

Special Dates:

- Advent 2, Dec. 5, 2021
- Advent 3, Dec. 12, 2021
- Advent 4, Dec. 19, 2021
- First Day of Winter, Dec. 21, 2021
- Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2021
- Happy Birthday Jesus Party, Dec. 28, 2021

Merry Christmas

