



Trinity Lutheran Church

2221 North Oak Lane
State College, PA 16803
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PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Don Leslie, Carol Young, Sally Adams, Doug Perkins, Barb Trout, Barb Huntley (skin cancer), Jerry Wion, Kris Glad (military), Ray Petersen (military)

TLC FRIENDS

Gerald Moyer, Anne and Mel Bollick, Julie Buechner, Ray Peterson (illness), Karen Heeter, Dustin, Helen, Sylvia, Carl, Tarra, Jake Petersen (military), Colleen Wisniewski (cancer), Lauren and Kyle, Ed and Evelyn Connor Family (daughters Amy and Judy, cancer), Kurt Huntley and family, Cami and family, Dennis and family, Michael Hamilton and family

ALL LADIES OF TRINITY WELCOME!

The 6th annual Christmas gathering will be held Monday, December 14, at 7:00 pm at the Greenwich Hill clubhouse. There will be no craft for The Oaks this year since one was just made for Thanksgiving. However we will enjoy fellowship and ask that each attendee please bring: a plate of at least a dozen cookies, candle of any type (a favorite if you have one), and a reading that represents something special about Christmas (excerpt from a book, a poem, or Bible reading) that you would especially like to read to the group. Mary Lou has provided wonderful tea options in the past and will hopefully be able to do so again. If you have any questions or need directions, please call Linda Leslie at 237-3568. Hope to see you there!



Address: 3221 Shellers Bend,
Greenwich Hill Condominiums, State College

PARK FOREST PRESCHOOL CRAFT KITS

The Park Forest Preschool Craft Kits need to be wrapped and returned to the church by **Sunday, December 6**. Thank you to all who provided kits. You have made a child's Christmas a bit brighter.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Once again we will be setting up at the Penn Stater for the wrapping of approximately 11,000 toys on Friday, December 11, starting around 5:00 pm. For numerous years, Trinity has provided many of the volunteers needed to get all the toys, wrapping paper, labels, and rooms ready for the first session on Saturday. We ask for your help again with this effort. We will meet on the second floor of the Penn Stater Conference Center. Thanks.

Donna and Gene Weller

FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

As of Wednesday, December 2, 268 food items and a \$10 grocery gift card have been collected for our Annual Food Drive. Thank you to all who have donated. The Food Drive continues, so please check out the Food Needed List on the following page.

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 am – 9:00 pm IHS Bell Ringing
at Meyer Dairy
10:00 am Zumba
5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:15 am Worship with Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship with Communion
11:45 am Coffee Hour

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study
7:00 pm Monday Night Study

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:45 pm Zumba

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:00 pm Soup and Salad
7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:45 pm Zumba
7:00 pm Bell Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

10:00 am Zumba
5:00 pm Worship with Communion
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
8:15 am Worship with Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Joyful Voices
10:45 am Worship with Communion
11:45 am Coffee Hour

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

If you would like to be part of the pre-worship music (vocal or instrumental) for our 8:00 Christmas Eve Service, please contact Jim Rearick or Barb Roberts by December 13.



TLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

July 1, 2015 – November 30, 2015

Income	\$108,695.26
Expenses	\$111,461.62
Difference	-\$2,766.36

These amounts represent operating income and expenses and do not include any interest, dividends or investment value changes.

THE TRADITION CONTINUES



Donations are needed for our Annual All-Congregation Christmas Coffee Hours to be held December 20 and 27. If you have too many cookies, candy, nuts, etc., bring them in to share. Please contact Brian Woodland with any questions.

ADVENT SOUP AND SALAD SUPPERS

Wednesdays in Advent

6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm – “Holden Evening Prayer”

PROPOSED MENUS*

December 9

Vegetable Beef Soup
Delicious Kale Soup
Creamy White Chili
Salad and Rolls

December 16

Sweet Italian Sausage and Tortellini Soup
Vegetarian Minestrone
Beef, Bean and Beer Chili
Salad and Bread

Sign-Up Sheet posted on Fellowship Hall door

Donations of desserts are requested and welcomed.

**Menus are subject to change as may become necessary.*

Sorry in advance for any inconvenience.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Family Worship
(please note change in time from December calendar)

7:30 pm Pre-Worship Music
8:00 pm Festive Worship with
Candle Lighting and Communion

Christmas Day

10:00 am Worship with
Communion

The Annual Holiday Food Drive started
Sunday, November 15.

The following items are needed:

- Soups
- Cereal or Oatmeal
- Spaghetti/Pasta Sauce
- Dry pasta (spaghetti, elbow, egg noodles, etc.)
- Rice/Rice sides
- Tomato Product (diced, stewed, paste, sauce, etc.)
- Canned meats (chicken, Spam, tuna, etc.)
- Canned Pasta
- Protein Beans
- Mac n' Cheese
- Mayonnaise
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, barbecue sauce, etc.)
- Juice (100%)
- Salad Dressing (Ranch, Italian, etc.)
- Sugar
- Flour
- Oil
- Coffee
- Tea
- Hot Chocolate
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Laundry Detergent
- Soap (bars/liquid)

Additional items needed for the holidays:

- Stuffing
- Sweet Potatoes
- Turkey Gravy
- Green Beans
- Corn
- Pumpkin
- Pie Crust Mix
- Pie Filling
- Gift Cards to Giant/Weis to purchase Turkeys
- Gift Cards to Wal-Mart/Sam's Club to purchase fresh potatoes

Please add the following information to your Parish Directory.

Charles Welch
Elmcroft of State College, Apt. 307
150 Farmstead Lane
State College, PA 16803
(814)619-4115 Elmcroft

READINGS

December 6
Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6



December 13
Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18



**Interfaith
Human
Services**

Communities of faith collaborating to help neighbors in need.

251 Easterly Parkway, Suite 200
State College, PA 16801
Phone: 814-234-7731
FAX: 814-234-7411
ihs-centrecounty.org

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2221 N Oak Lane
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for your donation of \$500 to Interfaith Human Services. Your tax deductible donation will impact the lives of individuals and families throughout Centre County through our caring programs. Your contribution to the general fund is especially helpful because it provides the greatest flexibility to our organization as we work toward solutions to low-income household's needs.

We greatly appreciate your generosity. We strive to be excellent stewards of your gift(s) and will do our best each day to be a positive presence in our County. Please let us know if you have any questions about Interfaith Human Services and the work that we do to serve others.

Sincerely,

Sylvia
Sylvia Neely
Interim Director

Your support for the work of IHS is very generous. Thank you for all that you do to help us serve our neighbors in need.



2015 Toys For Tots Wrapping Schedule Penn Stater Conference Center 2nd Floor



Saturday, December 12

10:00 am to 12:00 Noon - Youth Groups and Scout Troops
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm - Open session for the public

Sunday, December 13

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm - Open session for the public

Monday, December 14

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Open session for the public

Tuesday, December 15

1:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Open session for the public

Wednesday December 16

Only if needed

Thursday, December 17

6:00 pm - Clean-up and transfer of remaining toys
Open to the public

Those attending wrapping sessions are asked to bring a food item to support Centre County Food Pantries.

PSU Men's Basketball vs. Eastern Michigan - Saturday December 5 - Admission \$5.00 with a new, unwrapped toy

PSU Lady Lions Basketball vs. Youngstown State - Tuesday December 8 - Admission \$5.00 with a new, unwrapped toy

Volunteers are required by the Marine Corps to sign a Gratuitous Service Agreement.

Copies will be at the Penn Stater or are available online at <http://lemont-pa.toysfortots.org> under Local Documents.



Dear Friend,

At this time of year, we are reminded that we have so much to be thankful for. I want you to know how grateful we are for you, a loyal supporter and partner of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County.

Because of you, two more hardworking, low-income families in Greater Centre County have moved into their Habitat homes in the past year. Imagine the joy these families will feel as they spend their first Thanksgiving in their very own homes.

We are excited to share that we have plans for two more homes in the new year. **We are so blessed to have you as a part of our Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County family.**

With Sincerest Thanks and Wishing You Happy Holidays,

Jill Redman
Executive Director



Building houses, building hope.





Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Racism remains an enduring crisis in the United States. As Lutheran Christians, we must continue our involvement in and commitment to the important work of naming racism as a sin – a violation of God's intention for humanity.

Please join me for another live webcast on “Confronting Racism: A Holy Yearning” – **Jan. 14 at 8 p.m. (CST)**. This conversation will focus on offering a variety of perspectives on the U.S. criminal justice system. As with the previous webcast, we will continue to ground the webcast by two commitments. One is this church's proclamation of Christ and the confidence that this good news brings to set us free from the captivity of racism. The second is this church's enduring commitment to address the complexity of racism and end discrimination.

Joining me once again for this conversation is host William B. Horne II, an ELCA member from Clearwater, Fla. Together we welcome:

- **Judge Yolanda Tanner**, an ELCA member and an associate judge for the Baltimore City Circuit Court.
 - **Leonard Duncan**, an ELCA member who will share his experience of incarceration, poverty and homelessness. Duncan is a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and an ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship recipient.
- Charlene Guiliani**, an ELCA member and former police sergeant. Guiliani is a student at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, and an ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship recipient.

Through our church's social statements “The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries” and “Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture,” the ELCA collectively has expressed its calling to confront racism and advocate for justice and fairness for all people. You can access these social statements [here](#). In addition, I have made several public statements on behalf of the church on the subject. Those statements are available [here](#).

You may read more about this webcast at www.ELCA.org/webcast, where a link to the live webcast will be provided. A live stream also will be available at www.Facebook.com/Lutherans. If you would like to submit a question to be considered during the live webcast, please send it to livinglutheran@elca.org and provide your name and your congregation's name, city and state.

Join me for this important conversation.

God's peace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Alternative Christmas Fair



**Sunday, December 6, 2015
11 am to 2 pm**

**University Baptist & Brethren Church
411 S. Burrowes St.
State College, PA 16801**

**Give the gift of a charitable
contribution as an alternative to
holiday commercialism.**

Make a difference!

**Donate to one or more of 24 participating charities:
100% of donations go to the charities**

- Alternatives in Community Justice
- Bridge of Hope
- Centre County PAWS
- Centre Volunteers in Medicine
- Centre Wildlife Care
- CentrePeace
- Church World Service
- ClearWater Conservancy
- Habitat for Humanity
- Heifer Project
- Hope International
- House of Care
- Housing Transitions
- Interfaith Human Services
- Meals on Wheels
- Mid-State Literacy Council
- Park Forest Preschool
- PA Interfaith Power & Light
- Red Cross Disaster Relief
- State College Food Bank
- Tides
- UNA of Centre County
- Youth Service Bureau
- Women's Resource Center

*Gift cards available, suitable for any holiday
Enjoy Soup/Sandwich Lunch (eat in or take out)
Baked Goods and Christmas Cookies
Children's Fair 11 am - 1:00 pm*