



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18,19  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Jerry Wion, Carolyn Kresen, Rhonda Walker-Hall, Karl Raynar, Carol Bernlohr , Dee Kiel

TLC FRIENDS

Richard Broking

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00 am New Member Class  
10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:15 am Worship with Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship with Communion  
11:45 am Social Time  
12:00 pm Christmas Caroling

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

5:45 pm Zumba  
7:00 pm Council

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18

6:00 pm Advent Soup & Salad  
7:00 Holden Evening Prayer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:45 pm Zumba  
6:00 pm Bells  
7:00 pm Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

10:00 am Zumba  
5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:15 am Worship with Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship with Communion  
11:45 am Social Time  
4:00 pm Blue Christmas Service



*Altar Flowers are sponsored by  
Marty & Alyce Mehring  
in Loving Memory of Their Parents  
& in the True Spirit of Christmas*

Are you struggling, sad or grieving during this Christmas Holiday Season?

Pastor Ron is having a  
**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**  
this year on

Sunday, December 22nd at 4:00 pm

In Fellowship Hall for those who are in need of comfort and reassurance during this difficult time.



**CHRISTMAS SEASON WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, December 22nd**

4:00 pm Blue Christmas Service

**Tuesday, December 24th**

5:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Service

7:30 pm Special Christmas Music

8:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service w/Communion

**Wednesday, December 25th**

10:00 am Celebration of the Nativity w/communion

Food Bank Challenge

138 collected this week #5

TOTAL - 515





## *From the Pastor's Desk*

December 15, 2019



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As you surely know, Christmas is just about upon us! Ten days from this Sunday, to be specific. For me, while Easter is about signs of new life, Christmas is about stories of new life. Stories. Enjoyed by all, young and old. We humans love our stories and love even more to be part of a story.

With that in mind, the words of a hymn came to me this morning:

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungry and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Christmas is the beloved story of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Fortunately, we have two different versions, one by St. Matthew and one by St. Luke, each told from a different perspective. While Luke focuses on Mary, Matthew centers on Joseph. Both have their own unique struggles with being part of this, God's story, just as we do!

When our daughters were much younger, but old enough to understand, they loved hearing the stories associated with their birth. To be honest, I doubt that all the details we included were factually accurate, but the stories still communicated a truth about each of them thereby enhance our relationships with them as family.

Christmas, like Easter, is about God's story and how he chooses to involve us in that story. A story of hope, of life, of relationships, of salvation. It's a great story! And even if all the details are factually accurate, this story, the birth of our Savior, is not only a story about God's love, it's a story about God's love for the likes of us!

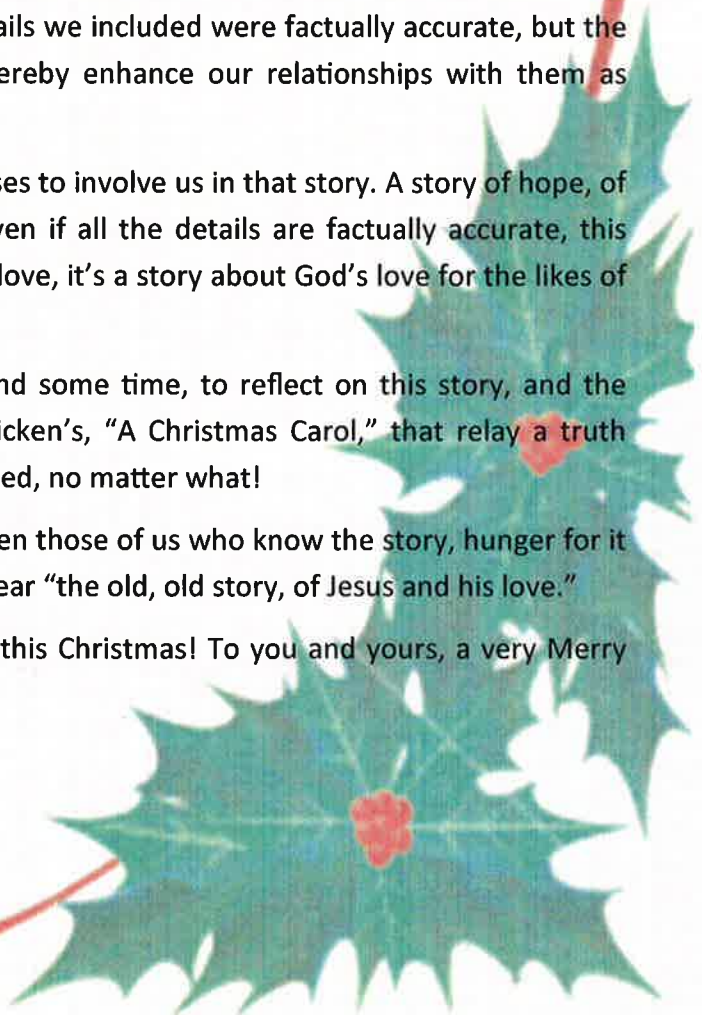

In spite of all the busyness this Holy Season, I hope you find some time, to reflect on this story, and the stories, of Christmas—those in the Bible and those, like Dicken's, "A Christmas Carol," that relay a truth about God and what it means to be chosen, accepted and loved, no matter what!

Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911, has it most assuredly right, even those of us who know the story, hunger for it just like those who hear it for the first time. We too love to hear "the old, old story, of Jesus and his love."

May that story find a special place in your heart and home this Christmas! To you and yours, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love, joy and peace,

*Pastor Ron*





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shop to support

**Interfaith Human Services**  
Strengthening Families Through Financial Stability

**December 14th**

Simply mention IHS at the register, and a portion of your purchase will be donated!



**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
CHURCH OFFICE  
HOURS**

The office will be closed from Monday, December 23rd to Wed., January 1st, reopening on Thursday, January 2nd, 2020

J	Angela Garritano	1
	Melissa Phillips	1
A	Heather Weyandt	4
N	Eric Fedorko	5
U	Laurie Smith	5
	Rick Whitmer	9
A	Dolores Kiel	10
R	Alexa Oselinsky	11
Y	David Oselinsky	12
	Dee Frisque	13
B	Rhonda Walker Hall	15
I	William Adams	16
R	Barbara Roberts	16
T	Bette Larson	18
H	Kevin Trostle	19
D	Andrew Rodabaugh	20
A	Dennis Weidel	23
Y	Jane Weller	24
S	Gina Motter	25
	Marc Frey	28
	Liam Merritt	29
	Scott Crain	30



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**2019**  
**Toys for Tots Wrapping Schedule**  
**Penn Stater Conference Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Youth Groups & Scout Troops  
4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Open session for the public.

Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>

2:00 PM to 4:00 P.M. Open session for the public.

Monday December 16<sup>th</sup>

2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Open session for the public until complete.

Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup>

10:00 A.M until complete only if needed.

Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup>

6:00 P.M. Clean-up and transfer of remaining toys – Open to the public

Check the website below for any schedule updates.



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

Penn State Women's Basketball vs. Pitt Thursday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 7 P.M.

Penn State Men vs. Alabama Saturday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 2 P.M.

Bring a new, unwrapped toy and get a ticket for \$5

\*\* Volunteers are required by the Marine Corps to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement. Copies will be at the Penn Stater or are available online at <http://lemont-pa.toysfortots.org> under Local Documents