



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Altar Flowers

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*Dec 23rd - Are given by Keith & Diane Smith
in honor of those who protect us here and aboard*

*Dec 30th - Are given by Linda Leslie in Loving
memory of Don Leslie and in Honor of all
December birthdays.*

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Monday December 24th

5:00 pm Family Worship Service
8:00 pm Candlelight Worship Service w/Communion

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th

10:00 am Worship w/Communion



READINGS

December 23

Micah 5:2-5a
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45[46-55]

December 30

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52



The church office will
be closed from
Friday, December 21st

until Tuesday, January 1st..

The office will reopen on
Wednesday, January 2nd.

TRINITY EVENTS

Saturday, December 22

10:00 am Zumba
5:00 pm Worship with Communion
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23
8:15 am Worship with Communion
10:45 am Worship with Communion
11:45 am Social Time

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 pm Family Worship Service
8:00 pm Candlelight Service w/Communion

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 am Worship with Communion
MERRY CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

5:00 pm Worship with Communion
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30
8:15 am Worship with Communion
10:45 am Worship with Communion
11:45am Social Time

12:30 Deeper Water Bowling

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

5:45 pm Zumba
7:00 pm Choir

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

8:15 am Worship with Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship with Communion
11:45am Social Time



PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Bruce Lorich, Carol Bernlohr, Jerry Wion, Linda Leslie, Jim Reynolds, Laurel Saville, Kevin Trostle, Jessica Rodabaugh, Carolyn Kresen, Amanda Silliker

TLC FRIENDS

John (cancer), Richard & Deloros Broking, Judi (cancer), Jessica (paralyzed, car accident), Jock (death of wife), Peggy, Isla (newborn requiring heart surgery)

Week 4 - 145
Thanks to all who donated
TOTAL - 782



Food Bank Challenge is over BUT
we will continue to collect food for the food bank

New Adult Bible Study

Study of the Gospel of St. John

Monday Night - starting January 14th

Faith Room at 7:00 pm

If you are interested or need more information
talk to Pastor Ron or email him at
tlcrevron@comcast.net



THEMED DINNER

Mark you calendar

Wednesday, January 9th

New Year's Pork and Sauerkraut

There is a signup sheet on the door to
Fellowship Hall
Time: 6:00 pm

2019 Altar Flower Chart

is on the bulletin board outside
Fellowship Hall

If you are interested in
sponsoring flowers to enhance our
worship space, please sign up.
THERE ARE QUITE A FEW DATES
LEFT.

The cost of Altar Flowers is \$42.00



IHS Blanket Drive

Help take a little chill out of the lives of some
of our fellow
Centre County residents

Please consider donating to the Interfaith Hu-
man Services
Blanket Drive

Donation Dates: December 16 to January 13

There has been a box placed in the narthex
for New and Gently Used Blankets

If you have question please contact:

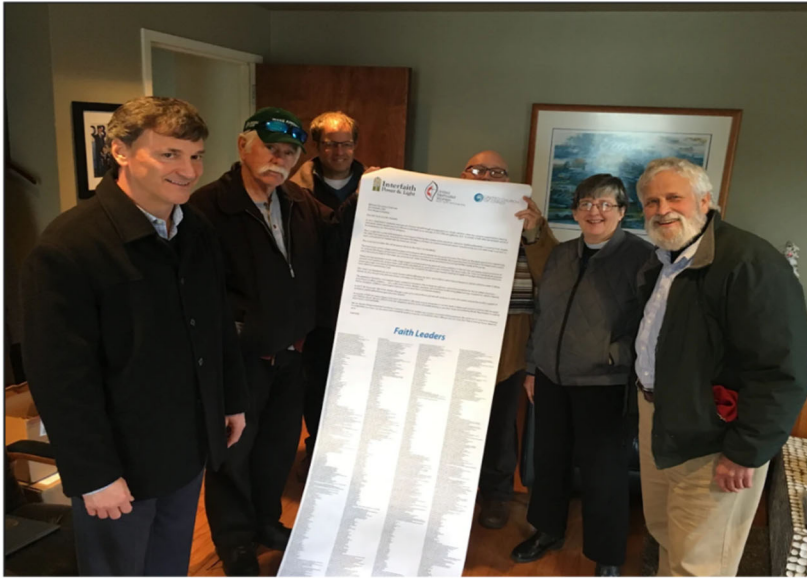
Carol Smith (piffy1957@gmail.com) or 814--
441-3183



Care of Creation

Success in Delivering Ford Petition

A group of local faith and community leaders visited the State College Ford dealership on December 6. Ron Porter from Trinity was a member of that group which delivered



statements and petitions from local individuals and congregations to be added to the 12,000 signature national petition previously presented to Ford at their corporate headquarters. These petitions and statements call on the Ford Motor Company to publicly stand by their previous commitments to the national clean car standards for 2025, without compliance loopholes. Rolling back those standards will have a negative impact on air pollution and accelerate the rate at

which climate change is occurring. John Morris, the owner and general manager of State College Ford, was very cordial and welcoming. PA Interfaith Power and Light (PA IPL) would like to thank congregants who signed the petition, thereby contributing to the success of the petition presentation.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd - PACKING BLESSING BAGS



December 23, 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

No doubt you've heard the saying, "The more things change, the more they stay the same." I thought of that phrase this morning when I heard a rather unusual news article.

NPR was on the radio as I was pursuing my morning routine and one piece caught my attention. Seems one of our state schools of higher education is offering a new program to students. Some of the buildings on campus are kept open and available throughout the winter break. The reason? These students have found themselves to be homeless!

At first, I couldn't believe it. One young woman in her early twenties has been on her own since she was only nine years old. She would stay with friends and neighbors, but she did not always feel welcomed. Of course, she had been abused and used by others. A young man explained how his mother had thrown him out of the house, fed up with his behavior, I suppose. He too, had no where else to go.

The program is meeting with support and "success" in terms of giving this young people a sense of belonging and accomplishment, of value and worth, of hope for their futures that they are not trash, or losers, or deadbeats. There is, of course, a point person, to oversee the program and assist the students, but the program is accomplishing its goals. A difference is being made in the lives of these young adults. In fact, other schools across Pennsylvania are also considering starting a simple program on their campuses.

I would never have thought of young people being homeless, and yet, the more things change the more they stay the same. As we look to Christmas, aren't Mary and Joseph "homeless" as they make their way to Bethlehem. Normally, in those days, people would stay with family when they came to visit or conduct business. As I understand it, the "inns" back then were not safe places to stay. Could it be that Joseph no longer had relatives living in Bethlehem? Or, were Mary and Joseph rejected by their families because Mary is pregnant out-of-wedlock and Joseph, embarrassingly, is planning to marry her anyway? Can't have people like that staying with us, no sir!

Worse yet, even the inn doesn't welcome them. They have no where to stay. Fortunately, there was (and is) a point person, if you will, overseeing their needs. They are offered a shed, a setting few if any of us would accept, and yet, it is in precisely such a setting that God comes to us in the flesh! There is no one, absolutely no one, who cannot identify with this Child born at Christmas, because He identifies so fully with each and every one of us!

Thanks be to God who comes to us in love and welcome, giving us value and worth and hope for our lives and for our world!

His richest blessings to you and yours as you celebrate this holy season of Christmas and throughout this New Year!

Love, joy and peace,

Pastor Ron

