



Trinity Lutheran Church

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PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Carol Bernlohr, Lisa Bowen, Linda Leslie, Bonnie Knapp, Jerry Wion, Jim Reynolds, Kris Glad (military)

TLC FRIENDS

Gail (lymphoma), Mary Trostle, Jeff Bickel, John Light, Rich Campbell, Lee Card (military), Jonathan Green, Pauline Harman, Shawn Ewing (cancer), Francis O'Connor (cancer), Stan Lembeck, Bill Sherman and family (cancer), Amanda Sigman and family (cancer)

DEATH

Maise Trostle - Kevin Trostle's mother



Ash Wednesday Message from Bishop Rhyne

May God bless you on this Ash Wednesday and throughout the season of Lent. You have probably noticed that this year Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day. This may seem like a strange convergence but the season of Lent points us to the great love that God has for us in Christ Jesus and to our great need of that love and salvation that Christ pours out for us on the cross.

When we come forward for the distribution of ashes we are told while the cross is being formed on our heads, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." This ritual is a stark reminder that we are mortals who are bound to die. Despite how the world tries to convince us otherwise, we know that our time on earth will end. The ashes remind us that these frail human bodies have an expiration date and that one day we will return to the dust from which we came.

This sobering reminder is intentional. The Church reminds us that on our own we are nothing. Yet, thanks be to God, death, dust, and ashes do not have the last word. That cross on our forehead points to the one who hung on the cross to defeat sin, death, and the devil. Because of what God has accomplished in Jesus Christ, dust like us will be raised to eternal life. Death is a reality but the greater reality is that Jesus is stronger than death and has died to pull us out of sin, death, and destruction into life with him. The resurrected Lord Jesus is the hope for dust like us.

Ash Wednesday and all of Lent reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice to save us and how the Holy Spirit continually is working to reform us and turn us away from darkness to walk in God's marvelous light. God in Jesus Christ does this because the love of God for you is more than you can ever imagine. It is a love so great that would lead God to become flesh and give up his life on the cross. If you want to see what love looks like we can look to the cross of Jesus. It shows us that God loves you so much that nothing is held back to save you.

On this Ash Wednesday I invite you to give thanks for the great love we have received from Jesus Christ and the sacrifice that sets us free to share that love with others.

May God bless you now and always.

+Bishop Michael Rhyne

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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 Social Time

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study  
 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:45 pm Zumba

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

ASH WEDNESDAY

12:00 pm Worship with Communion  
 7:00 pm Worship with Communion

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

5:45 pm Zumba  
 7:00 pm Bell Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 am Quilters  
 9:30 am Social Statement Discussion  
 10:00 am Zumba  
 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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 Social Time

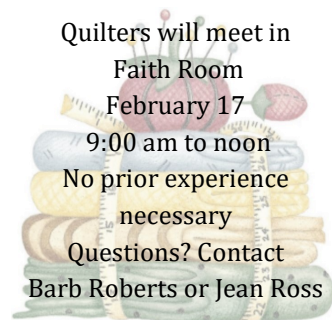
LENTEN MEAL AND WORSHIP

On Wednesdays during the season of Lent (not Ash Wednesday), there will be a meal of soup and salad at 6:00 pm followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm.

READINGS - FEBRUARY 11

2 Kings 2:1-12  
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
 Mark 9:2-9

Quilters will meet in  
 Faith Room  
 February 17  
 9:00 am to noon  
 No prior experience  
 necessary  
 Questions? Contact  
 Barb Roberts or Jean Ross





# STATE COLLEGE FOOD BANK

February 2, 2018

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Dear Friends, *Pastor Ron + friends,*

We want to express our deepest gratitude for your recent support of the State College Food Bank. Your gift is critical to our daily operations that make it possible to fulfill our mission of *providing food security, directly and indirectly, to individuals within Centre County.*

Because of such a caring community, the State College Food Bank is able to partner with and support other food pantries and agencies to ensure all our neighbors have food on their tables. Your generous gift will make a direct impact on our local fight against hunger.

At the State College Food Bank, we are continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of donors like you, who answer the call and support our vision to make sure no one will go hungry in Centre County.

With gratitude and best regards,

*Carol Pioli*

Carol Pioli, Executive Director  
State College Food Bank

*Thank you for all the  
support in 2017,*

*As required by the Internal Revenue Service, this letter confirms that no goods or services were received in exchange for your contribution, making it tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.*



## 2017 Centre County Toys for Tots In Review

Thanks to the extremely generous support of our community, the Nittany Leathernecks Detachment – Marine Corps League met the needs of Toys for Tots in Centre County during the 2017 holiday season. The entire process of moving all of the toys to the Penn Stater along with support materials and the retrograde of remaining toys to the “unregistered site” went more smoothly than could have been expected. As a recap, the following milestones were met:

- 932 needy children identified by the seven county food pantries and the PA State Police with their Foster Child Program received four toys per child.
- 584 children were provided four toys per child between the food pantries’ cut-off date and December 23<sup>rd</sup> at the “unregistered” site after comparing the names from the food pantry lists. Being unregistered meant that we could not know the numbers of children, age, or gender until the distribution was completed on Christmas Eve. This was also the eleventh year that we requested food donations to provide food to all in need along with toys at this site. The response for food as well as toys during the 2017 Toys for Tots campaign ensured that there was enough for all in need. Over 7400 food items were received at the Penn Stater and distributed to the food pantries in proportion to the number of children each food pantry reported. There was also a significant number of food items delivered directly to the food pantries due to our request to collect food in conjunction to collecting toys.
- Grandparents living in Centre County with grandchildren in Centre County and below certain income levels could apply for two items per grandchild. This effort reached 423 children through the food pantries and an additional 272 at the unregistered site.
- The remaining items were dispersed among over 45 Centre County Social Service agencies to help with their program needs and will be used by an estimated 7845 additional children.
- Over 300 businesses and groups supported our countywide effort for 2017.
- There was more than 300 drop off points around the county.
- More than 750 people came out to help wrap and label the toys over four days of wrapping, set-up day and for final clean-out of the Penn Stater.

9,000 toys collected, sorted, wrapped, labeled, re-sorted, bagged, and transported to the distribution points. An additional 7200 toys were deliberately not wrapped as they would be used by other social service agencies after the holidays. Businesses, churches, youth groups, scout troops, campus groups and departments, fire companies, Penn State Navy ROTC, Army Reserve, Navy League of Central PA, and the Marines and their families of the Nittany Leathernecks all worked in concert to provide some “hope and joy” to children in our community that might have lost hope if not for this community effort. I am proud of this community and what it can accomplish for the less fortunate in our midst. Thank you again for your support and we look forward to having your assistance in 2018.

Semper Fi,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene".

Gene Weller, Coordinator  
Centre County Toys for Tots