

Worship With Us

SUNDAY:

Traditional Service 9 am

Contemporary Service 11 am



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Recurring Events

Sundays

- 10:15 am Prayer Ministry
- 2 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study
- 6 pm Youth Group

Mondays

- 6 pm Martial Arts (free class)
- 6:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study
(2nd Monday only)

Tuesdays

- 9 am Heavenly Crafters

Wednesdays

- 4 pm Spaghetti Dinner (\$1)
(3rd Wednesday only)
- 6 pm Tai Chi (free class)
- 7 pm Chorus Rehearsal
- 8 pm AA/ALANON

Thursdays

- 6:30 pm Disciple 3 Bible Study

Saturdays

- 6 pm Praise Rehearsal



The amazing TUMC "Heavenly Crafters," who have worked for nine months to create an impressive variety of lovely and unique gifts, will host their Holiday Country Store in the TUMC Social Hall on November 2nd from 10 am - 2 pm. At this popular event, their crafts will be sold as well as their special sandwiches and side dishes. Delicious desserts will be provided by the Trinity "best bakers in the valley." Quarts of their fantastic vegetable, wedding and stuffed pepper soups will also be on sale.

Joy to the World

Come join us on Christmas Eve (2 pm, 7 pm and 11 pm) to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

WHAT'S ONGOING

Everyone can get involved in the life and activity of the church. It's not always about chairing a committee or organizing a rummage sale. It can be about attending events, praying faithfully, about cooking spaghetti for our Dollar Dinners, about sending someone a card or visiting someone at his home or in the hospital. Every contribution of time, talent or money is "huge" . . . so get plugged in!



Donations are needed . . .

Large cans of spaghetti sauce are needed for our wildly popular third Wednesday Spaghetti Dinners. If you have a chance to drop off a can or two, please do so.

This community event typically serves well over 200 people and people call every month to ask about it. For October's dinner, 253 people attended and nearly 50 people were lined up waiting to get in at 4 pm!

Movie Nights at Trinity

In September the film was *"I Can Only Imagine,"* the story of the life of the author of one of the most famous and popular of Christian contemporary songs. Touching, moving, and inspiring. Wow! **October**, featured *"The Wizard of Oz,"* a seasonal treat.

Movie Nights are now monthly on the third Saturday. Now and through the winter, start time will be 6:30 PM. Please come and invite your friends.

There will be Movie Nights for the Holidays:

- **Saturday, November 16**
- **Saturday, December 21**

Help! The Movie Night Team could use additional help in providing refreshments, operating equipment, and clean-up. Interested persons please contact Rene Schrag or Sherry/church secretary.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Missions

In November and December, AVAoC will be having its food and clothing distribution drives. From October 27th to November 17th; we are asking you to contribute gently used coats and to put them in our collection boxes. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

Election Day Fundraiser

This 5 -10 am breakfast on November 5th will be open to everyone in the community as "a place to meet and eat" after going to the polls. The menu will feature scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes and syrup, potatoes, juice and coffee - all for a mere \$8.

Steelers "Tailgate" / Dip Day

For a variety of tasty snacks, delicious dips and a "big screen" view of the November 10th/4:25 pm Steelers-Rams game, join us at the "tailgate party" in the TUMC Social Hall. Come to cheer for your favorite team and bring along your friends and families.

B-O-G-O

For the rest of this year, we are asking you to contribute toiletries (in particular, women's deodorant) for the homeless program through AVAoC.

In addition, we would welcome your donations of baking items that can be used for holiday meal preparations (packages of cookie mix, pie mix, stuffing mixes, canned sweet potatoes and the like). Recipients say those are things "they really need."

Marianne Cornetti

For a truly extraordinary musical experience, please join us in the sanctuary on November 17th for the community benefit concert, *Then Sings My Soul* by Marianne Cornetti, a "hometown" star and favorite. Miss Cornetti is internationally recognized as one of the leading Verdi mezzo-sopranos of her generation and her performances have consistently garnered rave reviews.

Celebrating 30 years of her career, a lifetime of music and a dedication to nurturing communities, Miss Cornetti's fundraising goal is \$10,000. The proceeds will benefit AVAoC. Suggested donation per person is \$20.

Worship

The Worship Committee invites you to contribute an ornament for the *Church Family Christmas Tree* which will be located in the Narthex. Your donated ornament can be placed in the designated box in the Narthex during the month of November or you can add it to the tree anytime during Advent.

All families are welcome to contribute, and we hope all will take time to enjoy our beautiful Christmas Tree during the season.

On Sunday, November 24th at 5:00 pm, everyone is invited to help decorate the entire church for Christmas (i.e. *Hanging of the Greens*). Please join us in this festive event as we prepare for the Christmas season by decorating our church and enjoying some Christmas carols, food, and fellowship.

WHAT'S COMING UP



Handel's *MESSIAH*

For lovers of Handel's quintessential holiday oratorio, the sing-along performance at Calvary United Methodist Church on December 7th and 8th at 4 pm is a "must attend!" Ross Nelson, Gayla Patz, Chris and Greg Spencer will be part of the choir.

Autism Christmas Dance

Everyone is invited to attend this special Christmas dance and party in the Social Room on December 13th (7-10 pm). Come and have a good time socializing and "burning up the dance floor."

Dress is casual and refreshments will be served.

Christmas Eve Worship

2:00 PM	For those who do not wish to drive at night
7:00 PM	Traditional Family Worship
10:15 PM	Classical Music Concert
11:00 PM	Christmas by Candlelight

Save These Meeting Dates!

November

Date	Time	Committee
5 th	6:30 pm	Worship
13 th	7 pm	Finance
18 th	7 pm	Admin Council
21 st	7 pm	Trustees

December

Date	Time	Committee
16 th	7 pm	Trustees
17 th	7 pm	Finance
19 th	7 pm	Admin Council

TUMC's Activities and Meetings Calendars

To view the calendars online, go to TUMC's website at <http://www.tumc-brackenridge.org/>

Looking Back & Looking Ahead

What a year of fellowship, fundraising and community events we have enjoyed in 2019!

- Laser Light Show
- Crock Pot Dinner
- Autism Open Mic
- Movie Nights
- Dollar Dinners
- Summer Picnic at the River
- Risen to Save Concert
- Moon Landing Rock/Blues Concert
- Summer TUMC Car Cruise
- Stuffed Pepper Dinner
- Bus trips to Phipps Conservatory, Falling Water, and the Gateway Clipper Dinner Cruise

Plans are underway for the following possible events:

- Christmas Program for Children
- Holiday Sightseeing Trip
- Ice Skating at PPG Place

HOW TO DO THINGS

Sometimes, we'd like to do things for the church or obtain something but don't quite know how. The following information is offered as a guideline.

Let Us Know Who Needs Cards and Prayers

For us to send greeting cards - contact Sue Barnett; for prayers - contact Candice Rae; for visitation - contact Cathy Schmaus. Or you may call Sherry at the church office.

Request Your Favorite Hymn or Praise Song

Email, call or leave a note for Sherry to let us know the songs you want to sing during the worship service.

How to Give and Sign Up for Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are \$25 for the center arrangement and \$40 for the two end arrangements. Please note that more than one individual may sign up per Sunday. (i.e. as many who want to donate for a specific Sunday/date may do so). Sign-up is available on certain TUMC bulletin boards or by calling Sherry (office) or Betsy Buco at (724) 224-1062.

How to Schedule a Meeting

If you would like to schedule a meeting of your committee or group, please call Sherry so she can reserve a room for you, can ensure your meeting will go on the calendar and, unless you prefer otherwise, can let Betty Clark know to call your committee members to let them know the date and time.

Upcoming Updated Phone Directory

Early in 2020, we will be putting out an updated phone directory. If you want to be included, please email (sherry@tumc-brackenridge.org) or mail (to 847 10th Ave., Brackenridge, PA 15014) your name(s), address, landline phone number(s), mobile phone number(s) and your email address. *Even if you do not want to be included in the directory, please give Sherry the above-mentioned information so that she can update our church records!*

How to Get Soup from the "Soup of the Month" Sale

The "Soup of the Month" sale will start in January of 2020. In January, the soup will be vegetable; in February, it will be chicken noodle; and in March, the soup will be stuffed pepper. The cost will be \$7 per quart with a 2 quarts per person limit. In December, sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex. The soup will be available the second Friday of the month.

How to Submit an Article or Information to "The Christian Flame"

It's easy. Just email your article or information to sherry@tumc-brackenridge.org!



HOW TO DO THINGS

Stewardship

1. Pray for our church to grow
2. You may donate worship flowers. (contact Sherry in the church office for details)
3. Join a Ministry:
 - a. Current Teams: Visitation Team, Funeral Dinners Team, Hospitality Team
 - b. New Teams forming include: Adventures (trips and outings)
Worship Tech (lights, sound and video)
4. Invite and bring guests to worship
5. Pray for our ministries: particularly Education, Sunday School and Youth Group
6. Promote and Bring Friends to Events

How to Obtain Money for Expenses

If you need money for purchases (*such as to pay for printed posters for a fundraiser or for materials for building and grounds repairs or kitchen supplies, etc.*), please take a “voucher” form from the cubby labeled “Vouchers” in the mailboxes to the left of the church office door. Then, fill in the requested information, have the voucher signed by the committee chairperson associated with the purchase and then either hand-deliver the voucher to Sherry or place the completed voucher in the “Office” cubby or in the black door pocket on the church office door.

How to be a Good Steward

A “steward” is a person responsible for the care of something. In church, stewardship is about the care for the ministries of the church. The stewards or we - “all of the people of the church” - have been entrusted with caring for the ministry of Trinity United Methodist Church. We do this with time, attendance, prayer, service and financial obedience to tithing. A tithe is the first 10% of what we receive.


As our church needs to grow and we care for its current and future life and ministry, all of us need to give our first gifts to the General Fund.

“The first mile” of stewardship, our tithe to the General Fund, provides for the church’s operating expenses. “The second mile” is our “designated gifts,” those which are over and above regular giving. Remember: December is the end of our fiscal year and charitable giving for 2019.

New Teams

In order to help each other help with activities and events, we are creating teams of volunteers who are willing to learn about and devote time and effort to specific projects. For example, we are looking for people to form “baking teams” so that, for one event, Team A would do all of the baking but that for next event, Team B would do all of the baking. By alternating, the bakers “lighten the load” by only baking “every other time.”

Similarly, we are looking for people to organize concerts and church trips, and to learn about, manage and run the sound system. Please contact Sherry by phone or email if you would like to form a team or join a team.



THOUGHTS AND THANKS

Thanks

- **Colleen Rudolph** and all volunteers, for the Stuffed Pepper Fundraising Dinner
- **Bill Barnett** and **Alan Fisher**: sidewalk repair and parsonage landscaping
- **Alan Fisher**: installation of HD TV antenna & coax cable
- **The Spencers**: priming and painting of parsonage master bathroom
- **Education Ministry Team**: Resuming Sunday School, October 6, 2019
- **All who attended Annual Charge Conference**

Stuffed Peppers Dinner Event chairperson, Colleen Rudolph, said, "I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with our stuffed pepper dinner. Your donations of money and desserts were sincerely appreciated. To those who set up before the dinner, worked at the dinner, and tore down and cleaned up after the dinner – thank you. A special thank you goes out to the ladies who tirelessly worked in the kitchen for two full days preparing everything. You did an awesome job, and I thank you. God bless all of you. Last, but not least, thank you to all who came to the dinner and supported us. This was our first dinner, but we're already thinking of others."

Note: Held on October 5th, 2019, the stuffed pepper fundraising dinner for church and community raised a total of \$1,477.00.

More Thanks

Special thanks go to Colleen Rudolph for her proofreading of the newsletter and for her help in preparing the newsletters for mailing!



TIDBITS

New Address

Please take note of Janice Kuhns' new address:

Janice Kuhns
100 Kuhns Drive
Tarentum, PA 15084

An Evening with John Vento and Friends

What a delightful evening we had Saturday, October 12th, at the Acoustic Music concert we provided for church and community. Provision of refreshments was headed by Evey Callender and Gayla Patz. Wonderful treats from them and donors. Thank you all!

The music was wonderful! Thanks to Bill Barnett and Bill Ruediger for ushering and helping to clean up.

Bible Studies

Currently, three Bible studies regularly take place at TUMC. On the second Monday of every month, Betty Patz's group meets in the parlor at 6:30 pm. *Disciple I* - a survey of the whole Bible from Genesis through Revelation - meets on Sunday afternoons at 2 pm and *Disciple III* - a study of the Prophets, God's messages through them, and the life of the Apostle Paul, and his letters to the new Christian churches - meets at 6:30 pm on Thursdays.

A Bible study is a great way to read, study, understand and apply the scriptures in our lives, while simultaneously building close Christian friendships.

Proposal Submission


Under the capable leadership of Cathy Schmaus, the Ira and Frances Wood Memorial Trust grant application was completed and submitted on October 15th. We have portions related to building, education, programs and worship. It is a wonderful thing to see the groups of the church coming and working together in common purpose and hope! When the invitation arrives, we will be ready!

400/Ten Certificate

AVAC Walk for Hunger 2018 awarded TUMC a certificate for collecting at least \$400 and/or having ten walkers for the AVAC Food Bank. Congratulations to everyone involved!

AVAoC Thank-you

It should be no surprise to anyone that AVAoC regularly thanks our church for its contributions to the food bank. Trinity has a history of being committed to helping the food bank and it shows.



THINKING ABOUT OTHERS

Prayer

The following have given permission for names to be listed. We invite the congregation to pray, call, and visit with the love of Christ in your heart.

Ongoing Prayers: Karen Mitch, Irene & Joe Witucki, Doak Hemphill, Jennifer Hatajik, Candice Rae, Tammi Laux, Joy Bargerstock, Amanda Bartel, Ava Bartel, Evelyn Callender, Tim Cornuet, Tracey Danka, Bonnie Fisher, Lucy Hoover, Barry Jack, Kathy Logan, Bertie Null, Penny Ritter, Pete & Audrey Rogacki, Helen S. Ron, Gladys Sorenson, Donna Waltenbaugh, Sandy Wilhelm, John "Woody" Woodman.

November Birthdays

1 - Michele Marshall, Kelly Robinson; 3 - Devan Chapman, Christine Spencer; 4 - Sarah Connolly
5 - Robin Robinson; 6 - Betty Bricker, Shelley Eberle; 8 - Billie Godlewski, Kristin Wildi, Jan Witucki;
10 - Sharon Rankin; 13 - Beverly Woodman; 14 - Amelia Barnett, Frank Budz, Rhiannon Helgert,
Shari McAndrew; 15 - Erica Collins; 16 - Sandy Wilhelm; 18 - Matt Ostrowski; 19 - James Walsh; 20 -
Erris Teal; 21 - David Budz, Nevin Reilly; 22 - Melissa Kus, David Null, Tyler Teal; 23 - Marcus Fannie,
Cheryl Mohny; 24 - Erica Patterson, Carson Ritter; 26 - Dana Jump, Chris Sofaly; 28 - Davon Guy;
29 - Connor Dlubak; 30 - Margaret Anderson, Donovan Jack


December Birthdays

1 - Alan Acre, John Graham, Benita Horger; 2 - Vivian Meanor; 3 - Ethan Eberle; 4 - Matt Hepler,
Betty Lou Patz, Hunter Lang; 6 - Tim Cornuet, Jr., Joseph Seybert; 7 - Merilee Maskas; 8 - Kate
Lydick; 9 - Josh Barnett; 10 - Carol Jones, Ellen LaFrankie, Matt Roberts; 11 - Jim Gezo, Nancy Lang,
Emily Swartz, Tim Koontz; 12 - Matthew Fannie, Elsie Karan, Dianne Schmitt; 13 - Brian Alter, Matt
Snebold; 14 - Elizabeth Hall, Pam Metzler, Christine Negley, McKenzie Sutton. 15 - Eileen Reckhart;
17 - Zachary Adamik, Terry Maglisco, Paul Tocco, Lorri Wildi; 18 - Evelyn Callender, Adriane Homa,
Logan Moore; 19 - Bruce Bartrug; 20 - Keven Nelson, Sharon Richards, Carol Wildi, Deondre Lucas;
21 - Molly Gohn, Dominic Ruediger, Beth Sarver; 22 - Pegi Woodman, Cadence Schrag; 25 - Mary
Carol Stitt; 26 - Margie Freehling; 30 - Pastor Alyce Weaver Dunn; 31 Peyton Freehling, Ayla Null

Who To Contact

For general information, call Church Secretary, Sherry Jenks at (724) 224-7300. To donate Altar Flowers, call Betsy Buco at (724) 224-1062. To join the Caring Committee, call Fran Alter at (724) 882-5580. To submit Prayer Requests, contact Candice Rae at (878) 302-8553. Re Facebook or website info, contact Colleen at (724) 224-7329. Re the Trustees, call Alan Fisher at (724) 224-1173.

Pastor Greg may be reached at (724) 224-2370 or at glspncr@gmail.com!



THE CHURCH IN ACTION



JOY IN GIVING

DESIGNATED TO "PILLARS OF THE CHURCH"

Given in Memory of Mildred Meanor and Ernestine Sarver
by Howard and Beth Sarver

Pillars of the Church Donation Form (Helping to pay for the roof repairs)

Name of Donor: _____

Name of person(s) honored/remembered: _____

Amount: _____ Envelope # (if applicable) _____

This gift is (please circle): In Honor In Memory

POINSETTIA or NOAH FUND CONTRIBUTION

The Worship Committee will have poinsettias to decorate the altar for the three Christmas Eve Services. You may order a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

*However, in lieu of a poinsettia you may make a donation to the Noah Fund. The person you are honoring will have his/her name in the list of those being honored. A small portion of all monies collected will be placed in the Flower Fund. **Orders are due by Dec. 8th.***

CHECK OFF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Poinsettia on the Altar at Christmas _____ *Contribution to the Noah Fund* _____ *Env. #* _____

Memory of (print) _____

Memory of (print) _____

Honor of (print) _____

Honor of (print) _____

GIVEN BY: (print) _____

Price of Poinsettia \$9.00

Noah Fund Contribution

Enclosed \$ _____ Cash \$ _____ Check

Enclosed \$ _____ Cash \$ _____ Check