

## Worship With Us

### SUNDAY:

Traditional Service 9 am  
Contemporary Service 11 am

## Please Note:

*This edition of "The Christian Flame" is for the "congregation only." It will be distributed "in house," and will not be mailed to the full membership. The next regular newsletter (the Feb-Mar "Flame" will come out and be mailed later this month. Submit material by January 15<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in that "Flame."*



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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)

### Wednesdays

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

### Thursdays

6:30 pm Disciple 3 Bible Study

### Fridays

6:00 pm Girl Scouts (every other)

### Saturdays

6 pm Praise Rehearsal



Beginning with a well-attended "debut" afternoon service, Trinity UMC worshipped at 2 pm, 7 pm and 11 pm on Christmas Eve. In spite of the "pea soup" fog, people braved the elements to attend the 7 pm and 11 pm services as well as the 10:15 pm cello, flute and piano concert. In addition to the poignant message offered by Pastor Greg, the congregation was treated to a beautiful duet by Gayla Patz and Evey Callender. TUMC was happy to see so many people in attendance and is grateful to the volunteers and staff members who made everything run so smoothly.



## WHAT'S GOING ON



### Souper Bowl of Caring

Founded in 1990 and committed to giving 100% of its donations to local charities, the Souper Bowl of Caring will hold its campaign on February 2nd. By donating a can of soup or other food item or by contributing money, you can help change the nation's biggest weekend of football into a bigger weekend of caring.

### January Birthdays

2 - Debra Beale; 3 - Deborah Bartrug, Chris DeAngelis; 4 - Delano Hemphill, Evelyn Ingle, Joseph Painter; 5 - Jessica Eshenbaugh, Brady Rametta; 6 - Anthony Jump, Riley Newell; 9 - Nancy Parobeck, Samantha Witucki; 10 - Ginny Howells; 11 - Nicole Finley; 12 - Addison Bernstein, Josh Bonnett; 14 - Karen Vanderhoff; 16 - Gretchen Provost; 18 - Barb Schmidt; 20 - Senaca Maskas; 21 - Ryan Scisciani, Donald Stove; 24 - Barb Hemphill, Irene Witucki; 26 - Margaret Petrak, Todd Pungratz, Charlotte Ward; 27 - Macey Cornuet, Gladys Sorenson, Jeremy Vanderhoff, Sherry Jenks; 28 - Rev. Tom Brown, Ashley Dudzik, Fran Sekeras; 29 - Sue Derikart, Martha Truver; 30 - Lori Eshenbaugh, Kathryn Homa

*If you know of a birthday that isn't listed, please let us know by contacting the church office.*

### Homebound or Sick

Please remember to call, visit, or send a card to our friends who are permanently or temporarily "shut-in." Call Sue Barnett (724-226-3512) for details and addresses.

Margaret Anderson, Charles Voscamp, Patricia Trettel, Joe Witucki, Cathy Callender, Gladys Sorenson, Tammy Laux.

### Heavenly Crafters Soup Sale

WINTER SOUP SALE: vegetable (\$7), 2 qt. limit. Sign up in Narthex. Pay cash on pick up of soup on January 10<sup>th</sup> (from 4-5 pm) or on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, )from 10-11 am).

### Committee Meeting Dates

#### January

Date	Time	Committee
12 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 pm	Education
12 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 pm	PPR
14 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Missions
16 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Admin Council
28 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Worship

### Addresses

- Nancy Kolbe (Helen Coward's daughter); 3950 Secor Road, Venice FL 34293
- Virginia Ross; Natrona Hts. High Rise #303

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## THOUGHTS AND THANKS

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### Heartfelt Thanks from the Staff

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We - Bob, Evey, Jim and Sherry - would like to thank the congregation for the "Christmas check" each one of us received. We were utterly astonished and astounded and filled with a profound sense of gratitude and appreciation. We all feel very blessed to be working at Trinity United Methodist Church and we were touched by your kindness and generosity.

### Thanks from Alan Fisher

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I am reaching the end of my 3 year term as a trustee for the church and my year as chairperson of the trustees. I would like to thank both the trustees and the church members for giving me the chance to serve its members and committees.

It was an interesting term - full of projects and challenges. We overcame the "heating disaster" by bringing boiler # 1 back into use with the other two boilers. We (1) had new roof put on; (2) repaired the water-damaged pastor's office; (3) repaired the ceilings in the elevator shaft and sanctuary; (4) replaced wiring in the sanctuary and changed all of the lights to LED; (5) installed back-up heating and air-conditioning units in the parlor, choir room, nursery and crafters' room; (6) put new blinds on all of the windows; (7) put new carpeting in the narthex and sanctuary; (8) have installed security cameras throughout the church and (9) have put LED lighting in the parking lot and around the buildings.

With help from Pastor Greg, we also were able to make some improvements in the parsonage (new furnace AC unit, new heat pump and AC unit in the addition to the parsonage, install new windows and make minor roof repairs.

I would like to thank everybody (trustees, church members, church committees, council members and staff members) for helping to keep the church moving forward during all of the work. It has truly been my pleasure to have served the church and its members and I hope to do so again in the future.

### Thanks from Missions

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Our Missions Committee thanks the congregation for its support of the following projects: Souper Bowl of Caring, Habitat for Humanity, the Hope Center for domestic abuse, Moving Mountains Missions' Guatemala Project, Hurricane Dorian, and Buy One Give One (BOGO) for the AVAoC Food Bank, food and toiletry donations, quarterly contributions to the Emergency Fund for AVAoC, and the quarterly donations to Young Life, Bethany International, and the Children's Evangelism Fellowship.

We also thank you for providing greeting cards for our members, cards and cookies for shut-ins, and the collection of coats, new socks, underwear, gloves, hats and small blankets for AVAoC clients.



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## REACHING OUT

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### Thanks to YOU

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TUMC is blessed to have so many very special people who regularly “go the extra mile” to provide for the needs of the church, of the community and of each other. We value and appreciate the contributions of each and every one of you who gives of their time, talent, money; who reaches out to others or to one of our own; who sets an example of love, caring and compassion; and who prays for, keeps in touch with, or visits those who are sick or alone. Thank you all so very much!

### Devotional from Paul Vokish

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Scripture: John 5:24

*“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth him that sent me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life.”*

#### Believe in Yourself

“The two most important days of your life, are the day you were born and the day you find out why.”

~ Mark Twain ~ / “When you walk don’t look down, but look up.”

~ Alex, a Mexican friend I met in Florida ~

A path to success is not always a straight and narrow road, and many times you face a slippery slope. Sometimes, you slide backwards, but you have to pick yourself up. A goal is hard to achieve, but you must persevere. Your beginning is always easy to start, but your end result is always hard to achieve. The best day of your life is the one on which you decide your life is your own. No apologies or excuses. No one to lean on, rely on, or blame. The gift is yours - it is an amazing journey - and you alone are responsible for the quality of it. This is the day your life really begins. This is the freewill that God has given you when you were brought into His world. Your decision lies in your hands. You must jump off the top of the fence only from one side. Is it left or right, is it for good or bad? It is your call.

Prayer:

*Dear Jesus, You are the representation I must follow. From this time forward, I will follow your teaching and parables. Thank You, Lord, that this life is not all there is! You have eternity in store for all who believe in You. Help us to spend our numbered days here in service to You.*

*This devotional was submitted by Paul Vokish. Other devotionals by Paul are available through the church office.*

### How to Contact TUMC

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If you would like to contact the church you may email the following people at the following addresses:

Pastor Greg: [greg@tumc-brackenridge.org](mailto:greg@tumc-brackenridge.org)

Secretary: Sherry ([sherry@tumc-brackenridge.org](mailto:sherry@tumc-brackenridge.org))

Treasurer: Jim ([jim@tumc-brackenridge.org](mailto:jim@tumc-brackenridge.org))

Information or Facebook: [info@tumc-brackenridge.org](mailto:info@tumc-brackenridge.org)

Call the church office: (724) 224-7300

Call Pastor Greg: (724) 858-5587



# Christmas Eve, Cornetti, Ice Skating, Corn Maze



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# JOY IN GIVING

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## GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

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*In Memory of Helen Coward*

Given by: Betsy and Ron Bucu, Bonita Robinson, Betty Lou Patz, Homer and Joan Logan, Connie and Bob Nesterak, Arlene Hill, Buff and Dara Nolen, Colleen Rudolph, Lois Scholl, Judy Jarosinski.

*In Memory of Harry and Ethel Harmon, Clyde and Honey Smith, Howard Waltenbaugh*

Given by: Ray and Ethel Waltenbaugh

*In Memory of Marissa Mrozinski*

Given by: Colleen Rudolph

*In Memory of Rick Mack and George Mack*

Given by: Janet Mack and family.

*In Memory of Jerry Robinson*

Given by: Bonita Robinson

*In Memory of Harold Meanor*

Given by: Vivian Meanor

## DESIGNATED TO "PILLARS OF THE CHURCH"

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

Name of Donor:

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Name of person(s) honored/remembered:

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Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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