



# The Lamplighter

Trinity United Church of Christ

April – May 2017



Dear Members and Friends of Trinity United Church of Christ,

I expect all of you are as eager for spring to arrive (and stay) as I am! It's been a strange winter. One day in the 70's followed by heavy snowfall the next day! Is it any wonder so many of us are trying to get over colds? As I write this, I can see birds gathering sticks and grass for their nests and, despite the clouds and cold blowing wind, I sense the awakening of new life and sunny days ahead. It's something to look forward to. But then, in just a short time, Easter will be behind us and we'll be moving on into graduation season, summer vacations, and cookouts on the porch. We just seem to pass from one busy season into another. Our best intentions fall aside to the grind of everyday life and the never-ending

demands on our time, until we lose sight of the intentional life we hope to live. Unfortunately, one thing that often gets left behind is the quiet time we spend with God, our prayer life, and even the time we gather in community to worship on Sunday mornings. I understand. It has happened to me as well.

Several years ago, I was going through a particularly busy time in my life when someone suggested I read a little book called "The Practice of the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence. Brother Lawrence lived from 1614 – 1691 and was a lay brother in a Carmelite monastery in Paris for most of his life. He was a quiet and simple man, practicing humble grace at a time when Paris was undergoing a turbulent period in its history. What set him apart was that more than any other person, Brother Lawrence understood the holiness available to us in the common, everyday business of life. For Brother Lawrence, the "common business" of life, no matter how mundane or routine, was the medium of God's love. The issue wasn't the sacredness or the worldly status of the task, but the motivation behind it. Therefore, even the smallest of tasks could be done out of love for God and treated as an act of worship. By practicing God's presence, Brother Lawrence found himself worshipping God through each task, and the resulting joy he experienced overwhelmed him.

So often we go through each day consumed with what has already happened, or worrying about what is going to happen next. But what would it be like to live in the present a little more and try to sense God with us in each moment? Foremost, it would require us to train our minds to concentrate on God's presence in each task. When I've tried this, I find myself becoming much more aware of my surroundings, of being more attentive to creation, and to those I'm with. It has helped me during stressful times in my life and I've learned that if God is present in what I'm doing, I give it my very best on even the smallest of tasks. Best of all, it's something you can do immediately, while you're on the go and doing your daily routines. Give it a try, and you might just experience some of that same joy that Brother Lawrence discovered!

Blessings,  
Pastor Dave



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## TRINITY UCC GIRL SCOUTS ACHIEVE ORGANIZATION'S HIGHEST HONOR



Jessye Smith and Alexis Witherite were presented with Gold Awards during a recent ceremony at Trinity United Church of Christ. The Gold Award is the highest award in the Girl Scouting program. Jessye and Alexis are both juniors at Penns Valley High School.

Jessye is the daughter of Amy Smith and Jason Smith. For her Gold Award project, Jessye organized the refurbishing of a church basement Sunday School and Youth room. The project involved rearranging classroom spaces, the addition of new walls, and application of drywall and paint on existing walls.

Alexis is the daughter of Toni and Tom Witherite. Her Gold Award project involved a summer trip to Guatemala as part of the Highland Support Project. She and others helped construct brick and cement block stoves for cooking which were properly ventilated and greatly improved the quality of life for the residents.

## TRINITY UCC YOUTH GROUP



The Youth Group from Trinity UCC recently had a fun evening playing Laser Tag. This group has been meeting since January and they enjoy the weekly meetings which usually include pizza (or another nutritious meal), a short Bible lesson, and games.

Youth members in this picture are back row left to right: Sara Floray, Maddie Gooch, Katie Martell, Kylie Auman, Harrison Reish, Andrew Boob, Owen Miller, and Colby Miller. Front row is Zach Floray, Cheyenne Wolfe, Ella Smith, and Jarrett Stover. Some of our group will be participating in a Youth Mission Trip to Washington D.C. in July.

## CHURCH RECORD

### Marriages

Michael Bernard Brindel Vogt and Kilee Nicole Dyke, on February 3, 2017.

### Deaths

Richard Heckman Matter, on March 16, 2017

Joyce Bradford Ross, on March 18, 2017

## IMPORTANT CHURCH NEWS

Trinity's email carrier, verizon.net, is phasing out of the email business. We now have a new email address for the church and it is: [trinityucccentrehall@gmail.com](mailto:trinityucccentrehall@gmail.com). Please send any electronic correspondence for the church to this address.

If you wish to be credited for your offering and do not have a box of envelopes, please see Linda Barner.

## THANKS AND APPRECIATION

...to Wendy and Paul Spearly for donating the delicious fruit salad for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
 ...to Jackie Stover and her family for cooking the Valentine Spaghetti dinner, everyone who donated food, and all who attended the dinner; \$447 was raised for the youth programs  
 ...to everyone who helped serve and clean up for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and especially to Ardranna Henry, Robert Henry, Joyce Barner, Joan Pecht, and Jane Pifer for preparing the pancakes and sausage; \$319 was raised for the summer mission trip  
 ...to everyone who contributed to the "Souper Bowl of Caring" offering; many cans of soup and \$47.25 were donated to the Centre Hall Potter Township Food Bank  
 ...to everyone who contributed to the "AED Updates" offering; \$202 will be placed in the battery fund for the AED  
 ...to those who participate in the JJ Powell Church Program; \$102.28 has been credited to our fuel account for fuel oil delivered between July 1 and December 31, 2016  
 ...to Sylvia and Ben Malone for the beautiful yellow roses placed on the alter in loving memory of Betty and Ted Hartley  
 ...to Steve Besecker for fixing the lights and cleaning the lenses on the spotlights in front of the sanctuary  
 ...to Ardranna and Robert Henry, Mike Frazier, Charlie Guyer, and Pastor Dave and Terri Downer for shoveling snow and keeping the sidewalks cleared this winter  
 ...to all who contributed to the "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering; \$302 was received

## PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Nate Althouse	Lance Arney	Denny Bressler	Rose Busher	Sheila Corl
T. J. Coursen	*Phyllis Crater	*Sally Dreibelbis	*Jean Dunklebarger	Nolan Dyke-Vogt
Gracie Eisenhower	Tanya Evans	*Trudy Furner	Ray Guthrie	*Mary Hardy
*Leroy Harper	Russell & Myrtle Harpster	*John & Carol Hayes	Rev. John Hench	*John Krebs
Diane Matter	Kylie McLanahan	Denny McCloskey	Larry Myers	*Miriam Myers
Nagle Family	Malcolm Obiri	Lydia Onofry	Dean Rishel	Shane Royer
Joshua Shaffer	Marilyn Sproule	Susie Stevens	Tina Stevens	Laurie Stover
Shannon Stover	Jenn & Abbey Tice	Brett Tyson	Rebecca Wagner	Chris Wert
*Faye Winkelblech	Duane and Wilma Yarger	Faye Zimmerman		

[\*In personal care residence]

## ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY and MARCH 2017

Date	Worship Service	Sunday School	Date	Worship Service	Sunday School
February 5	91	33	March 5	88	34
February 12	65	29	March 12	71	30
February 19	76	33	March 19	67	29
February 26	87	38	March 26	69	33

## FURNITURE ITEMS AND APPLIANCES NEEDED

Are you cleaning out your house or moving this spring? Interfaith Human Services would be happy to pick up your gently-used furniture! Through their Free Furniture and Recycled Appliance Program, they help neighbors donate furniture to help low-income neighbors furnish their homes. No work for you, no cost to those who need furnishings, no landfill waste -- it's a win-win for everyone! The IHS warehouse is nearly empty right now, so they are looking for previously-owned but well-kept beds, mattresses, dressers, and tables of all sorts. If you have items to donate, please call Harry at Interfaith Human Services at 814-234-7731 to schedule your pick-up today!

## UPCOMING LENTEN AND EASTER SERVICES

- April 2: 10:45 a.m. Fifth Sunday in Lent Worship Services and Holy Communion at Trinity UCC
- April 5: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Services at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Pastor Dave Downer, Trinity UCC Choir
- April 8: 1:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Centre Hall Lion's Club for children ages Toddler to 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- April 9: 10:45 p.m. Palm Sunday Worship Services at Trinity UCC
- April 13: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Services at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Pastor Mark Messner
- April 14: 9:00 a.m. Good Friday breakfast and Holy Week activities for youth in grades 3 through 12 at Trinity UCC
- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Pastor David Downer
- April 15: 7:00 p.m. Holy Saturday Vigil at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Pastor Becky Horn
- April 16: 9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast at Trinity UCC (no Sunday School)
- 10:45 a.m. Easter Worship Services with Holy Communion and Act of Confirmation

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 2: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Fifth Sunday in Lent Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion and Hartman Center UCC Camp Offering; Easter Flower and Pie Shoppe Orders are due
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation/Youth Group Meeting
- April 4: 1:30 p.m. Pastor Dave deliver the message and serve communion at Salem Hill Haven
- April 5: 11:00 a.m. Council of Churches Committee Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study led by Pastor Dave, "Wind in the Wilderness"
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at St. Luke Lutheran Church; message by Rev. David Downer, Combined Choirs
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- April 8: 1:00 p.m. Community Easter Egg Hunt at Centre Hall Lion's Club
- April 9: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service
- 3:00 p.m. Installation of Rev. Leigh Pick at Grace UCC in Spring Mills
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation/Youth Group Meeting
- April 11: 1:30 p.m. Pastor Dave deliver the message and serve communion at Wynwood House in Centre Hall
- April 12: 1:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study led by Pastor Dave, "Wind in the Wilderness"
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- April 13: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at St. Luke Lutheran Church; message by Rev. Mark Messner
- April 14: 9:00 a.m. Northern Association Youth will host a breakfast in Trinity UCC Fellowship Hall for youth
- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at St. Luke Lutheran Church; message by Rev. David Downer
- April 15: 7:00 p.m. Holy Saturday Vigil at St. Luke Lutheran Church; message by Rev. Becky Horn
- 10:00 a.m. Delivery of The Pie Shoppe orders
- April 16: 9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (no Sunday School)
- 10:45 a.m. Easter Worship Service and Confirmation Service
- April 17: 8:30 a.m. Food Pantry Distribution
- April 19: 1:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study led by Pastor Dave, "Wind in the Wilderness"
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- April 23: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service; message by Rev. Nora Foust, Associate Minister for Congregational and Ministerial Excellence, Penn Central Conference

April 26: 1:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study led by Pastor Dave, "Wind in the Wilderness"  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 April 30: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
 May 2: 1:30 p.m. Pastor Dave deliver the message and serve communion at Salem Hill in Spring Mills  
 May 3: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 May 7: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion; Summer Mission Trip Offering  
 May 9: 1:30 p.m. Pastor Dave deliver the message and serve communion at Wynwood House in Centre Hall  
 May 10: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 May 11: 6:00 p.m. Northern Association Spring Banquet at Hartman Center  
 May 14: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service and Sacrament of Holy Communion; message by Rev. Richard Luciotti,  
 Facilitator of Care to Clergy and Clergy Families, Penn Central Conference  
 May 17: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 May 21: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
 May 24: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 May 28: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>April 2017</b>	<b>May 2017</b>
Head Usher	Sally Arnold	Toni Witherite
Alternate Usher	Ben Malone	George Moellenbrock
Altar Flowers	Tammy Besecker	Tammy Besecker
Altar Guild	Deborah Riegel	Denise Sweitzer
Communion	Sally Arnold (April 2)	Toni Witherite (May 7)
Caregiver	Peggy Treaster	Cathy Arney
Choir Director	Terri Downer	Terri Downer
Fellowship Coordinator	Jean Brooks	Sally Arnold
S.A.L.T.	Vickie Bressler	Cathy Arney
Marquee Manager	Richard Delaney	Richard Delaney
Oil in Candles	Carol Clark-Baney	Tammy Besecker
Organist	Carole Smith	Carole Smith

<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Acolyte*</b>	<b>Call to Worship</b>	<b>Scripture Reader</b>	<b>Children's Message</b>
April 2	Mike & Carol Frazier	Glenn & Vickie Fultz	Sara Floray	Pastor Dave	Maddie Gooch	Vickie Fultz
April 9	Henry & Beverly Garbrick	Charles & Beverly Guyer	Owen Miller	Michele Brown	Hannah Gooch	Teri Statham
April 16	Michael & Sara Hanson & Family	Robert & Ardranna Henry	Paige Auman	Carol Brown		Ruth Floray
April 23	Patrick & Megan Kelly & Delaney	Dave & Cassandra King & Family	Jackson Romig	Steve Riegel	Carol Clark-Baney	Pastor Dave
April 30	Gerald & Donna Krebs	Tricia Limbaugh & Family	Hannah Gooch	Carol Clark-Baney	Carol Brown	
May 7	Ben & Sylvia Malone	Scott & Emily Martell & Family	Harrison Reish	Pastor Dave	Dorothy Strickler	Vickie Fultz
May 14	John & Lois Martz	Don & Cleo Matter	Ella Smith	Paige Auman	Angela Auman	Teri Statham
May 21	Josephine McNitt	George & Ann Moellenbrock	Owen Miller	Carol Brown	Rick Arnold	Ruth Floray
May 28	Philip & Brianna Neese & Family	David & Dona O'Hara	Rylee Arney			Pastor Dave
June 4	Charles & Christine Patschke	Joan Pecht & Nevin Dutrow	Kylie Auman	Pastor Dave	Rick Arnold	Summer Break
June 11	Sara Jane Pifer	Dan & Carol Readinger	Sara Floray			Summer Break

\*Pastor Dave will instruct new acolytes.

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You need not cry very loud;  
he is nearer to us than we think.

~ Brother Lawrence



### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL – MAY 2017

April 2:	Ezekiel 37:1-14	John 11:1-45
April 9:	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29	Matthew 21:1-11
April 16:	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 28:1-10
April 23:	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	John 20:19-31
April 30:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Luke 24:13-35
May 7:	Acts 2:42-47	John 10:1-10
May 14:	Acts 7:55-60	John 14:1-14
May 21:	Acts 17:22-31	John 14:15-21
May 28:	Acts 1:6-14	John 17:1-11

