



# The Lamplighter

Trinity United Church of Christ

February, March & April 2019

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ~Matthew 6:25-27*



Over the years, one of my favorite authors and sources of inspiration has been Henri Nouwen, a world-renowned priest, author, professor and pastor. Father Nouwen was fluent in English, Dutch, German, French, and Spanish, and published 39 books on living a spiritual life. I subscribe to an on-line devotional ([henrinouwen.org](http://henrinouwen.org)) that shares a bit of his writing each day, and it's always insightful and relevant, even though he passed away suddenly at age 64 in 1996. The devotions typically follow a theme for a week or two, and over the past few weeks, the devotions have talked about "worry." Worrying is something we all do. We worry about people – our children and extended families, our spouses, and our friends. We worry about finances, politics, our health, work-related issues, and pretty much everything. We even worry about church. It would be quite impossible for me to say something that would make you stop worrying completely. Truth is – I worry about how much people worry! Jesus spoke about this aspect of our human condition in his Sermon on the Mount, in the early chapters of Matthew's Gospel, and Father Nouwen wrote the following:

"Jesus' response to our worry-filled lives is quite different. He asks us to shift the point of gravity, to relocate the center of our attention, to change our priorities. Jesus wants us to move from the "many things" to the "one necessary thing." It is important for us to realize that Jesus in no way wants us to leave our many-faceted world. Rather, he wants us to live in it, but firmly rooted in the center of all things. Jesus does not speak about a change of activities, a change of contacts, or even a change of pace. He speaks about a change of heart. This change of heart makes everything different, even while everything appears to remain the same. This is the meaning of "Set your hearts on his kingdom first . . . and all these other things will be given you as well." What counts is where our hearts are. When we worry, we have our hearts in the wrong place. Jesus asks us to move our hearts to the center, where all other things fall into place."

Sure, easy for him to say! But he makes a good point – perhaps a lot of our worry is unnecessary. If we could re-align our hearts, and set our priorities on Jesus Christ, maybe we could let some of our worries go. When our minds and hearts become so preoccupied with the worries of life, we risk losing sight of the thing that is most important, what Henri Nouwen calls "moving our hearts to the center."

I've read a number of books over the years written by people approaching the end of their earthly lives. One I shared with you in the last newsletter, written by Parker Palmer, describing some of his thoughts regarding aging, or "approaching the edge" as he called it. But one of the common themes I see in these books is how focused we become when we finally embrace our mortality. Things we spend so much time on – our physical needs, watching the news, becoming annoyed over some issue of the day – all that fades to the background, and the things of life we hold most dear are those precious memories of our loved ones, time spent in conversation with a friend, or the first bite of our favorite dessert. Simple things really, but the things that remind us that life is a gift.

So perhaps in this new year, I'll try to worry less and concentrate on keeping my heart centered in Jesus Christ. And as one of my favorite hymns says, perhaps the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace.

Blessings,  
Pastor Dave

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## CHURCH RECORD

### Births

Kaiden Noel Hanson was born on December 20, 2018. She is the daughter of Michael and Sara Hanson.

Cleo Jean Wolfgang was born on January 14, 2019. She is the daughter of Kirk and Leena Wolfgang

Colten Lee Stover was born on January 26, 2019. He is the son of Brianna Neese.

### Death

Ellen Delaney, passed away on January 28, 2019

## THANKS AND APPRECIATION

...to Robert Henry and others for preparing the sanctuary so the Penns Valley Men's Chorus could present their program; and then returning everything to its proper order in time for church the next morning

...to Rick Arnold, Carol Clark-Baney, Joyce Barner, Carol Brown, Dave and Terri Downer, Beverly Guyer, Ardranna Henry, Joan Pecht, Jane Pifer, Carole Smith, Marian Smith, and Dot Strickler for preparing desserts and assisting in the setup/cleanup of serving the meal to the Penns Valley Men's Chorus

...to Dave King for training members of Trinity UCC on the use of the Automated External Defibrillator; and to those members who took the time to attend this important training session

...to Ardranna Henry and Joan Pecht for providing food for the Ministerium breakfast hosted by Trinity UCC

...to Sally & Rick Arnold, Steve & Tammy Besecker, Terri Downer, Vickie & Glenn & Tyler Futz, Bob & Ardranna Henry, Dave & Cassandra King, John Martz, Don Matter, Beryle Palmatier, and Kirk & Leena Wolfgang for preparing the church for Christmas

...to Jonathan, Adelyn, and Rosa King for preparing the hand held candles for the Christmas Eve candlelight service

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...to Paige Auman, Hannah Gooch, and Ellie Romig for their remarkable singing during worship services

...to Sara Frazier, Mike and Carol Frazier, and Ennis and Nancy Wagner for placing flowers in the sanctuary in memory of Kenneth Frazier

...to Joan Pecht and the Caregiver's Committee for coordinating the JOY Luncheon in October

...to the congregation for your offering of \$162 for UNICEF

...to those who provide food items for the Centre Hall/Potter Township food pantry and to Bob and Shirley Reed for delivering the items to the food pantry

...to Tammy Besecker for arranging the poinsettias for Christmas Eve worship and to all who purchased flowers

...to the congregation for your offering of \$415 to the Local Neighbor in Need mission offering

...to the SALT Committee for coordinating the Angel Tree and, especially, to all who purchased the "wished for" items – you helped make three local Penns Valley children have a merrier Christmas

...to Sally Arnold and Cleo Matter for assisting Pastor Dave in offsite communion services to Wynwood and Salem Hill

...to all who participated in the Centre Hall Community Christmas weekend

...Carol Clark-Baney for leading worship on December 30<sup>th</sup>

...to the congregation for your offering of \$244 for the Veterans of the Cross Christmas Fund

...to the congregation for your Christmas Eve offering of \$822.60 for the Hoffman Homes for Youth

...to Dixie Vogt for her many years of serving as a very competent and knowledgeable Assistant Treasurer

...to Linda Barner for her many years of serving as a very proficient Financial Secretary

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

### **Sunday, February 10, 11:45 a.m., Special Congregational Meeting**

A congregational meeting of TUCC will be held following worship service. At this time a presentation/recommendation regarding necessary repairs of church property will be discussed.

### **Lenten Dates and Services**

Lenten services are combined with St. Luke Lutheran Church and Grace United Methodist Church. All services will be held at Trinity United Church of Christ at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

- \* March 6: Ash Wednesday, message by Rev. David Downer, Combined Choirs
- \* March 13: Message by Rev. Mark Messner, Sacrament of Holy Communion, Grace United Methodist Choir
- \* March 20: Message by Rev. Becky Horn, Sacrament of Holy Communion, St. Luke Lutheran Choir



- \* March 27: Message by Rev. David Downer, Sacrament of Holy Communion, Trinity UCC Choir
- \* April 3: Message by Rev. Mark Messner, Sacrament of Holy Communion, Grace United Methodist Choir
- \* April 10: Message by Rev. Becky Horn, Sacrament of Holy Communion, Combined Choirs
- \* April 14: Each church will conduct Palm Sunday Services at their respective sites
- \* April 18: 6:00 p.m. – Joint Maundy Thursday Meal and Communion Service
- \* April 19: Good Friday Service, Rev. David Downer
- \* April 20: 7 – 8:30 p.m. – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service, Rev. Becky Horn
- \* April 21: Each church will conduct Easter services at their respective sites
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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 5: 1:30 p.m. Message and Communion at Salem Hill, Spring Mills
- February 6: 11:00 a.m. Council of Churches Committee Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Worship Planning Committee Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Church and Ministry Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- February 7: 12:00 noon Jerusalem Tables for Clergy hosted by TUCC
- February 10: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service followed by a Special Congregational Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Valentine Spaghetti Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
- February 12: 1:30 p.m. Message and Communion at Wynwood House, Centre Hall
- February 13: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- February 17: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Hartman Center Camp offering
- February 19: 6:30 p.m. Consistory Committee Meeting
- February 20: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- February 24: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- February 27: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- February 28: 6:30 p.m. SALT Committee Meeting
- March 3: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion
- March 5: 1:30 p.m. Message and Communion at Salem Hill, Spring Mills
- March 6: 11:00 a.m. Council of Churches Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service at Trinity UCC, Rev. David Downer, Combined Choirs  
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- March 10: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. First Sunday of Lent Worship Service
- March 12: 1:30 p.m. Message and Communion at Wynwood House, Centre Hall
- March 13: 7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Services at Trinity UCC, Rev. Mark Messner, Grace United Methodist Choir  
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- March 17: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Second Sunday of Lent Worship Service
- March 19: 6:30 p.m. Consistory Committee Meeting
- March 20: 7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Services at Trinity UCC, Rev. Becky Horn, St. Luke Lutheran Choir  
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- March 24: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Third Sunday of Lent Worship Service
- March 27: 7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Services at Trinity UCC, Rev. David Downer, TUCC Choir  
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- March 31: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Lent Worship Service; One Great Hour of Sharing offering

April 2: 1:30 p.m. Message and Communion at Salem Hill, Spring Mills  
 April 3: 11:00 a.m. Council of Churches Committee Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Services at Trinity UCC, Rev. Mark Messner, Grace United Methodist Choir  
 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice  
 April 7: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. Fifth Sunday of Lent Worship Service; Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging offering  
 April 9: 1:30 p.m. Message and Communion at Wynwood House, Centre Hall  
 April 10: 7:00 p.m. Community Lenten Services at Trinity UCC, Rev. Becky Horn, Combined Choirs  
 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice  
 April 14: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service  
 April 16: 6:30 p.m. Consistory Committee Meeting  
 April 17: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice  
 April 18: 6:00 p.m. Community Maundy Thursday Meal and Communion at TUCC  
 April 19: 7:00 p.m. Community Good Friday Service at Trinity UCC, Rev. David Downer  
 April 20: 7:00 p.m. Community Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at TUCC, Rev. Becky Horn  
 April 21: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion  
 April 24: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice  
 April 27: 9:00 a.m. Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging event at Centre Hall Lions Club  
 April 28: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
 May 1: 11:00 a.m. Council of Churches Committee Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice  
 May 5: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion

**ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2018, and JANUARY 2019**

Date	Worship Service	Sunday School	Date	Worship Service	Sunday School	Date	Worship Service	Sunday School
Nov. 4	85	34	Dec. 2	90	36	Jan. 6	83	27
Nov. 11	87	34	Dec. 9	80	21	Jan. 13	80	27
Nov. 18	108	33	Dec. 16	78	27	Jan. 20	No church activities due to winter storm	
Nov. 25	74	38	Dec. 23	83	22	Jan. 27	81	24
			Christmas Eve	187				
			Dec. 30	66	18			

## PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Glenda Bressler Abrams	Chuck Addleman	Lance Arney	Cim Besecker	Jane Boldin
Jody Covalt	T. J. Coursen	Hank Cramer	Marie Crater	Erin, Austin, Conner Derr
*Sally Dreibelbis	*Jean Dunklebarger	Kellie Eichler	Gracie Eisenhower	Jim & Tanya Evans
*Trudy Furner	Bonnie Graziose	Tony Greenwood	*Mary Hardy	Russell & Myrtle Harpster
*John & Carol Hayes	Richard Heck	Megan Henry	Patricia Hess	Olivia Lewis
Gina Lucas	Connie Masullo	Diane Matter	Joshua Miller	Tanya Musser
Paige Musser-Gray	Larry Myers	*Miriam Myers	Malcolm Obiri	Jesse Orellana
Jon Perkins	Dan Readinger	Matthew Renno, Jr.	Tom Runkle	Iain Scoular
Amelia Sharer	Tom Shawley	Kent Smith	Marilyn Sproule	JR Stoner
Laurie Stover	Lori Stover	Shannon Stover	Ronald Sweitzer	Jenn & Abbey Tice
Colin & Jaci Tucker	Rebecca Wagner	Jeff Weist	*Faye Winkelblech	Duane and Wilma Yarger
Sandy Young				

[\*In personal care residence]

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Responsibility	February	March	April
Head Usher	Toni Witherite	Ardranna Henry	Sally Arnold
Alternate Usher	Larry Campbell	Toni Witherite	Steve Riegel
Altar Flowers	Tammy Besecker	Tammy Besecker	Tammy Besecker
Altar Guild	Dorothy Strickler	Michele Brown	Deborah Riegel
Caregiver	Cassandra King	Eleanor Meyer	Peggy Treaster
Chancel Choir Director	Terri Downer	Terri Downer	Terri Downer
Fellowship Coordinator	Joyce Barner	Ann Moellenbrock	Beverly Guyer
Nursery Volunteer	Feb. 3: A. Moellenbrock Feb. 10: J. Reish Feb. 17: K. Keller Feb. 24: R. Arnold	Mar. 3: S. Hanson Mar. 10: K. Auman Mar. 17: J. Barner Mar. 24: C. Baney Mar. 31: C. Arney	Apr. 7: A. Moellenbrock Apr. 14: J. Reish Apr. 21: V. Needed Apr. 28: K. Keller
Oil in Candles	Cathy Arney	Beverly Guyer	Tammy Besecker
Organist	Carole Smith	Carole Smith	Carole Smith
SALT Hostess	Joyce Barner	Dorothy Strickler	Lynnette Breon

Date	Greeter	Greeter	Call to Worship	Scripture Reader	Children's Message
Feb. 3	Carol Brown	Michele Brown	Pastor Dave	Rick Arnold	Vickie Fultz
Feb. 10	Betty Burd	Larry & Lisa Campbell	Chuck Romig	Carol Brown	Teri Statham
Feb. 17	Vickie Creighton	Richard Delaney	Rick Arnold		Ruth Flory
Feb. 24	Nevin Dutrow and Joan Pecht	Ruth Flory	Carol Brown	Carole Smith	Pastor Dave
Mar. 3	Scott and Ruth Ann Flory	Glenn and Vickie Fultz	Pastor Dave	Rick Arnold	Vickie Fultz
Mar. 10	Sara Frazier	Mike and Carol Frazier	Paige Auman	Angela Auman	Ruth Flora
Mar. 17	Jeff Frazier	Henry and Beverly Garbrick	Rick Arnold	Carole Smith	Teri Statham
Mar. 24	Charles and Beverly Guyer	Mike and Sara Hanson			Pastor Dave
Mar. 31	Jennie Hench	Robert and Ardranna Henry			
Apr. 7	Jake and Amanda Heverly	Karen Keller	Pastor Dave	Rick Arnold	Vickie Fultz
Apr. 14	Pat and Megan Kelly	David and Cassandra King		Carol Brown	Ruth Flory
Apr. 21	Donna Krebs	Brooks and Alyssa Meyers		Rick Arnold	Teri Statham
Apr. 28	Ben and Sylvia Malone	John and Lois Martz		Carole Smith	Pastor Dave
May 5	Don and Cleo Matter	Josephine McNitt	Pastor Dave		Vickie Fultz
May 12	George and Ann Moellenbrock	Carol Musick-Meyer			Teri Statham

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**The Grace that God  
Gives is Amazing.**



**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH and APRIL 2019**

February 3:	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Luke 4:21-30
February 10:	Isaiah 6:1-8	Luke 5:1-11
February 17:	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Luke 6:17-26
February 24:	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Luke 6:27-38
March 3:	Exodus 34:29-35	Luke 9:28-36
March 10:	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Luke 4:1-13
March 17:	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Luke 13:31-35
March 24:	Isaiah 55:1-9	Luke 13:1-9
March 31:	Joshua 5:9-12	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
April 7:	Isaiah 43:16-21	John 12:1-8
April 14:	Luke 19:28-40	Luke 23:1-49
April 21:	Acts 10:34-43	Luke 24:1-12
April 28:	Acts 5:27-32	John 20:19-31

# 2019 Committee Membership

<b>Consistory (3 year term)</b>	
Member	Term Ends
Sally Arnold	2021
Kylie Auman	2019
Carol Clark-Baney	2020
Larry Campbell	2021
Ardranna Henry	2021
Dan Readinger	2019
Steve Riegel	2019
Jackie Stover	2021
Nancy Wagner	2020
Toni Witherite	2019
Kirk Wolfgang	2020

<b>Board of Christian Education (3 year term)</b>	
Member	Term Ends
Ruth Floray	Superintendent
Tricia Limbaugh	2020
Jerelene Reish	2021
Kirk Wolfgang	2021
Leena Wolfgang	2021

<b>Budget/Finance (3 year term)</b>	
Member	Term Ends
Steve Besecker	2020
Emily Martell	2021
George Moellenbrock	2021
Ann Moellenbrock	Treasurer
Robert Rumbaugh	Assist. Treasurer

<b>Caregivers (3 year term)</b>	
Member	Term Ends
Cathy Arney	2019
Sally Arnold	2019
Karen Keller	2020
Cassandra King	2021
Eleanor Meyer	2021
Joan Pecht	2019
Denise Sweitzer	2020
Peggy Treaster	2019

<b>Pastoral Relations (4 year term)</b>	
Member	Term Ends
Rick Arnold	2020
Dennis Bressler	2020
Ardranna Henry	2021
George Moellenbrock, Jr.	2022
Teri Statham	2019

<b>Property (4 year term)</b>	
Member	Term Ends
Jeff Baney	2020
Robert Henry	2020
John Martz	2019
Donald Matter	2021
Ennis Wagner	2022

<b>Public Relations (3 year term)</b>	
Member	Term Ends
Mike Frazier	2019
George Moellenbrock	2021
Rhonda Rumbaugh	2021
Dixie Vogt	2020

<b>Reformed and Lutheran Cemetery (3 year term)</b>	
Member	Term Ends
Tammy Besecker	2020
Carol Clark-Baney	2021
Charles Guyer	2020

<b>Sharing and Loving Together (SALT) (3 year term)</b>	
Member	Term Ends
Cathy Arney	2019
Angela Auman	2019
Joyce Barner	2020
Victoria Bressler	2019
Lynnette Breon	2021
David King	2021
Dorothy Strickler	2019
Leena Wolfgang	2020



<b>Worship Planning (2 year term)</b>	
Member	Term Ends
Angela Auman	2019
Carol Brown	2020
Michele Brown	2020
Terri Downer	2020
Ruth Floray	2020
Vickie Fultz	2020
Carole Smith	2020

<b>Teachers</b>	
Class	Teacher
Pre-K to Kindergarten	Emily Martell Teri Statham
1st – 2nd Grades	Ruth Floray
3rd – 5th Grades	Jean Brooks
6th – 12th Grades	Rick Arnold Kirk Wolfgang Leena Wolfgang
Adult	Rich Auman Russ Brooks

<b>Fellowship Coordinators (1 year term)</b>	
Member	Month to Serve
Beverly Guyer	January
Joyce Barner	February
Ann Moellenbrock	March
Beverly Guyer	April
	May
Carol Clark-Baney	June
	July
	August
	September
Dorothy Strickler	October
Ann Moellenbrock	November
	December

<b>Support Offices</b>	
Office	Staff
Treasurer	Ann Moellenbrock
Assistant Treasurer	Robert Rumbaugh
Financial Secretary	TBD
Church Secretary	Beverly Guyer
Organist	Carole Smith
Choir Director	Terri Downer

<b>Altar Flowers</b>
Tammy Besecker

<b>Centre Hall Council of Churches (3 year term)</b>	
Member	Term Ends
Beverly Guyer	2019
Dorothy Strickler	2019

<b>Altar Guild</b>	
Member	Member
Cathy Arney	Lois Martz
Joyce Barner	Deborah Riegel
Carol Brown, Chair	Hetty Runkle
Michele Brown	Dorothy Strickler
Terri Downer	Denise Sweitzer
Beverly Guyer	Nancy Vogt

<b>Safe Church Officers</b>
Terri Downer
Chuck Romig