



The Lamplighter

Trinity United Church of Christ

October – November 2017



Dear Church Family,

I was walking through a store recently when I noticed a sign that said, 'Humble Yourself, Or Life Will Do it for You.' I paused and reflected on that sign for a moment and thought about the truth in it. Humility is not something we think about very often, but maybe we should. We know from the verses in Galatians 5:22-23, that while humility is not listed as one of the fruits of the Spirit, it is certainly implied and spoken of elsewhere in God's word. Yet being humble is not something highly prized by our society. These thoughts led me to think about Jesus' life, and how he humbled himself, time after time, in the face of injustice and threats, and even in death.

Aside from Galatians, there are many scriptures in both the Old and New Testaments that speak to humility. Proverbs 18:11-12 says: "The wealth of the rich is their strong

city; in their imagination it is like a high wall. Before destruction one's heart is haughty, but humility goes before honor." In the New Testament, Ephesians 4:1-3 records the words of the Apostle Paul: "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." And one of my favorites is Philippians 4:3-4, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." One of the ways we show humility before God is to kneel in prayer. It is a humble act. When we kneel before someone or something we are offering our reverence and respect.

Somehow, over the past few months, that has all been turned around. It seems kneeling is now a sign of disobedience and disrespect, especially when done by football players during the playing of the national anthem. The players themselves say it is a sign of unity, and a way to demonstrate their solidarity in the face of continued injustice in our country. Others have interpreted this kneeling as a slight against our nation's flag and all it stands for, most notably the men and women that have served and given their lives to protect our country and our freedoms. Like everyone else, I have my opinion and have shared it with others – some of my friends agree, others do not. And I am fine with that. The relationships I've formed over the years can withstand a disagreement now and then, and if we're mature about it, we learn to listen carefully to one another, and try to understand and learn from a different perspective. But that doesn't seem to be the norm anymore. Instead, what we see is anger and overt hatred over any views that deviate from our own. Friendships disintegrate in a flurry of name-calling and derision. And I'm trying to understand why this has happened, and what I should say or do to make it stop.

And this brings me back to humility. The nine fruits Paul used to admonish the church at Galatia were: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. I memorized these fruits years ago and have taken the time to self-evaluate each day and reflect on whether my words and actions have reflected these fruits. I've decided to add "humility" to this list. Like I said previously, I think the "fruits" Paul lists imply humility, but the words Paul also wrote in Philippians have convinced me that I need to focus more on this quality in my life. Like you, I struggle sometimes with how to respond to the events of this world, more so now than at any other time in my life. I want to be the kind of person that upholds Christ's commandment to love one another, just as Christ has loved us (John 13:34). I want to avoid being drawn into disrespectful and mean-spirited rhetoric, regardless of the topic. And I want others to see within me a word of hope. And I don't want to see the practice of kneeling in humility and respect lost in all the noise. So, I will continue to kneel to the majesty of God (at least I will once my knee is fixed!), and I hope you will too.

God Bless, Pastor Dave

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CHURCH RECORD

New Members

Robert and Rhonda Rumbaugh, September 24, 2017

Marriages at Trinity UCC

Alexander Gunsallus and Latricha Frymore, August 13, 2017

Jason Bonawitz and Shelby Yearick, September 30, 2017

ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST and SEPTEMBER 2017

Date	Worship Service	Sunday School	Date	Worship Service	Sunday School
August 6	44	13	September 3	66	13*
August 13	57	**	September 10	77	33
August 20	30	**	September 17	87	33
August 27	38	**	September 24	70	33
*No Youth Sunday School		**No Sunday School			

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

...to Rylee Arney and Sara Floray for helping to assemble the "Clean-Up Buckets"
 ...to all who donated completed buckets, supplies, or money toward the clean-up buckets, and Carol Clark-Baney and Beverly Guyer for shopping for the items needed (so far, 24 buckets have been completed)
 ...to Bob and Shirley Reed for delivering the items collected for the Centre Hall Potter Township Food Bank to the pickup site
 ...to Dr. David Ferree of Centre Hall for providing the beautiful dahlias for the altar, to Craig Weidensaul for delivering them, and Tammy Besecker for arranging them on the altar
 ...to Cathy Arney, Carol Clark-Baney, Tammy Besecker, Terri Downer, Beverly Guyer, and Shirley Reed for donating cakes for the Cake Walk at the Council of Churches Fall Fest
 ...to Brianna and Morgan and Andrea Neese, Jackie Stover, and Dot Strickler for setting up and cooking hot dogs at the Council of Churches Fall Fest
 ...to Cathy Arney, Carol Clark-Baney, Dave Downer, Ruth Floray, Beverly Guyer, and Jane Pifer for donating desserts for the Centre Hall Volunteer Fire Company's annual fundraiser
 ...to Aidan and Mackenzie Balsley for refilling the Pew Friendship Form Books
 ...to Robert Henry for installing the signs in the church and the church parking lot
 ...to Amy Smith for arranging the Spikes Game outing on August 11 for Trinity UCC members
 ...to Angela Auman for serving as liturgist on August 6
 ...to Carol Clark-Baney for serving as the wedding assistant on August 13
 ...to Robert Henry for mowing the church lawn
 ...to the congregation for your \$80 in mission offering to the Lancaster Theological Seminary
 ...to Dick Delaney for keeping the outside marquee up to date
 ...to Joan Pecht and Nevin Dutrow for hosting the annual Trinity Church Picnic

PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE NEWS

Penn Central Conference has launched a *Friends of Penn Central Conference* fundraising campaign. They are asking for assistance in several key areas: (1) Pray – continue to pray for the important work done together in our churches and Associations; (2) Give – individuals interested in giving directly to become a *Friend of Penn Central Conference* are encouraged to send a donation to Penn Central Conference, 900 South Arlington Avenue, Room 227A, Harrisburg, PA, 17109, or log in through the Penn Central Conference website (www.pccucc.org) and give by selecting the "donate" tab at the top of the page.



PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Terry Alexander	Lance Arney	Jane Boldin	Elmer Campbell	Sheila Corl
Jody Covalt	T. J. Coursen	Charles Cramer	*Phyllis Crater	Erin, Austin, Conner Derr
*Sally Dreibelbis	*Jean Dunklebarger	Gracie Eisenhower	Tanya Evans	*Trudy Furner
*Mary Hardy	Russell & Myrtle Harpster	*John & Carol Hayes	Rev. John Hench	Megan Henry
Ed Houtz	*John Krebs	Connie Masullo	Diane Matter	Robert Mayhew
Denny McCloskey	Judy Moellenbrock	Jody Musser	Tanya Musser	Larry Myers
*Miriam Myers	Nagle Family	Malcolm Obiri	Lynda Onofry	Tim & Cherise Osborne
Charles Patschke	Dean Rishel	Shane Royer	Kent Smith	Marilyn Sproule
Susie Stevens	JR Stoner	Laurie Stover	Lori Stover	Shannon Stover
Jenn & Abbey Tice	Havic and Megan Trexler	Colin & Jaci Tucker	Rebecca Wagner	*Faye Winkelblech
Duane and Wilma Yarger				

[*In personal care residence]

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 1: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service with World Communion; Neighbors in Need Mission Offering
5:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting
- October 3: 1:30 p.m. Pastor Dave deliver the message and serve communion at Salem Hill, Spring Mills
- October 4: 11:00 a.m. Council of Churches Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- October 7: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Hartman Center Fall Festival at Milroy, PA
- October 8: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Rally Day Program
5:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting
- October 11: 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- October 15: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Penn Central Conference Strategic Planning Town Hall Meeting at Trinity UCC
5:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting
- October 17: 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting
1:30 p.m. Pastor Dave deliver the message and serve communion at Wynwood House, Centre Hall
- October 22: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service; Rev. Betsy Bruaw will be delivering the message
4:30 p.m. Youth Group Hayride hosted by Lance and Cathy Arney (meet at the church for carpooling)
- October 24: 6:00 p.m. SALT Committee Meeting
- October 25: 8:30 a.m. Life Line Screening at Trinity UCC
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- October 29: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service; Mr. Richard Auman will be delivering the message;
UNICEF Offering during worship (please bring your loose change)
5:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting with Halloween Costume Bowling
- October 31: 6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat in the parking lot at St. Luke Lutheran Church
- November 1: 11:00 a.m. Council of Churches Committee Meeting
- November 2: 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Relations Committee
- November 5: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and All Saints Day Candle Lighting
5:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting
- November 7: 1:30 p.m. Pastor Dave deliver the message and serve communion at Salem Hill
6:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee Meeting
- November 8: 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- November 12: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Quilts of Valor Presentation
5:00 p.m. Youth Group Campfire Meeting at Scott and Ruth Ann Floray's home
- November 14: 1:30 p.m. Pastor Dave deliver the message and serve communion at Wynwood House, Centre Hall
- November 15: 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- November 19: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Rise Against Hunger Mission Offering
5:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting
- November 20: 6:30 p.m. Decorate the church for Advent
- November 21: 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting
- November 22: 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- November 26: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Hanging of the Greens Program
- November 29: 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Responsibility	October 2017	November 2017
Head Usher	Carol Clark-Baney	Steve Riegel
Alternate Usher	Sally Arnold	Sydney Riegel
Altar Flowers	Tammy Besecker	Tammy Besecker
Altar Guild	Cathy Arney	Beverly Guyer
Communion	Carol Clark-Baney (October 1)	Steve Riegel (November 5)
Caregiver	Joan Pecht	Marian Smith
Choir Director	Terri Downer	Terri Downer
Fellowship Coordinator	Dorothy Strickler	Volunteer Needed
S.A.L.T.	Angela Auman	Vickie Bressler
Marquee Manager	Richard Delaney	Richard Delaney
Oil in Candles	Dixie Vogt	Tammy Besecker
Organist	Carole Smith	Carole Smith

Date	Greeters	Greeters	Acolyte	Call to Worship	Scripture Reader	Children's Message
October 1	Lauren, Alyssa, and Andrew Boob	Denny and Vickie Bressler	Andrew Boob	Pastor Dave	Angela Auman	Pastor Dave
October 8	Russ and Jean Brooks	Carol Brown	Paige Auman	Rick Arnold	Sally Arnold	Pastor Dave
October 15	Charles and Beverly Guyer	Joyce Barner	Paige Auman	Dot Strickler	Carole Smith	Ruth Floray
October 22	Scott and Ruth Ann Floray and Family	Michele Brown	Elizabeth Romig	Carol Brown	Rick Arnold	Pastor Dave
October 29	Mike and Carol Frazier	Glenn and Vickie Fultz	Rylee Arney	Sally Arnold	Carol Brown	Teri Statham
November 5	Henry and Beverly Garbrick	Charles and Beverly Guyer	Harrison Reish	Pastor Dave	Rick Arnold	Vickie Fultz
November 12	Mike and Sara Hanson and Family	Dick and Joanne Heck	Sara Floray	Paige Auman	Kylie Auman	Ruth Floray
November 19	Bob and Ardranna Henry	Karen Keller	Kylie Auman	Sally Arnold	Rick Arnold	Teri Statham
November 26	Dick Delaney	Gerald and Donna Krebs	Katie Martell			Hanging of the Greens
December 3	Tricia Limbaugh and Family	Ben and Sylvia Malone	Ella Smith	Pastor Dave	Rick Arnold	Vickie Fultz
December 10	Ken and Sara Frazier	John and Lois Martz	Jackson Romig	Rick Arnold		Pastor Dave



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Thank you to Joan Pecht and Nevin Dutrow for hosting the annual church picnic on September 10, 2017. Great company and good food was enjoyed by all!



SPIKES BASEBALL GAME

Amy Smith arranged a fun night out at the Spikes Baseball Game for approximately 40 members and friends of Trinity. A good time was had by all and the Spikes won!



CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY COUNCIL PROGRAM

Thank you to the youth in the Child Development and Family Council Program for creating a fall yard scene on the parsonage lawn. People entering the church from the back parking lot have enjoyed this wonderful display.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

"Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud."
~Maya Angelou



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2017

October 1:	Exodus 17:1-7	Philippians 2:1-13
October 8:	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Matthew 21:33-46
October 15:	Exodus 32:1-14	Matthew 22:1-14
October 22:	Exodus 33:12-23	Matthew 22:15-22
October 29:	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Matthew 22:34-46
November 5:	Joshua 3:7-17	Matthew 23:1-12
November 12:	Joshua 24:1-3a	Matthew 25:1-13
November 19:	Judges 4:1-7	Matthew 25:14-30
November 26:	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Matthew 25:31-46

