Trinity News

Trinity United Methodist Church, (570)473-9145 300 Sixth Street Northumberland, PA 17857

February 2019

Pastor's Introduction

Mission Statement:

As the church continues to move forward Aligning with God's word and His love we have a new mission statement to help guide us on the journey-

"We are the body of Christ sharing His Love with ALL".

<u>The Mission of the United</u> <u>Methodist Denomination</u>:

The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Pastor

Leslie Halchak

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February, let's talk love – not romantic love – authentic love. Read Matthew 22:34-40.

First of all, love is something you learn. We are not born loving. Babies are lovable, to be sure. But they are not necessarily loving. We come into this world grasping. Our chief concern is our own needs. We cry and someone meets our needs, and we are contented. Unfortunately, some people never get beyond that kind of approach to life. But most of us learn somewhere along the way to share. We learn to quit grasping and to start giving. We learn to return love as well to receive it. We learn to love because someone important in our life models love for us. We love because God first loved us.

Love is something you learn. Love is something you do. Love is proactive. We can talk about love until we are blue in the face, but if our actions aren't loving though, our love is meaningless. SAYING we love is not enough either. Love is concrete act. "God so loved that He GAVE His Son..."

Lastly, love is the world's only hope. If we don't help the world discover love, real love, then our world will never break the cycle of despair and violence that engulfs it. It is important for the world to know about Jesus Christ for he is love personified. He showed us real love in action. He taught us that love is at the heart of authentic religion. People need to know it's not how pious you act, but how much you love that is at the heart of faith. People need to know that love is a concrete act showing concern, compassion, and forgiveness. That kind of love can save the world!

You and I need to search out our hearts and see if there is more that we might do to introduce people to the love of Jesus Christ, for truly, to know Jesus is to know love. Love God, love one another.

Friends, we are in this together. May you find yourself blessed and loved to be a part of the family of God. Praise God! This is a day of new beginnings!

Castor Leslie

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March 5 - Donut Day Orders are due on February 18.

We have plain, powder, sugar and cinnamon sugar donuts. \$5 a dozen. \$2.50 for half dozen

We are in need of help March 4th from 8am through March 5th 10am. Please let Pam Heim know if you are available to help. Thanks!

SAVE THE DATE!

February 17, evening

Potluck supper. Details to follow in the bulletin.





Please be praying for:



Our ChurchOur TroopsOur PastorJoyce DresslerPastor Ron TroupeCharlesDante Wellton's family

Our Shut-InsCarol MoyerJohn ReeseBill Hickey's familyDarlisDale DresslerPastor Leslie's Daughter-in-Law

Our shut-ins (Home Bound)......

Marion Aucker Pauline Ford Eveline Lenker Lewis Marotto Eileen Bowersox Dora Jarrett Dona Drumheller Gertrude Moyer Fran Beck Carol Moyer Joyce Dressler

Those who are Serving Military...

Johnathan Baker William Klinger Jonathan Swank Robert D. Hufnagle-U.S. Marine (Linda Hager's Grandson) Justin Eroh – U.S. Navy (John & Connie Eroh's Grandson) Christopher Pelishek – U.S. Army (Pastor Robert & Margaret Bavender's Grandson) Melvin Smith II

Is there a special occasion coming up in your family? Why not celebrate with Alter Flowers at Trinity UMC?

There are multiple open Sundays for Alter Flowers. The cost is \$25 for both vases. See sign-up sheet in narthex, to the left of the front doors, as you are coming up the steps. Or see Pam Heim 473-8144





Witness about Jesus Christ and your church by placing a yard sign in your yard. The signs are \$10.00 each. You can call the church or sign the form in the Narthex.



TEACHERS, & LOCATIONS

Ages 18 and up are all welcome so join us! We read and discuss God's word.

Location: Parlor Room **When:** Immediately after worship service

Please ask for assistance, if you need help locating these rooms.





Food Pantry is every 3rd Saturday of the month from 9am-11am.

You are welcome to volunteer and join us!

We are constantly in need of volunteers to help for the following:

- *unloading trucks* every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. If you want to volunteer, please call the church and leave your contact information. We will then call you regarding the schedule (time)

- *volunteers* to distribute food every 3rd Saturday of the month 9am to 11am

Report for January 2019

Kids: 192, Adults: 257, Seniors: 111 Total: 560



Our nursery it is located next to the sanctuary. Go through the double doors on right hand side of the sanctuary that is closest to the alter area. Turn right and you will see the sliding windows to the Nursery. Schedule for the nursery is found on the nursery door.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

- Blended worship service every Sunday 9am
- Refreshments offered every Sunday morning before and after Church service.
- Come prepared to worship and receive what the Lord has for you.

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"He restores my soul." Psalm 23:3a (NIV)