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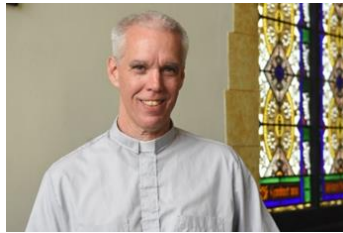
Time to get back to Church!
Church Reopening:
Saturday, January 16, 6:00 pm
& Sunday, January 17, 9:30 am
Live streaming: Sunday, January 17 at 9:30 am
www.trinitypottsville.com

NEXT DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION:
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 from
11:00-12:00

THE REV. PHILIP S. BENDLE, III
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

If you are a graduating high school student, or have taken no more than one year off between high school and continuing your education, you're eligible to apply for this scholarship. Guidelines and applications will be available in January, 2021. Applications can be printed from our website, **www.trinitypottsville.com**.

Deadline is Monday, March 15th



Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Let's start 2021 off on a good note...good footing...

Many a time I have prayed with individuals in nursing homes, hospitals, or at other times in which I included the words "we give you thanks for all the blessings in our lives; those that readily come to mind, and those we have forgotten about as the years have gone by...(or words similar to that effect)

It's a chance for us, in prayer, to quickly glance back over our lives and give thanks for all the good (big or small) that God has graciously brought into our lives.

In the year we have just gone through, and even amid last years turmoil, there may have been blessings we have received that have so brightened our lives for which we may be extra thankful. I know I have a couple that outshined all the negative that was last year.

I realize there has been a great deal of loss as well, but we also remember why those loses are so great. They remind us of the love and joy that was, and still is, in our lives...those blessings.

Reach back into your lives, your mind's-eye, and bring forth just one or two of those blessings that have so enriched your lives; bringing a warmth and reconciliation to your hearts and minds.

For we are in need of a good start to rekindle the light within us; the hope that is ours, and is ours in Christ Jesus.

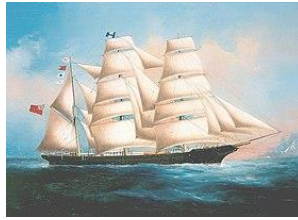
This may not be the most profound newsletter article ever written, but I am hoping it simply gives you reason to smile, reason to laugh, and reason for joy and hope...for Christ Jesus himself says to us...

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

(John 14:27 NRSV)

Peace be with you all!

Pastor Chris Rothharpt



A prayer from Pastor Chris

Most gracious and loving God, we call upon You to be our help and guide. Our very present strength for this day and all the days ahead; with its troubles, challenges, and in anticipation of better days to come. We are but boats upon the sea, tossed to and fro from the winds of change. We look for a strong mast, a carefully placed anchor, a light upon the shore to continue to guide us forward into safety. We cling to Your promises and ask You to guide us once again safely ashore as You have promised to embrace us, never letting go. In Your most Holy and Precious name, we pray! **AMEN +**

Funerals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Passing</u>	<u>Funeral Date</u>
Barbara Gentile	December 28, 2020	
Dorothy Heiser	December 31, 2020	January 9, 2021
Alexis Wilder	January 3, 2021	January 8, 2021
Jean Neithamer	January 5, 2021	January 11, 2021
Barbara Heffner	January 7, 2021	

Memorials:

You can mail your memorials by placing in the mail, addressed to the church.

Bendle Scholarship Fund:

- In memory of *Judy Rile* by Charles Klitsch.
- In memory of *David Stanton* by Alice Alfonsi.
- In memory of *Virginia Neithamer* by Alice Alfonsi.
- In memory of *Judy Rile* by Alice Alfonsi.
- In memory of *Barbara Heffner* by Alice Alfonsi.

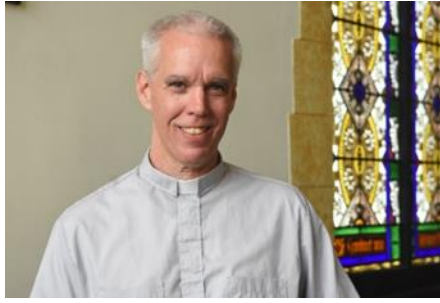
Boiler Fund:

- In memory of *David Stanton* by Naomi Ost.

Elevator Fund:

- In memory of *Dr. David Stanton* by his mother.
- In memory of *David Stanton* by Chuck & LaVerne Seaman.
- In memory of *Dottie Heiser* by John & Donna Ross.
- In memory of *Dot Heiser* by John and Sally Bane.
- In memory of *Dorothy Mae Heiser* by Bill & Mary Ann Pugh.

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**AS WE CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGES OF THE CORONA
VIRUS PANDEMIC,**

NEW GUIDELINES

1. Everyone will have their temperatures taken upon arrival at the church.
2. Masks must be worn when entering, during the service and exiting the building; hand sanitizer and masks will be made available.
3. We will use the Third Street entrances only - both the Third Street main entrance and the Third Street handicapped ramp entrance. There will be no entrance off the parking lot by the office.
4. The bathrooms in the lounge will be the only bathrooms accessible.
5. We would limit the service to approximately 60 to 65 people, to maintain social distancing guidelines.
6. Pews would be closed off and markers be placed on acceptable seating areas. Pews would be filled front to back. Ushers will help seat people to the available seats.
7. Hymnals and all other touchable items will be removed from the pews.
8. Offering would be placed in baskets at the back of the sanctuary.
9. Bulletins would be made available, but not be collected at the end of service.
10. Pews and traffic areas would be sanitized after each service.

We want to make sure we have a plan in place so that everyone can feel safe coming back to church. Thank you, and continued peace be with you all!

Pastor Chris

Memorials: (continued from page 3)

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Elevator Fund:

In memory of *Dorothy Heiser* by Charles Kantner.
In memory of *Dorothy Heiser* by Sandra & Dan Fitzgerald.
In memory of *Dorothy Heiser* by Brenda & Joe Pfeiffenberger.
In memory of *Dorothy Heiser* by Kim Willier and John Barshinger.
In memory of *Dorothy Heiser* by Melissa and Rick Weaver.
In memory of *Dorothy Heiser* by Kelli & Irvin Evans.

Memorial Fund:

In memory of *Marion Davenport* by members of Frieda Hoh Circle, TLC.
In memory of *Mohl Family, John and Lorraine* by John and Nancy Wertz.
In memory of *Faye Davis* by Judith Green.
In memory of *Barbara Heffner* by Nancy Fellows & Family.
In memory of *Virginia M. Neithamer* by Coleen M. Garrity.
In memory of *Virginia (Jean) Neithamer* by Mary Ann Burns.
In memory of *Virginia (Jean) Neithamer* by sister-in-law, Verna Leonard-Laird.
In memory of *Virginia Neithamer* by Bill & Diane Somers.
In memory of *Virginia Neithamer* by Larry & Sharon Haffey.
In memory of *Barbara Heffner* by Bill & MaryAnn Pugh.
In memory of *Barbara R. Heffner* by Judge Joseph and Barbara McCloskey.
In memory of *Barbara Richards Heffner* by John & Joyce Gerace.

Rismiller Carillon Fund:

In memory of *Betty Charowsky* by Charles & Arlene Sibbett.

Christmas Tribute Book (not published in the tribute book):

Elevator Fund: In memory of our *deceased members* by Frieda Hoh Members.

Van Fund: In memory of *Craig Kemfort* by Richard & Darlene Zeller.

Organ Fund: In memory of *George & Mae Kemfort* by Richard and Darlene Zeller.

Sr. Coordinator fund: In memory of *Karl Zeller, Sr.* by Richard & Darlene Zeller.

Kitchen Fund: In memory of *Dolores & Veryl Frantz* by Richard & Darlene Zeller.

Kitchen Fund: In memory of *Karl & Rose Marie Zeller* by Richard & Darlene Zeller.

Elevator Fund: In memory of *Ada and Harry Walters* by Richard & Darlene Zeller.

NOTICE:

When making out checks for offering and memorials, they must be separate checks made out to Trinity Lutheran Church. Any questions, call the church office (570) 622-9910.





RADIO MINISTRY

We invite you to listen on Sunday mornings at 11:00 am on Pottsville AM/FM radio stations:

WPPA 1360 AM OR 105.9 FM to listen to our radio ministry.

You can also sponsor the radio ministry by calling the church office.

\$25 for half sponsorship or \$50 for full sponsorship.

"We are modifying the current format of our Radio Ministry ("*The Connecting Link*") in hopes that it will help enhance everyone's listening and worshipping experience and enjoyment. Our new format will more closely reflect the worship services that are currently available on Trinity's website. We thank everyone for tuning in and listening to our Radio Ministry services all these years. It has been, and continues to be our privilege to bring them to you."

OUR DAILY BREAD

JANUARY 1, 2021

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you (Isaiah 43:2)

UNCHARTED WATERS

The ball drops in New York's Times Square. The crowd counts down to Big Ben chiming. Sydney Harbor erupts in fireworks. However, your city marks it, there's something exciting about welcoming in a new year and the fresh start it brings. On New Year's Day we push out into new waters. What friendships and opportunities might we find?

For all its excitement, though, a new year can be unsettling. None of us knows the future or what storms it may hold. Many New Year's traditions reflect this:

Fireworks were invented in China to supposedly ward off evil spirits and make a new season prosperous. And New Year's resolutions date back to the Babylonians who made vows to appease their gods. Such acts were an attempt to make an unknown future secure.

When they weren't making vows, the Babylonians were busy conquering people—including Israel. In time, God sent the enslaved Jews this message: "*Do not fear. . . When you pass through the waters, I will be with you*" (Isaiah 43:1-2). Later, Jesus said something similar when He and the disciples were caught sailing in a violent storm. "*Why are you so afraid?*" He told them before commanding the waters to be still (Matthew 8:23-27).

Today we push out from the shore into new, uncharted waters. Whatever we face, He's with us—and He has the power to calm the waves.

What possibilities excite you as you look forward to a new year?

What worries can you place in God's Hands?

***God, thank You that whatever this new year brings,
You'll be with me in it.***



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Church Council President here at Trinity, I need to discuss an urgent matter with you today. I hope you are all doing well during this difficult time. No one could have imagined back in January when we first heard about Coronavirus, that we would still be dealing with it in late October. We all assumed after a few weeks that it would be over, and we could get back to our normal lives. We certainly never thought that we would see Trinity close down like we did in March. It seems like we're all getting accustomed to new "first" in our lives.

When the decision was made to reopen in July, we were aware that not everyone would be comfortable coming back to Church. That's why the option of broadcasting a taped version of our service was offered, so people could view from the safety of their own residence. Based on the number of people attending service in person, most of us are still not coming to Church in person yet. We have taken every precaution to assure the safety of everyone who attends. Everyone has their temperature taken before they enter the building. Pews are marked to assure social distancing, and masks are required to be worn at all times.

Even with all these precautions, we understand the need to feel safe. That's why we encourage folks to worship with us using the digital platforms we have available. Whether it's YouTube, Facebook, the Church's website, or the radio ministry.

Now here comes the issue. Remember the saying "out of sight out of mind?". While folks are not yet returning, the work of the Church goes on. And to continue to do God's work here at Trinity, we still need your support. Our giving, year to date, is well below what is needed. We understand these are trying times for a lot of us, but please remember to keep up with your offering whenever possible. You can drop off your envelope at the Church office, or mail it in. There is also an electronic option on the Church's website. We all look forward to the day we can worship together. The coffee and doughnuts will be ready. Until then, please be safe and have faith that God will see us through this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Ron Brennan
Church Council President

www.trinitypottsville.com



We are constantly adding content, videos and services to Trinity's website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Please continue to **mail** in your **offering** envelopes to the church or set up an online giving account on our website. You can choose to donate one time or set up recurring giving for weekly, biweekly or monthly options.

It's your choice! Get details on the GIVE page at: www.trinitypottsville.com or download the Give Plus APP on your smartphone.



something **NEW**...

In addition to the worship service technology upgrades we are embarking upon (as noted in my main newsletter article), there is also, through the considerable contributions of families, and via memorial contributions, a new memorial account that has been created for the express purpose of updating Trinity's Carillon technology (*Rismiller Memorial Carillon Fund*).

A Carillon is digital/technological instrument housed in the bell tower of a church and is connected with digital programming apparatus and used in conjunction with a keyboard or organ to play hymns, bells, chimes, etc., that can be heard within a community setting (much like the bells that ring before Trinity's worship services). This new technology will also enhance our worship experiences.



ATTENTION:
ADOPT-A-CHILD
DEPPEN PIES

IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WE WILL BE
SELLING PIES
MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE
IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

ORDERS & MONEY DUE: FRIDAY, MARCH 5
PIES DELIVERED, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 AFTER 1:00 PM



Get your copy!
DEVOTIONS FOR LENT
2021



Welcome

A Story to Tell provides daily devotions for each day from Ash Wednesday to the Vigil of Easter (traditionally known as Holy Saturday). Devotions begin with an evocative image and a brief passage from the Gospel of Mark (the gospel focus for 2021, year B in the Revised Common Lectionary). The writers then bring their unique voices and pastoral wisdom to the Mark texts with quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers.

The Gospel of Mark has a story to tell about “the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (1:1). This story is told quickly and urgently, as if there’s no time to spare. Yet the most reliable manuscripts for Mark’s gospel end with women running in fear from the empty tomb, telling no one what they have seen and heard (16:8).

May this Lenten journey through Mark’s gospel strengthen and inspire you to tell the story of Jesus Christ through all you do and say.

Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news that He came to save us and set us free.

—”*Listen, God is Calling/Neno lake Mungu,*” ELW 513, refrain, st. 1

Please call the church office for your copy.
We have the large print copies and regular print smaller copy

Prayer List: Prayer List: January 11-January 17, 2021

Members of Trinity – Merle Amos, Nick Angelo, Robert Arner, Paul Ashembrier, Judi Barton, Ray Brennan, Jody Brossman, Doug Camodeca, Sam and Joan Carroll, Laura Louise Dolbin, Joel Ebling, Fred Gradwell, Louise Gradwell, Margaret Gretskey, Larry Haffey, Scott Haffey, Pat Haluska, Shirley Harkins, Helen Harvey, Peggy Hassler, Bruce Heckman, Kelly Knorr, Paula Kriner, Lincoln Krisa, Kim Leiby, Debbie Linder, Dennis Lord, Jean and George Lord, Nancy Mahall, Margie Mataka, Shirley Morgan, Adam Morrow, Ray Moyer, Pamela Purcell, Marilyn Reed, Jill Schaeffer, Ron Schaeffer, Peg Schappell, Linda Seiwel, Kay Shaw, Judy Steffanic, Colin Studlack, Dorothy Thomas, Frances Thomas, Judy Thomas, Shawn Thomas, Barbara Wagner, Dolores Wagner, Helen Walasavage, Nancy Weigand, Mary Jane Wilson, Carolyn Wire

Shut-Ins – Tom & Mickie Bair, Leah Brokhoff, Judy Cappel, Earlamay Downing, Jacques Ebling, Carolyn Gauntlett, Martha Golden, Jeanne Heffner, Robert Heffner, Dolores Hoffman, Richard & Carole Kline, Mary Leary, Bob Pauzer, Pat Phillips, Terry Pugh, Nancy Schriener, Carolyn Spiess, Ann Spotts, Ann Tihansky, Beatrice Walsh, Kathryn Wodack, Darlene & Richard Zeller

Nursing Home/Personal Care Residents – Betty Beury, Joseph Culley, Louise Dicus, Hope Fisher, Tom Fredericks, Larue Hahn, Alda Howells, Dianna Hutton, Kathryn Johnson, Mollie Katchur, Edna Laubentine, Dorothy Schaeffer, Grace Schuettler, Anna Stinner

Military Personnel – Brett Allison, Jacob Barton, Jason Beach, Audrey Burke, Christopher & Savannah Butler, Tim Campbell, Judy Cappel, Andrew Clancey, Ian Conrad, Ryan Devaney, Jeff and Katie Dittmar, Noah Elison, Brian and Joshua Fetterman, Joshua Fredericks, Kevin Gregory, Sean Grube, Seth Grube, Joshua Hager, Marc Jones, Aaron Leshner, Edward Mady, Tom McMurtrie, Ryan Miller, Ashton Muncy, Allison Ney, John Nomland, Aaron Oswald, Eddie Padinski, Kevin Potts, Larry Reedy, Zachary Reichert, Michael and Stephen Reier, Steven Sleva, Nicholas Starner, Matthew Tobin, Jamie Watt

Those who mourn– Families and friends of *Virginia (Jean) Neithamer and Barbara Heffner.*

Family Members/Friends –Sharon Alfonso, Michelle Ambrose, Jessica Archibald, Inez Aurand, Beverly Banovatz, Donna Bast, Kathy Bauers, David Bechtel, Ed Bensinger, Olivia Bensinger, Ron Boris, Rose Brehony, Kristel Brennan, Patricia Bressler, Doug Broughton, Jason Castaneda, Bruce Chattin, Mike Cloud, Pat Connor, Pete Connors, Irene Conway, Robert Craig, Jessica Croley, Barbara & Stanley Daniels, Stanley K. Daniels, Megan Dasch, Hayden Daubert, Alice Davis, Ethel Davis, Ray Dee, Mike Dempsey, Patricia Derlunas & Family, Marian and Sarah Donlin, Diane Donovan, Robert Dougherty, Jim Driscoll, Nick & Nicholas Dubb, Kerry Duke, Laura Dunlap, Joanie Eagan, Bruce Ernst, Jessie and Jamie Ebert, Marilee Ebert, Gaylene Ebling, Peggy Ebling, Tracey Ebling, Scarlett Eckers, Jamie Edwards, Virginia Ehrich, Mary Eiler, Erin Emmick, Michelle and Peggy Evans, Vince Fabiani, Nolan Ferhat, Grace Flynn, Kathy Fronza, Daniel Fuentes, Jim Gary, Elaine Gayman, Judy Genovese, Donna George, Kim Gerthoffer, Kathleen Gradwell, Scott Grossman, Tina Guise, Tim Guise, Gemma Haas, Shane Haffey, Joe Halko & Family, John Hannaway, Ann Marie Harpel, Nancy Hart, Joie Hartnet, Jarred Heckart, Bruce Heffner, Psmurfisa Hernandez, Rita Hinchey, Rosalind Hosler, John Housknecht, Helen Hufnagle, Sandy Huntzinger, Agnes Jaglas, Tom Jefferson, Lauren Kelly, Beth Ketz, Edwin Kindred, Sr., Phyllis Knoll, Shirley Koury, Sue Kraft, Rita Kruel, Chrissy Kull, Mary Larish, Chris Larsen, Butch Lasco, Phil Lasco, Christina Lee, Alexia Leib, Jaden Leiby, Kathy Lengle, Robert “Oscar” Leskin, Bernadette Lord, David Lord, Helen Love, Sister Jo Magdalinski, Thelma Mansfield, Melissa Martin, Linda Marx, Mona Marzullo, Amanda Mason, Harper Masland, John Matz, Gladys Maurer, Debra McBride, Debra Lynne McBride, Jeanne McClure, Diane McCully, Helen McGeever, Lenny and Karen McHugh, Kathy McGee, Joe McNulty, Sandy Mendini, Nadine Merrigan, Alethia Meyer, Peggy Meyer, Lisa M. Mikula, Ariel Miller, Laura Miller, Leslie and Geoff Miller, Carol A. Mills, Madeline Miscannon, Helene Moore, Janice Moore, Patrick Moore, Shannon Morgan, Rochelle and Lindsey Moser, Darron Moyer, Robert Muldowney, Colleen Murphy, Anthony Murray, Vincent Murray, Tom Palewicz, Rob Parano, Maureen Pavlick, Pastor Peggy Sue Pfeffer, Annalise Porreca, Anna Sterner Porreca, Irene Post, John Potlunas, Karen Prettie, Kathy Pritchard, Kayleigh Pronio, Joe Rady, Dayne Readinger, Dot Rebeck, Joe & Mary Jane Reed, Colleen Rothharpt, John Roberts, Tina Robinson, Mary Lou Roeder, DJ Rubright, Charles (Chuck) Rushannon, Bob Sabaday, Amy Schade, Cheryl Scharff, Anne Schock, Earl Shoener, Jennifer Schultz, Jack Schwenk, Rogene Seidel, Shawn Seidl, Rosemary Shustack, Aldyn Socks, Allen and Jack Spotts, Lindsay Spotts, Karen Engel Sterling, Jessica Stewart, Sawyer Sullivan, Brian Symons, Skip Tyson, Tristen Uffre, Joan Urenko, Karen Urban, Tammy Uhrin, Gloria Uzick, Bob Voskuhl, Charlie Wagner, Jean Walsh, Rol Walters, Angela Ward, Glynn Ward, Bill Weiss, Mark Wolfgang, Joan Woodward, Nancy Woodward, George Yarnell, Connor Joel Yob, Kathleen & Joseph Young, Marge Yourshaw, Tony Zampella