

Worship Service 2nd Sunday of Advent December 6, 2020 10 am

"To build a body of committed Christ-followers who demonstrate His love daily."

Gathering Music

Welcome w/ Pastor Deanna

Announcements

* Crossing the Threshold

I believe in love, I believe in love, Even when, even when I don't feel it.

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One: The emptiness of loneliness All: The emptiness of loneliness

One: The wounds inflicted All: The wounds inflicted One: The fear of the "other" All: The fear of the "other"

Lighting of the Advent Wreath w/ Worship Team

One: Holy One, we thank you for the glimpses we catch of your gift of daring love. Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle-even when we cannot yet see a better day when we will act like the human family we are, ignite the flame of love within us,

All: That we might glow with its brilliance from the inside out.

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Prayer

One: Help us face this fear of difference and dare to see what love can do. All: Amen.

- * Opening Hymn (screen) Emmanuel, Emmanuel
- * Pastoral Prayer

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Prayer

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 7:10-14 (NRSV)

Special Music w/ Kelly Shuey

"What Child Is This"

Gospel Lesson Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)

Message w/ Pastor Deanna

"I Believe in Love: Daring Right Relationship"

- * Closing Song (screen)
 - It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
- * Dismissal with Blessing
- * Response (screen) "Come On Ring Those Bells"

* Those who are able, please stand Used by permission: www:worshipdesignstudio.com/believe.

TODAY'S HELPERS IN MINISTRY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor - Rev. Deanna Geiter Music Director - Colette Schindler Secretary - Deb Shuey Treasurer - Sheila Seaman

Email Prayer Chain Contact - trinitylickdale@gmail.com
(If you have a joy or concern that you would like prayer for contact the church office at 717-865-4361 or Pastor Deanna at 717-989-0333 or send an email to trinitylickdale@gmail.com.)

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Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week



Kevin Kreiser - December 8 Kyle Kreiser - December 8 Dawn Stuart - December 9 Chris & Katie Werner - December 8 Tim & Deb Shuey - December 12

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING FOR DECEMBER - Hospital of Hope. Donations can be given thru December 20th. Contact the church if questions.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Will meet Monday, December 7th at 7 pm. Bring your Bible and come out for an evening of fellowship and studying God's Word.

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AD COUNCIL MEETING - Tuesday, December 8th at 7 pm.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING - Sunday, December 13 from 6 to 7:30 pm. Join us for a night of telling of the Christmas story. Youth must wear a facemask and should dress for the outside weather. Invite your friends and Join Us! Youth is for 3rd thru 12th Grades. Questions see Meredith Rinehart, Deb Shuey or Pastor Deanna.

MINISTRY SIGN UP - Sign-up sheets for Jr. Church Leaders, Greeters and Reading Scripture for 2021 are on the table in the multi. purpose room. Sign up for a week or two.

We also need additional volunteers to help run the computer for the Worship Service, lead in a Children's Message and volunteers to help sanitize following Worship Services.

Altar Flower Chart for 2021 is posted. See Pastor Deanna or Deb Shuey if you can help or questions. **NORTHERN LEBANON UMC FOOD DISTRIBUTION** - Saturday, December 19th from 1 to 3 pm at the Ono UMC parking lot. If you are in need of food, please stop by.

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UPPER ROOM AND OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS - Are available in the church lobby.

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ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: Incarnation - Join us this season for an Advent Bible study titled, *Incarnation*. This study is based on Adam Hamilton's book with the same title. In this study, we will explore the incarnation of Jesus, of God becoming flesh, here on earth and what that means for us. We will explore seven different names of Jesus, how they have been understood and what they mean to us. We will rediscover the significance of Christmas.

Study is a four week study: Thursdays at 7 pm on December 10; December 17. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending. Also, if you would like a copy of the book, you can purchase it online or contact the church office (the book is not needed). The cost for the book is \$13.49.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - Thursday, December 24th

(Services held in multi-purpose room)
4 pm Christmas Eve Family Service
7 pm Christmas Eve Family Service

Join us for an evening of Christmas music, Advent Candle lighting, Scripture and a pilgrimage to the Nativity Scene (outside) with singing of Christmas carols and a message from Pastor Deanna.

Join us for one of our Christmas Eve Services (both services are the same).

Celebrating the birth of our Lord.

(During the pandemic, we will be asking church families to sign-up for the Worship Service they would like to attend. A signup sheet is on the table in the multi.-purpose room or contact the church office to RSVP.)

SCIENCE PROGRAM AT TRINITY UMC - Saturday, May 8, 2021. Join us for the "The Amazing Chemistry Show" with Josh Denhart. Have questions or want to help, contact Meredith Rinehart.

Family Christmas Film Festival



Family Christmas Film Festival Second Week of Advent: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* - Love

Bible Verse:

Ezekiel 36:26 - I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. I will remove your stony heart from your body and replace it with a living one.

Watch the classic Christmas movie *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

Talking Points:

- The Grinch wants to keep Christmas from coming. Why? His heart is two sizes too small.
- What seems to bother the Grinch most of all? The noise.
- The Grinch can't stand to hear the Whos experiencing and expressing joy. He is only concerned with what he wants.
- On Christmas morning, when the Grinch is standing in the snow, and hears the Whos singing, what happens to him? His heart grows three sizes.

After-Movie Discussion:

- The Grinch tried to keep Christmas from coming. Can anything really stop Christmas? No. Not a Grinch, not a virus, nothing can keep the great gift of love that is Christmas from coming.
- When the Grinch's heart grew, what else changed? He found the strength of ten grinches...plus two!
- Love is the strongest force in the world. When we open our hearts to love, and then share that love with others, we find a strength we never knew we had.
 Christmas is not about things. When we let go of what we think Christmas is "supposed" to look like, what Christmas is "supposed" to sound like, we open our hearts to what Christmas already is an amazing gift from a God who loves us very much.

Prayer:

Loving God,

Thank you for the gift of Christmas.

Thank you for the gift of love.

Thank you for the gift of you. Amen.



Film Festival for Advent 2020

This Advent season we are focusing on the power of music in our lives and in the world. Music often provides hope and brings people together, especially during difficult times.

Please note: These films are not appropriate for young children because of the difficult circumstances that are shown through the films. Please use the Family Christmas classics for your young children.

The Second week of Advent: Girls on the Wall

Read: Isaiah 7: 1-14; Matthew 1: 18-25

Prayer: God-with-us, gather us in and center us in the Spirit's presence. Open us to your love in the stories we have heard and in our own lives.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Introduction to the film:

In this second week's film, *Girls on the Wall*, the teenage girls of Warrenville Prison are not your average delinquents. Having "graduated" from juvie to prison, these are the kids most likely to remain in the correctional system their whole lives. They are also some of the sharpest and most irrepressible young women you'll meet. When the girls of this heartland prison are given an unlikely shot at redemption — the chance to write and stage a musical based on their lives — they must relive their crimes, reclaim their humanity, and take a first step toward breaking free of the prison system.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. What was a particular moment or scene that surprised you or that resonated with you?
- 2. When the girls wrote their individual stories, Whitney was reluctant to share. But she eventually wrote about her father,

"It say, 'broken' which many of us are
Then I just put, 'you're an Indian Giver, dog.
You just give me money, you take it back
That ain't cool You give me love, you take it back
That ain't cool either
You were my life, my smile

Now all I do is think, what if you were a different man You could've accomplished many things But yet instead, you love that pipe first You loved your broad the same as that But never showed me love at all."

How do you think Whitney defines love? And what kind of love is she looking for from her father? Do you see this longing for love in her behavior toward others are well?

- 3. Our Gospel reading for this week includes background of Jesus' family and of his birth. What do we know about the backgrounds of the girls in Warrenville Prison? Does that affect how we hear their stories? Does it affect how they are understood and accepted in society?
- 4. Mrs. Palidofsky mentions that there are risks in telling one's story. What do you think are some of the risks? How do you think we can overcome those risks?
- 5. Over the course of Mrs. P's process, the girls took their own stories and together created one story for them to share in their musical. In what ways do we in our lives, in our rituals, in our faith blend our individual and collective stories?

Please take a c	ouple minutes to refle	ct and journal.	
Fill in the blank	ks with how you think	the girls in Warr	enville Prison might
complete this s	statement (and how wo	ould you?):	
"I believe	even when	"	

Closing Prayer:-

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Welcome to:

Trinity United Methodist Church - Lickdale

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Church office hours: Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 1 pm Pastor drop-in office hours: Monday thru Thursday 10 am to 1 pm

Eastern PA Conference ~ The United Methodist Church West District Rev. Peggy A. Johnson, Bishop Rev. Bumkoo Chung, District Superintendent

> Before Worship ~ Speak to God **During Worship ~ Let God** Speak to You After Worship ~ Speak to Others

Vision Statement ~

We believe we have been called to reveal that God is real and relevant in people's lives and in our community. We strive to do this by...

- Identifying and reaching the unsaved with the Gospel and the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- Offering ministries to support and strengthen the family.
- Becoming a seven day a week church that is committed to Spiritual growth through: worship, Christian education, Bible study, prayer, support, accountability, small groups and Christian fellowship.
- Continuing our caring outreach with diversity that touches our church, community, nation and world.
- Providing dynamic worship that is God-centered, Spirit-filled and Biblically based.
- Identifying the spiritual gifts of each person and employing them in ministries that match their gifts.

Purpose Statement ~ To build a body of committed Christ-followers who demonstrate His love daily.



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