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POP ~ Power of Prayer

At this time the POP Warriors are not meeting at the church. We are continuing to update our prayer group thru our Prayer Chain emails. If you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain, contact the church office. To submit a praise or prayer request, contact the church at 717-865-4361 or send an email to trinitylickdale@gmail.com.



Facemasks are required when entering the Church and the entire Worship Service. Practice social distancing as well.

January & February 2021 Edition

From Pastor Deanna's Pen ~

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

What a year it has been! Thanks be to God year 2020 is now history. At the time this letter is written, we are still in December 2020, but by the time you receive it, we will already have seen year 2020 leave...finally, as we embark on a brand new year...year 2021. Whew! So, pause and take a deep breath. Pray to God and offer Him your gratitude for the many blessings you have received. For truly, our God is a good, good God. He is faithful. He is ever so gracious and merciful. Our God is an awesome God!

Recently, I asked two questions on social media. Here are the questions: 1.) What is one word you would use to describe year 2020? and 2.) Where have you seen the grace of God revealed in year 2020? This past year has been challenging. There is no doubt about that. Friends and family posted words describing the year and many of the words had similar connotations. Some didn't feel comfortable even writing their descriptive word. This has been an emotional year. Although the same year, each of us had different experiences. Some were more traumatic than others. Even so, this past year caused us to go back to our roots and to reprioritize our lives.

However, through it all, there were blessings that were discovered and revealed. These were found through the generosity of others, even those we don't know, through the gifts of healing, through the love of family and friends, through the providence of our God, and so many more. The grace of God continues to abound! So, take time to be aware of the blessings and grace of God that continually surround you.

A year that we just experienced should cause us to grow closer to God. For our faith in Christ Jesus will keep us grounded and will give us purpose and hope for living in order to continue to move forward in faith and in life. Even though the way we went about our daily lives changed, there was still goodness. God is always making a way for each of us. He seeks us to be redeemed and to be continually transformed into His likeness. Since we just went through the season of

Advent and are now in the season of Christmas, we need to focus on that baby boy born in a manger so long ago. He is Mighty Counselor, the Prince of Peace. He is our Lord and Savior. He is Emmanuel - God with us.

Just as our daily lives were interrupted and disrupted, life in the church was changed in an instant, too. As the year began, we had much work to do as we were revamping some ministries, as ministries were growing, and as new ones were being discerned and planned. We were in the middle of planning some really awesome ministry events. However, in an instant, we found ourselves worshipping through a computer or TV screen as worship services were prerecorded at first, and now are live-streamed. We also found ourselves convening Bible studies and meetings through zoom. Those ministry events that were being planned were either revised in order to implement or they were postponed for a future time. Church life was different. But, during this time the church was not closed. Instead, the church was deployed into our homes and neighborhoods to do the work of loving God and loving others. Good ministry continued (and continues) to happen, even when it was safest for us to be physically distant from one another. This is another example of loving one another. It was during this time when church members stepped up to remain connected with one another and to ensure the needs of the people were being met - particularly, our elderly members and those experiencing illnesses. Meals were made and delivered to some of our older members. Grocery shopping and other errands were completed for several of our members. It was also during this time when we began to offer a monthly free food distribution along with the other United Methodist Churches in our Mission Link. Through your generosity, we were able to give well over 30,000 pounds of food to help ensure members in our community wouldn't be hungry. We also financially supported several local mission organizations. A lot of great ministry happened (even ministries that were not mentioned here), despite the challenges that many of us faced.

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Penny Keller	5
Graham Kreiser	6
Nicole Horne	7
Dan Seaman	10
Larry Kreiser, Jr.	12
Mackenzie Miller	15
David Kohr	19
Freyja Kreiser	20
Katie Werner	21
Judy Stickler	21
Kevin Dreibelbis	24
Jase Simniskis	27



February Birthdays

Gary Bedleyoung	3
Dean Zimmerman	5
Pam Boltz	6
Mark Schindler	7
Beth Rose Schindler	8
Tammy Bedleyoung	9
Nancy Westhafer	11
Kim McFeaters	13
Owen McKnight	13
John Mengel	16
Melody Newman	19
Deb Shuey	21
Dylan Swoyer	24
Kathy Cummins	24
Lindsay McFeaters	28
Russel Wagner Jr.	28



Power Packs Project at Lickdale Elementary School

The church is looking for volunteers to help pick-up the pre-packaged food in Lebanon and deliver to Lickdale Elem. School on a Thursday afternoon. A sign-up sheet is on the table or see Pastor Deanna.

Wedding Anniversaries

Pastor Deanna & Robert Geiter	January 18
Lynn & Kitty Werner	February 2
Dan & Sheila Seaman	February 14
David & Jackie Kohr	February 28



Altar Flowers

Flowers are \$25 for both vases or share a Sunday with another family. Great way to celebrate a special occasion or honor a loved one. Flower chart is on the easel in the multi. purpose room. Give money to Sheila Seaman or place in the offering plate marked with name and date flowers ordered.

MINISTRY SIGN-UP



Sign-up sheets are on the table in the multi. purpose room for Scripture Readers (Liturgists), Greeters and Leading in Jr. Church or a Children's Message. Questions see Pastor Deanna or Deb Shuey.

Winter Sermon Series: Follow Me!

At Christmas, we celebrate the Light of the World that came down to earth. Jesus came to bring us hope, love, joy, and peace. Through Christ, we have received salvation. Still, in this season, Jesus comes to each of us and says, "Follow me!" As Christ followers, we are called to first be a faithful disciple and also to go out and make disciples. We are called to share the good news with others. This isn't a once and done type of deal. This is a process. It is a lifelong journey. Last year was a difficult year, but God is still with us. So, this year, we will recommit ourselves and draw nearer and nearer to God. Join us for worship!

Our sermon series this winter is titled, "Follow Me!" Let us faithfully follow Jesus when He calls us. Lent will begin on Wednesday, February 17.

- 1/10/21: Tearing Apart the Heavens; Mark 1:4-11.
- 1/17/21: Anything Good; John 1:43-51.
- 1/24/21: Follow Me; Mark 1:14-20.
- 1/31/21: What Have You to Do with Us?; Mark 1:21-28.
- 2/7/21: She Began to Serve; Mark 1:29-39.
- 2/14/21: But Only Jesus; Mark 9:2-9.

2021 Committee Meetings

(Trustee and Ad Council Meetings are at 7 pm,
SPR Meetings are at 6:30 pm & Nurture Meetings are at 2 pm.)

<u>SPR</u>	<u>Nurture</u>	<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Ad Council</u>
January 12	January 5	February 2	February 9
March 9	March 2	April 6	April 13
May 11	May 4	June 1	June 8
July 13	July 6	August 3	August 10
September 14	September 7	October 5	October 12
November 9	November 2	December 7	December 14
	Charge Conference tba		

The chairperson of each committee needs to attend Ad Council meetings and Charge Conference.

Other team members are welcome to attend Ad Council.

Please share these dates with your committee.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (Lickdale) CHURCH LEADERS FOR 2021

CHURCH COUNCIL for 2021

COUNCIL CHAIR: Del Voight

COUNCIL VICE-CHAIR: Bob Manning

LAY LEADER: Sandy Newman

CHAIRPERSON, FINANCE COMMITTEE: Matthew Rinehart

TREASURER (without vote): Sheila Seaman

CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES: TBA after first Trustees meeting in 2021

CO-CHAIRS, STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Bernie Rollman, Gene Shaffer

CHAIR, NURTURE COMMITTEE: Judy Warner

CHAIR, CHRISTIAN-ED COMMITTEE: Gay Kreiser

CHAIR, MISSIONS & FAITH-SHARING COMMITTEE: Scott McFeaters

CHAIR, WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Sheila Seaman

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (with voting rights): Lynn Werner, Abby Rinehart

LAY MEMBER / REPRESENTATIVE TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Chris Eisenhauer

PASTOR (Chair, Committee on Nominations & Leadership Development): Rev. Deanna Geiter

Recording Secretary (without vote): Deb Shuey

ELECTED POSITIONS TO THE CHURCH AD COUNCIL

UMW President: Gloria Speck

UMM President/Representative: Terry Binkley

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Max. 9+Lay Leader+Lay Rep. to Conference)

Co-Chairpersons: Bernie Rollman, Gene Shaffer

Class of 2021: Pat Mengel, Gene Shaffer, Bernie Rollman

Class of 2022: Bob Manning, Lori Voight, Meredith Rinehart

Class of 2023: Chris Eisenhauer, Gayeleen Eckert, Kelli Dreibelbis

COMMITTEE on NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: (Max. 9+Lay Leader+Lay Rep. to Conference)

Chairperson (Pastor): Rev. Deanna Geiter

Class of 2021: Lori Brandt, Mark Light, Terry Binkley

Class of 2022: Kelly Shuey, Shirley Shaffer, Judy Stickler

Class of 2023: Gay Kreiser, Barb Rollman, Barb Manning

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (no fewer than 3, no more than 9 + Lay Leader)

Chairperson: TBA (trustees vote on the chairperson at the first meeting in 2021)

Class of 2021: Larry Kreiser, Gary Bedleyoung, Jeff Brown

Class of 2022: Deb Binkley, Chris Werner, DJ Eisenhauer

Class of 2023: John Mengel, Robert Geiter, Justin Bell

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chairperson: Matthew Rinehart

Members: Sheila Seaman (Treasurer), Sandra Barnhart (Financial Secretary), Chris Eisenhauer (Lay Member to the Annual Conference), Pastor Deanna Geiter (Pastor), Bernie Rollman/Gene Shaffer (SPRC Chairs/Representative), TBA (Trustee Representative), Sandy Newman (Lay Leader)

NURTURE COMMITTEE: Chairperson: Judy Warner

Members: Barb Zimmerman, Tammy Bedleyoung, Jody Hawkins, Judy Warner, Sue Boltz, Barb Rollman, Barb Manning, Penny Keller, Melody Newman, Kelli Dreibelbis, Samantha Simniskis, Kitty Werner

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Chairperson: Sheila Seaman

Members: Deb Shuey, Amy Miller, Pastor Deanna Geiter, Colette Schindler, Austin Rinehart, Kathy Cummins, April Miller, Kevin Dreibelbis

CHURCH DECORATOR: Chris Eisenhauer

CHRISTIAN-ED COMMITTEE: Chairperson: Gay Kreiser

Members: (All Sunday School teachers) Gay Kreiser, Meredith Rinehart, Deb Shuey, Lori Voight, Sue Werner, Terry Binkley, Scott McFeaters, Larry Kreiser, Katie Werner, Jeff Werner, Sheila Seaman

MISSIONS & FAITH-SHARING COMMITTEE: Chair: Scott McFeaters

Members: Sandra Barnhart, Meredith Rinehart, Sheila Seaman, Abby Rinehart, Lori Brandt, Kelli Bell, Gail Barnhart

DAYCARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: Larry Kreiser, Chris Werner, Barb Rollman, Pastor Deanna Geiter

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This is a witness to the people called Trinity rising up to share the love of God with other people and to make a difference. Despite all of the great ministry that continues, this year has been challenging. Some of us feel defeated and are exhausted. Some of us are concerned and are grieving. Some of us have become apathetic to everything. There are so many other adjectives that could be used in these sentences to describe this past year. What is it for you? How are you living each and every day? Where and in Whom do you place your trust?

Take time to reflect on these verses from Lamentations 3:22-24

²² *Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.*

²³ *They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*

²⁴ *I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."*

The book of Lamentations is just that...a series of laments. Lamentations is attributed to be written by Jeremiah at a time when the nation of Israel knew something about grief and mourning over the destruction of Jerusalem. The people were crying out in grief and anguish. Just when they didn't know where to turn or what to do, they received these words of hope and promise. Even during Israel's trials and tribulations, God was still with them. God never left them. He provided for their needs – he provided manna and quail; he provided fire at night and cloud by day. God is faithful and continually pours out his steadfast love on His people. By the end of the book of Lamentations, the people of Israel have a renewed faith. They realize

the love of God. They realize, as should we, that our God is the same today, as He was yesterday, as He will be tomorrow.

Our God is faithful. He is compassionate and ever so gracious. His mercies are new each and every morning. We just need to have faith, have hope, and to trust in Him. Our God is with you right here, right now. Our God will never, ever leave you nor forsake you. Our God is there giving you a hope and a future. So, trust in Him. Be bold in faith. Grow in faith. Take time to read the Bible that speaks about the great love and grace of God.

This is most evident during this season of Christmas, where God sent His one and only Son here to earth. This is His great love and compassion that came down at Christmas. This babe in a manger - who is Jesus the Christ, our Messiah - came to earth to give us a purpose to live here and now. Jesus came to earth to die for us, so that we could be redeemed in His name. We also have the hope and promise that He will come again. Thanks be to God for His great love and his never failing compassion. We serve an awesome God! So, be filled with the love of God and live in faith and trust. Thanks be to God!

*Peace and Grace,
Pastor Deanna Geiter*



*Sunday School Classes
and Jr. Church have been
cancelled until further
notice due to the
Covid safety protocol.
Questions see Gay Kreiser
or Pastor Deanna.*



Explore membership at Trinity UMC-Lickdale...

Are you interested in learning more
about Trinity Church?

Are you interested in learning more about becoming a member of Trinity? Do you want to become more involved with the ministry of Trinity? If you have been pondering about what it would mean to become a member of this church or if you would like to become more involved in the church, please contact Pastor Deanna.



CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGES

The church will be printing new directories in January. If you have any changes to your information in the directory (mailing address, phone number, family, etc.) please write down the changes and give to Deb Shuey or send an email to the church with the changes.

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Sunday Schedule *(We are asking everyone to practice social distancing and wear face masks.)*

Sunday School is cancelled until further notice (Classes for all ages - nursery through adult)

Worship Service 10 am (Jr. Church provided)

Handicap Accessible.

Bible Studies and Small Groups (see weekly church bulletin for a complete schedule or contact the church)

Koffee Klatch (quilting group) meets every other Tuesday morning at 9 am

United Methodist Women

Bible Studies

P.O.P. (Power of Prayer)

Youth Group (3rd thru 12th Grades)



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

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