

## November & December 2023 Edition

From Pastor Brian's Pen ~

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### Prayer and Holy Communion Service

Thursdays at 11 am  
 in the Sanctuary.  
 A simple service of  
 Scripture, sharing,  
 extended time for prayer,  
 and gathering at the  
 Lord's Table.  
*All are welcome.*



### Poinsettia Orders

Order forms & money are  
 due to Kitty Werner or  
 Deb Shuey by  
 Sunday, November 26.  
 Great way to remember  
 or honor a loved one.

**\$7 Each**

**Colors:**

Red—Pink—White—Marble  
 Flower(s) may be taken  
 home after the  
 Christmas Eve Services.

Dear Friends,

Every now and then, I find myself on a  
 Rich Mullins kick—listening to his music,  
 reading his writings, letting his incompara-  
 ble poetry sink into my heart. (Other  
 times I'll get on a Keith Green kick, or U2,  
 or the 77s. And I'm always up for Steve  
 Taylor.) And as I work on this newsletter  
 article approaching the Advent season,  
 the following words ring true:

"Everybody I know says they need  
 just one thing  
 And what they really mean is they  
 need just one thing more  
 And everybody seems to think they  
 got it coming  
 Well I know that I don't deserve You  
 Still I want to love and serve You  
 more and more  
 You're my one thing"

Black Friday, Cyber Monday, only so  
 many shopping days till Christmas—our  
 culture's obsession with buying, shopping,  
 acquiring "just one thing more" is  
 displayed in full force, even when inflation  
 makes it difficult to afford groceries.  
 Mullins' words from 1989 (albeit not his  
 musical arrangement!) resonate just as  
 strongly over three decades later, and point  
 to the central theme of Advent: Will we  
 make knowing and doing the will of God  
 our "one thing," or will we be worried and  
 distracted by the many things of earthly  
 life?

When Jesus visits Martha and Mary  
 (Luke 10:38–42), Martha is "distracted  
 about much serving," which leads her to  
 question Jesus' care for her and to  
 disparage her sister. Mary, meanwhile,  
 has been sitting at Jesus' feet as a disciple,  
 and "heard his word" (10:39). Jesus,  
 against conventional wisdom and gender  
 roles, kindly replies, "Martha, Martha, you  
 are anxious and disturbed about many  
 things, but one thing is necessary. Mary  
 has chosen the good portion, which will

not be taken from her" (10:42). The  
 contrast between Mary's "one thing" and  
 Martha's anxiety is a central theme in  
 Luke's Gospel. Jesus warns that the word  
 will be choked by the thorns of the  
 "anxieties and riches and pleasures of  
 life" (Luke 8:14). Jesus warns us to keep  
 watch for his return, and not let our hearts  
 be weighted down by "dissipation and  
 drunkenness and the anxieties of this  
 life" (Luke 21:34)—a verse the especially  
 resonates in the Advent season, as the  
 Church has understood it.

Advent, as you may know, derives  
 from the Latin word *advenire*, "to arrive."  
 It refers both to our remembering Jesus'  
 first arrival as the baby in the manger and  
 to our anticipating his second arrival,  
 when he comes in glory to rule and reign.  
 Traditionally the Church has understood  
 Advent as a season of fasting prior to the  
 twelve-day feast of Christmas (December  
 25–January 5). Advent calls us to ask  
 ourselves, Are we ready for Jesus to  
 return? Are we keeping watch, or have  
 we fallen asleep on the job? Are we living  
 holy lives, or have we succumbed to the  
 world around us? Are we deeply, whole-  
 heartedly, sacrificially loving God and our  
 neighbors, or are we living according to  
 our whims, lusts, self-centered "needs" for  
 "just one thing more"?

This Advent, let us not choose the  
 anxieties and riches and pleasures of life  
 that our culture foists on us; let us choose  
 instead the "one thing needful"—to hear  
 and heed our Lord Jesus. "O holy Child of  
 Bethlehem, descend to us we pray; cast  
 out our sin and enter in, be born in us  
 today."

With prayers and blessings,

Pastor Brian



## November Birthdays

Charles Dresch	1
Brian Boltz	4
Gary Keller	6
Jerry Zechman	7
Brenda Crawford	9
Troy Miller	10
April Miller	12
Eiko Kreiser	12
Kelli Bell	16
Lloyd Brandt	19
Justin Bell	28

## November Anniversaries

Brian & Jan Rhea	3
Bruce & Sue Boltz	11
Terry & Deb Binkley	12
Mark & Colette Schindler	25



## December Birthdays

Tim Shuey	3
Kevin Kreiser	8
Kyle Kreiser	8
Dawn Stuart	9
Alex Werner	10
Jeff Stuppy	13
Shannon Brown	13
Gail Barnhart	14
Lori Hoffman	16
George Speck	18
Sue Moriarty	20
Natalie George	27
Tyler McFeaters	27
Amanda Reynolds	27
Judy Warner	28

## December Anniversaries

Jeff & Sue Werner	1
Chris & Katie Werner	8
Tim & Deb Shuey	12
Del & Lori Voight	19
Adam & Amanda Reynolds	28



Sunday, November 5  
Turn clocks back one hour.



Saturday  
October 28 from  
12 to 2:30 pm.  
Come out and help  
get the church ready  
for winter.

**Charge Conference for Trinity UMC**  
**Saturday, November 18**  
**from 9 to 9:50 am**  
**at Church of the Good Shepherd,**  
**Lebanon. All Committee**  
**Chairpersons should attend.**



## Fall Food Gathering

The Mission & Faith Group is collecting non-perishable food items (check expiration date) to help fight hunger. All food collected will be donated to Joy Pantry.

The pantry's most needed items include the following: applesauce, fruit juices, squeezable jellies, ketchup, ranch dressing, brownie mix, chocolate cake mix, hamburger helper, pudding cups, peanut butter, broth (beef, chicken, vegetable), Spam, BBQ sauce, Manwich, Knorr pasta & rice dishes, Rice-a-Roni, granola bars, Ritz crackers, Saltine crackers, pretzels, and fruit cups. Also consider donating the following canned items: red beets, mandarin oranges, pears, pineapple, peas & carrots, canned meats, cream of soups (potato, mushroom, & chicken).

Donated items can be left at the Food Gathering station from November 5th thru 26th. As always, if you prefer not to shop for items, a monetary donation can be placed in the plate at the gathering station and team members will shop for items.



Trinity Kidz Group is for kids  
Kindergarten through 8th grade.

High Schoolers may  
attend as junior leaders.  
Group will meet 1st and 3rd Sundays  
of the month from 6 to 7:30 pm.

Trinity Kidz Group will have  
*Walk Through the Bible* lesson time,  
games, fellowship and snacks.  
Group will be divided into two age  
groups K-4th and 5th-8th.

Questions, contact the church or a team  
leader: Jan Rhea, Kelly Shuey, Kathy  
Cummins, Meredith Rinehart or Deb Shuey.



**Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
(multi. purpose room)

Soup & Salad Dinner 6 pm

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service 7 pm  
w/ Holy Communion

Come and share in a night of giving thanks  
to our Creator. A sign-up sheet for  
dinner donations is on the table in the lobby.  
Questions see Sue Werner or Deb Shuey.

**Men's and Women's Bible Studies**  
1st and 3rd Mondays of Month.  
7 to 8:15 pm

Men will be studying Titus Chapter 2 on  
Monday, November 6. Questions contact  
the church or Terry Binkley.

Women will be studying Zephaniah  
Chapters 1 & 2 on Monday, November 6.  
Questions contact the church or  
Judy Warner or Deb Shuey.

Bring your Bible and come out for an  
evening of fellowship and studying  
God's Word.  
*All are welcome.*



# Come and Celebrate Christmas With Trinity!

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November 22	Thanksgiving Eve Worship w/ Communion and Soup & Salad Dinner at 6 pm Worship 7 pm
December 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship 10 am
December 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship 10 am Christmas Breakfast 9 am
December 17	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship 10 am w/ A Christmas Musical Celebration
December 24	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship 10 am
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship Candlelight Services 4 pm & 7 pm
December 25	Christmas Day Worship 10 am
December 31	New Year's Eve Worship 10 am



## Christmas "Potluck" Breakfast Sunday, December 10 at 9 am

Join us for our Christmas Potluck Breakfast held in the multi. purpose room. Bring your favorite breakfast casserole, breakfast potatoes, breakfast meats or fruit. Church will provide sausage and pancakes. Join us for a delicious breakfast and fellowship before Worship.



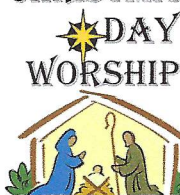
## Christmas Eve Worship Services w/ Candlelight (Sanctuary) Sunday, December 24 4 pm & 7 pm

Join us for a candlelight service honoring the birth of our Savior with the singing of your favorite Christmas carols, Scripture and a Christmas message from Pastor Brian.  
*Bring your family and friends and Join Us!*

The pastors of the Northern Lebanon UMC Cluster invite you to gather for a special time of Worship with Communion followed by a free luncheon.  
Thursday, November 30  
from 11 am - 1 pm. A sign up sheet is on the table in the lobby.



## CHRISTMAS DAY Monday, December 25 at 10 am



Join us for a casual service and Worship. We invite the kids to come in their Christmas pajamas.

*Christ is Born! Let Us Rejoice!*



## United Methodist Women Family Christmas Party Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 pm

(in the multi-purpose room of the Church)

Dinner catered by Heisey's Diner.  
Dinner is for the entire church family.  
Great food, fun and fellowship  
for everyone!

See Gloria Speck for tickets & information.



Join us for Worship on Sunday, December 31st.  
It's the 7th Day of Christmas and it's also New Year's Eve.  
We will celebrate our Savior and prepare for  
2024 by renewing our covenant with God.  
Sunday School at 9 am and Worship Service at 10 am.



## The GrapeVine Newsletter - November & December 2023

### Sunday Schedule

Sunday School (all ages) 9 am

Worship Service 10 am (Nursery and Jr. Church provided)

Handicap Accessible.

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

Men's and Women's Bible Studies meet 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 7 to 8:15 pm

United Women in Faith (UMW) meet 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm

Trinity Kidz Group meet 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 6 to 7:30 pm

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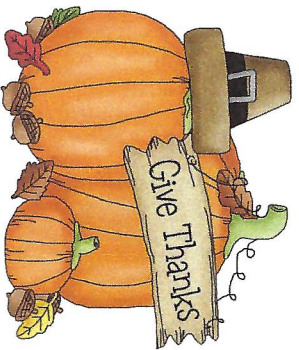


**Purpose Statement** "To build a body of committed Christ-followers who demonstrate His love daily."

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Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

 <b>Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes</b> <b>Due Sunday, November 5</b>						
<b>5 Daylight Savings Time Ends</b> Communion & Joyful Noise for Joy Panty 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service w/ All Saints Day 6-7:30 pm Trinity Kidz	<b>6</b> 7 pm Men's Bible Study 7 pm Women's Bible Study	<b>7</b> 9 am Koffee Klatch	<b>1</b> 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice	<b>2</b> 11 am Prayer & Holy Communion Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>11 Veteran's Day</b> 1 pm Food Distribution at Jonestown UMC
<b>12</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm SPR Meeting	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice	<b>16</b> 11 am Prayer & Holy Communion Service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9-9:50 am Charge Conference at Church of the Good Shepherd
<b>19</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 6-7:30 pm Trinity Kidz Group	<b>20</b> 7 pm Men's Bible Study 7 pm Women's Bible Study	<b>21</b> 9 am Koffee Klatch	<b>22</b> 6 pm Soup & Salad Dinner 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service & poinsettia orders due	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7 pm Trustee Meeting 7 pm UMW Meeting	<b>29</b> 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice	<b>30</b> 11 am—1 pm Remembering Christmas		



# December 2023

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For unto  
you is  
born this  
day in the  
city of David  
a saviour, which  
is Christ the Lord.  
Luke  
2:11

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3 1st Sunday Advent</b> Communion & Joyful Noise for NL Ministerium 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 6-7:30 pm Trinity Kidz	<b>4</b> 7 pm Men's Bible Study 7 pm Women's Bible Study	<b>5</b> 9 am Koffee Klatch	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice	<b>7</b> 11 am Prayer & Holy Communion Service	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b> 6 pm UMW Christmas Party at TUMC
<b>10 2nd Sunday Advent</b> 9 am Christmas Break- fast 10 am Worship Service & kids Christmas Program	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7 pm Ad Council Meeting	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice 7 pm Mission & Faith Meeting	<b>14</b> 11 am Prayer & Holy Communion Service	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 1 pm Food Distribution at Jonestown UMC
<b>17 3rd Sunday Advent</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service w/ Christmas Musical Celebration 6-7:30 pm Trinity Kidz	<b>18</b> 7 pm Men's Bible Study 7 pm Women's Bible Study	<b>19</b> 9 am Koffee Klatch	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice	<b>21</b> 11 am Prayer & Holy Communion Service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 4th Sunday Advent</b> & Christmas Eve 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 4 & 7 pm Christmas Eve Services	<b>25 Christmas Day</b> 10 am Christmas Day Worship 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice	<b>28</b> 11 am Prayer & Holy Communion Service	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31 New Year's Eve</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	<div> <i>Koffee Klatch—Quilting Group</i>  <i>Trinity Kidz Group—Kindergarten through 8th Grade</i>  <i>Men's &amp; Women's Bible Studies</i>  <i>Contact the church if questions on any calendar event.</i> </div>					