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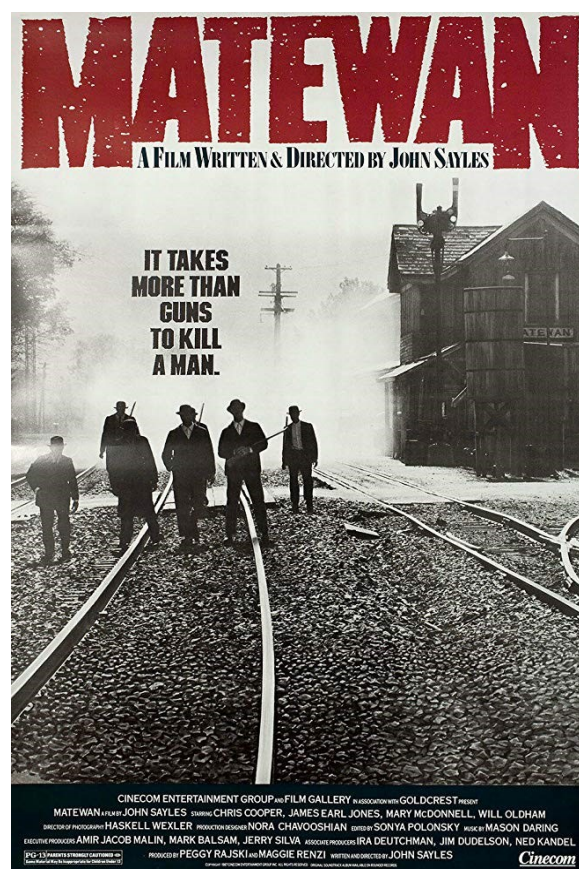
Worship | Service | Proclaim | Discipleship | Community

Sat., Feb. 29, 6pm

Church Movie Night! “**Matewan**”

“A labor union organizer comes to an embattled mining Community brutally and violently dominated and harassed by the mining company.”

Church Movie Night is sponsored by the Men's Group.



New Inquirer's Class

First Class Sunday, Feb 9th.....What's An Inquirer?

An Inquirer is someone who wants to know more about Trinity Church, what we believe and what makes us “tick”. The class delves into what Christians believe, and especially Presbyterian Christians. We learn about Trinity church, her past, present and future. We learn about our Mission and Primary Vision Goals and we have some time to learn a few things about people too. All those who are interested in finding out more about who we are and what we believe are welcome. The class is taught by pastor Jim, James, Elders and Deacons. And we have food!

Sign up soon in the chapel. See Pastor Jim or James for information. Probably dates: 2/9, 3/1, 3/8.

Our Fellowship

Happy Birthday

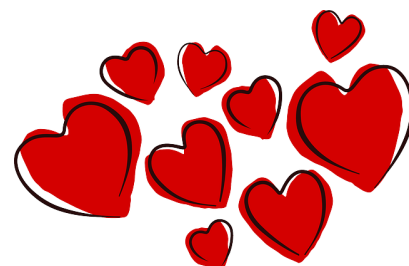
Happy Anniversary

February 2
Bill & Krista Thompson
37 years

2—Morgan Cahn	17—May Funk
3—Carol Ashton	17—Tonye Sharp
4—Sidney Anderson	19—Wayne Workman
4—Don Ashton	20—Margie Breakiron
4—Harry Haught	20—Lauren Spellman
4—Brandon McMahon	20—Diane Williams
4—Will Ulmer	21—Tyler Shaffer
6—Meagan McMahon	22—Caitlin Michelangelo
10—Margaret MacDon- ald	27—Bob Spellman
15—Wayne Workman	
16—Lauren Molchan	

In Memorium

William Wallencheck
January 7, 2020



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020

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Reverend Dr. John Sharp, Pastor Emeritus

James Vlosich, Discipleship Coordinator

Bill Dreucci, Director of Music

Brett Vanderlaan, Organist/Children's Choir Director

Meg Grimm, Secretary • Bill Thompson, Sexton

Prayer List

"Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints." (Ephesians 6:18)

Please especially pray for these:

Feb 1—5	David Rupp, Laurie Savage, Ray & Shirley Savage, Amanda Scarfo
Feb 6—10	Robin Semans, Bill & Tanya, Tyler, Alaysha, Kami, Kaelyn, Journey, Maci and Presten Shaffer, Andrew & Brandi, Jalyn and Autumn Shanaberger
Feb 11—16	John & Tonye Sharp, John & Terri and Alec Sharp, Eva Shull, Craig Smith
Feb 17—23	Bob, Lee Ann, Lauren, R.J. and Jarred Spellman, Neil & Christie, Kaitlyn and Drew Springer
Feb 24—29	Harry & Dorothy Springer, Greg Sprowls, Francis & Leslie Squires, Don Stone, George & Ginny Tanner, Jack & Donna, Drew and Lindsay Teeter

Events

TRINITY HAS BEEN INVITED!
GREAT BETHEL SPAGHETTI DINNER
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
BEGINNING AT NOON
DONATIONS SUPPORT THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CHURCH CEMETERY.



Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Fayette is holding a Volunteer Appreciation Open House on Wednesday, February 12 from 12-3pm. Come find out about the missions of the organization! Invite your friends. Light brunch will be available for all visitors.

Come Join Us
for an
OPEN HOUSE

Church WALK --- Tuesday, February 11 at 12 noon

Uniontown Mall...meet in church parking lot

The walk is mid-week this month because the weekends are all filled up already with church activities...

Get Out There, this Winter and make a difference in Your Life!!!

Church Ministry

Second Saturday 5 - 7 pm, Second Saturday each month

Informal Worship

Meal

Local Mission Project

This is a Worship and Mission Opportunity!

February 8

Theme: Visiting the Saints - part 2

Meal: TBD

Worship: Informal

Mission: Service – Reaching Out to the Saints

Food always Good

Worship always Informal

Mission always Local

AND, opportunities for the Saints to serve in meals, worship, service

MEN'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE



Men's Breakfast – February 5

7:30 am

Westminster Room

Men's Discussions – February 19,

7:30 am

Mark C.'s Restaurant


Men's Dartball – Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

Big History --- Big Discipleship --- Big Brotherhood



Look Closely – we are working on it in ways that are “in keeping” with our traditions and in ways that work for today and in ways that make sense! **Keep and eye out** for the developments in Worship and in Adult Education.

Church Ministry



Elder / Deacon Yearly Training & Retreat

February 29
10:00 – 2:00 pm
with lunch
Westminster Room

Primary Vision Goals

Worship
Service
Proclaim
Discipleship
Community

Vision / Mission / Direction

We are pretty much on track with the Ten-Year Vision/ Mission Plan at this point.

The things needing to be finished at this time are as follows:

Finish Sunday Morning Nursery Plan
Adjust downward Elder Workload
Staff, Session and Deacon evaluations

Increased Men's Group Activities
Tie Reach-Out-Caller Plan better together
with intentional Gregarious & "Rush"
Planning

After we get these things nailed-down we are completely on track as we move into Winter. The Session is aware of the above items and is taking action.

Church Ministry

Youth Group News

In January, we were able to take the Youth Group to Winter Jam 2020. This is our second year taking the students to this event in Pittsburgh and the response was very positive. We stopped at a favorite fast food restaurant of the kids, Chick-fil-a, where we watched the kids eat large amounts of poultry and tell jokes and stories to one another. When we arrived to PPG Paints Arena, the kids were filled with excitement and we watched some of the most popular artists in contemporary Christian music perform. On the car ride home, I asked the kids in my car what their favorite part of the event was. The answer they gave me was that they enjoyed everyone being together and having fun.

Since I've been in Youth Group, many things have changed. The music has changed. The teaching

style has been adjusted. What kids were interested in ten years ago has completely changed into the new things we see today. Something that hasn't changed since my time in Youth Group though is how much the comradery of being in a Youth Group means to each student. I know that each kid may not verbalize that feeling, but I will say that over the past two years, I have watched a core group of friends gather weekly to laugh, dance, play games, read the Bible and pray together. Comradery has played a big role into why these students continue to come back. Moments like these are the memories that these students will look back on in their life and remember fondly.

Trinity Youth Group would like to thank everybody that has helped us out in any way. It is because of your support that nights like this are possible.

Youth Group—Thursdays from 5:30-6:45



Church News

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Last month we discussed in great detail exactly what this verse means. What this verse is speaking about is how our inner character is more important than any outer fragrance. We can be wearing the most expensive, rare perfume, but if we are rotting on the inside because of poor inner character, there will not be enough precious perfume to hide who we really are. Solomon understood that this “precious ointment” will fade and eventually amount to nothing. But a good name, now that’s something that will have a lasting impact and not so easily fade.

Join us on Sunday mornings as we discuss the last few chapters of Ecclesiastes.

Sunday Morning Bible Study—10:00-10:40

-James V.

Mission Committee News

The Mission Committee has been busy! During the Christmas season, thanks to everyone’s help, we are able to provide presents for 25 disadvantaged children through our Angel Tree project and Fayette County CYS! Again, thanks to everyone’s help, we once again raised funds (\$246) for chickens via the Heifer International program. Lastly, through the quarterly special offering, Christmas Joy, the generous giving of the congregation provided for past Presbyterian leaders support (\$240). During the next few months, the committee will be busy evaluating and implementing new programs and level of assistance. Stay tuned!

-Bill Long, chair

Mari's Tortellini Alfredo with Broccoli & Peppers

2 bags of 3 cheese tortellini
1 bag of frozen broccoli fleurets
1/2 jar of pimento peppers boiled together.

For the sauce:

3 cups heavy whipping cream
1 jar pimento cheese (I only use Kraft)
2 Tablespoons flour
Dash of nutmeg

Stir together until creamy. Drain the pasta and veggies, pour sauce over to cover and I just put it in a casserole dish so it could be heated and served easily.

Church News

Men's Ice Fishing Discipleship Weekend



Probable window February 22-24

Old Gear is watching the weather...we will go late January / mid-February...keep tuned to Old Gear!

The fish are in the lake, under the ice! We will find them this winter!

Plans being worked out NOW!

Fun - Fellowship - Discipleship - Support - Adventure!

God will help us find those fish!

Sign Up in the Chapel!



We started back to school on Monday, January 6, 2020. We have been busy reviewing and getting back into the swing of things after our Christmas break. We welcomed a new student to our afternoon class. We now have 12 students in the morning and 9 in the afternoon. Valentine's Day is upon us, so we will be talking about love, and especially how much Jesus loves us! God is good!



Notes

TAP DANCING class will resume on Tuesday, February 4 at 6pm! If you would like to join them, see Joy Fike!

SING with the CHOIR ON MAUNDY THURSDAY:

Members of Trinity are invited to sing with the Trinity Chancel Choir in the Maundy Thursday service of darkness (Tenebrae). This year's service is titled "Who Is Jesus?" Check with Bill Dreucci, Director of Music, concerning scheduled choir rehearsals.

Music Department

NOTES FROM THE BENCH

-by Brett Vanderlaan

What's in a (TUNE) Name?

Are you aware that almost every hymn or song that we sing in worship has a name for the tune (or melody) that is used? I am not referring to the “title” of the hymn or song – which is usually the first few words or first line of the opening verse. While the hymn “title” refers to the text (words), the TUNE refers to the specific melody that is being sung or played. On occasion, the tune name may be the same as the title of the hymn, but in my experience this is actually quite rare. In our Presbyterian Hymnal, the TUNE name is printed below the title of each hymn (in all capitals). There is an index in the back of our hymnal organized by *First Lines and Common Titles* and a separate index organized by *Tune Names* (as well as other indexes).

The TUNE name may come from a variety of sources including: a location related to its origin; the title of a hymn text in a foreign language; a theme in the original text linked to the tune; a person's name (a saint; the composer; an historical figure); or a scriptural reference.

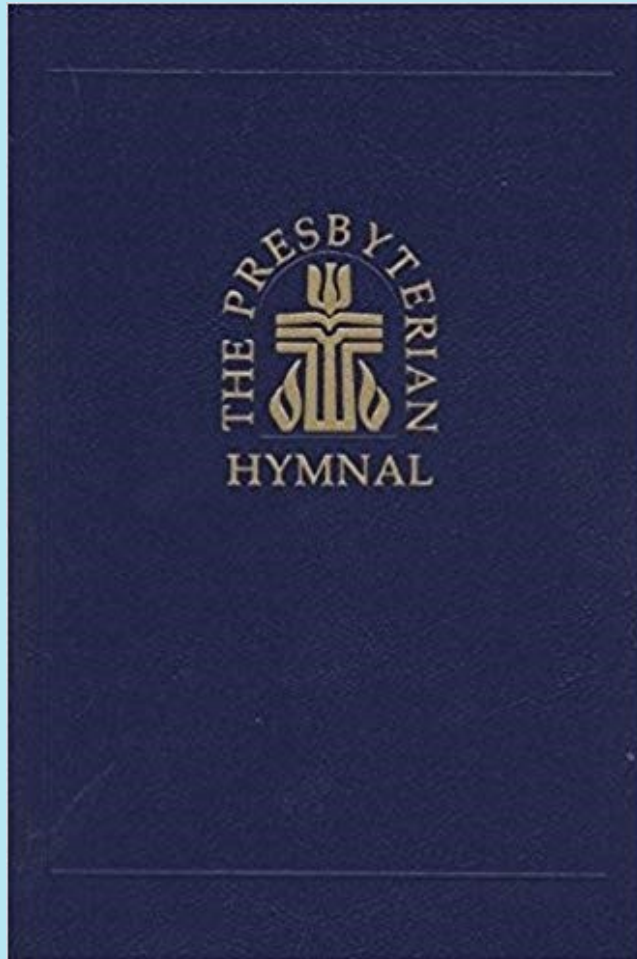
Some hymns (texts) have more than one common or familiar tune, such as “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!” {CORONATION or DIADEM} or “Away in a Manger” {CRADLE SONG or MUELLER}.

There are also tunes (melodies) that have been used as the setting for multiple hymns (texts), such as REGENT SQUARE {“Angels from the Realms of Glory” and “Christ Is Made the

Sure Foundation”} or ST. FLAVIAN {“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” and “When in the Night I Meditate” and “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”}.

A given TUNE may be harmonized or arranged in a variety of ways, but the melody will still identify it as being the same tune. It is not uncommon to see organ pieces that refer to the name of a tune, such as “Prelude on ‘Maryton’” or “Toccata on ‘Veni Emmanuel.’” When you hear these pieces you may recognize a melody from a familiar hymn, and now you may be able to “name that TUNE” as well!

Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God alone)



Church Calendar

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Visit calendarwiz.com/trinityupc
or the church webpage, www.trinityupc.com,
to see the church schedule and plan ahead!

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Adult Bible Discussion Group with James Vlosich 10:00am - 11:00am Adult Sunday School Class 10:00am - 11:00am Worship Service 11:00am - 12:00pm Coffee Fellowship 12:00pm	3 Preschool 9:00am - 3:00pm Bethel Bible Series 7:00pm Uniontown Concert Chorale Practice 7:00pm - 8:00pm	4 Tap Dancing Class 6:00pm - 7:00pm Men's Dartball Game 7:00pm	5 Men's Breakfast 7:30am Preschool 9:00am - 3:00pm	6 Dartball and Devotions 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am Design Team Meeting 4:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm - 6:00pm Youth Group 5:30pm Handbell Practice 6:00pm - 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice 7:00pm - 8:00pm	7 Preschool 9:00am - 3:00pm	8 Second Saturday Worship 5:00pm - 7:00pm
9 Birthday Sunday Adult Bible Discussion Group with James Vlosich 10:00am - 11:00am Adult Sunday School Class 10:00am - 11:00am Worship Service 11:00am - 12:00pm Coffee Fellowship 12:00pm Inquirer's Class 12:00pm - 1:00pm	10 Preschool 9:00am - 3:00pm Bethel Bible Series 7:00pm Uniontown Concert Chorale Practice 7:00pm - 8:00pm	11 Church Walk 12:00pm Tap Dancing Class 6:00pm - 7:00pm Men's Dartball Game 7:00pm	12 Interfaith Open House 9:00am - 12:00pm Preschool 9:00am - 3:00pm Session 7:00pm	13 Dartball and Devotions 10:00am Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm - 6:00pm Youth Group 5:30pm Handbell Practice 6:00pm - 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice 7:00pm - 8:00pm	14 Valentine's Day Preschool 9:00am - 3:00pm	15 
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Pastor's Article—Why Bother to Pray?

“So we prayed to our God, and posted a guard day and night against them.”
Nehemiah 4:9

God is in Control

God's will is always achieved...but, God's will is not always obvious. God always wins in the long run...evil never wins in the end, but this is not always obvious. Stay tuned to what God is saying and doing. Get with the program God is running; then the happenings in this world and the situations in your daily lives become much more obvious and understandable. Prayer is a team effort. God works with his people and lets us know what he is doing and what he needs us to do. Spend time with God and be part of his program. Realize that God does nothing on earth that is not in contact with his people and led by the Holy Spirit. Prayer is for interaction with God. He loves us, likes us and enjoys his time spent with us. Prayer is one of the many ways God talks with us, and this communication is always two-way. We can know the mind and heart of God, if we want to...it is all about sending some time with God and being open to letting God talk...



Praying is a Commandment

God says, “Pray”. We are called to obey commandments. God wants us to be a part of his mission and his operations. We have the privilege to be in relationship with God...it is not an option...it is a command. Jesus Prayed. Jesus sets the standard for how we are to live our lives. So, follow Jesus' lead and pray...

Prayer is a Law in the Universe

God created physical and spiritual Laws that regulate the processes of the universe. Thank the Lord for the Law of Gravity. Thank the Lord for the Law of Prayer. We must deal with Gravity; we must deal with Prayer. You *can deny* that Prayer exists, but it is still a Law of the Universe. The only logical thing is to Pray and stop doubting that it works. Prayer provides communication for us with God. Stop doubting and get in tune with the Law. You will be glad you did!

Who are the “them”?

The “Them” is anything, power, or person that gets in the way of God's present and future will. God is here to protect us from the “Thems” and to steer us away from what the “Thems” want to do. God warns us about the “Thems” and about what the “Thems” what to do that is standing in the way of the will of God. God, through prayer, directs us on our way through life so we can continue to live and operate in God's will. God provides the road map. Our job is to obey God, to pray and to follow the road map. Amen. Pretty easy, eh? More on the “easy” and “hard” of this next month. Right now, just concentrate on the fact that God provides prayer and the road map; and keep trying to get in touch with God through prayer and to follow the road map. Tune in again next month for the continued plan unfolding...

Communicating with you in word and prayer this month,

Pastor Jim

Worship Themes

Feb. 2 What God Expects: Psalm 100

Feb. 9 God IS a Fair Evangelist: Matthew 20:1-16

Feb 16 Pastor Jim is on vacation

Feb. 23 Pastor Jim is on the Men's Annual Ice Fishing Discipleship Weekend

Feb. 26 “Ash Wednesday Preparation”
Psalm 51:1-17; Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

TRINITY CHURCH HISTORY IS GOING TO BE ON THE RADIO! TUNE IN TO WMBS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 AT 10:30AM. SECRETARY MEG GRIMM WILL BE SPEAKING ON THE NEW FAYETTE COUNTY HISTORY PROGRAM.



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