

Trinity News—November 30,2025

Growing in Faith ... Reaching Out in Love... Making

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12

WE PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATION MEMBERS

Earl Penrose III Michelle Pfeifer Family
Earl Penrose Jr. Family Susan Pfeifer Family
Michael Penrose Family Sandra Pierce
Terry Penrose Dorothy Pietrusza
Erin Pfeifer Cynthia Pilewski

Dustyn McGinity, Craig Hochheimer, Jason Palanko, Cody McNutt, Regis Dunn II, Preston Wannamaker, David & Cindy Berlin & family, Jimmy Gutowski, Michael Wirick, Brittney Robinson, Jonathan Skoloda, Dillan Bellotti, Heather & Ivan Rupert, Justin Brasile, Jarrett Patterson, Michael Brasile, and others serving our country.

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

Saturday 5:30pm–68 Sunday 10:45am-99 Drive thru Communion-9 Sunday 8:15am-66 Sunday School-61

DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION
December dates for Drive Thru
Communion are Sundays,
December 14th and 28th.
Communion is 12:15pm - 1:00pm.

Please note: There will <u>not be</u> Drive Thru Communion on Christmas Eve.

GREATER LATROBE MINISTERIUM COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Greater Latrobe Ministerium is planning the <u>Community Christmas Dinner set for Saturday, December 27th at 2:00pm.</u> The event will be at the Saint Vincent Grove retreat center located at 320 Monastery Drive, Latrobe. The meal is free, but you must have a ticket. Tickets are available in the church office, Monday through Friday, 8:00am until 4:00pm. <u>The cut off date to get your ticket is Sunday, December 14th.</u>

Happy New Year!

There is no "countdown" or ball drop, but Advent begins the church's new seasonal year!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS

The 2026 Recommended Budget and Constitutional Amendments passed overwhelmingly.

The results of the Council Elections (in alphabetical order) are:
Linda Brigaman
Karen Clair

Meri Beth Elder John Hugo and youth Kaden Shannon

These newly elected members will be installed the weekend of December 13th and 14th.

We are grateful and thankful for all of our members who ran for Council. It was a slate of excellent candidates!

ATTENTION COOKIE BAKERS

We give thanks for all who signed up to provide cookies for upcoming events. We now have freezer space available so we invite you to "fire up your ovens" and get baking! You may drop off your cookies in the office any time before Tuesday, December 16th.

NORTHSIDE TRINITY GIFTS REMINDER!

A huge thank you to all who are fulfilling the "Christmas wishes" for the children from Trinity Northside. As a reminder the wrapped and bagged gifts are <u>due in the church office by Wednesday</u>, <u>December 10th</u> for delivery to Trinity Northside on Sunday the 14th.

ATTENTION (ALL OTHER) COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS!

Your committee report for the 2025 Annual Report is coming due. If you need to see the Committee report from 2024 please contact Kathe. Thank you and congratulations to the Constitution & Bylaws Committee as winner of the "who would be first" challenge!

SUNDAY - 30	MONDAY - 1	TUESDAY - 2	WEDNESDAY - 3	THURSDAY -4	FRIDAY - 5	SATURDAY – 6
8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Youth Choir 10:45 Holy Communion		8:00 Advent Devotions & Communion 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop	8:00 Advent Devotions & Communion 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA Meeting	8:00 Advent Devotions & Communion 10:00 Art Committee 1:00 Purls of Prayer 3:50 Club FRED	12:00 AA Meeting	Holly Jolly Latrobe 9:30 Fellowship 5:30 Spoken Communion
	OFFICE AND BUILDING CLOSE AT 4:30	6:00 Executive 7:00 Handbells	7:00 Choir	7:30 AA Meeting		



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ELCA WORLD HUNGER OFFERINGS: \$9,450.00 Offerings collected are used where help in the world is needed the most.

Thank you for your special offerings that are bringing God's love and hope to a hungry, hurting, and broken world.

you <u>can</u> make a difference in spreading the gospel around the world through your offerings to help support our missionaries.

CWS BLANKETS: \$1,513.88

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE to help those here and abroad.

FOREIGN DISASTER TOTAL: \$

UNITED STATES DISASTER TOTAL: \$4,973.66

• CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES: \$1,160.00

TEXAS FLOOD: \$2,088.00

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE RESPONSE

We received 95 pledges for 2026 totaling \$268,566.00 for Unified and \$21,804.00 for building! Thank you for your response!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN BRIEF

NOVEMBER 29 & 30: First Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, December 2nd, 8:00am: Advent morning devotions begin & continuing every Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday mornings.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 5:00pm: First Sunday Youth Group grades 7-12

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 9:30am: Sunday School Christmas Pageant and breakfast

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve services at **4pm, 6pm, and 8pm**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 10AM: Worship on Christmas Day

<u>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2:00PM</u>: Greater Latrobe Ministerium Christmas Dinner at St. Vincent Grove

SOCIAL CHIT-CHAT

This group will meet on Monday, December 8th for their Annual Christmas Party in the Café at 10:00am til 12 Noon. Come and enjoy this time together. All are welcome!

Christmas Pageant

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 21st at 9:30am for our annual Sunday School

Christmas Pageant and Breakfast.

Pancakes and sausage are on the menu. All are invited! Sign up across from the Lounge so that we prepare properly for breakfast!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT TRINITY NEW THIS YEAR is a 4pm Christmas Eve

Service - with spoken liturgy, a message geared toward children, and sung Christmas Carols. All are welcome to join us for this new worship experience! The 6pm and 8pm Christmas Eve services will be the traditional worship opportunities with choirs and handbells. The 8pm service will close with candle lighting during Silent Night.

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

We will worship in the stillness of **Christmas Day at 10:00am**.

SHARE YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Sing - Youth Choir/Adult Choirs; or Ring - Choir Chimes/Handbells. See Debbie, 412-817-0151 or email petedebm@aol.com

CHRISTMAS BASKET TIME

Join us in sharing the joy of Christ this Christmas! There is still time to make a contribution to Trinity's Christmas Basket Ministry to help provide food for families in need. Every gift—big or small—is a blessing that helps fill hearts and homes with hope. Christmas Basket packing is set for Friday, December 19th at 8:00am and distribution is on Saturday, December 20th beginning at 8:00am. If you would like to offer hands-on help for packing the boxes or distribution please call the church office 724-537-4450.

PERSONNEL UPDATE AND OFFICE SCHEDULE
Barbara Miller has completed her service in the office at Trinity. We thank her and wish her well. In this period of transition, we will be making some adjustments to the building schedule on Fridays through the end of 2025. The office will be closed on Fridays through the end of the year. In addition, the building will close at 3pm on Fridays. Thank you for your understanding as we navigate this busy season of the church year.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR CHRISTMAS NEEDED
SEEKING CHRISTMAS USHERS, GIFT PRESENTERS AND
DEACONS. USHERS & GIFT PRESENTERS SIGN UP ON SIDE
NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD; DEACONS ON SACRISTY DOOR

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA & HUNGER MEMORIALS	
We invite you to adorn our Altar and Chancel or bring blessings to a hungry family.	
I wish to purchaseflower(s) at \$11.00 each for a total of \$	
I wish to make a hunger donation of \$	
in memory of:	
in honor of:	
given by:	
Please return to the church office with your donation by 4:00pm, Thursday, De	ecember 18th