



# Glad Tidings

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*Disciples of Jesus Christ called to bring God's light into the world: through worship, serving, learning and sharing the Good News!*

Hello all, I hope you have had some time to enjoy the Autumn colors & weather, and some time with family.

I want to welcome Tina Diehl as our Administrative Assistant, and am thankful to have her on our staff.

I want to say "Thank you" for the quick initial response with crocheted & knitted items for Johnson Park Center. I dropped off 6 scarves and 5 hats on a nice Thursday. I have put an index card with the box in the Henry Street Narthex, so a running total can be kept of our donations. I am hopeful there will be more items collected in the box soon, and I will make another drop-off. The lady who accepted the items from me was pleasantly surprised at the donation, and that we responded to Pastor Ursula's request to care for our neighbors.

We have our Task Force underway for the preparation and submission of our Ministry Site Profile (MSP), and I am optimistically planning for it to be submitted to the Synod by the end of December. Current Task force members are Ann Maher, Justina Kane, Judy Sadlon, Wendy Catera, and myself. You may join in or express an opinion to any of us. Zion, New Hartford, is also working on preparing their MSP, and Our Saviour, Utica has joined the conversation regarding sharing a Pastor to serve our Congregations.

More future planning to discuss: a Nominating committee is to be formed to prepare for January's Annual Meeting in 2024. Wendy Catera has agreed to run for election to the Council seat she was appointed to fill until the Annual Meeting, which will be a 2-year term. Two Council seats will be up for 3-year terms of election/re-election, which Phillis Becker and I currently occupy. The Endowment Committee has current members Mike Marusic, John Sadlon, and Deke Pollak who are eligible to run for another term, with election/re-election also to be done at the Annual Meeting in January. If you would like to volunteer to run for election, or to be on the Council or Endowment Committee, please speak to any Council member. Council has not yet set up a Nominating Committee.

Planning for Advent & Christmas has begun, so watch for information & updates.

Peace & Blessings,  
Amy Manning

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
November 5	Rev. Gail Wolling	In House/Virtual	Yes
November 12	Rev. Gail Wolling	In House/Virtual	Yes
November 19	Patsy Glista	In House/Virtual	No
November 26	Rev. McKusick	In House/Virtual	Yes

To virtually participate in Sunday Service, please join us at 10am on either Zoom, Facebook or the website.

Zoom Phone: 1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 3158666474 Password: 13350

## Hanging of the Greens

There will be "hanging of the greens" after church service on Sunday, November 26. This is the time when the church is decorated for the Advent/Christmas season. Please make an effort to help out especially since our Christmas Eve service (whether it is in the morning or the evening) will be an in-person service in church, for the first time in a couple of years. The first Sunday in Advent is December 3.

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### **LutheranCare Donations**

Christmas gifts for residents of LutheranCare will be gathered in November. This “wish list” includes: Personal care items such as unopened boxes of tissue, lotion & bath gel, jewelry, afghans, throws & comforters, Ballerina slippers, moccasins, slipper socks with gripper bottoms, wall & room decorations, robes, button-down or zipper-front sweaters both male & female. There will be a box outside the sanctuary to receive these items. Last day to drop off items is December 5th, at Trinity.

### **Advent Planning**

The Worship and Music Committee Meeting is Tuesday, November 14th at 4:15 p.m. at the church library.

### **Fall Vendor & Craft Event**

In the fall, there will be a Vendor & Craft Fair at Trinity on **December 2, 2023** from 9am to 2pm. Vendors will be provided an 8 foot table; tables are free to congregation members and \$30.00 for non-members. Any groups who would like a table to sell food/raffle tickets etc. are also welcome. Please contact Wendy DeLuca at [wdeluca@trinityherkimer.org](mailto:wdeluca@trinityherkimer.org) with questions or to sign up.

### *Calling all Bakers*

A bake sale will be held in conjunction with the vendor/craft fair on December 2nd in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider baking any items, and drop them off at church on December 1st or the morning of December 2nd before 9am. All proceeds will go towards our Feed My Sheep ministry program. If you have any questions, please contact Kylene Jordan.

### **Women of Faith**

Save the Date: Women from Trinity, Zion and Our Saviour will meet in person in Zion’s Fireside Room at 10am for a program about indigenous people and the church on Saturday Morning, November 11. Zion will provide drinks and breakfast food. Please invite your friends, and men are welcome to attend.

### **Calling all who Knit or Crochet!!! Do you make homemade cookies?**

Are you a person who likes to Knit, Crochet, or both? Do you make homemade cookies to show someone else you care about them? Your skills are needed!

Our neighbors down the road need handmade hats, mittens, & scarves. Specifically, these will be donated to Johnson Park Center, serving Utica, NY. Our Women In Faith group had Pastor Ursula Meier and some of their residents & volunteers as guest speakers in August. Rev. Meier asked for Prayers for herself & Rev. Dr. Maria Scates for safety & health, as well as their Mission in Utica’s Johnson Park.

If you have gifts of Knitted, Crocheted, or baked goodies, you may deliver them, or call the Church office, or Amy Manning directly, and she will deliver them to the Johnson Park Center.

### **Advent is an Opportunity for Sharing**

An Advent Devotional Booklet for us to read, enjoy and share is in the works. All we need is for some of you to share your thoughts and writing pieces with us. Interested? Send your pieces to [info@trinityherkimer.org](mailto:info@trinityherkimer.org) or contact Ann Maher with any questions. Volume II, here we come!

## **Serving and Sharing**

### **DONATION FOCUS**

For the month of November, our donation focus will be Baking Ingredients as our food emphasis. Each month we will have a different donation focus, but other items will always be in need and accepted. Food donations can be left in the box in the sanctuary or in the Henry Street vestibule. Donations of socks are also requested. The Box for Socks is on the table in the narthex. Thanks to all who donate!

### **Learning**

#### **BOOK GROUP**

The Book Group has selected *A Dog for Christmas* by Greg Kincaid as its November book. This book is a heartwarming story about an animal shelter and a family advocating for animals. The group will meet on November 17th in the Trinity Fellowship Hall at 10:00. The next meeting after this will be January 19th.

#### **FAITH ALIVE**

Praising God in Word and Action was awesome last Sunday at Faith Alive - just ask anyone of us who experienced the love and joy of Jesus. Why do I say this? Let me explain!! We could feel the nearness of Jesus, so special, that Allison moved a chair just for Jesus to sit on and join us. So what were we doing, but GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS. Yes and all ages shared God's joy together.

We made colorful Thanksgiving turkey cards to be distributed to the residents at Johnson Park in the name of Jesus and His personal love for all His children. WOW!!! It's called sharing the Gospel of good news. Of course it put smiles on all our faces with joy and laughter and lots of fun. We will continue this project at the next Faith Alive gathering on 10/29, all are welcome!

November dates for FAITH ALIVE are the 12th and the 26th, 9-10am in the fellowship hall at church for ALL ages.

**COMMUNION:** As a parent or guardian would you like your baptized child to learn about why we as God's children are instructed by Jesus Christ to remember Him through the bread and wine offered at communion? If so then bring them to Faith Alive where they will learn, in an environment of love and hands on the beauty of communion. Please speak to Phillis if the timing is difficult, due to various reasons. I would be happy to make different arrangements for you and your child. Peace!!

**JOYFUL NEWS:** For those in 7th or 8th grade, CONFIRMATION classes will be starting up soon. YAY!!! Parents please contact Phillis Becker ASAP for details. Thank you so much, your input is so important!

Psalm 89:1 - "I will sing of the lovingkindness of the Lord forever: to all generations I will make known Thy faithfulness with my mouth".

Any questions, new ideas or project suggestions are always welcome and appreciated. Please call the church office at 315-866-6474 leaving a message or speak to Phillis Becker or Sheila Baker. Thank you!

## **Worship, Music, and Prayer**

### **BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:**

"If My people, who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

**PRAYER NOTES:** A guideline for focused daily prayer:

**Monday: PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY BY NAME:** Pray that God will bless, guide and keep them, meeting them at their point of need, drawing them one step closer to Jesus Christ.

**Tuesday: PRAY FOR GOD'S FAMILY:** Pray for the body of Christ. Start with the local body, your church. Pray that The Gospel is proclaimed as "FIRST importance", as stated in 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. Keep on praying for all the saints (Ephesians 6:18).

**Wednesday: PRAY FOR YOUR COMMUNITY:** Who is my neighbor? someone asked Jesus. The Lord responded with the parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) "What happens to you matters to me". This should guide our prayers for people in our communities-those we live with, work with, bump into, see at the store, and the list goes on.

**Thursday: PRAY FOR YOUR NATION:** A most fitting prayer to pray on behalf of the nation is to adapt to the Lord's words as stated in (2 Chronicles 7:14).... a good verse to memorize!!!

**Friday: PRAY FOR THE WORLD:** Pray for the worldwide outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and thus a vibrant body of Christ being used by God to help the people. Why? "To know Christ and to make Him known."

**Saturday: PRAY FOR THE SICK, HELPLESS, HOPELESS, HURTING AND LOST:** Start with the world, draw closer to your nation, state and closer still to your own community. List the names, praying for those physically and spiritually affected. Pray that the Lord would use you and your family to help meet the needs of the "LEAST OF THESE".

**Sunday: PRAY FOR PERSONAL GUIDANCE:** "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win," said the apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 9:24). Pray that God would help you to run for the prize in every area of your personal life.

Come join the community of faith by taking part in Trinity's prayer chain. The only requirement is a heartfelt willingness to bring the concerns and needs of others to Jesus. Remember to learn to pray is simply to pray.

Prayerfully consider joining, call Phillis for more details.

In His Service,  
Prayer Ministry

## Volunteer Schedule

	11/5	11/12	11/19	11/26
Counter 1	JoAnn Blaise	Bona Starring	Bona Starring	Amy Manning
Counter 2	Phillis Becker	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Cathy Mayton-Collins	Judy Sadlon
Reader	Phillis Becker	Sue Harkins	Amy Manning	Bona Starring
Technology	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Unlock Door	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise	Phillis Becker	JoAnn Blaise
Singer	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins	Judy Sadlon	Sue Harkins
Altar	Judy Sadlon	Amy Manning	NA	Judy Sadlon
Ventilation	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser	Paul Keyser

Please email [info@trinityherkimer.org](mailto:info@trinityherkimer.org) with any changes.

### Stewardship

Monthly giving needed to fund the approved budget of \$103,607 is \$8,633.92.

#### September Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: 4,674.19

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: 5,660.30

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Income is short by 986.11

Paid by using excess Fund Balance from prior years

Designated Funds received monthly **are not included** in the amount above. Examples: Local Charities, Food Pantry, Memorial Funds, etc.

Interested in donating online? You can visit our website and use the donate tab in the top menu.

Contact [finance@trinityherkimer.org](mailto:finance@trinityherkimer.org) with any questions.

### Did you Know?

Some words to ponder from Sundays and Seasons: *Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world.*

November 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Bible Study	3	4
5 Worship Service	6	7	8	9 Bible Study	10	11 WOF Gathering In-Person
12 Faith Alive Worship Service	13	14 Worship and Music Committee meeting	15 Council meeting via ZOOM	16 Bible Study	17 Book Group	18
19 Worship Service	20	21	22	23 Bible Study	24	25
26 Faith Alive Worship Service Hanging of the Greens	27	28	29	30 Bible Study		

## November 2023



## Our Church Family

God's children in need of support through Prayer, phone call or maybe a card or visit: Ann, Levi, Irene, Peter, Tom, Julie, Tiffany, Paul, Arnold, Hope, Judy, Billy, Charlene, Gary, Nancy, Jeff, Michelle, Edith, Charlie, Patti, Carol, Joe, Harry, Tanya, Gayle, Chase, Theresa, Rachel, Skyben, Barbara, Kathy.

As war continues in Ukraine and now in Israel more and more innocent people are being murdered by terrorists and others at random. No regard for children, mothers, elderly or anyone. Many of the hurting need God's healing touch of their mind, body and or Spirit. If there is ever a time to pray persistently it is now. Jesus our Lord and Savior instructs us to love and pray for each other and to never give up.

"Those who believe in ME, even though they die, will live" John 11:25

Our sister in Christ, Marillynne Koch , went into the loving arms of Jesus peacefully on September 27, 2023. Please keep Jeff, Judy, John and their children, grandchildren, family and friends in your prayers for God's comfort and the Peace that passes all understanding.

Barbara Parkhurst's son Daniel went to be with Jesus on October 5, 2023. Daniel died peacefully at home in Georgia . Please keep Barbara, her daughters Gale and May, grandchildren, family and friends in your prayers. Pray that God's love, mercy and comfort carries them through these difficult days. Daniel's brother Steven preceded him in death.

If someone has been inadvertently omitted please bring it to our attention. Thank you!

If you have concerns for the prayer chain or other personal family matters, which are kept in confidence, please call Phillis Becker at 315-866-2379.

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

John Skandera  
Dennis Shaut  
Kerissa Marquissee  
Brian Macri, Jr.  
Daniel Engert  
Harriet Neff  
James Lynch  
Jeff Osley  
Sandra Marusic  
Kyle Austin  
Olivia Derleth  
Julie Gavalo

Sarah Taylor  
Benjamin Kapusta  
Kelly Ivanchak  
Harper P. Jones  
Brandon King  
Colleen Gross  
Arlene Fisher  
Brice Griffin  
Frank Kapusta  
Sandra Mizerak  
Elizabeth Kennedy  
Yvonne Winter

Joseph Joy  
Daniel Fleming  
Dominick George  
Karen Bruns  
Nathan Farrington  
Austin Becker  
Megan Miller  
Erlene Manning  
Chad Blaise  
Ethan Madison  
Abigail Becker

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Kim and Gary Davis  
Erlene and Glenn Manning

Elaine and Dan Fleming  
Nancy and Dan Pollak

Ruth & Guy Wicks  
Peter & Suzanne Jones

**If you spot an error or omission, please notify the office. We will be happy to update this list!**

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Call on your landline  
phone, use your computer,  
receive a DVD, or receive  
a printed copy of the  
sermon! See Worship  
Schedule for details.**

If you would like to receive a copy of finalized Council meeting minutes please contact the office.

### Helpful Resources:

Church Calendar: [trinityherkimer.org/calendar](http://trinityherkimer.org/calendar)

Facebook: [facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchHerkimer](https://facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchHerkimer)

SYNOD website: [upstatenysynod.org](http://upstatenysynod.org)

A note of gratitude:

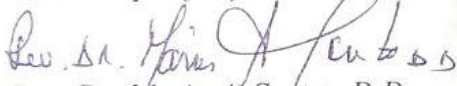
*Dear Faith Group*

*Thank you for your support toward JCTOD Outreach, Inc. dba Johnson Park Center (JPC). You are a part of the rebuilding of lives and revitalizing hope in our community and we truly appreciate your gift.*

*One of the purposes of JPC is to institute programs that address problems characteristics of low-income urban areas. Your contribution will be used to provide needed services to inner city youth and families.*

*Your gift is an investment of love in the future of our nation. Once again thank you for standing united with us to bring positive and lasting change to our community.*

*Yours respectfully,*

  
*Rev. Dr. Maria A. Scates, D.D.*