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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!*

UPDATE

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Join us for

WORSHIP & OUR ANNUAL MEETING

Worship begins at 10 with our
annual meeting to follow.

Please contact the office or a member of council if
you have questions.

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
February 1, 2026	Wendy Catera	In House/Zoom	No
February 8, 2026	Rev. Marie Duquette	In House/Zoom	Yes
February 15, 2026	Wendy Catera	In House/Zoom	No
February 18, 2026 - Ash Wed	Rev. Marie Duquette	In House/Zoom	Yes
February 22, 2026	Rev. Marie Duquette	In House/Zoom	Yes

To virtually participate in Sunday Service, please join us at 10am on Zoom.

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

Souperbowl of Caring

Hey there Trinity Congregation! The NFL's Superbowl is coming soon, so it is time to turn our thoughts to Soup! The Souperbowl of Caring 2026 is ramping up, focused on Superbowl Sunday, which will be Sunday 2/08/2026. Trinity will collect canned goods and dollars for a different Food Pantry, Little Falls Food Pantry. The Council has discussed & decided to spread our food efforts around more in Herkimer County, since our members travel in from many local villages, towns, hamlets, & 1 City: Little Falls.

Please add some canned soup/chili/stew to your grocery purchases & bring them into Trinity, look for a stock pot with a "Tackle Hunger" label on it to put a dollar or more into, or plan & host a fundraising event to support this effort.

We will count the total of cans & dollars & report the information to the "Souperbowl" website, all we collect stays locally.

Please support Team Trinity, & whatever other team you choose.

Serving & Sharing

Blessings to all and believing in God not our own thoughts to have a grace filled new year.

We will soon be entering the season of lent. Please may we all go in with a mindful heart. Lenten lunches will start the week after Ash Wednesday. A schedule of where we will travel to enjoy fellowship and spiritual teachings with soup and sandwich, will be posted in Weekly Announcements.

We will continue to have frozen meals for people in need and once a month meal served at Herkimer Reformed Church. Serving coffee and cookies in the library after service so we can socialize.

May lent bring you the peace you need in this present day world.

Thank you for all the timely information we receive because of our very knowledgeable technical support.

The Breakfast group is trying something new! On February 5th and 19th at 8:30am we will meet in Little Falls at the Ann St Deli. Please note the location change. Please join us.

Trinity's Denny's Breakfast Group is expanding our opportunities for fellowship and have extended an invitation to members of Zion that would like to join us for breakfast or possibly lunch at an assigned restaurant. We are currently working out details to possibly set a date or two in March depending on the interest. Will keep you posted.

DONATION FOCUS

For the month of February, our donation focus will be. Each month we will have a different donation focus, but other items will always be in need and accepted. Thanks to all who continue to donate!

WOMEN OF FAITH

Each of us has unique skills gifted to us by God. Mary and Martha with their brother Lazarus were a family and also good friends of Jesus. They worked together each using their unique gifts. Martha served; Mary worshipped and Lazarus had a story to tell and was quick to share it. Join us for Women of Faith Bible study, Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 7:00pm on Zoom as we walk with Mary and Martha, faithful women using their individual gifts to serve. What are your special gifts and how are you using them to shine God's light? Our scripture text will be John 12:1 - 3; Luke 10:38 - 42; and Romans 12:4-8. [Click here](#) to join the meeting or contact the office for the link (315.866.6474).

Learning

BOOK GROUP

TLC Book Group will meet Friday, February 13, at 10am at Trinity in the Fellowship Hall. We are discussing any books we have read: fiction, nonfiction, poetry, local history or whatever. We are always looking for new authors and ideas.

Looking ahead: March 13th: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Annie Barrows and Mary Ann Shaffer.

FAITH ALIVE

Why is this ministry titled "Faith Alive"?? What words and/or ideas first pop into your thoughts? Why was this ministry even started? Take a moment and think! RELATIONSHIP!!! OK, but relationship with whom?? Yep another question! Think about it, but this time, in prayer, invite the Holy Spirit to help your spiritual eyes to see the 'just because' messages from God in your day: a timely word, a kindness, a warm smile of unconditional love, or anything that brings this love into your daily life.

Psalm 89:1 " I will joyfully sing of the loving kindness of the Lord forever, I will make known Thy faithfulness with my mouth" PASS it on with the Joy of the Lord!

Looking to continuously experience love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and of course faithfulness in your daily life? Being at FA gatherings is the beginning, such treasures as our Lord's invitation says to ALL of us COME! and it's FREE! WOW!

Suggestion: pick up your Bible and read the words of Jesus and His promise in Matthew 11:28-30.

Faith Alive gatherings in Feb. will be the 1st and 15th 9am-10am. See you then. All ages are welcome to join the fun with goodies.

Johnson Park Center located in Utica continues to be Faith Alive's outreach ministry.

Please remember our local food pantry by bringing a non-perishable food item for someone who just might need a little help to. Thanks so much. It is appreciated.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday from 10 am to noon in the fellowship hall. All are welcome. Knowledge of the bible is not required. If you have your own bible please bring it with you, if not we will supply one. With the Holy Spirit leading us we come up with some amazing topical studies and recently did one titled "The Messiah and Redemption", and discussed what is the Lord teaching us in Psalm 94 & 95. Great discussion as we grow together in our Faith. As Jesus says "COME" and be blessed in My Love!

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:

"And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the WILL of God." (Romans 8:26,27)

PRAYER NOTES:

SIMPLICITY IN PRAYER:

We don't have to have a clear comprehension of what the need is or what the solution should be. We don't have to tell God how to

"fix" things or even suggest what His course of action might be. We don't have to solve the problem for Him. The burden to resolve the situation is His not yours or mine.

God is God! He can do anything and He knows everything. All you and I need to do is lay our burdens at His feet. Place them in His capable hands. Crawl up in His lap, put your head on His shoulder, and rest in Him. Sometimes no words are necessary. Weep if you must. He can interpret the tears.

INTENSITY IN PRAYER:

Praying until we enter the very heart of the Father and discover what it is He wants to do for us or what He wants to give us. We discover His "wants" through the promises of His Word which the Holy Spirit will impress on our hearts.

DISCOVERY IN PRAYER:

If we want to walk with Jesus, we must walk in His direction, which means we must surrender the will of our lives to Him. We can't go off in our own direction, deciding our own goal and pursuing our own direction. We must walk at His pace, which means step-by-step obedience to His Word. And since we would have no idea what steps He is taking on a particular day, we pray and apply His Word on a daily basis so that we can walk at His pace.

SENSITIVITY IN PRAYER:

As we pray, the Holy Spirit within us will direct us in what to pray for. Jesus promised His disciples that the Holy Spirit would guide them into all truths, bringing to their minds the things they needed to remember. (John 14:26).

SUGGESTIONS:

When you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to pray, and what to pray for. Take your Bible into your place of prayer. As you read it, open your heart and mind to His still, soft voice that will whisper in your "ear" and give direction to your thoughts and words. In prayer be SENSITIVE to Him.

In His Service,
Prayer Ministry



February 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Faith Alive				Bible Study		
Worship Service						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Worship Service			Council meeting via ZOOM	Bible Study		
Faith Formation with Confirmation Option				Worship and Music Committee Meeting		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Faith Alive		Loaves and Fishes Meeting	Ash Wednesday Worship	Bible Study		
Worship Service		Women of Faith Bible Study				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Worship Service				Bible Study		
Annual Meeting						

Volunteer Schedule

	2/1	2/8	2/15	2/18	2/22
Counter 1	Amy Manning	Amy Manning	Bona Starring	Bona Starring	Bona Starring
Counter 2	Kylene Jordan	Kylene Jordan	Cathy Collins	Cathy Collins	Cathy Collins
Reader	Amy Manning	Phillis Becker	Sue Harkins	Bona Starring	Dan Collins
Singer	Sue Harkins	TBD	Sue Harkins	Sue Harkins	TBD
Altar	NA	Kylene Jordan	Kylene Jordan	Amy Manning	Amy Manning
Worship Leader	Wendy Catera	Rev. Marie Duquette	Wendy Catera	Rev. Marie Duquette	Rev. Marie Duquette

Please email info@trinityherkimer.org with any changes.

Did You Know:

The Bible is a collection of 66 separate books gathered together over hundreds of years and thousands of miles. Divided into the Old Testament (Hebrew language) and the New Testament (Greek Language), these writings have many authors and take many forms. The Bible includes histories, stories, prophecies, poetry, songs, teachings, and laws, to name a few. Christians believe the Bible is the story of God's relationship with humankind and a powerful way that God speaks to people.

The Christian Handbook, Copyright 2005 Augsburg Fortress

Stewardship

Monthly giving needed to fund the approved budget of \$152,472 is \$12,706

November Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: \$5,187.55

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: \$11,083.15

 Income is *short* by \$5,895.60

Paid by using excess Fund Balance from prior years.

December Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: \$5,829.55

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: \$12,642.14

 Income is *short* by \$6,812.59

Paid by using excess Fund Balance from prior years.

Our Church Family

God's children in need of support through prayer, phone call or maybe a card or visit: Jean, Julie, Forest, Rich, Junifer, Scott, Jim Nancy, Gary, Edith Ron, Marie Klaus, Jonah, Sonya, Rosemarie, John, Barbara, Karen, Allen, Charlie, Sheila, Pat, Linda, Leah. Picture Jesus with a smile on His face as we pray for others.

A suggested prayer:

Father God, we pray for all Christians who are suffering because they are standing up for their faith in Jesus Christ. We ask you Lord to strengthen them and give them courage in the face of hostility. In Your Holy Name we pray, Amen!!

Paul's first epistle to the Corinthian believes, who so desperately needed help and encouragement is expressed in this bible verse "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain "(1 Corinthians 15:58).

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS:

We, as a congregation, are blessed by many members who serve behind the scenes at Trinity. They share the good news of Jesus Christ in many and various ways: prayer, phone call, mailings of love etc., donations of food, smiles, cleaning when needed etc. and the list goes on. A big one is their time. They are selfless Christians. Thank you and may God bless and keep all of you safe in the palm of His Hand as you do His work in love. You are appreciated!!!

If you have concerns for the prayer chain or other personal family matters, which are kept in confidence, please speak to Phillis or Pastor Marie or call the church office 315-866-6474.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Benjamin Manning	Ron Snow	Jennifer Lipczynski
Andy Schrader	Kristen Burger	Mason Pawelek
Christopher Skibinski	Stephanie Gee	Sara Lilly Manning
Wendy DeLuca	Judy Grande	John Kane
Camryn Knoblauch	Daniel Kornutiak	Lorie Schrader
Kim Engert-Torres	Brenda Briggs	Joanne Belcourt
Matt Stewart	Richard L. Becker	Macade Knoblauch
Patricia Glogowski	Kelly Merena	Thomas Manning

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Jody & Travis Kirk	Rose & Ron Snow	Jodi & Dan Rivers
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If you spot an error or omission, please notify the office. We will be happy to update this list!

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From Anywhere!
Call on your landline
phone, use your
computer or use your
device!
See Worship Schedule
for details.**

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