Prayer for a New Year

Lord, I give up all my own plans and purposes, all my own desires and hopes, and accept thy will for my life. I give myself, my life, my all utterly to thee, to be thine forever. Fill me and seal me with thy Holy Spirit. Use me as thou wilt. Send me where thou wilt, and work out thy whole will in my life at any cost, now and forever. Amen.

—Betty Scott Stam
The following is a love letter from Jesus borrowed from the pastor and conference leader, John Maxwell. How are you spiritually?

**A Love Letter from Jesus**

How are you? I just had to send you this letter to remind you of how much I love and care about you. I saw you yesterday as you were walking with your friends. I waited all day, hoping you would walk and talk with me, too. As evening drew near, I gave you a sunset to close your day, and a cool breeze to rest you. Then I waited, but you never came. Oh, yes it hurt me, but I still love you because I am your friend.

I saw you fall asleep last night, and I longed to touch your brow. So I spilled some moonlight on your pillow and across your face...again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk., I have so many gifts for you!

You awakened this morning and rushed off for the day. My tears were in the rain. Today you looked so sad and alone, it made my heart ache because I understand. My friends let me down and hurt me many times, but I still love you. I will try to tell you in the quiet green grass, I whisper it in the leaves and trees, and breathe it in the color of the flowers. I clothe you in warm sunshine, and perfume the air. My love for you is deeper than the biggest want or greatest need you could ever have.

We will spend eternity together in heaven. I know how hard it is on earth. I really do know because I was there, and I want to help you. My Father wants to help you, too. He’s just that way, you know. All you have to do is call me, ask me, talk to me. It’s your decision. I have already chosen you, but because of my love for you I will wait until you ask me, giving the time for us to talk....

Your friend,

Jesus

**COMMUNITY DINNER**

**Wednesday, January 15th from 5:00 - 6:45 pm Lasagna.**

Includes vegetable, choice of salad, roll, dessert and drink. Meals are $8.00 each. Children 10 & under free. Carry Out is available. Thank you everyone for your help and support!

**2020 Offering Envelopes**

The 2020 Offering envelopes are available. You can pick up a box on the table in the Upper Room, the table in the Narthex or in the church office. Please remember if you would like to get tax credit for your giving you need to use an offering envelope and fill out the information on the front of the envelope.

**Food Pantry Coordinator**

After many years of service, Della Mosier has decided to “retire” as the Food Pantry Coordinator. We are so thankful for all she does to make the food pantry run smoothly. We are need of someone to replace Della. If we are unable to find a Coordinator, we will need to close down the food pantry. If you are interested in taking on this position, please talk with Della or contact the church office (419-947-6040).

**Confirmation Classes**

will meet beginning on Sunday, 2/9. We will meet for 8 sessions which will take us through Sunday, 3/31. The class will meet during Sunday school from 9:30 – 10:15. Any young people in sixth grade or older interested in being part of the class can let Pastor Jeff or the church office (419-947-6040) know of their interest.

**Weather Closing**

Just a reminder that if we are under a level 3 snow emergency there will be no church. We will post our cancelation on Columbus channel 10 (CBS) and Columbus channel 6 (ABC). We will also try to call everyone to let them know of cancelation of worship services.
PRAYER CONCERNS
Trinity members and friends who have been in our prayers the past month.....

New Prayer Concerns: Carla Clement, Charlie Heinrick Emma Young & Baby Young, Gale Graham, Glenn Lamoreaux, Jackie Weaver, Jean Straley, John Wills, Josh, Keener Family Fire, Mike Lancaster, Pete Detra, Raina, Steve Tipton


Military: Curt Belohlavek, Emily Garry-Kearnely, Eric Mann, Jonah Maggs, Kelly Mann-Sorgenfrei, Jon Tschudi, Travis Hill, Troy Hill, Tyler Hill, & all other military personnel around the world

Nursing Home Residents & Shut-Ins: Alice Foley, Harry Riggs, Lou Anne Fuller, Martha Kubbs, Nettie Lyon, Mary Dianne George

Missionaries: Gordon & Ardell Graner [Dominican Republic], Matthew Laferty [Austria]

Our Trinity Family wishes to extend prayers to the following families in the loss of a loved one this past month: Bradley Doren, Eugene Foster, Karen Rish, Steve Salvy,

TRUSTEE MOMENTS: As chairman of the trustees, I feel it is important to keep you all updated about some of the projects in process or being considered. Even though there is usually a dozen or so things discussed at every meeting, I plan on keeping you informed about a few of them each month.

At present the parking lot is being reviewed for a possible renovation next summer. The surface deterioration is nearing time for replacement. There is more than one option that will be considered with costs and expected life as criteria.

It has been decided that the remaining carpet will be replaced in the Parlor. The existing newer planking product installed over 1/3 of the area two years ago will be continued throughout the entire room. Completion expected in December.

We continue to be blessed with trustee members who give their time and talent to keep our beautiful church and parsonage in good working order. We welcome Nonnie Hamilton and Bob Smith as new members and Bob Shaffer for volunteering for another 3-year term on the board starting in January.

~ Gary Begeman

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY AT SAMES & COOK 3:00-4:00 pm

The Sames and Cook Bible Study will be studying New Testament Stories from the Back Side by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

Come and join us!

Jan. 7: Ch. 9 The Full Tomb (John 20:1-18)
Jan. 14: Ch. 10 At the Corner of Today and Forever (Acts 16:16-34)
Jan. 21: Ch. 11 Going Easter Shopping (Colossians 3:5-14)
Jan. 28: Ch. 12 The Lion and the Lamp (Revelation 4:1-14)

TRINITY ATTENDANCE

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**January Youth Schedule**

**Sunday, 1/5 7:00 p.m.** – Youth Group at church

**Sunday, 1/12 7:00 p.m.** – Youth Group at church

**Sunday, 1/19 7:00 p.m.** – Youth Group at church

**Sunday, 1/26 7:00 p.m.** – Youth Group at church

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**Sunday School Secretary Needed**

After many years of service, Cal Shirk has decided to step down as Sunday School Secretary. We thank Cal for all his years of service in this position! That leaves us with a void to fill.

We are looking for someone to be the Sunday School Secretary. This job consists of collecting the offering from the Sunday school classes and counting the number in attendance in Sunday School each week. If you would be interested in taking over for Cal, please let Pastor Jeff know or contact the church office (419-947-6040).

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**Tai Chi Class**

Fresh new year greetings!

As we begin again, thinking about what is best for the care of our bodies, we realize that there are three groups created to help us that are all right here in the comfort of our home church.

Allen or Alberta can tell you about Step Aerobics. Diana Kemp can tell you about TOPS for your eating plan. I know about Tai Chi, having worked it for nine years now. Marlene and Steve Renick, who are highly accredited, spend Mondays from 12:30 to 2:00, and Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 in the double Sunday school room. All moves are done slowly from a standing position and aid in balance, stamina, grace, and a general feeling of well-being. Don’t assume it is easy. Some do the moves from a seated position. Those with limited movement are trained with their particular needs in mind. After a free introductory week or two, we chip in $5 to help with rent, but that includes every class you wish to participate in during the week, including those offered in Marion and Galion. Give me a call if you still have questions or if you just want me to introduce you to all my friends there.

Anne Cotton (419) 946-1340

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**Missions Committee Notice:**

Next year Mission Committee will have three regularly scheduled meetings. 2020 meeting dates are:

Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 PM
Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 PM
Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 PM

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**This little light**

Worldwide, more than 1 billion people lack access to electricity; another 1.5 billion have irregular access. One new tool that’s literally brightening lives is an inflatable, waterproof, solar-powered lantern. With 10 tiny LED lights, “Luci” can shine about 15 square feet of light for up to 24 hours on a full charge. Yet the lantern weighs just 4 ounces, so it’s easy to transport.

Though this versatile lantern has many uses, inventor Jason Alan Snyder is especially excited about its potential to help people living in darkness. For each $10 donation at mpowerd.com, one Luci lantern is sent for disaster relief and humanitarian aid.

Little lights — whether solar-powered or Jesus-powered — make a big impact in our dark world.

— adapted from HomeTouch
NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Because of our Child Protection Policy, we need a 2nd person in the nursery with Diana Kemp during the Sunday school hour and during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please contact the church office if you are able to help during either of these times at trinityumc@redbird.net or 419-947-6040. There are also sign-up sheets in the nursery. Thanks to all those who volunteered in the nursery: Gary Begeman, Kristi Bulkowski, Tom Cotton, Alberta Stojkovic, Pat & Dick Miller, Joyce Overmoyer, Vince Brown, Kimberly Neal and Sue Williamson.

LOW IMPACT/STEP AEROBICS CLASS
Exercise to Energize - Classes are on Mondays & Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. We exercise with music and mix in light weights and floor exercises. We would love to have you join us! If you have any questions, ask Allen or Alberta Stojkovic 419-946-4982.

2020 Altar Flowers Sign up Calendar
The Altar flower sign-up sheet for 2020 is hanging up and is located in the hall next to the workroom. Make sure you write who is purchasing the flowers and who they are “In Memory of” or “In Honor of.” The cost of the flowers is $30. Please mark “Altar Flowers” in memo line of your check made out to Trinity UMC. The church office orders flowers for anyone who has signed up the week before the Sunday they are for. If you decide to get them yourself at another florist, please let the church office know in advance. Thank you!

SPECIAL EVENTS AND USE OF FACILITIES
We are fortunate to have a facility that is busy through the year. If you plan to hold a special event, work session or other function in the church, please make sure to check availability of date and time with the church office as far in advance as possible. A Building Use form may need to be completed and returned for approval and signature by the Trustee Committee. The forms are available in the church office or may be emailed by the office at your request. Your cooperation in this process helps everyone coordinate use of the facility. Thank you!

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM
Trinity is part of the Kroger Community Rewards program. Just by using your Kroger plus card when you shop at Kroger, they will make a donation to our church. Our most recent check was $230.22. To sign up go online at www.kroger.com/community and register your Kroger Plus Card. Kroger recently updated its Community Rewards system. Trinity has been assigned a new number. You will need to enter Trinity’s number #RH570 and your email address. Thank you for supporting this program and Trinity UMC!

$ REIMBURSEMENT VOUCHERS
If you make any authorized purchases for the church, please return the original receipt and a completed Voucher to the church office within one month of the purchase. This will insure that you receive your reimbursement on time and it also helps the church keep its accounts up to date and accurate. Blank Vouchers are available in the church office.
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