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ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

On Sunday, Nov. 20, the congregation will hold one worship service at 10:40 a.m. so all members may attend the annual meeting of the congregation, which immediately follows. At the meeting we will follow the agenda approved by our church council:

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Minutes
- Nominations
 - Council
 - Board of Managers
 - Synod Delegates
- Elections
- Ministry Review
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjournment



We need all the members' input and ideas, for we learn of God's full plan by working together in community.

An important part of the meeting is the Ministry Review, which recaps what our different committees have accomplished over the past year. We ask that everyone submit their reports **IN WRITING** to the Church Office by **MONDAY, NOV. 7**. Submissions can also be e-mailed to htelc@verizon.net.

November 6



Daylight-Saving Time Ends

The annual congregational meeting is our time to discuss and approve the direction of the ministry God has called us to do in this place.



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LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER SET!

There will be a luncheon after the congregational meeting on November 20th. The funds will be going back in to help raise money to improve the sidewalk and install a ramp. This will be a good will offering.

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MORALISTIC THERAPEUTIC DECISION

Last month I attended the annual Pastor's Convocation for Allegheny Synod Clergy held by Bishop Pyle. I attend these gatherings based on the reputation of the noted speaker, the nature of the announced topic and the need for collegial support from other clergy of the Allegheny Synod. Our presenter this year was from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa raised and then dealt with briefly from one perspective research on the current state of the religious life of the American teenager. The research was from an ongoing study called the National Study of Youth and Religion carried out at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, one of the nation's best public universities. After one gets over the shock that religion can indeed be studied intently at a publicly funded institution, it is the results of the research that grabs your attention. It is mesmerizing and very telling being the largest and broadest study ever done of American Youth and their religious life.

What they found is not exactly what we teach here nor what we say we believe in our confessions or preach about but this is what today's youth believe.

- A God exists who created and ordered the world and watches over human life on earth.
- God wants people to be good, nice and fair to each other as taught in the Bible and by most world religions.
- The central goal of life is to be happy and feel good about oneself.
- God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when God is needed to resolve a problem.
- Good people go to heaven when they die.

One comment on this research noted that "even these secular researches recognized that this creed is a far cry from Christianity with no place for sin, judgment, salvation or Christ. Instead, most teenagers believe in a combination of works righteousness, religion or psychological well-being and a distant non-interfering God! This creed has been dubbed "moralistic therapeutic deism" by the researchers. It is not only a problem for mainline Christian churches and their youth but cuts across all denominational boundaries.

It affects liberal mainline Protestants, Conservatives, Evangelical Baptists and others as well as American Catholic young people. The only segment of youth not affected is the smaller cadre of Mormon youth. We as Orthodox Christians across the board are all in the same boat.

There are many reasons for this dilemma but the main one noted by our presenter was that these youth learned their creed from their parents. In other words the great number of parents in their 30's and 40's taught this creed to their kids. This is confirmed by other research conducted by the Youth and Family Institute at Augsburg College in Minnesota, an ELCA institution. The main question that was asked in this research was "who or what has influenced your life of faith"? The answers all pointed to family as being significantly most important. By far the most overwhelming cited answer was a family member, mother, father or grandparents. Mothers alone were cited by 74% of all female and 81% of all male youth. Churches and anything they offer was far down on the list. We have a big row to hoe. And it goes back a very long time - four decades at least. Around 1970 a noted Christian educator wrote a popular book with the title: *Will Our Children Have Faith?* The answer must be given to a large part in the negative.

What to do? We are starting with a new strategy in our youth ministry. With Rachel Prosser, our Youth Director, in solid agreement we are starting our own youth group attempting to build Christian friendships from the ground up (see youth news elsewhere in this newsletter). After parents, the Pastor and Youth Group were the most cited religious factors with further influence from friends (hopefully found in church), Christian education, the Bible, church school teacher, church camp, youth group leader and youth rallies. Happily, the expected influence from popular culture of movies and music stars was at the bottom of the list.

In church we have to aggressively teach authentic Christian devotions in any way we can. We have been doing this and will ramp it up. For any who came to the Truth Project, this is the kind of intensive Christian study we are talking about - what scripture defines as solid food instead of milk. We will also strive to offer as much "milk" as possible in every venue we can (1 Cor. 3.2).

The battle for our youth and the families is jointed. Please as parents, Christian friends and neighbors, join us!



NOVEMBER EVENTS AT HTELC AT A GLANCE!

NOVEMBER 5: Fall Clean Up Day starts at 9:00 AM. All ages welcome!

NOVEMBER 7: Youth Planning Meeting

NOVEMBER 13: Contemporary Service. The band Apostles Creed will perform at the 10:40 AM service.

NOVEMBER 13: Harvest Party for Youth AND Adults from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Covered dish dinner.

NOVEMBER 19: Grange Dinner

NOVEMBER 20: ONE service (10:40 AM) with Annual meeting immediately following.

NOVEMBER 20: Luncheon Fundraiser after the annual meeting. Good will offering. Proceeds go to the sidewalk fund and ramp.

NOVEMBER 20: Operation Christmas Child Shoebox packing party immediately following the luncheon.

NOVEMBER 20: Community Thanksgiving Dinner at CMA Church.

NOVEMBER 27: Advent Dinner at 6:00 PM.

SEEKING NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

New members are needed for church council. If you are interested please contact the church office as soon as possible so we can place you on the ballot.

NOVEMBER'S SPECIAL DATES

ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1, 2011

DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS

November 6, 2011

VETERANS DAY

November 11, 2011

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 20, 2011

NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

November 20-27, 2011

THANKSGIVING DAY

November 24, 2011

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2011



Dear Members:

Although December is still a month away, please mark December 11th on your calendars. That is when our bell choir will join with the Brethren and UCC Churches for a combined Christmas concert. Our bell choir has been working very hard and the music is beautiful. All of our other music ensembles have been working hard as well and sound great. Joyful noise will begin practicing in the near future, please keep your eyes open for a date and time. Until the bell concert is over the rehearsals for band will probably not be on Wednesday nights. Thanks for all the praise and encouragement you provide for the musical ministry it is very appreciated.

Musically yours,
Maria



Information for the November issue of **THE VISITOR IS DUE**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7. Information received after that date may be held for the January edition of the newsletter.

If you have questions, concerns, suggestions, or anything else regarding our church, please contact your council representatives (below). They welcome your input! Our suggestion box is located at the rear of the church, if you'd prefer that.

Kathy Bell	267-4095	Carolyn Rastrelli	267-6277
Homer Kreinbrook	267-7397	Julie Leydig	267-9960
Joyce Meese	267-4421	Tim Clites	267-3519
Wayne Schrock	267-3389	John Yeager	270-2197
Nita Swank	267-6839	Brian Waydo	267-4348
Lee Woida	267-4420	VJ Chalk	267-4433

Youth Representative: Briana Leydig 267-5208

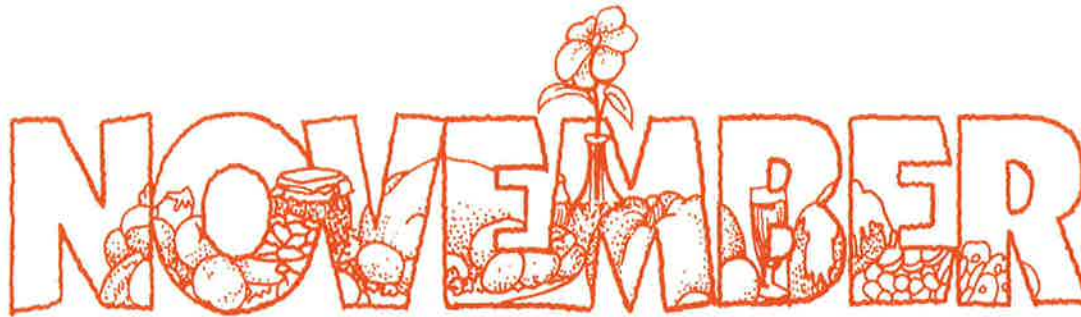
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EVENT KEY: CV= Compassionate Visitors YG - Youth Group HTLCB= Joyful Noise Band SC = Senior Choir SEW = Saturday Evening Worship YOGB = Youth Bells		EVENT KEY: YPM - Youth Planning Meeting AB - Adult Bells WBS - Women's Bible Study YGC - Youth of God Chimes PC - Property Committee BSC - Berlin Sr. Citizens WC - Worship Committee		WORSHIP KEY: W= Worship SS = Sunday School C = Communion W & A Worship & Anointing		
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**CHURCH COUNCIL
HIGHLIGHTS**
Minutes Submitted by
Kathy Bell

COUNCIL MINUTES
October 11, 2011

Present:

Joyce Meese, Lee Woida, Tim Clites, Carolyn Rastrelli, Pastor Harmon, Wayne Schrock, Julie Leydig, Nita Swank, V.J. Chalk, Brian Waydo, Homer Kreinbrook, John Yeager and Kathy Bell. Guest-Rachel Prosser

Opening Prayer / Devotion:

Pastor Harmon

**Meeting called to order by
Homer Kreinbrook, Council
President**

Minutes of prior meeting:

A motion was made to approve last months meeting minutes by Joyce Meese and seconded by Tim Clites. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Joyce Meese to approve this report and was seconded by Carolyn Rastrelli. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

**Congregational / People
Concerns:**

None

Correspondence: None

From the Suggestion Box: None

OLD BUSINESS

**Worship Committee meeting
report :**

The Saturday evening worship service continues with an average of 23

attendees. We need volunteers to usher and act as lay ministers.

History Committee:

The history committee will have a small exhibition next month in honor of the Week of the Bible.

Apartment for Rent:

The apartment above Luther Haas has been rented. A special thank you to Lori Shaw who thoroughly house cleaned the apartment in preparation of being rented.

NEW BUSINESS

Website Domain:

Our website contract was to expire. After exploring/comparing prices of other domains we decided to stay with our current server

Christmas Day Service & Sunday School:

After discussion a motion was made by Wayne Schrock and seconded by Carolyn Rastrelli to start our worship service winter schedule on Christmas Day. The worship service would start at 9:00 with Sunday School to follow at 10:15. The motion passed.

PASTOR'S TIME

Bishop's Convocation:

Pastor Harmon, Lee Woida, Julie Leydig and Doug Bell attended this gathering. Some things discussed were the need to expand our ministries and reach into the community.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Property:

Chip installed a seam coat over a piece of our uneven front sidewalk to smooth it out. November 5th is Fall Clean up day. Please consider helping us with this endeavor.

Deacons:

The Advent dinner will be November 27th. A Contemporary service is planned for November 13th during the 10:40 service.

A motion was made by Lee Woida and seconded by Julie Leydig to have special Christian music provided by Apostles Creed during this service.

Finance:

The budget is still being developed.

Publicity:

Some suggestions were made for posters to be made and posted through out the community to advertise our service featuring Apostle's Creed. Another suggestion made was to send photos to the Daily American of our Youth events.

Youth:

Rachel Prosser our Youth Director attended our meeting and gave an extensive report on youth events including but not limited to the following: There will be a Fall Harvest Thanksgiving (costume) Party at our church on November 13, from 5-7 p.m. All are welcome. It will be a covered dish event with the drinks being provided. Nine children attended our new Youth Group gathering. Rachel reported that it was a success. The children were able to have fun and receive a the message.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lee Woida and seconded by Tim Clites to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and sharing of the peace.

**Contemporary Service
Scheduled!**

The Faith Builders Class will be doing a contemporary service on November 13th. They will be featuring a DVD by Lou Giglio on How Great Is Our God and the musical group Apostles Creed will be performing at our 10:40AM service. Please note there will still be TWO services on November 13.

A Time To Share

"Whenever you get a blessing from God, give it back to him as a love gift. ... Offer the blessing back to him in a deliberate act of worship. If you hoard a thing for yourself, it will turn into a spiritual dry rot, as the manna did when it was hoarded. God will never let you hold a spiritual thing for yourself; it has to be given back to him that the may make it a blessing to others."

Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*

RECEIVED FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

Current	\$8,683.23
Benevolence	\$778.00
Building	\$2,352.00
Other	\$1,272.00
TOTAL	\$13,085.23

EXPENSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

Current	\$11,909.85
Benevolence	\$761.54
Building	\$2,776.65
Other	\$141.99
TOTAL	\$15,590.03

NEGATIVE \$2,504.80

THE BIBLE... ACCORDING TO KIDS!

Children say the funniest things about Scripture. Here are a few examples:

In the first book of the Bible, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.

Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterward, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments.

The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.



All Saints' Day

On **Sunday, Nov. 6**, a part of the liturgy will be directed to remembering those faithful departed who have served Christ in special, often sacrificial ways. Join us as we express our gratitude to God for those devoted and devout souls who have set worthy examples for us.



Thanksgiving
WORSHIP SERVICE

The Berlin area churches will hold a Community Thanksgiving service at CMA Church in Berlin at 7:00 PM on November 20.



Advent
SUPPER

Advent Dinner

As has been our custom for many years we will begin preparing for Christ's birth (Christmas) with our annual Advent Dinner. Families are asked to bring a dish to share and table sitting for family members. Following the dinner we will have the opportunity to be introduced to new Christmas traditions and have a chance for a final look at our biblical treasures on exhibits.

**CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS
THE CORNUCOPIA**

Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning "horn of plenty," has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.





A FAMILY EVENT!

A time for fellowship and fun! We will be having a Harvest Costume Party on November 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the church basement for kids AND adults. Fun games and prizes for all ages. Wear a costume and win a prize! Bring a covered dish. Drinks will be provided. If you have any creative ideas for games or prizes, please contact Rachel Prosser.

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING:

The next Youth Committee meeting will be Monday, November 7th at 7pm.

YOUTH GROUP HELP:

Anyone interested in helping with youth group please contact Rachel Prosser.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Children's Church is available every week during the 10:40 service for all kids age 3 to grade 5. The idea of Children's church is to give the kids a break from the service and have a message geared toward their age group. 6th through 12th graders are needed to assist. We will take the children downstairs after the children's sermon and keep them there until church is over except communion Sundays they will return for communion.

YOUTH GROUP

Our goal is to build Christian friendships at a young age. It is a fun-packed hour from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Youth Group will take place every other Sunday. In November we will meet November 7th and November 20th. We will start primarily with grades 1-6 but all other ages are welcome to come to help and enjoy the fun!

THANK YOU

A special thank you to Jeff and Pam Moore for taking the time to set up the awesome cardboard maze for the first Youth Group Meeting! Also, thanks to Lee Woida for all of the cardboard. The construction was "A-MAZING" and the youth had a great time

Thank you to all youth who have been helping with Children's Church! We have had a great month!

YOUTH OF GOD CHIMES

Youth of God Chimes meet at **5:00 PM immediately following each youth group meeting.** All grades are welcome to attend.



OUR NEW YOUTH GROUP

We will meet at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 4-5pm every other Sunday. Our next dates will be Nov. 6th, 20th. We will take prayer requests, pray and then start with some sort of ice breaker that will help us get to know one another.

The casual atmosphere will make the youth feel comfortable. Contemporary Christian music will be used in the background. We will play a medium- high energy game each week which will hopefully be a lot of fun! Our 10-15 minute message and discussion will be tied into either our game or a demonstration. Snack will follow the message and there will be other activities set up if time allows after snack.

We would like to build relationships at a young age that the youth will be able to build on and continue in the future!

UNCOMMON LIFE EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2011

2nd - Jr. High 12:2

6th - "uncommon life" youth group

9th - Sr. High 12:2

12th - Ice Skating - planet ice

13th - Uncommon Life youth group

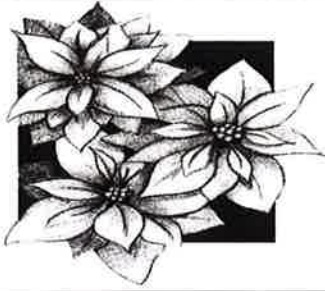
20th - Uncommon life youth group



WISHING ALL OF YOU A WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY AND/OR ANNIVERSARY!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Emily Fisher Michael Griffith Miles Walker	2 Katerina Flick Lisa Horner Emily Ocker	3 Joyce Waydo Doran & Suzanne Walker	4 Jean Gerber Barry Holland Shirley Largent	5 Carole Holland Robert & Dorothy Landis
6 Robert Mowry Brandon Rhoads Nash Walker	7 Jason Gerber	8 Jeff Gavel Tristin Ohler	9 Emil Kiesnowski Ann Miller	10 Adam Maust	11 Michelle Blubaugh Jim Froehlich	12 Sandra Barkley Elaine Landis Garrett Waydo
13 Parke Kreinbrook Doug & Sheree Blubaugh	14 Robert Gindlesperger, Jr.	15 Kevin Dively Randy & Ashley Ohler	16 Deborah Arden Robert Harkcom Nicole Oaks Abigail Webreck	17 Nathan Leydig Homer & Mary Kreinbrook	18 Harmon Custer Ed Zorn	19
20	21 Edward Woida	22 Eleanor Brick Jim Etris Brenda Leister Roger & Donna Schrock	23 Peyton Harding Tara Miller	24 Thanksgiving - Office Closed Katie Bell Social Hall	25 Jonathan Croner	26 Rebecca Beachley
27 Jenna Mitchell Roxanne Weighley John & Elaine Landis	28 Heather Harding	29 Shaina Stern Robert & Thelma Glessner	30 Carey Brant			

POINSETTIA FLOWER ORDERS



WE CAN NOT PROMISE ADD-ONS AFTER NOVEMBER 17!

With Fall here and Thanksgiving fast approaching, it seems too early to be thinking about Poinsettias. But the florist wants all orders in by **November 17** - that's even before Thanksgiving! We ask that you please enclose your payment with your order. The price for poinsettias is \$9 each. Orders can be turned in to the Church Office. For more information, please call (814) 267-5014 or e-mail htelc@verizon.net.

YOUR NAME: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

GIVE TO SHUT-IN _____

COST: \$9.00

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NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK - NOVEMBER 20 - 27, 2011

SPECIAL EXHIBITION

In honor of National Bible Week and in observance of the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible there will be a special exhibition of church owned bibles through the centuries. Included will be our Goeb Bible (one of only 70 known) which had belonged to the Altfather family. It is a version of Luther's German Bible still in use in many areas of Germany today. We also have many antique King James versions as well as other scripture. The exhibit will be up the entire week from the day of our annual meeting, November 20th, through November 27th when we host our annual Advent dinner. This exhibit is only the first of many being prepared by our History Committee in preparation for our anniversary year (2012) when we will be 235.



NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK



Thank you to all who helped with the annual ham dinner. Whether you donated items, your time and talents or came to buy a meal (some did all of the above), it all came together again this year and everything is very much appreciated. The funds raised will be used throughout the year with various donations to the church and community.

We also sponsor a child in Ecuador and do the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. We hope you will notify us if you know of a special need that we might be able to help with throughout the year.

*Thank you and God Bless,
The Crusaders*

Thank You notes may be sent to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 507 Main St., Berlin, PA 15530.



"O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together."

Psalm 34:3

**AS OF
OCTOBER 21, 2011**

**HOSPITALIZED:**

None.

RECUPERATING AT HOME:

David Adams, Joyce Beachley, Janet Bender, Pauline Blubaugh, Glen Brant, Joy Brant, Esther Brooks, Nettie Brown, Tim Clites, Tom Dively, Ray Engleka, Tom Fisher, Faye Glessner, Brianna Leydig, Geneva McVicker, Bill Mothersbaugh, Irene Mowry, Everett Nicklow, Frank Rastrelli, William Ringler, Alice Scheferston, Bill Shipley, Nora Virtue, Susan Walker, Jay Whipkey and Robert Zorn.

RESIDING IN NURSING/PERSONAL CARE HOMES:

Ray Adams, Trudy Baker, Isabelle Gonger, Lloyd Herwig, Ella Hittie, Catherine Maust, Jean Swanson.

PRAYERS REQUESTED:

Chad Barron, Kim Bennett, Lisa Bittner, Private Nicholas Bittner, Brittany (Sleasman) Brady, Kathy Jo (Knotts) Brant, Joe Cawthern, Chad, Cpt. Aaron Chonko, SSGT Anson Chonko, LCPL Dustin Churchel*, Kirk Cober, Lillian Coughenour, Sharon Cugini, Dave Custer, Pastor Frank Demmy & Pat Demmy, Roger and Mary-Alice Duckett, Darcel Fahy, Bill Farber, Ryan Ferre, Cpt. Brian Fisher, CW2 John Fisher, David Fullard, AEC Carrie Gardner (Thomas), Donald Gardner, Joy Gardner, Jennifer, Ryan and Sarah Gardner, SSGT Jason Gerber, Tom & Dorothy Gerber, Nicholas Gerin, Phyllis Gladden, Clyde Gray, Marsha Grossman, Roger Hanson, Sadie Harmon, SGT Bobby Hoffman, Edith Hoffman, Travis Hummel (USAF), Joann, Julie, Leon Knepper, Cpt. James Leister, Villa Leslie, Linda Leverknight, Nick Lorson, Kathy Lowes, Lou Ann, Mario & Mary Lombardo, Dawn Lynch, Sam Marker, Dave and Joyce Meese, Carl Metzgar, Sonya Meyers, Eloise Miller, Mindy, Mary Nicklow, Betty & Frank Pannone, Beth Patt, Mjr. James Paxton, III, Cpt. John Paxton*, Thayer Paxton, Melissa Petro, Wayne Potter, Larry Powell, Lloyd Purbaugh, Ruth Queer, Earl and Linda Reed, Amelia Rhoades, Roger Sarver, Sam, Harold Shaw, Dave Silko, Pauline Stone, Glenda Weimer, Peggy Woida, CAPT Scott Woida, Bob Younkin, David Yutzzy. *
Serving in Afghanistan

PRAYER LIST POLICY

If you or a member of your family are admitted to any hospital, please notify Pastor John or call the Church Office at 267-5014. Please also let us know when a family member or friend wishes to be removed from the prayer list. We will keep names on the prayer list for one (1) month, unless we know the person is still ill because they are a member of our congregation or whoever put them on the prayer list calls to keep them on.

ITEMS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

OCTOBER 9

Tooth Brushes and Tooth Paste

OCTOBER 16

Wash Clothes and Bars of Soap

OCTOBER 23

Combs and Brushes

OCTOBER 30

Socks: All Sizes for Girls and Boys

NOVEMBER 6

Crayons

NOVEMBER 13

Pencils and Pencil Sharpeners

NOVEMBER 20

Small Stuffed Animals

Immediately following the luncheon on November 20th we will fill the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes as well as wrap and label them. Everyone is welcome to help!



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed **NOV. 24** for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Any items for the Nov. 27 bulletin must be turned in by **TUESDAY, NOV. 22.**

VISITOR DEADLINE

Due to the holiday, please have all your information for the December issue of the Visitor turned in no later than **MONDAY, NOV. 7.** Information received after that date may be held until the January 2012 issue.

DON'T FORGET!

Get out and vote on Tuesday, **NOVEMBER 8!**

NEWS & Notes

BIRTHS: NONE.

BAPTISMS: NONE.

DEATHS: NONE.

WEDDING:

Congratulations to **REBECCA AND CHRISTEN FISHER** who were wed on October 1st here at Holy Trinity.



If you or a loved one have had a recent milestone (wedding, birth, etc.), please let us know by calling the Church Office at 267-5014 or email us at htelc@verizon.net.

ALPHA OFFERING



Anyone who took our two recent offerings of "The Truth Project" may well remember the frequent citation of Dr. Francis Schaeffer's, one of the foremost Christian thinkers of the 20th century, a few years ago I offered Dr. Schaeffer's course as an Alpha offering over a ten week schedule and just over a dozen of our members and friends were able to enjoy its wonderful message. Because I believe it so strongly reinforces the many aspects brought out in "the Truth Project" I will be offering it again for the over 100 of our friends and members who have taken an Alpha course but didn't get to take this one. I will, however, be offering it in a five session format. I may also in the future offer it at a different time and day the traditional Thursday night venue. If you would like to receive the impact of this wonderful Alpha offering but Thursday evening is just not possible, please contact me at the church office to search for alternate venues.

How Should We Then Live?

November 13

"The Roman Age" and "The Middle Ages"

November 10

"The Renaissance" and "The Reformation"

November 17

"The Revolutionary Age" and "The Scientific Age"

December 1

"The Age Of Non-Renaissance" and "The Age of Fragmentation"

December 8

"The Age of Personal Peace and Affluence" and "Final Choices"

All sessions are filmed in actual locations with solid professional production values and clear, concise commentary. Each session should last until 8:30 PM. Plan to come and invite your friends!

ON SUNDAY, NOV. 6, AT 2 A.M. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS. TO ENSURE THAT YOU MAKE IT TO CHURCH AT THE RIGHT TIME, REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT BEFORE YOU RETIRE FOR THE EVENING AND WHILE YOU'RE AT IT TAKE THE TIME TO CHANGE YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERIES!

ATTENTION COMMITTEES!

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held Sunday, November 20 after the 10:40 a.m. service. An important part of the meeting is the Ministry Review, which recaps what our different committees have accomplished over the past year. We ask that everyone submit their reports **in writing** to the Church Office by Monday, **NOVEMBER 7**. Submissions can also be e-mailed to htelc@verizon.net.



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PERMIT NO. 7



**ADDRESS SERVICE
REQUESTED**

**WORSHIP
ASSISTANTS**



**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO HELP WITH WORSHIP ON THE DAY
YOU ARE ASSIGNED, PLEASE FIRST TRY TO FIND SOMEONE TO
TRADE DATES WITH, THEN CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 267-
5014 TO LET US OF THE SCHEDULE CHANGE. THANKS!**

HEAD USHER: Wayne Schrock

ALTAR GUILD: Rocky & Patty Ohler

***C = Communion**

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	CHILDREN'S SERMON	LEAD OPENING	LECTOR/ WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Nov. 6 *C	8:00 AM	*C Jeremy Brick	NA	NA	*C Dave Marker	*C Lois Harris Jim & Kerri Broderick
	10:40 AM	*C Tess Straight	Susan Straight	Maria Mowry	*C Chris Blubaugh	*C John Beachley Team
	4 PM	NA	NA	NA	NA	*C Wayne Schrock
Nov. 13	8:00 AM	MaKenzie Maust	NA	NA	Sandy Shoher	Lynn & Lori Hoppert
	10:40 AM	Jessica Leydig	Jeff Moore	Susan Straight	Villa Leslie	Denise & Keith Leydig
Nov. 20	ONLY ONE SERVICE AT 10:40 AM FOR ANNUAL MEETING					
	10:40 AM	Logan Walker	Lee Woida	Carey Brant	Carolyn Rastrelli	Wayne & Nancy Schrock
Nov. 27	8:00 AM	Connor Yost	NA	NA	Mike Countryman	Scott, Lorrie & Courtney Shaw
	10:40 AM	Daria Kiesnowski	Rachel Prosser	Jim Froehlich	Nita Swank	Ron & Kathy Yoder