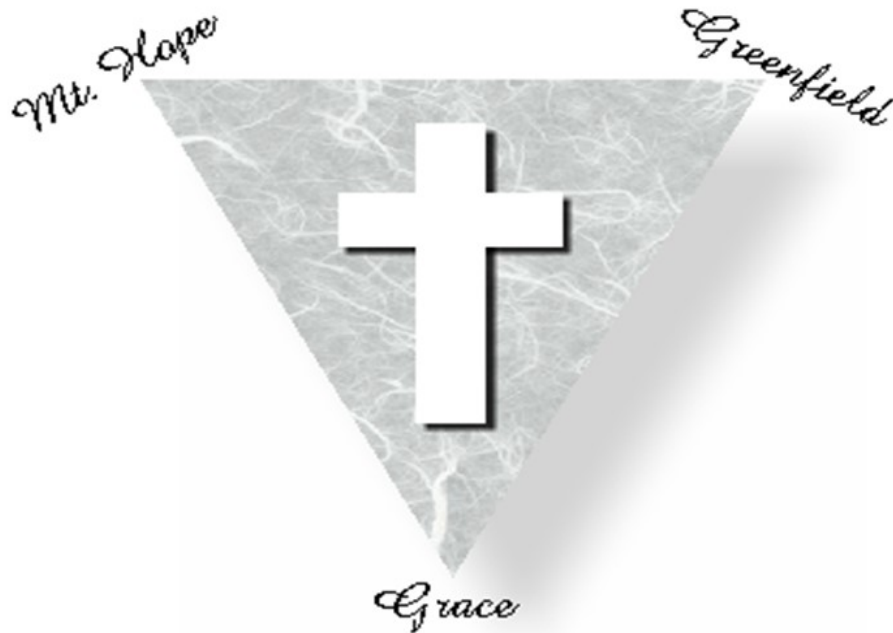


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TRINITY Gazette

First Quarter, 2017

The Greenfield Charge



United Church of Christ



LEADING THE CHARGE!

A Message from Pastor Bob

INTO THIS WORLD COMES GOD

There is a lot going on in this world that keeps us awake at night. There is a lot, to both sadden us and infuriate us. And then, just when we think there is no hope for this world ... INTO THIS WORLD COMES GOD. That is the HOPE of the Christmas Season – renewed every year.

An Upbeat Word for a Downbeat World. If you and I want to wallow in despair and gloom, we will have to do it somewhere else. In C. S. Lewis' words, we live in a God-invaded world. And where God is, there is hope.

We live in a God-invaded world. We should never give in to despair and feelings of doom. "The Word has become flesh and dwelt among us ..." This does not mean we live in a perfect world, but it does mean that our world is never beyond hope. Where God is, there is the possibility of renewal. But where is hope to be found?

It is found in the body of Christ. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Why? In order to bring into being a new community of people, the people of the Way, the people of the cross.

St. Paul writes in in Ephesians 1:3-4:

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.”

In other words, the reason Christ came into the world was to form us into his people, his bride, his body that we might do his work in the world. Where there are people who bow at the name of Jesus, there is hope for the world.

As long as there are disciples of Christ, there is hope for the world. The question you and I need to ask ourselves is, are we doing our part? This is a crazy world, but it is also a God-invaded world. "The Word has become flesh and dwelt among us ..." Christ has redeemed us that we might work in his behalf to redeem the world.

INTO THIS WORLD COMES GOD

I pray that we might live this upbeat Word of HOPE throughout the New Year.

Amen.



A Prayer for the New Year

God grant us this year a wider view,
So we see others' faults through the eyes of You.
Teach us to judge not with hasty tongue, Neither the adult ... nor the young.

Give us patience and grace to endure
And a stronger faith so we feel secure.
Instead of remembering, help us forget
The irritations that caused us to fret.

Freely forgiving for some offense
And finding each day a rich recompense.
In offering a friendly, helping hand
And trying in all ways to understand;

That all of us whoever we are...
Are trying to reach an unreachable star.
For the great and small...the good and bad, The young and old ... the sad and glad

Are asking today; Is life worth living?
The answer is only in, loving and giving.
For only Love can make man kind
And Kindness of Heart brings Peace of Mind.

By giving love, we can help this year
To lift the clouds of hate and fear.

By Helen Steiner Rice

Lectionary Texts for First Quarter, 2017

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Gospel
New Year's Day January 1	Psalm 8	Revelation 21:1-6a	Matthew 25:31-46
First Sunday after Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord January 8	Isaiah 42:1-9	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
Second Sunday after Epiphany January 15	Isaiah 49:1-7	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Third Sunday after Epiphany January 22	Isaiah 9:1-4	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 29	Micah 6:1-8	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 5	Isaiah 58:1-12	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	Matthew 5:13-20
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany February 12	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany February 19	Leviticus 19:1-18	1 Corinthians 3:10-23	Matthew 5:38-48
Transfiguration Sunday February 26	Exodus 24:12-18	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9

Lectionary Texts for First Quarter, 2017 cont.

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Gospel
Ash Wednesday March 1	Joel 2:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10	Matthew 6:1-21
First Sunday in Lent March 5	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
Second Sunday in Lent March 12	Genesis 12:1-4a	Romans 4:1-17	John 3:1-17
Third Sunday in Lent March 19	Exodus 17:1-7	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Fourth Sunday in Lent March 26	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41

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Bible Study— We are on break for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and Lent Seasons. We will pick up again on April 25, 2017.



W.I.N.G.S
(Women Into Nurturing God's Spirit)

The next regularly scheduled WINGS meeting is Monday, March 20th at 7pm at Greenfield. This is subject to change depending on the timing of the Home-wood March birthday party since we will need to plan the event. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

Greenfield Charge
Schedule of Church Services First Quarter, 2017

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SPECIAL SERVICE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
JOINT SERVICE New Year's Day January 1	GREENFIELD		10:00am
First Sunday after Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord January 8	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Second Sunday after Epiphany January 15	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Third Sunday after Epiphany January 22	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 29	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
JOINT SERVICE Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 5	MT. HOPE	"Before the Homily" Bible Study @ 9:30am Joint Consistory Mtg after Fellowship	10:00am
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany February 12	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany February 19	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Last Sunday after Epiphany Transfiguration Sunday February 26	All 3 Churches		Regular Services

Greenfield Charge
Schedule of Church Services First Quarter, 2017 cont.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SPECIAL SERVICE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Ash Wednesday March 1	GRACE	COMMUNION	7:00pm
JOINT SERVICE First Sunday in Lent March 5	GRACE	“Before the Homily” Bible Study @ 9:30am COMMUNION	10:00am
Wednesday Len- ten Service March 8	GREENFIELD	Fellowship Meal Service	6:00pm 7:00pm
Second Sunday in Lent March 12	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Wednesday Len- ten Service March 15	MT. HOPE	Fellowship Meal Service	6:00pm 7:00pm
Third Sunday in Lent March 19	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Wednesday Len- ten Service March 22	GRACE	Fellowship Meal Service	6:00pm 7:00pm
Fourth Sunday in Lent March 26	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Wednesday Len- ten Service March 29	GREENFIELD	Fellowship Meal Service	6:00pm 7:00pm

Greenfield Charge
Schedule of Church Services First Quarter, 2017 cont.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SPECIAL SERVICE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Fifth Sunday in Lent April 2	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Wednesday Len- ten Service April 5	MT. HOPE	Fellowship Meal Service	6:00pm 7:00pm
JOINT SERVICE Palm Sunday April 9	GREENFIELD	Joint Consistory Mtg after Fellowship	10:00am
Maundy Thursday Service April 13	GRACE	Communion Covered Dish Service	6:00pm 7:00pm
Good Friday April 14	GREENFIELD		7:00pm
Easter Egg Hunt April 15	MT. HOPE		1:00pm
Easter Sunday April 16	All 3 churches	Communion	Regular Services

A Note from Rick:

Please make any checks for Grace Church payable to "**GRACE UCC**". This is for any and all offerings, (unless specifically mentioned otherwise). This includes any "Mission" offerings, "Building Fund" offerings, and "Food Bank" offerings - all of which will be forwarded to appropriate places.

Also, the Christmas Eve offering of \$160 was donated to "Make A Wish Foundation."



Operation Christmas Child

Thanks to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child by either building a box (es) or donating money. Also, “thank-you” to Wendy and Jeff for coordinating the project and delivering the boxes. The Charge donated 69 boxes, a slight decrease from last year (74).

Thanks to the Grace Sunday School kids who included a Prayer and Handprint for each shoebox.

You can check where your shoebox(es) went by accessing the following page and entering your email address:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box-lookup>

We do know that several of our 2016 boxes went to Ukraine & Kenya. Please share your shoebox locations if you participated with the [Follow-Your-Box Tracking Labels](#). Let Pastor Bob, Jeanne or Wendy know the location.

Statistics of the boxes are shown below:

<i>Ages</i>	<i>2-4</i>	<i>5-9</i>	<i>10-14</i>	<i>Totals</i>
<i>Boy</i>	7	18	12	37
<i>Girl</i>	5	14	13	32
	12	32	25	69



Annual Gospel Sing and Soup Meal

Will be held at Christ Lutheran Church on January 28th to benefit the Claysburg Library. The meal will be ready at 4:00pm with music beginning at 4:30pm. It will end at approximately 7:15pm. Come for a short time or stay the entire evening. If you are willing to provide a dessert for this event, please contact Elaine Smith.

Trinity Gazette Newsletter Briefs



Leo Update

Leo and I start a new career in January – Nose Work Class, also known as Bomb Sniffing class. The dogs are trained to find certain scents out of a multitude of scents. Based on my experience with Leo, I am just glad that there will be no live bombs!

Nancy and Leo continue with Obedience classes. They are quite good at Obedience.

Special Services & Events

January 1, 2017 – Joint Service at Greenfield

The Joint Consistory Meeting has been rescheduled for February 5, 2017, following the Joint Service at Mt. Hope.

February 5, 2017 – “Before the Sermon”

Our “Before the Homily” Bible Study series starts at 9:30 AM, prior to the 10:00 Service. This series will continue before each Joint Service. Children’s Sunday School will run concurrently with the Bible Study.

The Bible Study will take an in-depth look at the Scripture used that Sunday. It will be interactive – not a lecture nor another homily.

I pray that you will join us for the Kick-off on February 5, 2017!

March 1, 2017 – Ash Wednesday

The Lenten Season starts with our Ash Wednesday Service at Grace. Service starts at 7:00 PM and includes Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

March 8, 2017 – Lenten Service

Our Wednesday evening Lenten Services start on March 8 with Service at Greenfield. Soup & Sandwich Fellowship Time will start at 6:00 PM with Service to follow at 7:00 PM. Please review the Worship Schedule for locations.

Thank-You

I want to thank-you all for the wonderful Advent and Christmas. Thank-you to all that attended the Services and thank-you to all that helped with the Services.

Thank-you for all the cards and gifts – I am truly BLESSED to have you all as part of our ministry.

The Trinity Gazette

The Trinity Gazette is published on a quarterly basis. The Trinity Gazette is available on the Church’s Web site and hard copies are being distributed at each of the three

churches. If you are not receiving it or if you know of someone who would enjoy our publication, let me know and we will get the names on our distribution list.

Church Web Site is: www.greenfieldcharge.org

We invite everyone to submit articles and/or information to Jeanne Mowry or Pastor Bob. The deadline for information submission is the 15th of the month prior to publication.


Newsletter Team

The Newsletter Team has finalized a distribution list. The distribution list will be used to mail out copies of The Trinity Gazette to those who do not pick up their copy at church. This will ensure that The Trinity Gazette is being received by everyone in the congregations and by our friends.

If you know of someone that would like to receive our publication, please give the name(s) to Pastor Bob or Jeanne.

Team Members:

Jeanne Mowry
Robin Pozgar
Wendy Farber
Pastor Bob



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am and every third Thursday of the month from
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.**

All non-perishable items in date are much appreciated.

Monetary donations should be made payable to the *Claysburg Food Bank* and mailed to Dolores Helsel, treas., 371 Cottontown Road, Claysburg, PA 16625.



Lisa's Tasty Ham Loaf Ball Recipe

Lisa is sharing her recipe for Ham Loaf Balls which were thoroughly enjoyed by those at the Charge's Christmas dinner. Bon appetite!

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar

3 tablespoons cornstarch

1/2 teaspoon ground cloves (this is optional, but I did use it in the sauce I baked the Christmas party ham loaf balls in)

1³/₄ cups pineapple juice (I use whatever I have—pineapple, peach, orange. For the Christmas party I used mostly pineapple juice but I added peach juice & orange juice to have enough liquid)

1/2 cup light corn syrup

3 tablespoons cider vinegar

4¹/₂ teaspoons Dijon mustard

In a saucepan, combine the brown sugar, cornstarch & cloves. Stir in pineapple juice, corn syrup, vinegar & mustard until smooth. Bring to a boil over medium heat;

Cook & stir for 2 minutes. Pour over ham loaf balls. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until browned.

This recipe used 2¹/₂ pounds of ham loaf. I just form it into 1¹/₂ inch balls. Yield: 10 servings.



Claysburg-Kimmel Elementary School

Bulldog Backpack Program

The C-K Backpack Program would welcome any donations of individually packaged items or money to purchase items. Main meals like canned pasta, mac and cheese cups, etc. are most needed at this time. If you are interested in donating money or food items, please see Jeanne for further details.

January, February & March Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays

2nd Mike Boyer
3rd Roger Corle
9th Lisa Pejack
12th Barry Barnes
15th KyLeigh Alexander
15th Dolores Berkhimer
16th Rick Walter
26th Roger Knisely

February Birthdays

2nd Jacob Ebersole
3rd Susie Bivens
8th Samuel Gordon
10th Megan Weyandt
11th Mabel King
12th Aaron Hobaugh
14th David Burket, Jr.
18th Ronnette Kranik
21st Cathy Barnes
21st Rachel Pejack
24th Mark Zumbro

March Birthdays

1st Diana Berkhimer
1st Sarah Ebersole
5th Zane Helsel
7th Karen Stombaugh
13th John Burket
14th Ted Reynolds
15th Erika Reynolds
15th Susan Tremmel
16th Tessa Knisely
17th Joel Claar
18th Aaron Reynolds
19th Anita Foy
20th Tammy Claycomb
21st Hayden Corrigan
24th Andrew Pejack
25th Wendy Farber
26th Zachary Claycomb
27th Dennis Cowher
28th Elizabeth Yoder
29th Laura Alexander

January Anniversaries

8th Pat & Bonnie Black
8th Alvin & Karen Stombaugh

February Anniversaries

6th Zane Helsel & Joni Elliott

March Anniversaries

14th Wyatt & Elizabeth Yoder
15th Dick & Donna Finnegan
29th Bob & Nancy Penner

If there are any additions or corrections to the birthday/anniversary lists, please contact Emily Corle. THANKS!