

'Till We Meet Again!

Week of October 15th & 16th, 2022

Unity Team Update

At worship on October 8 and 9, the Unity Team presented a comprehensive update concerning their work and next steps. You can view and print the written update on our websites. On the UPG site, move your mouse over the "News and Events" tab, select "Path to Unity" and click the button marked "October 2022" OR on the home page scroll down to "What's New" and click the "Path to Unity" link. If you wish to receive a paper copy, please call one of the church offices. (See "Drop a line" below.

Our Church in Mission

Mission Statement Subcommittee

The Unity Team is looking for congregants to join the new Mission Statement Subcommittee. Responsibilities include reviewing current mission statements of all three congregations and forming a new, combined, and all-inclusive mission statement as we begin to celebrate the path of becoming Blessed Trinity. The mission statement will include part of who we are, what we do, what our purpose is, and more! What an exciting opportunity for members to come together and create a statement of what defines us! No experience necessary, just thoughts and words. Contact Kevin Remaly at kevremaly@gmail.com for more.

We **strongly recommend** that masks be worn during all in-person activities on our campuses.

Weekend Worship

October 15

5 PM at St. Peter's

October 16

9:15 AM at St. John's Windish

This Week's Worship Ministers:

October 15th:

Assisting Minister: Josh Gulotta

October 16th:

Assisting Minister: Josh Gulotta

Organist: Jim Long

Lector: Carol Henn

Communion Assistants:

Kevin Remaly & David Kolman

Ushers:

Donna Musselman

Douglas Bleier

Material for TWMA

Please send any information to tom.keener@upgbethlehem.org by Monday if at all possible and no later than noon on Tuesdays.

Joint Council Change

The October joint council meeting date has been changed to Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 pm at SJW.

NOTE: Pastor Suzanne will be out of town through Oct. 21. Please contact Pastor Mike for any pastoral concerns. See contact info under "Drop a line" below.

Choir Rehearsals to Resume

Choir rehearsals will resume at SJW on Wednesday, October 19, at 7 PM. Beginning on November 2, choir rehearsals will be held at STP at 7 PM. We welcome returning members and new members.



October Organ Concert at St. Peter's

All are invited to attend an exciting organ concert on **Sunday, October 23 at 3 pm at St. Peter's!** Marisa Deshler, the organist at St. Peter's, will be performing a concert featuring a wide variety of organ favorites, including works by J.S. Bach, Dupre, and Durufle. The variety of pieces on the program showcases the many sounds and moods of the St. Peter's pipe organ. Come and enjoy an afternoon of music. Mark your calendars now for October 23rd at 3 pm.

Reminder: Please return Memorial Patches

We are planning to make a Memorial Banner for All Saints Sunday (November 6) to commemorate the people in our lives who have entered the Church Triumphant, as well as the many losses we have experienced through the past pandemic years. At a recent worship service, we handed out patches that

you can write or draw on to contribute to this banner. If you have a patch, please complete and return it as soon as possible so that we can make the banner in time. Additional patches will be available at church for those who have not received one. Instructions are included.

Church Triumphant

Our brother **Matthew Seifert** entered the Church Triumphant on October 6. A memorial service was held on October 12 in the Strunk Funeral Home, Wilson Borough.

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Our sister **Marilyn Parks** entered the Church Triumphant on October 3.

Gift Cards for Thanksgiving Baskets

Please consider contributing a monetary donation or a check made out to St. John's Windish for gift cards that will accompany Thanksgiving baskets that BAM (Blessed Angels in Ministry) will assemble. You will find envelopes marked "Thanksgiving Basket Donation" on the table as you enter the church. Our collection will continue through Sunday, November 13. Thank you for blessing a family with a Thanksgiving dinner!

Clean up at Ft. Hill Cemetery

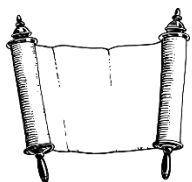
It's time to rake leaves (as part of our Day of Service) at Fountain Hill Cemetery. Your help is requested on Saturday, November 26, from 9 AM to noon. For more information, please contact Susan Vitez at 610-390-9501

Christmas Ingathering

Our commitment to this year's Ingathering is 300 bottles of shampoo (children's and adult's). The annual Ingathering takes place at New Jerusalem on Wednesday, December 7. The last day of collection will be December 4. Each church will have a collection box as we rotate locations for worship.

Church Happenings

A Stroll Through the Scrolls



The Books of Ruth, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther are in Jewish practice referred to as the Megillot, meaning "scrolls."

They got that name probably because they are each short enough to be read in their entirety in a public setting, which they regularly are in the Jewish liturgical calendar. But not so much in the Christian lectionaries used in Protestant and Catholic worship. "The Scrolls"

are read in Christian assemblies only very occasionally, but they have much to offer the Bible student willing to explore them. To that end, I will be teaching a series of five lessons – one for each scroll – on five consecutive Wednesdays, beginning on October 5 and running through November 2. Classes will meet in the Social Room at St. Peter's, with sessions starting at 2 p.m. and ending by 3:30 p.m. Please register by emailing me directly at mikebutton52@gmail.com.

Worship Bulletins to Change

Request an ELW hymnal if you worship at home

Our bulletin format is changing. Beginning with November 5 and 6, we will no longer print the hymns in the bulletin unless they are from a source other than our ELW. If you watch the livestream or resulting video and would like an ELW for your use at home, please call your

church office and request one: LoC (610-691-2321), SJW (610-868-3282), STP (610-867-0519). When leaving a message, please give us your name and phone number so that arrangements can be made for you to either pick up a hymnal or arrange to have it delivered.

From the Mail Bag

Dear Pastor Trump,

Thank you to you and all involved in your parishes in writing letters of thanks and support for us to enclose in our FREE care packages to our men and women serving in the Military.

While each package that we send has all kinds of goodies for our Service men and women, it is the personal thank you and hand written notes that we often hear that makes the difference to those who receive them.

The cards that we enclose in our care packages lets our Military members know that we at home support them, stand behind them and believe in them and this is what they need to hear when they are away from home, family and support of loved ones.

Please thank all of your congregants for us for this simple but very important task of community service that DOES make a difference!

We ship care packages all year long and always welcome names and addresses of those serving whether overseas or home in the states. Those who receive them often take what they need or want and then share with others so if anyone knows of anyone serving, PLEASE share their information *(along with length of time that the address is good for) with us and we will ship them a free care package...or several if overseas,

Appreciatively,
Valerie & Blair Ferguson
Support The Troops Inc.
sttroops@gmail.com

Steeple and Steel - Oct. 29

The Steelworkers' Archive will present a mini-bus tour exploring the connections of European immigration to South Bethlehem to the history of Bethlehem Steel and the building of the ethnic churches by immigrant steelworkers. See information on our websites.

Drop a Line

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This Week at Blessed Trinity

October 15th to October 23rd

Saturday October 15th

- 11:00 AM: Sue Swavely Memorial Service at St. Peter's sanctuary, followed by lunch in the Social Room
- 2:30 PM: BES Bagged Lunch Project at St. Peter's kitchen
- 5:00 PM: Worship at St. Peter's with live stream on Facebook

Sunday October 16th

- 8:00 AM: Worship Video premieres on YouTube and UPG website
- 8:30 AM: Sunday School at St. John's
- 9:15 AM: Worship at St. John's

Monday October 17th

- 12:00 PM: Ladies Luncheon at Perkins
- 6:30 PM: St. Peter's Dart Baseball at St. Peter's Social Room
- 7:00 PM: LoC Dart Baseball at LoC Fellowship Hall

Tuesday October 18th

Wednesday October 19th

- 7:15 AM: Fellowship Group at St. Peter's
- 9:00 AM: Wednesday Morning Ladies Group at Light of Christ
- 2:00 PM: "A Stroll Through the Scrolls" Bible Study at St. Peter's
- 7:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal at St. John's Windish

Saturday October 22nd

- 5:00 PM: Worship at St. Peter's with live stream on Facebook

Sunday October 23rd

- 8:00 AM: Worship Video premieres on YouTube and UPG website
- 8:30 AM: Sunday School at St. John's
- 9:15 AM: Worship at St. John's
- 3:00 PM: Organ Recital at St. Peter's