

'Till We Meet Again!

Week of October 29th & 30th, 2022

Unity Team Update

At worship on October 15 and 16, the Unity Team presented a recap of their October 3 and 9 meetings. You can find the text of that recap beginning on page 4.

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.

Reformation Sunday

We invite members of Blessed Trinity to attend worship at SJW on Reformation Sunday, October 30, at 9:15 AM. Please wear something RED as we observe this special day. Our worship will be enhanced by the singing of the first verse

of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" in Windish by the choir. The choir will also sing "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" as we celebrate the thirty-one years that Jim Long has served SJW as church musician. We wish him God's blessings in his retirement.

Weekend Worship

October 29

5 PM at St. Peter's

October 30

9:15 AM at St. John's Windish

This Week's Worship Ministers:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Mike

October 29th:

Assisting Minister:

Sandra Butch

October 30th:

Assisting Minister:

Donna Musselman

Organist: Jim Long

Lector: Kevin Remaly

Communion Assistant:

Jimmy & Douglas Bleier

Ushers:

Gina Brockway & Carol Henn

Processional: Delynn Gerhard

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.

Choir Rehearsals Have Resumed

We are again holding choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM, on the campus where we are worshiping for the month: St. Peter's in November and Light of Christ in December. We welcome returning members and new members.



Organ Concert at St. Peter's Rescheduled

The organ concert originally scheduled for October 23 has been rescheduled for **Sunday, December 4 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.

Blanket Season

You can help Lutheran World Relief

As fall sets in, we all reach for a warm, snuggly blanket to ward off the cold. Imagine experiencing a flood, fire, tornado, or needing to flee your home taking nothing with you. Lutheran World Relief provides blankets to people in need around the world. People use them for warmth, protection, privacy, to carry their possessions and so much more.

Sunday, November 13 in St. Peter's Social Room, following worship, YOU can help

make some of these life saving blankets. No special skills are needed, everyone can help with blanket making.

A light lunch will be provided. Let's see how many blankets we can put together in 2 or 3 hours! Stay as long as you can. Know there will be helpers there if you are new to this project. See Louise Fielding or call Elizabeth Elterich (610-691-3130) if you have questions or need more info.



Next Week's Ministers

Presiding Minister:

Pastor Suzanne

November 5th:

Assisting Minister:

Stephanie McGregor

November 6th:

Assisting Minister:

Gina Brockway

Organist: Marisa Deshler

Lector: Delynn Gerhard

Communion Assistant:

Donna Musselman

Eric Harper

Acolyte: Douglas Bleier

Ushers:

Anthony DeAngelis, Jr.

Dolores Kennedy

Processional:

Harmony Gubich

Jimmy Bleier

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

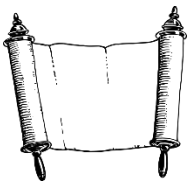
It's time to rake leaves (as part of our Day of Service) at Fountain Hill Cemetery. Your help is requested on Saturday, November 26, from 9 AM to noon. For more information, please contact Susan Vitez at 610-390-9501

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. The Bethlehem/Easton Mission District Ingathering of health care items benefits individuals in the following institutions: New Bethany Ministries, Safe Harbor Shelter, Hellertown Area Food Bank, Turning Point, Victory House, ProJeCt, Headstart Community Services, and Bright Hope.

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.

Unity Team Update

1. Meet on October 3rd and October 9th, 2022

2. Discussed:

a. Reviewed the history of how 3 churches wanted to become one. It started with St Peters and Light of Christ forming a parish agreement in 2019. Later, St Johns wanted to join, and then we started a new process with the Transition Team. All three churches voted together in March 2022 to form a blending of three congregations, which started the Unity Team in May 2022.

b. The Unity Team will discuss and present to the Joint Council recommendations as we continue in our process of blending together to become Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church. The Joint Council will be responsible for taking action on the recommendations from the Unity Team.

c. Unity Team recap presentation was presented on Saturday Oct 8th and Sunday Oct 9th. This presentation gave a recap of progress and next steps as of the August meeting. There was a question asked on how the developer knew about the possibility of our churches being sold. It started with a Facebook post stating that St Johns was for sale. A realtor saw the post and contacted St Johns who told them about the three churches blending into one. The realtor proactively got in contact with a developer who expressed interest to the realtor who then contacted St Johns. Later, the Unity Team established contact with the realtor to start discussion with the developer about the possibility of the four locations being sold to one and the realtor and developer helping us with finding a new location.

d. Sub-committee updates

Constitution & Bylaws (Mary Mann) = the Joint Council approved the proposed Constitution and Bylaws. We are scheduled for the Synods October 15th meeting. The Synod has already expressed that the name, constitution, and bylaws have already received approval.

New Property Location (Mike Horwath) = currently searching for properties without the help of a realtor. Still need more information before any real decision or search can be started.

Asset Disposition (Kenda Riley) = appraiser visited all properties, still awaiting appraisal documents. Received 2 separate Letters of Intent by various ways of communication. There is no plan to sign any of the Letters of Intent, there is still work that needs to be done before any recommendation. Discussed if there any ongoing wishes of each congregation about the future use of each location.

Archive (Kenda Riley) = continuing to assess archives.

Non-Fixed Assets (Nancy Kostas) = continuing to inventory building contents by categories.

Attorney (Joe Bleier) = continuing to gather requested documents. The attorney is knowledgeable and capable of assisting us the sale and purchase of properties. As one of our next steps will be filing for a Federal EIN number for Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church. This Federal number does not constitute any transfer of properties, all properties will remain with each respective community of faith.

Mission Statement (Kevin Remaly) = started gathering volunteers and will be meeting soon. It was mentioned that we may want to revisit

the Mission Statement again once we are settled in at our new location.

Fellowship (Linda Toltesi) = started this committee and shortly will be presented to the members for volunteers.

e. Our Synod representative, Pastor Jean Huber, will be meeting with us in November to review the current process in a Call Process.

f. We want to remind everyone about the worries and continued focus on the buildings and money. We understand that this is a concern on people's heart, but our we need to remain strong on the real reason of joining together, OUR MINISTRIES. Our purpose is to spread God's word and how we can use our

deep roots in each congregation to achieve that goal.

3. Next Steps

- a. Follow up with sub-committees with progress
- b. Start next sub-committees: (open for volunteers...please contact liaison)

Fellowship (Linda Toltesi = Unity team liaison)...more information to follow

4. Next Meeting on Sunday, November 13th

5. All questions or concerns for Unity Committee please contact one of the three co-chairs or the sub-committee Unity Team liaison.

All Saints Sunday – November 6

We will observe All Saints Sunday on November 6, at 9:15 AM with worship at St. Peter's. The Service will include a commemoration of our members who have left this life and transferred to the Church Triumphant during the past year. We will also mark our losses



Daylight Saving
Time ends Nov. 6

through the Covid19 pandemic, using a banner containing patches made by our

members. In addition, we can list any others of your family or friends who have passed out of this life since last All Saints Sunday. Please send their names to josh.gulotta@upgbethlehem.org no later than noon on Tuesday, November 1.

We plan to display pictures of our loved ones who have died at any time. We invite you to bring your pictures when you come to worship.

Drop a Line

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This Week at Blessed Trinity

October 29th to November 6th

Saturday October 29th

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

Sunday October 30th – Reformation Sunday

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 31st

7:00 PM: LoC Dart Baseball at Christ UCC

Tuesday November 1st

7:00 PM: Worship and Music Team at St. Peter's

Wednesday November 2nd

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. Peter's

Saturday November 5th

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

Sunday November 6th – All Saints Sunday

Daylight Saving Time ends; turn clocks back

8:00 AM: Worship Video premieres on YouTube and UPG website

8:30 AM: Sunday School at St. Peter's

9:15 AM: Worship at St. Peter's

3:00 PM: Piano Recital at Light of Christ