

'Till We Meet Again!

Week of October 8th & 9th, 2022

This Weekend

COVID-19 Safety Measure Update: With the current upsurge of cases of Covid-19, we **strongly recommend** that masks be worn during all in-person activities. In the abundance of caution, if you have any symptoms of a cold or allergies, please test for COVID and follow CDC recommendations for your safety and those around you.

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.

NOTE: Pastor Suzanne will be out of town Oct. 7 through 21. Please contact Pastor Mike for any pastoral concerns. See contact info under "Drop a line" below.

Weekend Worship

October 8

5 PM at St. Peter's

October 9

9:15 AM at St. John's Windish

This Week's Worship Ministers:

Presiding this week:

Pastor Mike

Organist: Jim Long

October 8th:

Assisting Minister:

Gina Brockway

October 9th:

Assisting Minister Carol Henn

Lector: Joe Boligitz

Communion Assistants:

Ron Leposa & Harmony Gubich

Ushers:

Guy Lintner & David Kolman

Temporary Editor of TWMA

For now, Tom Keener will be editor of *'Till We Meet Again*. Please send any articles to him at

tom.keener@upgbethlehem.org

In order to meet printing deadlines, he needs to receive this material no later than noon on Tuesdays. Monday is better. The earlier the better. Thank you.

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 Cemetary

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.

Church Triumphant

Our Sister **Sue Swavely** entered the Church Triumphant on September 28. We will have a celebration of her life at St. Peter's on Saturday, October 15, at 11:00 AM, followed by luncheon in the Social Room.

Next Week's Ministers

October 15th:

Assisting Minister:

Josh Gulotta

October 16th:

Assisting Minister:

Josh Gulotta

Lector: Carol Henn

Communion Assistants:

Kevin Remaly

David Kolman

Ushers:

Donna Musselman

Douglas Bleier

GWOH is now BAM

BAM (Blessed Angels in Ministry) – that's the new name for the combined GWOH (God's Work, Our Hands) and SAM (Stewards, Angels in Ministry) social ministry committee that offers events and projects for our members to serve local and global needs. **Thank you** in advance for continuing to support our ministries with your time, talent, and treasure. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Windish.

Did you know?

We have 2 weekend in-person worship opportunities

If you are unable to attend worship at 9:15 on Sunday mornings, did you know that in-person worship is also being held at St. Peter's every Saturday at 5:00 PM? It is always at St. Peter's because that is where the cameras and live stream equipment is. This worship is live streamed for those who cannot come to worship and for people seeking to find out about our community of faith. People who are homebound or in institutions are still able to worship with their church sisters and brothers.

For those who do not have internet access, we have the **Bringing it Home** ministry. We have purchased devices that connect to the worship video on the UPG website through the

cellular phone network. We provide this service free. If you or anyone you know could benefit from this ministry, please contact the church office or pastor. If you would like to help **support this ministry**, you can make a contribution to your church, marked for "Bringing it Home."

While live stream and video worship is great for those who cannot get to church, there is great value in gathering with your sisters and brothers in worship. **If you are able, please come to church.** If you are not now attending, **we miss you.** We understand if health concerns keep you away.

CROP Hunger Walk this weekend

The 38th annual CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 9. This will be a virtual event with some church teams or individuals walking on their own and others congregating on Sand Island at 1:30 p.m. Our group will be at Sand Island, but if you prefer to set your own goals and walk a route you've walked before, please do so. In either case, we ask that you register online -

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/upg>

If you are unable to walk with us, please consider a donation to our team. Last year our three congregations raised over \$1,700. Let's see if we can top that in 2022. To make a donation to our team or a team member, just go to the above link

Drop a Line

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This Week at Blessed Trinity

October 8th to October 16th

Saturday October 8th

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

Sunday October 9th

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

1:30 PM CROP Hunger Walk at Sand Island

Monday October 10th

7:00 PM: LoC Dart Baseball at LoC Fellowship Hall

Tuesday October 11th

9:00 AM Staff Meeting at St. John's

7:00 PM: Blessed Angels in Ministry at St. John's

Wednesday October 12th

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

Saturday October 15th

11:00 AM Sue Swavely Celebration of Life service & luncheon

11:00 AM: BAM Bagged Lunch Project at St. Peter's

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