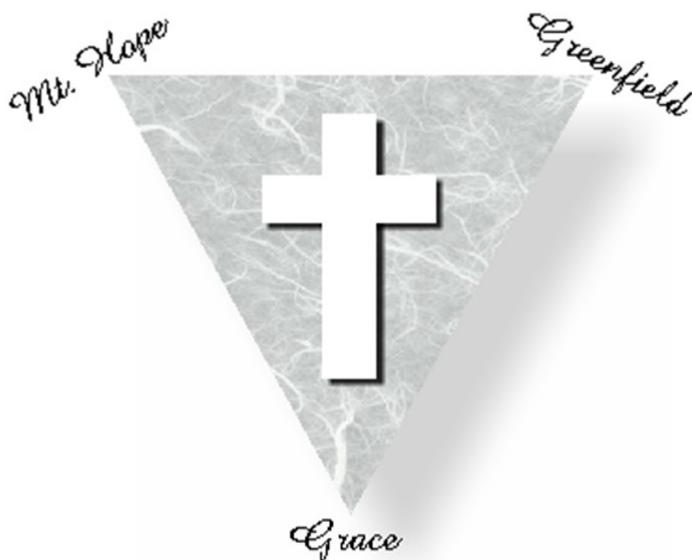


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TRINITY Gazette

Fourth Quarter, 2018

The Greenfield Charge



United Church of Christ



LEADING THE CHARGE!

A Message from Pastor Bob

Based on the book “Didn’t See It Coming”
by Carey Nieuwhof

Sometimes, all the violence in the Scriptures bothers me. But, it also made me realize something far more profound than I would normally see through my sanitized, twenty-first century, middle class, Western mind-set: God understands our world. He understands how brutal we often are and how awful human nature can be. God sees how violent we can be toward one another and toward ourselves. He sees our cruelty. Without God’s intervention in the narrative of the human story, life would be nasty, brutish, and short.

Instead of letting our inhumanity be the final word, God entered the mess in human form through Jesus the Christ and conquered hate with love. We threw the worst of humanity directly at Jesus: hatred, abuse, ridicule, rejection, and death. And God turned it into life. And, not just life for himself, but life for us, for humanity, for the very people who killed his Son.

The doubters thought they were winning on the last Thursday of Jesus’s life. They were certain they had the final word on Friday. They were in control. Despair had won. Even the disciples thought so. They went home, back to fishing. But, nobody saw Sunday coming. Nobody saw hope rising. Nobody saw love breaking out from the ashes of hate. Nobody saw Jesus coming back.

The remarkable part of Christianity is not that we have a Savior who came to deliver us, but that we have a Savior who sees us for who we really are and loves us anyway. Jesus stared hate in the face and met it with love. He confronted despair and made it abundantly clear, it would not win.

The thrust of the gospel is that Jesus sees your hate and meets it with love. He sees your despair and counters it with hope. He sees your doubt and lobs belief back at you again and again.

Doubt melts under the relentless hope of the gospel.

Your past isn't your future. Not if you get Jesus involved.

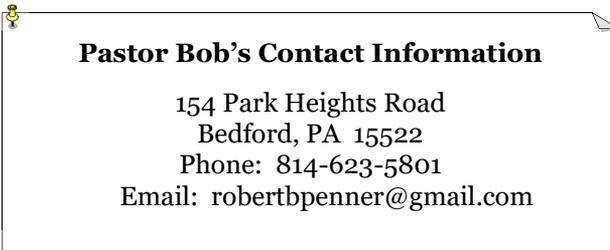
Bitterness can't linger under the relentless assault of love.

Hope cannot die if an empty tomb empowers it.

Of all people on earth, Christians should be the least doubtful. After all, the gospel gives us the greatest reasons to hope. We don't just cling to an intellectual claim or proposition. Our hope isn't based on an emotion or a feeling. It lives in a person, who beat death itself and who loves us deeply enough to literally go through hell to rescue us.

Because hope is anchored in resurrection, it is resilient. It can outlast a dozen or a hundred frustrating jobs. It can outmaneuver ten thousand broken hearts. If you want to kick your doubts in the teeth, trust again. Hope again. Believe again. That is the hope found in Jesus Christ.

Amen.



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Lectionary Texts for Fourth Quarter, 2018

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Gospel
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 7	Job 1:1, 2:1-10	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 14	Job 23:1-9; 16-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Twenty- second Sunday after Pentecost October 21	Job 38:1-7; 34-41	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Twenty- third Sun- day after Pentecost October 28	Job 42:1-6; 19-17	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52
Twenty- fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 4	Ruth 1:1-8	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 11	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44

Lectionary Texts for Fourth Quarter, 2018 cont.

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Gospel
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 18	1 Samuel 1:4-20	Hebrews 10:11-25	Mark 13:1-8
Reign of Christ Sunday November 25	2 Samuel 23:1-7	Revelations 1:4-8	James 18:33-37
First Sunday of Advent December 2	Jeremiah 33:14-16	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
Second Sunday of Advent December 9	Luke 1:68-79	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
Third Sunday of Advent December 16	Isaiah 12:2-6	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23	Micah 5:2-5	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-55
Christmas Eve December 24	Isaiah 62:6-12	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:1-20
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost December 30	1 Samuel 2:18-26	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52

Greenfield Charge
Schedule of Church Services Fourth Quarter, 2018

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SPECIAL SERVICE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
JOINT CHARGE PICNIC / WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY October 7	Blue Knob Community Center	COMMUNION Joint Service Picnic Annual Hay Ride	11:00am 12:30pm 1:30pm
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 14	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost October 21	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
All Saints' Sunday October 28	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
JOINT SERVICE Harvest Home Sunday Reformation Sunday November 4	GREENFIELD	Pre-service Bible Study at 9:30am	10:00am
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 11	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 18	All 3 Churches		Regular Services

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Claysburg Ministerium Community Thanksgiving Service November 18	GRACE		6:00pm
Reign of Christ Sunday November 25	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
JOINT SERVICE First Sunday of Advent / Hanging of the Green December 2	GRACE	COMMUNION Joint Charge Christmas Dinner at 11:30am	10:00am
Second Sunday of Advent / Hanging of the Greens December 9	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Third Sunday of Advent December 16	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23	All 3 Churches		Regular Services

Schedule of Church Services cont. on next page.

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Christmas Eve Service December 24	GREENFIELD	Celebration Service Communion	5:00pm
Christmas Eve Service December 24	MT. HOPE	Family Service Communion	7:00pm
Christmas Eve Service December 24	GRACE	Midnight Service Communion	11:00pm
First Sunday after Christmas December 30	All 3 Churches		Regular Services
Second Sunday after Christmas January 6, 2019	GREENFIELD	Pre-service Bible Study at 9:30am	10:00am

Trinity Gazette Newsletter Briefs

Leo Update



Leo and I did not do very good in our Odor Recognition Test. We only passed one part of the three-part test. So, back to class! Nancy and Leo continue with Obedience Classes.

Special Services & Events

“Pre-Service Bible Study”

Our “Pre-Service Bible Studies” will be held before the Joint Services on November 4. The Bible Study starts at 9:30 AM, prior to the 10:00 Service. There is a Children’s Sunday School that runs concurrently with Bible Study. We do have a lot of fun and we are surprised by our new insights into our God.

October 1, 2018 - Joint Consistory Meeting

The Joint Consistory will meet on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Mt. Hope. Please make plans to attend.

October 7, 2018 – Joint Charge Service / Picnic and Hay Ride @ Blue Knob Community Center

Join us at our Charge Joint Service and Picnic at the Blue Knob Community Center. Service starts at 10:00 AM with celebration of World Communion Sunday followed by our Fall-Themed Picnic. Please bring food to share and your place setting. Our Annual Hay Ride will begin at 1:30 PM.

October 28, 2018 – All Saints’ Sunday

We will remember those who have gone to their eternal home at all three churches on this All Saints’ Sunday as we light Remembrance Candles.

November 4, 2018 – Joint Service at Greenfield Harvest Home Sunday and Reformation Sunday

We will celebrate Harvest Home Sunday with special thanksgiving for the Harvest and Reformation Sunday as we remember our 501 years of our Reformed Heritage.

November 18, 2018

Grace UCC will host the Claysburg Ministerium’s Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, November 18 at 6:00 PM.

December 2, 2018 – Joint Charge Service and Christmas Dinner

Join us as we begin the Advent Season and celebrate Holy Communion followed by the dinner. Dinner prepared by Pastor Bob, Lisa Pejack and helpers.

There is no charge for the Christmas Dinner this year!

We will need a firm commitment if you plan to attend by November 19, 2017.

December 24, 2017 - Christmas Eve Services

Celebration Service	Greenfield	5:00 PM
Family Service	Mt. Hope	7:00 PM
Candle Light Service	Grace	11:00 PM

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class

The 2018 Confirmation Class was confirmed on Sunday, September 23, 2018. The class included Cassie Berkhimer, Grace Burket, Madison Gribbin and Aaron Reynolds.

Greenfield Consistory

Amy and Michael Boyer were installed as members of the Greenfield Consistory on September 9, 2018. Thank-you Amy and Michael.

Congratulations to Amy and Michael Boyer

Amy and Michael have adopted 4 young children.

They are Cora, age 4; Cannan, age 3; Reagan, age 2; Ryker, age 1. We pray for God's Blessings on this new family and praise God that he answered Amy and Michael's prayers for this new family.

Congratulations to Kera and Jonathan Furry

Kera and Jonathan have been blessed with Baby Alec. He was born on September 5, 2018. He was 8 lbs 7 oz and 20 inches. All are doing well.

Video Recording Project

If you miss a Service and/or would like to watch a Service, let Pastor Bob know and he will get you the recording. Likewise, if you know someone who would like to see a Service, just let Pastor Bob know.

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
Lisa Pejack
Wendy Farber
Pastor Bob



BIBLE STUDY

We will be wrapping up this year's Bible Study on Nov. 13th. By the end, we will have read every verse of the book of Proverbs.

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6 NIV

Dates

Oct 9 & 23 - Mt Hope

Nov 13 - Grace

Everyone is welcome to attend. Each lesson does not rely on the previous lessons.

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It's a Party for Norma Ritchey!

Norma Ritchey, long-time member of Grace Church will be celebrating her 100th birthday on November 30. Her family invites you to an open house to celebrate this glorious occasion.

When: Saturday, November 17, 2018
Where: East Freedom Fire Hall
Time: 1-4pm

Come see Norma and wish her a Very Happy Birthday!!



Operation Christmas Child

The Charge will once again participate in Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritan's Purse International Relief fund. Every gift-filled shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship—transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Last year, the Charge packed 57 shoeboxes, which was slightly less than the year before. Let's try to beat last year's numbers.

The National Collection week is November 12th-19th. Informational material and shoeboxes will be distributed to each church. Our local drop-off date and location has not been announced yet, but we will let everyone know through the weekly church bulletin.

If you are looking for packing suggestions, please look at the Samaritan's Purse website for ideas. They have the list categorized by sex and age. <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

A \$9 donation per shoebox gift is critical to cover shipping and other ministry expenses.

If you do not have access to a computer but would like to know what's on a particular list, please ask Wendy or Jeanne to print the information for you. We'd be glad to help!!!



DO NOT INCLUDE

Toothpaste; Candy; Gum; Chocolate or Food; Seeds; Fruit Rolls or other Fruit Snacks; Drink Mixes (powdered or liquid); Medications or Vitamins; Liquids or Lotions; Breakable items such as snow globes or Glass Containers; Aerosol Cans; Used or Damaged Items; War-Related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures.

Watch the weekly bulletins for the collection date and inserts!!

Night at the Curve



Aug 5th for our annual night out @ Altoona Curve Game
Curve Won, Free Big Macs, B1G1 @ Sweet Frog Coupons = Great Fun
Weather was hot, but we were in the shade except for the first 30
minutes. But no rain!

Pastor Appreciation Month

Imagine a job that demands the following: public speaking, teaching, scholarly research, counseling, home visitation and hospital care, event coordination, etc... This is your pastor. Pastor Appreciation Month is in October.

Last year, we celebrated Pastor Bob's 10th year with the Greenfield Charge. This year, we may not be hijacking the service, but we still need to show our appreciation.

Remember your leaders who have spoken God's word to you. As you carefully observe the outcome of their lives, imitate their faith... Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account, so that they can do this with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Pray for us; for we are convinced that we have a clear conscience, wanting to conduct ourselves honorably in everything. (Hebrews 13:7,17-18)

Pastor Appreciation Day is the perfect holiday to show our pastor, just how good of a job he is doing and to give him encouragement to keep the good work up.

A few things that YOU can do to show your appreciation for our pastor:

- * Attend Services
- * Get more involved with the services or church activities
 - Take a leadership role
- * Ask him about things in his Sermon
 - You're engaged with the message
- * Surprise him with gift cards to His Favorite stores and restaurants....
- * And much more....



Last years gift for 10 years!



This year, we had 19 kids with 2 of those assisting with the crafts but they also took part in the activities as well. Most of the kids were there for all 5 days!

VBS has donated their collection money of \$265.00 to Centre Wildlife Care of Port Matilda. Centre Wildlife Care is dedicated to caring for injured, orphaned, sick and displaced wildlife for the purpose of releasing them back into the wild. Thanks to all the VBS children and all others who made a contribution.

When you're lonely...
When you worry...
When you struggle...
When you do wrong...
When you're powerless...
...Jesus Rescues

A huge thanks goes out to the volunteers!! We had new Volunteers (Jessica and Ann) that stepped in and did an awesome job teaching the kids. Thanks also goes to Amy and Mike for the Ship and raft which created a beautiful backdrop to our theme: SHIP-WRECKED.

It takes a village - with each doing their own thing to create something great!



Grace Church did some outdoor clean-up by removing two tree stumps (in the front of the church and the parsonage) and six dead trees in the back lot. All tidy now!



Welcome to Lisa Calhoun, the Greenfield Charge's new pianist/organist.

Lisa has been with us for a couple months now and hopefully, you have had a chance to meet and introduce yourself to her.

Lisa has been playing the piano since the age of 5 and started playing for her church in her pre-teen years. Music has been a large part of Lisa's life. She was active in her school years accompanying her school in concerts and musical productions and continues today with church and choral groups. She also plays at weddings and funerals.

When Lisa is not entertaining folks with her musical talents, she enjoys reading and crocheting (she just finished a blanket in 4-1/2 months!) . Her new found joy is her recently adopted, 7 month-old kitty!

We are blessed to have Lisa with our Charge and look forward to her leading us in joyful music (and keeping us in tune!) for many years to come.



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Ladies' Advent Tea

The Ladies' Advent Tea will be held on **Sunday, December 2 at 3pm** at the Claysburg United Methodist Church.



WINGS (Women Into Nurturing Gods' Spirit)

A HUGE "thank-you" to all those that helped support the WINGS basket auction at Community Days this past August. WINGS net income was almost \$2,000! This will go a long way in our mission work here in the community. We greatly appreciate those who donated baskets and/or money, bought tickets, worked the booth, helped with set up/ tear down and much more.

THANK-YOU!



HOMWOOD'S Fall Bazaar
Thurs., October 4th, 10 am-4 pm
&
Friday, October 5th, 10 am-4 pm

Givler Cultural Center
437 Givler Drive, Martinsburg

**Come out & enjoy the
wonderful crafts & delicious food**

Outdoor Yard Sale—IT'S BACK!
Witmer Pavilion 10 am—2 pm both days

Proceeds benefit the Homewood Auxiliary



Proceeds from Bazaar in 2017 were
\$5,700.

Speaking of Homewood...it's time for the annual Homewood Auxiliary Membership drive! Karen, Donna and Jeanne have the information. Annual fees for families is now **\$6**. That shouldn't break the bank!! What other organization can you join and NOT have to do a thing?

This is basically a fundraiser. Every dollar is used to better the life of the residents at Homewood in Martinsburg. Total income for the Auxiliary last year was \$33,000. Major expenditures included the transportation bus, bocce court, Cultural Center contribution and emergency call system plus many more maintenance and supportive giving donations.

We always think of the little ones around the holidays. Let's consider the support we can give our older folks to have a comfortable, fulfilling retirement life. See Karen, Donna or Jeanne and sign-up this year!



**Salvation Army: Claysburg/East
Freedom Service Unit**

The local Salvation Army will kick-off its annual kettle campaign starting at Christmas in the Park on Saturday, November 24th. If you or your group is interested in "ringing the bell" this Christmas season, please see Jeanne. We have been assigned specific dates in December to ring at the East Freedom Walmart. The Claysburg Rotary will be ringing at C&S Market during the month. 85% of the money collected stays in the Claysburg service area. We raised over \$5,000 last year and hope to have another successful year. Please remember those less fortunate by donating either your time and/or financially this Christmas season!

Thank-you!!

CELEBRITY AMONG OUR MIDST

Excerpts from Altoona Mirror 9/5/18

Winning prestigious awards is nothing new for **Dave Burket**, 86, who operates Burket Falls Farm with his son, John, has been recognized as a

- Pennsylvania Holstein Hall of Fame member
- Larry Moore Distinguished Breeder by the National Red and White Dairy Cattle Association
- Recipient of the Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Farm Award

On Oct. 4 in Madison, Wis., he will be recognized by the National Dairy Shrine for his lifetime service with the coveted Pioneer Award.



Burket, a well-known cattle breeder, has dedicated over 60 years to the development and promotion of quality breeding, becoming an internationally recognized leader in developing polled (hornless) and red and white Holstein cattle.

What started out as a fringe area of interest to some in the dairy industry, the incorporation of polled genetics has exploded into the mainstream application, from Burket's work and effort in promoting the benefits of polled cattle to dairy breeders around the globe.

Burket is one of the first breeders to place a polled registered Holstein sire into an artificial insemination organization in 1975 when Burket Falls ABC became available through American Breeders Service. Today, researchers have determined that about two-thirds of the present polled Holstein population traces to this bull.

Burket Falls has developed outstanding genetics over the years, including red and white and black and white holsteins and breed changing polled cattle. Over 150 Burket Falls-bred animals have been classified Excellent. Over 65 have been designated Gold Medal Dams and Dams of Merit as well as numerous All American nominations in both black and white and red and white Holsteins. The number of cattle sold to fellow breeders has only built the legacy of Burket Falls genetics.

John Burket is proud of his father. Others agree that Burket is truly a pioneer.

<https://www.dairyherd.com/article/national-dairy-shrine-announces-2018-adult-award-honorees>

October, November & December Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthdays

1st Emily Walter
4th Derek Bivens
6th Pastor Mary Hendricks
15th Amy Finnegan
25th Patricia Wees
29th James Bowmaster, Jr.
30th Hannah Claycomb
31st Elizabeth Osborn

November Birthdays

1st Callum Furry
5th George Burket
9th Cathy Walter
14th "Beaver" Walter
15th Bryson Corrigan
16th Blake Claar
16th Steve Burket
16th Joan Moore
19th Linda Walter
25th Kaitlyn Farber
29th Nicole Gustkey
30th Norma Ritchey

December Birthdays

3rd Donna Claar
4th Gary Roudabush
5th Ann Claar
8th Roy Berkhimer
8th Edith Ramsey
13th Amy Berkhimer
14th Jessica Claar
17th Brandon Reynolds
19th Chase Mock
22nd Mary Walter
23rd Dick Lingenfelter
25th Marie Burket

October Anniversaries

11th Barry & Cathy Barnes
20th Michael & Sheryl Osborn

November Anniversaries

1st Dennis & Nellie Cowher

December Anniversaries

15th George & Marie Burket
18th Roy & Diana Berkhimer
22nd Steve & Bonnie Walter
27th Larry & Jeanne Mowry
31st Bob & Edith Ramsey

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