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*“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.”*

*Psalm 33:12 NKJV*



# Weekly Services @ Trinity Youth Group

Every new Youth Group year brings new challenges. Most times the biggest challenge is getting the new Youth Groupers to feel comfortable being around the group. This has not been the case with students this year. Even though we have a few new faces, all the students have quickly become friends. It's nice when this is the case because it allows us to have deep group conversations.



Last month the Youth Group made cards that they will deliver along with care packages to Laural Ridge skilled nursing facility in November.

Youth Group Thursdays @ 5:30 p.m.



Young Adult Small Group

Tuesdays at Panera Bread

5:00 p.m.

## Adult Sunday School



### November Lessons

Psalms of Thanksgiving and Praise

11/3 Confidence in God's Shepherding (Psalm 23)

11/10 Songs of Praise (Psalms 146;150)

11/17 A Song of Thanksgiving (Psalm 100)

11/24 God's Promised Presence (Psalm 139:1-12)

Sunday School

Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.

With James V.



## Darts & Devotions

Thursday's @ 10:00 a.m. Devotions by Doug

## Faith Discussions

Mark C's Diner

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month.

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.



## Bright Beginnings Center For Learning

Bright Beginnings thanks you for your support and prayers. If anyone wants to donate to the pre-school, we are always accepting supplies such as, white cardstock, printer paper, baby diaper wipes, colored cardstock, paper towels, Lysol wipes, and tissues. If you wish to make a monetary donation, checks can be made out to Bright Beginnings Center for Learning. We are a non profit, this means any monetary donations can be used as a tax write off for your records. Our EIN # is 92-1516471 Help spread the word about our preschool! You can find us on Facebook, Instagram and Google. You can see all of our pictures of the wonderful things the kids are doing and learning!

We'd like to thank the church for blessing us with the use of your building.

**Classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday all day or half day.**

**For more information, contact director Emily Bowers at 724-812-2862.**



Available during worship.



## Notes From The Bench



-by Brett Vanderlaan

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### What Time (Period) Is It? (Part 2)

This column continues the brief summary of major time periods in the history of music. Part 1 covered **Ancient Music**, **Medieval Music**, **Renaissance Music**, and **Baroque Music**. That brought us up to about 1750. This month will explore the more recent 275 years or so. Please note that this presentation is filtered through my own *personal experience and learning*. Any search of these concepts will likely reveal expansions or variations from my descriptions - not necessarily better or worse, just different.

Following the Baroque period is the **Classical period**. This distinct time frame often causes confusion due to the use of the term "classical music" to refer to all forms of "art" music as opposed to "folk" or "popular" music. The **Classical Era** of classical music runs from about 1750 through the very early 1800s. The two primary composers of Classical music are Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Franz Joseph Haydn. Other significant composers from this era include the sons of J.S. Bach (Johann Christian; Johann Christoph Friedrich; Carl Philipp Emanuel; Wilhelm Friedemann; and others), Muzio Clementi, Carl Maria von Weber, and Antonio Salieri. Music of this period is known for its clear formal structure, traditional harmonies, and balanced proportions.

As the 19<sup>th</sup> Century began, composers like Beethoven, Mendelssohn, and Schubert ushered in a more emotional and dramatic type of music. This change marked the beginning of the **Romantic Era**. During these decades, greater emphasis began to be paid to individual performers (specific big stars included Paganini, Chopin, and Liszt). Composers and performers alike began to experiment and stretch the boundaries of what music could be and do. Harmonic and structural rules were bent or broken. Instruments were refined, developed or invented. Later in the 1800s, Romantic composers began to create styles that reflected particular cultural or national influences, including folk idioms and tunes. This **Late Romantic period** is sometimes described by the term *Nationalism* - especially when looking at the music of Dvorak, Tchaikovsky, Grieg, Sibelius and others.

Once we reach 1900, any summary of music history gets much more complicated. The emergence of jazz, gospel, rock, pop, and "world" music each create their own histories and divisions of time. Within the continuing vein of so-called classical music, **Modern Music** goes through many periods, or perhaps better described as movements, such as *Impressionism* (Debussy, Ravel), *Serialism* - or *Twelve-tone* and *Atonal* (Berg, Schoenberg,

Webern), *Minimalism* (Phillip Glass, Steve Reich), *Electronic* and/or *Aleatoric* (Hovhannes, Cage, Stockhausen, Varese), and others. The emergence of film soundtracks, Broadway-style musical theater, and video games also expanded the realm of "classical" music beyond the recital and concert halls.

At this current point in time in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, if one attends a concert of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra or the Washington (PA) Symphony Orchestra, one is likely to hear music that is from or derived from any of these periods, movements, or influences. I would suggest that the great diversity of "new" music is no longer limited to specific times or places. It can be exciting, intimidating, confusing and overwhelming to consider what kind of music will be created in the next 10, 50 or 100 years! I encourage us all to continue to listen, enjoy, and make a joyful noise!

*Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God alone)*



# HELP US STUFF THE CHURCH VAN WITH TOYS!



## TRINITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Wednesday, December 4th  
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Drop off toys at TRINITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (79 West Fayette Street) between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. All the toys that are donated will be given to Fayette County Community Action Agency. FCCA will locally distribute the toys to children in Fayette County.

This event will take place in the parking lot across the street from Trinity Church.



## Happy Anniversary



Yauger, Doug & Patty 11/20

Tanner, II, George & Ginny 11/28

## Happy Birthday!



Ryan Zoretic	11/04
Cindy McMahon	11/05
Michael Peddicord	11/13
Ricky Peddicord	11/13
Suzanne Williams	11/18
Ellie Wallencheck	11/19
Colby Porterfield	11/20
Jalyn Shanaberger	11/20

Cleveland McCourt	11/26
Joy Fike	11/27
John Rapano	11/27
Tom Rapano	11/27
Anne Ulmer	11/28
Daniel Eddy	11/30



The Beesontown Singers and  
Trinity United Presbyterian Church  
present

# A Yuletide Madrigal Feaste

His Royal Highness and Queen Wife beckon thee  
to attend a Royal Dinner with Delightful Entertainment

Trinity United Presbyterian Church  
79 West Fayette Street Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Friday, 6 December 2024 at 5:45 p.m.  
Saturday, 7 December 2024 at 5:45 p.m.

\$37.50 per Guest



Tickets: [beesontownsingers.ludus.com](https://beesontownsingers.ludus.com)  
or scan the QR code

Questions: [beesontown@gmail.com](mailto:beesontown@gmail.com)  
or text to 724-322-2728

William Dreucci, Director and Producer    Barb Slavin, Production Manager  
Brett Vanderlaan and Helen Krichbaum, Royal Musicians.    Royal Cast, Choir and Musicians



**Harvest Table Donations**

The Chancel Committee/Church Family Committee will again be purchasing fresh produce to be displayed on the chancel table during worship on Sunday, November 24. If you would like to make a monetary donation toward this effort, please do so by Sunday, November 17. Checks should be made out to Trinity with Harvest Table in the memo line. The committee will use the donations to purchase the fruits and vegetables, which will then be donated to a local soup kitchen for those less fortunate. This project not only provides a colorful reminder of God's bounty and goodness for our congregation, but also helps those in need.



**Annual Thanksgiving Potluck**



The Annual Trinity Church Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 24 at noon. Join us following worship in the chapel for a traditional Thanksgiving meal and fellowship. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The turkey, beverages and place settings will be provided.



Hosted by the Church Family Committee

**Christmas Candlelight Tour**



The Church Family Committee is planning a holiday outing for Trinity members and friends on Saturday, December 14. We will meet first for dinner at Paci's Restaurant in Brownsville (Old National Pike) at 5:00 p.m., followed by a group candlelight tour of Nemaocolin Castle in Brownsville at 7:00 p.m. (tentatively). Dinner will be at your own expense, and the house tour tickets are \$15.00 per person. Participants have the option of doing both the dinner and the tour, or just the tour. A sign-up sheet will be in the chapel beginning Sunday, Nov. 3 and reservations must be made no later than Sunday, Nov. 24.

**Book Journey**



Tuesday, November 19, 11:30  
Mark C's Diner (Oliver Square)  
"Long Road to Mercy" by David Baldacci  
All are welcome!  
Contact Jean Nass at 724-437-4424 or [nass81@breezeline.net](mailto:nass81@breezeline.net) for more information.

**Kindred Souls**

Kindred Souls meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, for a luncheon, & time of fellowship.

This is for single & widowed women.

All women are welcome.

The next luncheon is Wednesday, Nov. 13th @ Roy's Pub @ 11:30 a.m.

For more information call Carol @ 724-438-0709

Reservations are appreciated by the day before.



**Interfaith Missions**

1. Loaves & Fishes Ministries  
A Few Feeding Many - Every Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.
  2. The Road Less Traveled - Thursday's @ 10:00 a.m.
  3. Trinity's Blue Bird House:
  4. If interested in volunteering at the Interfaith Office (Call Carol @ 724-438-0709)
- Interfaith Office Hours are Mon.—Thrs.—9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.



Rev. John Simpson— Pastor  
 James Vlosich, Discipleship Coordinator  
 Bill Dreucci, Director of Music  
 Brett Vanderlaan, Organist/Children's Choir Director  
 Rachel Vlosich/Office Manager  
 Bill Thompson, Sexton  
 Ministers: All the Congregation



**Our Mission** is to worship and serve Jesus Christ by proclaiming his Gospel to all persons.  
 As servants of Christ, we will always be a community of love, hope, service and reconciliation.

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**Email the church office if you need to be put**  
**on the church email list.**

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