

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 31 of 2017

WHEREAS, the Trinity United Methodist Church is an offshoot of one of the earliest Methodist congregations in Centre County, which was formed the first week of July 1787 along the Bald Eagle Creek at the site of the Curtin Iron works and there made a home and a preaching place for the pioneer Episcopal church; and

WHEREAS, the Trinity United Methodist Church in Bellefonte dates officially from April 1817, when James McGee, a pioneer schoolmaster and Methodist layman from the vicinity of Curtin, moved to the county town, where he formed in his home Bellefonte's first Methodist class. The class met at Mr. McGee's house, southwest corner of Allegheny and Bishop Streets; and

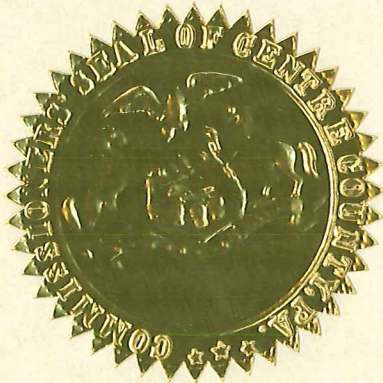
WHEREAS, the first church edifice was commenced in 1820 on East High Street which was later completed in November 1822. Furthermore, the present elegant brick church was built in 1875 and dedicated in July 1876; and

WHEREAS, the Trinity United Methodist Church was incorporated under an Act of the State Legislature, March 4, 1962, P.L. 171, the name of the corporation to be "The Methodist Episcopal Church in Bellefonte"; and

WHEREAS, the Methodists have the second-oldest active church in Bellefonte and have faithfully served generations of parishioners. On Saturday, September 23 the Trinity United Methodist Church will be hosting a community picnic to celebrate 200 years as an organized congregation; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize the Trinity United Methodist Church on its bicentennial and urge citizens throughout Centre County to celebrate its heritage.

ADOPTED this 19th day of September 2017.



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