



**Take heart, daughter;
your faith has
made you well**

MATTHEW 9:22

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners-the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. **Activity bags for children can be found in the Narthex.** Please sign our guest book in the Narthex and receive a gift of Trinity Bread from our greeters. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

Welcome to the Eucharist! All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion. ***Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.***

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES –If you have trouble with hearing, please check with one of the ushers for a Hearing Assist Sound Receiver.

PRAYER AS YOU ENTER: *O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*



CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to:

--Share God's love with our community

--Serve God's children

--Bring healing and wholeness to those in need

--Share the Gospel in liturgy, music, and study

BY YOUR SILENCE OTHERS MAY HEAR THE STILL SMALL VOICE OF GOD!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God calls us out of places known and secure.

God invites us into a living, trusting relationship.

Happy are those whom God chooses as a heritage.

God's counsel to every generation comes to us.

Let us worship God with our whole being.

Let us use all our talents to praise our Creator.

Praise God with instruments we have made.

Sing praises with voices God has given.

In the Acts of the Apostles we read that as the church was gathered, often in the homes of believers, Christians devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and community, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers.

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we gather at your table to know you in the breaking of the bread.

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, but we fear the Spirit's power.

Let us confess our slowness to embrace the new life of the Spirit.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

ADORATION AND PRAISE

ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT FOR SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

God of all nations, by whose word the heavens were made and in whose dominion the universe continues to expand, stretch our thinking in this time of reflection, refresh us as your rain waters the earth, and restore our strength that we might live faithfully according to your promises. Give us courage to trust even when the odds seem against us and to live truthfully even when challenged and attacked, that our witness might be helpful to others on life's journey. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Because the people have trusted in military powers instead of God and have engaged in idolatrous worship practices, God decides to withdraw until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 50:7-15

'Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt-offerings are continually before me.

I will not accept a bull from your house, or goats from your folds.

For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.

'If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine.

Do I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.

Call on me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.'

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and or us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

“Proclaim the Promise!”

Pastor Rankin

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for hearing our prayers and restoring our strength. Thank you for drawing us apart from our selfish ways and self-serving pursuits. Let our offering today fulfill your purposes, not ours. Let these gifts summon others to follow Christ. Let them know the joy of breaking bread with the Great Physician who offers healing to all who dare to trust in your mercy. We pray in the loving name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. With the majesty of your hand, you shaped this world and all that is in it. By your Holy Spirit, you breathed life into human form, and set us on the earth to praise and serve you. When we wandered from your ways and were lost in sin's wilderness, your truth burned in the hearts of the prophets who called your people to return to the path of righteousness. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son to be our deliverer. In every age your Holy Spirit has led us in your ways. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. At this baptism by John, your Spirit came with gentle wings, settling on him your blessing. In the wilderness of temptation, your Spirit stood by with power.

In his life and ministry, your Spirit led him to serve the poor, proclaim freedom from sin's bondage, open eyes with faith's sight, and befriend the friendless and the outcast. In all he did and said, he announced the coming of your saving might. By his death on the cross and rising from the tomb, he broke the power of death, and led the way to eternal life. Ascended to rule on high, Christ prays for us and promises the coming of peace and power.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GOD

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. **If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements at the back of the sanctuary and commune in your pew or ask someone near you to have the pastor and assistant come to you in the pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.**)*

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, all you have made is yours. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and cup our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **John & Kayla Brennan** in honor of our 10th wedding anniversary.

The Worship Aids are given by **Dottie Schadt** in memory of my sister, June Price.

Attendance for Sunday, May 31st 7:45 – 15 10:30 – 71 **TOTAL – 86**
Sunday School Attendance **18**

Ministering Today

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Christopher M. Rankin
Lector	Rev. Jack Esbenshade
Money Counters	Ron & Donna Denlinger, Denise Pfeiffer, Steve Shenk
Altar Guild	Kathy McCarty, Hedwig Hunsicker
Koinonia	Celebration Sunday
Building Trustee	Nevin Cooley
Ministries	Card Deacons (Lon Wible) Called to Care Betty Tyndall Visitation Dave Connor

This Week at Trinity Church

(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.)

Monday	7:00 PM – Executive Committee
Tuesday	7:00 PM – Pastor Parish Committee
Saturday	8:00 PM – Alanon/AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:30 AM – Eucharist 11:00 AM – VBS Planning Meeting

Happy Birthday!

Today - Robert Kilgore

Monday – Sarah Kilgore

Tuesday – Barbara Moyer

Thursday – Mitch Gibson

Friday – Diane Rice

Saturday – Kayla Brennan

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Donna Zirkel	Roger & Mary Ann Bradley	Ron & Donna Denlinger
Scott & Jane Owens	John & Sarah Paulukow	John & Dolly Barr
Mid Gockley	Jack Richards	Sue Husted
George & Ellie Latsha	Dr. Bruce Rodenberger	Landis Knoll & Family
Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline	Bob & Marlyn Wible	Dottie Schadt
Betty Tyndall & family	Himelwright Family	Mary Lou Shaab
Dr. Parry Miller	Joann Garvin & Family	Don Miller
Betty Fogle	Arlene Hoxworth	Rhonda Hartenstine
Carmen & Jerry Richards	Denise Huggins	The Lehman family
Donna Wolf & Family	Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman	Hank Fox
Rev. Bob Musser	Sam Minder III	Mary Lou Sturgis
Lori Daly	Danielle Huggins Holbein	Pat Seachrist
Woerner Family	Michael McDonough	Nicole Hummel
Ron Becker	Pastor Harry Royer	Joann Mowrer
Kathleen Sensenig Adams	Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Hans & Hannah Slechta

Bob Guers (brother of Betty Tyndall)

Joyce Litzenberger (mother of Dina Slechta)

Bud Yohe (brother-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty)

Matt Myers (nephew of Bob & Marlyn Wible)

Norma Strite (neighbor of the Shenks)

Rev. Patty Dodds (pastor of Trinity U.C.C., Mountville)

Stanley Link (cousin of Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen)

Justin from the AA Group

Penny Neugebauer (mother of Penny Kilgore)
Rev. Johnnie & Elaine Lengel (friends of Trinity Church)
Abe & Sara (connected to Rev. Dr. Rich & Lanie Christensen)
Ben Miller (husband of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lanie Christensen's niece)
Stephanie Bender Alford & Family (College friend of Pastor Rankin/Mitch Gibson)
Joe Fuccio (neighbor and friend of John and Sarah Paulukow)
Lindsey Fetter Nolt friend of Sarah Paulukow
Kelly Murphy (niece of George & Sandy DeLong)
Ken Barrett (friend of John & Dolly Barr/Anita Rohrer)
Rev. Dr. Harry & Kathy Covert (former members of Trinity Church)
Carol Feyock (friend of Carmen & Jerry Richards)
Janet Latsha (sister-in-law of George & Ellie Latsha)
Sherry Kline (former substitute organist at Trinity)
Lynnette Fritz (cousin of Betty Tyndall)
Andrew Hicks (husband of Katie Weeber)
Matthew Davis (brother-in-law of Hillary Bossert-Davis)
Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)
Marianne Gibble (friend of Trinity)
Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)
Mary Call (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)
The Herr Family (Former Trinity Preschool Family)
David Brown (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)
Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards)
Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio)
Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards)
Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

OTHER CONCERNS

Trinity U.C.C., Pittsburgh

World Peace

Namibia Synod of the UCCSA

People of Cuba

Church World Service & Other Faith-Based Relief Organizations

THE JUNE PARISH POST is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY will be TODAY! This will end our Christian Education ministry for this program year. Donna Geisler and Dr. Bill Lovett will speak about their recent trip to the Dominican Republic in Isenberg Hall at 9:00 a.m. **The summer worship schedule (7:45 and 9:30 a.m.) will begin on June 14.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE TO RETURN TO OUR LITURGY: The Consistory recently approved a recommendation by the Board of Elders to reinstitute the passing of the peace beginning June 14. It will be done every week at the 7:45 service and on communion Sundays at the late service.

THE MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST will be meeting at the Family Fare Restaurant for breakfast June 20 at 8:00 AM. This is open to all men of the congregation! You are encouraged to invite other men to the breakfast. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office!



**THE LANCASTER AGO
SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL**

Thursday, June 11 from 7-9:00 p.m.
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
10 Delp Road, Lancaster

GRIEF GROUP UPDATE: Pastor Chris is organizing another grief group in the near future. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office to indicate your interest in meeting during the day or at night.

MEAL COORDINATOR NEEDED!!!

The Board of Deacons is looking for an individual or a group of people to coordinate the community meal at First Reformed U.C.C. in Lancaster. We are scheduled to provide the meal in July. The Board of Deacons and Pastor Rankin are willing to

work the coordinator(s). For more information, contact Lon Wible (chair of the Deacons) or Pastor Rankin.

Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you! **800-324-9458** and use code: **HABC001**



We will be hosting a Life Line Screening event on 06/26/2026. Life Line Screening is extending a discounted offer to all Trinity UCC, East Petersburg members which will identify your risk level for the following diseases:

1. Carotid Artery Disease
2. Peripheral Arterial Disease
3. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
4. Atrial Fibrillation

Call 800-324-9458 to schedule your appointment!

Sign-up sheet is located on table across from the office! The office has 4 complimentary screening certificates available (valued at \$85.00) Please contact Stephanie if you are interested.



Andrew Rankin will be performing in Servant Stage's Production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* from June 12-14. The following performances will take place at Lancaster Alliance Church (210 Pitney Rd., Lancaster):

June 12 at 7:00 p.m.

June 13 at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

June 14 at 3:00 p.m.

There is no cost for the shows. You can pay whatever you want. Tickets can be secured at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/joseph-and-the-amazing-technical-or-dreamcoat-at-lancaster-alliance-church-presented-by-servant-stage-company>.

See Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin for more information!!!

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

The warmer days of the Summer Camp season are here! Camp registration is open and ready for you to start planning your summer around weeks at **Kirchenwald & Nawakwa (part of the Lutheran Camping Corporation)**. There are a wide range of camps this summer for all ages — kindergarteners through high schoolers, families, adults, and older folks. **There is also the annual Hartman Center Spirit Camp at the former Penn Central Conference’s camp from July 26-August 1.**

There’s information about the Lutheran camps in the Narthex and you can find information about the Hartman Center Spirit Camp at hcspritscamp.org.

The Keystone Conference pays a portion of camp registration fees. You can help send campers from Trinity by contributing to our Camp Scholarship Fund. Place your contribution in your weekly offering envelope and mark the special designation box with “Camp Scholarship”.

Contact Anne Rankin, Camp Liaison Person, for more information!

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS:

1. **Lancaster Stormers Game:** Thursday, June 25. It is time to sign up for this year’s Stormers game. The cost is \$35 (suite rental, ticket, food). Children and youth will be covered by the Youth Ministry Fund. Children under 4 are free. **Contact the church office to sign up. Deadline is June 8!!**



2. **Church Picnic (Potluck in the Park):** Saturday, August 29 from 4-7 p.m. at the Rapho Township Park. Watch for more information in the upcoming Parish Posts.



Magician

Friendship Fest 2026
Sunday, July 12 From 4-7 PM

String Sisters Of PA

Concert At 5:00 PM

Benefits Trinity Preschool

Trinity UCC

2340 State St., East Petersburg

www.trinityeastpete.org

Food Trucks

Bounce

House



The String Sisters of PA are:

Christine Oetama-*Violin*, Eileen Sweigart – *Rios-Guitar*

Kathleen Smith - *Autoharp*, and our own Sue Bowman-*Mandolin*

The following food trucks and activities have confirmed they will be here:

Pappy's BBQ, LLC

Stoney's Burger and Fries

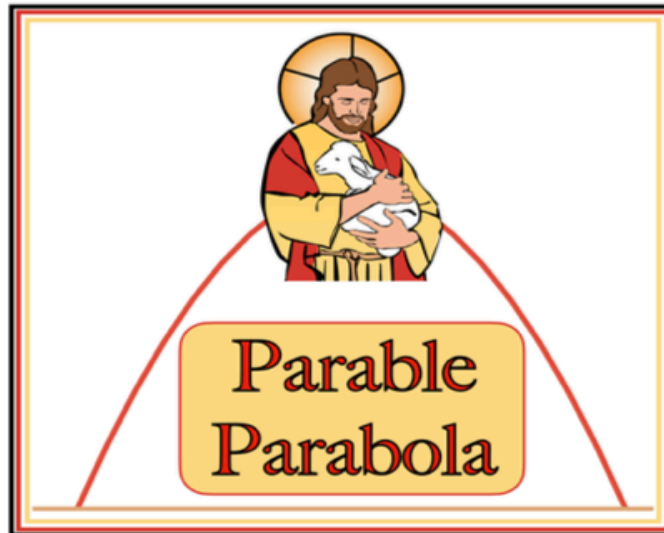
Penny's Ice Cream Truck

We will also have:

Facepainting by Jain

Smiley Face Bounce House

Eric Vera (magician)



VBS 2026

Trinity UCC, 2340 State St., East Petersburg
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July 13 - 16 6:30-8:30 PM
July 17 6:30 PM Closing Program

Caretaker And Me Class - Under Five With Caretaker
Children's Classes - Five Through Finished Sixth Grade
Youth Volunteers - Contact Mrs. Slechta

Through stories, crafts, games, and music, "*Parable Parabola*" takes a look at the Parables of Jesus, and how Jesus changes lives.

A class for adults, led by Rev. Jack Esbenshade, using the text, "Heroes, Rogues and the Rest" by J. Ellsworth Kalas, will examine specific Biblical figures, God, Samuel, Martha (several Marys) and Jesus Christ.

Offerings support HOPE - Hounds of Prison Education
(Central PA Animal Alliance)



Register through the VBS/Rally Day Page at www.trinityeastpete.org

VBS volunteer forms are available on the table across from the church office!
Talk to Dina Slechta for more information!!

The VBS planning committee is requesting your help for donations for this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS). No donation is too small, and we thank everyone in advance for your help. You will find a sign-up sheet across from the office, and please leave your snack donation(s) in the kitchen, and your craft donation(s) on the stage in the marked box.

**If ordering online, please mark the signup sheet or let the office know! Thank you!*

- **Snacks**
- **Craft Materials Needed below:**

Yarn - 15 skeins, any color	Rocks for crafting - 40-50 
Acrylic Paint Markers - 3 sets 	Colorful permanent Sharpies - 3 sets 
Green paper cups - 40-50	Jumbo craft sticks - 40-50

- **Donations Needed:**

<p><u>Monday:</u> 6 Large Cans Pringles - child friendly flavors 6 Apples 6 Bananas</p>	<p><u>Tuesday:</u> 2 Bags Mini M&M's 2 Large Bags Original M&M's - variety of colors Large Box Raisins - Golden Large Box Raisins - Black 2 Large Bags Pretzel Sticks - tall and short</p>
<p><u>Wednesday:</u> 45 Pudding cups - vanilla or butterscotch Chex Cereal - 1 large box, or equivalent in smaller boxes - any child-friendly flavor Graham Crackers - 1 large box - original flavor Small pretzel sticks - 2 large bags</p>	<p><u>Thursday:</u> 45 Slices of Bread - slices less than 3/4 inches thick 2 Jars Capers 3 Small Cans Sliced black olive circles Blueberries Black Currants Fresh Peas Raisins - Golden - if box for Tuesday was big, don't likely need more <i>*Raisins - Black - if box for Tuesday was big, don't likely need more.</i></p>

A REQUEST FROM THE VBS PLANNING COMMITTEE:

If there is anyone who would like to help with VBS, but can't come to help that week, here is a task with which one could help before VBS week. Is there anyone who would be willing to hand wash, dry, and put into a storage container, 36 new cookie cutters for the children? We have the cookie cutters. They just need to be washed by hand before first use. They are NOT able to go through a dishwasher. **If you are willing to do this task, please contact Dina Slechta.**

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP: Some members have suggested forming a support group for those impacted by memory loss. Pastor Rankin and Kayla Brennan will be leading the initial session on Wednesday, June 24 at 1:00 p.m. Kayla will provide some basic information about memory loss and how to cope with it. If you are interested in participating, contact Pastor Rankin.



SHARING OUR SUCCESS

The Knight and Day Diner

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TAKE-OUT AND CURBSIDE AT THE ABOVE NUMBERS

Before you pay your bill, please mention Trinity United Church of Christ and 10% of your bill will be donated to Trinity.



AT

**SUMMER
ACTIVITIES
MT. GRETNA**

A full list of summer concerts and worship services at the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle can be found in the hallway across from the church office.

Here are some upcoming lectures at the Hall of Philosophy at the PA Chataqua (212 Gettysburg Ave, Mt. Gretna):

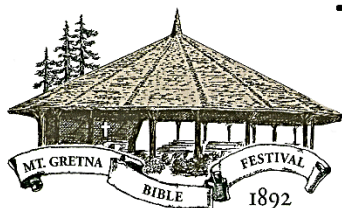
Faith & Freedom: In honor of the 250th anniversary of the birth of the United States, this three-part series looks at the way Christian faith informed the various visions of freedom that emerged around the time of the American Revolution. The presenters of this three-part series are Dr. Lee Barrett, Professor of Theology at Lancaster Seminary, and Dr. Randall Zachman, Professor Emeritus of Reformation Studies at Notre Dame.

Part Two—Thursday, June 11th 10:00am - 11:30am

Today's topic: The Great Awakening and the Unification of the Colonies.

Part Three—Thursday, June 18th 10:00am - 11:30am

Today's topic: Religious Communities for or against the American Revolution.



Mt. Gretna Tabernacle
LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES



MT. GRETTNA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2026

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle • 3rd St. & Glossbrenner Ave.

Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064

Please visit our website—MtGretnaTabernacle.org—for any program updates.

A freewill offering will be received at each program.

Summer at the Tabernacle | Worship and Concerts

ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE *Updates will be posted on our website and Facebook page*

Friday Programs 7 p.m.

June 12 Rick Rowe - Big Choir One hour of upbeat worship with a contemporary 40-member choir, live band and testimony. This is a night of outreach and worship. Rick Rowe served as a worship director at Community Fellowship Church, Lancaster, Pa.



June 19 An Evening of contemporary worship & Praise
MCC Worship Team, Morgantown, Pa. (Moving Communities to Christ).

June 26 Ryan & Friends Christian ventriloquist and comedian Ryan Bomgardner is a sought-after performer throughout North America. This will be his first performance at the Bible Festival.



June 6 Saturday 7 p.m. Concert Handbell Festival

Under the direction of composer and conductor Brian Childers, ringers from the area will ring the praise and glory of God. *Sponsored by Gerald and Nancy Brinser.*



June 7 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster

Choral singing by children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ. Rosemary Blessing, Artistic Director. *Sponsored by Joy Book Store, Schaefferstown.*



June 14 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert Andy Roberts with the Four Piece Quartet

The Four Piece Quartet plays re-imagined jazz arrangements of "Sunday standards" and uplifting contemporary pieces. Their latest recording, "All Things," is available on most streaming services. *Sponsored by Don and Carole Miller.*



June 21 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert Annual Hymn Sing with Men in Harmony

Program will include a Hymn Sing led by Bob Kettering and Dr. Rod Shearer. *Sponsored by Steve & Diane Graybill Family in memory of Dorothy Summy.*



June 28 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert Eddie Zheng, organ

A recent recipient of an Artist's Diploma from the prestigious Juilliard School, Eddie Zheng is among the rising stars of the organ world. With impeccable technique and mature interpretation, his performances appeal to every taste. He will perform on his custom-built touring organ. *Sponsored by Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists*

2026 CONCERT SPONSOR FORMS are available on the table across from the church office.

CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids (candles, communion supplies, bulletins, etc.) is \$26. Look for the charts and the forms on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please submit the forms to the church office.

SPECIAL COMMEMORATIONS IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 7: Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died in 1866

Noah Seattle was chief of the Suquamish tribe and later became chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, a tribal alliance. When the tribes were faced with an increasing number of white settlers, Seattle chose to live and work peacefully with them rather than engage in wars. After Seattle became a Roman Catholic, he began the practice of morning and evening prayer in the tribe, a practice that continued after his death. On the centennial of his birth, the city of Seattle named for him against his wishes erected a monument over his grave.

Tuesday, June 9: Columba, died in 597; Aidan, died in 651; Bede, died in 735; renewers of the church

These three monks from the British Isles were pillars among those who kept alive the light of learning and devotion during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries, including one on the island of Iona, off the coast of Scotland. That monastery was left in ruins after the Reformation but today is home to an ecumenical religious community. Aidan, who helped bring Christianity to the Northumbria area of England. was known for his pastoral style and ability to stir people to charity and good works. Bede was a Bible translator and scripture scholar. He wrote a history of the English church and was the first historian to date events anno Domini (A.D), "year of our Lord." Bede is also known for his hymns.

ANNIVERSARIES OF ORDINATION

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. (2 Timothy 4:1-2 NRSV)

The Rev. J. Robert Musser—65 Years (June 11, 1961)

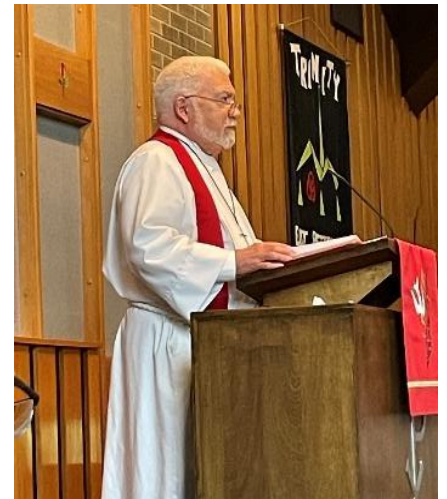
1992-98 Pastor, Christ Evangelical U.C.C.,
Louisville, KY



- 1979-92 Pastor, St. Luke's U.C.C., Lancaster
- 1975-79 Pastor, St. Paul's U.C.C., New Oxford
- 1973-75 Pastor, First U.C.C., McKeesport
- 1969-73 PA Human Relations Commission/Stated Supply, Penn West Conference
- 1966-69 Pastor, St. Paul's-Second Congregational U.C.C. (Marietta Charge),
Marietta, OH
- 1964-66 Associate Pastor, St. John's Evangelical
U.C.C., Evansville, IN
- 1961-64 Pastor, Zion & St. Mark's U.C.C. (Pymatuning Charge), Transfer, PA

The Rev. John F. Esbenshade, Jr.—55 Years (June 6, 1971)

- 2017 Interim Visitation Pastor, Trinity U.C.C., East
Petersburg
- 2010-12 Interim Associate Pastor, Hamilton Park
U.C.C., Lancaster
- 1991-10 Administrator/Executive Director, Ephrata
Manor
- 1990-91 Assistant Administrator, The Lebanon Valley
Home, Annville
- 1978-90 Pastor, Church of the Redeemer U.C.C.,
Hershey
- 1973-78 Pastor, St. Luke's U.C.C., Lancaster
- 1971-73 Pastor, Tri-U.C.C. Parish, Penn Northeast
Conference



FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15—6:6

I will return again to my place
 until they acknowledge their guilt and seek
 my face.
 In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1}“Come, let us return to the LORD,
 for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
 he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
²After two days he will revive us;
 on the third day he will raise us up,
 that we may live before him.
³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
 his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
 he will come to us like the showers,
 like the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
 What shall I do with you, O Judah?
 Your love is like a morning cloud,
 like the dew that goes away early.
⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
 I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
 and my judgment goes forth as the light.
⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
 the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Psalm 50:7-15

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,”

according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

GOSPEL: Mathew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread through all of that district.

Next Sunday’s Readings: Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23].

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