

MAY 2018



TRINITY U.C.C. PARISH POST



CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH!!

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

(Matthew 14:13-21)

Catch the Vision,
Share the Joy!!

Parish Post Deadline:
3rd Monday of the month

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RANKIN

Dear Fellow Disciples,
In the coming months I plan to discuss the four new goals selected by the Consistory at their March meeting. These goals will replace some of the goals we have already accomplished or are close to completion. The implementation of the goals has been divided between the Elders and the Deacons.

This month I want to focus on the following goal: **to establish a balance between "hands-on" and financial support of missions.** This congregation financially supports local and global mission efforts. I am still amazed that we gave over \$65,000 to various mission projects in 2017. I definitely do not want to lose that momentum! Rather, I want us to build upon that mission focus, and encourage us to seek opportunities to get our hands dirty!

Some members of the Consistory realized that we already provide opportunities for hands-on mission projects. The problem is that you may not know how to become involved in these ministries. Let me offer a brief list and people to contact ---

Council of Churches Food Hub: Nancy Enders or Paula Dennes
Power Packs: Deb Lichtenwalner or Paula Dennes
Community Meals: Nancy Enders or Paula Dennes
Called to Care: Tim Geiger or Donna Zirkel
Prayer Shawl: Betty Tyndall

I will be asking these people to share more information about these ministries with you in future newsletters. This information may help you to discern ways to become involved in our vital ministry! In the meantime, I want to lift up some exciting mission opportunities in the coming weeks.

The Christian Education Committee is raising money for the U.C.C. Disaster Response. We saw the need last year with the hurricanes and wild fires. Several Sunday School classes, church groups, and families are assembling baskets for our silent auction. This fundraising effort will conclude on June 3 (Celebration Sunday). Zach Wolgemuth, Executive for U.C.C. Disaster Ministries, will be with us at 9 a.m. to share about the work we are doing in the U.S. and in other countries. I hope his presentation will spark some interest in doing some hands-on projects to help rebuild following a disaster. We can always partner with other congregations. You will recall that Marcia Eisenhower joined the members of Zion Lutheran in Landisville last year for a mission project in West Virginia. This was a transforming experience for all who participated.

Lastly, we will be feeding people in May at two community meals. Look for the sign-up sheets in the Narthex. We recall Jesus' words to the disciples---"**you give them something to eat.**" Let us build upon our mission focused by going into the places of despair and seeing the face of Christ in those who are in need. This is what an Easter church looks like! May God fill our hearts with compassion for our neighbors in need!

Blessings, *Pastor Chris*

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APRIL CONSISTORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

By Paula Dennes

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STUDENT PASTOR APPROVED

Consistory approved the Elders' recommendation of Lancaster Seminary Student, Jack Hocker, to serve as Trinity's Student Pastor for the 2018-19 academic school year.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Trinity continues to experience a deficit in funds due to the acquired mortgage expenses for our building construction and increased operating expenses. An increase in weekly offerings to the "general fund" from Trinity's members is needed to cover current expenses.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

The Evangelism Committee needs another member, and the Christian Education/ Youth Committee is in need of two members. Please contact Pastor Rankin if you are willing to serve on these committees.

EMERGENCY/RISK MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE UPDATES

Consistory approved the Deacons' recommendation to purchase another AED for Trinity, pending approval of the Property and Finance Committees. This second AED would be mounted in Isenberg Hall. Additional fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, and first aid kits have been installed in the church. Training sessions regarding new safety procedures will be provided to members in the near future.

GLASS FOR GOOD SHEPHERD WINDOW

Protective glass has been ordered and will be added to the Good Shepherd Window to protect it from accidental damage. Monies to cover the cost of the protective glass were donated by a former St. Luke's member.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING

The spring meeting of the Lancaster Association was held on April 22 at Willow Street U.C.C. We gathered for worship, reports from the various committees, and remembering clergy who have died since our fall meeting. The Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith, Conference Minister, presented the conference's strategic plan.

The following members were presented by the Nominating Committee to serve on committees:

Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen & Anne Rankin (Member in Discernment Committee); **Rev. Ken Trauger** (Committee on Ministry); and **Judie Bistline** (Ministry & Mission Committee). Pastor Chris is the chair of the Nominating Committee.

The following members completed their terms of service: **Rev. Sandy Morris, Jerry Richards, & Ken Zimmerman** (Committee on Ministry); and **Rev. Bob Bistline** (Nominating Committee).

Trinity's delegates were Mid Gockley, and Pastor Chris & Anne Rankin. Other members who attended were Rev. Dave Gockley, Rev. Sandy Morris, Rev. Harry Royer, Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, and Rev. Ken Trauger.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/01	Ken Jenkins
05/02	James Patton
05/03	Rev. Jere Chapman
05/05	David Miller
05/06	Paula Dennes
05/11	Cole Cataldi
05/11	Emily Miller
05/13	Karen Olley
05/14	Joyce Kohler
05/14	Erika Otthofer
05/15	Troy Portser
05/18	Leo Daly
05/18	Alexa Garrett
05/18	Denise Gobrecht
05/19	Pat Sensenig
05/19	Jeremy Eberly
05/21	Lee Bossert
05/22	Jessica Olley
05/26	Alex Otthofer
05/28	Ronald Becker
05/28	Tim Geiger
05/29	Chuck Leinbach
05/29	Rev. Bob Musser
05/29	Rachel Baynard
05/29	Tobe Rohrer

Stewardship XXII by Rev. Jack Esbenshade

I remember stories about the difficulties folks experienced during the Great Depression. My parents were children when it began. But they shared accounts of having to scrimp and save in order to survive. Evening meals at my mother's home were sometimes sparse. In contrast, my dad grew up on a farm and food for the table was never an issue.

When dad died, a woman approached me at his funeral and said that if it had not been for his family, her family would not have survived those difficult years.

With that as a backdrop, it is no wonder that some of us have a strong need to save, to hold fast, to grasp tightly to what we have. But if we approach life from a position of scarcity, we may be hardy people, but we are hardly people of faith.

The disciples are upset when the woman washes Jesus' feet with expensive oil. They consider it wasteful. And when they are in the wilderness with Jesus and the multitude, they struggle when they are told they have to feed everyone. With Jesus, there is more than enough and the leftovers are not wasted.

Jesus is never about scarcity. He is always about abundance. For him it is never a question of "will there be enough?" Rather for him it is a question of "what are you doing with the remainder?" Jesus is about generosity and not about holding with a clenched fist.

For me, this is not a matter of whether the glass is half empty or half full. Faith is not the approach of an optimist or a pessimist. Rather faith is a grounding in the reality that in and through Christ there is sufficiency. In Christ there is always abundance. We are twice blessed when we share what we have. We are blessed in the act of giving. And we are blessed when we realize that once we have given away, we have more than a sufficient amount left.

THE TRINITY MEN'S GROUP

They will be meeting on May 12 at 8:00 a.m. at Family Fare Restaurant in East Petersburg.

On Saturday, April 14, the members attending agreed to sponsor a themed gift basket to support the Christian Education Spring Project. For gift ideas, contact Jerry Richards (717)569-0138.

Basket items due May 13.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

The small group Bible began a study of Nehemiah on Tuesday, May 22 at 7 pm at Karen Olley's home. Everyone is welcome. Questions? See Rob Hollenbach, Marcia Eisenhour or Karen Olley

PLEASE NOTE:

Please put any information for the secretary in her mailbox and not on her desk. Thanks so much for your help in this matter.

"KNIT IN GOD'S LOVE" PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting is Tuesday, May 15th from 1-3 pm. Come, bring a friend, enjoy an afternoon of tea, snacks, good fellowship and help us to continue this ministry. We have given many shawls in the past few months and more are needed. **If you would like to financially support the prayer shawl ministry, you can make donations on your weekly offering envelope.**

Scriptures for May	
6	Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17
13	Acts 1:15-17 & 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19
20	Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34 & 35b, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-15
27	Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

CHANGE TO OUR PRAYER CHAIN PROCEDURES

There has been a change to our prayer chain. We will no longer have a prayer chain by phone. All prayer concerns will be sent from the pastor or the church office by e-mail. If you do not have email and want to be informed of prayer concerns, please speak with Lee & Sandy Bossert or Pastor Rankin. For more information about this change, speak to Lee or Sandy Bossert. **To place prayers in the Prayer of the Faithful, call the church office, 569-1632. Also, please call the church office to inform us of persons who are sick, in the hospital, or desire a pastoral visit.**



The signup sheet for Koinonia is downstairs by the kitchen. Anyone interested in contributing a small snack for this time of fellowship is encouraged to sign up.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

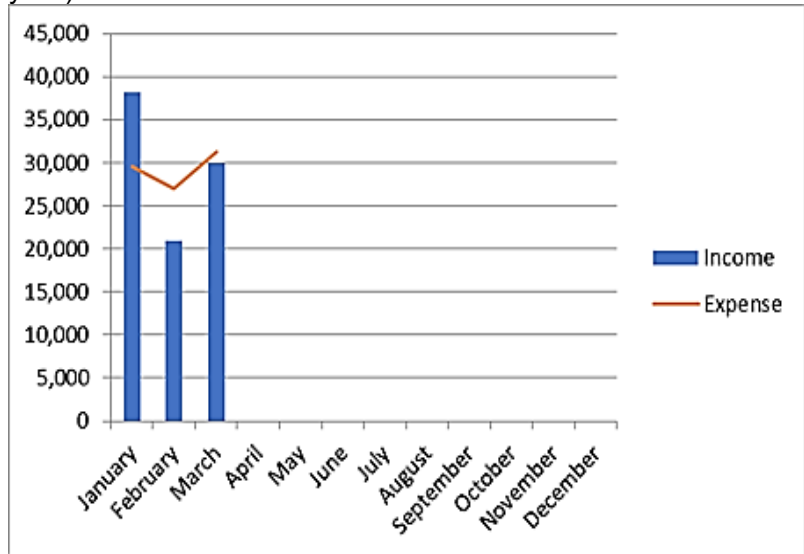
Thank you to everyone who has supported our capital campaign. As of April 22 we have received 89 pledges totaling \$531,434. This means we have achieved 138% of our original goal (\$385,000). We have received \$431,252.90, 81.1% of the pledges. We have also received \$5,938.39 from people who did not submit a pledge.

There is still time to submit a pledge if you have not done so already. Pledge forms can be found in the narthex. You can put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. We will continue to update the congregation on the status of the campaign. **Remember to put your contribution in a separate envelope or use the special designation box on your envelope. Contributions in building improvement box go to the building fund!**

MONTHLY FINANCIAL DATA THROUGH 3/31:

To keep the congregation informed of our budgeted financial status, we have decided to use a process used by other churches. Below is a graph comparing our monthly income/expenses through March. For the 3 months ending 3/31/18: **Year to date Income: \$59,012; Year to date Expense: \$56,581.**

(January income is above normal due to a member contributing for the entire year).



Following is a quick note to bring you up to date on our progress of paying off our Term Note with Fulton Bank:

- Initial Loan **\$400,000**
- Balance remaining June 2017...**\$231,000**
- Balance remaining December 2017...**\$160,000**
- Balance remaining March 2018...**\$69,000**

THANK YOU for your Capital Campaign pledge payments and it appears we will meet our obligation by June 2019, if not sooner.

EXPLANATION OF ENVELOPE GIVING

With recent communications regarding our financial situation, congregants have been asking how they should mark their weekly envelopes between General and Building Funds. Following is a description of what expenses are covered in the two (2) funds as well as an explanation of what funds are covered by your special contributions. If you are looking for an idea on how to divide your regular contribution, the General Fund represents 75% of the budget and Building Fund 25%.



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

EAST PETERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store,
as God hath prospered him.— I Cor. xvi:2

GENERAL FUND	BUILDING IMPROVEMENT	SPECIAL GIFT DESIGNATION
\$.....	\$.....	\$.....

GENERAL FUND

An amount of money marked in this block is used to pay for:

salaries and benefits, office & administration expenses (telephone, copier, computer, paper, postage, supplies), budgeted Benevolence items for Samaritan Center, Parish Resource, East Petersburg Fire Co., OCWM, Lancaster Association, Food Hub, property expenses such as janitorial services, snow plowing, grass maintenance, utilities

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT

Expenses covered in this category are:

Term Loan & Mortgage – principal & interest; maintenance for heating and air conditioning, the building, property, kitchen, elevator, insurance; and funding for future capital improvements.

SPECIAL GIFT DESIGNATION

This block is used to specify a particular area of contribution such as Worship Aids, Flowers, Christian Education, Food Hub, Capital Campaign. Any and all specific contributions where you want the money to go directly to that account. It can be used for additional giving through the year to the areas identified on our Our Gifts to Others (OGTO) envelope distributed twice a year. Be sure to write on the envelope the name of the account to which you are contributing.

There are present discussions about combining the 2 present blocks...General Fund and Building Improvement into one block so there is no separation and all money goes toward the total operation of the church

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Our Gifts to Others

NAME _____ # _____

UNDESIGNATED GIFT _____

LANCASTER SEMINARY _____

CHURCH HOMES _____

a. Bethany Children's Home _____

b. United Church of Christ Homes (Ephrata Manor and Annville) _____

c. Phoebe Devitt _____

ALL CHURCH OFFERING _____

a. One Great Hour of Sharing _____

b. Neighbors in Need _____

c. Christmas Fund _____

d. Strengthen the Church _____

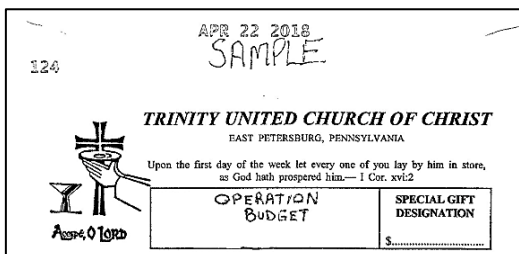
LOCAL MISSIONS _____

a. LOVE, Inc. _____

b. Milagro House _____

c. Other _____

(To be distributed according to need)



Rev. John Esbenschade
Chair, Stewardship Committee

J. Scott Owens
Chair, Finance Committee

THANK YOU to the following members who donated desserts for the Community Meal on April 23rd at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg: Kathy Cooley, Nancy Enders, Betsy Bailey, Mid Gockley, Charlene Cristy, Betty Fogle, Dottie Schadt, and Paula Dennes. Also, thank you to the following persons for helping to serve the meal: Pastor Rankin, Kathy Cooley, Betty Fogle, Charlene Cristy, Kerry Kreider, Donna Geisler, and JoAnn Mowrer. We also thank Jack Cristy for helping to transport the meal to Zion Lutheran. Your help and continued support of this important mission are much appreciated. -----*Nancy Enders and Paula Dennes*, Coordinators.

COMMUNITY MEALS
Landisville Zion Lutheran
Church on May 17, 2018

Trinity will be cooking and serving the community meal at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at 85 Brandt Blvd in Landisville on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 5:30 PM. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Narthex for food donations and servers. Dessert donations must be dropped off in Trinity's kitchen by Wednesday, May 16, 2018. Persons helping to serve the meal must arrive at Zion Lutheran by 5:00 PM. Contact Nancy Enders or Paula Dennes with questions. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission.

First Reformed Church UCC
Trinity will be cooking and serving the community meal at First Reformed Church UCC located at 40 East Orange Street in Lancaster at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex for food donations and food servers. Dessert donations must be dropped off in Trinity's kitchen by Monday, May 21, 2018. Persons helping to serve the meal are encouraged to meet at Trinity at 4:30 PM to carpool, as parking is limited. Contact Nancy Enders or Paula Dennes with questions. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission.



Ephrata Manor

FLEA
MARKET

5.4.18 | Friday | 9am-4pm

5.5.18 | Saturday | 9am-1pm

Household items, linens, holiday, jewelry, books, cds,
puzzles and much more!

Also local vendors, subs and baked goods will be available.



Event held in the Donecker Chapel
99 Bethany Road, Ephrata, PA 17522
717.738.4940
Proceeds benefit UCC Homes

MONETARY USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of 2-3 ushers to fill some vacancies. If you are interested in serving, please speak to George DeLong or Pastor Rankin.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Elyse & Samuel Minder III on the birth of their daughter, Josie Faith, on Friday, March 30th. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. Grandparents are Sam & Rosemary Minder. Blessings to the family as they enjoy their new bundle of joy.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

There are some important activities coming up in the life of Trinity Church, so make sure you mark these dates on your calendar:

1. **VBS**--July 9 thru 13.
2. **Ice Cream Social/Friendship Fest**---July 15 from 4-6 p.m.
3. **Church Picnic**---August 26 from 3-6 p.m. at Rapho Township Park
4. **CROP Walk**---October 21 at Lancaster Church of the Brethren



COME FLY WITH T.W.O.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018 7:00PM



AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SPECIALIST HARVEY SCOLNICK

WILL PRESENT

"HOW DOES THE U.S. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM WORK?"

AND

"IS IT REALLY SAFE TO FLY?"



ALL MEMBERS OF TRINITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
THIS EXCITING PROGRAM AND SHARE THE FELLOWSHIP
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

(Trinity Women's Organization)

Trinity UCC

2340 State St.
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Dinner/Concert

Featuring
Hempfield H.S. Chamber Singers
And
Trinity Church Musicians

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Dinner – 5:30 PM
Concert – 6:45 PM

Sign-up Sheet In Church Narthex
Or
Call 717-569-1632 For Dinner Reservations.

Freewill Offering Benefits
Hempfield Power Packs



**Trinity Concert Series And Upcoming Concerts
(Half of the Free Will Offering from each Concert
Series Concert will support the listed charity):**

May 20, 2018-

Hempfield H.S. Chamber Singers and Trinity
Musicians – Concert at 6:45 PM – Hempfield Power
Packs

October 14, 2018 –

QuintEssentially Brass Concert – 4:00 PM – CASA
(Court Appointed Special Advocate)

December 2, 2018 –

Trinity Christmas Concert – 6:00 PM concert
followed by desserts – Music For Everyone

Don't forget to wear your red on May 20
(Pentecost Sunday)!



Trinity UCC VBS 2018
July 9 - 12, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Family Pizza Dinner
And Closing Program July 13, 6:15 PM



Dear Trinity U.C.C.,

Many thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls, emails & Facebook comments made during my recovery from a serious fall in my home. Happy to report that I am close to being completely healed. *Marge Burger*

Dear Trinity United Church of Christ,

Thank you for your donation to Church World Service-Lancaster. Your generous gift of \$225.00 works to ensure that refugees are offered hope and home when they first arrive to Lancaster, and are continued support and care for years after. Thank you for your support and commitment to our mission.

Over the past several months refugee arrivals to the United States have continued to be very slow. Overseas processing has slowed dramatically due to medical checks, assurances and security checks expiring, delays in security clearances; and fewer interviews being conducted by the US Department of State. Refugees are simply not being processed in numbers that would allow us to reach the 45,000-national capacity ceiling. Instead, the number of arrivals to the US is likely to be between 15,000-25,000 refugees for FY2018.

Words cannot express the sorrow and deep frustration that resettlement agencies across the nation are feeling right now-including us here in Lancaster. For thirty years, Lancaster has welcomed refugees, and your acceptance of the newcomer has strengthened with each passing year.

We know the opportunity and hope that we can offer as a community to refugees fleeing persecution. We know how incredible our community is and we know that as a united front, we have a burning flame to share this welcome with others-especially those who are fleeing the most horrific of stories. Thank you for your continued and inspiring commitment to the world's most vulnerable of people!

Your support through dollars works to ensure that CWS is able to continue the good fight, advocating for our neighbors and standing on the right side of things as we provide the best care for refugees living in Lancaster. Thankfully, through our 11 other support service programs, CWS will be here providing care for up to 5 years from a refugee's date of arrival. Thank you for your monetary support as we walk through these times in solidarity with our neighbors.

Change happens when we keep up the fight, even when we are tired. We cannot stop now. As quoted by the great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "If you can't fly, run. If you can't run, walk. If you can't walk, crawl. But whatever you do, you must keep moving forward."

Thank you for moving forward with us.

Truly Grateful,

Sheila Mastropietro, Lancaster Office Director

Dear Trinity UCC,

Thank you to my Trinity family for their thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards. A special thank you to Pastor Chris for his visits. I feel blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

George DeLong

Dear Friends,

We thank the members of Trinity Church for their prayers and acts of love and kindness expressed to us after the sudden death of Kathy's sister. Your love and support were a comfort during this difficult time.

Rev. Dr. Harry & Kathy Covert

Trinity Congregation, Thank you for your prayers and care for my recovery after fainting. The notes, calls, Pastoral visits and blanket were blessings to me.

Gratefully in Christ, *Rev. Ken Trauger*

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Hartman Center Advisory Council-THANK You- for your gift to our Outdoor Ministry programs. These funds will help us provide a quality program, spreading God's love to all of the people that come to camp. **(Note---this contribution came from Our Gifts to Others funds).**

Peace and Blessings, *Pastor Patty Dodds, Coordinator of Programs at Hartman Center*

Words can't express how very thankful I am for the outpouring of prayers, visits, calls, cards, meals and flowers from my friends at Trinity.

It's been both humbling and comforting to experience your care and concern following surgery. So glad to be a part of a great family at Trinity U.C.C.

Thanks to everyone, *Betty Tyndall*

HARTMAN CENTER NEWS

1. The 2018 camp brochures in the Narthex. Speak to Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin about camp registration.
2. We are selling camper stock again this year. You can purchase a stock certificate \$10. Please speak to Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin or Carol Kratz in the church office if you are interested in purchasing stock!
3. The annual golf outing is on May 12 (see the flyer on this page). The following members have already agreed to participate: John Bailey, Parry Miller, Jerry Richards, Chuck Husted, Greg Gruber, and Jack Esbenshade. The Rankin family will be attending the dinner!

2018 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Early Bird Registration Price - before March 31/Regular Registration Price - after March 31

DATES	CAMP NAME	DIRECTORS	Cost	Cost	GRADE	AREA*
			before 3/31	After 3/31		
PRE-WEEK June 17-23	CIT Getting Started (June 20-23)	Betsy Bruaw Tom Hocking	\$378 / 420 \$207 / 230		HS 1-3	ML ML
WEEK 1 June 24-30	Fishing Camp Middle School Adventure Adventure Family (Full week) Family (Half week)	Bushnell & Landis George Robertson Dawn Marie Meier Butz Family Butz Family	\$378 / 420 \$378 / 420 \$378 / 420 \$378 / 420 \$207 / 230		6-Adult 7-10 4-6 Inter Inter	A B P-II ML ML
WEEK 2 July 1- 7	Extreme Camp Getting Started (July 1-4) Water World Jr Challenge Grand Camp (July 4-7)	J. Crothers & M. Snow M. Ouelette & B. Hoover Wade Pond Kody Koser TBA	\$378 / 420 \$207 / 230 \$378 / 420 \$378 / 420 \$207 / 230		7-10 1-3 4-6 10-12 Inter	A ML B P-II ML
WEEK 3 July 8-14 ARTS WEEK	Family (11-14) MADD MADD Jr. Creative Writing Arts and Crafts Getting Started with Music (8-11)	Hawkins Rachel, Bruce, Galen Alice Rauch Liz Royer Deb Frailey Narda & Sharyn	\$207 / 230 \$378 / 420 \$378 / 420 \$378 / 420 \$378 / 420 \$207 / 230		Inter 9-12 4-8 7-10 4-6 1-3	ML B B SH A ML
WEEK 4 July 15-20	Body, Mind, Spirit (7/15-7/18) Soccer Extreme Jr Double Dip Camp of the Heart(7/18-7/21)	D'heedene & Kowalik Downings L. Errington & Z. D'heedene Fair & Beck Druckenmiller & Stong	\$207 / 230 \$378 / 420 \$378 / 420 \$378 / 420 \$207 / 230		Adult 6-9 4-6 9-12 Inter	ML B A B ML
WEEK 5 July 22-28	Adventure Senior High Adventure Water World Family (Full week) Family (Half week)	Charlie & Cori Eisenhart Sara Behm & Joe Jones Alex Weiss TBA TBA	\$378 / 420 \$378 / 420 \$378 / 420 \$378 / 420 \$207 / 230		4-6 9-12 7-9 Inter Inter	A SH B ML ML
Labor Day (8/31-9/3)	Family Camp	Nochecks	\$207 / 230		Inter	ML

A: A Cabins B: B Cabins ML: Michaux Lodge SH: Stone House P-II: Pioneer 2

MAY VOLUNTEERS

■ = PENTECOST

■ = TRINITY SUNDAY

ACOLYTES

May
 6 Piper Miller
 13 Caleb Kreider
 20 Landis Knoll
 27 Zach Baynard

CRUCIFERS

May
 6 Thomas Goodhart
 13 Justin Lichtenwalner
 20 Robby Kilgore
 27 Thomas Goodhart

GREETERS

May
 6 Charlene Cristy & Dolores Stehman
 13 Jodi & Jack Keller
 20 Dorothy Schadt & Cathy Hoshauer
 27 Betty Tyndall & Joan Sensenig

FLOWERS

May
 6 Paulukow
 13 Rice
 20 P. Miller
 27 Rankin

LECTORS AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

May
 6 Ken Trauger/Harry Royer
 13 Sandy Morris/Harry Royer
 20 Sandy Morris/Bob Hunsicker
 27 Jack Esbenshade/Bob Hunsicker

TRINITY BREAD

May
 6 Chris Eyer
 13 Joan Sensenig
 20 Rosemary Minder
 27 Betty Fogle

WORSHIP AIDS

May
 6
 13 Dull
 20 Neville
 27 Geisler

PRESENTER OF ELEMENTS

May
 20 Zach Baynard & Lily Kilgore
 27 Landis Knoll & Caleb Kreider

COMMUNION USHERS

May
 20 Nevin Cooley, Lee Bossert, Sandy Bossert
 27 Pat Sensenig, John Bailey, Ken Zimmerman

MONEY COUNTERS

May
 6 Mark Eyer, Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong
 13 Mark Eyer, Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong
 20 Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman, Betty Tyndall, Bob & Nancy Musser
 27 Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman, Betty Tyndall, Bob & Nancy Musser

CHURCH NURSERY

May
 6 Dolly & John Barr
 13 Pat Seachrist & Sue Husted
 20 Kathy & Bud McCarty
 27 Anne Rankin & Marcia Eisenhour

REGULAR OR MONETARY USHERS **Bold**=Head Usher Underline=Distribute bulletins

May
 6 **Steve Shenk**, Betsy Bailey, John Bailey, Scott Huggins, Denise Huggins, Lee Bossert, Sandy Bossert, Judie Bistline
 13 **John Barr**, Chuck Portser, Hank Fox, Jane Portser, Dolly Barr, Theodore Slechta, Stan Seachrist, Thomas Goodhart
 20 **Bud McCarty**, Kathy McCarty, Mark Eyer, Christine Eyer, Dennis Eberly, Jack Richards, Scott Summers, Zach Baynard
 27 **Dave Connor**, Ken Zimmerman, Dan Otthofer, Bob Kilgore, Jill Otthofer, Anne Rankin, Robby Kilgore, Heidi Fischer

VISITATION MINISTERS

May Jane Owens, Kathy Cooley

ALTAR GUILD

May Jane Owens, Marcia Eisenhour

KOINONIA

May
 6 Rodenberger
 13 Preschool
 20 Reiff
 27

CALLED TO CARE

April-June
 Sandy Bossert

BUILDING TRUSTEE

May
 Don Miller

CARD

May
 SOT Choir (Anita Rohrer)

THE 2018 FLOWER AND WORSHIP AIDS CHARTS ARE POSTED: Thank you for supporting this part of our worship service by your sponsorship! Chancel flowers cost \$33 or \$41. Worship Aids (bulletins, communion elements, candles, and other worship items) cost \$26.

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for two more teams (2-3) people to serve on our altar guild. The duties include preparing the altar each week for worship. If we add a new team then each team would be scheduled once every four months. Speak to Pastor Chris or Tim Geiger for more information!





MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30 PM Ad. Manual Task Force	3 7:00 PM Association Exec. Com Isenberg Hall 	4	5 8:00 PM AA
6 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM-C.E. 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Worship 12:30 PM Lunch at Chives(last until Fall)	7 5-7 PM Preschool Fundraiser @ Son's 7:00 PM Choir 8:15 PM Bells	8 7:00 PM Consistory	9	10 7:00 PM Evangelism/ Finance Committees Last Day 2 Day Preschool	11	12 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Hartman Center Golf Outing 8:00 PM AA
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PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Trinity United Church of Christ

May 2018

THANK YOU! Heartfelt thanks to all parents for the many ways you supported our program this year by driving on field trips, sharing time and talents, helping with parties, and most importantly – sending happy, well-adjusted children to school! All of this helps to make our program successful. The preschool staff wishes you a wonderful summer with your children!

RABBIT'S HABITS BOOK CLUB Hooray for everyone who will be joining our club and making reading a habit! We celebrate you and the steps you take to give your child the great opportunity to be the best they can be! More information to come.

ATTENTION! We appreciate your responses to the parent surveys. We are genuinely interested to know how we can better serve families with preschoolers. Our school board will consider your suggestions. This little preschool has been around a long time and we try to stay relevant for young families while being true to our educational values!

DOOR POLICY As part of Trinity's Safe Church Policy our doors are unlocked during drop off and pick up ONLY. **If you are going to play after school please have your child use the restroom before going out.**

SPRING PROGRAMS Some of the classes had their own time for a program celebrating their wonderful year with friends and teachers. The students shared songs and finger plays for family and friends. Each program was followed by light refreshments and social time. We also celebrated Mrs. Cox for her many years at Trinity Preschool 30, and counting. Thank you for coming!

LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL

Tiny Tots	Thursday, May 3 rd
2-day Class	Thursday, May 10 th
Enrichment Class	Wednesday, May 23 rd (extra day April 30 th)
3-day Classes	Wednesday, May 23 rd
4-day Class	Wednesday, May 23 rd

NO SCHOOL due to Election Day, Tuesday May 15th

FIELD DAY 3-day and 4-day students will “get physical” with field day activities on May 18th. We appreciate all of you who are able to help with this special event! All 3 classes will be here the full day, 9:00 – 2:30, so please pack a lunch. Field Day will be here at Preschool in the morning. Students will eat lunch before heading to the park for the afternoon. Woo Hoo!!



MISS JILL/MRS. RITT 4-DAY CLASS How can it be May already? Our last day of class is Wednesday May 23rd. We are ready for the next big step: Heading to Kindergarten in the Fall!! We will continue to practice our skills until the last day but we are going to have lots of fun doing it! We have our field trip to Oregon Dairy coming soon. Thank you for an incredible year!

MISS ELLIE/MRS. COX/MISS KENSIE 3-DAY AM & PM CLASSES Oh, it is almost May! We have so enjoyed your children this year – it is a blessing for us to be a part of their childhood, if only for a brief time. We have lots of activities planned for these last few weeks: Field Day, creepy crawlies pond animals and journaling. We wish everyone a safe and happy summer! We will miss you. *Love, Miss Ellie, Mrs. Cox & Miss Kensie.*

MISS ELLIE/MRS. COX 2-DAY CLASS What a fun year we have had with your children. Thank you for sharing them with us. We have some fun activities planned for the end of the year. We will discover bugs and butterflies, pond animals and a trip to the Alpaca Farm. We wish you all a safe and happy summer! *Love, Miss Ellie, & Mrs. Cox.*

MISS JILL / MRS. RITT TINY TOTS What a super fun year in Tiny Tots! It's hard to believe the end is almost here. We have made such great friends. Our last day of class is Thursday May 3rd! We have some fun things planned that day including reading a Pete the Cat story. Have a super summer!

THINK ABOUT IT!

God sent children for another purpose than merely to keep up the race...to enlarge our hearts, and to make us unselfish and full of kindly sympathy and affections; to give our souls higher aims; to call out all our faculties to extended enterprise and exertion; and to bring round our firesides bright faces, happy smiles, and loving tender hearts.
Mary Botham Howitt

When I play with sand, I am learning:

- to exercise my imagination;
- concepts of size, shape, volume, empty and full;
- how to use tools;
- how to solve problems;
- concepts of warm and cool, wet, damp, and dry, heavy, and light;
- how to play socially with others;
- to create systems for classifying, ordering and arranging;
- to create my own patterns and symbols, skills later used in reading/writing;
- to observe changes.

When I examine objects in nature, I am learning:

- new vocabulary;
- concepts of texture, color, weight, size;
- to group objects into categories and observe likenesses and differences;
- to appreciate nature and develop a sense of wonder;
- to make observations about things in my world.

SUMMER VACATION

Are you driving long distance on vacation this summer? Engage the family in fun conversation with topics like these!

- 1) If you could be any animal for a day, which would you be and why?
- 2) Can you name at least six things that you like about yourself?
- 3) Tell me about the craziest dream you've ever had.
- 4) Which storybook characters do you think would make good friends, and why? Which wouldn't make very good friends, and why not?
- 5) Imagine that you can fly. Where would you go? What would you like to see from above?



**Make time to
play outdoors!**

KIDZ KORNER

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Mother's Day Word Search

Find the hidden words associated with Mom's special day!



FIND THESE WORDS HIDDEN IN THE PUZZLE:

BRUNCH
CANDY
CARDS
CARING
CHILDREN



DAUGHTERS
DEVOTED
DINNER
FAMILY
FLOWERS



FRIEND
GIFTS
GIVING
GRANDMOTHERS
HOME



HONOR
HUGS
KISSES
LAUGHTER
LOVING
MAY



MEMORIES
MOTHERS
ROSES
SUNDAY
SONS
TRIBUTE



Please join us for
Trinity UCC Preschool's
Ice Cream Social
at
Son's Ice Cream

Manheim Pike, East Petersburg

Monday, May 7 5:00 - 8:00 PM



GERANIUM ORDER FORM

Person(s) ordering Geranium Plants _____

Please order: _____ Red Geranium(s) @ \$5.00 each – 6" pot **Total amount due \$** _____

Designation as you would like it to appear in the bulletin:

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Other _____

Give plant to a shut-in member Yes No

OR Plant my geranium at the church _____

The last date to order is **Sunday, May 6, 2018**. Give order forms and payment to Dan Otthofer, or place in his mail box in church office. If paying by check, please make it payable to Trinity United Church of Christ. Thank you!



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