TRINITY U.C.C. PARISH POST

CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH!!

Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that vou love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

(John 13:33-35)

Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world? 'Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. (John 14:22-24)

Catch the Vision, Share the Joy!!

Parish Post Deadline: 3rd Monday of the month

Christ is risen!

Dear Fellow Disciples,

In one of my recent sermons, I shared with you a quote by Mahatma Gandhi: "I like your Christ, I do not like your

Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." I do not take this quote as being a statement against Christianity, but rather as a reminder that we often fall short of following the way of Christ!

This Lenten season we have focused on how the perfect love of God will cast out fear. This love is not only for our family, friends or us, but also for our neighbors, our enemies, and those who are different from us.

Jesus gives us a new commandment----to love one another! Some might respond to Jesus, "No way!" Others might ask, "How can we do this?" We are able to have love for one another because it is a gift to us from God! We are reminded of this gift as we journey with Christ to the cross. On Good Friday we will recall the betrayal, arrest, crucifixion, and burial of Christ. The cross becomes a symbol of God's love for all people. It is also reminds us that we are people of love because we are disciples of Jesus Christ!

We will move from the darkness and gloom of Good Friday to the light and glory of Easter morning! The good news of Easter is that death does not have the final word, but rather life and love cast out all fear! We are then called to be Easter people, empowered to share the love of the Risen Christ to all people!

I invite you to journey with us during Holy Week. We will enter Jerusalem with Jesus and recall his humility and humanity as he rides in on a donkey. We will gather to worship to seek healing and peace from God. We will gather at the Lord's Table to remember that final meal Jesus had with his disciples. We will then hear the account of Jesus' arrest, death, and burial from all four gospels. These services are important steps along the journey. We cannot move from the shout of "hosanna" to the shout of "alleluia"! I hope you will make the Holy Week journey apart of your spiritual practice this year!

On Easter morning we will celebrate the resurrection of Christ and proclaim that Christ is alive! We will hear the good news in the scriptures, sermon, and hymns of the day. We will feast on the life of Christ through the broken bread and the cup of blessing. We will then be sent out as Easter people to have love for one another!

Blessinas.

Pastor Chris

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MARCH CONSISTORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS by Tim Geiger

- Snow Removal account is over budget. Account was budgeted \$2,500.
 Fees as of March 13, 2019: \$4,400.
- Audit Committee was named: Charlene Cristy, Pat Sensenig, Mark Eyer
- Lon Wible will be asked to fill a vacancy on the Pastor/Parish Committee.
- Trinity will pursue an agreement with Jack Hocker to provide future pastoral services as an independent contractor.
- Proposed cemetery fee schedule and creation of cemetery endowment were approved.
- Pastor Rankin and the Consistory will begin a visioning process for phase two of the building project.

LENTEN SERVICES



The theme for our Wednesday Lenten services is "Perfect Love Casts Out Fear". All evening services begin at 7 p.m.

April 3—Rev. Dr. Carrie Call April 10—Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen April 14 (Palm Sunday)—Student Pastor Jack Hocker April 17 (Healing Service)—Rev. Jack

Esbenshade
April 18 (Maundy Thursday)—Rev. Dr. Chris

Rankin

Holy Communion at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The stripping of the altar will follow the 7 p.m. service.

April 19 (Good Friday): Tenebrae Service at 7p.m. April 21 (Easter)—Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin Holv Communion at 7 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

EASTER MORNING SCHEDULE

Join us on April 21 for services of Word and Sacrament at 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The Trinity music ministry will provide joyful music at both services. There will be no Sunday School, but we will again have an Easter morning breakfast from 8:45-10:00 a.m. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex!



YMCA GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

The 66th annual YMCA Good Friday breakfast will be held on **April 19 at 7:30 a.m.** (doors open at 7:00 a.m.) at the Farm & Home Center (1383 Arcadia Rd.). The speaker will be Dr. Lee Barrett, Mary B. & Henry P. Stager Chair in Theology, and Professor of Systematic Theology of the Lancaster Theological Seminary. Music will be provided by the Moravian Brass Choir. Trinity will be reserving two tables. Tickets are \$15 per person. The **deadline is April 8.** Speak to Pastor Chris if you are interested in attending.

APRIL	BIRTHDAYS
04/02	Cindy Olena
04/03	Lori Daly
04/03	Jordyn
	Schuessler
04/04	Rosemary*
	Minder
04/07	Wendy Harley
04/09	Lauren Eyer
04/09	Anita Rohrer
04/11	Janet Harriger
04/12	Roger Bradley
04/14	Zachary
	Lehman
04/15	Betsy Bailey
04/15	David Krantz
04/17	Jordan Ditzler
04/18	Rev. David
	Gockley
04/18	Zachary
	Baynard
04/19	Gretchen
	Woerner
04/21	Nevin Cooley
04/21	Logan Garrett
04/22	Erin Derstler
04/22	Betty Fogle
04/23	Jackey Hoover
04/24	Rev. Dr. Rich
	Christensen
04/24	Jack Olley



"KNIT IN GOD'S LOVE" PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 16th from 1-3 p.m. 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.

Stewardship XXXII by Rev. Jack Esbenshade

This is the time of the year to gather up records, receipts and credit card statements along with W-2s and 1099s so that the person doing the taxes has sufficient information to file federal, state and local tax returns. I completed that task at the end of February and sent everything off in a large envelope to our accountant. One of those documents was the record of our giving to the church. Until further notice, we are still gathering data for Schedules A and B to itemize deductions.

As Chair of the Stewardship and Endowment Committee, I wrote letters which accompanied the year- end financial statements. Most of those letters were simply thank you notes, to express gratitude for the support of the member or member family.

In addition, I had to compose a letter to send to those members who had no record of giving in the past year. I referred to a book that the Committee along with the Deacons had been reading, "Not Your Parents' Offering Plate," by J. Clif Christopher. The author included sample letters which could be sent out to members in such a setting. One such letter was addressed to those who had not given to the church in the past year.

I modified that letter a bit and it was included with those financial statements which had no record of giving in 2018. The letter simply recognized the fact that the church had no record of any contribution and suggested an amount to give as a place to start.

I am not a novice when it comes to church life. I knew that folks would not be upset by a financial statement with no dollar amount. They probably had received such a notice in the past and it went into the trash. But a letter suggesting a weekly or monthly amount to be placed in the offering might be a bit disturbing.

While I never intended to offend anyone, I did intend to honestly bring the matter to light. I believe it is my place as Chair of the Stewardship Committee to put money into the conversation and place dollars into the context of faith. It's not that the church is focused on money. But how we address money and the role it plays in our lives in an important focus when it comes to faith in Jesus Christ.

Word and deed are what faith is all about. And at the end of the day, our check book register and credit card statements are as much a reflection of where we spend our hard earned dollars, as they are a reflection of what we think is most important in our lives. At the end of the day these records reflect what we believe and what we put our faith and trust in. At the end of day, they define who we are and whose we are.

We will soon be celebrating the death and resurrection of our Lord. To be Easter people is to realize that Christ redeems every aspect of our lives, intangible and tangible, physical and spiritual.

	Scriptures for April
7	Isaiah 43:16-21, Psa. 126, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8
14	Isa. 40:4-9a, Psa. 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 19:28-40
21	Isa. 65:17-25, Psalm 118:1-2,14-24, 1 Cor. 15:19-26, Luke 24:1-12
28	Acts 5:27-32, Psa. 150, Rev. 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

BIBLE STUDY GROUP NEWS

The Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 pm at Karen Olley's home. We will continue with Philippians All are welcome. For more information contact Diane Rice.



The sign-up 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. Talk to Paula Dennes for more information.



You are invited to come in and be a MYSTERY READER for one of our preschool classes. You may choose a book of your own or one suggested by the teacher. Also, you can choose to provide a snack for the day. For more information please contact

Sean McKelvey

(preschool@trinityeast pete.org), Noreen Trostle noreentrostle@gmail.com) or Ellie Hooley (717 940-9380).

SUPPER GO ROUND

The Evangelism Committee is happy to announce the return of Supper Go Round, an informal time of fun, food, and fellowship hosted in the homes of Trinity's members. A signup sheet will be in the narthex through April 28, and suppers will be held in May and June. For flexibility, groups of six will be set up with the dates and times of the suppers to be decided by those in each group. If you are unable to host a supper, we hope you will still participate! (There is a place on the signup sheet to indicate you are unable to host.) Hosts typically provide an entree while guests provide sides and desserts, but there are no rules, just fun times getting to know the Trinity church family in comfortable settings. Contact Tim Geiger or Pastor Chris with any questions you may have.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

The Rev. Dr. Harry Covert will conclude the Lenten study on Sunday, April 14 in Isenberg Hall. The title of the class is "Biblical Perspectives on Suffering". We invite all members of the church to join us for this class.

THE TRINITY MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting will be on April 13 at 8:00 a.m. at Family Fare Restaurant in East Petersburg. We will discuss more about our child sponsorship mission and some possible projects in the future with TLC. This is open to all men of the congregation!

HARTMAN CENTER GOLF OUTING

In the midst of the winter weather, it is time to think about the annual Hartman Center golf outing. It will be held in May The annual golf outing is on May 11 at the Fairview Golf Course, Quentin (Lebanon County. The following members have already indicated that they will be participating: Jack Esbenshade, Greg Gruber, John Bailey, Parry Miller, Jerry Richards, Nevin Cooley, and Chuck Husted. Talk with Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin if you would like to play or just attend the meal at the conclusion of the outing!

COMMUNITY MEALS

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN EAST PETERSBURG

Trinity will be cooking and serving the community meal at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at 1905 Broad Street in East Petersburg on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 5:30 PM. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex for food donations and servers. 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, April 23, 2019. 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, April 22, 2019. 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.



THE 2019 FLOWER AND WORSHIP AIDS CHARTS ARE POSTED:

Worship Aids (bulletins, communion elements, candles, and other worship items) cost \$26. Thank you for supporting this part of our worship service by your sponsorship! Chancel flowers cost \$33 or \$41.

PLEASE NOTE

Trinity will be enhancing our internet presence with a Facebook account in the coming weeks.



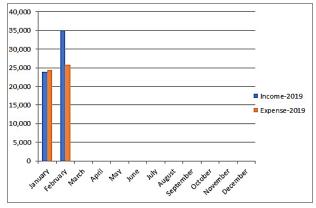
One key component of this will be that photos from events may be posted on our website and/or on Facebook. Should you wish your photo not be published online, please contact the Church Office.

Thanks! Technology/Internet Committee

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has supported our capital campaign. As of March 24 we have received 89 pledges totaling \$531,434. This means we have achieved 138% of our original goal (\$385,000). We have received \$497,071.40, 93.5% of the pledges. We have also received \$6,928.39 from people who did not submit a pledge.

Remember to put your contribution in a separate envelope or use the special designation box on your envelope. The deadline to fulfill your pledge is June 30, 2019.



YTD INCOME...\$59,028, YTD EXPENSE...\$50,125 OVERAGE..\$8,903

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

On your 2019 weekly contribution envelope, did you remember to combine your former General Fund & Building Fund amounts into the one box marked "Operations"? This box can also be used to add your former Captial Campaign amount if you have completed your pledge Thank you for your support of Trinity UCC

TLC

Transitional Living Center, TLC, is a 52 room short term housing facility on King St. in Lancaster City. Its focus is to end the cycle of homelessness for individuals, families and veterans who enter its door. Trinity has been a faithful supporter of TLC for more than 10 years. TLC currently has a need for the following new and used items:

Shatterproof dinner plates and soup/cereal bowls

Coffee mugs

Plastic drinking cups Mattress pads for full (double) size beds

Silverware Bed pillows
Pots and pans Twin sheet sets

A collection box will be located in the narthex. Or contact Kathy Cooley to arrange for pickup; 717-371-0346 or email ksharkitt@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE – May 16, 2019

The Lancaster County Council of Churches annual spring breakfast will be held at Highland Presbyterian Church, Oregon Pike, on **Thursday**, **May 16 at 7:30 AM**. Keynote speaker will be Pedro Rivera, PA Secretary of Education and former Superintendent of The School District of Lancaster. There will be the unveiling of some exciting news at the council. Trinity Church will have a table reserved for 10 guests. Sign-up sheet to follow.

Trinity Concert Series Looking For Supporters 2019

Would you like to support the Trinity Concert Series with a donation towards the expenses incurred? Please complete this form and return it with your donation to the church office, or place it in the offering plate. If you wish to Sponsor a complete concert, please speak to the Director of Music.

1848 Circle \$200.00 or More Benefactor \$100.00 - \$199.99 Patron \$50.00 - \$99.99 Well-Wisher \$0.01 - \$49.99

Name
Amount
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CONTRIBUTIONS BY WAY OF ON-LINE OR TELEPHONE

Did you know that you can make your contributions to Trinity by way of an on-line transaction or using QR code on your smart phone? It can be a one-time transaction or an automatic continuing transaction.

ON-LINE or SMART PHONE

Go to our web site...www.trinityeastpete.org. Click on RESOURCES tab and you will see:

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Click on the SELECT BOX and you can then identify to which account you contribution is to be credited. You have the following options:

Create an account or not.

Select to include the extra 3% if paying by credit card

Select to include the extra 1% if paying by your bank account

If not selected, the added cost will be paid by the church.

We will show the QR code in the Sunday Bulletin and Parish Post in the future so it is accessible.

Any questions, please contact Ken Zimmerman.

May We Have Your Attention Please...

United Church of Christ Homes is pleased to inform your congregation that our 2018 Helping Hands Dinner & Auction raised almost \$26,000 for the Benevolent Endowment Trust Fund.

Thanks to your support of UCC Homes, residents of UCC Homes who are unable to pay for the cost of their care and who do not have access to governmental assistance programs will be able to receive financial aid for years and years to come.

The Board of Directors along with the Special Events Committee of UCC Homes encourage your congregation to mark your calendars for our 24th Helping Hands Dinner & Auction to be held on MAY 4, 2019 at the Hershey Country Club and support our event in one or more of the following ways:

- Gather items relating to a specific theme and make a gift basket to be auctioned at the 2019 event
- Serve on the Special Events Committee (contact Victoria at (717) 303-1502 if you're interested)
- Attend the May 4, 2019 Helping Hands Dinner & Auction to be held at the Hershey Country Club

Thanks again for your interest and support of UCC Homes!

For further information on the 2019 Helping Hands Dinner & Auction or to inquire about making a contribution, please contact the Development Office at (717) 303-1502.

SPEAK TO PASTOR CHRIS OR ANNE RANKIN if you would like to attend or donate an item for the silent auction!

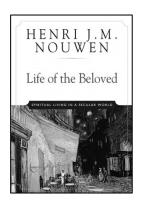


Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 20th, Zion Lutheran, East Petersburg will host its annual Easter Egg hunt for children up through 5th grade. We will start with crafts, coloring and a light breakfast at 9 am by the kitchen followed by the hunt hopefully outside!

Book Study

Pastor Rankin will be leading a study on Henri Nouwen's book *Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World* on May 23 at 7 p.m. Nouwen wrote this book in response to a friend's request for him to write something to describe the Christian faith in simple terms. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Deadline to order books is April 28.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE

Lancaster Association Meeting

The Spring Meeting of the Lancaster Association will be held on Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m. at Hamilton Park U.C.C. Our delegates are Judie Bistline and Mid Gockley. Our clergy members with standing in the Lancaster Association are also delegates. The program will be led by Dr. Lee Barrett, Professor of Theology at Lancaster Seminary, and our own Dr. Randall Zachman. The title of their presentation is "What Happened to Death? The Crisis of Theology in the Contemporary Church". Members of Trinity Church are invited to attend as visitors. Speak with Pastor Rankin for more information.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Trinity will be attending the Lancaster Barnstormer's game on Sunday, June 2 at 1 p.m. We have reserved a suite for 50 people. The cost is \$25, which includes the ticket and food (popcorn, peanuts, pretzel rivet tray and dip, macaroni & cheese, hot dogs, chicken tenders, cookies, soda, and water). Children 4 years and younger are free. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those who are

interested in attending!
Speak to Pastor Chris for more information!

TRINITY EMERGENCY PREPARATION – CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING

For the past year, TUCC has been engaged in planning & preparation for emergencies. Our risks have been assessed. Procedures and guides have been developed and distributed. Some facility upgrades have been implemented. Our Consistory, staff, and pre-school staff have received training. The next phase of the process involves training for the congregation to increase awareness and enhance response preparedness.



Congregational training sessions will offer two areas of response training:

SURVIVING THE ARMED INTRUDER

TERRORISM AWARENESS & PREVENTION

Our goal is to enable as many of the members of the congregation as possible to attend this important and timely training. While it is highly likely you will never have to utilize this information, it is critical to have this knowledge beforehand, just in case. We can never predict where the next headline-breaking tragedy will occur in today's uncertain world.

In order to attempt to accommodate everyone's busy schedules, we will offer multiple sessions of the training. Hopefully, you are able to attend <u>one</u> of them. The sessions will be presented in <u>Isenberg Hall</u> and will be <u>about 1 – 1 ½ hours each</u>. We highly encourage pre-registration and a sign-up sheet for each session will be posted in the narthex. Minimum enrollment is <u>6</u> and maximum enrollment is <u>35</u> for each session. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Sessions offered are:

April 2, 2019	(Tue.)	7:30pm – 9pm
April 4, 2019	(Thu.)	7pm - 8:30pm
April 6, 2019	(Sat.)	9:30am – 11am

2019 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

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

DATES	CAMP NAME	DIRECTORS	Cost Cost before After 3/31 3/31	GRADE	AREA
WEEK 1 June 23-29	CIT (Counselors In Training) Fishing Camp Middle School Adventure Adventure Getting Started (June 23-26) Family (June 26-29)	Betsy Bruaw Dave Bushnell & Mike Landis Carol Price & Nicole Henry Lee & Libby Nocheck Tim & Kristine Butz Tim & Kristine Butz	\$396 / 440 \$396 / 440 \$396 / 440 \$396 / 440 \$225 / 250 \$225* / 250* 'Children 6-11 Half Price Under 6 - \$50	10-12 Inter 7-9 4-6 1-3 Inter	Cabins Cabins Cabins A-Fr ML ML
WEEK 2 June 30-July 6	Extreme Camp Water World Jr Senior High Adventure Getting Started (June 30-3)	Jen Crothers & Melissa Snow TBA Tom Downing Matt & Becky Hoover	\$396 / 440 \$396 / 440 \$396 / 440 \$225 / 250	7-10 4-6 10-12 1-3	Cabins Cabins A-Fr ML
WEEK 3 July 7-13 ARTS WEEK	MADD (Music, Drama, Dance) - Youth will be housed and grouped by grade but will also create and learn and perform together Arts & Crafts Body, Mind & Spirit (July 7-10) Camp of the Heart (July 10-13)	Alice Rauch Deb Frailey D'heedene & Kowalik Kara Druckenmiller	\$418 / 465 \$396 / 440 \$225 / 250 \$315 / 350	4-12 5-8 Adult Inter	Cabins Cabins ML ML
WEEK 4 July 14-20	Adventure Soccer Water World Getting Started(July 14-17) Grand Camp(July 17-20)	Charlie & Kori Eisenhart Tom & Allison Downing Alex Weiss & Maggie Smith TBA Rachel Schwab	\$396 / 440 \$396 / 440 \$396 / 440 \$225 / 250 \$225* / 250 *Children 6-11 Half Price Under 6 - \$50	4-6 6-9 7-9 1-3 Inter	Cabins Cabins Cabins ML ML
WEEK 5 July 21-27	Extreme Jr. Senior High Adventure Middle School Adventure Intergenerational (Full Week) Intergenerational (Half week)	D'heedene & Koogle Dani Fair TBA Julie Beall & Ron Oelrich Julie Beall & Ron Oelrich	\$396 / 440 \$396 / 440 \$396 / 440 \$396* / 440* \$225* / 250* *Children 6-11 Half Price Under 6 - \$50		Cabins Cabins Cabins ML ML

[†] A-Fr: A-Frames

ML: Michaux Lodge

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!

U.C.C. DESK CALENDARS

It is that time of the year to order the U.C.C. desk calendars. This popular, 18-month (July 2019 - December 2020) planning calendar for the UCC is 8.5" x 11" and spiral-bound. The calendar includes complete lectionary readings for every Sunday, special mission offering dates, special observances and a directory of national staff.

The cost is \$18 (if we order less than 5 copies) or \$16 (for 5 or more copies). Speak to Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are interested in purchasing a calendar.





Trinity Concert Series

(Half of the Free Will Offering from each Concert Series Concert will support the listed charity):

October 13, 2019 - QuintEssentially Brass Concert - 4:00 PM

December 1, 2019- Trinity Christmas Concert - 6:00 PM concert followed by desserts



Events, Workshops, and Webinars

Date/Time	Event
April 6th, 2019	Going Deeper with the Enneagram
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Parish Resource Center, Lancaster PA
April 8th, 2019 - April 18th, 2019 9:00	The Way of the Cross: An Interactive Prayer Experience
am - 4:30 pm	Parish Resource Center, Lancaster PA
April 10th, 2019	Quickbooks 102
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Parish Resource Center, Lancaster PA
April 27th, 2019	An Evening with Brian McLaren
7:00 pm - 8:15 pm	Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster PA

CONTACT INFO: Address: 2160 Lincoln Hwy East, #18

Phone: (717) 299-1113 E-Mail: info@parishresourcecenter.org Website: https://parishresourcecenter.org

SPRING PROJECT 2019

Sponsored by Christian Education Committee & Deacons

HYGIENE KITS FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE DISASTER RELIEF

The Spring Project will begin on **Sunday, April 28**, with brief presentations in each Sunday School class and during church services. Specific items and monetary donations to purchase items will be collected until **Sunday, May 19, 2019.**

The money will be used to purchase extra items required to fill as many hygiene kits as possible and to pay kit shipping costs to disaster sites.

On **Sunday, June 2**, Celebration Sunday, we will honor our students and teachers as we work together to assemble the hygiene kits during Sunday School and Koinonia.

Look for displays and collection boxes for items in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

Mark any monetary donations for the "Spring Project" on your envelope.

SPECIFIC ITEMS TO BE COLLECTS FOR HYGIENE KITS

- Hand towels (Measuring approximately 15" X 28" to 16" x 32")-no fingertip, bath, dish or microfiber towels.
- Wash clothes
- Wide-Tooth Combs (removed from package)
- Fingernails or Toenail Clippers
- Bath Size Bars of Soap (in the original package)
- Toothbrushes (in the original package)
- Ten Standard Size Band-Aids per kit
- Gallon Size Ziplock Bags to contain each Hygiene Kit

NO OTHER ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED (a tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each kit just prior to its final journey.)

Help us help those in need whenever a disaster may strike!

Questions? Contact Jamy Shelly, Diane Rice, Charlene Cristy or Donna Denlinger

LADIES OF TRINITY **SAVE THE DATE:**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

6:00 PM

JOIN US FOR OUR 6TH

TEA FOR T.W.O.

LOOK FOR SIGN-UP SHEETS IN THE NARTHEX IN APRIL



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the proud great-grandparents Stan and Pat Seachrist on the birth of Alina Grace Nguyen who was born on January 23, 2019. She weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz. Her parents are Ashley & Tuyet Nguyen.

Congratulations to great-grandparent, Bob Price on the birth of Wren Nora Burkholder. She was born on March 19, 2019. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19" long. Her parents are Katlin and Shawn Burkholder and grandmother is Cherie Miller.

SUNDAY LUNCH GROUP

The Sunday lunch group to Chives is having their next lunch will be on May 5(after the 10:30 service). The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Deadline to sign-up is April 28. Contact Donna Zirkel for more information!

IN REMEMBRANCE



Donald Witmer joined the Church Triumphant on February 10. A graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family. A long-time member of St. Luke's U.C.C., Don became a member of Trinity when the two congregations united in 2015. We pray for his wife, Mary, and the rest of the Witmer family.

The Rev. Vernon Baum joined the Church Triumphant on March 7. A member of Trinity since 2015, Rev. Baum was an ordained pastor for almost 72 years. He was ordained on May 25, 1947 at Grace E&R, Hazleton. A graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and Lancaster Theological Seminary, Rev. Baum served the following ministries:

1973-1993: Area Conference Minister, Penn Central Conference

1962-1973: Pastor, Zion U.C.C., York

1954-1962: Pastor, St. Mark's E&R/U.C.C., Easton, PA

1949-1954: Pastor, St. Stephen's E&R. York

1947-1949: Pastor, Boonsboro-Mt. Moriah Charge, Washington County, MD



A memorial service was held on March 23 at St. Paul's U.C.C., Stoverstown with the Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin, the Rev. Austin Chinault, and the Rev. David Martin officiating. We pray for his wife, the Rev. Phyllis Baum; his son, Eric; and the rest of the Baum family.

I am the resurrection and the life; all who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. (John 11:25-26)



Jack Hocker to Graduate

Our student pastor, Jack Hocker, will graduate from Lancaster Theological Seminary on Saturday, May 4. The graduation will be held at Church of the Apostles U.C.C. at 11 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Jack or Pastor Chris. Seats will be limited. We will recognize Jack on Sunday, May 5. There will be a special koinonia time at 10 a.m. Jack will preach at both services.

LADIES OF TRINITY SAVE THE DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

6:00 PM

JOIN US FOR OUR 6TH

TEA FOR T.W.O.

LOOK FOR SIGN-UP SHEETS IN THE NARTHEX IN APRIL



Dear Committee.

Thank you so much for our \$1,000 grant from St. Luke's endowment Fund. We are very excited to use the money for our Sunday School and Bible Study outreaches to our small community!

Sincerely,

Maytown Reformed UCC

Dear Trinity UCC,

Every day at Bethany, our youth are working to take back their lives through healing, compassion, understanding, and forgiveness. Many have endure significant trauma and through your support we are helping them to understand they are valued, appreciated, and worthy of love.

Your special gifts to Bethany Children's Home help to provide services such as Individual & Family Therapeutic & Counseling Services, Art & Recreation Programs, Birthday & Holiday Celebration, special Off-Campus Trips, supportive Educational Services, Moral & Spiritual Development & Higher Education & Scholarship Programs.

Once again, thank you for helping Bethany to provide a Brighter Future for Kids and Families.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Shultz Spano, Director of Development

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so very much for your gifts! Please remember Love INC in your giving 2019 giving plans. Our entire mission is to assist local Christian congregations in making meaningful connections with their neighbors, specifically those who are unchurched. Our desire is to help you grow your ministry by providing opportunities and giving you the privilege of serving your neighbors, with confidence that Love INC has the knowledge to help you do so.

We are so thankful for all the Body of Christ in Lancaster County does to serve Him and serve its neighbors, and we are eager to help you in that holy calling!

In His Service.

Kim Y. Wittel, Executive Director

The family of Helen H. Shenk would like to thank the members of Trinity for their prayers, Pastor Chris for his visits to the hospital. Thanks to Dennis Dezort, piano player. Also thanks to all of those who attended her service during the middle of a snowstorm. Again to Pastor Chris for the beautiful service.

Love,

Autumn & Steve Shenk, Mark & Lindsey Shenk, Aaron Shenk & Kately Rhine and granddaughter Julianna

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Dear Rev. Dr. Rankin & the Trinity UCC congregation,

We are extremely thankful for your continued prayerful and financial support. Your most recent contribution of \$400 from you Christmas card collection has helped us to provide food to the roughly 100 families we are currently serving each week. The families regularly express their gratitude for the program and how it benefits their family.

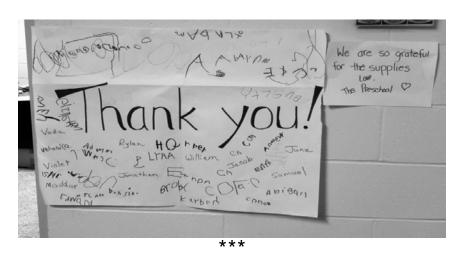
Most of the families we serve are working families struggling to make ends meet. They are responsible for picking up their packs each week at distribution time. We have had to adjust our distributions on several occasions as a result of the weather. This creates some interesting dynamics since our volunteers for packing the bags, delivering them to the schools, and distributing them to the families all have to adjust their schedules. If they cannot, then we have to find replacement volunteers for the rescheduled times. God has been so good to provide the help we needed in each of these situations and our volunteers have enthusiastically responded to the needs as they have arrived. The families were very appreciative that we did not cancel distributions in those weeks.

Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to serve the Hempfield community. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Your neighbors

Amy Jordan, Co-Director & Lisa Peters, Co-Director

FROM OUR PRESCHOOL



A thank you note for the visits from Donna Geisler & Marlyn Wible & Harry & Kathy Covert to the apartment of June & Frank Lantz at Woodcrest Villa. We so appreciated their visits, flowers, candy & fruit. God's blessings on Trinity UCC and their wonderful visitation program.

Rev. Frank & June Lantz

Dear Trinity UCC,

Thank you so much for your monetary donation of \$100.00. We as a congregation greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

St. Peter's UCC, Tremont, PA

(Note—this congregation experienced a lot of flooding last year and we sent them a contribution from the Our Gifts to Others Fund)

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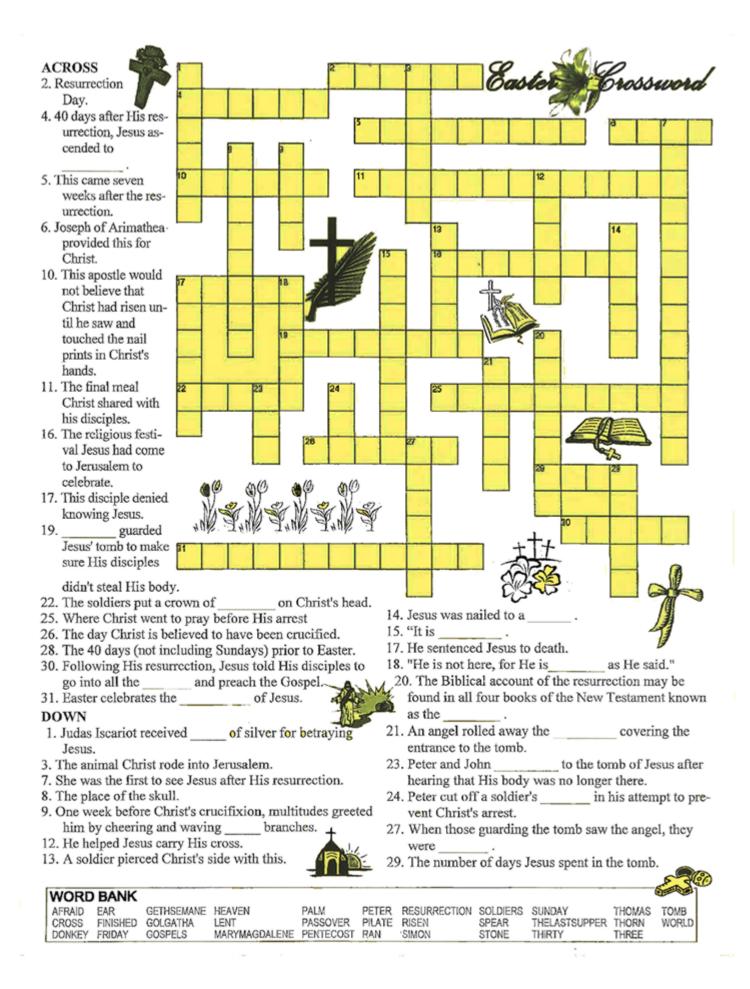
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- 3 Don Miller, Dan Otthofer, Hank Fox
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- 10 (Lent)Bud McCarty, Kathy McCarty, Betty Tyndall
- 14 Steve Shenk, Betsy Bailey, John Bailey, Chuck Husted, Denise Huggins, Lee Bossert, Jane Starr, Judie Bistline
- 17 (Lent)John Barr, Hank Fox, George DeLong
- 18 (M. Th.) Don Miller, Tim Geiger, Betty Tyndall, George DeLong
- 19 (Good F.)Ken Zimmerman
- 21 (Easter—7:00) <u>Don Miller</u>, Scott Owens, Jane Starr (Easter-10:30) <u>John Barr</u>, <u>Chuck Portser</u>, Hank Fox, Jane Portser, Dolly Barr, Theodore Slechta, Stan Seachrist, Thomas Goodhart
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dessert



RESCHOOL NEWSLETTER TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 2019

HOORAY FOR SPRING! Spring has arrived and the children at Trinity are learning about all the incredible ways our world changes with the seasons. Young gardeners will be tending to their seedlings and watching plants grow roots and stems. Be sure to notice the changes in your back yard – your little one will! Seeing, hearing, smelling, touching are the ways we experience the world and the way children LEARN!



BUDDY HOP Our 3-day and 4-day children will learn about how special we ALL are and that children with disabilities are special in many ways! Our energetic students will hop to raise money to donate to Schreiber Pediatric Center to thank them for a great learning experience! Thank you in advance to parents and others who help to collect the donations! Our Buddy Hop will be Wednesday, April 24.

Donations will be collected until Friday, April 26.

SPECIAL DATES IN APRIL

April 5	Moms and Muffins, 9:00-9:30 a.m.
	Fundraiser Deadline
April 11	Spring program for 2-day families, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
April 12	Spring program for 3-day and 4-day families, 10:00 a.m.
April 15	Fundraiser pickup, 5:00 p.m.
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FIELD TRIPS Some classes will be going on field trips this season and we would like to remind parents about the booster seat policy. All children traveling in a car need to be buckled into an appropriate car booster seat. Parents are asked to provide their child's seat on field trip days. The seat can be marked with the child's name and left with the teacher that day. Field trips, as with all attendance, are optional!

KINDERGARTEN READINESS Whether your child is 2, 3, 4, or 5 the question of kindergarten readiness causes many parents to panic and question their parenting. Child development is enriched with a variety of experiences and academics is only one portion of that development. PLAY is a hugely important vehicle for developing self-regulation and promoting language, cognition, and social competence. Make time to join in their world of imagination! Children develop best in secure, nurturing relationships! ENJOY!!

YOUR COMMENTS WELCOME! Surveys are sent out before the end of the school year and we encourage your participation. What characteristics of Trinity Preschool do you value? What qualities could be strengthened? Let us know!

MAKE UP DAYS, SCHEDULE CHANGES

Due to the weather related school closings we have lots to make up! Here is the plan at this point: 3-day and 4-day classes are scheduled to end on May 10. Enrichment Class will end May 8. Tiny Tots will end on May 9 and 2-day a.m. will end May 14 and 2-day p.m. will end May 15.

The days your child attends a full day of school, please send a packed lunch! Thank you!

MISS JILL-MRS. RITT 4-DAY CLASS: As we move into April, we will continue exploring topics related to spring such as insects, plants, and weather. We will also learn about taking care of the Earth as we approach Earth day. We will continue working on mastering our letters and beginning sounds.

Miss Ellie-Mrs. Cox 3-day class. April is a great month for talking about rain, umbrellas, nests and insects. We will be practicing for our spring program, visiting a farm, watching seeds grow and tiedying T-shirts. What a fun month!

Miss Ellie-Mrs. Cox- MISS JILL 2-Day Classes. The 2-day classes will be talking about bunnies, birds and baby animals!! We will observe growing seeds, rainbows & weather.

MISS JILL-MRS. RITT TINY TOTS CLASS. We will be exploring rainbows and things we see during the spring. We will also continue to explore friendships as we are interesting with each other more during our play

WHEN CHILDREN LOOK AT BOOKS AND HEAR STORIES, THEY ARE LEARNING:

- that learning to read is important and enjoyable.
- that letters on a page represent words...talk written down.
- the meanings of more and more words.
- to express their own thoughts, feelings and ideas better.
- to exercise their own imaginations.
- to interpret pictures to represent ideas.
- to listen well to spoken language.

- to make up their own stories.
- to handle books with care.
- aesthetic values from well done illustrations.
- to recognize certain words when they see them in print.
- to use more and more complex language patterns in their own speech.
- to follow the development of thoughts and ideas in the plot of a story.

Too often we give children answers to remember rather than problems to solve. Roger Lewin



The Lancaster Association

Penn Central Conference United Church of Christ **Upcoming Events**











remind all authorized ministers and lay delegates about the Lancaster Association spring meeting on Sunday, April 7 at Hamilton Park U.C.C. (1210 Maple Ave., Lancaster). Registration will begin around 2:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 3 p.m. We will worship together, receive reports from our committees, elect and install new leaders, and remember those who have died since our fall meeting. The program for our meeting will be led by Dr. Lee Barrett and Dr. Randall Zachman. The title of their presentation is "Whatever Happened to Death? The Crisis of Theology in the Contemporary Church".

It is important that we have two delegates from each congregation and as many authorized ministers as possible in order to meet our quorum.

We are living in some challenging times in the Penn Central Conference. The Board of Directors is working hard to help us move forward following the departure of the Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith as our conference minister. The Rev. Dr. John Fureman from the Lebanon Association will be responding to search and call issues in the Lancaster Association. I am also willing to meet with any of our congregations who are in transition. The leaders of our Association stand ready to work with all of our congregations in order to strengthen our ministry and mission.

Please hold the following people in your prayers:

The Penn Central Conference Staff and Board of Directors as they help us to move forward in the ministry that Christ is calling us to in this place and at this time.

The Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith as she enters into a time of discernment.

The Family of the Rev. Vernon Baum as they grieve the recent his recent death. Rev. Baum was a former Penn Central Conference staff member whose standing was in the York Association, but he and his wife, Rev. Phyllis Baum, lived in the Lancaster Association.

The Family of the Rev. Dr. Bill Rader as they grieve his recent death. Dr. Rader was a former associate pastor of Christ U.C.C., Elizabethtown and had his standing in the Harrisburg Association. He recently resided at Homestead Village.

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14)

Blessings, Chris Rankin

Grace United Church of Christ invites you to attend



and guided discussions. All are welcome!

Movies Begin at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

March 8 - The Firm

March 29 - A.I.: Artificial Intelligence

March 15 - Billy Elliot

April 5 - The Burning Season

March 22 - Jesus of Montreal April 12 - Edward Scissorhands

Snacks will be provided. Bring camp chairs, blankets, and pillows!

Grace UCC - 1947 New Holland Pike, Lancaster, PA

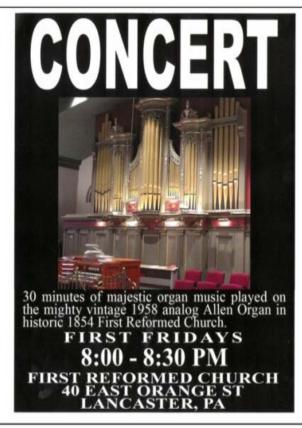


The Lancaster Brass Quintet in Concert Sunday, May 19, 2019 - 3:00 p.m. at

Palmyra Church of the Brethren 45 N. Chestnut St., Palmyra, PA.

The Lancaster Brass Quintet made its debut in 1982 and has been active in the musical community of central Pennsylvania since that time. Performing music brought to the forefront by such renowned ensembles as the Empire Brass and the Canadian Brass, the Lancaster Brass Quintet is available for concerts, church services, weddings and virtually any other event. These professional musicians bring the sound and excitement of brass music to audiences by performing a wide variety of literature, including jazz, show tunes, sacred music, marches and original works for brass.

Please come and delight in the sounds of the Lancaster Brass Quintet. There is no admission charge, but a good-will offering will be received.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

Dear Trinity Members, "Knit In God's Love" is the theme for this summer's Vacation Bible School. It will be held Monday, July 8 to Thursday July 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, with the closing program on Friday, July 12. We will need your help to see that the children of Trinity and the wider community learn about how we are, how the world is, and how we "Knit In God's Love." We need people who knit and people who do not. The ideal VBS program would touch and/or be touched by each member of the congregation. Please check the activities in which you would be willing to share during the week. Please return this form to the VBS Director's mail slot in the church office by April 15. If you have any questions please contact us. Thank you.
Dina Slechta and Diane Rice
Group Leader—travels with group through stations
Assistant Group Leader - travels with the group through stations
Caretaker And Me Class Facilitators - 2 people with clearances who can be available in the nursery for any caretaker and child who need to take a quiet time/play by themselves break in the nursery.
Story Station Leader
Games Leader—leads 10 to 15 minute games reinforcing the night's concept and story
Games Helper
Crafts Leader
Craft Helper
Knitters - willing to help teach children to knit
Snack Helper – helps serve snacks
Registration—needs to be there 6:15 to 6:45 the first two evenings to register children
Help anywhere needed.
Youth Helper (7th grade on up) Transportation Needed
Name
Phone Number
Email Address
Days you would be available

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