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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instruction to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

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. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. 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.*

Prayer As You Enter: O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

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.

Happy are those who seek God with their whole heart.

Their eyes are fixed on all that God commands.

We have come to reflect together on God's law.

It is hard to hear, in other places, what God expects.

Ready yourselves to receive all that God supplies.

Attune your hearts to God's promises and warnings.

We expect to be challenged as well as encouraged.

We know that our ways are not God's ways.

God gives us choices that result in life or death.

We can obey or reject the way of life God intends for us.

We seek to know and follow the way of life.

We want to live according to promises we have made.

Come and taste the joy of God!

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has come to us in Christ, but we often live as if it made no difference. Let us now confess our sins in silent prayer.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. 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)

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 THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Let us pray the collect together.

God of our ancestors, whose power to bless or to destroy has not diminished through the vastness of time, help us to hear your high expectations of us without defensiveness or denial, that we may be open to the changes you require, respond in ways that bring life, and, working together, become your community of spiritual people who have something important to offer to the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The Lord sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

THE PSALTER

Psalm 119:1-8

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

THE SECOND LESSON

Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are co-workers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously

empowers the ministry of the church.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 5:21-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations. Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD Praise be to You. O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

"Vegetable Gardening & Spiritual Growth" Pastor Rankin SERMON

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

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

Faithful God, we give in gratitude for your abundant gifts to us. You have not forsaken us when we were unfaithful. You have not abandoned us in the hells of our own making. You keep calling us when we pursue other gods. As we offer our tokens of thanks today, we hear you sending us out to mend broken relationships. Our offering is not a substitute for our own engagement in your reconciling work. Go with us to help us as we accept the assignments you give us; through Christ our Lord. 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. Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere.

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!

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

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.

(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 need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your 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.

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the Church, the world, and all in need.

Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith with children and new believers to missionaries and denominational leaders, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Nourish your creation. Accompany all who plant and water. Bless the work of farmers; provide for subsistence farmers facing drought and climate change. Guide the work of agricultural scientists toward sustainable ways to feed the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Give growth where there seems to be no hope for life. In nations and regions where reconciliation seems impossible, empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Where death holds sway through violence, disease, and hunger, equip relief workers to bring hope. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Nurture all in need. Bring healing to all who experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**. Encourage this congregation. Call us to a common purpose and keep us from quarrelling. Turn our hearts toward you and guide our leaders, so that our choices may be lifegiving for all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Arise, and go forth to shine for all the world to see.

We go to spread the good news of light and love, righteousness and justice.

May the blessing of the God of light rest upon you and fill you with light. Amen.



CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by Joan Cash in memory of C.L. Fountain.

The Worship Aids are given by Hedwig & Bob Hunsicker with gratitude for Trinity's music ministry.

Ministering Today

Pastor/Celebrant	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Lector/Assistant	Jerry Richards
Money Counters	Bud & Kathy McCarty, Scott Owens, Jeff
	Hackenberger, John Shelsky
Altar Guild	Charlene Cristy, Anita Rohrer
Koinonia	John & Sarah Paulukow
Building Trustee	Mike Wagner
Ministries	Card Church Staff(Carol Kratz)
	Called to Care Anne Rankin
	Visitation Donna Zirkel

Attendance for Sun., Feb. 5	7:45-12	10:30-87	TOTAL –99
Sunday School Attendance	25		

Happy Birthday!

Monday – Ian Derstler Wednesday – George Adams Thursday – Ali Daly

This Week at Trinity Church (Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m2 p.m.)			
Today	Love Sunday		
Today	6:00 PM—Confirmation Class		
Monday	7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM-Bells		
Tuesday	7 AM-2 PM – Peanut Fellowship		
Wednesday	7:00 PM - Finance		
Thursday	2:00 PM – CROP Walk Mtg.		
-	6:30 PM – Cub Scouts		
	7:00 PM – Executive Mtg.		
Friday	No Preschool		
Saturday	7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA		
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist		
·	9:00 AM – Sunday School		
	10:00 AM - Koinonia		
	10:30 AM – Eucharist		
	Meals with a Mission after second service		

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THE FEBRUARYPARISH POST is available on both floors of the church building.

KNIT IN GOD'S LOVE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl will meet **Tuesday, February 21 from 1:00-3:00 PM.** They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Don & Pat Miller Scott & Jane Owens Dawn Garvin The Lehman family George DeLong Mary Lou Shaab Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser Betty Tyndall and family Dorothy Fasnacht Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman Joann Garvin Ron Denlinger Mark Shenk Jodi Keller Joann Peck Judie Bistline Donna Zirkel Sam Minder III Hank Fox Bob Kilgore Mary Witmer Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman Nancy Patton Dr. Janet Harriger Deb Lichtenwalner Danielle Huggins Holbein Stan & Pat Seachrist Carmen & Jerry Richards Lainie Christensen Charles & Betty Booraem Bob & Marlyn Wible

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Eric Zirkel (brother-in-law of Donna Zirkel) Joan Sleet (sister of Donna Zirkel & Pastor Rover) James Malone & family **Jeff Bradley** (son of Roger & Maryann Bradley) Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner) **Summerlyn Burger** (granddaughter of Marge Burger) Janet Owens (sister-in-law of Scott & Jane Owens) Donna Nesbitt (neighbor of John & Sarah Paulukow) **Chad Zirkel** (son of Donna Zirkel) Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), **David and Brenda Haverstick**(friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner) Jeannie & Bill Tov (sister & brother-in-law of Lainie Christensen) **Robin McComsey** (neighbor of Himelwrights) Rvlan Brent (relative of Chuck & Sue Husted) **Don Pfeifer** (husband of Denise Pfeifer) Judy Barr (friend of Mike & Shellev Wagner) Rev. Phyllis Baum (former member of Trinity Church) Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer) The Martin family Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards) Monica Williams(friend of Sandy DeLong) Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright) **Barry Richards**(son of Jerry & Carmen Richards) **Tyler Miller** (grandson of Iris DeMaio) Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer) Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards)

John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law) Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother) Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall) Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law) Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law) Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted) The Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church)

TRINITY'S MEALS WITH A MISSION ARE BACK! February 19, 2023



Trinity will again be preparing/assembling meals for some of our members on Sunday, February 19. We will meet after the second service to prepare the meals - it should take about an hour.

If you are able to help out with the assembly of the meal or are able to deliver the meal, please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex! Hands of all sizes are welcome to help. If you have questions, contact Deb Lichtenwalner - 717-203-9506 or <u>deblich@comcast.net</u>.

COMMUNITY MEAL AT FIRST REFORMED U.C.C. (40 E. Orange St., Lancaster) Tuesday February 21 from 4:00-6:00 pm

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the narthex for food donations and volunteers.

Questions? Contact Kathy Cooley at ksharkitt@gmail.com or 717-371-0346.

CHURCH DIRECTORY—Look for a copy on the table across from the church office. Make any changes by February 26!

2022 ANNUAL REPORTS are available on the table across from the church office and in the information racks on both floors of the church building!

DEVOTIONALS: The January-March edition of *These Days* are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for worship volunteers on Sunday mornings. Contact the church office to sign-up! Greeters: To welcome worshippers at the door for the second service.

Ushers: We have returned to passing the offering plate during the second service. We especially need ushers because some people have stepped down!

Lectors: Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.

WOODEN CHURCH SCENES FOR SALE: Mike Wagner recently made church scenes to benefit the Trinity Preschool. They are available on the table across from the church office. The cost is \$15 and you can place it in the red box.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available on the table across from the church office. Please help us by delivering envelopes to some of our homebound members!

KOINONIA: We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship) every Sunday at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments and drinks/coffee. The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen coordinator. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes.



CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY: The Evangelism Committee is revitalizing the Called to Care ministry this month. Meals will be provided for members after they have returned home from the hospital or during other critical moments. Transportation to medical appointments is also available. Anne Rankin will be the coordinator for January and February.

2023 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:

Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: March 5, 19, & 26. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: March 5, 12, 19, & 26. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Contact Carol and look for charts for 2023 dates. **NEW MEMBERS:** Are you interested in joining Trinity U.C.C.? Do you know of someone looking for a church home? Please speak to Pastor Chris about joining our congregation.

FLOWER DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Would you like to be on the rotation to pick up the weekly chancel flowers from the florist on Friday mornings? If so, contact Lee Bossert. Would you like to deliver the chancel flowers after worship to members of the congregation? If so, contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz.

MEN OF TRINITY BREAKFAST: The monthly breakfast will be held at the Family Fare Restaurant on **March 4 at 8:00 a.m.** Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

EASTER SPECIAL MUSIC: We intend to sing the Hallelujah Chorus again on Easter morning, and are inviting instrumentalists to join us. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the hallway by Sunday, March 5, so we can arrange for sheet music for you. We will rehearse starting at 6:15 PM on Monday, April 3. There will also be an optional instrumental rehearsal on Monday, March 27 at 6:15 PM.

LENTEN WORSHIP THEME: SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY

Lent is a time of renewal. We focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus and in turn focus on our own death and resurrection found in baptism. We who have been baptized into Christ have died to sin and are righteous saints of God. At the same time, we know that we struggle daily with sin as we seek to follow Jesus. This is the wonderful understanding of sinner and saint.

We have a rich calendar of saints in the Christian faith. These are people from every age who have pointed to Christ in their living and dying. In remembering these Christians who have gone before, we find inspiration for our Christian journey. This Lenten midweek series honors the commemorations that occur during the weeks of the Lenten season. Commemorating these individuals is a starting point for a deeper engagement with our Christian faith.

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday (February 22) with services at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Lenten services will be every Wednesday at 7 p.m. beginning on March 1.



LENTEN ADULT STUDIES Becoming Jesus' Disciples: The Hard Examples of Those Who Did

Sunday mornings in Lent at Trinity East Pete Isenberg Hall 9:00 a.m. with Dr. Charles Hambrick-Stowe

When we think of "the disciples" who followed Jesus, it's usually the twelve that he named as apostles who come to mind. But when we look closely at the gospels, the category "disciple" becomes much wider and more complicated. Who were these men and women, why

did they follow Jesus, and what were the challenges they faced?

February 26 — The Twelve

March 5 — The 70, the Women, and Many More

March 12 — The Secret Disciples

In these Lenten sessions Dr. Charles Hambrick-Stowe (Anne Rankin's father) will explore surprising implications for the decision to follow Jesus in our own time. Come and learn more about "the cost and joy of discipleship" from the hard examples of those who first followed him.

Dr. Charles Hambrick-Stowe is minister emeritus of the First Congregational Church of Ridgefield, Connecticut. Previously, he served as academic dean of Northern Seminary in Illinois, director of the Doctor of Ministry program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and pastor at Church of the Apostles in Lancaster and St. Paul's UCC in Westminster, Maryland. In addition to MA and MDiv degrees, he holds a PhD in American Studies from Boston University.

Finding the Gospel in the Old Testament with Dr. Rich Christensen 9:00 A.M. in Isenberg Hall

March 19—The Freedom of God

March 26—The Power of Names

April 2—Life-Saving Faithfulness



Dr. Rich Christensen, a member of Trinity Church, is a retired professor of Church History. He previously served pastorates in Pennsylvania and Ohio, a missionary in Botswana, and professor at Phillips Theological Seminary in Oklahoma and Lakeland College in Wisconsin. He received degrees from Lancaster Theological Seminary (MDiv) and Union Theological Seminary in Virginia (PhD).

2023 CONCERT SPONSORS: Forms are available on the table across from the church office for you to sponsor this year's concert series.



CHURCH CAMP REGISTRATION

Even though the air is cold and snow is on the ground, the warmer days of the Summer Camp season are right around the corner! Camp registration is open and ready for you to start planning your summer around weeks at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa! There are a wide range of camps this summer for all ages — kindergarteners through high schoolers, families, adults, and older folks. Below is a list of the camps this year! Contact Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin for more information!

As you know, Penn Central Conference paid for 50% of camp registration fees last year. It is wonderful to be able to announce that that same generous offer stands again this year! You can help send campers from Trinity by contribution to our Camp Scholarship Fund. **Place your contribution in your weekly offering envelope and mark the special designation box with "Camp Scholarship"**.

CAMP WEEK	EXPLORERS Grades K-2	JUNIORS Grades 3-6	INTERMEDIATES Grades 6-9	SENIOR HIGH & ADVENTURE TRIPS
JUNE 18-24	Day Camp (M-F)		High Adventure	
JUNE 25- JULY 1	Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Tree Toppers	Classic Kayak	Beach (Grades 6-8)
JULY 2-8	Pioneers	Classic Jr Quest (Grades 4-6)	Classic Arts & Crafts S.U.R.E.	Sr. High Super Adventure (Grades 9-11)
	Kids at Heart			
JULY 9-15	Mini Camp	Day Camp Plus (M-S, Grades 2-5) Guppies	High Adventure Ten Day	Adirondack Backpack (Grades 7-11)
JULY 16-22		Arts & Crafts Back-Country Outpost S.U.R.E. TURTLES	Water Adventure	Beach (Grades 9-11)
JULY 23-29	Pioneers	Classic Arts & Crafts NightHawks S.U.R.E.	SUB Adventure	Adirondack Canoe (Grades 7-11)
JULY 30- AUG 5	Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Bikes & Boulders	Back-Country Outpost High Adventure	KirchenQuest (Grades 7-11)
	Family Camp-K-tion (Family Camp)			
AUG 6-12	Mini Camp	Ultimate Sports	Fishing Ultimate Sports	

Kirchenwald is located on 340 acres of scenic forest, adjacent to 4,000 acres of State Game Lands, in Lebanon, PA.

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JUNE 25- JULY 1	Classic Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Equestrian Team Sports	Classic Arts & Crafts EXTRAvangaza	Classic
JULY 2-8	Mini Camp	Classic Day Camp Plus (M-S, Grades 2-5) Holy Smoke!	Classic Full STEAM Ahead!	Adventure Sampler
	Elder Camp			
JULY 9-15	Classic Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Arts, Crafts, & Photography Beginner Guitar and Music	Classic Camp Musical Rock and Roll Adventure	
JULY 16-22	Family Camp			
JULY 23-29	Nature Detectives Mini Camp	Classic Night Owls O.W.L.S. Wild Things	Classic Ten Day	Ten Day
JULY 30- AUG 5	Classic Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Team Sports	Classic Blaze and Paddle Adventure Team Sports	
AUG 6-12	Family Camp			

Nawakwa is located on 336 acres outside of Arendtsville, in Adams County, Pennsylvania.

HARTMAN CENTER HOMECOMING CAMP (July 31-August 5) There will be several camps happening that week at the Hartman Center Campground in Milroy (the former Penn Central Conference Camp). Look for more details in the upcoming bulletins and the March Parish Post. **FEBRUARY 12, 2023**

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FIRST LESSON. Deuteronomy 30:15-20

(A)

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

SECOND LESSON. 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

GOSPEL. Matthew 5:21-37

"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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