



# WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

LUKE 10:29



**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"- namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

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

**Welcome to the Eucharist!** All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion.

*Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.*

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

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

**Prayer As You Enter:** *O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

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## **CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY**



### **TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:**

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

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

- Share God's love with our community*
  - Serve God's children*
  - Bring healing and wholeness to those in need*
  - Share the Gospel in liturgy, music, and study*
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## **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.**

God offers us eternal life.

**We will love the Lord our God, with all our heart, with all our soul,  
with all our mind, and with all our strength.**

God calls us to love one another.

**We will love our neighbor as we love ourselves. We come now to worship the  
God of abundant love.**

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

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

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

# CONFESSION OF SINS

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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

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

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Baptized in Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. We confess all of this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, 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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

Sovereign God, whose judgments stretch our thinking and challenge our doing, you have placed us in the midst of your eternal realm to be neighbors to sisters and brothers we have not yet acknowledged. Draw us into a circle of mutual caring, where the suffering of one is felt by all and injustice is confronted at every level to communicate your mercy to the world. Commission us through your Word to grow, to bear fruit, and to serve. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

*Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.*

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

## PSALTER

Psalms 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

**Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

**Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

**All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:1-14

*The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.*

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 10:25-37

*Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.*

*Glory be to You, O Lord.*

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD  
*Praise be to You, O Christ*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

SERMON

“Crossing the Border”  
*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

Pastor Rankin

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

O God, may these gifts and our lives bear fruit in many good works, increasing among all people knowledge of patience and endurance, wisdom and understanding, love and joy. We would act with compassion toward one another and toward neighbors near and far. Thankful for the mercy you have shown us, we pledge ourselves and these offerings to extend mercy to all, through Jesus 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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal and triune God, whom we worship as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus Christ you spoke the word that brought the world into being. By the Holy Spirit you brought order out of chaos and breathed life into your creatures. In your great love, you stood by us in spite of our disobedience, correcting us with gracious reproof, and welcoming us again into your loving embrace. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sings to the glory of your name:

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

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born of Mary, he came to dwell among us, full of grace and truth. To all who believed, he gave power to become your children. In ministry among your own Jesus cared for all, forgiving their failures, healing their hurts, and nurturing their faith, giving himself in utter sacrifice for those he loved. He inspired ordinary people to Spirit-filled living and displayed in his life, death, and rising again to the power of your Spirit.

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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

### BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

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

**The Bread of Life, broken for us.**

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

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

## RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GOD

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, elders, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**



Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing. Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. We especially pray for those attending church camp in the coming weeks. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**  
*SILENT PRAYER*

Let us pray together.  
Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

**BENEDICTION**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Nevin Cooley** in memory of Ann E. Cooley, mother of Nevin Cooley.

The Worship Aids are given by **Lily and Andrew Brennan** to honor of the volunteers around the country helping in disaster relief.

**Ministering Today**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
<b>Lector</b>	Jeff Hackenberger
<b>Money Counters</b>	Ron & Donna Denlinger, Denise Pfeiffer, Steve Shenk, Sue Bowman
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy, Hedwig Hunsicker, Nancy Enders
<b>Building Trustee</b>	Pat Sensenig
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Church Staff</b> (Carol Kratz, Pastor Rankin) <b>Called to Care</b> Nancy Enders <b>Visitation</b> Janice Jenkins

<b>Attendance for Sun., July 5</b>	<b>7:45–17</b>	<b>9:30–58</b>	<b>TOTAL – 75</b>
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## **Happy Birthday!**

Monday – Lori Eberly, Marlyn Wible

Tuesday – Scott Owens, Ashley Nygen

Wednesday – Kathy Pilsner

Thursday – Keith Daly

Friday – Marie Reed

Saturday – Bob Wible, Zachary Mowrer

## **This Week at Trinity Church**

**(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)**

Today                    4-7 PM - Friendship Fest  
                              5-6 PM - Concert

Monday-Thursday 6:30-8:30 PM Vacation Bible School  
                              2:00 PM – Crop Walk Meeting

Friday                    6:30 PM – VBS Closing

Saturday                8:00 PM – Alanon/AA

Sunday                  7:45 AM – Eucharist

                              9:30 AM – Worship

**Rev. Jack Esbenshade, Supply Preacher**

## **PRAYERS FOR GOD’S HEALING PRESENCE**

### **MEMBERS**

**Rick Mowrer**

**Ron & Donna Denlinger**

**Janice Jenkins**

**Rhonda Hartenstine**

**The Lehman family**

**Donna Wolf & Family**

**Sam Minder III**

**Rev. Bob Musser**

**Betty Fogle**

**Denise Huggins**

**Ron Becker**

**Arlene Hoxworth**

**Pastor Harry Royer**

**Kathleen Sensenig Adams**

**Rev. Ken Trauger**

**Rev. Dr. Carrie Call**

**Marge Burger**

**Joann Peck**

**Mary Lou Shaab**

**George & Ellie Latsha**

**Betsy Bailey**

**Pat Seachrist**

**Betty Tyndall & family**

**Erika Otthofer**

**Joann & Dawn Garvin**

**Mary Lou Sturgis**

**Mid Gockley**

**Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen**

**Donna Zirkel**

**John Shelsky**

**Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman**

**Scott & Jane Owens**

**Carmen & Jerry Richards**

**Himelwright Family**

**Hank Fox**

**Danielle Huggins Holbein**

**Michael McDonough**

**Don Miller**

**Bob & Marlyn Wible**

**Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline**

**Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman**

**Justin & McKenzie Lichtenwalner on their wedding at Trinity on Friday**

**Lexi Weeber & Ryan Bair on the birth of Logan Joseph Bair**

## **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**Betty Lenker** (sister-in-law of Jack & Charlene Cristy)  
**Janet Latsha** (sister-in-law of George & Ellie Latsha)  
**Claudia Esbenshade** (cousin of George DeLong, Jodi Keller, & Denise Gobrecht)  
**Sherry Kline** (former substitute organist at Trinity)  
**Dennis Amour** (father of John & Kayla Brennan's friend)  
**Lynnette Fritz** (cousin of Betty Tyndall)  
**Deb Wealand** (sister-in-law of Denise Pfeiffer)  
**Andrew Hicks** (husband of Katie Weeber)  
**Marjorie Derck** (sister of George Latsha)  
**Billy Schoffstall** (uncle of Kayla Brennan)  
**Matthew Davis** (brother-in-law of Hillary Bossert-Davis)  
**Zach Pfeiffer** (son of Denise Pfeiffer)  
**John Zittel** (brother-in-law of Denise Pfeiffer)  
**Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner** (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)  
**John Martin** (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)  
**Dan Congelton** (friend of Nancy Enders)  
**Audria Husted** (granddaughter of Chuck & Sue Husted)  
**Cindy Greiman** (friend of Betty Fogle)  
**Carmen Sweigert** (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine)  
**Marianne Gibble** (friend of Trinity)  
**Chad Zirkel** (son of Donna Zirkel)  
**Ken Hoshauer** (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)  
**Kurt Kalbach** (brother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)  
**Mary Call** (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)  
**The Herr Family** (Former Trinity Preschool Family)  
**Chris Rice** (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)  
**David Brown** (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)  
**Harvey Sick** (friend of Judy Chapman)  
**James Malone & family**  
**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)  
**Jo Jo Richards & family** (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

## **OTHER CONCERNS**

**Victims of Disasters**

**World Peace**

**Church World Service & Other Faith-Based Relief Organizations**

**THE JULY/AUGUST PARISH POST** is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

**PASTOR RANKIN WILL BE AWAY** from July 19-August 3. He will return to the office on August 4.

The pulpit will be supplied by the following pastors:

**The Rev. Jack Esbenshade**, a member of our congregation, will be preaching on July 20.

**The Rev. Dr. Jim Haun**, a retired U.C.C. pastor, will be preaching on July 27.

**The Rev. Charlie Gross**, a retired Presbyterian pastor and son of Trinity Church, will be preaching on August 3.

Pastoral care will be provided by the following pastors:

**The Rev. Bob Bistline**, a member of our congregation, will be covering pastoral emergencies from July 19-26. You can reach Rev. Bistline at 717-917-9716.

**The Rev. Sandy Morris**, a member of our congregation, will be covering pastoral emergencies from August 27-August 3. You can reach Rev. Morris at 717-385-1588.

**SUMMER CHURCH CAMP:** 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. **There is also the annual Hartman Center Homecoming Camp** Look for more information in the Parish Post or on the table across from the church office. Contact Anne Rankin, Camp Liaison Person, for more information!

As you know, Penn Central Conference pays 50% of camp registration fees. **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”.

**THIS WEEK’S CAMPERS:** The following youth will be attending church camp this week. Please keep all the campers and staff in prayer. You can send notes to them at the following addresses:

**Samuel & Ella Gibbons** (grandchildren of Rev. Sandy Morris)

Arts & Crafts Camp

Kirchenwald

1 Cut Off Rd.

Lebanon, PA 17042



# FRIENDSHIP FEST 2025

PRESENTING SPECIAL  
MUSICAL GUESTS

Sunday, July 13

Friendship Fest 4-7 PM



FOOD TRUCKS - CRAFT VENDORS

Magician - Face Painter - Bounce House - Games

Concert - Keystone Fiddlers 5-6 PM

2340 State St., East Petersburg



## Confirmed Food Trucks For This Year Are:

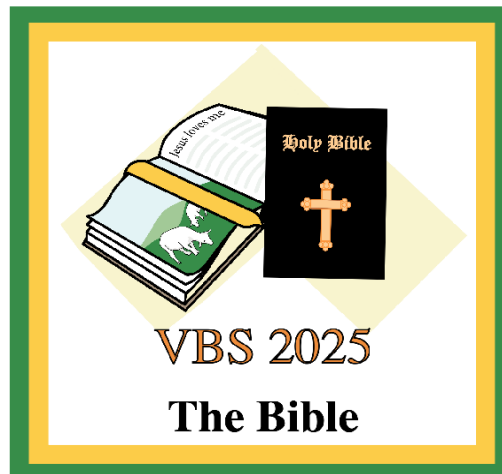
**Stoney Burgers & Fries** - *Smash burgers, French Fries, soda & Loaded French Fries*

**Penny's Ice Cream** – *local made ice cream*

**Joe's Fish Sandwich** - *a variety of seafood options, including their signature fish sandwich, as well as other seafood items like shrimp, crab, and hushpuppies. Other potential menu items mentioned include french fries, calamari, Chicken Strips & fries, Kids Meal(chicken & fries) and various beverages.*

**Nil's Funnel Cakes & More** - *a variety of funnel cake options, including classic powdered sugar and customizable toppings like strawberries, chocolate, and various ice cream flavors. Additionally, they provide savory options like hot dogs and corn dogs.*

**PROCEEDS FROM THE FRIENDSHIP FEST SUPPORTS THE TRINITY PRESCHOOL!!!**



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**July 14 - 17 6:30-8:30 PM**  
**July 18 6:30 PM Closing Program**

Caretaker And Me Class - Under Five With Caretaker

Children's Classes - Five Through Finished Sixth Grade

Youth Volunteers - Contact Mrs. Slechta

Through stories, crafts, games, and music, "*The Bible*" takes a look at what the Bible is, where it came from, and how to use it. We will be looking at some of the characters whose lives and actions are depicted in its pages, in addition to Jesus' life, and what it means for us today.

A class for adults, led by Rev. Jack Esbenshade, will be looking at excerpts from the book, "Heroes, Rogues and the Rest," by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

Over four sessions we will look at Abraham and Sarah, along with David in the Old Testament, and then turn to the New Testament to look at Peter, James and John, as well as Paul.

Offerings support Wycliffe Bible Translators.



**Register through the VBS/Rally Day Page at [www.trinityeastpete.org](http://www.trinityeastpete.org)**

**VBS INFORMATION:** The books for the adult class led by Rev. Jack Esbenshade are now available. Contact the church office if you would like a copy. If you have any questions, speak to Dina Slechta or Diane Rice.

**VBS SNACK DONATIONS NEEDED:** We are now collecting snacks for VBS. We need 6 Pears, 6 Peaches, a seedless Watermelon, and a Cantaloupe. Please donate by Sunday July 13. Collection boxes are in Narthex and Kitchen. Thank you!

**Thank You to The 2025 Trinity VBS Staff!**

**Directors** – Diane Rice and Dina Slechta

**Music Leader and Pianist** – Michael Slechta

**Music Leader** - Theodore Slechta

**Pianists** - Nancy Enders, Hillary Bossert-Davis

**Puppeteer** – Karen Olley

**Craft Leaders and Assistants** – Alyssa Wagner, Addie Heagy, Karen Olley

**Games Leaders** – Sevi Keares, Denise Pfeiffer

**Games Assistants** - Sue Bowman, Kayla Brennan

**Group Leaders and Assistants** – Hedwig Hunsicker, Marie Reed, Jeff Reed, Kayla Brennan, Anne Rankin, Theodore Slechta, Lindsey Wagner, Sue Bowman, Rachel Baynard

**Nursery Room Host** - Charlene Cristy

**Teen/Adult Class Facilitator** – Rev. Jack Esbenshade

**Snack Coordinator** - Kathy Cooley, Diane Rice

**Snack Helpers** – Nancy Enders

**Registrars** - Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy, Sue Bowman

**Greeters** - Pastor Chris Rankin

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES** are available on both floors of the building.

**2025 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:** The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts and the forms on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please submit the forms to Carol!

**COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY** on Tuesday, July 22 at First Reformed U.C.C. (40 E. Orange St. in Lancaster City).

**Three ways you can help:**

1. Sign up sheets to donate dessert and other items for the meal on table outside office.
2. Help cook and assemble 12 cheeseburger casseroles in the church kitchen on Sunday July 20 starting at 11 am.
3. On Tuesday July 22 starting at 3:00 help se-tup and serve the meal at First Reformed.

Sign up sheets on table outside office.

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

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT THE MT. GRETNA TABERNACLE:** We have brochures available on the table across from the church office with information about the worship services, concerts, and other events at the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle this summer!

**July 13 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert  
Cumberland Flutes**

Cumberland Flutes is a community flute choir comprised of many talented musicians from the Southcentral PA area. Formed in 2017, they started performing in August 2022. Conductor Jocelyn Goranson is an award-winning soloist and adjunct instructor of applied flute at Messiah University and Dickinson College.



**July 20 Sunday 7 p.m. Hymn Sing**

Congregational favorites from the Celebration Hymnal. Led by **Bob Kettering and Dr. Rod Shearer.**

**BOOK STUDY:** Pastor Chris is planning to do book study in the coming months via Google Meet. We will be reading Henri Nouwen's book *With Open Hands: Bring Prayer Into Your Life*. Contact the church office or Pastor Chris if you are interested in participating.



**2025 CONCERT SPONSORS:** Forms are available on the table across from the church office for you to sponsor this year's concert series.

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

**THE JULY-SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES** are available on the table in the Narthex.

**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 2025 - December 2026) 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 \$20. Speak to Carol Kratz if you are interested in purchasing a calendar.

**Calling All Teachers and Helpers for the 2025-2026 Christian Education Ministry**

The Board of Elders would like to meet with members of Trinity Church who are interested in serving in our Christian Education ministry (children, youth, and adults). We are planning a meeting on Monday, August 18 from 7-8:00 in Isenberg Hall. We will do some planning for this year (curriculum, teaching schedules, etc.). Look for a sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Rankin or one of the Elders (Sue Bowman, George DeLong, Bob Kilgore, or Karen Olley).

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS** are available on both floors of the church building. If you have any questions, contact Amy Grube (Trinity Preschool Director) at [preschool@trinityeastpete.org](mailto:preschool@trinityeastpete.org).

## SAVE THE DATES

**CHURCH PICNIC:** The Parish Life Committee is planning to hold the annual church picnic at the Rapho Township Park on Saturday, September 6 from 4-6:30 p.m. Watch for more information in the coming weeks!!



### **Lunch Bunch At Loxley's August 24 at Noon**

Sign-up sheet on table outside the office.  
**Deadline to sign-up is August 17!!!**



## **Trinity Preschool Fundraiser**

**Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**6 – 9 PM**

**1991 Miller Road  
East Petersburg, PA 17520**



## SPECIAL COMMORATIONS IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**July 17---Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died in 1566**

Bartolomé de Las Casas was a Spanish priest and a missionary in the Western Hemisphere. He first came to the West while serving in the military, and he was granted a large estate that included a number of Indigenous enslaved people. When he was ordained in 1513, he granted freedom to his servants. This act characterized much of the rest of Las Casas's ministry. Throughout the Caribbean and Central America, he worked to stop the enslavement of native people, to halt the brutal treatment of women by military forces, and to promote laws that humanized the process of colonization.



**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

**Psalms 25:1-10**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may

be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42.

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