

An abstract painting with a textured, layered appearance. The color palette is dominated by warm tones: yellows, oranges, and reds. There are also cooler tones of blue, purple, and black, particularly in the lower-left quadrant. The brushstrokes are visible and expressive, creating a sense of movement and depth. The overall effect is one of vibrant energy and spiritual intensity.

All
of them
were filled
with the
**Holy
Spirit**

ACTS 2:4

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DAY OF PENTECOST

7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

The Day of Pentecost is the culmination of the Easter celebration: the risen Christ having shown himself to his disciples and having ascended, sends the promised gift of the Spirit to the expectant Church. The coming of the Spirit gives the Church the power and the necessary gifts to carry the glad news of the resurrection from Jerusalem to Galilee to the ends of the earth. The color for the Day of Pentecost is bright red, symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God.

Activity bags for children can be found in the Narthex. Please sign our guest book in the Narthex and receive a gift of Trinity Bread from our greeters. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

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

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

Prayer As You Enter: *God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

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



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*

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.**

The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.

The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power!

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.	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 DAY OF PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel; empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PSALTER

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

When you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

Who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:14-17

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

“We’ve Got Spirit!

Pastor Rankin

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

NICENE CREED

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

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

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

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

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

God of wind and fire, may new life be breathed into the world because of these gifts we return to you. Grant us enhanced capacity to carry your revelation to others in ways that they can understand. We seek to be to one another channels of your love and peace, both in person and through the outreach of our offerings. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

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

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. At his baptism by John, your Spirit came with gentle wings, setting on him your blessing. In the wilderness of temptation, your Spirit stood by with power. In his life and ministry, your Spirit led him to serve the poor, proclaim freedom from sin's bondage, open eyes with faith's sight, and befriend the friendless and outcast. In all he did and said, he announces the coming of your saving might. By his death on the cross and rising from the tomb, he broke the power of death, and led the way to eternal life. Ascended to rule from on high Christ prays for us and promises the coming of peace and power.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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

BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

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

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

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

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

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GOD

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge. Be with all who gather for the annual meeting of the Penn Central Conference next weekend. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on their hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this congregation. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith. Give strength and courage to the children and youth in our congregation as they end their school year and look forward to summer activities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit. Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers & the Worship Aids are given by Charles & Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe. Come, Holy Spirit!

Attendance for Sun., June 1	7:45–23	10:30–75	TOTAL – 98
Sunday School	16		

Ministering Today

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Lector	Rev. Jack Esbenshade
Money Counters	Nevin Cooley, Steve Gold, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi
Altar Guild	Karen Olley, Beth Bossert, Nancy Enders
Building Trustee	Nevin Cooley
Ministries	Card Elders (Pastor Rankin, George DeLong) Called to Care Betty Tyndall Visitation Dave Connor

Happy Birthday!

Today – Sarah Kilgore
Monday – Barbara Moyer, Joann Peck
Wednesday – Isaac Minder, Mitch Gibson
Thursday – Diane Rice
Friday – Kayla Brennan
Saturday – Anne Rankin

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Tuesday	7:00 PM – Pastor Parish Committee
Wednesday	1:30 PM—Grief Group 7:00 PM—Grief Group
Friday	11:30 AM—Serrano Memorial Service (visitation begins at 10:00 AM)
Saturday	8:00 PM – Alanon/AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:30 AM – Eucharist Rev. Dr. Paul Chimhungwe, Guest Preacher

SUMMER SCHEDULE begins on June 15. Worship will be at 7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday School during the summer.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen for celebrating 55 years of ordained ministry yesterday and to Rev. Margaret Rohnacher for celebrating 25 years of ordained ministry this coming Tuesday.

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Rick Mowrer	Woerner Family	Donna Zirkel
Ron & Donna Denlinger	Rev. Dr. Carrie Call	John Shelsky
Janice Jenkins	Marge Burger	Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman
Rhonda Hartenstine	Joann Peck	Scott & Jane Owens
The Lehman family	Mary Lou Shaab	Carmen & Jerry Richards
Donna Wolf & Family	George & Ellie Latsha	Himelwright Family
Sam Minder III	Betsy Bailey	Hank Fox
Rev. Bob Musser	Pat Seachrist	Danielle Huggins Holbein
Betty Fogle	Betty Tyndall & family	Michael McDonough
Denise Huggins	Erika Otthofer	Don Miller
Ron Becker	Joann & Dawn Garvin	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Arlene Hoxworth	Mary Lou Sturgis	Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline
Pastor Harry Royer	Mid Gockley	Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman
Kathleen Sensenig Adams	Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family of Miguel Serrano
The family of Darryl Myers (nephew of Bob & Marlyn Wible)
The family of Tom Riley (friend of Bud McCarty)
Dennis Amour (father of John & Kayla Brennan's friend)
Lynnette Fritz (cousin of Betty Tyndall)
Deb Wealand (sister-in-law of Denise Pfeiffer)
Betty Cox (Trinity Preschool Teacher)
Art & Priscilla Hoffman (uncle & aunt of Anne Rankin)
Andrew Hicks (fiancé 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)
Carol Rogers (mother of Jamy Shelly)
Ryan Dennes (son of Paula Dennes)
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 JUNE PARISH POST is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CELEBRATION SUNDAY—TODAY: There will be a special program at 9:00 a.m. in Isenberg Hall as we celebrate this year, look forward to VBS, and prepare for other learning opportunities. Donna Geisler & Dr. Bill Lovett will share about their recent medical mission project in the Dominican Republic. The Christian Education Committee will host koinonia at 10:00 a.m.

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

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MIGUEL SERRANO (son of Gretchen Woerner/grandson of Ron & Donna Denlinger) will be held on Friday, June 13 at 11:30 a.m. The visitation with the family will begin at 10:00 a.m. A luncheon will follow the service in Isenberg Hall.

PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE MEETING: Pastor Chris, Diane Rice, and George DeLong will be attending the Penn Central Conference meeting this Friday and Saturday. This will be the final meeting of the Penn Central Conference before it merges with the other PA conferences to become the Keystone Conference.

THE MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST will be meeting at the Family Fare Restaurant for breakfast June 21 at 8:00 AM. This is open to all men of the congregation! You are encouraged to invite other men to the breakfast. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office!

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK AT TRINITY CHURCH: We will welcome the Rev. Dr. Paul Chimhungwe, a missionary & professor at the Kgolagano College of Theological Education in Botswana, as our guest preacher at both services next Sunday. Trinity has several connections to Botswana & the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa:

--The Men of Trinity sponsored a child in Botswana a few years ago!

--Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen were missionaries in Botswana from 1980-83.

--Pastor Chris has visited Namibia (Namibia and Botswana are part of the United Congregational Churches of Southern Africa) and is trying to create a partnership with between Trinity and a church in Namibia.



GRIEF GROUPS: The next sessions will be on June 11 (1:30 and 7:00 p.m.). We continue to read Francis Weller's *The Wild Edge of Sorrow: Rituals of Renewal and the Sacred work of Grief*. If you would like to participate in one or both of the sessions, contact Pastor Chris or the Church office.

THE APRIL-JUNE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES are available on the table in the Narthex.

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!

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.

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 camp will take place at a music studio in East Petersburg (former Haydn Zug restaurant) and at Trinity Church!

SAVE THE DATES

MINI GOLF AT SCOOPS IN MOUNTVILLE

(Sponsored by the Parish Life Committee)

TODAY at 12:30 PM (Lunch first and then mini-golf)—CHANGE IN DATE!

Participants will pay for their own lunch, but the church will pay for the mini-golf!
The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office!



Lancaster Stormers Game

June 25th

Penn Medicine Park

Stormers vs. York Revolution



The cost is \$35 (ticket, suite rental, endless buffet for 90 minutes, gratuity).

Children from ages 4-18 will be covered by our Youth Ministry account
and those under 4 are free.

You can sign-up by contacting Carol in the church office.

We will need a \$15 deposit when you sign-up!

Gates open at 5:30 PM – Buffet served. Game – 6:45 PM.

Deadline to sign up is June 9

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

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!!

U.C.C. Mission Moment

Strengthen the Church Offering (Part Three)

Through the Strengthen the Church Offering, people across the United Church of Christ support the formation of new congregations and the renewal of existing ones, fund new programs for youth and young adults and sponsor leadership development for the whole church.

Trinity received \$35 for Strengthen the Church in our recent Our Gifts to Others offering and the Board of Deacons added \$100 from the undesignated funds for a total of \$135. You can always use the Our Gifts to Others envelope to contribute to Strengthen the Church. Congregations throughout the U.C.C. will be receiving this offering on June 8 (Pentecost Sunday).



THE LANCASTER AGO SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL

Thursday, June 12 from 7-9:00 p.m.

First Reformed U.C.C.

40 E. Orange St., Lancaster

The following organists will be participating on the new pipe organ at First Reformed U.C.C.:

Deborah Berdos, Dr. Robert Horton, Gary Garletts

Jonathan Humbert, Jaden Espenshade

Larry Hershey (host organist), Peter Omundsen

Christopher Prestia, & Dr. Ross Ellison

VBS INFORMATION: This year's Vacation Bible School will be held from July 14-18. You can find more information about VBS in the June Parish Post. Volunteer forms are on the table across from the church office. If you have any questions, speak to Dina Slechta or Diane Rice.

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

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT THE MT. GREтна 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!

UPDATES FROM THE LANCASTER CHURCH WORLD SERVICE OFFICE

CWS Lancaster Mutual Aid: We are so grateful for this community's support of 67 CWS Lancaster staff who were furloughed in February. Your care, encouragement, and contributions to our mutual aid fund have made a huge difference for our colleagues, many of whom are refugees and immigrants themselves. With two waves of layoffs since February, many colleagues are still experiencing precarity while they seek work, since many have still not received unemployment benefits. We are so grateful that Blossom Hill Mennonite Church has agreed to process donations for our mutual aid fund going forward. We invite you to contribute by:

- visiting Blossom Hill's website: <https://blossomhillmennonite.org/cws-furloughed-staff-mutual-fund/>
- mailing a check with "CWS Mutual Aid" in the memo line to Blossom Hill Mennonite Church, 333 Delp Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601, or
- texting BHMC CWS to 73256

Thank you so much for your ongoing support as we navigate this difficult time.
- CWS Furloughed/Terminated Staff Mutual Aid Organizing Team (Rachel Helwig, Matt Johnson, and Ruth Parrish Sauder)

Urgent Request to Help Afghan Family Escape: Farida Mohammadi worked with the US in Afghanistan and was evacuated in 2021 to escape Taliban reprisals. Her parents, brother, and husband were able to flee temporarily to Pakistan, where they are unable to work because of visa restrictions. They now face deportation as the Pakistani government is exiling all Afghan refugees. If they are forced to return to Afghanistan, they will be in grave danger from the Taliban because of her work with the US. All avenues of bringing them to the US have been exhausted because of this administration's refugee and immigration restrictions, even for Afghan allies now facing threats. As a result, she is hoping to raise enough money for visas for her four family members to relocate to Malaysia, where they can live without fear for their lives.

- For more information: <https://cwsglobal.org/blog/afghan-allies-in-limbo-faridas-struggle-to-reunite-with-her-family/>
- To contribute: https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-faridas-family-escape-taliban-threats?lang=en_US&v=amp14_t1

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.



Trinity Preschool Fundraiser

Monday, August 25th

6 – 9 PM

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

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED PENTECOST FLOWERS!

Given by	In memory or honor of	#
Betsy Bailey	In memory of my husband, John Bailey	2
	In memory of “my daughter”, Glenna Bishop	
Roger & Mary Ann Bradley	In honor of our family	1
Beth, Hillary, Logan, Bodhi, & Lee	In honor of Lee & Sandy Bossert & all the flowers they planted over the years.	2
Nevin & Kathy Cooley	In honor of Contentment: Bloom where you are planted	10
Jack & Charlene Cristy	In memory of Trinity Members who have passed away.	7
Nancy Crawford	In memory of Keith G Rankin, Jackie Meisky, and John Meisky	3
	In honor of Chris, Anne, Nikki, Heather and Tara	
	In Honor of Zach, Rachel, Andrew and Quinn	
Paula Dennes	In memory of my parents & grandparents	2
Mid Gockley	In memory of Rev. Dave Gockley	3
Greg Gruber	In memory of Leon & Ethel Gruber	2
Elizabeth & Charles Hambrick-Stowe	Come, Holy Spirit!	2
Rev. Bob & Hedwig Hunsicker	In honor of our children	2
	In memory of our parents	
Chuck & Sue Husted	In honor of Veterans	7
	In memory of Gabryl Husted, Chris Husted, Linda Harmes, Gail Boettger, Parents	
Miyah, Hannah, Ashton, Jayson	In honor of Stan & Pat Seachrist	
Chuck & Gretchen Leinbach	In honor of our 3 children	2
	In memory of our parents & grandparents	
Jack & Karen Olley	In honor of daughters Debra & Jessica	2
	In honor of grand-daughters Ella & Adellae	
John & Sarah Paulukow	In honor of our grand-daughters, Elle & Marley West	3
	In memory of Marie Paulukow (John’s mother)	
	In memory of Margot Call (Sarah’s mother)	

Rachel Baynard	In honor of her spiritual friend, Paula Dennes	5
	In honor of her birthday twins: Chuck Leinbach, Rev. Bob Musser & Tobe Rohrer	
	In honor of Rev. Bob & Hedwig Hunsicker	
Zachary Baynard	In honor of his spiritual friend, Theodore Slechta	2
	In honor of his birthday twin, Rev. David Gockley	
Andrew Rankin	In honor of Betty Fogle	2
	In honor of his birthday twin, George DeLong	
Anne Rankin	In honor of her confirmand, Lily Kilgore	1
Pastor Chris Rankin	In honor of his birthday twins, Bohdi Davis & Don Miller	5
	In honor of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee	
	In honor of the staff of Trinity Church and Preschool	
Pastor Chris & Anne Rankin	In honor of Zachary, Rachel, and Andrew	5
	In memory of John Bailey & Lee Bossert, our longtime geranium caretakers	
Diane Rice	In memory of Ralph & Justine Rice	2
Jerry & Carmen Richards	In honor of our family	1
Dottie Schadt	In memory of Jere R. Schadt	2
	In memory of Kevin Schadt	
Stan & Pat Seachrist	In honor of daughters-Cindy Olena & Debbie White	2
	In memory of parents-Harry & Lillian Garner and William & Violet Seachrist	
Dave & Noreen Trostle	In honor of our grandchildren	2
Rich & Pam Weeber	In memory of Homer & Jean Zeigler	2



GERANIUM PLANTING: If you are willing to help plant the Pentecost geraniums after next Sunday's worship services, contact Kathy Cooley (717-371-0346 or ksharkitt@gmail.com).

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and
glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
shall be saved."

or Genesis 11:1-9 [not printed]

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

or Acts 2:1-21 [see First Reading]

GOSPEL: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

[²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."]

Next Sunday's Readings: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.

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