

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

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: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same 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

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 of God moves among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place.

The Spirit moves within us, empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.

The Spirit moves through us, making us channels of God's love.

As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God made known to us in Jesus Christ!

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.

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

Trusting in God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: We confess that we resist the force of your Spirit among us; that we are slow to serve you, and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions, and by your Spirit draw us together. Enflame us with a desire to do your will and be your faithful people; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

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Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

ADORATION AND PRAISE

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 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

Gracious and loving God, who in Jesus Christ has called each one of us to recognize that we are all sisters and brothers and members of your family, unite us today as a community of faith, listening to your word and finding in it our greatest hope and highest joy. May we hear the words of your mouth and give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

THE PSALTER

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 3:20-35

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, brothers and sisters of Christ.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"Knit Together in God's Love"

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

Gracious God, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world; 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.

God of fire and wind, we praise you for your continuing work of creation, renewal, and blessing. In the beginning of time, as you called the world into being, you sent the breath of your Spirit across the formless void and darkness, calling creation into being. To your servants, you sent gifts of your Spirit: to Moses, a spirit of courage; to Joshua, a spirit of wisdom; to David, a spirit of power. You sent your Spirit upon your prophet Isaiah, who prophesied that you would call forth a leader with a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and might, a spirit of knowledge and reverence. You sent your Spirit upon your prophet Joel, who proclaimed that you would send your Spirit upon all people: young and old, women and men. With all those Spirit-filled people, we join in singing praise to you, Almighty God.

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!

Holy are you and blessed is your holy name. In the fullness of time, you sent your son, Jesus Christ, to reveal your powerful love for the world. Healing and teaching, proclaiming and prophesying, welcoming any and all, Christ continues to reveal your presence, renewing our souls even now. Through Christ's powerful love and endless grace, we are invited into your presence, rescued from our sins, and led onto your path of justice and righteousness. In Christ's grace, you renew and reclaim us as your holy people, children of mercy and truth. As children of your covenant of love, sealed by water and the Spirit, welcome now with joy and gratitude, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine, renewing and reviving the lives of his closest friends, his most faithful disciples, even as they faced their deepest fears and their greatest sins.

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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!

(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.

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Empower the leaders of the Penn Central Conference as they conclude the annual meeting today and grant them traveling mercies as they return home. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness. With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Jesus, Bread of Life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by Pastor Chris, Zach, Rachel, and Andrew in honor of Anne's birthday on June 14!!

The Worship Aids are given by The Hunsickers with gratitude to all those persons who are involved in Trinity's outstanding music ministry.

Ministering Today

Pastor/Celebrant Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin

Lector/Assistant Rev. Sandy Morris

Money Counters Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk, Bob Bistline

Altar Guild Charlene Cristy, Anita Rohrer, Nancy Enders

Building Trustee Nevin Cooley

Ministries Card Wired Word Class (Karen Olley)

Called to Care Betty Tyndall

Visitation Dave Connor

Happy Birthday!

Today – Barbara Moyer, Joann Peck Tuesday – Isaac Minder, Mitch Gibson

Wednesday – Diane Rice Thursday – Kayla Brennan

Friday – Anne Rankin

Saturday – John Paulukow

Worship Attendance, June 2 7:45-14 10:30-70 TOTAL - 84

Sunday School Attendance 15

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Tuesday 9 AM-12 Noon: Preschool Summer Camp

Thursday 6:30 PM – Executive Committee

Saturday 8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast

8:00 PM – Alanon/AA

Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist

9:30 AM – Eucharist

Rev. Jack Esbenshade, Supply Pastor

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Joan Sensenig Hillary Bossert-Davis George & Ellie Latsha

Betty Fogle Jack Olley Denise Huggins

Bob & Marlyn Wible Don & Pat Miller Kelsey Minnich Burgo Dr. Janet Harriger Joann Peck Harry Himelwright The Lehman family Mary Lou Shaab Scott & Jane Owens

Donna Wolf & Family Erika Otthofer Carmen & Jerry Richards

Stan & Pat Seachrist Sam Minder III Lainie Christensen Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley Hank Fox Pastor Harry Royer Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser Donna Zirkel Rev. Ken Trauger

Betty Tyndall and family Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman Hedwig Hunsicker Dr. Parry & Claire Miller

Michael McDonough Ron Becker **Nancy Patton**

Kathleen Sensenig Adams Danielle Huggins Holbein Joann & Dawn Garvin Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family of Jake Otthofer (father of Dan Otthofer)

The family of Noah Kauffman

Barbie, Jon, and Will Bundy (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)

Rev. Jim Martin (Rev. Dr. Rich & Lanie Christensen's former pastor)

Quinn McCarty (grandson of Bud & Kathy McCarty)

Ken Hoshauer (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)

Kurt Kalbach (brother of Dr. Cathy Houshauer)

Tuyet Nguyen (husband of Pat & Stan Seachrist's granddaughter)

Mary Call (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)

Art Cobb (nephew of John & Dolly Barr)

The Herr Family (A Trinity Preschool Family)

Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong)

Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)

Sally & Joe Carrol (friend of Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman)

Kurt McEllhemmey (relative of Betty Tyndall)

Mary Ann Hess (friend of Betty Tyndall)

Grace Collier (friend of Pat & Stan Seachrist)

David Brown (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)

Marshawn Howse (grandson of Dave & Noreen Trostle)

Elizabeth Trostle (mother of Dave Trostle)

Norma Mallard (friend of Gail Kogut)

Annette Stork (niece of Pat Sensenig)

Logan Davis (husband of Hillary Bossert-Davis)

Brian & Liz Culp (son and daughter-in-law of Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman)

Jean Weglarz (neighbor of Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline)

Melby Bush (friend of Joan Sensenig)

Harvey & Dianne Sick (friends of Judy Chapman)

Aaron Flickinger (nephew of Pat & Joan Sensenig)

Tom Riley (friend of Bud McCarty)

Rev. Loy Garber (former seminarian)

Roland Anderson and family (friends of John & Kayla Brennan)

Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty)

The Bruno family (friends of Blaine Connor)

John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)

Kelly Quick (friend of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)

James Malone & family

Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)

Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)

Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig)

Don Pfeiffer (husband of Denise Pfeiffer)

The Martin family

Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards)

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)

Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

PASTOR RANKIN ON VACATION: Pastor Rankin will be on vacation from June 10-16 (he will return to the office on June 17). The Rev. Jack Esbenshade will be leading worship next Sunday. The Rev. Sandy Morris will be covering pastoral emergencies. You can reach Rev. Morris at 717-385-1588.

THE JUNE PARISH POST is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

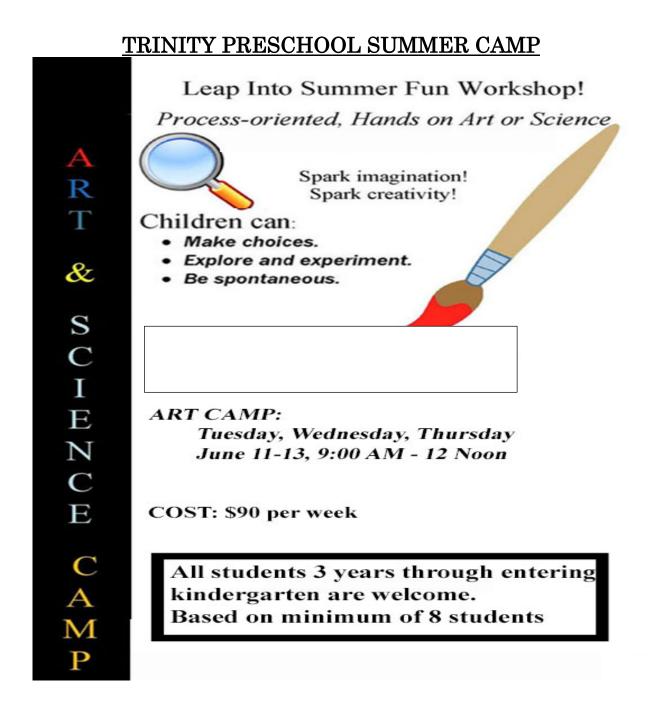
DEVOTIONALS: The April-June edition of These Days are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for worship aids are: June 16, 23 & 30. Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are June 23 & 30. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Carol in the church office.

THE 2024 CONCERT SPONSOR FORMS are available on the table across from the church office.

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.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: We have 16 coupons left! The cost is \$8 per coupon. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. Make checks payable to Trinity Preschool and put in the white box outside the church office.



Mental Health First Aid

For Youth

- Help youth ages 12-18
 - Earn certification and CEUs



August 12, 9am-2pm



www.parishresourcecenter.org

UPCOMING CLASSES AT THE PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY **OF MINISTRY**

https://www.lancasterseminary.edu/programs/pennsylvania-academy-ofministry/

PAM is a Regional Theological Education Program of the UCC and serves church leaders in the PC(USA), ELCA, UMC, and other denominations. It is housed at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Innovation and New Models of Leadership. July 9-Aug 13, 2024. Tuesdays, 7–8:30pm EST via Zoom. Instructor: the Rev. Dale Davis.

This challenging class engages an array of exciting leadership models and is supported by a podcast series produced especially for the Pennsylvania Academy of Ministry, featuring Gil Rendle, Karen Georgia Thompson, Doug Powe Jr., Lovett Weems Jr., John Schol, and Sarah Drummond. 2.5 CEUs. \$325.

Speak to Pastor Chris for more information!!!

TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.: The Christian Education Committee is planning to sponsor a trip to Washington D.C. on October 26. We are hoping to visit the National Cathedral and the other museums. We don't have any details yet on the cost, but we are asking you to sign-up if you are interested at this point. The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office. For more information, speak to Sue Bowman or Pastor Rankin.



VBS 2024

Trinity UCC, 2340 State St., East Petersburg www.trinityeastpete.org 717-569-1632

July 15 - 18 6:30-8:30 PM July 19 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, "Reach For The Stars" reminds us
that things that seem impossible to us, are possible with God.

Rev. Esbenshade will facilitate the teen/adult class. Studying the book, "*Tradition In Crisis*" by Peter Schmiechen, the class will examine how "Now is the time to reclaim the church based on the grace and community of Christ."

Offerings and Projects To Be Donated To Habitat For Humanity

Register through the VBS/Rally Day Page at www.trinityeastpete.org



Look for the yellow VBS Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets on the table outside office.

Books for the adult class are available in the church office!!

Sign up for donations at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AA5AA2EAAFAC61-49576684-vacation or use signup sheet across from church office.

Friendship Fest----July 14, 2024 – 4-7 PM

Food Trucks(Stoney's Barbecue, The Taco RV, Tri-County BBQ, Cool Summers Ice Cream, What's For Supper), Craft Tables, Magician, Face Painter, Games, Fun Activities, Auscultation Brass Concert (5-6 PM) Proceeds from the Friendship Fest will support the Trinity Preschool!

Watch for more details in the bulletins and future Parish Posts!





AUGUST 25, 3:00-7:00 PM

(Watch for more information in the coming months!!)

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 the 2nd annual Hartman Center Homecoming Camp (July 28-August 3). Look for more information in the Parish Post or on the table across from the church office. Contact Anne Rankin 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".

The Second Annual Hartman Center Homecoming Camp

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Sunday, July 28th through Saturday, August 3rd, 2024—We will be returning again to Hartman Center Campground in Milroy, PA as guests. The Rankin family is excited to return to our beloved Hartman Center and invites Trinity members and friends to join us!!!

Camps:

3 night camps - Sunday, July 28 at 4PM through Wednesday, July 31 at 10AM

Getting Started - Grades K - 1 (\$190)- Directed by Katie Price

Intergenerational Camp (\$190) Directed by Aleshia Hawkins

3 night camps - Wednesday, July 31st at 4PM through Saturday, August 3 at 10AM

Camp of the Heart (\$250) -Directed by Kara Druckenmiller

Women's Heart and Soul Camp (\$190) Directed by Nora Foust

5 night camps - Monday, July 28 at 4PM through Saturday, August 3 at 10AM

Elementary - Grades 2 - 4 (\$300) - Directed by Alex (Weis) Sattazahn and Allyson Butz

Middle School - Grades 5 - 7 (\$300)- Directed by Carol Price and Nicole Henry

Senior High - Grades 8 - 12 (\$300) Directed by Nathan Limbert

Leadership - Grades 9 - 12 (\$300)- Directed by Betsy Brauw

Use coupon code PCC2024 if you would like to use a Penn Central Conference campership for 50% of your registration fees

Check out the full list of camping experiences for all ages at register https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/hartman-homecoming-week-2024.

In addition to the cabins and lodges, RV sites will be available. We would love it if lots of Penn Central Conference folks are able to reserve and use those sites while we are there. Check the website at https://www.hartmancentercampground.com

Mt. Gretna Bible Festival 2024 Season

ALL PROGRAMS ARE IN THE HISTORIC TABERNACLE THIRD ST & GLOSSBRENNER AVE Parking at Mt. Gretna Fire Co.

Handicapped Parking at Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church Parking Lot
PARKING AT THE MT. GRETNA ROLLER RINK - in DEFINED AREAS ONLY!!!!
Roller Rink Parking on the following dates: June 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 3, 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024

Sunday, June 9, 2024 - Principally Harps - 7 p.m. Blending the talents and expertise of two of America's finest harpists, Mindy Cutcher and Janet Witman, who have over 30 years of professional harp experience as teachers, soloists, ensemble and orchestral performs in the Mid Atlantic region. Their duo playing has been described as, "artistry in tandem". Freewill Offering will be received.



Sunday, June 16, 2024 - Andy Roberts w/Four Piece Quartet & Guests - 7

p.m. Mt. Gretna's own Andy Roberts will praise God with original jazz song stylings. Freewill Offering will be received. Sponsored by JoAnn Thomas Show.

Sunday, June 23, 2024 - New Holland Band - 7 p.m. Formed in 1829 and the second oldest municipal band in the nation, the New Holland Band will play patriotic and spiritual music. Fred Hughes Jr. - Music Director. Freewill Offering will be received. Sponsored by Cornwall Manor.

Sunday, June 30, 2024 - Wheatland Chorale - 7 p.m. Under the direction of David J. Fitzpatrick, new Artistic Director, Wheatland Chorale is excited to perform for the first time at the Bible Festival. This concert by one of the area's premier choral ensembles will be sure to leave you feeling inspired. Freewill Offering will be received. Sponsored by Bob & Lib Kettering in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friday Night Ecumenical Services - 7 p.m.

Friday, June 14, 2024 - "God Wants... We Want..." Rev. Dr. David Zwifka, St. Lukes Episcopal Church, Lebanon, PA. Freewill Offering will be received.

Summer Organ Concerts - 7 p.m.

(at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church)

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 - Alexander Leonardi, student at Curtis Institute Wednesday, June 19, 2024 - Abigail Wood, student at Syracuse University Wednesday, June 26, 2024 - Jacob Gruss, student at Juilliard

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT MT. GRETNA CHAUTAQUA

For more information go to: www.pachautauqua.info



Leadership and Culture/Part 1

Tue Jun 11th 7:00pm

Want to effect positive change? Act and react skillfully! Join leadership consultant, Rob Moran.

Hall of Philosophy



Decades That Transformed #1

Thu Jun 13th 10:00am

1510s-20s: The European Reformation. Finding the roots of our modern western world. Dr. Lee Barrett & Dr. Randall Zachman.

Hall of Philosophy



Leadership and Culture/Part 2

Fri Jun 14th 7:00pm

Asking the right questions can reveal ways to lift performance & progress in a culture. Join local entrepreneurs, Tanya Mann & Jeff Grimshaw

Hall of Philosophy



Decades That Transformed #2

Thu Jun 20th 10:00am

1690s-1720s: The Enlightenment. Bringing political modernization & democracies to the west. Dr. Lee Barrett & Dr. Randall Zachman.

Hall of Philosophy



Decades That Transformed #3

Thu Jun 27th 10:00am

1780s & 1790s: The Revolutionary Age. From absolute monarchies to representative governments. Dr. Lee Barrett & Dr. Randall Zachman.

Hall of Philosophy

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15

[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." 13Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." 14The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Psalm 130

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, 14because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. 15 Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

[Jesus] went home; and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. 21 When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." 22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." 23And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? 24If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. 27But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—30 for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." 33And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."