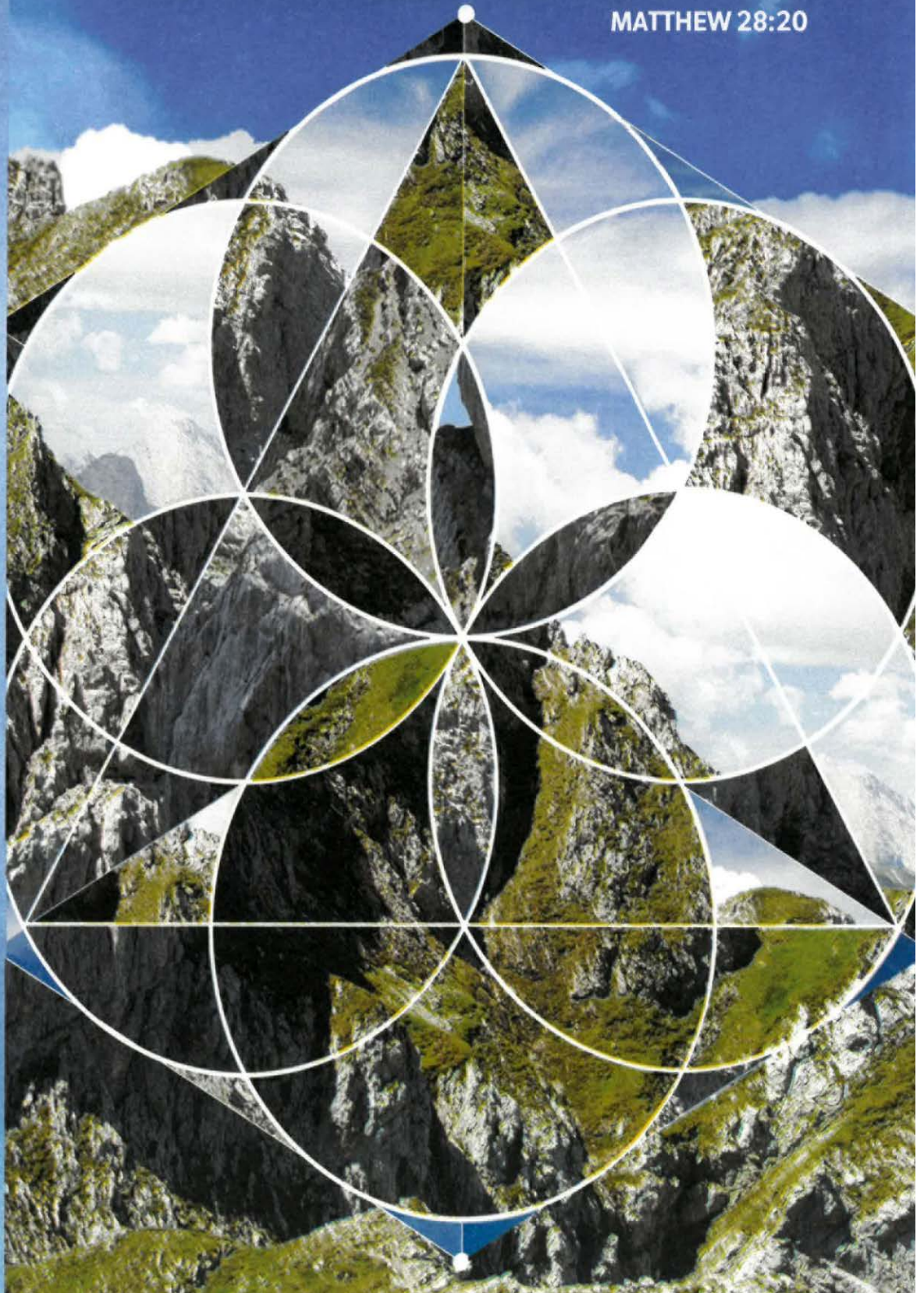


# I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE END OF THE AGE

MATTHEW 28:20



**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Mrs. Carmen Richards, Pianist

Mrs. Carol Kratz, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Sean McKelvey, Preschool Director

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**TRINITY SUNDAY**  
**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

**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:** *God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MISSION MOMENT

Carolyn Spano, Bethany Children's Home  
(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.**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.**

In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

**In the beginning God said, "Let us make humankind in our image."**

And so we came into being, created by God who exists in community.

**We are here as God's community to worship the Source of our being.**

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.**

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

## 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

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Amen.

## KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## 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 TRINITY SUNDAY

Let us pray the collect together.

Creator God, Light of the World, Illumining Spirit, having seen the light in Jesus Christ, we come to worship you on the day of the week when Jesus was raised from death to life. Illumine your written word in our hearing so that our response may be genuine and dispel the darkness that remains with us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

*At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.*

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

## THE PSALTER

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord, your greatness is seen in all the world!

Your praise reaches up to the heavens; it is sung by children and babies.

You are safe and secure from all your enemies; you stop anyone who opposes you.

When I look to the sky, which you have made, at the moon and the stars, which you set in their places – what are human beings, that you think of them; mere mortals, that you care for them?

Yet you made them inferior only to yourself; you crowned them with glory and honor.

You appointed them rulers over everything you made; you placed them over all creation: sheep and cattle, and the wild animals, too; the birds and the fish and the creatures in the sea.

## THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, the Spirit's partnership.*

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 28:16-20

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*Glory be to You, O Lord.*

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

*Praise be to You, O Christ.*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## SERMON

**“Called by The Triune God!”**

**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

You call us to labor, O God, and to be about the tasks you design. You equip us to serve you, and care for all of our needs. The gifts that we offer are but a portion of the treasures you heap on us. May the work that we do be worthy of your name. Take what we bring and all that we are and fashion our responses to meet your standards for faith. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 giving praise to you, Almighty God.

**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!**

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.

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

### **THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD**

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

## BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

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

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

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

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

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

Holy three, holy one, you call the church to make disciples of all nations. Encourage conference ministers, pastors, elders, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel and direct all the baptized into lives of humble service. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you spoke creation into being and called it good. Protect lands and waters threatened by human misuse and sustain living creatures of every kind: wild animals, birds, fish, and every creeping thing. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



Holy three, holy one, you have given humankind authority over the earth. Raise up leaders who listen earnestly, speak honestly, and govern thoughtfully. Heal divisions between nations, that we might agree with one another and live in peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you set the earth on its axis, and we experience the seasons. Strengthen those enduring challenges this summer: those who suffer in the heat, parents overwhelmed by childcare responsibilities, and children experiencing food insecurity outside of school. We pray for the youth and staff members at Bethany Children's Home. Be a source of strength and compassion for them today and all of their tomorrows. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you promise to be with us always, to the end of the age. surround those most in need of your healing presence: any who are lonely, all who are grieving, and those who are sick. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

### **BENEDICTION**

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 **CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY** 

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by **Jack & Charlene Cristy** in memory of Glenn F. Morgan, neighbor, friend, WWII Veteran, and Purple Heart recipient who passed away at the age of 104, on March 24, 2023.

**The Worship Aids** are given by **Denise Pfeiffer** in thankfulness for the vacation I am currently on.

**The Baptismal Font Flowers** are given by **Cherie Cataldi** in memory of my loving mother June's birthday, my parents, Robert and June Price's anniversary, and in celebration of Katlin and Shawn Burkholder's anniversary.

## Ministering Today

<b>Pastor/Celebrant</b>	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
<b>Lector/Assistant</b>	Rev Jack Esbenshade
<b>Money Counters</b>	Lee Bossert, Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Enders
<b>Koinonia</b>	Christian Education
<b>Building Trustee</b>	Nevin Cooley
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Card</b> Confirmands & Spiritual Friends <b>Called to Care</b> Sally Rodenberger <b>Visitation</b> Ken Trauger

## **Happy Birthday!**

Today – Piper Miller  
Tuesday – Rev. Bob Hunsicker  
Wednesday – Bob Kilgore  
Thursday – Sarah Kilgore  
Friday – Barbara Moyer, Joann Peck

<b>Attendance for Sun., May 28</b>	8:00–20	10:30–84	<b>TOTAL – 104</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	20		

## **This Week at Trinity Church**

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

Today	3:00 PM – Mini Golf at Caddy Shack
Monday-Friday	9 AM-12 Noon – Preschool Summer Camp
Monday	11:00 AM – Community Meal @ Zion Lutheran, East Petersburg
Thursday	1:00 PM – Anniversary Committee
Saturday	7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:30 AM – Worship—Reception of New Member

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTS NEXT WEEK:** The summer worship services will be at 7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. from June 11-September 6.

**STAFF VACATION:** Carol Kratz will be on vacation from Thursday, June 8-Friday, June 16. Pastor Rankin will be covering office duties. If you can't reach him at the church office, call him on his cell phone (717-575-0286).

## PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

### MEMBERS

Don & Pat Miller	Joann Garvin	Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman
Scott & Jane Owens	Dave Trostle	Dorothy Fasnacht
Dr. Becky Wagner	Dawn Garvin	Dr. Janet Harriger
The Lehman family	Donna Wolf	Deb Lichtenwalner
George DeLong	Joann Peck	Eugene Hartenstine
Mary Lou Shaab	Ron Becker	Stan & Pat Seachrist
Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley	Donna Zirkel	Carmen & Jerry Richards
Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser	Sam Minder III	Lainie Christensen
Betty Tyndall and family	Hank Fox	Charles & Betty Booraem
Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline	Nancy Patton	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman	Mary Witmer	Kathleen Sensenig Adams
Erika Otthofer	Danielle Huggins	Holbein

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

The people of Turkey & Syria  
The family of Joan Sleet (sister of Donna Zirkel & Pastor Royer)  
The family of Scott Sheneman (son-in-law of Rev. Susan Sokolowski)  
The Bruno family (friends of Blaine Connor)  
Jessica Brown (niece of Mike & Shelley Wagner)  
Janice Zimmerman (sister of Ken Zimmerman)  
Jack & Sandy Neal (friends of Trinity members)  
Joan Nevins (friend of John and Sarah Paulukow)  
Janet Grebinger (friend of John and Sarah Paulukow)  
Larry Gerlach (brother of Dolly Barr)  
Robert Good (brother-in-law of Betty Fogle)  
James Michaud (Sevi Keares' teacher)  
John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)  
Kelly Quick (friend of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)  
Marianne Gibble (friend of Trinity)  
James Malone & family  
Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)  
Janet Owens (sister-in-law of Scott & Jane Owens)  
Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)  
Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig),  
Robin McComsey (neighbor of Himelwrights)  
Don Pfeifer (husband of Denise Pfeifer)  
Rev. Phyllis Baum (former member of Trinity Church)  
Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer)  
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)  
**Carl Roth** (Gretchen Leinbach's brother)  
**Sandra Englert** (niece of Betty Tyndall)  
**Jo Jo Richards & family** (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)  
**Barry Moore** (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law)  
**The Bonilla-Rodriguez family** (friends of Trinity Church)

**THE JUNE PARISH POST** is available on both floors of the church building.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CELEBRATION SUNDAY—TODAY:** There is 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. We will recognize our teachers and Sunday School participants.

**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.



**ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES:** If someone is graduating in your family, please submit their name, school, and future plans with the church office ASAP!

**CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY:** The Evangelism Committee has revitalized the Called to Care ministry. Meals will be provided for members after they have returned home from the hospital or during other critical moments. Transportation to medical appointments is also available. Sally Rodenberger is the coordinator for May.

**2023 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:** Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: July 16, 23 & 30. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: July 16, 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.

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

**PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE MEETING:** Pastor Chris, Karen Olley, and Diane Rice will be attending the Penn Central Conference meeting on Friday and Saturday.

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

### **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

#### **Greeter /Ushers Needed**



If you would like to volunteer as a Greeter/Usher for the 10:30 a.m. service please contact the church office. We recently had some vacancies as ushers, so we are in need of help!!!



Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services. Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer!

## **Cherry Academy Workshops**



people are food insecure with 1 in 6.5 children struggling with hunger. (data from Feeding America and Central PA Food Bank, 2020 and 2021).

This themed year of events will not only expand knowledge of food insecurity issues in the city and county but will also help

people better connect with the local organizations working in this area, and with each other as they imagine new and exciting projects.



### **WORKSHOPS**



#### **ADDRESS**

**2160 Lincoln Hwy East, #18**



#### **PHONE**

**(717) 299-1113**



#### **EMAIL**

**info@parishresourcecenter.org**

#### **A Place at the Table: Food Insecurity and Living Communion**

IN PERSON ONLY CONTEMPLATIVE

**June 10, 2023**

**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

#### **A Place at the Table** *Food Insecurity and Living Communion*

Led by  
**Amy Shorner-Johnson**

Church of the  
Apostles UCC  
June 10th  
9am-3pm



**Contemplative  
Retreat**

Nourish your mind, body, and soul at this day retreat on the 2023 Cherry Academy theme – Food Insecurity. Food is at the heart of many spiritual practices and religious traditions, perhaps most importantly, communion/Eucharist. Two major themes of communion will be addressed – first, individual communion which links our physical nourishment to our spiritual selves; second, the connection between the communion table and food ministries.

IN PERSON ONLY CHERRY ACADEMY



#### **Volunteer Day**

**June 19, 2023**

**12:00 am - 11:55 pm**

**Anchor Lancaster**

**Lancaster County Food Hub**

**St Anne and Our Lady of La Vang Church**

**St. John's Episcopal Church**





Mt. Gretna Tabernacle

# MT. GRETTA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2023

## Summer at the Tabernacle | *Worship, Speakers and Concerts*

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle • 3<sup>rd</sup> St. & Glossbrenner Ave. Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064

Please visit [MtGretnaTabernacle.org](http://MtGretnaTabernacle.org) for any program cancellations. A freewill offering will be received at each program.

**June 4 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert**

**Menonite Children's Choir of**

**Lancaster** Choral singing by children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ.



**June 9 Friday 7 p.m. Ecumenical Service**

**"Why We Worship God."** Rev. John Frye - Pastor of Worship & Care, Calvary Church, Lancaster, Pa. Music by John Frye.

**June 11 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert**

**Jazz Ministers Big Band** Directed by Keith Wiley, 18 musicians share the gift of music through Christian worship or concert experience. Musical selections based on standard Christian hymns and Gospel favorites.



**June 16 Friday 7 p.m. Ecumenical Service**

**"Once More the People Ask . . . Why God."** Rev. Dr. Nathan Minnich, Pastor Emeritus Salem Lutheran Church, Elizabethville, Pa. & President of Minnich Funeral Homes. Special music by Daniel Dorty, Director of Music & Organist at Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey, Pa.

**June 18 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert**

**Andy Roberts Jazz Quartet** Mt. Gretna's own Andy Roberts will praise God with original jazz song stylings. *Sponsored by JoAnn Thomas Show.*



**June 23 Friday 7 p.m. Ecumenical Service**

**"Why God Wants Us To Forgive."** Rev. Carrie Call, PhD, Conference Minister of the Penn Central Conference, United Church of Christ, Harrisburg, Pa.

**June 25 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert**

**New Holland Band** Patriotic and spiritual concert, directed by Dr. Kenneth Laudermilch. Formed in 1829, the New Holland Band is the second oldest municipal band in the nation. *Sponsored by Cornwall Manor.*



**June 30 Friday 7 p.m. Ecumenical Service**

**"Why God"** SEVEN Messiah University, Mechanicsburg, Pa. A group of college-aged musicians share Jesus through musical worship, directed by Dr. Doug Curry. *Sponsored by Esther Mefferd, in memory of Pastor Ted Mefferd, Class of '66 from Messiah University.*

## Summer Organ Programs at the Mt. Gretna UMC

**June 14 Wednesday 7 p.m.**

**Emily Dawn Amos**, Student at Curtis Institute of Music.

**June 21 Wednesday 7 p.m.**

**Aaron Patterson**, Graduate Student at Juilliard School.

**June 28 Wednesday 7 p.m.**

**Daniel Ficarri**, Associate Organist, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, NYC.



**Special Note:** Caleb Kreider is part of the Menonite Children's Choir that will be singing tonight. The Rev. Dr. Carrie Call will be preaching on June 23.

**TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER:** It is not too late to buy S. Clyde Weaver sub coupons to support the Trinity Preschool. The cost is \$8 per coupon. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT TRINITY

**TODAY**

Mini-Golf  
at  
The Caddy Shack  
June 4-3:00 PM



Golf game will be paid for by the church. Food is available for purchase after golf. Sign-up sheet on table in hallway. For more information, please call Cherie Cataldi(717) 799-2420



SAVE THE DATE  
Barnstormer's Game

**JULY 5**



Mark your calendars for **July 5** when the Lancaster Barnstormers will play the Long Island Ducks! **The cost is \$30 (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. We will need a \$15 deposit when you sign-up! Call the church office to sign up. Gates open at 5:30 PM – the game is 6:30 PM



### FOOD TRUCKS

Stoney's Burgers & Fries  
Tri-County Barbeque  
TJs Ice Cream  
Dutch Country Hand Rolled Soft Pretzels

Peace of Mind Protection Fire House

Save the Date  
**FRIENDSHIP FEST  
FOOD TRUCK**

**Magician  
Eric Vera**

**EVENT  
July 16**

**4:00-7:00 PM**

**FACE PAINTING**

**BOUNCE HOUSE  
no charge**



**AUSCULTATION BRASS CONCERT**



**5:00-6:00 PM**



# God's Garden

## VBS 2023



**Trinity UCC, 2340 State St., East Petersburg**

**[www.trinityeastpete.org](http://www.trinityeastpete.org)**

**717-569-1632**

**July 10 - 13 6:30-8:30 PM**

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, "God's Garden" explores how Jesus grew, how we grow, and how we spread seeds for others to grow.

As the cycle continues, the "Mustard Plant" grows.

Adults and Teens - Join Rev. Esbenshade. Using the text, *Earthwise: A Guide to Hopeful Creation Care*, the class will spend four evening sessions examining ways in which attendees might examine and embrace ways to enhance creation. Author of *Earthwise*, Calvin B. DeWitt, is a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he serves on the graduate faculties of Environmental and Resources, Water Resource Management, Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development. This book reflects how he integrates his faith and his work in the science and educational communities.

**July 14 6:30 PM Closing Program - Including  
Lancaster County Parks Naturalist Program - Seed Dispersal**

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



## **Volunteers are still needed for VBS:**

Through stories, crafts, games, and music, “God’s Garden” explores how Jesus grew, how we grow, and how we spread seeds for others to grow. As the cycle continues, the “Mustard Plant” grows.

We need you to volunteer to help plant these seeds of faith at VBS, July 10-13, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM, with the closing program on July 14 starting at 6:30 PM. Here are some of the volunteer positions that were recently listed as still being available.

Games Leader(s)

Games Assistant(s)

Greeters

Assistant Group Leaders For Grades 3-6, and Caretaker and Me Classes

Possibly could use more:

Craft Assistants

May need story station person/people

Is God calling you to volunteer in one of these roles? If so, please contact Dina Slechta or Diane Rice.

Registration is open, and we already have some children and a Caretaker registered. You can help by spreading the word to your friends and neighbors. Postcards are available on the table across from the church office for you to share with your friends and family.

**Please spread the word that VBS is not only for children.** Rev. Esbenshade’s class will be studying the book *Earthwise: A Guide to Hopeful Creation Care*. The books are available in the church office at a cost of \$15.

You can register yourself and your children, online, or call the church secretary who can help you with registration. Check out the ads in the bulletins, Parish Post and the postcards.

Want to volunteer some nights and join the adult class on others? We can work with you on that.

## SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

Camp registration is open and ready for you to start planning your summer around weeks at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa! There are a wide range of camps this summer for all ages — kindergarteners through high schoolers, families, adults, and older folks. Below is a list of the camps this year! **Contact Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin for more information!**

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

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

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



<b>CAMP WEEK</b>	<b>EXPLORERS</b> Grades K-2	<b>JUNIORS</b> Grades 3-6	<b>INTERMEDIATES</b> Grades 6-9	<b>SENIOR HIGH</b> Grades 9-11
<b>JUNE 25- JULY 1</b>	Classic Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Equestrian Team Sports	Classic Arts & Crafts EXTRA Avangaza	Classic
<b>JULY 2-8</b>	Mini Camp	Classic Day Camp Plus (M-S, Grades 2-5) Holy Smoke!	Classic Full STEAM Ahead!	Adventure Sampler
<b>JULY 9-15</b>	Elder Camp			
	Classic Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Arts, Crafts, & Photography Beginner Guitar and Music	Classic Camp Musical Rock and Roll Adventure	
<b>JULY 16-22</b>	Family Camp			
<b>JULY 23-29</b>	Nature Detectives Mini Camp	Classic Night Owls O.W.L.S. Wild Things	Classic Ten Day	Ten Day
<b>JULY 30- AUG 5</b>	Classic Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Team Sports	Classic Blaze and Paddle Adventure Team Sports	
<b>AUG 6-12</b>	Family Camp			

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

### **HARTMAN CENTER HOMECOMING CAMP (July 31-August 5)**

There will be several camps happening that week at the Hartman Center Campground in Milroy (the former Penn Central Conference Camp). Look for more details in the upcoming bulletins and the March Parish Post.

**FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild

animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup>God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

**Psalm 8****SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**  
[not printed]**GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Hosea 5:15—6:6; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26.

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