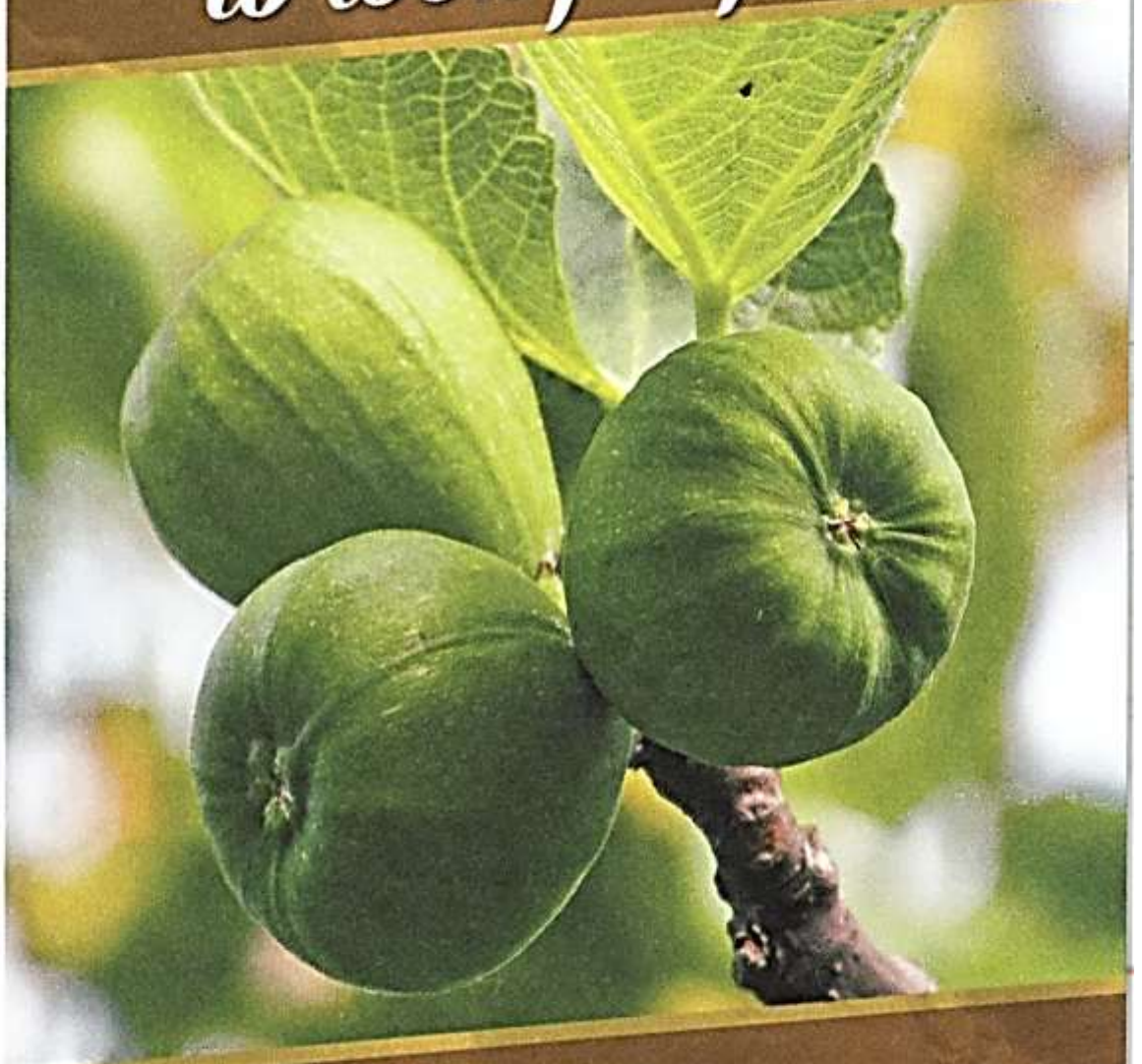


*I have been coming  
to look for fruit*



*on this fig tree*

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**8:00 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness. "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God.

**Prayer:** *Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**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.*

## **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.**

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

You who have no money, come, buy, and eat!

**Our souls thirst for God in a dry and weary land.**

**We seek God's power and glory in the sanctuary.**

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart.

**Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.**

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

#### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess together.

**Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen**

#### **KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-9

*To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to the Lord will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.*

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

#### THE PSALTER

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. **So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. **So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips **when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**

For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. **My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

#### THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*Paul uses images from Hebrew story and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.*

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 13:1-9

*Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.*

***Glory be to You, O Lord.***

#### THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

***Praise be to You, O Christ.***

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

*(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

All that we present to you now, O God, we have received from your hand. We give so the hungry may eat and the thirsty may receive pure water. We share to send the good news of your Word to those who have not heard. We invest in just causes, that your mercy may be known among all people. Most of all, we give because passing on your gifts in generous response is necessary to life. In the name of 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.**

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care. We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and grace. With the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you:

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

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

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

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

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

### **COMMUNICATION**

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.

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, conference ministers, chaplains, and mission developers; for consistories, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands impacted by droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those called into positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and court administrators tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the advocacy efforts of this congregation: for those whose faith leads them to speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations with policymakers; for those who promote mercy over vengeance or retaliation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. 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 **John and Dolly Barr** in memory of Uncle Ken.

**The Worship Aids** are given by **Scott and Jane Owens** in honor of Dave Bushnell, our bush whacker for the retreat.

**Money Counters:** Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller, Denise Pfeiffer

**Building Trustee:** John Shelsky

**Lector:** Rev. Sandy Morris

### **Happy Birthday!**

Today – Michael Minder

Monday – Kirsten Leinbach

Wednesday – Marvin Lehman III, Jack Richards

Thursday – Kaitlyn Vargas

Saturday – Mary Lou Shaub, Miguel Serrano

<b>Attendance for Sun., March 13</b>	<b>8:00–7</b>	<b>10:30–43</b>	<b>TOTAL – 50</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>13</b>		
<b>Lenten Service</b>	<b>22</b>		



## **This Week at Trinity Church**

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

Today	2:00 PM – Ken Geib Memorial Service
Monday	7:00 PM – SOT Choir/7:45 PM – Bells
Tuesday	7:00 PM – Preschool Board
Wednesday	7:00 PM – Lenten Service
Thursday	6:30 PM – Cub Scouts 7:00 PM – Christian Ed. Mtg.
Saturday	8:00 AM-2 PM – Lifeline 7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA
Sunday	8:00 AM – Eucharist 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:30 AM – Eucharist

**Why no alleluias or hymn of praise during Lent?** You may have noticed that the act of praise following the assurance of forgiveness is missing from our worship. We join other churches in omitting alleluias, glorias, and other hymns of praise as we turn again to our Lenten journey of exile and repentance. We long for the eschatological New Jerusalem "...the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother" (Galatians 4:26). We walk in darkness awaiting the city of God where... "there will be no more night; the servants of God need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5). Until then, we travel with our Lord Jesus into the desert to face the devil, we join him in his triumphant procession into Jerusalem, we pray with him in the garden of Gethsemane, and we follow him to the painful cross and to the cold dark tomb. We trust that our journey with Christ does not end there. On Easter we once again join the praises of the choirs of heaven: "The Lord is risen; the Kingdom has come; our joy is complete; and, in concert with the angels and saints, we greet the risen Lord with shouts of 'Alleluia!'"

([http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No\\_Alleluia.htm](http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No_Alleluia.htm)).

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KEN GEIB** will be held **TODAY** at 2 p.m.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** The family of Donna Smoker (friend of Trinity), Anne Rankin, Donna Zirkel, Bob Kilgore, Marvin Lehman and family, Lee Bossert, Dr. Cathy Hoshauer, Joann Garvin, Herb Charles, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Herb Holbein (father-in-law of Danielle Huggins Holbein), Jean Otthofer (mother of Dan Otthofer), Rev. Paul Eyer (former pastor of St. Luke's), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Carole Connor, Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty), Mary Witmer, Mark & Mary Anne Ritter (friends of the Paulukows), Patrick & Mel (nephew of Marianne Gible & his wife), the Martin family, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Hillary Brennan (mother of John Brennan), Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong), David & Ann Potts (friends of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Lynn Dull, Hilma Slechta (mother of Mike Slechta), Chad & Paul Zirkel (sons of Donna Zirkel), 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), Donna Denlinger, Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Phyllis Zimmerman, Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley), Jaimie & Aurora Commero (friends of Sarah Paulukow), Mark Zody (friend of Denise Huggins), Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), Scott Summers, Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), Bob & Marlyn Wible, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Elaine Sturgis (friend of Sue Husted), Doris Leaman, Judie Bistline, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church).

**LENTEN DENIAL ENVELOPES:** The Board of Deacons decided to use all donations given through the Lenten Denial envelope to assist those impacted by the crisis in Ukraine. Please be generous as we help our brothers and sisters in need.

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

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

## **LENTEN SERVICES---Theme: Turning Toward God's Abundance**

*Lent is a season of repentance, turning to God and asking for God's goodness to wipe away our sins and to show us how to live anew. Lent also turns us toward Easter and the abundant life God will offer through the Three Days. This Lenten midweek service series turns us toward God's abundance by focusing on five divine attributes from the gospel texts for Lent (lectionary cycle C).*

**Week 3: Compassion (March 23 at 7 p.m.)---Rev. Margaret Rohnacher**

**Week 4: Forgiveness (March 30 at 7 p.m.)---Rev. Bob Bistline**

**Week 5: Love (April 6 at 7 p.m.)—Rev. Sandy Morris (may include the order of healing)**

We are also planning to stream the Wednesday evening services.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES:** Christian Education classes will be held for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Here are the locations for the classes:

1. **Children's Class** will meet in the classroom on the first floor.
2. **Middle School/High School Class** will meet in the classroom on the second floor.
3. **The Combined Adult Class** will meet in Isenberg Hall. They are using the book "Practicing Our Faith" edited by Dorothy C. Bass.

The Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen will be leading an adult Sunday School class on **March 20** at 9:00 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. The title of Dr. Christensen's class is "**Uncovering Deeper Meaning in the Bible**". He will look at some familiar texts and see the meanings behind them which are not immediately obvious.

## **"FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY" BOOK STUDY**

Pastor Rankin will be leading a book study after Easter. We will be reading *With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life* by Henri Nouwen. We will meet via Google Meet at 7 p.m. on April 21 & 28 and May 12, 19, & 26. **Sign-up by contacting the church office.**

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Copies of the new church directory are available on the table across from the church office and in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

## 2022 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AIDS SPONSORS

Contact Carol in the church office to sign-up for chancel flowers and worship aids for 2022. We recently changed florists and so the new price for flowers will be \$60. The price for worship aids will remain at \$26. Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: **March 27 & April 24**. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **April 10, 17 & 24**.

**GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST:** The Lancaster YMCA is planning to have the Good Friday breakfast on at the Farm & Home Center on April 15 at 7:30 a.m. (doors open at 7:00 a.m.). The Rev. Gerald Simmons, Pastor of Faith Tabernacle Church of God in Christ and graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, will be the speaker. Pastor Rankin will offer the invocation and benediction. Trinity will once again have a table of 8 people for the breakfast. The cost will be \$20 per person. Contact the church office to make a reservation.

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salt · pepper · herb mix · Parmesan

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**CHURCH MULCHING:** The Property Committee is planning to put mulch around the church property on Saturday, April 2, 8:30 AM. Sign-up sheet on table in hallway across from the church office! Hope to be done by lunchtime. Rain date TBA.



**April 8**

**May 20**

**Masks may required per CDC guidelines**

**Snacks and Drinks to share are welcome!**

*Any Questions call: Karen Olley (717)598-0247*

**2021 ANNUAL REPORTS** are available on the table across from the church office and in the information racks on the both floors of the church building.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for worship volunteers on Sunday mornings and the Wednesday Lenten services (just greeters for those services). Contact the church office to sign-up!

**Greeters/Ushers:** To welcome worshippers at the door and to seat them in the sanctuary (10:30 a.m. service only)

**Lectors:** Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 8:00 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.

### **ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

When we returned to worship in the midst of the pandemic, Pastor Rankin has taken on the altar guild responsibility each week. The pastor now is looking for a few more volunteers to help prepare the altar for weekly worship. The following people have agreed to serve: Nancy Enders, Hedwig Hunsicker, Karen Olley, and Jamy Shelly. The pastor is looking for another 2-4 people to serve. Pastor Rankin is willing to offer a training session for all volunteers. You can contact him or Donna Denlinger, the Elder representative to the altar guild.

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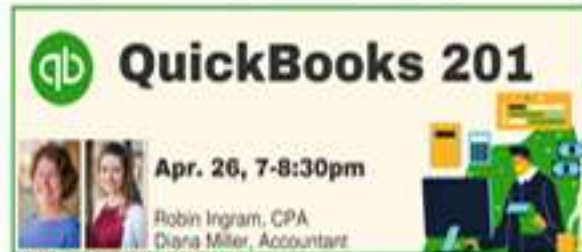
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## HOUSING PANEL



**Housing Panel**  
March 22, 2022  
7:00-8:30 PM



## QuickBooks 201

Apr. 26, 7-8:30pm

Robin Ingram, CPA  
Diana Miller, Accountant

**QuickBooks**  
April 28, 7-8:30 pm



## Small Groups Panel

Apr 4, 7:00-8:30pm

ANDREA BROWN, CHANDLER  
JIM CROSSNICKLE, BATTERTON, LITZ, COE  
SUSAN GASCHO-COOK, COMMUNITY MENNONITE

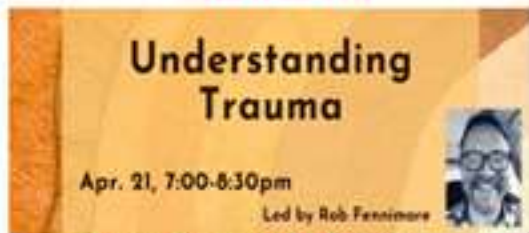
**Small Groups Panel**  
April 4, 2022  
7:00-8:30 PM



## CREATIVE FUNDING

Landis  
Communities  
Annual Clergy  
Breakfast

**Creative Funding**  
April 28, 8 am-10 am



## Understanding Trauma

Apr. 21, 7:00-8:30pm

Led by Rob Fennimore

**Understanding Trauma**  
April 21, 2022  
7:00-8:30 PM



## Springtime of Soul

Featuring the Poetry of  
Mary Oliver

Apr 30, 9am-3pm

Led by Ellie Stratton, M.Div

**Springtime of Soul Retreat**  
April 30, 9 am-3 pm

## CHURCH CAMP REGISTRATION

Even though the air is cold and snow is on the ground, the warmer days of the Summer Camp season are right around the corner! Camp registration is open and ready for you to start planning your summer around weeks at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa! There are a wide range of camps this summer for all ages — kindergarteners through high schoolers, families, adults, and older folks. You can find printed brochures on the table across from the church office or view the schedule at <https://www.lutherancamping.org/forms/SummerBrochure.pdf>

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”.**

### "HARTMAN CENTER SPIRIT WEEK" 2022

Save the date: "Hartman Center Spirit Week" will be returning this summer!

This will be a week of camp in the spirit, community, and traditions of Hartman Center. Registration information and a brochure will be available soon.

Saturday, August 6 through Friday, August 12 at Camp Mt Luther in Mifflinburg PA. Talk with Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin for more information.

**MEAL AT FIRST REFORMED U.C.C., LANCASTER:** The community meals at First Reformed U.C.C. are starting again in 2022. They will continue to serve a grab and go meal. The diners and servers must be masked at all times.

Meals (cold or hot) can be prepared in the church kitchen. They are telling us to prepare for 60-70 people.

We are looking for some people to coordinate these meals. If you are interested or have more questions, contact Paula Dennes, Nancy Enders, or Pastor Rankin.

### **LIFE LINE SCREENING**

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? do you have a poor diet? If you answer “yes” to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque buildup in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain.

Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on 3/26/22 at Trinity UCC.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149(\$139 with our member discount).

All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1- 888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979. You can also sign up on the Screening Apt. Sheet on the table across from the church office.

Also available are coupons for either a free screening or a half price screening. There are a limited number of coupons. First come, first served. Contact the church office for more information.



## Our Gifts to Others 2022 from the Board of Deacons

Each year Trinity UCC considers donations titled “*Our Gifts to Others.*”

These annual gifts serve to support various outreaches that are important to our friends who are in need throughout the area.

We have a number of outreach options from which we may choose. Here is a brief summary of those seeking your consideration and support.

- **Milagro House** is committed to providing education, counseling and housing for women and children experiencing homelessness here in Lancaster County.
- **Bethany Children’s Home** started its *Helping Hands* program to provide unaccompanied children and youth the opportunity to be reunited with their families in the U.S. Youths stay an average of 10-12 days and receive basic medical care, food clothing shelter more development and basic education while their families are located.
- **Hoffman Homes Inc.** is a similar but longer term stay facility for troubled youth.
- **Love, Inc.** is a national agency that seeks to provide a conduit through which people in need can seek out much needed support efforts by local churches. This agency is geared for those among us in chronic need and seeks to transform lives in the community.
- **Lancaster Theological Seminary** – educates men & women for here for a variety of ministry settings. Donations to LTS help to support students in need with tuition, housing, etc.
- **Phoebe Devitt** – operates nursing home facilities here in central Pennsylvania. The ministries seek donations to help cover the cost of residents stay, regardless of their ability to pay.
- **UCC Homes**– provides benevolent care, and uncompensated care for needful seniors. This organization seeks our help to meet this need. There are homes in Ephrata, Annville, Carlisle, and Harrisburg.
- **Hunger Ministries**– You can designate to support the Hempfield Power Packs, the Lancaster Food Hub, or the Trinity Community Meal ministry.

In 2021, we received **\$20,606** for the Our Gifts to Others fund.

Please consider these worthy agencies as you think about your possible financial offerings for **March 27, 2022**. In addition you can donate online, designate as "Our Gift to Others", and specify which one(s) you are donating towards.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT TRINITY U.C.C.



### SAVE THE DATE

Barnstormers' Game

July 7, 2022

Join us for fellowship and game between Lancaster Barnstormers and the York Revolution! 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. You can sign-up by contacting Carol in the church office. We will need a \$15 deposit when you sign-up!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**FRIENDSHIP FEST**

July 17th  
3:00 - 7:00 PM  
Save The Dates  
VBS 2022

A central graphic for "Friendship Fest" featuring a collage of food items like ice cream, pizza, and drinks. Surrounding the central text are several icons: a "Celebration Brass" concert sign for 5-6 PM, a "Boy Nce House" sign, a "Food Trucks!" sign with a truck illustration, and an "ENTERTAINMENT" sign with a starburst background.

**Wade In The Water**  
July 18 - 21 6:30-8:30 PM  
July 22 Closing Program

Dear Trinity Members,

“Wade In The Water” is the theme for this summer’s Vacation Bible School. It will be held Monday, July 18 to Thursday July 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, with the closing program on Friday, July 22.

We will need your help to welcome and teach the children of Trinity and the wider community. The ideal VBS program would touch and/or be touched by each member of the congregation. Please check the activities in which you would be willing to share during the week. Please return this form to the VBS Director’s mail slot in the church office by April 15. If you have any questions please contact us. Thank you.

*Dina Slechta and Diane Rice*

\_\_\_\_\_Teacher—travels with group through stations and teaches the story lesson to the class each night.

\_\_\_\_\_Assistant Teacher - travels with the group through stations and helps with teaching the story each night.

\_\_\_\_\_ Caretaker And Me Class Facilitators - 2 people with clearances who can be available in the nursery for any caretaker and child who need to take a quiet time/play by themselves break in the nursery.

\_\_\_\_\_Games Leader—leads 10 to 15 minute games reinforcing the night’s concept and story

\_\_\_\_\_Games Helper

\_\_\_\_\_Crafts Leader

\_\_\_\_\_Craft Helper

\_\_\_\_\_Floaters - we need some potential teachers and assistants who will be at VBS, ready to jump in as needed.

\_\_\_\_\_Registration—needs to be there 6:15 to 6:45 the first two evenings to register children

\_\_\_\_\_Help anywhere needed.

\_\_\_\_\_Youth Helper (7<sup>th</sup> grade on up)

Transportation Needed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Days you would be available \_\_\_\_\_

**MARCH 20, 2022**

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**FIRST LESSON. Isaiah 55:1-9**

**Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

**SECOND LESSON. 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

**I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.**

**GOSPEL. Luke 13:1-9**

**At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"**

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