

*So if  
anyone is in Christ,*



*there is  
a new creation*

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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**8:00 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away... the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

**Prayer:** *God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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.*

**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)).

## **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.**

A new day has dawned, God's gift to us; the fruits of the land are ours to enjoy.

**We are a new creation in Jesus Christ; the old has passed away, the new has come.**

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

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Joshua 5: 9-12

*By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.*

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

### THE PSALTER

Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord', and you forgave the guilt of my sin.



Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. **You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. **Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.**

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. **Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

St. Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

*Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believed it was his obedience that earned his place in the father's home.*

*Glory be to You, O Lord.*

## **THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

*Praise be to You, O Christ.*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## **SERMON**

**"A Better Future"**

**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.**

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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**

We offer these gifts, O God, in the spirit of love. May the gifts that we offer this day embody our loving response to your great love for us. Through these gifts, may others feel the love of Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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.

Jesus formed the disciples in the ways of extravagant mercy and profound welcome. Lead your church to be a community marked by forgiveness, hospitality, and celebration. Send us to transform a world plagued by fear and condemnation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You make the land to produce a harvest that sustains your entire creation. Equip farmers and farm workers who till the soil. Nourish the earth with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Heal grounds tainted by pollution or misuse. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Countries are divided and leaders often harbor grudges. Reconcile nations that experience conflict. Act quickly to bring an end to war. Anoint peacemakers trained in the arts of diplomacy and foster a spirit of collaboration among political rivals. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine in the midst of the war and conflict. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your people cry for help in times of distress. Resolve disagreements among family members. Save those experiencing financial hardship. Hear our prayers for those who are sick or grieving. Console us with the promise that everything can become new. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your love comes to us when a table is set and a feast is prepared. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation. Bring an end to hunger in our community and around the world. 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 **Charlene Cristy** in honor of Pastor Chris' 9 year anniversary of his installation at Trinity (March 17, 2013). Thank you for his strength and commitment!

**The Worship Aids** are given by **Charlene Cristy** in honor of John Cristy's birthday.

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

**Building Trustee:** John Shelsky      **Lector:** Diane Rice

**Happy Birthday!**

Today – Sue Husted, Gretchen Leinbach

Monday – Alexander DeLong

Wednesday – Tami Lehman

Thursday – Marge Burger, Jane Owens

Saturday – Cindy Olena

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| <b>Attendance for Sun., March 20</b> | 8:00–16 | 10:30–72 | <b>TOTAL – 88</b> |
| <b>Lent</b>                          | 17      |          |                   |
| <b>Sunday School</b>                 | 10      |          |                   |

**This Week at Trinity Church**

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

Monday      7:00 PM – SOT Choir/7:45 PM – Bells

Wednesday      7:00 PM – Lenten Service

Thursday      6:30 PM – Cub Scouts

Saturday      8:30 AM – Mulching

7:00 PM – Alanon

8:00 PM - AA

Sunday      8:00 AM – Eucharist

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:30 AM – Eucharist

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

**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.

**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 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.

### **HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

**Maundy Thursday (April 14 at 2 p.m./7 p.m.):** Service of Word & Sacrament with Pastor Rankin preaching. The 2 p.m. service will be streamed on our Facebook page and later uploaded to our website.

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service (April 15 at 7 p.m.)**

**Easter Morning Schedule (April 17):**

**6:15 a.m.—**Sunrise Service in the parking lot with Holy Communion

**8:00 a.m.—**Service in the sanctuary with Holy Communion

**9:15-10:00 a.m.—**Breakfast in Isenberg Hall (sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office)

**10:30 a.m.—**Service in the sanctuary with Holy Communion

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** 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 Gibble & 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).

**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.

**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 April-June 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.

**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.

#### **"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 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.

**MEAL AT ZION LUTHERAN, LANDISVILLE:** There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the hallway across from the church office for our next community meal on April 7 at Zion Lutheran in Landisville. We are in need of volunteers to help serve the meal. The volunteers should arrive by 5:00 p.m. Contact Nancy Enders or Paula Dennes for more information.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



## TRINITY PRESCHOOL SUB SALE

We would like to thank you for supporting our fund raiser. When you redeem your coupon at S. Clyde Weaver you get to choose from at least seven sub varieties:

**Sweet Bologna · Ham · Italian · Turkey  
Roast Beef · Chicken Salad · Tuna Salad**

**Each Sub Redemption Certificate: \$8.00**

**BREAD OPTIONS:**

white sub roll · bread · tortilla wrap

**CHOICE OF YOUR CONDIMENTS:**

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**CHEESE OF YOUR CHOICE:**

American · Provolone · Swiss

**YOUR CHOICES OF VEGETABLES:**

lettuce · tomatoes · onions · marinated onions · sweet peppers  
banana peppers · hot peppers · black olives · pickles  
salt · pepper · herb mix · Parmesan

Place your order form and money in church office

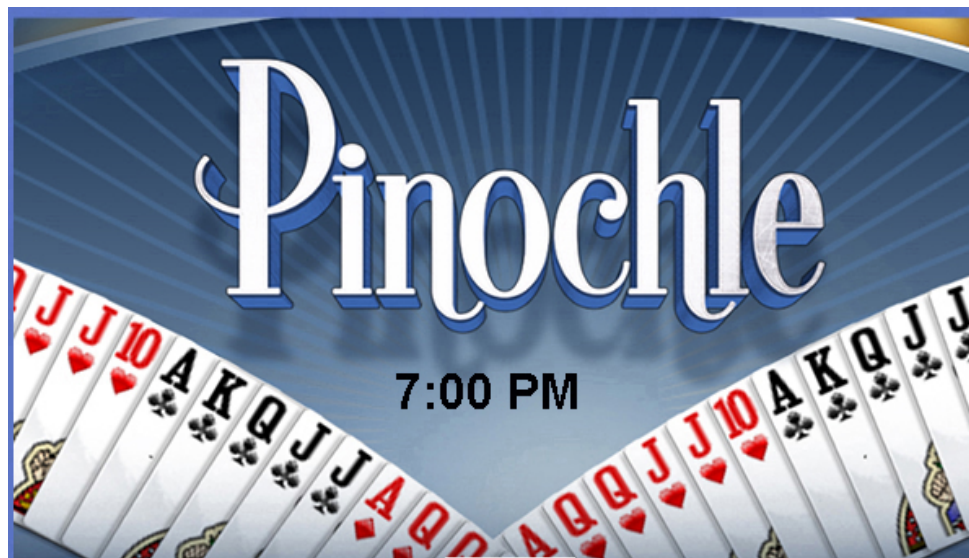
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2021 ANNUAL REPORTS are available on the table across from the church office and in the information racks on the both floors of the church building.



**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*

**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.

### **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: **April 24**. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **April 10, 17 & 24**.



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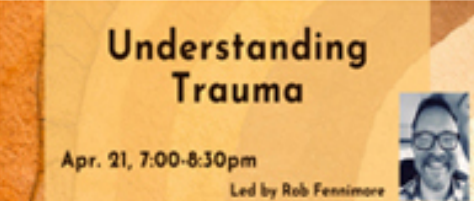
Solutions For Churches & Communities



**Small Groups Panel**  
Apr 4, 7:00-8:30pm

ANDREA BROWN, GRANDVIEW  
JIM GROSSNICKLE-BATTERTON, LITITZ COB  
SUSAN GASCHO-COOKE, COMMUNITY MENNONITE

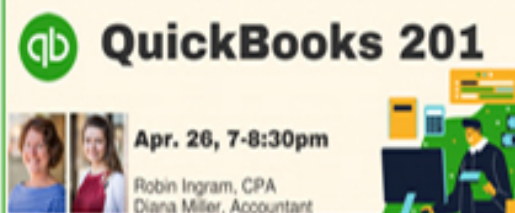
**Small Groups Panel**  
April 4, 2022  
7:00-8:30 PM



**Understanding Trauma**

Apr. 21, 7:00-8:30pm  
Led by Rob Fennimore

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



**QuickBooks 201**

Apr. 26, 7-8:30pm

Robin Ingram, CPA  
Diana Miller, Accountant

**QuickBooks**  
April 26, 7-8:30 pm



**CREATIVE FUNDING**

Landis Communities  
Annual Clergy Breakfast

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



**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.

## 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

Barnstormer's 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 collage of colorful icons representing various activities: a brass band, a bounce house, a food truck, a collection of desserts, and an entertainment area with stars and a sign.

**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

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\_\_\_\_\_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 \_\_\_\_\_



## FIRST LESSON. Joshua 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

## SECOND LESSON. 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## GOSPEL. Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"