



Let the  
little  
children  
come  
to me

MARK 10:14



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**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God like a child does?

**World Communion Sunday** is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, which promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. The tradition originated in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA in 1933, was adopted throughout the U.S. Presbyterian Church in 1936, and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), led by Jesse Moren Bader, endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide. In celebration of World Communion Sunday, we are using prayers from different countries. (Historical information from [Wikipedia.org](http://Wikipedia.org))

**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.*

**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.

**Prayer As You Enter:** *Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*



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## CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



### TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to:

--*Share God's love with our community*

--*Serve God's children*

--*Bring healing and wholeness to those in need*

--*Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study*

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

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Throughout God's world this day Christian churches are celebrating the Eucharist as one family dining together in one room under one roof.

**Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, Central America, Asia and in all lands and countries join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.**

Neither powers nor principalities shall stop us nor deter our purpose, our sense of mission, or our challenge to go forth as disciples into every town, village, and crossroad proclaiming the love of Christ for all creation.

**In Christ's love there is no East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.**

Let us praise Christ! May this holy meal empower each of us to be agents of hope and peace in a time of uncertainty.

**The bread and wine are not for us alone, but are symbols of a universal message that surpasses the might of missiles and the walls of oppression. May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

(Korean)

Let us confess the complacency with which we live in disunity, the ease which we keep our prejudices, refusing to be the one people of God for which Jesus prayed.

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN** *(From 1986 Conference of European Churches, Scotland)*

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

**Lord, God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silence instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge. We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions than to your commands. Within your Church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

### **KYRIE**

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

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(The United Congregational Church of Southern Africa)*

*(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 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

(Nigeria)

Let us pray the collect together.

O Lord, we beseech you to deliver us from the fear of the unknown future; from fear of failure; from fear of poverty; from fear of bereavement; from fear of loneliness; from fear of sickness and pain; from fear of age; from fear of death. Help us, O God, by your grace to love and fear you only, fill our hearts with cheerful courage and loving trust in you; through our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. Amen

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:18-24

*Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish(man) and ishshah (woman).*

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

### THE PSALTER

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

What are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

*Quoting from the palms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.*

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 10:2-16

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

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

## **THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

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

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## **SERMON**

**"There's Room at the Table!"**

**Pastor Rankin**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **A CREED FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

# PEOPLE'S OFFERING

## OFFERING DEDICATION

*(Japan)*

We bring these our gifts for Thy service, dear Savior; Receive them and bless them, for Thy kingdom's sake. Amen.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*(The Reformed Church of France, adapted)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

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

It is our joy, O God of love and holiness, our Creator and our Sustainer, to give you thanks always and everywhere. In your image you made us all; your universe you put in our care; your creation you entrust to our hands, with all its wonders and its travail. You make us partners in our labours and invite us to share in your rest, through Christ our Lord, whom the earth and the heavens with all the angels and archangels acclaim for ever and ever, singing:

**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

Lord, send upon us and upon this thanksgiving meal the Spirit of life, who spoke through Moses and the prophets, who descended upon Jesus at the river Jordan, and upon the Apostles at the first day of Pentecost. Send this same Spirit of fire, that its coming may transfigure our humanity by the power of Christ's body and blood.

During the supper, Jesus took bread, and having said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying: "Take, this is my body." Then he took up a cup and, having given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And he told them: "This is my blood, the blood of the new covenant, shed for the many. Truly I declare to you, I will never drink of the fruit of the vine until I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

**Great is the mystery of the faith: Lord Jesus, we proclaim your death, we celebrate your resurrection, we await your coming in glory.**

As we celebrate before you the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son, we offer you thanks, Lord. We humbly ask for your Holy Spirit, to make us partakers of Christ's body and blood and unite us in a single body. We pray for your goodness upon us all: grant that we, too, with the witnesses of your people, with Peter, Paul, and the other apostles, with Mary and the faithful of all times, may have a share in eternal life and sing your praises through Jesus Christ your beloved Son.

**Through him, with him, and in him, be all honor and glory to you, God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

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

### **BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP**

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

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

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

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

### **RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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



*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. Comfort those who have been impacted by Hurricane Helene. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. Bless the work of our mission partners that we support today with the Our Gifts to Others offering. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

***SILENT PRAYER***

Let us give thanks to God in union with each other, with Christians everywhere, and with the poor and suffering neighbor, in whom we daily meet the living Christ.

**Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the glory of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this Holy Communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

### **BENEDICTION**

(India)

The God of Peace will be with you and will grant you his peace at all times, his peace beyond our understanding, that purifies heart, mind, and body, until his kingdom comes. Having shared this feast of God's love, go into the world to share his love in your life. In the name of Christ. Amen.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by the **John & Kayla Brennan** in honor of Andrew Brennan's 3rd birthday.

**The Worship Aids** are given by the **Dottie Schadt** in thankfulness for the beauty of the Fall.

### **Ministering Today**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
<b>Lector</b>	Diane Rice
<b>Money Counters</b>	Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk, Denise Pfeiffer
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Olley, Beth Bossert, Nancy Enders
<b>Building Trustee</b>	John Shelsky
<b>Koinonia</b>	Gretchen Leinbach
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Card Prayer Shawl</b> (Betty Tyndall) <b>Called to Care</b> Nancy Enders <b>Visitation</b> Denise Pfeiffer

### **Happy Birthday!**

Today – Steven Reiff

Monday – Dr. Cathy Hoshauer, Sally Rodenberger

Tuesday – Heidi Fischer

Wednesday – Kevin Harley

Saturday – Dan Otthoffer, Pamela Weeber

<b>Worship Attendance, September 29</b>	<b>7:45-19</b>	<b>9:30-72</b>	<b>TOTAL – 91</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>25</b>		

### **This Week at Trinity Church**

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM - Bells</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 PM – Preschool Board</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:30 AM – Stewardship Committee (Scott Owens’)</b> <b>7:00 PM – Finance Committee</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00 AM – Mercersburg Study Group</b> <b>6:00 PM – Scouts</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 AM – Leadership Seminar</b> <b>8:00 PM – Alanon/AA</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:45 AM – Eucharist</b> <b>9:00 AM – Sunday School</b> <b>10:00 AM – Koinonia</b> <b>10:30 AM – Worship</b> <b>Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Guest Preacher</b>

### **PRAYERS FOR GOD’S HEALING PRESENCE**

#### **MEMBERS**

<b>Rhonda Hartenstine</b>	<b>Janice Jenkins</b>	<b>Betsy Bailey</b>
<b>Betty Fogle</b>	<b>Jack Olley</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Marlyn Wible</b>
<b>Don &amp; Pat Miller</b>	<b>Ken &amp; Phyllis Zimmerman</b>	<b>Harry Himelwright</b>
<b>Dr. Janet Harriger</b>	<b>Joann Peck</b>	<b>Scott &amp; Jane Owens</b>
<b>The Lehman family</b>	<b>Mary Lou Shaab</b>	<b>Carmen &amp; Jerry Richards</b>
<b>Donna Wolf &amp; Family</b>	<b>George &amp; Ellie Latsha</b>	<b>Lainie Christensen</b>
<b>Sam Minder III</b>	<b>Rev. Dave &amp; Mid Gockley</b>	<b>Hank Fox</b>
<b>Rev. Bob &amp; Nancy Musser</b>	<b>Donna Zirkel</b>	<b>Danielle Huggins Holbein</b>
<b>Kathleen Sensenig Adams</b>	<b>Betty Tyndall and family</b>	<b>Michael McDonough</b>
<b>Kelsey Minnich Burgo</b>	<b>Rev. Bob &amp; Judie Bistline</b>	<b>Joann &amp; Dawn Garvin</b>
<b>Erika Otthofer</b>	<b>Denise Huggins</b>	<b>Rev. Jere &amp; Judy Chapman</b>
<b>Ron Becker</b>	<b>Rev. Ken &amp; Marilyn Trauger</b>	

#### **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**The family of Jane Curran** (aunt of Michael Slechta)  
**Deb Olley** (daughter of Jack & Karen Olley)  
**Alice Palmer** (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine)  
**Carmen Sweigert** (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine)  
**Glenn Wible** (nephew of Bob & Marlyn Wible/cousin of Lon Wible)  
**Diana Landefeld** (niece of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christesen) & **Joppatowne School**

**Joe Harriger** (brother of Janet Harriger)  
**Marianne Gobble** (friend of Trinity)  
**Shari Jones** (co-worker of Rich Weeber)  
**Tracy McLaughlin** (co-worker of Rich Weeber)  
**Carol Hooper** (sister of Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen)  
**Marlene Harlow** (friend of Gail Kogut)  
**Chad Zirkel** (son of Donna Zirkel)  
**Kaitlyn, Ben, and Lucy Miller** (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)  
**Barbie, Jon, and Will Bundy** (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)  
**Rev. Jim Martin** (Rev. Dr. Rich & Lanie Christensen's former pastor)  
**Ken Hoshauer** (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)  
**Kurt Kalbach** (brother of Dr. Cathy Houshauer)  
**Mary Call** (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)  
**The Herr Family** (Trinity Preschool Family)  
**Sharon Brown** (sister of Sandy DeLong)  
**Chris Rice** (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)  
**David Brown** (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)  
**Annette Stork** (niece of Pat Sensenig)  
**Logan Davis** (husband of Hillary Bossert-Davis)  
**Jean Weglarz** (neighbor of Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline)  
**Melby Bush** (friend of Joan Sensenig)  
**Harvey & Dianne Sick** (friends of Judy Chapman)  
**Rev. Loy Garber** (former seminarian)  
**Roland Anderson and family** (friends of John & Kayla Brennan)  
**John Martin** (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)  
**James Malone & family**  
**Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner** (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)  
**Jordan Sensenig** (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig)  
**Robert Richards** (brother of Jerry Richards)  
**Ronald Himelwright** (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright)  
**Barry Richards** (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards)  
**Tyler Miller** (grandson of Iris DeMaio)  
**Joan Kalbach** (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)  
**Jim & Kathy Long** (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards)  
**John Siebern** (Bob Siever's brother-in-law)  
**Jo Jo Richards & family** (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

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

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

**FALL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR:** The Pastor Parish Committee is sponsoring another leadership seminar for all members of the Consistory and committees on Saturday, October 12 from 9 a.m.-noon. The Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Conference Minister & President of the Penn Central Conference and member of Trinity, will talk about emotional intelligence. Dr. Call will be preaching at both services on October 13. Look for a sign-up sheet on the table outside the office.

**2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:** Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **November 3, 17 & 24**. Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **December 22, 24 & 29**. 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.

**KOINONIA/SUNDAYMORNING FELLOWSHIP:** We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship) at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments. The drinks/coffee will be taken care of for you! The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen counter. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes. **Coffee is always available between 7:45 service and Sunday School.**

**“I PROMISE” FORMS** will be received at both services on **TODAY**. We hope that you will submit the forms to help us plan for our ministry in 2025. Extra forms are available on the table across from the church office!

**UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.:** The Christian Education Committee is planning to sponsor a trip to Washington D.C. on October 26. We will be visiting the National Cathedral and the Holocaust Museum. The tentative cost of the trip (Cathedral and bus) is \$50 for adults and \$45 for children (5-12 years old). The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office. **For more information, speak to Sue Bowman or Pastor Rankin.**

**CUB SCOUT PACK 133 FUNDRAISERS:** The scouts that meet at Trinity are **selling peanuts and popcorn**. **Orders are due October 10 and they will be delivered on November 9.** There are order forms on the table across from the church office. Speak to Pastor Chris for more information!



**COMMUNITY MEAL AT FIRST REFORMED U.C.C.:** Trinity Church will be providing the meal at First Reformed on Tuesday, October 15. Volunteers are needed at 3:00 p.m. for food preparation. The meal is served from 5-6:00 p.m. There are sign-up sheets on the table across from the church office. The church is located at 40 E. Orange St. in Lancaster. Contact Kathy Cooley, meal coordinator, if you have any questions.

**PRAYER SHAWL:** The Prayer Shawl will meet on October 15 at 1:00 p.m. and will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.



**People are needed to volunteer to decorate their trunk in Halloween themed décor and pass out candy or other goodies to the children as they come by. We also need donations of candy. The sign-up sheet will soon be available on the table across from the church office. Contact Cherie Cataldi for more information!**

**THE MEN OF TRINITY BREAKFAST** will meet for breakfast on October 19 at 8:00 AM at Family Fare Restaurant. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office! This is open to all men of the congregation!

**GRIEF GROUP:** Since the first grief group ended last month, Pastor Rankin would like to form another group(s) beginning soon. If you are interested in this small group, look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office. Contact Pastor Rankin if you have any questions.

# PINOCHLE

## 1:30 PM

Date: **October 24 @ 1:30 PM**

**Everyone is welcome!**

All you have to do is sign up on the table outside office and bring a snack or drink to share. We're happy to teach players new to Pinochle.

### TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

## A Delicious Way to Raise Money

Our fundraisers are designed to support your success, with a variety of homemade, high-quality baked goods - many made from fresh, local ingredients. You can feel good about selling them, and they're specially priced so you can raise funds for your organization.



**Apple Crumb Pie**  
10" apple pie with crumb topping and locally grown apples



**Shoofly Pie**  
10" shoofly pie made from Grandma Stricker's famous recipe



**Pumpkin Pie**  
10" pumpkin pie made from our own homegrown pumpkins



**Apple Dumplings**  
Pack of 2 apple dumplings made from locally grown apples



**Pumpkin Bread**  
20 oz. loaf made from our own homegrown pumpkins



**Whoopie Pies**  
Pack of 6 chocolate whoopie pies with white filling



**Mini Whoopie Pies**  
Pack of 12 chocolate whoopie pies with white filling



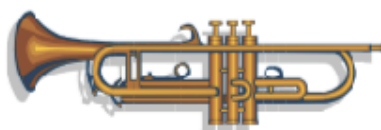
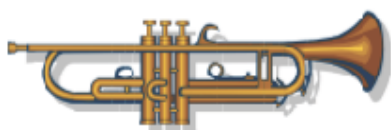
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**Order Deadline: Monday, October 28**

**Pickup: Friday, Nov. 15  
@10:30 AM**

Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office or you can call the church office to place your order!!!



# QuintEssentially Brass

Sun., Oct. 27, 2024

Concert 4:00 PM

**Trinity UCC**

2340 State St.  
East Petersburg, PA  
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**THE 2024 CONCERT SPONSOR FORMS** are available on the table across from the church office.



## LUTHERAN CAMPING EVENT DATES



Check out all event details at  
**LutheranCamping.org**

Dinner church at the Wittel Farm:

Oct. 6, Nov. 3 – starting at 5 PM.

Adult Study Retreat at Nawakwa

October 1-3

Party with a Purpose Fundraiser at Kirchenwald

October 5 - 5pm

Capture the Flag Spectacular at Kirchenwald

October 6 - 3pm

A Night for Nawakwa Fundraiser at Nawakwa

October 19

Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

October 27 - 1pm

Lutheran Camping Quilt Auction at Nawakwa

November 3 - 2pm

### Disagreeing Better

IN PERSON ONLY

COMMUNITY INTEREST

October 8, 2024

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



### Refugees, Immigrants, and Healthcare

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COMMUNITY INTEREST

October 15, 2024

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Oct 15, 7-8:30pm

### Refugees, Immigrants, and Healthcare

Union Community Care



### Navigating Leadership Transitions

ZOOM ONLY

TOOLKIT SERIES

October 16, 2024

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm



### Evaluating Programs

ZOOM ONLY

PRACTICAL SKILLS

TOOLKIT SERIES

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Oct 29, 12-1:30pm

### Evaluating Your Programs

Regular evaluation and adaptation reassures your supporters that their time and money is being used well

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### Creating Sacred Spaces Retreat

IN PERSON ONLY

CONTEMPLATIVE

November 2, 2024

9:00 am - 12:00 pm



2160 Lincoln Hwy East, #18  
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info@parishresourcecenter.org

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE LANCASTER CROP WALK:** Trinity Church was recently recognized as being 34<sup>th</sup> in the U.S. to raise funds for the 2023 CROP Walk!! Also, the Lancaster CROP Walk was recognized for being ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the U.S. and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pennsylvania for the 2023 CROP Walk! Pastor Rankin continues to serve as the Lancaster CROP Walk Coordinator!

There is an important date to remember:

1. **Sunday, October 20**---CROP Walk at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. Registration begins at 1 p.m. and a program follows at 1:30 p.m. The walk will begin at 2 p.m.

Mark & Chris Eyer are once again serving as the coordinators for Trinity Church. The following people from Trinity have already signed up for the walk: Mark & Chris Eyer, Diane Rice, Karen Olley, Nancy Enders, and the Rankin family. **You can also give our walkers money. Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP! The Consistory has approved to donate \$3,000 from our Hunger Ministries fund to support the CROP Walk!**

You can register for the walk on the table across from the church office or at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/trinity-east-pete>

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUPPORT:** We recently heard a presentation by Donna Geisler and Dr. Bill Lovett about their medical mission work in the Dominican Republic. The Board of Deacons decided that the Undesignated Funds from the upcoming Our Gifts to Others offering TODAY will support this mission project.



Church World Service  
*Certificate of Appreciation*  
to

**Trinity United Ch of Christ**

A national 2023 Cream of the CROP top fundraising team with the  
Lancaster CROP Hunger Walk  
to end hunger and poverty around the world.

Presented by  
*Jeff Hooper*  
National Community Engagement Manager  
April 5, 2024



## Our Gifts to Others 2024 from the Board of Deacons

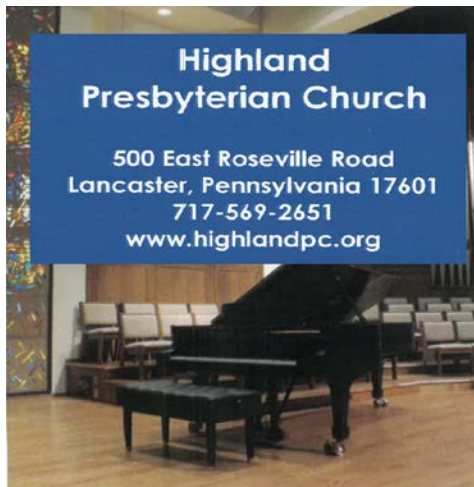
Each year Trinity UCC considers donations titled “***Our Gifts to Others.***” These annual gifts serve to support various outreaches that are important to our friends who are in need throughout the area.

In addition to the local missions and undesignated mission, there are 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 nonprofit that provides comprehensive psychiatric care, treatment, support, and education to youth and young adults and their families from across Pennsylvania. We inspire hope and brighter futures.
- **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.

**NOTE: All gifts given to the Undesignated Fund will support the Dominican Republic Medical Mission Project. The Board of Deacons will soon make a decision about the local missions.**

Through August 2024, *we received \$10,646 for the Our Gifts to Others Fund.* Please consider these worthy ministries as you think about your possible financial offerings for the rest of 2024. In addition, you can donate online, designate as "Our Gift to Others", and specify which one(s) you are donating towards.



## 25th Anniversary Season 2024-25



**Dr. Robert Horton, Organist**  
Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 7:00 pm

Organist at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Dr. Horton has also served as Interim Chapel Organist at Duke University and Director of Keyboard Studies at Dordt College. His playing has garnered numerous accolades including highest honors at the Mikhail Tariverdiev Competition in Russia and first prize at the AGO National Competition in Organ Improvisation.



**U.S. Naval Academy Orchestra  
and Mariachi Band**

*Under the Baton of Monte Maxwell*  
Sunday, November 3, 2024, 4:00 pm

The Brigade of Midshipmen perform both on and off the Yard in everything from chapel services to musicals and concerts, highlighting both soloists and ensembles. One of their newest ensembles is the Mariachi *Marineros*, who play a genre of Latin-style music we will hear in this concert.

**SERVERS NEEDED:** We are in need of greeters, ushers, and nursery care volunteers for the 10:30 worship service. Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving as an usher or greeter. Please contact Betty Fogle if you are interested in serving as a nursery attendant (717-471-1026 or [bettsfog@comcast.net](mailto:bettsfog@comcast.net)).

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 3:** We will be remembering Trinity members and friends of our congregation who have died since November 3, 2024. If you have a name of a family member or friend that you would like to include in the service, please submit to the church office the name, date of death, and your relationship to the person. **The deadline is October 28.**

**LUNCH BUNCH:** The Parish Life Committee is planning another lunch bunch on Sunday, November 3 following the 10:30 a.m. service at Ciro's. Watch for the sign-up sheet to soon be on the table across from the church office.

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY!!!  
(WATCH FOR SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR THESE EVENTS)

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The annual congregational meeting will be held after the 10:30 service on **November 10** (the date was incorrect in the **September Parish Post**). We will gather for lunch and then conduct the business of the church (2025 budget and election of leaders). Watch for more details in the bulletins and the November Parish Post.



**AMERICAN MUSIC THEATER  
CHRISTMAS SHOW**

We have reserved seats for the American Music Theater Christmas Show on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The cost to see the show is Adults \$43, students \$22. To reserve your seat use the sign-up sheet on the table outside the office. For more information, speak to Jeff Hackenberger.





## **“Together We Are Stronger”**



### **A Vision for Associations**

Did you know? Your church belongs to a group of other UCC churches grouped together in what is called an Association. When the UCC was formed in 1957 much of the authority in the new denomination was vested in the Associations, including the care of local churches within each one. Part of that commitment to care included helping churches when they were in difficult or troublesome circumstances. Over time, however, the task of caring for congregations in times of need moved into the hands of Conference staff, and away from Associations.

In looking toward a Keystone Conference, we know that Conference staff numbers will be reduced. Therefore, care for congregations will need to move back to members and leaders of Associations who will now be supported and resourced by conference staff. Currently, Association Presidents are meeting with representatives from the Keystone Working Group to draft what that work might look like for our Associations. This is largely human resource work to build teams of trained leaders.



Just as the Conferences are in formal discussions for a merger and shared leadership, the Keystone Working Group encourages those types of conversations among our Association leaders too!

***“We were talking to our churches about now being the time for shared ministry and realized we need to be talking about this at the conference level too.”***

*~ Rev. Carrie Call, Penn Central Conference Minister*

## Next Town Hall Sessions

The conversations around the timeline, the ministry of Associations are available for registration. Please use the QR code,



on all conferences' websites or conference office.

In each townhall conversation, the timeline will be reviewed for possible action toward our vote, the motion to the General Synod and next steps.

## Merger Motion Vote by 4 Conferences Nov. 9, 2024

Each congregation is allowed their usual number of delegates to vote on the merger motion. See each conference for details to register, participate and make your vote count! The full motion is available on the website.

For more information: <https://psec.org/keystone/>

## Motion to General Synod, July 11-15, 2025

If approved by all 4 conferences, the motion is presented to General Synod for UCC delegates' approval.



***"We face the unknown, but God is known!"***

-- Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson

President and General Minister of the UCC to the delegates at the gathered PA area conferences.



**FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24**

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

**Psalms 8**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?"

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers  
and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16**

Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31.

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