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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: A little faith goes a long way is our Lord's point in the gospel. A mustard seed's worth has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

Welcome to the Eucharist! All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion. *Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.*

Prayer As You Enter: *Benevolent, merciful God: when we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

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)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Neighbors in Need Offering

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM & INVITATION TO THE TABLE (Bali)

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

Amen.

Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the life within you, and Christ's presence in our midst.

Our eyes should be opened! The present will have new meaning and the future will be bright with hope.

Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the One who is our wisdom and strength.

We place ourselves before our God that we may be touched and cleaned by the power of God's Spirit.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather around Christ's table.

In company with our brothers and sisters around the world, we come to this table to know the risen Christ through the broken bread and the cup of blessing.

Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

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 *(1986 Conference of European Churches, Scotland)*

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

Lord, 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 according 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.

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| 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)

ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY (The Middle East Council of Churches)

Let us pray the collect together.

Lord, hear us. Awaken in us, O Lord, the desire for the unity of all Christians, and convert our hearts. Purify our faith, removing all merely human interpretations, and make us open to your Word, entrusted to your Church. Teach us, O Lord, to discern the ways which you are now opening up for us to enable your Churches to come together in fellowship. Make us ready, O Lord, from now on, to do together all the things that our beliefs do not force us to do apart. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Lamentations 1:1-6

Jeremiah's announcement of destruction has become a reality. Now Judah is in exile in Babylon. The book of Lamentations contains five poems mourning the exile. In this passage, Jerusalem is portrayed as a widow with no one to comfort her.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 137

By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion.

On the willows there we hung our lyres.

For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy!

O Lord, remember against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem, how they said, "Raze it, raze it! Down to its foundations!"

O daughter of Babylon, you devastator! Happy shall they be who repay you with what you have done to us! Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 1:1-14

This message written from Paul to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

“Rekindle the Gift of God”

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.

*(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.

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster: relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace, hear our prayer.

For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, consistories, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick. 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 (from Botswana)

May the God of love journey with you. May the God of creation keep you.
May the God of history dwell in your homes. Amen.



CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



The Chancel Flowers are given by **Charlene Cristy** in honor of Jack & Charlene Cristy's 39th Wedding Anniversary on October 1.

The Worship Aids are given by **Ellie Latsha** in honor of George Latsha's 95th birthday on October 5th.

Money Counters: Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi

Building Trustee: John Shelsky

Lector: Diane Rice

Altar Guild: Nancy Enders & Karen Olley

Koinonia: Sally Rodenberger

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| Attendance for Sun., September 25 | 7:45–17 | 9:30–68 | TOTAL – 85 |
| Sunday School Attendance | 20 | | |

This Week at Trinity Church

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

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| Monday | 9:00 AM-Noon – Community Meal Prep 7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM - Bells |
| Tuesday | 7:00 PM – Preschool Board |
| Wednesday | 7:00 PM – Parish Life Committee |
| Thursday | 5:00 PM – Community Meal – Zion Landisville 7:00 PM – Lancaster Association |
| Saturday | 7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA |
| Sunday | 7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM - Koinonia 10:30 AM – Worship |

Happy Birthday!

Tuesday – Landis Knoll

Wednesday – George Latsha, Andrew Brennan

Thursday – Steven Reiff

Friday – Cathy Hoshauer, Sally Rodenberger

Saturday – Heidi Fischer

GUEST PREACHER ON OCTOBER 9: Pastor Rankin will be preaching at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as part of their 175th anniversary celebration. The Rev. Bob Bistline will be our guest preacher at 7:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Pastor Rankin will be assisting Rev. Bistline at the 7:45 service.

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.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

Here is information about the various classes:

1. The Young Children's Class (5 years old and younger) will meet in the nursery on the second floor by the elevator.
2. The Primary Children's Class (1st-6th grades) will meet in the lower classroom and will be using the Seasons of the Spirit lectionary based curriculum.
3. The Middle/High School Class will be meeting with the adult class and use the youth study of *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Faith* by Adam Hamilton. There will be opportunities for a youth breakout session during the classes.
4. The Adult Class will meet in Isenberg Hall and will be using *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Faith* by Adam Hamilton.

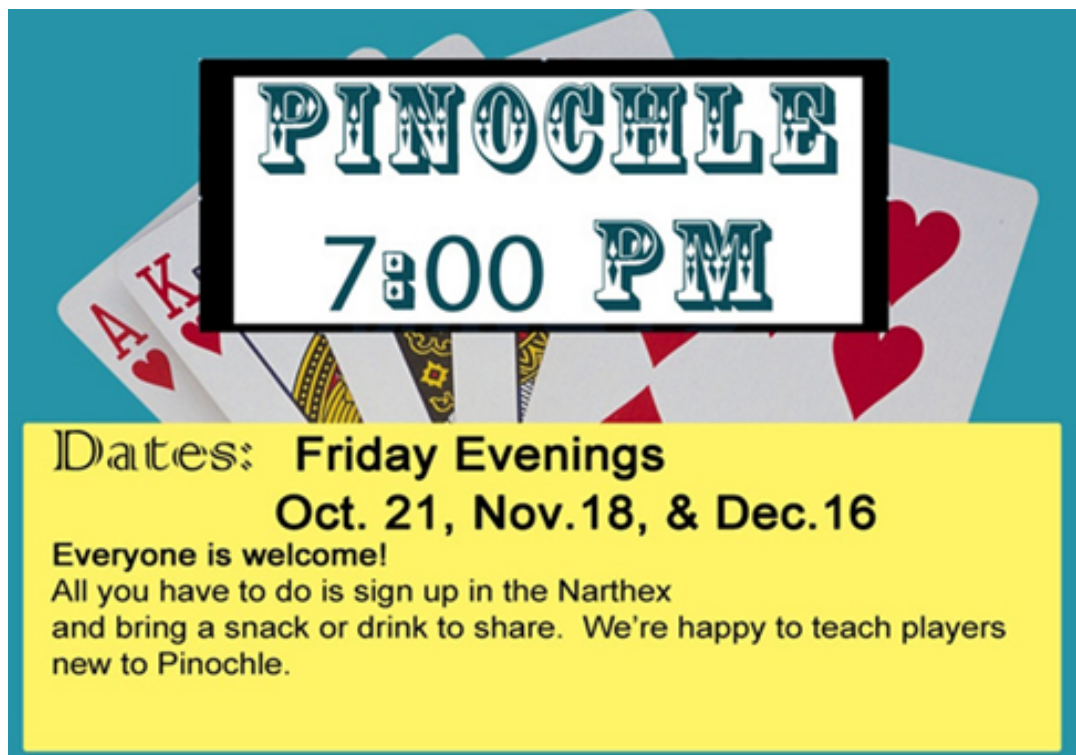
NEW MEMBERS: Are you interested in joining Trinity U.C.C.? Do you know of someone looking for a church home? Please speak to Pastor Chris about joining our congregation.

PRAYER CONCERNS: The family of Carole Connor, the family of Jean Zeigler (grandmother of Katie Weeber), Dr. Miles Harriger (father of Dr. Janet Harriger), Jane Portser, Tom Wolf (son of Donna Wolf), Judie Bistline, Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), Jeannie & Bill Toy (sister & brother-in-law of Lainie Christensen) Carmen Richards, Donna Zirkel, Pat Seachrist, Don & Pat Miller, Brian Barr (son of John & Dolly Barr), Sam Minder III, Marlin “Moe” Weaver (brother of Dottie Schadt), Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Dick & Tillie King (friends of Stan & Pat Seachrist), Robin McComsey (neighbor of Himelwrights), Rylan Brent (relative of Chuck & Sue Husted), Hank Fox, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner), Don Pfeifer (husband of Denise Pfeifer), Bob Kilgore, the Lehman family, Judy Barr (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Joann Garvin, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer), Rev. Paul Eyer (former pastor of St. Luke’s), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Mary Witmer, the Martin family, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Monica Williams (friend of Sandy DeLong), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Lynn Dull, Hilma Slechta (mother of Mike Slechta), Chad Zirkel (son 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), Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Phyllis Zimmerman, Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever’s brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach’s brother), 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), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Doris Leaman, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church).

KOINONIA: We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship) every Sunday at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments and drinks/coffee. The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen coordinator. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes.

2022 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS

Contact Carol in the church office to sign-up for chancel flowers and worship aids for 2022. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: October 30. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: October 30.



NEW NURSERY COORDINATOR: Betty Fogle has agreed to serve as our nursery coordinator. If you are interested in providing nursery care for children during worship, please contact Betty.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for worship volunteers on Sunday mornings. Contact the church office to sign-up!

Greeters: To welcome worshippers at the door for the second service.

Ushers: We have returned to passing the offering plate during the second service. We are in need of a few more ushers to complete our teams.

Lectors: Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.



Kitchen volunteers are needed to package the to-go bags complete with utensils and napkins. Volunteers are also needed to sign in all diners and supply each with sanitizer and face mask. There will also be signups for food donations

including fruit cups, commercially wrapped desserts, bottled water and 1 pound bags of baby carrots. Sign up sheets on table outside office. The meal is distributed from 5:00-6:00 but kitchen prep starts at 3:00.

If you need more information please contact Kathy Cooley: 717-371-0346 or email ksharkitt@gmail.com.

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| <p>7:00-8:30 PM Sanctuary</p> | <h2 style="text-align: center;">Stewardship Seminars</h2> |
| <p>October 13</p> | <p>Office of Aging - <i>What's it all about and what services are available to a retiree? -</i> Lon Wible (Executive Director)</p> |
| <p>October 20</p> | <p>Financial Planning - <i>Rodgers and Associates</i></p> |
| <p>October 27</p> | <p>Long Term Care - <i>Mark Eyer (Masonic Village)</i></p> |

LOOK FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE TABLE ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE!

WELCOME LUNCHEON: The Evangelism Committee will be sponsoring a welcome luncheon for new members and recent visitors to Trinity Church following the 10:30 service on October 23. Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office.

PEANUT FELLOWSHIP has resumed from 7 AM to 2 PM with a potluck lunch. The peanuts will cost \$6 a pound. Please call Pat Seachrist (717-392-1427) to order peanuts. We need help with this project. Futures dates for the Peanut Fellowship are: October 11 & 25, November 1, 15 & 29. The order deadline for Christmas is Tuesday, November 1. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.



QuintEssentially Brass

Sun., Oct. 30, 2022
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Also join us for:

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Nov. 23rd 7:00 PM

Christmas Concert
Dec. 4th 6:00 PM
Followed By Desserts



LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR: Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship on October 20 from noon-1 p.m. in Isenberg Hall!

MEN OF TRINITY GROUP: The monthly breakfast will be held at the Family Fare Restaurant on October 15 at 8:00 a.m. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.



CROP Hunger Walk

The 50th Anniversary of the Lancaster CROP Walk

October 16, 2022

Registration at 1:00 pm

Celebration Event at 1:30 pm

Walk Begins at 2:00 pm

at the

**Annunciation Greek
Orthodox Church**

64 Hershey Ave.

Lancaster, PA



Matt Barcaro (WGAL)



Father & Mrs. Veronis

Honorary Chairpersons

Please join us as we walk to help feed those that are much less fortunate than we are. How can you help?

We invite you to sign up and join our team, **Trinity East Pete** and walk with us on October 16. If you would like to join the team to walk and/or donate to this very important mission, you can do so one of two ways. You can click on the link to our team's website below or if you have a smartphone, you can just scan the QR code. Either way will take you directly to our team's website. Look for the sheet on the table across from the church office to sign up as a walker. Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP!

Our goal this year is to raise **\$5,000** as a Congregation so please consider what you can afford to contribute.

The following people have already signed up to walk: **Diane Rice, Karen Olley, Kathy McCarty, Bob Bistline, Nancy Enders, Mark & Chris Eyer, Donna Geisler, Kayla Brennan, Hillary Brennan (John's mother), Sandy Morris & Greg Gable, Pastor Chris, Anne, Zachary, Rachel, and Andrew.**



<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/trinity-east-pete>

Our Gifts for Others 2022: October 2, 2022

Each year Trinity UCC considers donations titled “*Our Gifts for 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.

Through June 2022, *we received \$14,745 for the Our Gifts to Others Fund.* Please consider these worthy ministries as you think about your possible financial offerings for the rest of 2022.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, October 18th from 1:00-3:00 PM. They 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.

U.C.C. MISSION MOMENT: NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

October 2, 2022/Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 137

Free to Grieve

World Communion Sunday

The psalm today begins with weeping, as God's people wonder how to sing God's song

And so we hung up our harps,
there upon the willows.

For there our captors asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth,
saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"
How could we sing God's song in a foreign land?

In 1933, in a pause between the last century's world wars, the first World Communion Sunday was celebrated as a way to celebrate the interconnectedness of all Christians in all times and in all places. Today, 99 years later, the need for unity in our diversity is as great, or maybe greater, than it was in those fragile interwar years.

This mid-and-post-pandemic world in which we find ourselves is indeed a strange land, and we might be asking ourselves how we can sing God's songs of justice, love and unity? Hope can be found in *Gifts in Open Hands: More Worship Ideas for the Global Community* by Maren Tirabassi and Kathy Wonson Eddy. This book shares multicultural liturgies, prayers, affirmations, blessings, and poetry by people from the global community. Images for reproduction in church bulletins are included, and a new feature is the arrangement of translations so that liturgies in other languages are available to English-speaking as well as bilingual worship planners. You can find that resource, and many more at The Pilgrim Press website, thepilgrimpress.com.

Today many UCC congregations receive the Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering. This special mission offering of the United Church of Christ supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities. Find more at the United Church of Christ website, ucc.org.



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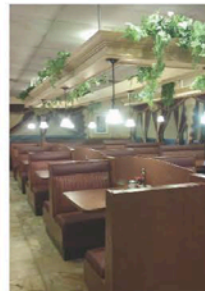
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THE KNIGHT AND DAY DINER**

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We recently received a check for \$63! Thanks to everyone who dined at one of the restaurants and supported Trinity's ministry!

FIRST LESSON. Lamentations 1:1-6

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

SECOND LESSON. 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

GOSPEL. Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"