

*One of them turned back,  
praising God*

LUKE 17:15

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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

The Sundays after Pentecost, also called “common or ordinary time,” constitute a season of growth in Christian faith, life, and ministry. Nearly half of the Christian year is reserved for this season, which spans the Sundays between Pentecost (50 days after Easter) and Advent (around Thanksgiving.)

Traditionally, the liturgical color of ordinary time is green. Green is the color of nature and growth. It symbolizes the need of Christians to be disciples, persons who live out the values of the gospel and share them joyfully with others. During this time, the scriptural texts, sermons, and hymns are usually directed toward the task of helping us grow as faithful followers of Jesus Christ and bear good fruit in our witness.

**Today's Theme:** It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

**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. **Activity bags for children can be found in the Narthex.** Please sign our guest book in the Narthex and receive a gift of Trinity Bread from our greeters. 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.*

**HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES** are located in the Narthex!

**Prayer As You Enter:** *Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through 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!**

*Our liturgy today will celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first communion service on October 15, 1725 at Falkner Swamp Reformed Church in Gilbertsville, PA.*

### **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.**

Remembering burdens of trouble, and journeys of sorrow,

**We come in prayer and praise.**

Listening to Christ's call to faith and hope,

**We answer with lives of service and love.**

For 2000 years disciples and seekers have come to the Lord's Table for sustenance, hope, forgiveness, and new life. Three hundred years ago this Wednesday, some of those German Reformed believers joined together to be at table for the first time in Penn's Colony.

Served by a German Reformed celebrant, they set the stage for the beginnings of this new church – one built on New-World-solid-ground of God’s goodness, mercy, and grace. Now 300 years later we come to the table together, spiritual descendants of those original believers. Our church practices, theologies, and structures have changed. Yet we still gather as those who cling to and relish God’s goodness to us through Jesus Christ. Three hundred years ago, communion practices were different than they are today. Come to the table, whoever you are, trusting in the overflowing goodness of God. Let us worship in gratitude and praise this day!

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We are called to examine our faithfulness to God’s covenant with us.

**God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon  
when we acknowledge our weakness and shame.**

Let us silently confess our sin before God.

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us repent of our sin and claim the promise of God.

**God our helper, we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your  
disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with  
friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions.  
Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.  
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord. Amen.**

### **KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*(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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

Be with us on this journey of life, O God. Walk beside us and support us, when we are burdened and sinking low. Talk to us and guide us, when we are lost or unsure. Live in us and work through us, when others are in need of your presence. Free us from the pit of despair, and bless us with your healing touch, that we may go forth in faith and hope to sing your praises, even as we answer your call to love and serve one another. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

*Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.*

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

### PSALTER

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.  
**He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.  
**He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.  
**They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 2:8-15

*Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.*

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 17:11-19

*Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.*

*Glory be to You, O Lord.*

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

*Praise be to You, O Christ*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

SERMON      “Generations of Faithful People Worshiping God”      Pastor Rankin

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# PEOPLE'S OFFERING

## OFFERING DEDICATION

Most heartily do we thank you, O Lord, for all your mercies of every kind, and for your loving care over all your creatures. We bless you for the gift of life, for your protection around us, for your guiding hand upholding us, and for the many tokens of your love, especially for the saving knowledge of your son, our Redeemer; And for the living presence of your spirit, our comforter. We thank you for friendship and duty, for good hopes and precious memories, for the joys that cheer us and for the trials that teach us to trust in you. Take from us these gifts and enable us to give ourselves entirely to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

We give you thanks, Holy One, almighty and eternal God, always and everywhere, through Jesus Christ, the only one begotten by you for all time, by whom you made the world and all things. We bless you for your continual love and care for every creature. We praise you for forming us in your image and for calling us to be your people. Although we rebelled against your love, you did not abandon us in our sin but sent to us prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation. Above all, we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus, our savior, who is the way, the truth, and the life. In the fullness of time, you came to us and received our nature in the person of Jesus, who in obedience to you, by suffering on the cross, and being raised from the dead, delivered us from the way of sin and death. We thank you for the Holy Spirit who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity, and gathers us from every nation to unite us in one holy church. Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God most holy.

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.

## 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!**

## RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GOD

*(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 do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements at the back of the sanctuary and commune in your pew or ask someone near you to have the pastor and assistant come to you in the 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.

For You the giver of life and all creation, for the guiding light of Jesus Christ whose light illumines our paths, for the comfort and direction of the Holy Spirit who moves in our hearts today, **we give you thanks, O God.**

For the faith and perseverance of the founders and members of Falkner Swamp, Skippack, and White Marsh churches, who in their deep faith carved out places in Penn's wilderness for the Glory of God and the German Reformed people, **we give you thanks, O God.**

For Philip Boehm, George Michael Weiss, Michael Schlatter and countless others for their leadership and unfailing response to God's call. For their unflagging dedication to gathered groups of believers, then and now. And for their commitment to unity, **we give you thanks, O God.**

For the tenacity, resilience, and faith of all the congregations of our past, who weathered wars here and abroad; stood firm in the face of disasters both natural and human-caused; preached grace and gratitude in the darkest times and continuously celebrated the goodness of our Great God, **we give you thanks, O God.**

For the tenacity, resilience, and faith of all the congregations of our present day, who, building on the witness of previous generations, continue to feed the hungry; practice mercy and love of neighbor; walk and talk as advocates for justice, reconciliation, and peace; and follow Jesus who leads us to truth, **we give you thanks, O God.**

Now draw your people into the future you have called us to, O God. Inspire us with vision and perseverance, O Holy Spirit. Lead us on your path of humility and compassion, O Jesus. **For all the church has received from you for 300 years, we give you thanks, O God.**

### ***SILENT PRAYER***

Let us pray together.

**We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

**BENEDICTION**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by **Pete & Anita Rohrer** to mark the wedding of Tobe & Nancy Rohrer on this date in 1968.

**The Worship Aids** are given by **Anita Rohrer** to recognize the Altar Guild volunteers.

### **Happy Birthday!**

Today – Dan Otthofer, Pamela Weeber

Monday – Lily Kilgore

Wednesday – Derek Eisenhour, Matthew LaRouche, John Brennan, Donna Wolf

Thursday – Phyllis Zimmerman

Friday – Sandy DeLong, Kelsey Harley, Elyse Minder

### Ministering Today

**Pastor** Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin

**Lector** Diane Rice

**Money Counters** Bud & Kathy McCarty, Jeff Hackenberger, John Shelsky

**Altar Guild** Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy, Hedwig Hunsicker, Nancy Enders

**Building Trustee** Steve Gold

**Koinonia** Consistory Officers

**Ministries** **Card Prayer Shawl** (Betty Tyndall)

**Called to Care** Nancy Enders **Visitation** Denise Pfeiffer

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

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

Monday NO Preschool

7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM Bells

Tuesday 5:00 PM – Community Meal at First Reformed

Wednesday 6:30 PM – Preschool Board

Thursday 2:00 PM – Crop Walk Mtg.

6:00 PM – Cub Scouts

Friday 10:00 AM—Memorial Garden Task Force

Saturday 8:00 PM – Alanon/AA

Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:00 AM - Koinonia

10:30 AM – Worship

CROP Walk - 1:00 PM Registration/1:30 PM Program/2:00 PM

Walk begins

Attendance for Sun., October 5  
Sunday School

7:45–13    9:30–60  
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TOTAL – 73

## PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

### MEMBERS

Donna Zirkel	Lori Daly	Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman
Ron & Donna Denlinger	Rev. Dr. Carrie Call	Dawn Stauffer
Janice Jenkins	Mid Gockley	Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman
Rhonda Hartenstine	Joann Peck	Scott & Jane Owens
The Lehman family	Mary Lou Shaab	Carmen & Jerry Richards
Donna Wolf & Family	George & Ellie Latsha	Himelwright Family
Sam Minder III	Rev. Ken Trauger	Rev. Bob Musser
Pat Seachrist	Erika Otthofer	Danielle Huggins Holbein
Betty Fogle	Betty Tyndall & family	Michael McDonough
Denise Huggins	Don Miller	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Ron Becker	Joann Garvin & Family	Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline
Arlene Hoxworth	Mary Lou Sturgis	Pastor Harry Royer
John Shelsky	Hank Fox	Kathleen Sensenig Adams
Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen		

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family of Dolly Teasdale (aunt of Donna Geisler)  
The family of Rolf Morris (brother of Rev. Sandy Morris)  
Rev. Dr. Harry & Kathy Covert (former members of Trinity Church)  
The Reed Family  
McKenzie Lichtenwalner (wife of Justin Lichtenwalner)  
Beverly Steele (friend of Joan Cash & Pastor Chris' 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher)  
Greg Gable (husband of Rev. Sandy Morris)  
Carol Feyock (friend of Carmen & Jerry Richards)  
Janet Latsha (sister-in-law of George & Ellie Latsha)  
Sherry Kline (former substitute organist at Trinity)  
Lynnette Fritz (cousin of Betty Tyndall)  
Andrew Hicks (husband of Katie Weeber)  
Matthew Davis (brother-in-law of Hillary Bossert-Davis)  
Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)  
Marianne Gibble (friend of Trinity)  
Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)  
Ken Hoshauer (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)  
Kurt Kalbach (brother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)  
Mary Call (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)

**The Herr Family** (Former Trinity Preschool Family)  
**David Brown** (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)  
**James Malone & family**  
**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)  
**Jo Jo Richards & family** (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)  
**Terry Kratz** (Carol Kratz's husband)

## **OTHER CONCERNS**

**Victims of Disasters**

**World Peace**

**Church World Service & Other Faith-Based Relief Organizations**

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

**COMMUNITY MEAL AT FIRST REFORMED U.C.C.** Trinity's next community meal will be at First Reformed UCC (40 East Orange St., Lancaster) on **October 14**. Please check out sign-up sheet for dessert donations, meal prep and serving help the day of the meal. Thank you for supporting this important mission.

## **LUNCH BUNCH**

**Where:** Hinkle's Restaurant 261 Locust St, Columbia, PA 17512

**When:** Tuesday October 14, 2025

**Time:** 12:00 noon

Selections will be taken off the menu and we are able to have separate checks.

**Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office. Contact Denise Pfeifer for more information**



It's time to have fun and play Pinochle! Everyone is invited to come on Thursdays, October 23 & November 20 at 1:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet for the October 23 gathering on the table across from the church office. Bring a snack to share. We're happy to teach if you are new to this card game.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** The Knit in God's Love Prayer Shawl will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 21 at 1:00 PM.** They will continue meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

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*Lancaster*  
**CROP HUNGER WALK**

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OCTOBER 19, 2025

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LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

**Lancaster CROP Hunger Walk  
registration is open**

**1:00 p.m. Registration**

**1:30 p.m. Program**

**2:00 p.m. Walk begins**

**(Location: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church)**

**Please join us in the fight against hunger. The steps we take and funds we raise will make a difference in the lives of others through the**

**Lancaster Food Hub and Church World Service!**

**You can register to walk or support one of our walkers at:**

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

The members of Trinity who have already registered to walk are: **Mark & Chris Eyer, Karen Olley, Diane Rice, Hedwig Hunsicker, Kathy McCarty, and the Rankin Family.** **We have already raised \$5,340...thank you for helping us exceed our goal of \$5,000!**

**Checks should be made payable to CWS/CROP!**

Pastor Rankin is once again serving as the coordinator of the Lancaster CROP Walk. Thanks to Mark & Chris Eyer for serving as Trinity's coordinators again this year!

**"I PROMISE" FORMS** are still being accepted! We hope that you will submit the forms to help us plan for our ministry in 2026. Extra forms are available on the table across from the church office!

**GRIEF GROUP:** The next session will be **October 22 at 1:30 p.m.** We continue to read Francis Weller's *The Wild Edge of Sorrow: Rituals of Renewal and the Sacred work of Grief*. If you would like to participate in the grief group, contact Pastor Chris or the Church office.

**THE RECOGNITION OF 50-YEAR MEMBERS** will take place during both services on **October 26**. This will coincide with the congregation's 177<sup>th</sup> anniversary on that day. **Please join us for a special koinonia at 10:00 a.m. on October 26!**

**MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST MEETING:** The men will be meeting at the Family Fare Restaurant for breakfast on **Saturday, November 8**. This is open to all men of the congregation! You are encouraged to invite other men to the breakfast.

**LEADERSHIP SEMINAR HAS BEEN RESCHDULED:** Due to a family member's memorial service on October 11, Myka Kennedy Stephens had to reschedule our leadership seminar. **It will now be on November 15 from 9-11:00 a.m.** The seminar for members of the Consistory and committees/boards will focus on leadership strengths. This seminar is for all members of the Consistory and the committees/boards of Trinity Church. We are opening up the registration for the seminar. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

**THE OCTOBER-DECEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES** are available on the table in the Narthex.

**2025 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:** The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. We have openings for worship aids (November 2, 9 & 23) and chancel flowers (December 24 & 28). Look for the charts and the forms on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please submit the forms to Carol!

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 2:** We will be remembering Trinity members and friends of our congregation who have died since November 2, 2025. 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 27.**

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held after the 10:30 service on **November 9**. We will gather for lunch and then conduct the business of the church (2026 budget and election of leaders). Watch for more details in the bulletins and the November Parish Post. The sign-up for the luncheon is on the table across from the church office. **The deadline is November 2.**

# **300th Anniversary Celebration of the First Communion of the German Reformed Church in America**

**October 12th**  
**@ 1:30 pm**  
**Falkner Swamp UCC**  
**2077 Swamp Pike,**  
**Gilbertsville**  
w/ Guest Preacher  
The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia  
Thompson



**October 15th**  
**@ 6:30 pm**  
**each PA UCC**  
**Conference**

will hold a communion  
service within its boundaries  
see website link below

For more information and registration links go to:  
psec.org and click on the 300th Anniversary Celebrations slider  
October 28—Gifts of the Reformed Church Going Forward w/ Dr. Randall Zachman

**Coming  
this fall...**

*A commemorative book with essays tracing the  
development of the German Reformed Church from its  
European origins through present day.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO [HTTPS://PSEC.ORG/300TH-ANNIVERSARY-OF-THE-GERMAN-REFORMED-CHURCH-IN-THE-US/](https://psec.org/300th-anniversary-of-the-german-reformed-church-in-the-us/)**

**NOTE---**The October 12 service is a hybrid event. You do need to register at the website above to indicate if you will attend in-person or virtually (there is limited space in the church to attend in-person).



Dear Friends of Penn Central Conference,

Please mark your calendars to join with your Conference Staff on Wednesday October 15th at 6:30 PM at Colonial Park Church to celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the first communion of the German Reformed Church in America. Our own Rev. Dietmar Plajer (St. Paul's, Selinsgrove) will be preaching. The service is designed to honor and celebrate our Reformed heritage and will include

prayers, readings, communion, and joyful music including a specially commissioned original hymn by Rev. Scott Siciliano (Colonial Park, Harrisburg).

Clergy are invited to wear red stoles (no robes) to add to the celebratory spirit. Refreshments will follow.

October 15, 1725 was first time a group of German Reformed believers shared in a communion meal together at Falkner Swamp Church (in PA Southeast). Three hundred years later most of our UCC churches in PA have roots in that heritage.

Come and join us (in person or on-line) to celebrate!

To register you can contact Pastor Rankin!

Hope to see you on the 15th! Let's fill the sanctuary with praise and thanksgiving!

Peace,

*Carrie*

Rev. Carrie Call, PhD

Conference Minister

Penn Central Conference



We have great news! Trinity United Church of Christ will be hosting a Life Line Screening event on 10/25/25! Life Line Screening is the premier provider of stroke and cardiovascular disease risk screenings since 1993. Life Line Screening is extending a discounted offer to all Trinity U.C.C. members which will identify your risk level for the following diseases:

1. Carotid Artery Disease
2. Peripheral Arterial Disease
3. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
4. Atrial Fibrillation

Call 800-324-9458 to schedule your appointment

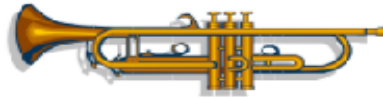
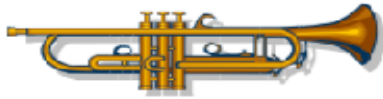


Mumma's Eats and Treats Food Truck will be joining us this year!

The food truck will give 10% of sales to the Trinity Preschool!

**WE NEED PEOPLE TO DECORATE THEIR CARS....LOOK FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE TABLE ACROSS FROM THE CURCH OFFICE!**

Speak to a member of the Parish Life Committee for more information (Kayla Brennan, Anne Rankin, Denise Pfeifer, Rachel Baynard, Jeff Hackenberger, or Steve Gold).



# QuintEssentially Brass

**Sun., Oct. 26, 2025  
Concert 4:00 PM**

## **Trinity UCC**

2340 State St.  
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**Also join us for:**

Thanksgiving Eve Service  
Nov. 26th 7:00 PM

Christmas Concert  
Dec. 1st 7:00 PM  
Followed By Desserts



The QuintEssentially Brass have announced that they will be disbanding at the end of 2025! Their concert at Trinity will be one of their final concerts, so you won't want to miss it!

**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.



**LBC String Orchestra and  
Art Song Concert**

*Doris Hall-Gulati, Director*

**Sunday, November 2, 2025, 3:00 pm**



**Lancaster Heritage Choral**

*Barry Sawyer, Director*

**Sunday, December 14, 2025, 3:00 pm**

**2025/26**

**Highland  
Presbyterian Church**

**500 East Roseville Road  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601**

**717-569-2651**

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

Highland is conveniently located off  
Oregon Pike just north of US Route 30.

Head north on Oregon Pike, turn right on  
East Roseville Road, then right into the  
Highland parking lot.

**SAMARITAN CENTER LUNCHEON**

A banner for the 30th Anniversary Silent Samaritan Luncheon. The background is light purple with a floral pattern of pink and blue flowers. The text is in various shades of purple and yellow. A yellow box highlights the registration status.

**30<sup>th</sup>**  
**ANNIVERSARY**

**Silent Samaritan Luncheon \*Registration Open!\***

**SILENT  
SAMARITAN  
LUNCHEON**

**Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

Eden Resorts & Suites, Lancaster PA  
*Registration Details Coming Soon*

The **Silent Samaritan Luncheon** is an event organized to support women in need of counseling services. It aims to raise funds for the **Silent Samaritan Fund**, which subsidizes therapy for women who cannot afford the full fee.

**COST:** \$100 per ticket

**REGISTER AT:** <https://samaritanlancaster.org/event/2025-30th-anniversary-silent-samaritan-luncheon/>

You can also use this link to contribute to this fund.

## 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 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 Smucker's famous recipe



**Pumpkin Pie**

10" pumpkin pie made from our own homegrown pumpkins



**Bird-in-Hand Bakery & Cafe**



**Apple Dumplings**

Pack of 2 apple dumplings made from locally grown apples



**Pumpkin Bread**

20 oz. loaf made from our own homegrown pumpkins



**Mini Whoopie Pies**

Pack of 12 pumpkin whoopie pies with white filling



**Mini Whoopie Pies**

Pack of 12 chocolate whoopie pies with white filling

**Order Deadline: November 2**

**Pickup: Nov. 14, 10:30-11:45 AM**

NAME	PHONE #									PAID	TOTAL
		Shoo-Fly Pie	Apple Pie	Pumpkin Pie	2 Pk. Apple Dumplings	Pumpkin Bread	Mini Whoopie Pies(12)	Mini Whoopie Pies(12)	Pumpkin		
		\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00			
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Trinity Preschool											
PICKUP DATE: Friday, Nov. 14, 10:30-11:45 am											

**LOOK FOR THE ORDER FORM ON THE TABLE ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE!**

**BOOK STUDY:** Pastor Chris is planning to do a book study in the coming months via Google Meet. We will be reading Henri Nouwen's book *With Open Hands: Bring Prayer Into Your Life*. Contact the church office or Pastor Chris if you are interested in participating.



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## Creating Effective Fundraising Materials

**ZOOM ONLY**

FUNDRAISING PRACTICAL SKILLS TOOLKIT SERIES

October 14, 2025  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

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October 14, 12:00-1:30pm

## Creating Effective Fundraising Materials

Well-written materials means it's easier to connect to your audience and raise money



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## Board Inclusion: Beyond Platitudes, from Tokenization to Transformation

**IN PERSON ONLY**

PRACTICAL SKILLS TOOLKIT SERIES

October 20, 2025  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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October 20, 7:00-8:30pm

## Board Inclusion

Take inclusion on your board beyond platitudes, from tokenism to transformation



Kevin Reaser, President and  
CEO, Alliance for Health Equity

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## Step-Up Your Fundraising Plan

**ZOOM ONLY**

FUNDRAISING PRACTICAL SKILLS TOOLKIT SERIES

October 21, 2025  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

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October 21, 12:00-1:30pm

## Step Up Your Fundraising Plan

Maximize your fundraising without losing your passion for the mission



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## Grant Writing for Small Organizations

**ZOOM ONLY**

PRACTICAL SKILLS TOOLKIT SERIES

Welcome to Grant Writing  
October 22, 2025  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Setting a Funding Goal and  
Finding Funders  
October 29, 2025  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

The Art of Reading an RFP  
November 12, 2025  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Bringing it all Together, Plus Budgets  
November 19, 2025  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

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Oct-Nov, 12:00-1:30pm

## Grant Writing for Small Organizations

Walk through grant writing and learn necessary skills as you write your own grant application



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## PIAC Accompaniment Training

**IN PERSON ONLY VOLUNTEER**

October 25, 2025  
9:00 am - 10:30 am

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## Fundraising and Your Finances

**ZOOM ONLY**

FUNDRAISING PRACTICAL SKILLS TOOLKIT SERIES

October 28, 2025  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

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October 28, 12:00-1:30pm

## Fundraising and Your Finances

Every good fundraising campaign starts with a strong understanding of your organization's finances.



Kate Good,  
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**TRINITY CHURCH IS ONE OF THE SPONSORS FOR THIS EVENT!!**

**KOINONIA HAS RETURNED:** Koinonia (community fellowship) has resumed 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. We hope you will join us for this time of fellowship between our Sunday School classes and worship!

Pastor Chris will brew a pot of coffee when he arrives in the morning for people to enjoy between the 7:45 service and Sunday School.

## SPECIAL COMMEMORATIONS IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Wednesday, October 15: Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died in 1582**  
Teresa of Avila (AH-vee-la) is also known as Teresa de Jesus. She chose the life of a Carmelite nun after reading the letters of Jerome. Frequently sick during her early years as a nun, she found that when she was sick her prayer life flowered, but when she was well it withered. Steadily her life of faith and prayer deepened, and she grew to have a lively sense of God's presence with her. She worked to reform her monastic community in Avila, which she believed had strayed from its original purpose. Her reforms asked nuns to maintain life in the monastic enclosure without leaving it and to identify with those who are poor by not wearing shoes. Teresa's writings on devotional life have enjoyed a wide readership.

**Friday, October 17: Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115**

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria. It was there that the name "Christian" was first used to describe the followers of Jesus. Ignatius is known to us through his letters. In them he encouraged Christians to live in unity sustained with love while standing firm on sound doctrine. Ignatius believed Christian martyrdom was a privilege. When his own martyrdom approached, he wrote in one of his letters, "I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth.... Do not stand in the way of my birth to real life." Ignatius and all martyrs are a reminder that even today Christians face death because of their faith in Jesus.

**Saturday, October 18: Luke, Evangelist**

St. Luke is identified by tradition as the author of both Luke and Acts. Luke is careful to place the events of Jesus' life in both their social and religious contexts. Some of the most loved parables, including the good Samaritan and the prodigal son, are found only in this gospel. Luke's gospel has also given the church some of its most beautiful songs: the Benedictus sung at morning prayer, the Magnificat sung at evening prayer, and the Nunc dimittis sung at the close of the day. These songs are powerful witnesses to the message of Jesus Christ.

**FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. <sup>2</sup>Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

<sup>7</sup>When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."

<sup>11</sup>But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" <sup>14</sup>So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15</sup>Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

**Psalm 111**

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup>Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

**GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."