

The
truth
will make
you
free

JOHN 8:32



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Mrs. Amy Grube, Preschool Director

REFORMATION SUNDAY/TRINITY'S 177TH ANNIVERSARY
7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today we are celebrating the formation of Trinity Reformed Church on October 26, 1848. We will honor our 50-year members at both services and at a special koinonia at 10:00 a.m. in Isenberg Hall.

Today's Theme: Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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 (Prayer of St. Chrysostom): *Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto you, and does promise that where two or three are gathered together in your name, you will grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. Amen.*



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

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS OF TRINITY AND ST. LUKE'S

Marge Burger	1948, 77 years	Peter Rohrer	1967, 58 years
Dolly Barr	1951, 74 years	Ron Denlinger	1968, 57 years
Pat Seachrist	1953, 72 years	Gregory Gruber	1968, 57 years
Tobe Rohrer	1957, 67 years	Janice Jenkins	1968, 57 years
George DeLong	1958, 67 years	Jane Portser	1968, 57 years
Mary Lou Shaab	1958, 67 years	Carmen Richards	1968, 57 years
Jane Starr	1958, 67 years	Jerry Richards	1968, 57 years
Mary Ann Bradley	1959, 66 years	Gale Long	1969, 56 years
Roger Alan Bradley	1959, 66 years	Donna Wolf	1969, 56 years
Ellie Latsha	1962, 63 years	Denise Gobrecht	1970, 55 years
George Latsha	1962, 63 years	Rosemary Huber	1970, 55 years
Stan Seachrist	1962, 63 years	Jodi Keller	1970, 55 years
Mike Wagner	1962, 63 years	JoAnn Mowrer	1970, 55 years
Sue Husted	1963, 62 years	Rhonda Hartenstine	1971, 54 years
Don Miller	1963, 62 years	Douglas Bradley	1972, 53 years
Donna Denlinger	1966, 59 years	Dottie Schadt	1972, 53 years
Janet Harriger	1966, 59 years	Lori Daly	1973, 52 years
Kathy McCarty	1966, 59 years	Cindy Olena	1973, 52 years
Noreen Trostle	1966, 59 years	Lon Wible	1973, 52 years
David Connor	1967, 58 years	Marlyn Wible	1973, 52 years
Sandy DeLong	1967, 58 years	Robert Wible	1973, 52 years
Donna Geisler	1967, 58 years	Scott Wible	1973, 52 years

Kenneth Zimmerman 1973, 52 years
Lori Eberly 1974, 51 years
Norma Lucabaugh 1974, 51 years

Diane Minnich 1974, 51 years
Dawn Stauffer 1974, 51 years
David Trostle 1975, 50 years

(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.**

We have come to affirm our historic faith.

To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.

We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.

To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.

We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures.

To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever!

As we come to the table of God's heavenly feast, let us prepare our hearts anew to be in communion with one another and the risen Christ.

We come, ready to partake of bread and cup; ready to commune with one another and with the living God.

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching him, in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Almighty and Most Merciful God, our heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you, under a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt. We have grievously sinned against you, in thought, in word, and in deed. We have come short of your glory. We have broken your commandments, and turned aside every one of us from the way of life. Yet now, O Most Merciful Father, hear us when we call upon you with penitent hearts, and for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Pardon our sins. Take away our guilt. And grant us your peace. Purify us, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, from all inward uncleanness, and make us able and willing to serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our 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 REFORMATION SUNDAY

Let us pray the collect together.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PSALTER

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

“Growing as Stewards”

Rev. Milton E. Gockley, Jr.

(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

Almighty God, all that we have is yours. All your children are our brothers and sisters. We are all inheritors of your grace. You have blessed us abundantly. Now bless what we have been moved to share, that our love for one another may increase. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

SILENT PRAYER

For all your goodness and love revealed to us in this congregation for 177 years,
we praise you and thank you, O God.

For those whose faith, courage, and Christian conviction and whose diligent effort and financial sacrifice resulted in the building of this house of worship;

We thank you, O God.

For those who labored with mind and hand to design and construct this sanctuary that Christian people might worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

We thank you, O God.

For all those servants of God who have led your people in worship here, who have preached your word, and who have administered the sacraments to waiting and believing hearts;

We thank you, O God.

For those who have brought their children for Christian baptism, for those who have pledged their love to one another, and for those who in Christian faith and trust have parted with loved ones and committed them to your care:

We thank you, O God.

For those who have confessed their faith in Jesus Christ, have shared in the life and witness of the Church, and committed themselves to the Christian life:

We thank you, O God.

Continue to reform your church, O God. Unite it in mission. Teach it to grow in service. Send it to those who do not yet know your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Show your mercy to all those who call on you in times of trouble. Provide for the poor, heal the sick, and comfort the grieving. We pray especially for (names will be read). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Joan Cash** in memory of B. Florence Myers.

The Worship Aids are given in honor of Trinity’s 177th anniversary today!

Happy Birthday!

Monday – Noreen Trostle

Tuesday – Shirley Brown, JoAnn Mowrer, Ken Zimmerman, William Davis

Wednesday – Kathy McCarty

Saturday – Marilyn Trauger

Ministering Today

Preacher	Rev. Milton E. Gockley, Jr.
Liturgists	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin & Rev. Sandy Morris
Money Counters	Ron & Donna Denlinger, Denise Pfeiffer, Steve Shenk, Sue Bowman
Altar Guild	Karen Olley, Beth Bossert, Nancy Enders
Koinonia	Church Leaders
Building Trustee	Steve Gold
Ministries	Card Prayer Shawl (Betty Tyndall) Called to Care Nancy Enders Visitation Denise Pfeiffer

Attendance for Sun., October 19	7:45–12	9:30–59	TOTAL – 71
Sunday School	21		

This Week at Trinity Church

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

PASTOR CHRIS will be taking time away from the office this week for study and Advent/Christmas planning. He will be checking messages for pastoral emergencies.

Today	4:00 PM - Concert
Monday	7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM Bells
Saturday	8:00 PM – Alanon/AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist – All Saints Sunday
	9:00 AM – Sunday School
	10:00 AM - Koinonia
	10:30 AM – Eucharist – All Saints Sunday

Today we welcome the Rev. Milton E. Gockley, Jr., as our guest preacher. A Lancaster native, Rev. Gockley is the older brother of the late Rev. David Gockley. He graduated from McCaskey High School (1945), Franklin & Marshall College (1949), and Lancaster Theological Seminary (1952 & 1966). Rev. Gockley was ordained in 1952 at the former St. Paul's Reformed Church in Lancaster (now Church of the Apostles) and served the following ministries:

1952-54 Pastor, St. Andrew E&R, Philadelphia
1954-57 Pastor, St. John's E&R, Jonestown
1957-65 Pastor, Rosedale U.C.C., Laureldale
1965-88 U.C.C. Stewardship Council Staff
1988-91 Pastor, St. Peter's U.C.C., Chester Springs

PRAYERS FOR GOD’S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Donna Zirkel	Rev. Jack Esbenshade	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	Lori Daly	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 J. Michael Hoffer (brother-in-law of Kathy Pilsner)
The family of Dolly Teasdale (aunt of Donna Geisler)
The family of Rolf Morris (brother of Rev. Sandy Morris)
Terry & Carol Kratz
Rev. Dr. Harry & Kathy Covert (former members of Trinity Church)
The Reed Family
Beverly Steele (friend of Joan Cash & Pastor Chris' 2nd grade teacher)
Greg Gable (husband of Rev. Sandy Morris)
Chase Heagy and Family (friend of Andrew Rankin)
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)

OTHER CONCERNS

Victims of Disasters

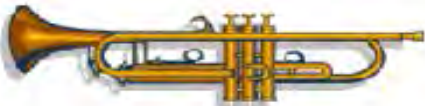
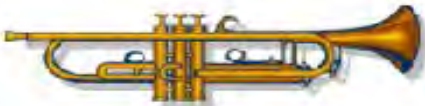
World Peace

Church World Service & Other Faith-Based Relief Organizations

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



Daylight Saving Time will end on Sunday, November 2, at 2:00 a.m., when clocks "fall back" by one hour. You will gain an extra hour of sleep, and there will be more daylight in the morning and less in the evening. Be sure to adjust your clocks Saturday evening, November 1st.



QuintEssentially Brass

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

Trinity UCC
2340 State St.
East Petersburg, PA
(717) 569-1632

www.TrinityEastPete.org

Public Welcome
*Freewill Offering Benefits
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And
Trinity's Ministry of Music*



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!

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



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/)

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.**

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.



THERE WILL SOON BE A SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE TABLE ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE!

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). The sign-up for the luncheon is on the table across from the church office. **The deadline is November 2.**

Copies of the 2026 budget are available on the table across from the church office. Here is the slate of nominees from the Nominating Committee:

Unexpired Terms

ELDERS (2024-2027)

Kathy McCarty will be filling this unexpired term.

DEACONS (2024-2027)

2 Vacancies

Class of 2025-2028

ELDERS

George DeLong (first full term)

Deb Lichtenwalner (first term)

DEACONS

Lon Wible (first full term)

Vacancy

PRESCHOOL BOARD

Beth Bossert (second term)

Vacancy

LEADERSHP 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.

HARVEST HOME will be on **November 16.** We will collect canned goods at both services for the Lancaster Food Hub (the children will collect the donations at the 10:30 service). The Food Hub needs the following items: Boxes or bags of rice, instant potatoes, soups (low sodium), peanut butter, canned tuna or chicken, and hamburger helper.



TRINITY'S MEALS WITH A MISSION

Nov. 16, 2025

TRINITY WILL AGAIN BE ASSEMBLING MEALS FOR OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND OTHER AT HOME FAMILIES. THE MEAL WILL AGAIN BE THANKSGIVING STYLE! IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP PREPARING THE MEAL OR CAN DELIVER THE MEAL, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEETS IN THE NARTHEX. HANDS OF ALL SIZES ARE WELCOME TO HELP. WE WILL ASSEMBLE AFTER CHURCH UNTIL ABOUT 1 PM.

IT SHOULDN'T TAKE MORE THAN AN HOUR.
DELIVERY WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PREPARATION.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DEB LICHTENWALNER,
717-203-9506

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, 16 & 30) and chancel flowers (December 28). Look for the charts and the forms on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please submit the forms to Carol! **The 2026 charts are on the bulletin board in the Narthex!**

KOINONIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to provide light refreshments for koinonia (fellowship time) each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. 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.

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



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



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



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



Bird-in-Hand Bakery & Cafe



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
		Shoofly 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!

THE VERONIS CROP HUNGER WALK UPDATE

The following people from Trinity Church participated in last week's CROP Walk: Sue Bowman, Hedwig Hunsicker, Diane Rice, Karen Olley, Mark Eyer, Kathy McCarty, Rev. Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe, and the Rankin family.

On behalf of the CROP Walk Planning Committee, Pastor Rankin announced that the walk will now be called The Veronis CROP Hunger Walk in memory of Father Veronis and in honor of the Veronis family.

Trinity Church has raised over \$7,000 so far for the CROP Walk. You can still give money to one of our walkers (checks should be made out to CWS/CROP) or online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/trinity-east-pete>.

Money is due to Mark & Chris Eyer (our coordinators) by November 2!



"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!



CLIMATE SUMMIT 2025

SAVE THE DATE!

NOVEMBER 7

Youth Art Show

4 PM - 7 PM

@ St. James Episcopal Church

Anti-Apocalypse Dance Party

8 PM - 10 PM

@ West Art

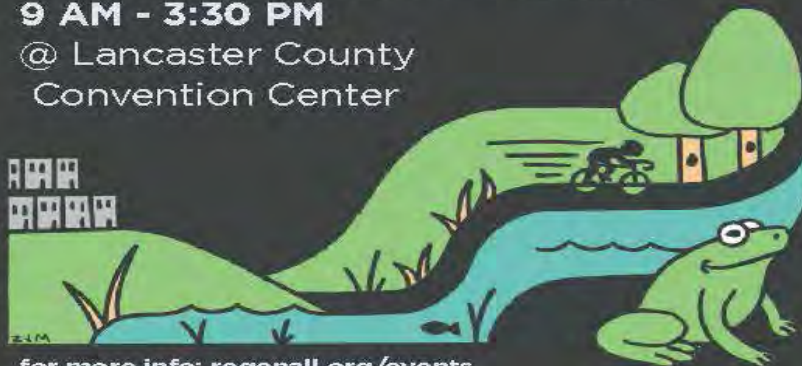
NOVEMBER 8

3rd Annual Climate Summit

9 AM - 3:30 PM

@ Lancaster County
Convention Center

get free
Climate Summit
tickets here:



for more info: regenall.org/events

TRINITY CHURCH IS ONE OF THE SPONSORS FOR THIS EVENT!!

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.

COPIES OF THE FALL NEWSLETTER OF THE U.C.C. HOMES are available on the table across from the church office!



FUNDRAISING AND YOUR FINANCES

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

\$50 for up to 3 people from each organization/ \$125 bundle and save on 3 fundraising trainings

This workshop will take place via Zoom.

Presenter: Kate Good

This is the last of the 3-part fall fundraising series. Fundraising work takes you from the spreadsheet to sales pitch, and the best campaigns offer a strong and compelling narrative no matter the medium.

In this workshop, you will learn to

- Craft readable and water-tight budgets
- Track market research and fundraising progress with concise budget narratives
- Create project budgets and other snap-shot financial pictures that help potential donors understand your fundraising needs
- Format budgets and financial information in clear and attractive ways (infographics, graphs, charts, etc.)

If you were unable to attend the first two fundraising workshops, but would like to watch the recording, register online and PRC will send you the recordings!

To register, visit www.connectprc.org/programming or call 717-299-1113.

Thank you to our 2025 sponsors!

POINSETTIAS: Forms to order Christmas poinsettias are available on the table outside the office. **The deadline to order is November 16th.** The cost for each poinsettia is \$6.00.

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The Knit in God's Love Prayer Shawl will be meeting on **Tuesday, November 18 at 1:00 PM.** They will continue meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.



It's time to have fun and play Pinochle! Everyone is invited to come on **Thursday, November 20 at 1:00 p.m.** There is a sign-up sheet for the 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.



AMERICAN MUSIC THEATER CHRISTMAS SHOW

We have reserved seats for the American Music Theater Christmas Show on Saturday, December 6th. The cost to see the show is Adults \$43, students \$22. A sign-up sheet will soon be available for you to reserve your seat. For more information, speak to Jeff Hackenberger.



LBC String Orchestra and Art Song Concert

Doris Hall-Gulati, Director

Sunday, November 2, 2025, 3:00 pm



Lancaster Heritage Chorale

Barry Sawyer, Director

Sunday, December 14, 2025, 3:00 pm

2025/26

Highland Presbyterian Church

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Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601
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www.highlandpc.org**

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

You are invited to enjoy the following activities sponsored by the Lutheran Camping Corporation. Speak with Anne Rankin for more information!

2025 Lutheran Camping Corporation Events

Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald at Kirchenwald - October 26, 2025
Annual Quilt Auction at Nawakwa - November 2, 2025
Dinner Church at The Wittel Farm - November 2, 2025
Tuesday Morning Work Day at Nawakwa! at Nawakwa - November 4, 2025
Women's Craft Retreat at Nawakwa - November 7 - 9, 2025
Tuesday Morning Work Day at Nawakwa! at Nawakwa - December 2, 2025
Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm - December 6, 2025
Advent/Christmas in the Barn at The Wittel Farm - December 21, 2025
Winter Youth Retreat at Kirchenwald - January 2 - 4, 2026

Always check LutheranCamping.org for the most updated calendar!



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SPECIAL COMMEMORATIONS IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 26: Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters

These three outstanding hymnwriters all worked in Germany during times of war and plague. When Philipp Nicolai was a pastor in Westphalia, the plague killed thirteen hundred of his parishioners. One hundred seventy people died in one week.

His hymns "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" and "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!" were included in a series of meditations he wrote to comfort his parishioners during the plague.

The style of Johann Heermann's hymns moved away from the more objective style of Reformation hymnody toward expressing the emotions of faith. Among his hymns is the plaintive text "Ah, Holy Jesus".

Paul Gerhardt lost a preaching position at St. Nicholas Church in Berlin because he refused to sign a document stating he would not make theological arguments in his sermons. The author of beloved hymns such as "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded", some have called Gerhardt the greatest of Lutheran hymnwriters.

Tuesday, October 28: Simon and Jude, Apostles

Little is known about Simon and Jude. In New Testament lists of the apostles, Simon the "zealot" or Cananaean is mentioned, but he is never mentioned apart from these lists. Jude, sometimes called Thaddeus, is also mentioned in lists of the Twelve. At the last supper Jude asked Jesus why he had chosen to reveal himself to the disciples but not to the world. A traditional story about Simon and Jude says that they traveled together on a missionary journey to Persia and were both martyred there.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 46**SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness

of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

Next Sunday's Readings: All Saints Sunday Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31 **OR 21st Sunday after Pentecost** Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10.

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