

A close-up photograph of a large pile of mustard seeds. The seeds are small, round, and have a warm, golden-brown color. They are piled on a dark, textured wooden surface. In the background, a blurred white and red object is visible. On the left side of the image, there is a vertical strip with a repeating pattern of small, light-brown circles on a darker brown background.

Increase our faith!

LUKE 17:5

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
7:45 A.M. SERVICE

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)

Today's Theme: A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy 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. **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: *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.*



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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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

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

Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, Central America, Asia and in all lands and countries join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Neither powers nor principalities shall stop us nor deter our purpose, our sense of mission, or our challenge to go forth as disciples into every town, village, and crossroad proclaiming the love of Christ for all creation.

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

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

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Korean)

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

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

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

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

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

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Zimbabwe)

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, “for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

Thank you, Jesus, Amen. Alleluia. Amen.

(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 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

(Nigeria)

Let us pray the collect together.

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

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

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

PSALTER

Psalms 37:1-9

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter written 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 “The Family of Faith Gathered Around the Table” Pastor Rankin

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

A CREED FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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

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

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

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

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

(Zimbabwe)

God of All Good, our gifts we bring to you. May they be multiplied and blessed, as the fish and the loaves were. Little though our offering is, but meaningful in love, may it be. May they be received as tokens of our love. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(The Reformed Church of France, adapted)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our joy, O God of love and holiness, our Creator and our Sustainer, to give you thanks always and everywhere. In your image you made us all; your universe you put in our care; your creation you entrust to our hands, with all its wonders and its travail. You make us partners in our labours and invite us to share in your rest, through Christ our Lord, whom the earth and the heavens with all the angels and archangels acclaim for ever and ever, singing: **Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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

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

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

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

may have a share in eternal life and sing your praises through Jesus Christ your beloved Son.

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

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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

BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

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

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

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

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

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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.

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace, **receive 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

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

(Scotland)

This is the day that God has made;

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Go in peace and serve the Lord;

We will seek peace and pursue it.

Glory to the Creator, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Kayla & John Brennan** in honor of Andrew's 4th birthday.

The Worship Aids are given by **Eleanor and children** in celebration of George Latsha's 98th birthday on October 5th.

Happy Birthday!

Today – George Latsha, Andrew Brennan

Monday – Steven Reiff

Tuesday – Dr. Cathy Hoshauer, Sally Rodenberger

Wednesday – Heidi Fischer

Thursday – Kevin Harley

Ministering Today

Pastor Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin

Lector Rev. Jack Esbenshade

Money Counters Nevin Cooley, Steve Gold, Pat & Joan Sensenig

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

Koinonia Rankin Family

Building Trustee Steve Gold

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

Called to Care Nancy Enders

Visitation Denise Pfeiffer

Attendance for Sun., September 28

7:45–16 10:30–78

TOTAL – 94

Sunday School

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This Week at Trinity Church

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

Monday	7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM Bells
Wednesday	10:00 AM – Memorial Garden Task Force
Thursday	10:00 AM – Mercersburg Study Group 6:00 PM – Cub Scouts
Saturday	9-11 AM – Leadership Seminar 8:00 PM – Alanon/AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM - Koinonia 10:30 AM – Worship

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 & Dawn Garvin	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 Rolf Morris (brother of Rev. Sandy Morris)
The Reed Family
McKenzie Lichtenwalner (wife of Justin Lichtenwalner)
Dolly Teasdale (aunt of Donna Geisler)
Beverly Steele (friend of Joan Cash & Pastor Chris’ 2nd grade teacher)
Greg Gable (husband of Rev. Sandy Morris)
Darlene Zerbe (friend of Dave Connor)
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.

"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!

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.

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) and chancel flowers (October 19). Look for the charts and the forms on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please submit the forms to Carol!

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.

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.

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.

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

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.**

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

Capture the Flag Spectacular at Kirchenwald - October 5, 2025
Dinner Church at The Wittel Farm - October 5, 2025
Tuesday Morning Work Day at Nawakwa! at Nawakwa - October 7, 2025
October Harvest Festival at The Wittel Farm - October 18, 2025
Fall Foliage Day at Nawakwa at Nawakwa - October 19, 2025
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!



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm
PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303
717-677-8211 • www.LutheranCamping.org



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.

2025 Our Gifts to Others from the Board of Deacons

Each year Trinity U.C.C. considers donations titled “***Our Gifts to Others***” (OGTO). These annual gifts serve to support various missions of the U.C.C. and the wider community!

Here is a brief summary of the missions you can 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. Youth will stay an average of 10-12 days and receive basic medical care, food, clothing, shelter, and basic education while their families are located.
- **Hoffman Homes Inc.** is a nonprofit that provides comprehensive psychiatric care, treatment, support, and education to youth and young adults and their families from across Pennsylvania. We inspire hope and brighter futures.
- **Love, Inc.** is a national agency that seeks to provide a conduit through which people in need can seek out much needed support efforts by local churches. This agency is geared for those among us in chronic need and seeks to transform lives in the community.
- **Lancaster Theological Seminary** – educates men & women for here for a variety of ministry settings. Donations to LTS help to support students in need with tuition, housing, etc.
- **Phoebe Devitt** – operates nursing home facilities here in central Pennsylvania. A ministry of the U.C.C., they seek donations to help cover the cost of residents stay, regardless of their ability to pay.
- **U.C.C. 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.

□ **Local Mission**—The Board of Deacons chose the Help Thy Neighbor Fund of the Hempfield School District to receive the Local Mission funds given through the end of November. This fund provides financial support to families in need throughout the Hempfield School District.

□ **Wider Mission**— The Board of Deacons chose Rev. Dr. Paul Chimhungwe, a missionary/professor in Botswana through the U.C.C. Global Missions, to receive the Wider Mission funds given through the end of November. Dr. Chimhungwe visited Trinity Church in June.

□ **Undesignated Gift**— If you don't have a preference on where you want to designate your gift, you can mark it as undesignated and the Board of Deacons will distribute it among the other OGTO missions.

Through September 22, 2025, *we received \$18,984* for these mission partners. Please consider these worthy ministries as you think about your possible financial offerings for the rest of 2025. In addition you can donate online, designate as "Our Gift to Others", and specify which one(s) you are donating towards.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Lancaster
CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 19, 2025

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, and the Rankin Family.** **We have already raised \$3,515...help us reach our goal of \$5,000!**

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!

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.
East Petersburg, PA
(717) 569-1632

www.TrinityEastPete.org

Public Welcome
Freewill Offering Benefits
Ting Ministries
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!



Steven Courtney

Singer and storyteller for kids of all ages

Sunday, October 5, 2025, 3:00 pm

2025/26

**Highland
Presbyterian Church**

500 East Roseville Road
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601
717-569-2651
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.



**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

SAMARITAN CENTER LUNCHEON

30th
ANNIVERSARY

Silent Samaritan Luncheon *Registration Open!*

**SILENT
SAMARITAN
LUNCHEON**

Friday, November 7th

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
chocolate whoopie pies with pumpkin filling



Mini Whoopie Pies

Pack of 12
chocolate whoopie pies with white filling

Order Deadline: October 31

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

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #	Shoo-Fly Pie	Apple Pie	Pumpkin Pie	2 Pk. Apple Dumplings	Pumpkin Bread	Mini Whoopie Pies(12)	Mini Whoopie Pies(12) Pumpkin	PAID	TOTAL
			\$ 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	

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.

SPECIAL COMMEMORATIONS IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Monday, October 6--William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died in 1536

William Tyndale was ordained in 1521, and his life's desire was to translate the scriptures into English. When his plan met opposition from Henry VIII, Tyndale fled to Germany, where he traveled from city to city, living in poverty and constant danger. He was able to produce a New Testament in 1525. Nine years later he revised it and began work on the Old Testament, which he was unable to complete. He was tried for heresy and burned at the stake. Miles Coverdale completed Tyndale's work, and the Tyndale-Coverdale version was published as the "Matthew Bible" in 1537. For nearly four centuries the style of this translation has influenced English versions of the Bible such as the King James (Authorized Version) and the New Revised Standard Version.

Tuesday, October 7--Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died in 1787

Muhlenberg was prominent in setting the course for Lutheranism in North America. He helped Lutheran churches make the transition from the state churches of Europe to a new identity on American soil. Among other things, he established the first Lutheran synod in America and developed an American Lutheran liturgy. His liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888, used in many North American service books for a majority of the past century. That Muhlenberg and his work are remembered today was anticipated at his death. The inscription on his grave reads in Latin, "Who and what he was, future ages will know without a stone."

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?
³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my
complaint.
²Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.
⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Psalms 37:1-9

SECOND READING: 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,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a
clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I re-
member you constantly in my prayers night and day.

⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may
be filled with joy. ⁵I 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. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekin-
dle the gift of God that is within you through the
laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a
spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and
of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do 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, ⁹who 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, ¹⁰but 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. ¹¹For
this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle
and a teacher, ¹²and 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.
¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you
have heard from me, in the faith and love that are
in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard 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!"
⁶The 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.

⁷"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'? ⁸Would 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'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what
was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done
all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worth-
less slaves; we have done only what we ought to have
done!'"

Next Sunday's Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19.

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