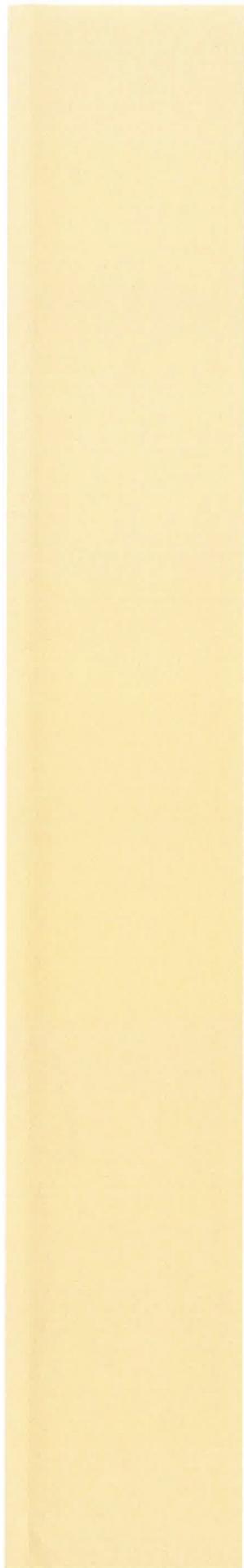
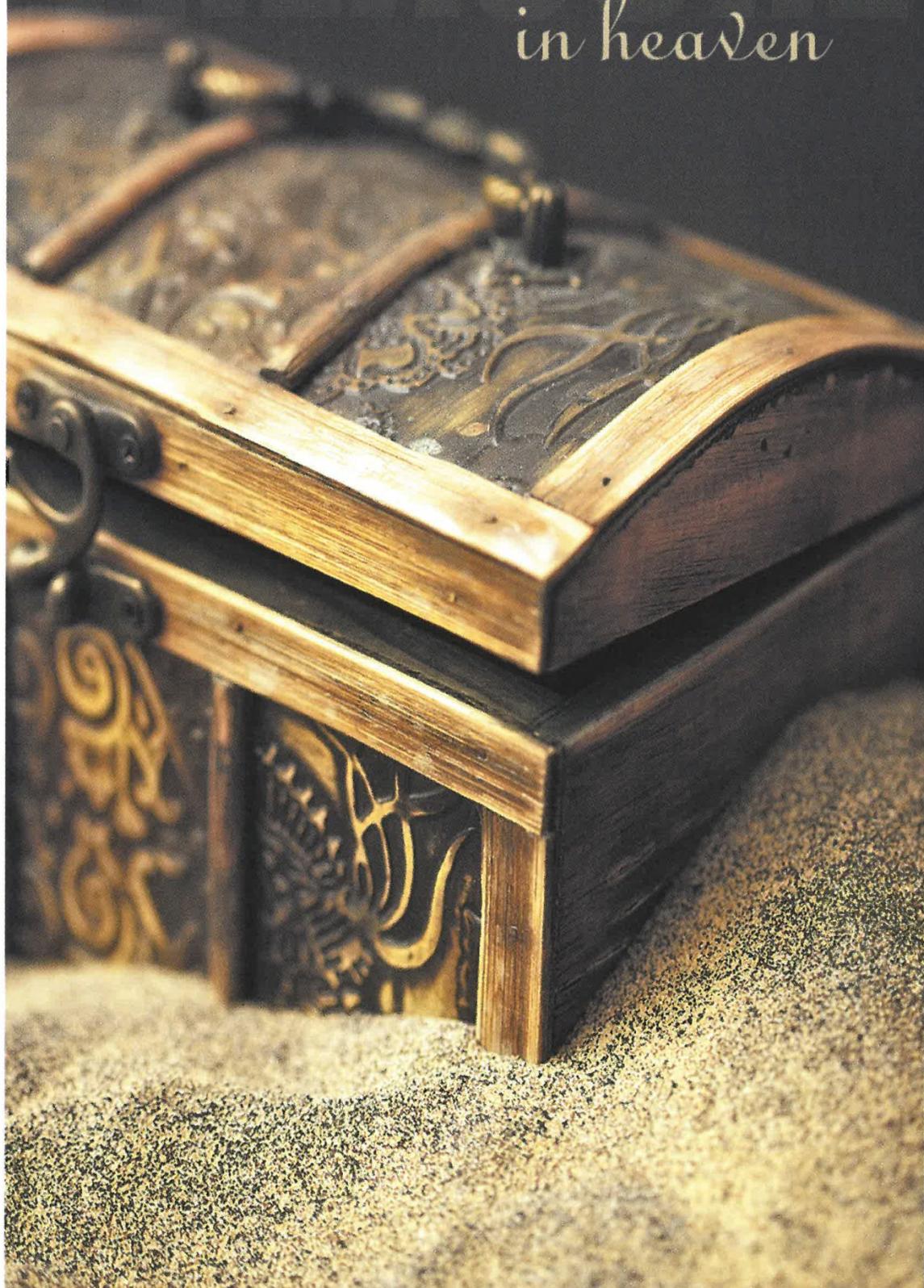


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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

Prayer: *Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

PRELUDE

Open the Eyes of My Heart

P. Baloche/arr. M. Bober

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Come one and all to meet God here.
 Let all who are suffering find hope in this place.
We have come that God might raise us up.
Our only hope is in the Maker of heaven and earth.
 Let us worship God!

HYMN

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
 2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
 3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
 4 Take my love and help it grow; let * my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
 Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
 Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Calling to mind the frailty of our human condition, let us confess our sin to God.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

God our comforter, like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. In Jesus' name. Amen.

KYRIE

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Having experienced much loss, Job longs to come into God's presence, where he can defend his own righteousness. Job cannot find God, but he never doubts that God exists and is in relationship with him. Job knows that he will come out of this time of testing refined like pure gold.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.
Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the work of our hands!

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Story of a Sad Rich Man”

Rev. Esbenshade

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

THE VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(KNEELING OR SEATED)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind, especially we pray for the Lancaster Food Hub and the Hempfield Power Packs. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

SILENT PRAYER

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.

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

OFFERING DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for the wealth you have entrusted to us. As we share a portion of that wealth, we pray that it may never become the object of our affection. Keep our focus on people and relationships and lasting values, rather than on the possessions we can accumulate. We dedicate our time, money, and ourselves to the reign of God among us, praying that all whom our gifts may reach will receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In Jesus' name. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rondeau(from the Suite in D)* H. Purcell/arr. A. Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Denise Pfeiffer** in honor of the Sunday School class teachers.

The Worship Aids are given by **Lee Bossert** in thankfulness to the members of the Consistory, members of church committees, Administrative Assistant, and the Minister & his wife for all the work they do to keep our church functioning.

Greeting Ushers: **Steve Shenk**, Scott Summers, Karen Olley, Mark & Chris Eyer

Money Counters: Bud & Kathy McCarty, Scott Owens, Dave Connor

Building Trustee: Hank Fox

Lector: Jeff Hackenberger

Happy Birthday!

Tuesday – Dan Otthofer

Wednesday - Lily Kilgore

Friday – Derek Eisenhour, John Brennan, Donna Wolf

Saturday – Phyllis Zimmerman

Attendance for Sun., Oct. 3

8:00–19 10:30–60 **TOTAL 79**

Sunday School

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This Week at Trinity Church

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

Monday	OFFICE CLOSED – COLUMBUS DAY
Tuesday	7:00 PM – Consistory/Boards
Wednesday	7:00 PM – Preschool Board
Thursday	10:00 AM—Mercersburg Study Group 7:00 PM – Funeral Seminar
Saturday	7:00 PM – Alanon 8:00 PM - AA
Sunday	8:00 AM – Eucharist 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship Service

Today we welcome the Rev. Jack Esbenshade, a member of Trinity Church, as our guest preacher. Rev. Esbenshade is a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary and was ordained on June 6, 1971. He has served the following ministries:

2017	Interim Visitation Pastor, Trinity U.C.C., East Petersburg
2010-12	Interim Associate Pastor, Hamilton Park U.C.C., Lancaster
1991-10	Administrator/Executive Director, Ephrata Manor
1990-91	Assistant Administrator, The Lebanon Valley Home, Annville
1978-90	Pastor, Church of the Redeemer U.C.C., Hershey
1973-78	Pastor, St. Luke's U.C.C., Lancaster
1971-73	Pastor, Tri-U.C.C. Parish, Penn Northeast Conference

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor Rankin will be on vacation through October 11. The Rev. Ken Trauger will be covering pastoral emergencies. You can contact Rev. Trauger at 717-203-6425.

DEVOTIONALS: The October-December edition of *These Days* can be found on both floors of the church building.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: The family of Joan Hammer (former member of Trinity Church), the family/friends of Kathy Kuzmiak (friend of several Trinity members), the Brennan family, Donna Esbenshade (wife of Rev. Jack Esbenshade), Carole Rice (sister-in-law of Diane Rice & Karen Olley), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Joyce Becker, Lynn Dull, Jill Otthofer, Paul Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel), Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards), Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio), Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), John Shelsky, Donna Denlinger, Cathy Hoshauer, Mike Wagner, Pat Miller, Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Phyllis Zimmerman, Donna Zirkel, Linda Brown (sister of Mike Wagner), Jose Arroyo (husband of Sandy & George DeLong's niece), Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley), Jaimie & Aurora Commero (friends of Sarah Paulukow), Mark Zody (friend of Denise Huggins), Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), Scott Summers, Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Emma Nissley (sister of Jane Starr, Nancy Patton, and Pat Miller), Betty Tyndall and family, David Potts (neighbor of the Himelwrights), Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), Bob & Marlyn Wible, Lily Kilgore & family, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), Sam & Rosemary Minder, Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Elaine Sturgis (friend of Sue Husted), Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Doris Leaman, Kelsey (Minnich) and Tom Burgo, Judie Bistline, Hilma Slechta, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church).

I PROMISE FORMS: It is not too late to submit your I Promise forms for 2022. You can place them in the offering plate or mail them to the church. If you need another copy of the forms, they are on the table across from the church office.

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR: As we continue to resurrect community again in the life of our church, Pastor Rankin is inviting members to have lunch in Isenberg Hall on Thursday, October 21 from noon-1 p.m. You bring your own lunch and enjoy the fellowship with your fellow church members. Hope to see you there!

CROP WALK: The walk is on October 17 at the Greek Orthodox Church in Lancaster. Mark & Chris Eyer are serving as our walk coordinators. You can register as a member of the Trinity East Pete team at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/trinity-east-pete>. You can also make donations at this website. You can also give a donation to any of our walkers: Mark & Chris Eyer, Diane Rice, Karen Olley, Kathy McCarty, Nancy Enders, Donna Geisler, Kerry & Caleb Kreider, and the Rankin family! **Checks should be made payable to CWS/CROP.**

STEWARDSHIP SEMINARS

October 14: Planning Your Funeral with
Jeremy DeBord (DeBord-Snyder Funeral Home)
& Michele DeRosa (Groff Funeral Home)



**All seminars will begin at
7 p.m. in Isenberg Hall.
Refreshments will be provided.**



October 21: Hospice Care with Gretchen Thomas from
Hospice & Community Care

All Seminars are free!

Please R.S.V. P. to 717-569-1632 or
email: secretary@trinityeastpete.org

October 28: Wills & Estates with the
Rev. Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe, Esq.



You can also sign-up on the table across from the church office!!!

VIRTUAL ADULT CLASS: "WORSHIP & THE VITAL CENTER"

The Rev. Dr. Peter Schmiechen, President Emeritus of Lancaster Theological Seminary, will present a three week class on the vital aspects of worship. The class will meet October 18 & 25 and November 1 at 7 p.m. via Google Meet. The class schedule is as follows:

October 18: Three traditions

October 25: Belonging and Believing

November 1: The Lord's Supper

Contact the church office to sign-up for this class.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES: Christian Education classes will be held for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Here are the locations for the classes:
1. **Children's Class** will meet in the classroom on the first floor or outside.
2. **Middle School/High School Class** will meet in the classroom on the second floor.

Good Sports Needed

For Sunday, October 31, during the 9:00 AM Sunday School hour, the Middle School/High School Sunday School Class is looking for a few Good Sports - adults who are willing to bring in and share a game (or toy) that they used to play as a youth, which they think the youth of today may never have seen or played. The youth will also have some questions, similar to the ones below, which come from the Sunday School materials. If you are available and willing to help with this, please contact Dina Slechta.

“What did you do for fun when you were a teenager? Where did you play? What did you play?”

3. **The Combined Adult Class** will meet in Isenberg Hall.
There will be no Koinonia at this time!

PINOCHLE FELLOWSHIP: Mark your calendars now because the Pinochle Fellowship will meet again on November 12th at 7:00 PM. Look for more information in the October Parish Post. You can respond using the electronic version that Carol already sent via e-mail or on the website under Ministries! Speak with Karen Olley for more information!



THE 2021 WORSHIP AIDS & CHANCEL FLOWERS: You can either contact the church office or use the website under resources to sign-up for flowers and worship aids for 2021! Chancel Flowers dates available are: **December 5 & 26**. Worship Aids are available **December 5, 12, 19 & 26**.

CHURCH COVENANT IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC

As an individual who attends Trinity United Church of Christ I covenant to work with my fellow church members, family and friends to keep our community safe and healthy.

I covenant to. . .

Wear a face mask as a symbol of love and care for others.

Sit six feet apart from others, leaving room for God to work in the in-between spaces.

Clean up after myself in the spaces I use because germs are everywhere I go too!

Honor and respect the sacredness of each person in this space and to stay home if I don't feel well or have been around someone who is waiting the results of a COVID test, knowing God is with us wherever we are, whether inside or outside the walls of the church.

Work together with my church family in creating a safe and healthy space to gather for worship, fellowship, or church activities as one body, united in God's love.

Acknowledge the hard work ahead, and the commitment to care for one another.

Together, we as the church, covenant to care and love one another in new and different ways as we:

- 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

CALLING NEW SINGERS AND RINGERS: We invite anyone who is interested in providing a solo as a Musical Offering this fall, in joining the SOT Choir, or in playing bells to email Michael and Dina at Music@Trinityeastpete.org.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for worship volunteers at the in-person worship services:

Greeters/Ushers: To welcome worshippers at the door and to seat them in the sanctuary (10:30 a.m. service only)

Lectors: Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 8:00 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.

Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer.

OUTDOOR MINISTRY EVENTS (October)

*The Wittel Farm (Elizabethtown), Camp Nawakwa (Near Gettysburg), and
Camp Kirchenwald (Near Mt. Gretna)*

THE GROWING PROJECT



Volunteer for The Growing Project through October at The Wittel Farm! This project reclaims a portion of the acreage for farming. The crops harvested are donated to assist those in need in Lancaster County. To volunteer as an individual, or a multi-generational group, youth group or family, contact Pastor Matt Lenahan at pastormattl@dejazzd.com

SPEAK TO ANNE RANKIN FOR MORE INFORMATION!!!!



There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Trinity United Church of Christ to conduct these valuable screenings.

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.

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Rhoda Shirk



Black Religion:
A Theology Resurrected from White Oppression



Oct. 21, 7:00 - 8:30pm | Dr. Larry Covin

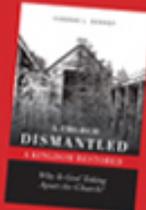


**HOW TO ASK GOOD
QUESTIONS**



Oct. 26, 7:00-8:30pm
Vicki Scheib

A Church Dismantled | A Kingdom Restored




NOV. 2, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Conrad Kanagy



**Restorative Practices
with Children**



Nov. 4, 7:00 - 8:30pm
Rob Fennimore



**Anticipating Winter:
a Silent Retreat**



Nov. 6,
9am-4pm
Amy Shutt



**Using
Intuition
in Your Life**



Nov. 6,
10-11:30am
Annmarie Early
PhD, LMFT



**THE ART OF CHURCH
HOSPITALITY**

NOV. 9, 7:00-8:30 PM

LED BY MISTY WINTSCH,
PASTOR



TECHNOLOGY SERIES
NOV. 16, 7:00 - 8:30 PM



**Google
Workspace**



Rhoda Shirk



**Historic Churches
of Lancaster City**
Bus Tour

April 4, 8:15 am - 1:30 pm
Led by Bob Frick

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Apple Crumb Pie \$16
10" apple pie with crumb topping
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our own homegrown pumpkins



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Pack of 2 apple dumplings made
from locally grown apples



Apple Cake \$17
52 oz. cake made from
locally grown apples



Pumpkin Bread \$9
20 oz. loaf made from our own
homegrown pumpkins



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Ordering Deadline: Oct. 25th

Pickup: Nov. 5th-10:30 AM

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER!!!

FIRST LESSON. Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Then Job answered: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; if only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

SECOND LESSON. Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL. Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."