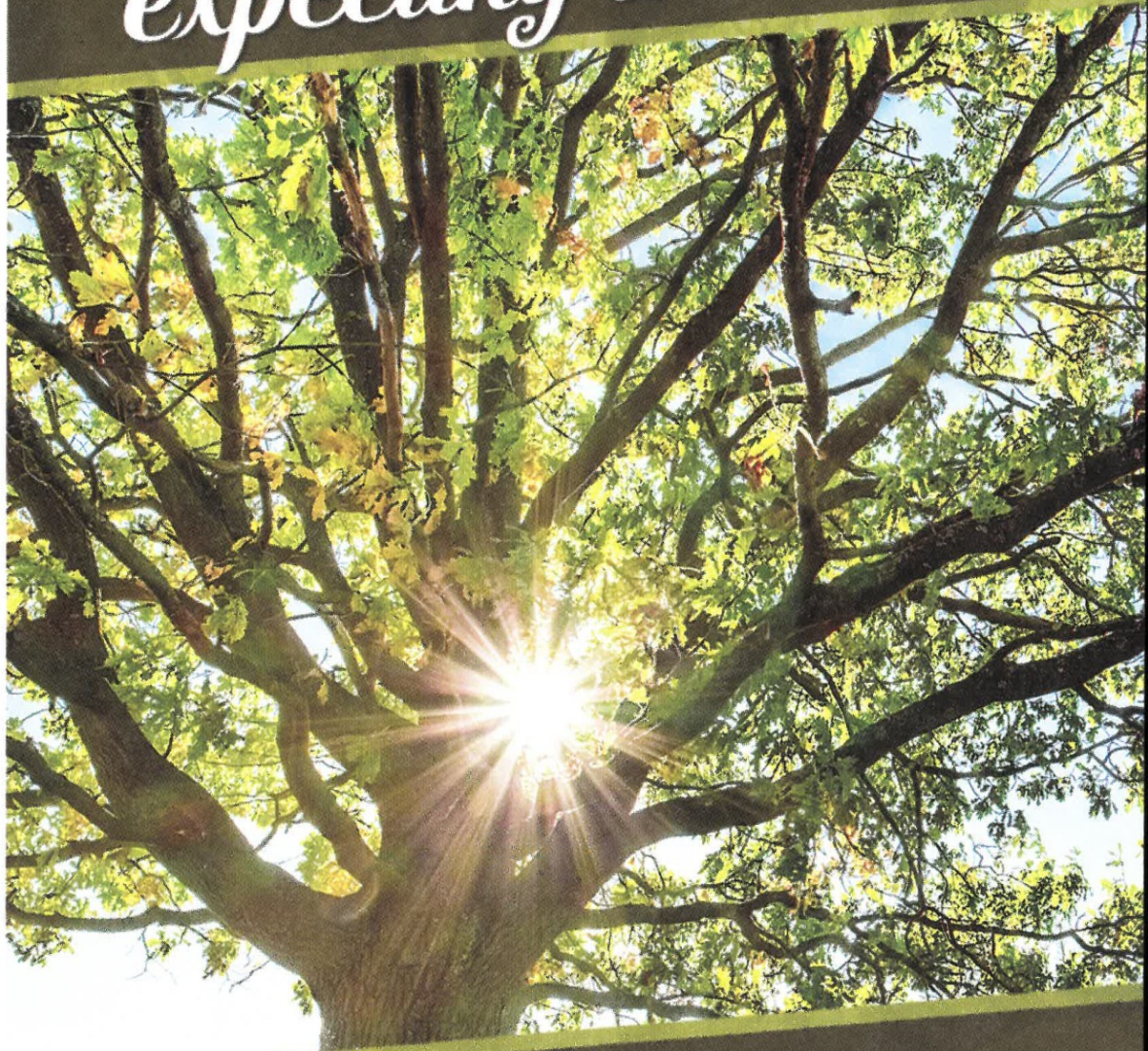


*We are
expecting a Savior,*



*the
Lord Jesus Christ*

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: Though we doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered in to God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

Prayer: *God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

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

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

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.**

Put away your hesitations to come before God; quiet your fears and anxieties, for God welcomes us.

God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

Let us watch and wait with our Creator; let us trust in the one who gives life and hope.

Teach us your ways, O God, and lead us on a level path.

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart.

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

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"Stand Firm!"

Pastor Rankin

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

NICENE CREED

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

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at

the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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

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

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

In the confidence that you will multiply our efforts, O God, we bring our offerings for the work of your church in the world. Holy God, it is a joy to present our sacrifices, for we are as blessed in our giving as we have been in receiving abundant goodness from your hand. Keep us from seeking to build permanent structures that might block spontaneous responses to your love. 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.

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care. We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and grace. With

the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you:

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.

COMMUNICATION

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

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

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

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

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. **Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.**)*

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems, and augment the calls of those who advocate for thoughtful stewardship of the earth's resources. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in those who govern patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You kindle faith that moves us into action. Guide children and adults preparing for baptism or confirmation. Empower Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders and parents who share their faith with younger generations. Give us all a renewed sense of vocation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You hear us when we cry to you. Attend to those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage. Comfort veterans enduring post-traumatic stress. Shield those endangered by domestic violence. Uphold those who are ill or grieving. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Joan Cash** in memory of Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Fountain.

The Worship Aids are given by **Denise Pfeiffer** in honor of the Rankin family.

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

Building Trustee: John Shelsky **Lector:** Jeff Hackenberger

Happy Birthday!

Today – Bonnie Boothman, MacKenzie Harley

Monday – Noah Kauffman, Carl Spangler

Wednesday – Joann Garvin, Bob Siever, Jane Starr

Attendance for Sun., March 6	8:00–19	10:30–70	TOTAL – 89
Lenten Service	17		
Sunday School	22		

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Monday 7:00 PM – SOT Choir/7:45 PM Bells

Tuesday 7:00 PM – Consistory

Wednesday 7:00 PM – Lenten Service

Thursday 12 Noon – Lunch with Pastor

6:30 PM – Cub Scouts

Saturday 11 AM-2 PM – Isenberg Hall in Use

7:00 PM – Alanon

8:00 PM - AA

Sunday 8:00 AM – Eucharist

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:30 AM – Worship

2:00 PM—Ken Geib Memorial Service

Why no alleluias or hymn of praise during Lent? You may have noticed that the act of praise following the assurance of forgiveness is missing from our worship. We join other churches in omitting alleluias, glorias, and other hymns of praise as we turn again to our Lenten journey of exile and repentance. We long for the eschatological New Jerusalem "...the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother" (Galatians 4:26). We walk in darkness awaiting the city of God where... "there will be no more night; the servants of God need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5). Until then, we travel with our Lord Jesus into the desert to face the devil, we join him in his triumphant procession into Jerusalem, we pray with him in the garden of Gethsemane, and we follow him to the painful cross and to the cold dark tomb. We trust that our journey with Christ does not end there. On Easter we once again join the praises of the choirs of heaven: "The Lord is risen; the Kingdom has come; our joy is complete; and, in concert with the angels and saints, we greet the risen Lord with shouts of 'Alleluia!'"

(http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No_Alleluia.htm).

LENTEN SERVICES---Theme: Turning Toward God's Abundance

Lent is a season of repentance, turning to God and asking for God's goodness to wipe away our sins and to show us how to live anew. Lent also turns us toward Easter and the abundant life God will offer through the Three Days. This Lenten midweek service series turns us toward God's abundance by focusing on five divine attributes from the gospel texts for Lent (lectionary cycle C).

Week 2: Mercy (March 16 at 7 p.m.)---Dr. Randall Zachman

Week 3: Compassion (March 23 at 7 p.m.)---Rev. Margaret Rohnacher

Week 4: Forgiveness (March 30 at 7 p.m.)---Rev. Bob Bistline

Week 5: Love (April 6 at 7 p.m.)—Rev. Sandy Morris (may include the order of healing)

We are also planning to stream the Wednesday evening services.

DEVOTIONALS: The January-March edition of *These Days* & Lenten devotionals are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anne Rankin, Donna Zirkel, Marvin Lehman and family, Lee Bossert, Dr. Cathy Hoshauer, Joann Garvin, Herb Charles, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Herb Holbein (father-in-law of Danielle Huggins Holbein), Jean Otthofer (mother of Dan Otthofer), Rev. Paul Eyer (former pastor of St. Luke's), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Carole Connor, Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty) Donna Smoker (friend of Trinity), Mary Witmer, Mark & Mary Anne Ritter (friends of the Paulukows), Patrick & Mel (nephew of Marianne Gibble & his wife), the Martin family, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Hillary Brennan (mother of John Brennan), Ann Wolf (neighbor of George & Sandy DeLong), David & Ann Potts (friends of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Lynn Dull, Hilma Slechta (mother of Mike Slechta), Chad & Paul Zirkel (sons 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), Donna Denlinger, Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Phyllis Zimmerman, 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, Betty Tyndall and family, 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), Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Elaine Sturgis (friend of Sue Husted), Doris Leaman, Judie Bistline, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church).

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Copies of the new church directory are available on the table across from the church office and in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

“FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY” BOOK STUDY: Pastor Rankin will be leading a book study after Easter. We will be reading *With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life* by Henri Nouwen. We will meet via Google Meet at 7 p.m. on April 21 & 28 and May 12, 19, & 26. The deadline to order books through the church office is March 15.

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.
2. **Middle School/High School Class** will meet in the classroom on the second floor.
3. **The Combined Adult Class** will meet in Isenberg Hall. They are using the book "Practicing Our Faith" edited by Dorothy C. Bass.

The Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen will be leading an adult Sunday School class on **March 13, and 20** at 9:00 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. The title of Dr. Christensen's class is "**Uncovering Deeper Meaning in the Bible**". He will look at some familiar texts and see the meanings behind them which are not immediately obvious.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS are available on the table across from the church office or in the Parish Post. The deadline to order flowers is March 15. Contact Dan Otthofer for more information.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST: The Lancaster YMCA is planning to have the Good Friday breakfast on at the Farm & Home Center on April 15 at 7:30 a.m. (doors open at 7:00 a.m.). The Rev. Gerald Simmons, Pastor of Faith Tabernacle Church of God in Christ and graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, will be the speaker. Pastor Rankin will offer the invocation and benediction. Trinity will once again have a table of 8 people for the breakfast. The cost will be \$20 per person. Contact the church office to make a reservation.

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR: Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship on March 17 from noon-1 p.m. in Isenberg Hall!

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KEN GEIB will be held at Trinity Church on Sunday, March 20 at 2 p.m. If you would like to serve as a greeter or usher, please contact Pastor Rankin.

2021 ANNUAL REPORTS are available on the table across from the church office and in the information racks on the both floors of the church building.

LENTEN DENIAL ENVELOPES: The Board of Deacons decided to use all donations given through the Lenten Denial envelope to assist those impacted by the crisis in Ukraine. Please be generous as we help our brothers and sisters in need.

2022 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AIDS SPONSORS

Contact Carol in the church office to sign-up for chancel flowers and worship aids for 2022. We recently changed florists and so the new price for flowers will be \$60. The price for worship aids will remain at \$26.

Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: **March 27 & April 24.** Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **April 10, 17 & 24.**

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



**TRINITY PRESCHOOL
SUB SALE**

We would like to thank you for supporting our fund raiser. When you redeem your coupon at S. Clyde Weaver you get to choose from at least seven sub varieties:

**Sweet Bologna • Ham • Italian • Turkey
Roast Beef • Chicken Salad • Tuna Salad**

Each Sub Redemption Certificate: \$8.00

BREAD OPTIONS:

white sub roll • bread • tortilla wrap

CHOICE OF YOUR CONDIMENTS:

mayonnaise • mustard • creamy horseradish • olive oil • vinegar

CHEESE OF YOUR CHOICE:

American • Provolone • Swiss

YOUR CHOICES OF VEGETABLES:

lettuce • tomatoes • onions • marinated onions • sweet peppers
banana peppers • hot peppers • black olives • pickles
salt • pepper • herb mix • Parmesan

Place your order form and money in church office

NAME	PHONE	QUANTITY	TOTAL	PAID (Please check)

Please make checks payable to: TRINITY PRESCHOOL

NAME _____ **Email:** _____

Phone: _____



April 8

May 20

Masks may required per CDC guidelines

Please bring your own drink and snack.


Any Questions call: Karen Olley (717)598-0247

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QuickBooks 101



Mar. 15, 7-8:30pm
 Robin Ingram, CPA
 Diana Miller, Accountant



QuickBooks 101
March 15, 2022
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



**HOUSING
PANEL**



HOUSING

Housing Panel
March 22, 2022
7:00-8:30 PM

**Compassionate
Caring**



**Mar. 17 and 24,
7:00-8:30pm**
 Led by Lesley Huff, Psy.D.

Compassionate Caring
Session 1: March 17, 2022
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Session 2: March 24, 2022
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



Small Groups Panel
Apr 4, 7:00-8:30pm
 ANDREA BROWN, GRANDVIEW
 JIM GROSSNICKLE-BATTERTON, LUTITZ COB
 SUSAN GASCHO-COOKE, COMMUNITY MENNONITE

Small Groups Panel
April 4, 2022
7:00-8:30 PM

REMEMBERING GOD'S MERCY
 A Lenten Retreat




MAR. 19, 9:00AM-4:00PM
 LED BY AMY SHUTT, SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR



Remembering God's Mercy: Lenten Retreat
March 19, 2022
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Understanding
Trauma**



Apr. 21, 7:00-8:30pm
 Led by Rob Fennimore

Understanding Trauma
April 21, 2022
7:00-8:30 PM

MEAL AT FIRST REFORMED U.C.C., LANCASTER: The community meals at First Reformed U.C.C. are starting again in 2022. They will continue to serve a grab and go meal. The diners and servers must be masked at all times.

Meals (cold or hot) can be prepared in the church kitchen. They are telling us to prepare for 60-70 people.

We are looking for some people to coordinate these meals. If you are interested or have more questions, contact Paula Dennes, Nancy Enders, or Pastor Rankin.

CHURCH MULCHING: The Property Committee is tentatively planning to put mulch around the church property on Saturday, April 2 (in the morning). Watch for more details in the coming weeks!

CHURCH CAMP REGISTRATION

Even though the air is cold and snow is on the ground, the warmer days of the Summer Camp season are right around the corner! Camp registration is open and ready for you to start planning your summer around weeks at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa! There are a wide range of camps this summer for all ages — kindergarteners through high schoolers, families, adults, and older folks. You can find printed brochures on the table across from the church office or view the schedule at <https://www.lutherancamping.org/forms/SummerBrochure.pdf>

As you know, Penn Central Conference paid for 50% of camp registration fees last year. It is wonderful to be able to announce that that same generous offer stands again this year! You can help send campers from Trinity by contribution to our Camp Scholarship Fund. **Place your contribution in your weekly offering envelope and mark the special designation box with “Camp Scholarship”.**

"HARTMAN CENTER SPIRIT WEEK" 2022

Save the date: "Hartman Center Spirit Week" will be returning this summer!

This will be a week of camp in the spirit, community, and traditions of Hartman Center. Registration information and a brochure will be available soon.

Saturday, August 6 through Friday, August 12 at Camp Mt Luther in Mifflinburg PA. Talk with Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin for more information.

LIFE LINE SCREENING: Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? do you have a poor diet? If you answer “yes” to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque buildup in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on 3/26/22 at Trinity UCC. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149(\$139 with our member discount).

All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1- 888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979. You can also sign up on the Screening Apt. Sheet on the table across from the church office. Also available are coupons for either a free screening or a half price screening. There are a limited number of coupons. First come, first served. Contact the church office for more information.

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: When we returned to worship in the midst of the pandemic, Pastor Rankin has taken on the altar guild responsibility each week. The pastor now is looking for a few more volunteers to help prepare the altar for weekly worship. The following people have agreed to serve: Nancy Enders, Hedwig Hunsicker, Karen Olley, and Jamy Shelly. The pastor is looking for another 2-4 people to serve. Pastor Rankin is willing to offer a training session for all volunteers. You can contact him or Donna Denlinger, the Elder representative to the altar guild.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for worship volunteers on Sunday mornings and the Wednesday Lenten services (just greeters for those services). Contact the church office to sign-up!

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.

Our Gifts to Others 2022 from the Board of Deacons

Each year Trinity UCC considers donations titled “***Our Gifts to Others.***”

These annual gifts serve to support various outreaches that are important to our friends who are in need throughout the area.

We have a number of outreach options from which we may choose. Here is a brief summary of those seeking your consideration and support.

- **Milagro House** is committed to providing education, counseling and housing for women and children experiencing homelessness here in Lancaster County.
- **Bethany Children’s Home** started its *Helping Hands* program to provide unaccompanied children and youth the opportunity to be reunited with their families in the U.S. Youths stay an average of 10-12 days and receive basic medical care, food clothing shelter more development and basic education while their families are located.
- **Hoffman Homes Inc.** is a similar but longer term stay facility for troubled youth.
- **Love, Inc.** is a national agency that seeks to provide a conduit through which people in need can seek out much needed support efforts by local churches. This agency is geared for those among us in chronic need and seeks to transform lives in the community.
- **Lancaster Theological Seminary** – educates men & women for here for a variety of ministry settings. Donations to LTS help to support students in need with tuition, housing, etc.
- **Phoebe Devitt** – operates nursing home facilities here in central Pennsylvania. The ministries seek donations to help cover the cost of residents stay, regardless of their ability to pay.
- **UCC Homes**– provides benevolent care, and uncompensated care for needful seniors. This organization seeks our help to meet this need. There are homes in Ephrata, Annville, Carlisle, and Harrisburg.
- **Hunger Ministries**– You can designate to support the Hempfield Power Packs, the Lancaster Food Hub, or the Trinity Community Meal ministry.

In 2021, we received **\$20,606** for the Our Gifts to Others fund.

Please consider these worthy agencies as you think about your possible financial offerings for **March 27, 2022**. In addition you can donate online, designate as "Our Gift to Others", and specify which one(s) you are donating towards.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT TRINITY U.C.C.



SAVE THE DATE

Barnstormer's Game

July 7, 2022

Join us for fellowship and game between Lancaster Barnstormers and the York Revolution! The cost is \$30 (ticket, suite rental, endless buffet for 90 minutes, gratuity). Children from ages 4-18 will be covered by our Youth Ministry account and those under 4 are free. You can sign-up by contacting Carol in the church office. We will need a \$15 deposit when you sign-up!



Concert
5-6 PM

SAVE THE DATE

FRIENDSHIP FEST



July 17th

3:00 - 7:00 PM

Save The Dates

VBS 2022



Wade In The Water

July 18 - 21 6:30-8:30 PM

July 22 Closing Program

Dear Trinity Members,

“Wade In The Water” is the theme for this summer’s Vacation Bible School. It will be held **Monday, July 18 to Thursday July 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, with the closing program on Friday, July 22.**

We will need your help to welcome and teach the children of Trinity and the wider community. The ideal VBS program would touch and/or be touched by each member of the congregation. Please check the activities in which you would be willing to share during the week. Please return this form to the VBS Director’s mail slot in the church office by April 15. If you have any questions please contact us. Thank you.

Dina Slechta and Diane Rice

_____Teacher—travels with group through stations and teaches the story lesson to the class each night.

_____Assistant Teacher - travels with the group through stations and helps with teaching the story each night.

_____ Caretaker And Me Class Facilitators - 2 people with clearances who can be available in the nursery for any caretaker and child who need to take a quiet time/play by themselves break in the nursery.

_____Games Leader—leads 10 to 15 minute games reinforcing the night’s concept and story

_____Games Helper

_____Crafts Leader

_____Craft Helper

_____Floaters - we need some potential teachers and assistants who will be at VBS, ready to jump in as needed.

_____Registration—needs to be there 6:15 to 6:45 the first two evenings to register children

_____Help anywhere needed.

_____Youth Helper (7th grade on up)

Transportation Needed_____

Name_____

Phone Number_____

Email Address _____

Days you would be available _____

MARCH 13, 2022

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FIRST LESSON. Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

SECOND LESSON. Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

GOSPEL. Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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