A photograph of a waterfall cascading down mossy rocks in a lush green forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls, surrounded by dense green foliage and moss. The scene is captured with a long exposure, giving the water a soft, ethereal appearance. The overall mood is serene and natural.

*A spring of water
gushing up to
eternal
life*

JOHN 4:14

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal – offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

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.*

Prayer as you enter: *Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

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).

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.**

Come, let us sing a new song to our God. Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us enter God's presence with thanksgiving. Make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

O come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before God our Maker.

We are the people of God's pasture. Today we will listen to God with open hearts.

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

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 acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Holy God, we confess to your our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Let us pray the collect together.

God of all worlds, whose care for us also includes concern for neighbors who differ from us, and whose love embraces all of humanity without distinction, we reach out for the water of life that you offer. Fill us with your Spirit that we may live your truth, share the story of Jesus, and lead others into discipleship, that your realm may be realized among us. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question "Is the Lord among us or not?" – received a very positive answer.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 95

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. **The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways." Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 4:5-15, 28-29, 39-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

“Trinity Faith”

Rev. Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

U.C.C. STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for all the ways we have benefited from the labor of others. We here offer our best for the sake of brothers and sisters who need the love and encouragement you are eager to share through us. Keep us from being ungrateful as we continue to receive so much more than we stop to realize. When life is difficult, help us to endure and to hope because your love is sure and certain, ours to receive and to give, in Christ's name. 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.

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets. We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. Because you have come to us in Jesus Christ, enduring the Cross so that we might know eternal life, it is right that we should give you thanks and praise. With angels and archangels, saints and martyrs, the church on earth and the church in heaven we praise you with your holy name.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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

BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

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

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

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

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

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace. Amen.

*(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.

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, especially those preparing for baptism or church membership. Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God's grace in their lives. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness. Give them your living water always. 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 **Charlie & Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe's family** in honor of their 50th anniversary of ordination.

The Baptismal Font are given by the **Hambrick-Stowe family** to the glory of God and in loving memory of Virginia Ware Stowe (mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother) on the 100th anniversary of her birth on March 17, 1923.

Ministering Today

Preacher	Rev. Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe
Liturgist	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Money Counters	Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller, Denise Pfeiffer
Altar Guild	Nancy Enders
Koinonia	Rankin Family
Building Trustee	John Shelsky
Ministries	Card Adult Class (Janice Jenkins) Called to Care Anne Rankin Visitation Dottie Schadt

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 7:00PM—Evangelism Committee
Tuesday	7 AM-2 PM – Peanut Fellowship 7:00 PM – Preschool Bd.(Isenberg Hall) 7:00 PM – Property Com. (Choir Room)
Wednesday	7:00 PM – Lenten Service
Thursday	6:30 PM – Cub Scouts (Isenberg Hall) 7:00PM—Christian Ed. (Choir Room)
Friday	1:30 PM - Pinochle
Saturday	7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM - Koinonia 10:30 AM – Eucharist

Happy Birthday!

Today – Brendan Garrett, Maxwell Schuessler

Monday – Bonnie Boothman, MacKenzie Harley

Tuesday – Noah Kauffman, Carl Spangler

Thursday – Joann Garvin, Robert Siever, Jane Starr

Attendance for Sun., March 5	7:45–17	10:30–87	TOTAL – 104
Sunday School Attendance	38		
Lenten Service Attendance	29		

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Don & Pat Miller	Joann Garvin	Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman
Scott & Jane Owens	Ron Denlinger	Nancy Patton
Dawn Garvin	Erika Otthofer	Dr. Janet Harriger
The Lehman family	Jodi Keller	Deb Lichtenwalner
George DeLong	Joann Peck	Danielle Huggins Holbein
Mary Lou Shaab	Judie Bistline	Stan & Pat Seachrist
Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley	Donna Zirkel	Carmen & Jerry Richards
Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser	Sam Minder III	Lainie Christensen
Betty Tyndall and family	Hank Fox	Charles & Betty Booraem
Dorothy Fasnacht	Bob Kilgore	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman	Mary Witmer	Mark Shenk

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The people of Turkey & Syria
The family of Gordie Kraft (friend of Lee Bossert, Anita Rohrer, & Pastor Chris)
Robert Good (brother-in-law of Betty Fogle)
James Michaud (Sevi Keares' teacher)
John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)
Kelly Quick (friend of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)
The Eshelman Family (friends of Rick & Joann Mowrer)
Marianne Gibble (friend of Trinity)
Eric Zirkel (brother-in-law of Donna Zirkel)
Joan Sleet (sister of Donna Zirkel & Pastor Royer)
James Malone & family
Jeff Bradley (son of Roger & Maryann Bradley)
Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)
Summerlyn Burger (granddaughter of Marge Burger)
Janet Owens (sister-in-law of Scott & Jane Owens)
Donna Nesbitt (neighbor of John & Sarah Paulukow)
Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)
Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig),
David and Brenda Haverstick (friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner)
Jeannie & Bill Toy (sister & brother-in-law of Lainie Christensen)
Robin McComsey (neighbor of Himelwrights)
Rylan Brent (relative of Chuck & Sue Husted)
Don Pfeifer (husband of Denise Pfeifer)
Judy Barr (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner)

Rev. Phyllis Baum (former member of Trinity Church)

Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer)

The Martin family

Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards)

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)

Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards)

John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law)

Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother)

Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall)

Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law)

Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted)

The Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church)

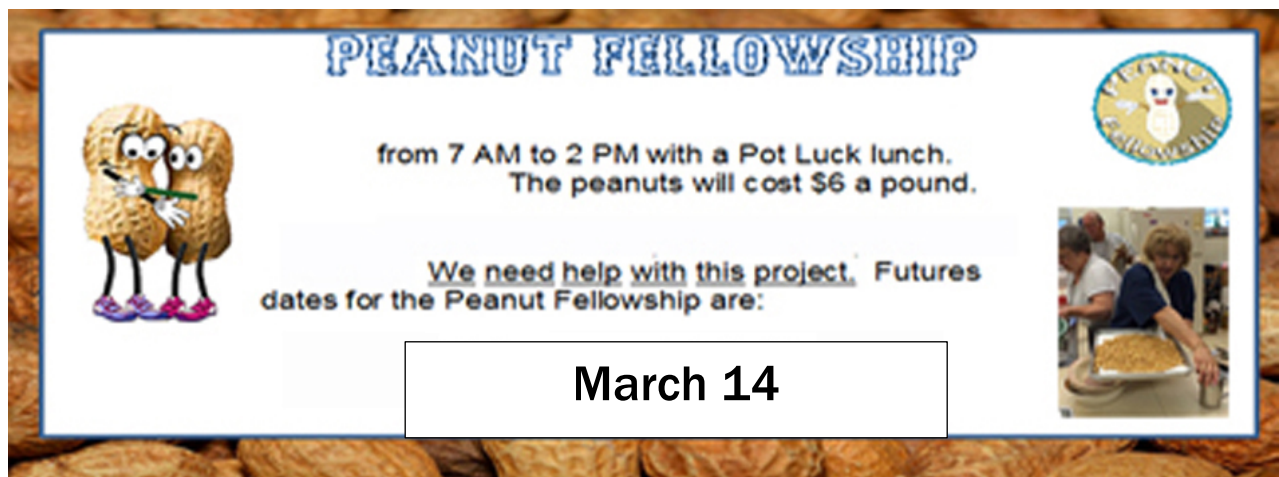
Today we welcome the Rev. Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe as our guest preacher. Rev. Hambrick-Stowe, Anne Rankin's mother, served as our associate pastor with Pastor Geisler from 1989-90. Upon Pastor Geisler's death in 1989, Elizabeth served as our supply pastor until Pastor Royer began his ministry on February 25, 1990. We are delighted to have Rev. Hambrick-Stowe with us today as we celebrate our 175th anniversary, and also recognize her 50th anniversary of ordination this year!

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

DEVOTIONALS: The January-March edition of These Days are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance. **LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** can be found on the table across from the church office.

CHURCH DIRECTORY—Look for a copy on the table across from the church office. Make any changes by March 12!

LENTEN DENIAL ENVELOPES: The Board of Deacons decided to divide the donations in the Lenten denial envelope to assist those impacted by the war in Ukraine and the earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Please be generous as we help our brothers and sisters in need.



PEANUT FELLOWSHIP

from 7 AM to 2 PM with a Pot Luck lunch.
The peanuts will cost \$6 a pound.

We need help with this project. Futures dates for the Peanut Fellowship are:

March 14

The poster features a cartoon peanut character on the left, a circular logo with a peanut character on the top right, and a photograph of people at a table on the right. The background is a close-up of peanuts.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES: “Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

Lent is a time of renewal. We focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus and in turn focus on our own death and resurrection found in baptism. We who have been baptized into Christ have died to sin and are righteous saints of God. At the same time, we know that we struggle daily with sin as we seek to follow Jesus. This is the wonderful understanding of sinner and saint.

We have a rich calendar of saints in the Christian faith. These are people from every age who have pointed to Christ in their living and dying. In remembering these Christians who have gone before, we find inspiration for our Christian journey. This Lenten midweek series honors the commemorations that occur during the weeks of the Lenten season. Commemorating these individuals is a starting point for a deeper engagement with our Christian faith.

Join us for worship on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Here is the list of themes and preachers:

March 15 (Faithful in Prayer—Gregory the Great/Patrick)---Rev. Bob Bistline preaching

March 22 (Striving for Justice—Oscar Romero)---Rev. Ken Trauger preaching

March 29 (Dying and Rising with Christ—Hans Nielsen Hauge/John Donne)---Pastor Emeritus Harry Royer preaching

April 5 (The Beginning of Life—Dietrich Bonhoeffer)---Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen preaching



LENTEN ADULT STUDIES

Becoming Jesus' Disciples: The Hard Examples of Those Who Did

Sunday mornings in Lent at Trinity East Pete
Isenberg Hall 9:00 a.m.
with Dr. Charles Hambrick-Stowe

When we think of “the disciples” who followed Jesus, it’s usually the twelve that he named as apostles who come to mind. But when we look closely at the gospels, the category “disciple” becomes much wider and more complicated. Who were these men and women, why did they follow Jesus, and what were the challenges they faced?

March 12 — The Secret Disciples

In these Lenten sessions Dr. Charles Hambrick-Stowe (Anne Rankin’s father) will explore surprising implications for the decision to follow Jesus in our own time. Come and learn more about “the cost and joy of discipleship” from the hard examples of those who first followed him.

Dr. Charles Hambrick-Stowe is minister emeritus of the First Congregational Church of Ridgefield, Connecticut. Previously, he served as academic dean of Northern Seminary in Illinois, director of the Doctor of Ministry program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and pastor at Church of the Apostles in Lancaster and St. Paul’s UCC in Westminster, Maryland. In addition to MA and MDiv degrees, he holds a PhD in American Studies from Boston University.

Finding the Gospel in the Old Testament with Dr. Rich Christensen 9:00 A.M. in Isenberg Hall

March 19—The Freedom of God

March 26—The Power of Names

April 2—Life-Saving Faithfulness



Dr. Rich Christensen, a member of Trinity Church, is a retired professor of Church History. He previously served pastorates in Pennsylvania and Ohio, a missionary in Botswana, and professor at Phillips Theological Seminary in Oklahoma and Lakeland College in Wisconsin. He received degrees from Lancaster Theological Seminary (MDiv) and Union Theological Seminary in Virginia (PhD).

KOINONIA: We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship) every Sunday at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments and drinks/coffee. The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen coordinator. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes.

THE YMCA OF THE ROSES GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

The YMCA of the roses announced that it is holding its Good Friday breakfast in Lancaster for its 68th year.



The Lancaster YMCA is planning to have the Good Friday breakfast on at the Farm & Home Center on April 7 at 7:30 a.m. (doors open at 7:00 a.m.). The Rev. Devin Jeffers, First Reformed United Church of Christ, Lancaster, will be the speaker. Pastor Rankin will offer the invocation. 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. Tickets are not available at the door.

A poster for a Pinochle event. The background is teal with several playing cards (Ace of Hearts, King of Hearts, Queen of Spades, Jack of Spades) fanned out. In the center, a white box with a black border contains the text "PINOCHLE" in large, blue, serif font, and "1:30 PM" below it. On either side of the central box, the text "EVERYONE IS WELCOME!" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, a yellow box contains the following text: "Dates: Friday, March 17/ Thursday, April 13/ Thursday, May 11" and "All you have to do is sign up in the hallway near church office and bring a snack or drink to share. We're happy to teach players new to Pinochle."/>

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PINOCHLE
1:30 PM

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KNIT IN GOD'S LOVE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, March 21 from 1:00-3:00 PM. They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

MULCHING: The Property Committee is looking for volunteers on Saturday, April 15 @ 8:30 am to mulch the church property. The rain date is April 29.

2023 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:

Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: April 30. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: April 2, 9 & 23. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Contact Carol and look for charts for 2023 dates.

FLOWER DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Would you like to be on the rotation to pick up the weekly chancel flowers from the florist on Friday mornings? If so, contact Lee Bossert. Would you like to deliver the chancel flowers after worship to members of the congregation? If so, contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for worship volunteers on Sunday mornings. Contact the church office to sign-up!

Greeters: To welcome worshippers at the door for the second service.

Ushers: We have returned to passing the offering plate during the second service. We especially need ushers because some people have stepped down! We need ushers for our Wednesday Lenten services!!!

Lectors: Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.

CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY: The Evangelism Committee has revitalized the Called to Care ministry. Meals will be provided for members after they have returned home from the hospital or during other critical moments. Transportation to medical appointments is also available. Nancy Enders will be the coordinator for March & April.

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**

The above is a list of what you can order at Weavers

Each Sub Redemption Certificate: \$8.00

* Please note you have to go to Weaver's location to order & pickup Subs.

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

Locations: 5253 Main Street, East Petersburg, PA/ 1509 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA /Lancaster Central Market

NAME	PHONE	QUANTITY	TOTAL	PAID (Please check)

Please make checks payable to: **TRINITY PRESCHOOL**

WOODEN CHURCH SCENES FOR SALE: Mike Wagner recently made church scenes to benefit the Trinity Preschool. They are available on the table across from the church office. The cost is \$15 and you can place it in the red box.



SAVE THE DATE
Barnstormer's Game

JULY 5



Mark your calendars for **July 5** when the Lancaster Barnstormers will play the Long Island Ducks! **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. We will need a \$15 deposit when you sign-up! Call the church office to sign up.

MEN OF TRINITY BREAKFAST: The monthly breakfast will be held at the Family Fare Restaurant on **April 1 at 8:00 a.m.** Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

Cherry Academy Workshops



people are food insecure with 1 in 6.5 children struggling with hunger. (data from Feeding America and Central PA Food Bank, 2020 and 2021).

This themed year of events will not only expand knowledge of food insecurity issues in the city and county but will also help

people better connect with the local organizations working in this area, and with each other as they imagine new and exciting projects.



WORKSHOPS



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2160 Lincoln Hwy East, #18



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Food Bank Panel

Apr 24, 7:00 - 8:30pm
Webinar

Central PA Food Bank,
CAP, York Food Bank

Food banks are the backbone of hunger relief efforts. They work behind the scenes to collect donated and bulk-purchased food and distribute it to other food pantries and food programs. Food banks are the storage and distribution depots that provide food to the smaller agencies who hand out food directly to the public. Food pantries, community meals, and many other food programs in our community rely on Central PA Food Bank, York County Food Bank, and CAP for access to donated food. Hear directly from these organizations about the work they are doing and how you can be involved.

Children and Hunger

May 1, 7:00 - 8:30pm
Brad Peterson, Power Packs
Webinar

In Lancaster County, 1 in every 6.5 kids struggles with hunger. Food insecurity has the potential to be harmful to individuals of any age, but it can be especially devastating to children as their bodies need fuel to grow and develop. Power Packs' unique approach to providing nutritious weekend meals and food preparation skills help families better stretch their food dollars. In partnership with 11 out of the 16 school districts in Lancaster County, Power Packs works directly in schools. Hear more about their work, the Georgetown University research project analyzing their methods, and how you can get involved.

Clothing Bank



THE LANCASTER FOOD HUB CLOTHING BANK has a need for sleeping bags, coats, underwear, and toiletry items.

Items can be dropped at our clothing bank container at church. The container is in the stairwell by the kitchen entrance.

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

Even though it is still winter, 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. Below is a list of the camps this year! Contact Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin for more information!

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”.

CAMP WEEK	EXPLORERS Grades K-2	JUNIORS Grades 3-6	INTERMEDIATES Grades 6-9	SENIOR HIGH & ADVENTURE TRIPS
JUNE 18-24	Day Camp (M-F)		High Adventure	
JUNE 25- JULY 1	Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Tree Toppers	Classic Kayak	Beach (Grades 6-8)
JULY 2-8	Pioneers	Classic Jr Quest (Grades 4-6)	Classic Arts & Crafts S.U.R.E.	Sr. High Super Adventure (Grades 9-11)
JULY 9-15	Kids at Heart			
	Mini Camp	Day Camp Plus (M-S, Grades 2-5) Guppies	High Adventure Ten Day	Adirondack Backpack (Grades 7-11)
JULY 16-22		Arts & Crafts Back-Country Outpost S.U.R.E. TURTLES	Water Adventure	Beach (Grades 9-11)
JULY 23-29	Pioneers	Classic Arts & Crafts NightHawks S.U.R.E.	SUB Adventure	Adirondack Canoe (Grades 7-11)
JULY 30- AUG 5	Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Bikes & Boulders	Back-Country Outpost High Adventure	KirchenQuest (Grades 7-11)
AUG 6-12	Family Camp-K-tion (Family Camp)			
	Mini Camp	Ultimate Sports	Fishing Ultimate Sports	

Kirchenwald is located on 340 acres of scenic forest, adjacent to 4,000 acres of State Game Lands, in Lebanon, PA.

CAMP WEEK	EXPLORERS Grades K-2	JUNIORS Grades 3-6	INTERMEDIATES Grades 6-9	SENIOR HIGH Grades 9-11
JUNE 25- JULY 1	Classic Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Equestrian Team Sports	Classic Arts & Crafts EXTRAvangaza	Classic
JULY 2-8	Mini Camp	Classic Day Camp Plus (M-S, Grades 2-5) Holy Smoke!	Classic Full STEAM Ahead!	Adventure Sampler
JULY 9-15	Elder Camp			
	Classic Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Arts, Crafts, & Photography Beginner Guitar and Music	Classic Camp Musical Rock and Roll Adventure	
JULY 16-22	Family Camp			
JULY 23-29	Nature Detectives Mini Camp	Classic Night Owls O.W.L.S. Wild Things	Classic Ten Day	Ten Day
JULY 30- AUG 5	Classic Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Team Sports	Classic Blaze and Paddle Adventure Team Sports	
AUG 6-12	Family Camp			

Nawakwa is located on 336 acres outside of Arendtsville, in Adams County, Pennsylvania.

HARTMAN CENTER HOMECOMING CAMP (July 31-August 5)

There will be several camps happening that week at the Hartman Center Campground in Milroy (the former Penn Central Conference Camp). Look for more details in the upcoming bulletins and the March Parish Post.

2023 CONCERT SPONSORS: Forms are available on the table across from the church office for you to sponsor this year's concert series.



**The Celtic Martins
In Concert**

Trinity UCC
2340 State St.
East Petersburg, PA
717-569-1632
www.trinityeastpete.org

Sunday, April 16
Concert At 4:00 PM

Outdoors - Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Concert will move indoors in case of inclement weather.

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Our Gifts to Others 2023 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 2022, we received **\$21,085.00** for the Our Gifts to Others fund.

Please consider these worthy agencies as you think about your possible financial offerings for **March 19, 2023**. In addition you can donate online, designate as "Our Gift to Others", and specify which one(s) you are donating towards.

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7 [not printed]

Psalm 95

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11 [not printed]

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You

worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

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