

*Come and
lay your hand on her,
and she
will live*

MATTHEW 9:18

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Celebrating 175 Years: Honoring Our Heritage, Moving Forward in Faith!

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners – the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's Day, we receive the healing that makes us well and send us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

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: *O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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

Let us worship God with our whole being.

Let us use all our talents to praise our Creator.

Praise God with instruments we have made.

Sing praises with voices God has given.

In the Acts of the Apostles we read that as the church was gathered, often in the homes of believers, Christians devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and community, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers.

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we gather at your table to know you in the breaking of the bread.

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, but we fear the Spirit's power.

Let us confess our slowness to embrace the new life of the Spirit.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Amen.

KYRIE

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

ADORATION AND PRAISE

ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

God of all nations, by whose word the heavens were made and in whose dominion the universe continues to expand, stretch our thinking in this time of reflection, refresh us as your rain waters the earth, and restore our strength that we might live faithfully according to your promises. Give us courage to trust even when the odds seem against us and to live truthfully even when challenged and attacked, that our witness might be helpful to others on life's journey. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Because the people have trusted in military powers instead of God and have engaged in idolatrous worship practices, God decides to withdraw until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

THE PSALTER

Psalms 50:7-15

'Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt-offerings are continually before me.

I will not accept a bull from your house, or goats from your folds.

For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.

'If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine.

Do I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.

Call on me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.'

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"A Life-Giving Presence"

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

Thank you, God, for hearing our prayers and restoring our strength. Thank you for drawing us apart from our selfish ways and self-serving pursuits. Let our offering today fulfill your purposes, not ours. Let these gifts summon others to follow Christ. Let them know the joy of breaking bread with the Great Physician who offers healing to all who dare to trust in your mercy. We pray in the loving 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.

God of fire and wind, we praise you for your continuing work of creation, renewal, and blessing. In the beginning of time, as you called the world into being, you sent the breath of your spirit across the formless void and darkness, calling creation into being. To your servants, you sent gifts of your Spirit: to Moses, a spirit of courage; to Joshua, a spirit of wisdom; to David, a spirit of power. You sent your Spirit upon your prophet Isaiah, who prophesied that you would call forth a leader with a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and might, a spirit of knowledge and reverence. You sent your Spirit upon your prophet Joel, who proclaimed that you would send your Spirit upon all people: young and old, women and men. With all those Spirit-filled people, we join in giving praise to you, Almighty God.

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!

Holy are you and blessed is your holy name. In the fullness of time, you sent your son, Jesus Christ to reveal your powerful love for the world. Healing and teaching, proclaiming and prophesying, welcoming any and all, Christ

continues to reveal your presence, renewing our souls even now. Through Christ's powerful love and endless grace, we are invited into your presence, rescued from our sins, and led onto your path of justice and righteousness. In Christ's grace, you renew and reclaim us as your holy people, children of mercy and truth. As children of your covenant of love, sealed by water and the Spirit, welcome now with joy and gratitude, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine, renewing and reviving the lives of his closest friends, his most faithful disciples, even as they faced their deepest fears and their greatest sins.

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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.

*(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.

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

We pray, O God, for the church. Unite us with any on the margins, that the whole world recognizes that your mercy is greater than our human capacity to restrict it. Guide the work of the Penn Central Conference as we are now in our local churches while striving to connect with our brothers and sisters in central Pennsylvania. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for creation. Tend forests and fields and safeguard all cattle, birds, and wild animals. Preserve lakes, rivers, and oceans and send rains to water the earth. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for our young people who recently graduated from high school or college. Guide them as they commence a new chapter in their life. Empower them to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for the nations. Awaken in our leaders compassion for people who have too often felt forgotten or neglected, and inspire policy solutions that promote equity and inclusion. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for all who are in need. Accompany anyone enduring chronic illness, any who suffer in secret, and those grieving a loved one's death. Send healing for all who plead for relief from sickness or pain. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

★ CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY ★

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by Pastor Chris, Zachary, Rachel, and Andrew in honor of Anne's 46th birthday on June 14!

The Worship Aids are given by John & Kayla Brennan in honor of their 7th wedding anniversary!

Ministering Today

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Lector	Rev. Jack Esbenshade
Money Counters	Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi
Altar Guild	Charlene Cristy, Anita Rohrer
Building Trustee	Nevin Cooley
Ministries	Card Confirmands & Spiritual Friends Called to Care Nancy Enders Visitation Ken Trauger

Attendance for Sun., June 4	7:45–22	10:30–64	TOTAL – 86
Sunday School	20		

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Monday-Friday 9 AM- 12 Noon Preschool Summer Camp

Secretary on Vacation

Monday 12:00 Noon – Funeral Luncheon for Barry Moore

Thursday 2:00 PM – CROP Walk Committee—Isenberg Hall

7:00 PM – Pastor Parish

Saturday 7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA

Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist—Pastor Rankin preaching

9:30 AM – Worship—Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen preaching

Happy Birthday!

Today – Isaac Minder, Mitch Gibson

Monday – Diane Rice

Tuesday – Kayla Brennan

Wednesday – Anne Rankin

Thursday – John Paulukow

Friday – Donna Denlinger

Saturday – Dolly Barr

PRAYERS FOR GOD’S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Don & Pat Miller	Joann Garvin	Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman
Scott & Jane Owens	Dave Trostle	Dorothy Fasnacht
Dr. Becky Wagner	Dawn Garvin	Dr. Janet Harriger
The Lehman family	Donna Wolf	Deb Lichtenwalner
George DeLong	Joann Peck	Eugene Hartenstine
Mary Lou Shaab	Ron Becker	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
Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline	Nancy Patton	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman	Mary Witmer	Kathleen Sensenig Adams
Erika Otthofer	Danielle Huggins	Holbein

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The people of Turkey & Syria

The family of Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger’s brother-in-law)

Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty)

The Bruno family (friends of Blaine Connor)

Jessica Brown (niece of Mike & Shelley Wagner)

Janice Zimmerman (sister of Ken Zimmerman)

Jack & Sandy Neal (friends of Trinity members)

Joan Nevins (friend of John and Sarah Paulukow)

Janet Grebinger (friend of John and Sarah Paulukow)

Larry Gerlach (brother of Dolly Barr)

James Michaud (Sevi Keares’ teacher)

John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)

Kelly Quick (friend of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)

Marianne Gibble (friend of Trinity)

James Malone & family

Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)

Janet Owens (sister-in-law of Scott & Jane Owens)
Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)
Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig),
Robin McComsey (neighbor of Himelwrights)
Don Pfeifer (husband of Denise Pfeifer)
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)
The Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church)

THE JUNE PARISH POST is available on both floors of the church building.
The deadline for the July/August Parish Post is June 19!

STAFF VACATION: Carol Kratz will be on vacation through June 16. Pastor Rankin will be covering office duties. If you can't reach him at the church office, call him on his cell phone (717-575-0286).

Pastor Chris will be the guest preacher at First Reformed U.C.C.'s Anniversary Sunday on June 18. **The Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen** will be our guest preacher at the 9:30 service (Pastor Chris will be preaching at the 7:45 a.m. service).

DEVOTIONALS: The April-June edition of These Days are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.



ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES: If someone is graduating in your family, please submit their name, school, and future plans with the church office ASAP!

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 is the coordinator for June.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES are available on both floors of the church building.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Greeter /Ushers Needed



If you would like to volunteer as a Greeter/Usher for the 10:30 a.m. service please contact the church office. We recently had some vacancies as ushers, so we are in need of help!!!



Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services. Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer!

2023 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: July 16, 23 & 30. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: July 16, 23 & 30. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Carol in the church office.

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.

Cherry Academy Workshops

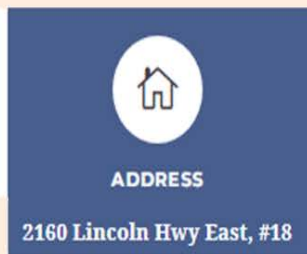


people are food insecure with 1 in 6.5 children struggling with hunger. (data from Feeding America and Central PA Food Bank, 2020 and 2021).

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.

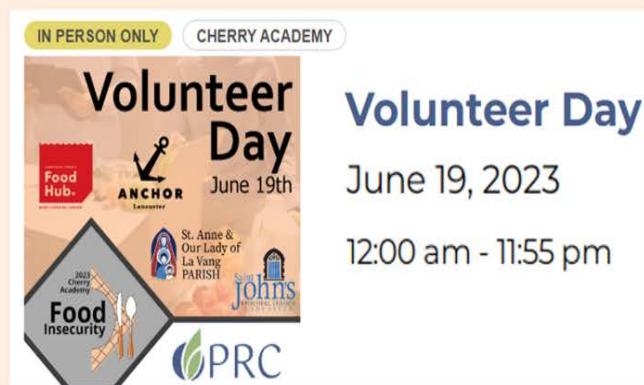


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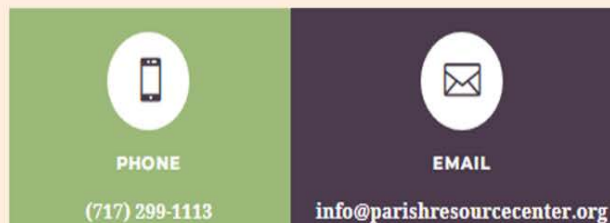
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2160 Lincoln Hwy East, #18



Come volunteer with us at one of several local organizations who are working to fight food insecurity in our community. Register for the organization you would like to volunteer at.

Anchor Lancaster
Lancaster County Food Hub
St Anne and Our Lady of La Vang Church
St. John's Episcopal Church



PHONE

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info@parishresourcecenter.org

ADDRESS FOR ERIKA OTTHOFER

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



Mt. Gretna Tabernacle

MT. GRETTA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2023

Summer at the Tabernacle | Worship, Speakers and Concerts

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle • 3rd St. & Glossbrenner Ave. Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064

Please visit MtGretnaTabernacle.org for any program cancellations. A freewill offering will be received at each program.

June 11 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Jazz Ministers Big Band Directed by Keith Wiley, 18 musicians share the gift of music through Christian worship or concert experience. Musical selections based on standard Christian hymns and Gospel favorites.



June 30 Friday 7 p.m.

Ecumenical Service

"Why God" SEVEN Messiah University, Mechanicsburg, Pa. A group of college-aged musicians share Jesus through musical worship, directed by Dr. Doug Curry. Sponsored by Esther Mefferd, in memory of Pastor Ted Mefferd, Class of '66 from Messiah University.



June 16 Friday 7 p.m. Ecumenical Service

"Once More the People Ask . . . Why God." Rev. Dr. Nathan Minnich, Pastor Emeritus Salem Lutheran Church, Elizabethtown, Pa. & President of Minnich Funeral Homes. Special music by Daniel Dorty, Director of Music & Organist at Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey, Pa.

June 18 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Andy Roberts Jazz Quartet Mt. Gretna's own Andy Roberts will praise God with original jazz song stylings. Sponsored by JoAnn Thomas Show.



June 23 Friday 7 p.m. Ecumenical Service

"Why God Wants Us To Forgive." Rev. Carrie Call, PhD, Conference Minister of the Penn Central Conference, United Church of Christ, Harrisburg, Pa.

June 25 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

New Holland Band Patriotic and spiritual concert, directed by Dr. Kenneth Lauderemilch. Formed in 1829, the New Holland Band is the second oldest municipal band in the nation. Sponsored by Cornwall Manor.



Summer Organ Programs at the Mt. Gretna UMC

June 14 Wednesday 7 p.m.

Emily Dawn Amos, Student at Curtis Institute of Music.

June 21 Wednesday 7 p.m.

Aaron Patterson, Graduate Student at Juilliard School.

June 28 Wednesday 7 p.m.

Daniel Ficarri, Associate Organist, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, NYC.



Special Note: The Rev. Dr. Carrie Call will be preaching on June 23.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: It is not too late to buy S. Clyde Weaver sub coupons to support the Trinity Preschool. The cost is \$8 per coupon. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT TRINITY



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.** Gates open at 5:30 PM – the game is 6:30 PM



FOOD TRUCKS

Stoney's Burgers & Fries
Tri-County Barbeque
TJs Ice Cream
Dutch Country Hand Rolled Soft Pretzels

Peace of Mind Protection Fire House

Save the Date
**FRIENDSHIP FEST
FOOD TRUCK**

**Magician
Eric Vera**

**EVENT
July 16**

4:00-7:00 PM

FACE PAINTING

**BOUNCE HOUSE
no charge**



AUSCULTATION BRASS CONCERT



5:00-6:00 PM

We are in need of volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, and stand at the Trinity Table during the Friendship Fest. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office!

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3:00-7:00 PM

August 27

God's Garden

VBS 2023



Trinity UCC, 2340 State St., East Petersburg

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July 10 - 13 6:30-8:30 PM

Caretaker And Me Class - Under Five With Caretaker

Children's Classes - Five Through Finished Sixth Grade

Youth Volunteers - Contact Mrs. Slechta

Through stories, crafts, games, and music, "God's Garden" explores how Jesus grew, how we grow, and how we spread seeds for others to grow.

As the cycle continues, the "Mustard Plant" grows.

Adults and Teens - Join Rev. Esbenshade. Using the text, *Earthwise: A Guide to Hopeful Creation Care*, the class will spend four evening sessions examining ways in which attendees might examine and embrace ways to enhance creation. Author

of Earthwise, Calvin B. DeWitt, is a professor at the University of Wisconsin-

Madison where he serves on the graduate faculties of Environmental and Resources, Water Resource Management, Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development. This book reflects how he integrates his faith and his work in the science and educational communities.

**July 14 6:30 PM Closing Program - Including
Lancaster County Parks Naturalist Program - Seed Dispersal**

Register through the VBS/Rally Day Page at www.trinityeastpete.org



Sign up sheet for snacks & craft materials for VBS are in hallway outside office.

Volunteers are still needed for VBS:

Through stories, crafts, games, and music, “God’s Garden” explores how Jesus grew, how we grow, and how we spread seeds for others to grow. As the cycle continues, the “Mustard Plant” grows.

We need you to volunteer to help plant these seeds of faith at VBS, July 10-13, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM, with the closing program on July 14 starting at 6:30 PM. Here are some of the volunteer positions that were recently listed as still being available.

Games Leader(s)

Games Assistant(s)

Greeters

Assistant Group Leaders For Grades 3-6, and Caretaker and Me Classes

Possibly could use more:

Craft Assistants

May need story station person/people

Is God calling you to volunteer in one of these roles? If so, please contact Dina Slechta or Diane Rice.

Registration is open, and we already have some children and a Caretaker registered. You can help by spreading the word to your friends and neighbors. Postcards are available on the table across from the church office for you to share with your friends and family.

Please spread the word that VBS is not only for children. Rev. Esbenshade’s class will be studying the book *Earthwise: A Guide to Hopeful Creation Care*. The books are available in the church office at a cost of \$15.

You can register yourself and your children, online, or call the church secretary who can help you with registration. Check out the ads in the bulletins, Parish Post and the postcards.

Want to volunteer some nights and join the adult class on others? We can work with you on that.

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

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 EXTRA Avangaza	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.

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15—6:6

I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek
my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:
^{6:1}“Come, let us return to the LORD;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”
⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Psalm 50:7-15

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when

he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

GOSPEL: Mathew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Next Sunday's Readings: Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23].

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