

**Honoring Our Heritage**, **Moving Forward in Faith!** 

## TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

## Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to:

- --Share God's love with our community
- --Serve God's children
- --Bring healing and wholeness to those in need
- --Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. (Psalm 78:2-3)



Catch the Vision. Share the Joy!!

Dear Friends,

The summer months were filled with a lot of activities at Trinity Church. The fun included mini-golf, the Barnstormers game, VBS, the Friendship Fest, and the church picnic. Now we turn to some busy activities this fall.

The following pages will talk about Rally Day, the East Petersburg parade, concerts, the CROP Walk, the peanut fellowship, pinochle, men's breakfast, prayer shawl, and the various plans for our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There are so many ways for you to be involved in the life of Trinity Church.

As we celebrate our past, I want to share with you some words from the saints of Trinity Church who have gone before us:

**EVERYDAY LIVING THOUGHT** (submitted by Ruth Rohrer in the 1982 Trinity Devotional compiled by the Women's Bible Class)

I am only one

But, I am one.

I cannot do everything

But, I can do something.

And, what I can do, I ought to do.

And by the grace of God

I Will Do It.

THE FISH THAT WENT TO CHURCH (written by May Shaub to commemorate a children's sermon by Rev. Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe on April 10, 1994) I'll tell you a story that's hard to believe.

We didn't know what the minister had up her sleeve.

We can't take this literally, you know,

For her sleeve would have had to grow and grow!

For the fish was LARGE, it wasn't small.

We were surprised to see a fish in church at all!

Not only the children were amazed,

For all the people just sat and gazed.

We've all heard the story again and again, How the disciples were told to be "fishers of men".

Holding up the fish before the congregation,

Was a means of giving us much inspiration.

To the children illustration was made in a delightful way, And for all of us there, it made our day!

Blessings,

Pastor Chris

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## **Worship News**

We will continue to stream the 7:45 a.m. service on the Trinity Facebook page and later upload it to our website. The Eucharist will be celebrated every week at 7:45 a.m. and at the second service on the following dates: September 3(9:30) & 17(10:30).



## TRINITY PRAYER BOOK

In the spring, participants in the Adult Sunday School Class were sharing prayers that were meaningful to their family. Anne Rankin thought it would be good to compile these prayers and create a Trinity prayer book as part of our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. You can submit prayers to Pastor Chris or Anne.

## 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. **Coffee is always available between 7:45 service and Sunday School.** 

## Calling all Singers and Ringers 2023-2024 Season Starts

September 11, 7:00 - 8:00 PM SOT Choir September 18, 8:15 - 8:45 PM Canticle Ringers

> \*New Singers and Ringers Welcome Contact Michael or Dina Slechta

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09/12	Michael Wagner	(717) 569-5167
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09/22	Audria Husted	
09/22	Sawyer Eisenhour	(717) 560-1536
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# Men of Trinity (M.O.T.) Breakfast

The monthly breakfast will be held at the Family Fare Restaurant on September 16 at 8:00 a.m.

Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. This is open to the men of Trinity! You can always invite a friend to join you for breakfast!

## PRAYER SHAWL

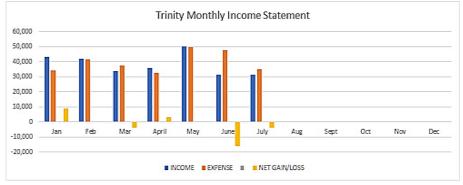
The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, September 19 from 1:00-3:00 PM. They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

## **News from the Finance Committee**

 YTD TOTAL INCOME
 \$267,468
 July Income
 \$31,227

 YTD TOTAL EXPENSES
 \$278,130
 July Expense
 \$35,032

 YTD GAIN/LOSS
 \$-10,662
 MONTHLY GAIN/LOSS
 \$-3,805



# A MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE by Lon Wible, chairperson

As you review the July summary of financial activity included in this edition of Parish Post you will note year-to-date income of \$267,469 and expenses of \$278,898. Seven months into our 2023 fiscal year our expenses are \$11,429 higher than our revenue. The Finance Committee, along with the Deacons and Consistory, have been closely watching an acceleration of church operational expenses. Just as we are experiencing inflationary cost increases for goods and services in our personal lives, so is the church. Inflation has impacted many of our church expenses.

In addition, this year, unexpected air conditioning repair/replacement costs, a sink hole repair, remediation of bat infestation in the sanctuary, and correction of a surface water flow problem have added approximately \$14,000 to our expenses this year. Fortunately, we regularly save some money in a restricted account every month to cover expenses of this nature, so they are taken care of at this time. However, this will cut into our ability to refurbish Isenberg Hall at the pace we were planning, and this project will probably be slowed down.

With member giving remaining flat and expenses growing we will continue to explore ways to control costs. At the same time, as we begin the budget planning process for our 2024 budget, we will need to make some tough choices and prioritize the things that are most important to our church mission. A critical component of our financial monitoring will be to keep everyone informed and provide ample opportunity for feedback and member input. This communication will occur regularly through written communications. We are also exploring the possibility of conducting a couple of brief, face-to-face town hall updates. We will do our best to keep you updated.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Scott Owens (church treasurer).

September Scriptures								
3	Jere. 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matt. 16:21-28							
10	Eze. 33:7-11; Psalm 199:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matt. 18:15-20							
17	Gen. 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-35							
24	Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30							

# **Stewardship Mission Moments**

The Stewardship Committee is organizing speakers to offer a mission moment each month during worship about one of our mission partners we support through Our Gifts to Others and other stewardship concerns. Here is the schedule of mission moments:

**September 24:** Hoffman Homes for Youth (during both services & Sunday School)

## **CALLED TO CARE**

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 situations. Another part of this ministry is transportation to appointments. If you need transportation, please contact the church office. Nancy Enders will be the coordinator for September.

## BUMBLE BEE Elinor M. Nicholas

Relaxing on my balcony with a leisurely glass of tea, to my surprise, what did I see? A large striped bumble bee!

I grabbed a magazine nearby and tried to swat it – but my try missed and alerted it to fly away and go elsewhere; so I

picked up my drink just to see if it was there, or could be; there it was in my glass, busily lapping up my afternoon tea!

## TREASURE IN CLAY JARS by Rev. Jack Esbenshade

In a CBS 60 Minutes episode this spring there was an article on the investments and giving of the Mormon church. The commentator had a dual focus. One direction was on the large portfolio and where those dollars were invested. Church leaders were politely tight lipped and would not divulge where the funds were invested or how proceeds were spent.

But the other direction of the article was on the annual giving of members of the church. The Mormon church has 14 million members who gave \$17 billion in 2022. The commentator made a point to refer to this level of giving as tithing. Being the inquisitive person I am, I sat with my calculator and determined that each member gave \$1,214.00.

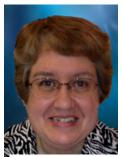
The next day I did additional research. I looked at the budget of Trinity UCC for 2023 - \$429,00.00. And with Carol's (secretary) help, I learned that we have 289 members for an average level of giving \$1,415.00.

While we may not get front page headlines or interviews on national television for our investments or annual giving. We do need to recognize how significant our treasures are. As a congregation we are truly blessed and we reflect those blessings by our giving/tithes/offerings.

Earlier this year we welcomed new members into the congregation. Some by letter of transfer and others by confirmation. At those services the new members received words of welcome, congratulations and a box of offering envelopes. On the surface, that may seem a bit crass. But in reality it reflects the importance of creating and sustaining a spirit of generosity and a giving mentality.

While it may appear that we do not have deep pockets, we certainly have generous hearts.

## **CHRISTINE OETAMA TO RETIRE**



Christine Oetama recently submitted her letter of resignation/retirement effective November 1. She indicated that this will give her time to be with her children and grandchildren. The Consistory regretfully accepted her letter. Due to a scheduled vacation on October 29, Christine's last Sunday with us will be October 22. Christine began as our organist on January 8, 2017. We give thanks for her contributions to our music ministry over the last 6 years. We are especially

grateful for her leadership with our string ensemble. She also stated in her letter that she will be serving as a substitute organist in the area and is willing to serve Trinity in this capacity in the future. We hope you will be with us on October 22 as we recognize Christine's ministry with us.

## ECHOES OF THE PAST--CELEBRATING TRINITY'S 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

## **BY DIANE RICE**

## **CELEBRATING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

One of Christian Education's goals is to spread the Word of God in Christ and encourage active participation in Trinity's Christian Education Program. We have certainly been doing that for a very long time!



There have been three active and engaged adult Sunday School Classes in recent years, Good News, Bible Discovery, and Christian Issues Today. When needed there has been a young adult class. Children from Crib-Toddler through Senior High classes have participated in learning through various curricula and experiences in and out of the classroom. Throughout the year, especially during Lent or Advent classes have joined together to share a book study, speaker or devotional. Who remembers something about dust bunnies or a dog in a manger? Throughout the years there has also been attention paid to social justice through speakers and workshops. Recent years have seen us participating in the Safe Church program to

ensure the well-being of all our students and teachers.

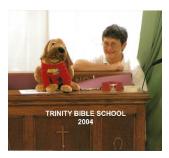
Christian Education supported teachers by arranging workshops at the Parish Resource Center and by honoring them at fun Teacher Appreciation Nights. Students of all ages were valued and treats shared on special occasions. Who remembers making a lot of molded chocolate lollipops at church or better yet, eating one at Christmas or Valentine's Day?

In 1980, Christian Education initiated Koinonia as a time of fellowship to be held in the time between Sunday School and the worship service.

As part of its work the committee planned spring and fall mission projects. Competitions arose between classes in the Great Paper Caper when we collected paper products for Crispus Attucks or Little Shoes to Fill found us collecting gently used children's shoes to send overseas. Other missions included UNICEF, Heffer Project, a Walk-a-Thon for Hope House, Health Kit Sunday in 1979, Hygiene Kits for U.C.C. Disaster Relief in 2019, and Habitat for Humanity.

Social events were also planned to raise money for missions. Halloween parties collected for UNICEF as did the Halloween Hoe-Down square dances. The CROP Walk for Hunger has been a regular fall project for many years at Trinity.

To help fill the summer gap of no Sunday School, each adult class took a summer month to sponsor an activity. Activities included a luau, game night, visit to the mountains for a picnic and other activities in the summer. Each year a Promotion Day was held in June to honor teachers and students as they moved to new classes for the next year. Programs and activities were planned. One year there was a potter, another a puppet show, and a ventriloquist performed once. Classes were also asked to showcase something they learned through the year. One adult class did a recreation of pigs being run into the sea or was it over a cliff?



Vacation Bible School goes back to 1985 when Consistory granted permission to plan VBS. It wasn't until 1988 that the first VBS was held in July. The theme Living for God got the ball rolling and it has gone far! Since then, it has flourished and celebrated many themes and supported many mission projects. 2004 saw the appearance of the bloodhound "HQ," now known as Digger. He's been back most years in his many different costumes always looking for food! He even appeared in our 2020 virtual VBS. The mission component of VBS has supported many causes including Hounds of Hope Prison Education, Red Rose K 9 Search and Rescue Team, Neimours DuPont Children's Hospital, Hempfield Power Packs, Dig Deep Navajo Water Project!

In autumn, it's time for a day known as Fall Sunday School Day, or Kick-off Sunday or Rally Day. It's a time to introduce teachers and students and to get everyone excited about the new Sunday School year. In 1990, Rally Day

took it to a whole new level when the Trinity Players presented the musical "Daniel, Darius and deLion" on September 23. What a hit it was! That led to many more wonderful productions. In 2009 the Rally Day Musical "Sermon on the Mound" was tied to the theme of VBS "Hitting Home Runs for God." That practice has continued over several years.

Trinity has certainly been blessed with a strong tradition of Christian Education, finding many ways to grow as new persons in Christ and to share His love and presence with the world. May we continue to do so into the next 150 years!

- RALLY DAY MUSICALS/PROGRAMS 1990 DANIEL, DARIUS & DeLION 1991 THE TROUBBLE OF ZERUBBABEL 1992 OH, JONAH - A WHALE OF A TALE 1993 BABBLE AT BABEL 1994 WHAT'S NEW CORKY? 1995 MESSAGES AND MEMORIES - A REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MUSICALS **1996** A TECHNICOLOR PROMISE 1997 SAINT-A-BRATION - ROBERT BROCK AND THE HOLE-IN-THE-WALL PUPPETS 1998 TELL IT LIKE IT IS 1999 HANDS FOR CHRIST MINISTRY – PERFORMING SIGN LANGUAGE AND MUSIC 2000 IT'S ALL ABOUT FAITHE 2001 MR. MUSIC - INTERACTIVE MUSICAL PROGRAM 2002 LOST AND FOUND 2003 LYNN SOMERS &FRIENDS - MINISTRY OF PUPPETS AND MUSIC 2004 TO 2008 SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF DAYS 2009 SERMON ON THE MOUND - VBS TIE-IN 2010 FATHER KNOWS BEST - VBS 2011 THE SECRET OF MY SUCCESS - BUILDING ON THE ROCK 2012 PILGRIM - A MUSICAL BASED ON "PILGRIM'S PROGRESS" 2013 GOD'S JOB SQUAD 2014 THAT'S SO DANIEL! 2015 ARE WE THERE YET? 2017 UNDER GOD'S SEA IN 3-D 2018 365 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS EACH YEAR 2019 RALLY DAY MUSICALS THROUGH THE AGES - A REVIEW OF PAST MUSICALS 2021 "A WRINKLE IN TIME" PERFORMANCE FILMED DURING VBS ACTIVITIES **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THEMES & DIRECTORS** 1988 JULY 25-29 LIVING FOR GOD (AN EXTENSION OF BIBLEWAYS SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM) KAREN OLLEY & DIANE RICE 1989 JULY 23-27 LIVING FOR GOD 1990 JULY 22-26 LIVING FOR GOD KAREN OLLEY 1991 JULY 21-25 LIVING FOR GOD KAREN OLLEY & JULIE REESE 1992 JULY 19-24 TOGETHER IN JESUS' NAME JULIE REESE & KAREN OLLEY 1993 JULY 25-30 LIVING IN GOD'S CREATION JULIE REESE 1994 **BENEATH THE STORY TELLING TREE** JULIE REESE & DIANE MINNICH
- 1990 JULY 22-26
  1991 JULY 21-25
  1992 JULY 19-24
  1993 JULY 25-30
  1994 BENEATH THE STORY TELLING TREE
  1995 JULY 23-28
  1996 FIREDSHIP ADVENTURES WITH JESUS CHERIE CATALDI 7 DIANE MINNICH
  1997 JULY 13-18
  1998 JULY 12-17
  1999 JULY 25-30
  2000 JULY 25-30
  2001 JULY 17-23
  2002 JUNE 23-28
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  2008 KAREN OLLEY
  2009 LIVING IN GOD'S CREATION JULIE REESE
  2010 BENEATH THE STORY TELLING TREE JULIE REESE & DIANE MINNICH
  2011 SONTOWN FAMILY CELEBRATION
  2012 FIREDSHIP ADVENTURES WITH JESUS CHERIE CATALDI 7 DIANE MINNICH
  2014 CELEBRATE JESUS MICHAEL SLECHTA
  2015 GREAT BIBLELAND DIG-EXPLORING THE LIFE OF JESUS MICHAEL SLECHTA
  2016 JULY 17-23
  2017 JULY 17-23
  2018 JULY 17-23
  2019 JULY 17-24
  2019 JULY 11-16
  2019 JULY 11-16

- 2006 AUG. 7-11 GROWING IN FAITH ON TRINITY'S FARM DIANE RICE
- **2007** JULY16-20 (NOT SURE OF THEME) TAMI LEHMAN
- **2008** JULY 28-AUG.1 **SHARING GOD'S LOVE** DIANE RICE
- 2009 JULY 13-17 HITTING HOMERUNS FOR GOD (DIGGER APPEARS) DIANE RICE & DINA SLECHTA (FIRST TIE IN FOR A RALLY DAY MUSICAL TO THE VBS THEME, "SERMON ON THE MOUND")
- **2010** JULY 5-9 **TRUST AND OBEY** DINA SLECHTA, ROB HOLLENBACH, DIANE RICE (ADD TEEN/ADULT TOPIC) *RALLY DAY MUSICAL "FATHER KNOWS BEST"*
- 2011 JULY 11-15 JESUS—BUILDING ON THE ROCK DINA SLECHTA RALLY DAY, "SECRET OF MY SUCCESS"
- 2012 JULY 9-13 A JOURNEY DINA SLECHTA RALLY DAY. "PLIGRIM'S PROGRESS"
- 2013 JULY 8-12 GOD'S JOB SQUAD SERVICE AND DEVOTION DINA SLECHTA & DIANE RICE
- 2014 JULY 7-11 BEATITUDES ATTITUDES DINA SLECHTA & DIANE RICE RALLY DAY, "THAT'S SO DANIEL"
- **2015** JULY 6-10 **GOD ISN'T FINISHED WITH ME YET!** DINA SLECHTA & DIANE RICE **RALLY DAY, "ARE WE THERE YET?"**
- **2016** JULY 12, 13, 14 **FAMILY FUN SERIES** (HELD IN THE EASTPETERSBURG COMMUNITY BUILDING DUE TO CONSTRUCTION IN THE CHURCH) DINA SLECHTA & DIANE RICE
- 2017 JULY 10-14 DIVING INTO GOD'S SEAS DINA SLECHTA & DIANE RICE RALLY DAY, "UNDER GOD'S SEA IN 3D"
- 2018 JULY 9-13 THROUGH THE WARDROBE DOOR (BASED ON THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA BY C. S. LEWIS DINA SLECHTA & DIANE RICE RALLY DAY. "365 DAYSOF CHRISTMAS EACH YEAR!"
- **2019** JULY 8-12 KNIT IN GOD'S LOVE DINA SLECHTA & DIANE RICE RALLY DAY, TAPE OF OUR MUSICALS THROUGH THE YEARS COMPILED BY THEODORE SLECHTA
- 2020 JULY 13-17 STILL KNIT IN GOD'S LOVE A HUGE EFFORT BY THE SLECHTA FAMILY TO CREATE AN ONLINE VBS USING THE TALENTS OF MANY IN THE CONGREGATION THERE WAS A TEEN/ADULT COMPONENT USING "THE GIFT OF HARD THINGS IN UNEXPECTED PLACES"
- 2021 JULY 12-16 DARE TO BE DIFFERENT (BASED ON THE BOOK "A WRINKLE IN TIME" BY MADELINE L'ENGLE) DINA SLECHTA & DIANE RICE RALLY DAY, SHOWING OF THE PLAY "A WRINKLE IN TIME" FILMED IN SEGMENTS ACTED OUT BY MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND EDITED TOGETHER BY THE SLECHTAS
- 2022 JULY 18-22 WADE IN THE WATER DINA SLECHTA AND DIANE RICE
- 2023 JULY 10-14 GOD'S GARDEN DINA SLECHTA & DIANE RICE



# 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service/Luncheon at Blue Collar October 29

Service is 10:30 and luncheon at 12:30! The Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Guest Preacher

## Menu (you will choose one):

- --Barbecue Chicken (tangy vinegar-based barbecue sauce), fries, and green beans
- --Salmon with citrus sauce, farro, and green beans
- --Stuffed Pork Loin (port wine sauce) rosemary potatoes, and green beans

All meals will include assorted rolls, drinks (tea, water, coffee), and dessert

Children's menu: cheeseburger, mac & cheese, and chicken bites with fries.

**Price:** \$20 for adults/\$7 for children (Trinity will pay the other portion of the meal price)

Tickets will be sold from September 10 through October 13!

The committee is ordering shirts through Mitch Gibson (from Elizabethtown Sporting Goods) to celebrate our 175th anniversary. Watch for details in the bulletins about ordering your Trinity shirt.

Contact a committee member for more information: Dolly Barr, Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen, Donna Geisler, Diane Rice, or Pastor Rankin.

## **Share Your Stories/Memories of Trinity Church**

The 175th Anniversary Committee invites members of the congregation to share your stories and memories of Trinity Church for our November Echoes of the Past article. What are some of the things you remember from our past? Who are some of the people you remember? For some of our newer members, what drew you to Trinity Church? Whether you have been here 50 years or you recently joined, we want to hear from you!! **Please submit your stories/memories to the church office by October 6.** 

# KEY POLICY – At their May meeting, the Consistory approved a new key policy. Please review it and contact Cherie Cataldi (President) or Jeff Hackenberger (Vice President) if you have any questions.

- 1. Records of authorized key holders will be maintained by the church's Administrative Assistant and kept on file in the church office. Keys shall be returned within 30 days when they are no longer needed by the holder or the use is terminated by change of position, and the return will be documented.
- 2. It is the responsibility of the Pastor and Administrative Assistant to monitor who is in possession of keys and to request the return of keys from persons no longer authorized to hold them. Keys are not to be loaned to unauthorized persons or kept beyond the time that they are needed.
- 3. Key holders are required to sign a Key Receipt Form, which includes a Statement of Compliance. They are also to be provided with a copy of this policy.
- 4. There will be one key per household.
- 5. No key holder will use his or her key to access the church with a child or children not his or her own (or of whom the key holder is not a legal guardian or foster parent) at a time when there is no church related activity being held in which the child and key holder are involved. This is intended to prevent a situation where an adult key holder is alone with a child in the facility.
- 6. Lost keys will incur an actual cost of replacement.
- 7. Annually, the Pastor will provide a list of authorized key holders to the Consistory for review.

## 2023 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS

Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: October 29, December 17 & 31. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: September 3 & 24. Upcoming dates for flowers are September 17. 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.

## **COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY**

Trinity's next community meal will be Tuesday, September 26-5:00 PM at First Reformed in Lancaster city. Volunteer and donation signup papers will be posted. Trinity will be serving chicken and waffles. Thanks for your continued support serving the food insecure.

# TRINITY U.C.C. East Petersburg, PA Rally Day Homecoming

Celebration!

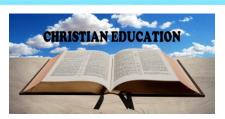
## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WANTS TO SEE YOU!**

Refreshments!

WHO: All are invited – past participants of VBS,
Rally Day musicals, Sunday School teachers &
students – all who support Trinity Church
WHAT: Activities for all ages; Reminiscing the
threads that bind us together; Trinity Trivia,
Music from the past & present, games for
KIDS!

WHEN: Sunday, September 10, 2023 – 9:00 AM

WHERE: Isenberg Hall



- The Children's Class will meet in the lower classroom and will be using the Spark lectionary based curriculum. These Sunday school lessons connect kids with Bible stories heard in worship. The Bible story have lessons that are packed with activities, interactive games, and creative crafts. Fall Year A covers Jesus' teachings and parables in 11 lessons for Pentecost.
- 2. Adult/Youth Bible Class will be studying *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton. Using historical background, archaeological findings, and stories of the faith, Adam Hamilton retraces the footsteps of Jesus from his baptism to the temptations to the heart of his ministry, including the people he loved, the enemies he made, the parables he taught, and the roads he traveled. The class will meet in Isenberg Hall and will be led by Sue Bowman and Pastor Rankin. There will be opportunities for the youth to have breakout sessions during the class.
- 3. The Wired Word (Christian Issues Today) Adult Class will meet in the Choir Room. Each week they will have a Bible study lesson linked to the latest headlines and current events using appropriate scriptures. Students can opt in or out of receiving the lesson by email before Sunday. To opt in before the first session, contact Diane Rice with your email address.

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## IN REMEMBRANCE

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:28 NRSV)



**Lee Bossert** joined the Church Triumphant on August 6, 2023. A memorial service conducted by Pastor Rankin was held at Trinity Church on August 19. A dedicated member of Trinity since 1977, Lee served on various committees and the Consistory; helped on Sunday mornings as an usher, money counter, and nursery attendant; delivered flowers to homebound members; helped every year to plant the geraniums in front of the church; and delivered his famous meatloaf to church members following an illness or hospitalization. Lee was known in the wider community as a math teacher and basketball

coach at McCaskey High School. Following his retirement, he taught driver's education at Hempfield High School. Please keep his children, Curt and Beth; his grandchildren, Michelle, Kevin, and Hillary; and the rest of his family in prayer.



**Eugene Hartenstine**, a member of Trinity Church since 1971, joined the Church Triumphant on August 18, 2023. A memorial service conducted by Pastor Rankin was held on August 31 at Trinity Church. Gene had a long career in commercial truck dealerships as Service Director and Vice President. Please keep his wife, Rhonda, his son, Jeff; his granddaughters, Kendall and Taylor; and the rest of his family in prayer.

## PEANUT FELLOWSHIP

We will be starting peanuts on September 26th.

We need help. We start at 7:00 AM & end at 2:00 PM.

Anytime you can help would be
greatly appreciated. Great fellowship and potluck
lunch. Peanuts will be \$6.00 per lb. Please pay by
cash or check. You can place your orders at church or
call Pat Seachrist at 717-392-1427.

Christmas orders must be placed by November 1st. Schedule: Sept. 26, Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 14, 28, and Dec. 5. Hope to see you there!

Sue Husted, Pat Seachrist, & Shelley Wagner







## DATES

Thursday, September 28-1:30 PM Friday, October 20-7:00 PM Thursday, November 16-1:30 PM Friday, December 15-7:00 PM

## Save the Date



ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

2023

CROP HUNGER WALK

BUILDING Global RESILIENCE

The 51st Annual Lancaster CROP Walk In memory of Father Alexander Veronis

> October 15, 2023 1:00 Registration 1:30 PM Program 2:00 PM Walk Begins at the

Annunciation Greek
Orthodox Church

64 Hershey Ave. Lancaster, PA



https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/lancasterpa
For more information contact
Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin
chris@trinityeastpete.org

## OLD GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE



On Sunday, September 10, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., Old Zion German Reformed Church,

Brickerville, will conduct an annual anniversary service. The service provides an

opportunity to reflect on Old Zion's rich history and faith traditions. This year's theme will be "Moravians: Threat or Salvation," and will explore the sometimes contentious, sometimes compatible faith relationships between members of the German Reformed and Moravian Churches in the Eighteenth Century. The German Reformed Church is an early predecessor of the modern United Church of Christ. The theme reflects the historical controversy between members of the Moravian and Reformed Churches, who competed for the attention of believers as they established congregations throughout Central Pennsylvania. That controversy has long since passed, as reflected in the recent merger of the Lancaster Theological Seminary and the Moravian Seminary.

Rev. William LaSalle will portray a Reformed pastor of Old Zion in the mid-1700s. Dr. Lee Barrett, Professor of Systematic Theology at Lancaster Theological Seminary, will explore the theme in his sermon by the same title. The worship service will include music and hymns from the period and will feature the Ephrata Cloister Chorus under the direction of Dr. Mark Herr. The Cloister Chorus will sing songs from the Ephrata Cloister along with music from the Reformed and Moravian traditions. J.P. Welliver, Director of Music at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Penryn, will play the historical pump organ at Old Zion as part of the service.

Please join us for an afternoon of faith, music, history, and fellowship. Refreshments will be served after the service. Old Zion German Reformed Church is located near Brickerville at 187 Reifsnyder Rd.

## **TRINITY CEMETERY**

Any member of Trinity United Church of Christ may purchase a plot of ground for burying purposes. The price is \$800.00 per grave plus a \$250 maintenance fee, paid for by the purchaser. Contact the church secretary to purchase a plot/s or for more information.



**BARNSTORMERS 2023** 



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023** 



## **FRIENDSHIP FEST 2023**





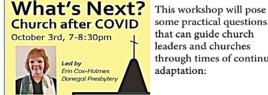
## **Parish Resource Center**







## ZOOM ONLY CHURCH LIFE



some practical questions that can guide church leaders and churches through times of continued adaptation:



Church Life What are our Workshop congregation's assets -

strengths, passions, energy?What is the compelling reason that people want to be involved with us?

What is our mission in our world and neighborhood? Can we realistically work towards this mission with our current congregational strengths? Many church-goers and leaders are tired, and simply wish to be "back to normal," meaning like they were pre-covid. But as congregations accept this time of continued adaptation, they may discover a new identity and future for their congregation.



## **CHERRY ACADEMY**

## ZOOM

Come learn from three local food pantries about how they operate and how they approach addressing food insecurity in their neighborhood.

Learn how you can get food or refer people to get food as well as how to volunteer and support the efforts of these pantries.

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9/10 (10:30)	Charlene Cristy/ Karen Olley	Kayla Brennan/ Rachel Baynard	Steve Shenk, Dave Connor, Charlene Cristy, Scott Summers, Andrew Rankin, Zach Baynard, Karen Olley, Kathy McCarty	Jack Esbenshade/ Sally Rodenberger	Richards	Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk, Bob Bistline	Richards
9/17 (10:30)	Cherie Cataldi/ Dottie Schadt	Sandy DeLong/ Jodi Keller	Mike Wagner, Shelley Wagner, George DeLong, Anne Rankin, Rachel Baynard, Stan Seachrist, Andrew Rankin, Betty Tyndall	Jack Esbenshade/ Sue Bowman	Eyer	Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller, Denise Pfeiffer	
9/24 (10:30)	Pat Seachrist/ Shelley Wagner	Charlene Cristy/ Hedwig Hunsicker	Theodore Slechta, Jane Starr, John Bailey, Denise Huggins, Dottie Schadt, Tim Geiger, Lon Wible, Dan Otthofer	Diane Rice		Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller, Denise Pfeiffer	P. Miller

## **Other Ministry Volunteers**

**ALTAR GUILD:** September

3 & 10 – Nancy Enders, Hedwig Hunsicker, Karen Olley,

Sally Rodenberger

17 & 24 – Nancy Enders, Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy

TRINITY BREAD: September

3 - Autumn Shenk 10 - Betty Fogle 17 - Joan Sensenig 24 - Charlene Cristy **September** 

Visitation Minister (Phone Calls): Anita Rohrer

**Building Trustee** – Dave Connor

Card Ministry: Children Sunday School Class

Called to Care: Nancy Enders

## 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 10:30 a.m. services. Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer.

## **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

Betty Fogle is our nursery coordinator. If you are interested in providing nursery care for children during the 9:30 service, please contact Betty at 717-471-1026 or <a href="mailto:bettsfog@comcast.net">bettsfog@comcast.net</a>. NOTE: Dottie Schadt is willing to serve as a substitute

## 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? Would you like to deliver the chancel flowers after worship to members of the congregation? If so, contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz.



Many thanks for your prayers, cards and words of support during my right hip replacement surgery and rehab. Much appreciated. I am happy to report rehab is going well. Peace be with us.---*Rebecca Wagner* 

Thanks you for the bouquet of altar flowers - so lovely!--- *Elinor Nicholas* 

I wish to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during my recovery from my quadruple bypass surgery. They sure helped because my recovery is going much better than I expected. Thank you!

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Mike Wagner

Dear Trinity UCC,

Thank you for your gift of \$200 on 6/6/23. Your gift makes a difference in our mission to create more affordable homeownership opportunities for hard working families in Lancaster & Lebanon Counties.

It has been an exciting spring here at Habitat at our South 5<sup>th</sup> street building Columbia Borough. On May 3, we officially broke ground at the build site. Excavators are working on digging out the basements for the four new affordable homes that will be built.

One of these homebuyers is Kasahun, his wife Tibka, and their three daughters. Originally from Ethiopia, Kasahun moved to Lancaster with his family for an opportunity to build a life as a pastor at Oromo Evangelical church. By partnering with Habitat Kasahun and his family have been rolling up their sleeves and getting to work on their sweat equity hours and are excited to begin working on their own home in Columbia.

We have a lot of work upcoming this year, and together with partners like you, we can do our part in answering the call for more decent, affordable homes in the communities we serve. On behalf of our Habitat team, thank you again for lifting up our mission

Warmly

Amy Balestier, Director of Development & Communications

Dear Trinity United Church of Christ,

Thank you for graciously investing your financial resources in the ministry of Love INC of Lancaster County. Your gifts of \$83.00 and \$805.00 sustains our ability to build and activate a strong network of churches that serve Lancaster County people in need. We are very thankful that you believe in our ministry!

When you give to Love INC of Lancaster County, you are contributing to hundreds of neighbors being served across the County. Your investment helps Love INC empower gifts present in church congregations round Lancaster and connect gifted church members to neighbors in need. You then become a part of nearly 450 volunteers from 56 unique churches, transforming lives, in this community!

Sincerely,

John A. Rairigh, Executive Director Love INC of Lancaster County

Dear Trinity UCC.

We are proud to provide compassionate person-centered care to every resident who calls Phoebe Home, and charitable care when needed. You help us fulfil our mission, and you also help us provide the opportunities that make life worth living, like seasonal celebrations, enriching community life activities, and uplifting spiritual programs.

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Phoebe. We can't thank you enough for your support and commitment to those we serve.

With gratitude,

Kristine Paupini, Donor relations Coordinator

## 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 Deadline to Order: February 27, 2023

\* 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 • berb mix • Parmesan

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

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

## 17 sub certificates are left!



THE PARK CITY DINER 884 Plaza Blvd. Lancaster, PA 17601 717-435-8512 parkcitydiner.us

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Lititz, PA. 17543
717-490-6198
knddiner.com

Every time you eat at our diners you will be making a donation to

## \*TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST-East Petersburg\*

# VOTED BEST DINER IN LANCASTER COUNTY 11 YEARS IN A ROW (Lancaster Newspaper Readers' Choice Awards)- 2021 TAKE-OUT AND CURBSIDE AT THE ABOVE NUMBERS

The Park City and Knight and Day Diners want to thank you, the local community, for your votes, to honor our diners, 11 years in a row, as: THE BEST DINERS IN LANCASTER COUNTY!! We want to give back to the community by offering our "SHARING OUR SUCCESS" (SOS) Program to local non-profits. We will donate 10% of your sales to the non-profit listed above. During checkout, at either diner, please ask the cashier to donate your sale to the non-profit listed below. The card does not need to be presented. (please give the name as shown to avoid confusion). At absolutely NO additional cost, you will be helping your non-profit with donations every time you, your friends and relatives eat at either diner, 24 hours a day,

7 days a week. This includes take out meals, use of our free banquet rooms for meetings or parties.

# Trinity UCC 175th Anniversary Organ Concert

Featuring Current and Former Trinity Organists:
Christine Oetama, Nancy Enders, Dennis Dezort, and Thomas D. Busteed
Followed by Light Refreshments

# Sunday, September 24 Concert 3:00 PM

2340 State St.
East Petersburg, PA
(717) 569-1632
www.TrinityEastPete.org

## **Public Welcome**

Freewill Offering Benefits Trinity's Ministry of Music

## Also join us for:

QuintEssentially Brass Concert Oct. 22nd at 4:00 PM

Christmas Concert Dec. 3rd at 6:00 PM Followed By Desserts







# **QuintEssentially Brass**

Sun., Oct. 22, 2023 Concert 4:00 PM

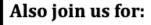
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Thanksgiving Eve Service Nov. 22nd 7:00 PM

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10 RALLY DAY 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Worship	11 Patriot Day 7:00 PM Choir	7:00 PM Property Committee	7:00 PM Finance Committee	14 10:00 AM Mercersburg 6:00 PM Parish Life Committee 6:00 PM Scouts	15	16 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA
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24 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Worship 3:00 PM Organ Concert	25 7:00 PM Choir 8:15 PM Bells	26 7:00 AM Peanut Fellowship 5:00 PM Community Meal @ First Reformed	27	28 1:30 PM Pinochle 6:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Pastor Parish Committee	29	30 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA

TRINITY UCC PRESCHOOL



**WELCOME** We hope Trinity Preschool will become an increasingly familiar and pleasant experience for you and your child. Your teachers, assistants, and director are all very happy to have you as part of our school community! These monthly newsletters will be one very important way to communicate school happenings and information. May we suggest you keep them for future reference? If you have someone else providing transportation for your child, would you please be sure to pass relevant information onto them? Thank you very much!

ARKING SAFETY *Please try to avoid backing up in the parking lot.* Pull into your space so you can pull out when you leave. This provides better visibility around young children. Caregivers carrying infants, please feel free to use the handicap spaces close to the door! Thank you!

**BUILDING ACCESS POLICY** To ensure the safety of our children at school, the doors will be locked during the school day. They will be unlocked for 15 minutes around times for the drop-off and pick-up of children. If you would need to enter the building at other times during the school day, please use the doorbell at the front entrance of our building. The church secretary or staff member will let you in at this entrance.

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ONLY 5 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS BEGINS AND ARRIVE 5 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS ENDS. OUR TEACHERS' PREPARATION TIME IS PRECIOUS! EACH CLASS BEGINS WITH CENTERS TIME, A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE MORNING!



**BACKPACKS** Please check your child's backpack daily. Notes from teachers, reminders, and information about future events are sent home weekly! Emails and text messages are used as well. Be sure to keep us informed of your address and current phone number!

COMMUNICATION IS IMPORTANT TO US

When calling **569-1632**, if you get the answering machine or the line is busy, try calling the second number, **569-0592**. Please add these numbers to your contacts in your phone. If no one answers and you want to leave a message, the answering machine is connected to **569-1632**. Check out our website and Facebook page. Periodically, we will update these sites with helpful information.

IN CASE OF SCHOOL CLOSINGS OR DELAYS We will follow Hempfield School District's delays or closings. If HSD is delayed, we will follow OUR modified schedule. If HSD is closed, we are closed. Modified schedule is: Morning sessions will meet 10:30-12:30, and Enrichment class 12:30-2:30.

## JUST A REMINDER

- Submit car pool lists to teachers. If someone else is picking up your child, please notify the teacher in writing.
- Please label bags, sweaters, hats, etc. with your child's name.
- All paints we use are water-based (usually tempera), and should wash out with soaking. Paint smocks are always offered to your child but learning is messy work!
- Your child wants to be independent! Plan outfits to help them be successful!
- Watch email for sign-up sheets and other valuable communication.

PARENTING TIPS Is your little one expressing anxieties about preschool? Their confidence begins with you! Let him know you are certain he can do it! Your child will pick up any sense of uncertainty you might have and needs to know you're excited for him to have this preschool experience. We will offer your child nurturing, warmth, and caring while he learns about himself and his world in a safe environment! We hope that you each look forward to your time at Trinity! Your teachers are happy to let you know how things are going in the classroom!

MR SEAN & MISS KELLY'S 4-DAY CLASS How exciting! We are on our way to making new friends and learning so many neat things! During the month of September we will be making friends and talking about us! We will explore our names and learn about each other's names. We will have fun sorting objects as well as playing some group games. Mr Sean and Miss Kelly are super excited to start this fun new school year!

MISS KAREN & MRS COX'S 3-DAY CLASS Hello & welcome to our students and families! Miss Karen & Mrs. Cox are so excited to start a fun year and happy to see both new and familiar faces in the classroom. September will be full of activities about School Friends, I Am Special, Alphabet, Counting, Colors, and Fall things. We will become familiar with the classroom routines and play with our new friends. Welcome to a great new year in the 3 Day Class!

MISS KAREN & MRS COX'S 2-DAY CLASS Hello to all our students and families in our 2-Day Class! Are you ready for a big adventure? Miss Karen & Mrs. Cox are so excited to start a new year with lots of new friends. September is the month to learn about school routines, make new friends, explore the season of Fall, and do lots of painting, coloring and cutting with scissors. We have a great month planned for you!

MISS CRYSTAL & MISS KELLY'S TINY TOTS CLASS Miss Crystal and Miss Kelly are so excited to meet you! We will wear some red, play with circles, and learn all about us. Do you like school buses? We are going to learn "The Wheels on the Bus" and "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes! Hope you are ready for some fun!

TRUTH TO MAKE YOU GRIN There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is

roots, the other, wings. Henry Ward Beecher

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