

TRINITY U.C.C. PARISH POST April

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Friends,

On April 7, we will celebrate the 56th anniversary of our church building. Some of our members will recall a week of dedication services that began on Monday, April 1, 1968 and concluded with the Service of Dedication on Palm Sunday, April 7, 1968. The Rev. James Moyer, the first President of Penn Central Conference and a predecessor of Dr. Carrie Call, was the preacher. How wonderful it will be to gather in worship this year on April 7 and recall that special moment in 1968.

In this space, I want to reflect on how our church building is used to help us live out our vision. You will obviously see some overlap in the different categories.

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to share God's love with our community:

--As I mentioned in last month's article, our building is used by the community through the Trinity Preschool, the AA group, the Scouts, the Life Line Screening, and as a polling site on Election Day.

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to serve God's children:

--Trinity's building welcomes children and youth through our preschool, the Scouts, Sunday School/youth group events, and Vacation Bible School.

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to bring healing and wholeness to those in need:

--We have a dedicated group of women who gather each month for our prayer shawl ministry. There are also people who are unable to attend the monthly gathering, but they knit or crochet shawls and pocket prayer squares at home. In the midst of knitting or crocheting, they are praying for members and friends of our congregation who are in need of God's healing love.

--We include the order of healing several times a year as a way to seek God's healing love for ourselves or our loved ones.

--The community gathers together to support one another in times of grief and loss. We will soon be forming a small group to help one another in the midst of the various losses we grieve in life.

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to share the Gospel in liturgy, music, and study:

--We gather weekly as the community of faith to worship God, to study the scriptures, and grow in our faith. This continues in the summer through our vibrant Vacation Bible School.

--Musicians gather each week for rehearsals. They lead us in worship by helping us to praise to God through the gift of music.

--We invite outside musicians to help us praise and honor God through our concert series.

As we celebrate the 56th anniversary of our church building, I look forward to your presence with us as we "catch the vision and share the joy" in following the risen Christ! I hope you will invite someone to join you for one of these ministries at Trinity Church!

Blessings,
Pastor Chris

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 was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

(Psalm 122:1; was part of the dedication service on April 7, 1968)



*Catch the Vision,
Share the Joy!!*

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CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS by Bob Kilgore, Consistory Sec.

- Consistory authorized the Property Committee to make the necessary repairs to light sensors in the first-floor hallway.
- Approved a recommendation from the Finance Committee to add some additional insurance coverage.
- Accepted the report from the Church Audit Committee with some recommendations to be sent to the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee. The Consistory also has some questions to be addressed about the audit process.
- Pastor Rankin discussed the various staff transitions:
 1. Michael Querry is ready to begin as sexton on April 1.
 2. Amy Hummer finished as the Interim Preschool Director on February 29. The Preschool Board is continuing to search for a new director. In the meantime, Pastor Rankin and Carol Kratz are taking care of administrative duties for the Trinity Preschool.
 3. The Music Committee continues their search for a new organist.

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 10:30 a.m. service on April 14 & 28. New Members will be received on April 21.

Welcome to Our New Sexton



Mike Querry is no stranger to Trinity Church. The son of Barry & Merry Querry, Mike grew up at Trinity Church and even attended the Trinity Preschool. In his application letter, Mike mentioned that he was confirmed at Trinity Church by Rev. Geisler. He retired in 2023 after teaching Language Arts and 21st Century Technology Classes in the Conestoga Valley School District for 34 years. He also taught reading and composition classes at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. Mike coached football at Conestoga Valley from 1994-2022 and is currently on the football coaching staff at the Eastern Lancaster County School District.

In his retirement, Mike was looking for part-time employment while maintaining his coaching position. As a retired teacher, Mike will bring an organized and systematic approach to keeping our church building clean for the various activities and ministries that happen here on a weekly basis. He also has a deep love for Trinity Church and will make sure this building is maintained throughout the week.

If you see Mike when you stop in the building throughout the week, make sure you say hi to him! I am sure some faces will be familiar to him, but others will be new faces. Welcome aboard, Mike!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|-------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 04/02 | Cindy Olena | (717) 229-1606 |
| 04/03 | Lori Daly | (717) 898-5811 |
| 04/03 | Jordyn Schuessler | (717) 314-6101 |
| 04/04 | Rosemary Minder | (717) 898-2742 |
| 04/06 | Sammy Minder | (717) 587-8262 |
| 04/07 | Wendy Harley | (717) 569-4060 |
| 04/09 | Lauren Eyer | (717) 625-0523 |
| 04/09 | Anita Rohrer | (717) 569-0108 |
| 04/11 | Dr. Janet Harriger | (717) 808-0465 |
| 04/12 | Roger Bradley | (717) 285 -6509 |
| 04/14 | Zachary Lehman | (717) 560-0756 |
| 04/15 | Betsy Bailey | (717) 627-4921 |
| 04/15 | David Krantz | (717) 872-1659 |
| 04/15 | Cherie Cataldi | (717) 799-2420 |
| 04/17 | Jordan Ditzler | (717) 449-9779 |
| 04/18 | Rev. David Gockley | (717) 393-1115 |
| 04/18 | Zachary Baynard | (717) 459-3315 |
| 04/19 | Gretchen Woerner | (717) 286-8918 |
| 04/19 | Denise Pfeiffer | (717) 940-2714 |
| 04/21 | Nevin Cooley | (717) 468-2227 |
| 04/21 | Logan Garrett | (717) 581-0703 |
| 04/22 | Erin Derstler | (717) 615-5718 |
| 04/22 | Betty Fogle | (717) 471-1026 |
| 04/23 | Jackey Hoover | (717) 581-0103 |
| 04/24 | Rev. Dr. Richard Christensen | (717) 466-6566 |
| 04/24 | Jack Olley | (717) 799-7324 |
| 04/25 | Rev. Margaret Rohnacher | (717) 575-9311 |

Copies of the 175th Historical Book, the Trinity Prayer Book, and a booklet of letters sent to us for the anniversary are available at the church. Contact Carol in the church office if you need copies mailed to you!

TREASURE IN CLAY JARS by Rev. Jack Esbenshade

At the January Stewardship and Endowment Committee meeting, Scott Owens reported on giving for the previous year. He had done some research into the demographics and noted that 80% of the income received by the church in 2023 had come from members over the age of 65.

I carried that thought for some time, mulling over the data. I then contacted Carol, parish secretary, to find out the size of the contingent of members over 65 is. When she reported back I was surprised to learn that 48% of Trinity's membership is past the age of retirement.

But it does appear that those over 65 bear a larger burden of the budget than the rest of the congregation. These folks [and I include myself] probably live on investments, pension and social security. I also presume they have a deep and abiding commitment to the church as well as an understanding of the importance of generosity and stewardship in their personal lives.

David Thoroughman (CEO of Mortarstone) has 25 years of experience in finance, stewardship and church leadership. Mortarstone is a company that uses data and manages workflows to improve the growth and discipleship within the church. He states that the average giving of church members is \$2,000.00 per year. This compares closely with other data that says the average annual church contribution ranges between \$1,144 and \$3,422 (avg - \$2,262).

Thoroughman also claims that in each congregation, for every 100 giving units there are six who give over \$10,000.00 per year. So, I called on Dan Otthofer, financial secretary, to find out how Trinity stacks up. At Trinity the records show there are 8 members/family units giving \$10,000.00 per year or more. On top of that, there are 16 members/family units giving \$5,000.00 - \$9,999.00 each year.

Which leads me to another quote that I discovered. "Church leadership must keep in mind that their church is only one death, divorce or bad sermon away from financial disaster." Chris Gartman, a financial attorney in New York. [That may be an overstatement – but it does underscore and complement the findings of Scott Owens, mentioned above.]

Mainline Protestant congregations throughout this country have a large contingent of people with gray hair. I appreciate the faith commitment of these folks as evidenced in worship attendance, giving and service. But we need to recognize how fragile the clay jar that is the congregation of Trinity Church. Moving into the future, we need to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. But we also need to ask the question, who will rise to take the place of those who lead today? Who, in the succeeding generations, will accept the treasure in clay jars that is passed on to them?

In the season of Easter I celebrate with you the joy of the resurrection.

| April Scriptures | |
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| 7 | Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John: 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31 |
| 14 | Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4: 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48 |
| 21 | Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18 |
| 28 | Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8 |

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

1. The Wired Word Class discusses how current events intersect with our faith. Diane Rice leads this class in the choir room.
2. The Adult/Youth Class meets in Isenberg Hall with Sue Bowman and Pastor Rankin leading the class. This class has begun a study, *Discovering the Psalms: Passion, Promise, & Praise*.
3. The children meet in the classroom on the lower level. Various teachers lead this lectionary-based class.

Men of Trinity (M.O.T.) Breakfast

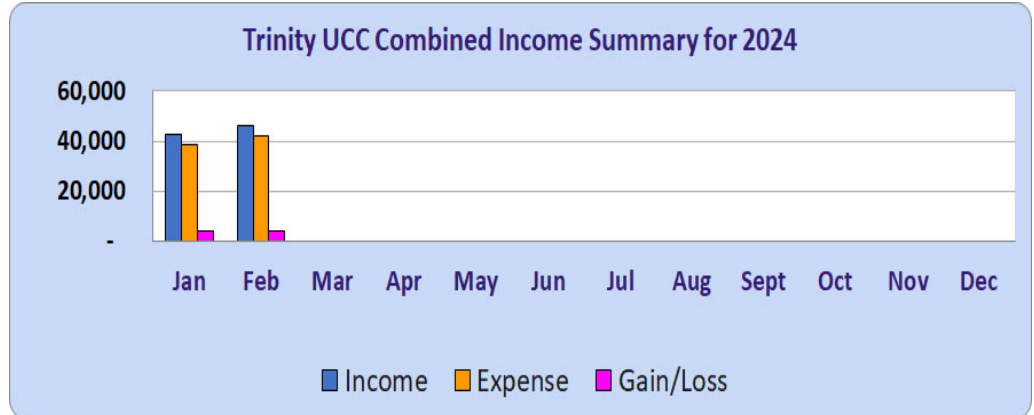
The men will be meeting in April 13 at 8:00 AM at Family Fare Restaurant. The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office. This is open to all men of the church!

PRAYER SHAWL

The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, April 16 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

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| YTD TOTAL INCOME | \$88,797 | February INCOME | \$46,199 |
| YTD TOTAL EXPENSES | \$80,608 | February EXPENSE | \$41,941 |
| YTD GAIN/LOSS | \$8,189 | MONTHLY GAIN/LOSS | \$4,258 |








CHURCH MULCHING: The Property Committee is looking for volunteers on **Saturday, April 6 @ 8:30 am** to mulch the church property. We will be doing this in conjunction with the Trinity Preschool families and the Scout troop. Look for the sign-up sheet in the hallway across from the church office!



Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office!!!

Where are you gifted to serve?

Mark 10:43b -45 *Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."*

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|  <p>Greeter /Ushers Needed</p> |  <p>NURSERY VOLUNTEERS</p> |  |
| <p>Volunteer as a Greeter/Usher for the 10:30 a.m. service please contact the church office.</p> | <p>Betty Fogle is our nursery coordinator. If you are interested in providing nursery care for children during the 10:30 service, please contact Betty at 717-471-1026 or bettsfog@comcast.net. NOTE: Dottie Schadt is willing to serve as a substitute.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>Another part of this ministry is transportation to appointments. If you need transportation to appointments or worship, please contact the church office. Betty Tyndall will be the coordinator for April-June. If you are interested in helping with the Called to Care Ministry, speak with Pastor Chris!</p> |
|  <p>Lector</p> <p>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.</p> | | |
| <p>LEADERSHIP ROLES</p> | <p>FLOWER DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</p> | |
| <p>The Nominating Committee is still searching for people to fill some key leadership positions: 1 Deacon (2024-2026); 1 Elder (2024-2025); and 1 Preschool Board member (2024). If you are interested or have questions, speak to Jeff Hackenberger (Nominating Chair) or Pastor Rankin.</p> |  <p>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.</p> | |
| | <p>Working With Children and Youth</p> | |
| | <p>We are in need of a few more Sunday School teachers for our children's class and leaders to plan activities beyond Sunday School for our teenagers. If you are interested, speak with Bob Kilgore, Sue Bowman, or Pastor Rankin.</p> | |

2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS

Upcoming dates for worship aids are: April 28. Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are April 7 & 28. 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.



My Oncologist declared my aggressive Lymphoma in remission. I thank all the members of Trinity Church who held me in prayer and showered me with notes and cards.

Hedwig Hunsicker

Dear Trinity United Church of Christ,

Thank you for your congregation's donation of \$2,500 received on 3/15/24 through Trinity UCC's Wider Mission Fund in support of the Open Doors building campaign. This donation is opening the door to opportunities for even more homeowners.

As we continue in our final fundraising year of Open Doors, we can reflect upon the impact that this campaign has already had on our mission. The \$3.2 million that we have already raised through community partners like your congregation has enabled us to acquire more properties, grow our construction team and welcome more volunteers to our build sites. With the right tools in our toolbox, we are now building significantly more and are well on our way to meeting our 30-home goal. All told, we are serving more hardworking families in our community. We are so grateful for your commitment to affordable homeownership.

Warmly,

Andrew Szalay, President & CEO Lancaster Lebanon Habitat for Humanity



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Sunday, April 28, 2024

Concert – 3:00 PM

Freewill Offering Benefits Ting Ministries



Music For Everyone Community Chorus And Ukelele Uprising

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 counter. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes. Coffee is always available between 7:45 service and Sunday School.



MYSTERY READERS

**Mystery Readers
Wanted!**

Trinity Preschool is looking for Spring Mystery Readers for April. Please contact the Preschool through the church office or Email: preschool@trinityeastpete.org to schedule a time to read a book to a preschool class. It's a fun way for Trinity members to support and be part of our preschool.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

\$8 per Sub Coupon
Sign up sheet on table across from the office



**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
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BREAD OPTIONS:
white sub roll · bread · tortilla wrap

CHOICE OF YOUR CONDIMENTS:
mayonnaise · mustard · creamy horseradish · olive oil · vinegar

CHEESE OF YOUR CHOICE:
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YOUR CHOICES OF VEGETABLES:
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banana peppers · hot peppers · black olives · pickles
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TAKE-OUT AND CURBSIDE AT THE ABOVE NUMBERS

Before you pay your bill, please mention Trinity United Church of Christ and 10% of your bill will be donated to Trinity. We just received a check for \$36.

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.

Daily Devotionals

We have *These Days for* April-June available on the table across from the church office. If you need a devotional mailed to you, contact Carol in the church office.



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Supporting Families Through the Critical Years



Rebekah Good Charles
Laura Demastus



April 9, 7:00-8:30pm

IMPROVING ACCESS TO WELLNESS

April 11,
7:00-8:30pm

CARLY KESSLER



DE-ESCALATING CHALLENGING SITUATIONS



April 23, 7:00-8:30pm

Lori Nimmon

GRIEF GROUPS: A few people have already signed-up for the small group focusing on grieving our losses. Here are some tentative dates that Pastor Rankin has scheduled for the first meetings:

April 22 (Monday)---7-8 p.m.

April 24 (Wednesday)--1-2 p.m.

You can sign-up by either contacting the church office or look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. Pastor Rankin has already ordered several copies of the book.

Contact him if you have any questions!



TRINITY LUNCH BUNCH: The Parish Life Committee is looking to revitalize the lunch gatherings for church members and friends. We are tentatively planning the first one on May 5 following the 10:30 service. Watch for information in the weekly bulletins about where we are going and how to sign-up for the lunch. Contact Denise Pfeifer for more information.

Hartman Center Homecoming Camp 2024

Registration is now open!

Sunday, July 28th through Saturday, August 3rd, 2024

We will be returning again to Hartman Center Campground in Milroy, PA as guests.

Camps:

3 night camps - Sunday, July 28 at 4PM through Wednesday, July 31 at 10AM

Getting Started - Grades K - 1 (\$190)- Directed by Katie Price

Intergenerational Camp (\$190) Directed by Aleshia Hawkins

3 night camps - Wednesday, July 31st at 4PM through Saturday, August 3 at 10AM

Camp of the Heart (\$250) -Directed by Kara Druckenmiller

Women's Heart and Soul Camp (\$190) Directed by Nora Foust

5 night camps - Monday, July 28 at 4PM through Saturday, August 3 at 10AM

Elementary - Grades 2 - 4 (\$300) -Directed by Alex (Weis) Sattazahn and Allyson Butz

Middle School - Grades 5 - 7 (\$300)- Directed by Carol Price and Nicole Henry

Senior High - Grades 8 - 12 (\$300) Directed by Nathan Limbert

Leadership - Grades 9 - 12 (\$300)- Directed by Betsy Brauw

Use coupon code PCC2024 if you would like to use a Penn Central Conference campership for 50% of your registration fees

Check out the full list of camping experiences for all ages at register <https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/hartman-homecoming-week-2024>.

In addition to the cabins and lodges, RV sites will be available. We would love it if lots of Penn Central Conference folks are able to reserve and use those sites while we are there. Check the website at <https://www.hartmancentercampground.com/>

TRINITY'S CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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". For more information about summer church camp, speak to Anne Rankin!**

SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE

Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

April 14, 2:00-4:30 pm



You're invited to visit Kirchenwald or Nawakwa on Sunday, April 14 anytime between 2-4:30pm.

Take a tour of camp with members of our summer staff and see what camp is all about. **As a bonus, we will give a \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper!**

If you have already registered for camp, why not bring a friend or neighbor with you? Show them the camp and get the [Invite- a-Friend Discount](#) for you and your friend.

...**More Information - <https://www.lutherancamping.org/openhouse>**

NOW HIRING SUMMER STAFF - The decision to work at camp says a lot about you.

Regardless of the specific role you fulfill within the camp community, your camp staff position will undoubtedly enhance your resume and appeal to future employers.

APPLY TODAY!

More Information - <https://www.lutherancamping.org/employment/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Summer Camp Open House](#) at Kirchenwald - April 14, 2024

[Summer Camp Open House](#) at Nawakwa - April 14, 2024

[Earth Day Celebration](#) at Kirchenwald - April 21, 2024

[Nawakwa Work Day](#) at Nawakwa - April 27, 2024

[Kirchenwald Work Day](#) at Kirchenwald - May 4, 2024

[Lutheran Camping Night](#) at Harrisburg Senators at FNB Field - May 17, 2024

[Summer Camp Kick-off Worship & Picnic](#) at Kirchenwald - May 19, 2024

More Information - <https://www.lutherancamping.org/events/>





Lancaster Stormers Game (formerly Barnstormers)
May 31, 2024

Stormers vs. Charleston Dirty Birds

The cost is \$35 (ticket, suite rental, endless buffet for 90 minutes, gratuity). Children from ages 4-18 will be covered by our Youth Ministry account and those under 4 are free. You can sign-up by contacting Carol in the church office. We will need a \$15 deposit

when you sign-up!



Friendship Fest----July 14, 2024 – 4-7 PM

Food Trucks, Games, Fun Activities,
Auscultation Brass Concert (5-6 PM)

Proceeds from the Friendship Fest will support the Trinity Preschool!

Watch for more details in the bulletins and future Parish Posts!

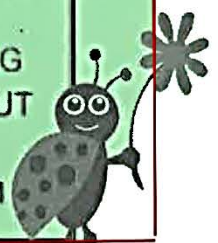


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| BUNNY | FLOWERS | INSECTS | RABBIT | TULIP |
| BUTTERFLY | FROG | LADYBUG | ROBIN | WORM |



| Dates | Greeters | Nursery | Ushers | Lectors | Worship Aids | Money Counters | Flowers |
|-------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|----------|
| 7 | Denise Huggins/ Charlene Cristy | Kayla Brennan/ Rachel Baynard | Steve Shenk , Dave Connor, Charlene Cristy, Scott Summers, Andrew Rankin, Zach Baynard, Karen Olley, Kathy McCarty | Jack Esbenschade/ Andrew Rankin | Cristy | Bud & Kathy McCarty, Jeff Hackenberger, John Shelsky | |
| 14 | Pat Seachrist/ Shelley Wagner | Charlene Cristy/ Dottie Schadt | Mike Wagner , Shelley Wagner, George DeLong, Anne Rankin, Rachel Baynard, Stan Seachrist, Andrew Rankin, Betty Tyndall | Jeff Hackenberger | Jerry & Carmen Richards | Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk, Bob Bistline | Rankin |
| 21 | Dottie Schadt/ Cherie Cataldi | Betty Fogle/ Anne Rankin | Theodore Slechta , Jane Starr, John Bailey, Denise Huggins, Dottie Schadt, Tim Geiger, Lon Wible, Dan Otthofer | Sandy Morris/ Sue Bowman | Portser | Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk, Bob Bistline | Sweigart |
| 28 | Gail Kogut/ Karen Olley | Kayla Brennan/ Rachel Baynard | Steve Shenk , Dave Connor, Charlene Cristy, Scott Summers, Andrew Rankin, Zach Baynard, Karen Olley, Kathy McCarty | Diane Rice | | Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller, Densie Pfeiffer | |

Other Ministry Volunteers

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| ALTAR GUILD: April 7 & 14 – Charlene Cristy, Anita Rohrer April 21 7 28 – Karen Olley, Beth Bossert, Nancy Enders TRINITY BREAD: April 7 – Kathy McCarty 21 – Beth Bossert | Visitation Minister (Phone Calls/Visits): Sue Bowman Building Trustee: Hank Fox Card Ministry: Evangelism Committee Called to Care: Betty Tyndall FRIDAY FLOWER DELIVERY: April 5 – Donna Geisler 12 – Denise Huggins 19 – Karen Olley 26 – Anita Rohrer |
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PENTECOST GERANIUM ORDER FORM

Person(s) ordering Geranium Plants _____

Please order: _____ Red Geranium(s) @ \$6.00 each – 6" pot **Total amount due \$** _____

Designation as you would like it to appear in the bulletin:

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Other _____

Give plant to a shut-in member Yes No

_____ or plant geranium at church



The last date to order is Sunday, April 28, 2024. Give order forms and payment to Dan Otthofer, or place in offering or email the church office. If paying by check, please make it payable to Trinity United Church of Christ. Thank you!

We need someone to pick Geraniums up on Saturday, May 18 because Dan Otthofer is away!
 Contact the church office if you can help or for more information.



April 2024



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 7:00 PM Choir 8:15 PM Bells NO Preschool | 2 | 3 | 4 7:15 PM Preschool Board | 5 | 6 8:30 AM Mulching 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA |
| 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Worship | 8 7:00 PM Choir 8:15 PM Bells | 9 Noon Preschool Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Executive Committee | 10 7:00 PM Finance | 11 10:00 AM Mercersburg Study Group 1:30 PM Pinochle 6:00 PM Cub Scouts | 12 | 13 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA |
| 14:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Eucharist | 15 7:00 PM Choir 8:15 PM Bells | 16 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM Consistory/Bds. | 17 9:30 AM Stewardship Committee | 18 2:00 PM CROP Walk Meeting 6:00 PM Cub Scouts | 19 11:00 AM Preschool Donuts with Grownups | 20 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA |
| 21 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Worship—New Members | 22 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:00 PM Choir 8:15 PM Bells | 23 Election Day NO Preschool | 24 1:00 PM Grief Group | 25 6:00 PM Cub Scouts | 26 | 27 7:00 PM Alanon 8:00 PM AA |
| 28 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Eucharist 3:00 PM Spring Concert | 29 7:00 PM Choir 8:15 PM Bells | 30 | | | | |

Save The Dates



VBS 2024

Trinity UCC, 2340 State St., East Petersburg

www.trinityeastpete.org

717-569-1632

July 15 - 18 6:30-8:30 PM

July 19 6:30 PM Closing Program

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, "***Reach For The Stars***" reminds us that things that seem impossible to us, are possible with God.

Rev. Esbenshade will facilitate the teen/adult class. Studying the book, "***Tradition In Crisis***" by Peter Schmiechen, the class will examine how "Now is the time to reclaim the church based on the grace and community of Christ."

Mission Project - Habitat For Humanity

Dear Trinity Members,

“Reach For The Stars” is the theme for this summer’s Vacation Bible School. It will be held **Monday, July 15 to Thursday July 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM**, with the **closing program on Friday, July 19**. We will need your help to welcome and teach the children of Trinity and the wider community. The ideal VBS program would touch and/or be touched by each member of the congregation. Please check the activities in which you would be willing to share during the week. **Please return this form to the VBS Director’s mail slot in the church office by April 14**. If you have any questions please contact us. Thank you.

Dina Slechta and Diane Rice

_____ Group Leader—travels with group through stations.

_____ Assistant Group Leader - travels with the group through stations.

_____ Caretaker And Me Class Facilitators - one person who can be available in the nursery for any caretaker and child who need to take a quiet time/play by themselves break in the nursery, and one group leader/facilitator to lead this class.

_____ Crafts Leader only for the Caretaker and Me Class - this could be the same person as the person who leads this group.

_____ Caretaker and Me Class Helper

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

_____ Games Helper

_____ Woodworking Helpers

_____ 8 Actors - Needed to role play parts for Habitat Affiliate Game - same role twice, about 3 mins. each, 2 actors per night

_____ Story Station Teacher - teach the lesson 3 times per night to the 3 different age groups

_____ Snack Leader/Coordinator

_____ Snack Helper

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

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

_____ Help anywhere needed.

_____ Youth Helper (7th grade on up) Transportation Needed_____

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Days you would be available _____

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 2024

HOORAY FOR SPRING! Spring has arrived and the children at Trinity are learning about all the incredible ways our world changes with the seasons. Young gardeners will be tending to their seedlings and watching plants grow roots and stems. Be sure to notice the changes in your back yard – your little one will! Seeing, hearing, smelling, touching are the ways we experience the world and the way children LEARN!



SPECIAL DATES IN APRIL

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| April 1 | No School-Easter holiday |
| April 19 | Donuts with Grownups at 11:00 AM- 3 & 4 Day Classes |
| April 23 | No School – Polling place |
| April 24 | Enrichment Art Show at 1:30 PM |

DONUTS WITH GROWNUPS

Friday

3 & 4 Day Classes



April 19

3 & 4 Day Classes

RSVP: preschool@trinityeastpete.org

KINDERGARTEN READINESS Whether your child is 2, 3, 4, or 5 the question of kindergarten readiness causes many parents to panic and question their parenting. Child development is enriched with a variety of experiences and academics is only one portion of that development. PLAY is a hugely important vehicle for developing self-regulation and promoting language, cognition, and social competence. Make time to join in their world of imagination! Children develop best in secure, nurturing relationships! ENJOY!!

YOUR COMMENTS WELCOME! Surveys are sent out before the end of the school year and we encourage your participation. What characteristics of Trinity Preschool do you value? What qualities could be strengthened? Let us know!



Miss Crystal - Miss Kelly 4-DAY CLASS: In our class this month we will be learning all about pond habitats, how things grow and recycling. We will continue with our letter work and work on their sounds.

Miss Karen - Mrs. Cox- Miss Ashley 3-day class. In our class we will be learning about habitats: ponds, fields, backyard, and streams. We will also have fun with artists and painting styles.

Miss Karen - Mrs. Cox-Miss Ashley 2-Day Class. In our class will have an Alphabet Celebration including fun games and activities. We will also look at backyard habitats and start searching our outdoor space and see what we will find.

Miss Crystal - Miss Kelly TINY TOTS CLASS. April is all about rainbows, spring and friends. We will continue to build our fine motor skills and make more fun art!

WHEN CHILDREN LOOK AT BOOKS AND HEAR STORIES, THEY ARE LEARNING:

- that learning to read is important and enjoyable.
- that letters on a page represent words...talk written down.
- the meanings of more and more words.
- to express their own thoughts, feelings and ideas better.
- to exercise their own imaginations.
- to interpret pictures to represent ideas.
- to listen well to spoken language.
- to make up their own stories.
- to handle books with care.
- aesthetic values from well done illustrations.
- to recognize certain words when they see them in print.
- to use more and more complex language patterns in their own speech.
- to follow the development of thoughts and ideas in the plot of a story.

Too often we give children answers to remember rather than problems to solve. *Roger Lewin*



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