

# TRINITY U.C.C. PARISH POST

## July/August

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



### **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

**God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.** (Genesis 1:16)

**In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”** (Matthew 2:1-2)

*Catch the Vision,  
Share the Joy!!*

Dear Friends,

I recently heard from Digger, our friendly pet that visits us each year at VBS. He was reminding me that VBS is just around the corner and to encourage all of you to sign-up! There are classes for children and adults! Digger said you can register on our website or contact the church office to have Carol help you! Digger also reminded me that we could use some more volunteers. If you are able to help that week, contact Dina Slechta or Diane Rice.

When Digger told me that the theme for this year's VBS is "Reach for the Stars", I immediately thought of this Epiphany poem by Joyce Rupp:

**The Song of the Stars** (from *Out of the Ordinary: Prayers, Poems, and Reflections for Every Season, 2000*)

*Stars twinkle, shine, illuminate,  
Fill a black night with radiance,  
Guide strangers with their glow,  
Bless a sad heart with brightness.*

*But do the stars also sing?  
Can you hear their music  
As they dance with brilliance  
On a dark December night?*

*If you listen closely,  
You can catch their melodies  
Across the ancient sky:  
Chants, hymns, ballads,  
Lullabies, and symphonies*

*Stars sailing across the cosmos,  
Humming their radiant tunes,  
Silver notes sent on angel wings,  
Received in open, loving hearts.*

*Shepherds on hillside were ready,  
And, oh, the melodies they heard.  
The glory and surprise of good news  
Sang and danced around their heads.*

*Three travelers heard a secret tune,  
A guiding star urging them to follow,  
A lilting song of mystery and journey,  
Of bearing gifts from fields afar.*

*These same stars sang at our birthing,  
Enticing songs within our soul.  
Their ancient music stirs us deeply;  
If we learn to listen well.*

Blessings,  
*Pastor Chris*

## TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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(717) 371-0346

## CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS by Bob Kilgore, Consistory Sec.

- Nevin Cooley met with the Consistory regarding the need to change insurance provider.
- **Financial Report** – Denise Pfeiffer
  - Cash continues to grow
  - Membership giving continues to do a great job
  - 106 days of liquidity
  - Doing better than budget predictions
- **Deacons**
  - Approved \$2500 grant from the St; Lukes' endowment to the Lancaster Association Clergy & Clergy family ministry
  - Our Gift to Other distributions approved
    - \$1000 – Off The Street (undesigned)
    - \$346 – Phoebe Homes (undesigned)
    - \$150- Align Pregnancy Center (local missions)
    - \$1500-Lancaster Theological Seminary (undesigned)
- **Elders**
  - budgeting projections completed
  - Preschool enrollment discussion – staff working hard to fill next fall class, especially the 3-day class
  - Assignment made to make contacts to fill vacancies on the Christian Education committee (potential three open)
- **Pastor**
  - Lee Bossert Estate has left Trinity \$14,000. Beth Bossert said “Lee was all about making meals and helping people in the church, so would like to see it used in that manner.”
  - Visioning:
    - The Pastor Parish Committee is sponsoring another Leadership development seminar on October 12 focusing on emotional intelligence led by Dr. Carrie Call.
    - Continue to develop connections with Scouts and Preschool
    - Small group development for book discussions “lead the vitality of a congregation” and should continue.
    - Restructuring – due to a shortage of human resources, we really need to restructure our committees

## 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 9:30 a.m. service on July 7 & 14, August 4 & 18. The Sacrament of Baptism for Kayce Bair, son of Ryan Bair and Lexi Weeber, will be held on August 11.

Our fall worship schedule (7:45 and 10:30), Sunday School 9:00 AM & Koinonia at 10:00 AM will begin on September 8 (Rally Day). **There will be a special Rally Day program at 9:00 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Donna Geisler and her brother-in-law, Dr. Bill Lovett, will speak about their recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Watch for information in the September Parish Post!**

JULY BIRTHDAYS		
/01	Bud McCarty	(717) 808-7178
07/01	Matthew Minder	(717) 587-8846
07/02	Nancy Enders	(717) 342-6899
07/03	Daniel Wagner	
07/04	Sarah Cataldi	
07/04	Nancy Crawford	(717) 572-6174
07/05	Lauren (Lichtenwalner) LaRouche	(717) 898-3750
07/06	David Connor	(540) 841-5893
07/06	Matthew Wagner	
07/09	Rev. Sandy Morris	(717) 385-1588
07/09	Lexi Weeber	
07/09	Norma Lucabaugh	
07/09	Janet Sweigart	(717) 390-4168
07/11	Michael Slechta	(717) 569-0543
07/11	Mary Lou Sturgis	(717) 490-8795
07/14	Lori Eberly	(717) 333-4217
07/14	Marlyn Wible	(717) 569-6868
07/15	Scott Owens	(717) 824-2477
07/16	Kathy Pilsner	(717) 872-4922
07/17	Keith Daly	(717) 940-1871
07/19	Zachary Mowrer	(717) 392-2879
07/19	Robert Wible	(717) 569-6868
07/20	Betty Tyndall	(717)572-1443
07/21	Jill Owens	(267) 904-9253
07/21	Rev. Ken Trauger	(717) 203-6425
07/25	Jenna Leinbach	
07/25	Stefan Woerner	717) 286-8918
07/26	Nick Fischer	(717) 459-3112
07/27	Meighan Gegg Livingston	(717) 575-4106
07/27	Marianne Gibble	(717) 203-7972
07/28	Isaac Derstler	(717) 615-5718
07/28	Lisa Wible	(717) 898-2091
07/29	Joanna Bullock	(717) 394-2593
07/30	Rev. Susan Sokolowski	(717) 742-8065
07/30	Bob Kilgore	(717) 581-1980

July Scriptures	
7	Eze. 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Cor 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
14	Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:3-14; Eph. 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
21	Jere. 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Eph. 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34,53-56
28	2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; Eph. 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

## TREASURE IN CLAY JARS by Rev. Jack Esbenshade

I recently read ***The False White Gospel*** by Jim Wallis and I came upon a portion of his text which seemed to fit this column well.

He writes:

“Jesus was no stranger to the topic of economics. His parables and sermons ran the gamut from giving (Luke 6:38), wealth management (Luke 16-17), controversy over wages (Matthew 20), to a parable about a lost coin (Luke 15:8-10).

“...reflect(ing) upon the key portion of Matthew 6 in Jesus’ sermon [on the mount] – ‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth....but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.’”

“The heart of Jesus’ message in his Sermon on the Mount is to stop worrying. And perhaps what we most worry about is tomorrow instead of just living in today.”

Seems to me that Jesus had a good grasp on what it means to live in this world. He understood what it’s like to deal with the nitty-gritty of daily life. Whether it be dealing with money or looking for success, Jesus was aware of all the things that impact us. He was also very mindful of the stuff that stresses us out and causes us anxiety and worry.

For me, the Good News of Jesus is to focus on living in the present, being attentive and aware of the moment, and setting aside concerns and worries that burden us. I realize that is not a simple task. But it something to work towards. It is a way in which we invest our treasure where our heart is.

## STAFF VACATIONS IN JULY/AUGUST

**Pastor Rankin** will be away from July 20-August 3. **The Rev. Dr. Jim Haun**, a retired U.C.C. pastor, will be preaching on July 21.



**The Rev. Charlie Gross**, a retired Presbyterian pastor and son of Trinity Church, will be preaching on July 28.

**The Rev. Bob Bistline**, a member of our congregation, will be covering pastoral emergencies from July 20-27. You can reach Rev. Bistline at 717-917-9716.

**The Rev. Sandy Morris**, a member of our congregation, will be covering pastoral emergencies from July 28-August 3. You can reach Rev. Morris at 717-385-1588.

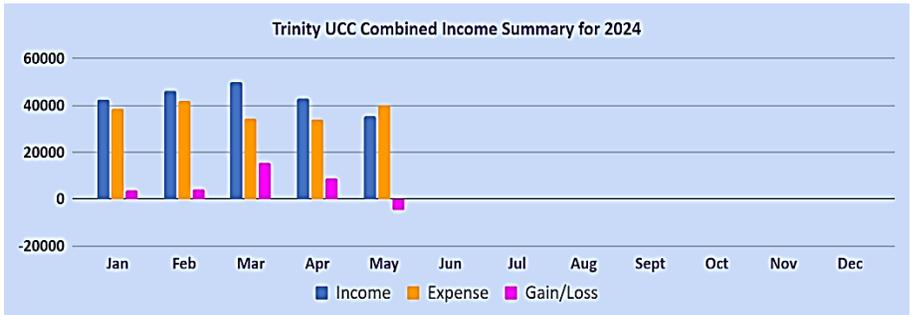
**Carol Kratz** will be on vacation July 1-9 & July 31-August 2

August Scriptures	
4	Exo. 16:2-4,9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Eph. 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
11	1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Eph. 4:25-5:2; John 6:35,41-51
18	Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Eph. 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
25	Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Eph. 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS		
08/01	Paige Martin	(717) 627-1402
08/02	Ron Denlinger	(717)201-0993
08/02	Rev. Tom Busted	570-856-2078
08/04	Elene Keares	(717)940-2714
08/05	Larry Brown	(717) 569-0986
08/05	Kelsey Minnich Burgo	(717) 333-1179
08/09	Kathy Cooley	(717) 371-0346
08/09	Dr. Parry Miller	(717) 898-5890
08/11	Koleson Burgo	(717) 333-1179
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08/13	Jamy Shelly	(717)-314-7160
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08/14	Peter Rohrer	(717) 569-0108
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08/17	Jane Portser	(717)468-1552
08/19	Thomas Dennes	(717) 333-9614
08/19	Charles Husted	(717) 285-5741
08/20	Donald Miller	(717) 898-7769
08/20	Pastor Rankin	(717) 575-0286
08/20	Bohdi Davis	(717) 413-3124
08/21	Kristen Richards	(717) 419-8224
08/27	Bradley Olena	(717) 413-5952
08/27	Rylan Shelly	(717)-314-7160
08/28	Douglas Hess	
08/28	Carol Martan	(717) 569-9836
08/28	Isabella Woerner	717) 286-8918
08/29	Kevin Daly	(717) 898-5811
08/29	Gregory Gable	
08/29	Kimberly Knoll	(717)341-5189
08/29	Kerry Kreider	(717) 413-8654
08/29	Hillary Bossert-Davis	(717) 413-3124
08/30	Nancy Patton	
08/31	Mark Shenk	(717) 278-9409

## News from the Finance Committee

YTD TOTAL INCOME	\$217,079	May INCOME	\$35,457
YTD TOTAL EXPENSES	\$189,300	May EXPENSE	\$40,186
YTD GAIN/LOSS	\$27,778	MONTHLY GAIN/LOSS	(\$4,729)



Online Giving Information: Contributing your donation using our website....[trinityeastpete.org](http://trinityeastpete.org)....**RESOURCES, PAY ON LINE**

For several years, members have been able to make weekly/recurring donations on-line in lieu of paying cash/checks or by mail. On-line donations save the cost of a check and envelope and if using the recurring feature, remembering weekly to prepare your envelope. Presently we have several individuals/families using on-line donations either weekly or recurring.

*We believe that financial transparency builds trust and is a mark of stewardship so we want to take a moment to remind you that there is a small cost for this convenience. You'll have the opportunity to help cover the cost of processing when you give. Please know that this is **100% optional**, but we appreciate your partnership in making your gift go as far as possible to impact our mission.*

We have never asked our members to cover these costs especially since 2020 at the start of the pandemic. The costs are 1.05% when paying by check, 3.05% when paying by credit/debit card.

In 2022, we added a feature to our on-line giving whereby you can help to cover the costs of paying online by debit/credit card or checking account. This is entirely **OPTIONAL**. There will be a check-off block to use if you wish to cover your transaction cost in addition to your contribution.

## NEW DIRECTORIES

Directories are now available on both floors of the church building. Call the church office if you need one mailed to you!

## MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST

The men will not be meeting in July & August. We will resume in September. Look for information in the September Parish Post.

# 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."*

 <p><b>Greeter /Ushers Needed</b></p>	 <p><b>NURSERY VOLUNTEERS</b></p>	
<p>Volunteer as a Greeter/Usher for the 9:30 a.m. service please contact the church office. <b>We currently have vacancies for ushers!!</b></p>	<p>We now have some vacancies for nursery care during the 9:30 service. If you are interested in caring for our children, please contact Betty Fogle (nursery coordinator) at 717-471-1026 or <a href="mailto:bettsfog@comcast.net">bettsfog@comcast.net</a>.</p>	<p>The Evangelism Committee oversees the Called to Care Ministry. Meals will be provided for members after they have returned home from the hospital or during other critical situations. <b>We are in need of volunteers to provide meals.</b></p> <p>Another part of this ministry is transportation to appointments. If you need transportation to appointments or worship, please contact the church office. <b>We are in need of volunteers to provide transportation to church!</b> Nancy Enders will be the coordinator for July-September. If you are interested in helping with the Called to Care Ministry, speak with Pastor Chris!</p>
 <p><b>Lector</b></p> <p>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.</p>		
<p><b>ALTAR GUILD</b></p>	<p><b>FLOWER DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b></p>	
<p>We could use a few more people to help with the weekly responsibilities to prepare the altar for worship. If you are interested, contact Nancy Enders at 717-342-6899 or <a href="mailto:nancyenders@comcast.net">nancyenders@comcast.net</a>.</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><b>Working With Children and Youth</b></p> <p>We are in need of 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: July 21, 28, & August 11 & 25. Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are August 11. 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.

## PRAYER SHAWL

The Prayer Shawl is off during the summer months. They will meet again in September and 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.



Dear Members of Trinity UCC,

As we begin 2024, please accept my sincere thanks for your support of Bethany Children’s Home and our 160 years of serving vulnerable youth last year. Since our early days as a Soldiers’ Orphans’ School, we have grown into a specialized care facility providing safety and healing for children who have endured severe trauma.

This past year brought both obstacles and achievements for Bethany. In March, we restarted the Emergency Shelter allowing us to supply immediate refuge when children require emergency placement. Our Residential, Intensive, Transition/Supervised Living, and Helping Hands programs continue finding success-thanks to partners like you, Trinity UCC.

Bethany’s mission remains essential:

“To provide a safe, nurturing place of protection and supportive care to aid our residents in their self-understanding, growth, and healing toward a brighter future.” We are proud to be Joint Commission accredited and one of only two facilities in Pennsylvania to serve youth affected by human trafficking.

As we begin a prosperous new year, please accept our deep gratitude for believing in Bethany’s mission and supporting the healing of our community’s most vulnerable children. We could not provide this vital safe refuge without donors like you alongside us.

We have great things planned this year! Please check our website to learn about upcoming events and new initiatives like Equine Therapy and other innovative on-campus programming.

**Total Donated 2023 to Bethany Children’s Home: \$1,270.**

With appreciation,

*Jennifer M. Koch*, Development Alumni Coordinator & Archivist

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I’m giving thanks to the wonderful people of Trinity. The support you have shown me as I recover from my hip replacement surgery has been quite a comfort to me. Your prayers, phone calls, and the wonderful cards you’ve sent have given me encouragement as I continue my recovery. Giving thanks to all of you!

Thank You,

*Joan Sensewig*

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Dear Trinity Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers during our Father's / Grandfather's health issues, and for your prayers and cards of condolences after his recent passing. We are comforted by the promise of eternal life and know that someday we will be reunited with him.

Love in Christ,

*The Otthofer family*

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Dear Church Family,

We just want to express how much it means to all of us to receive your prayers, cards and encouragement during this part of the journey home. Nancy appreciates your love. She continues to stay joyful as she anticipates the fading of this life and the beginning of the life to come.

With much gratitude,

*Rev Bob Musser and family*

Dear Trinity UCC,

At the Lancaster County Food Hub, it is humbling to receive the steadfast support of so many friends-like you- who believe in our mission and work.

Your gift of \$497.00 will help to ensure that free food and clothing, nightly emergency shelter, and supportive outreach partners are sustainably available under the red awning at 812 N. Queen St.

Demand for our services is higher than ever, and the numbers tell the tale. Last year, over 58,000 neighbors utilized our services-and the number of people who need support continue to trend upwards.

Gratefully,

*Corinne Forster*, Development & Communications Manager



Trinity recently received this certificate at the Penn Central Conference meeting!

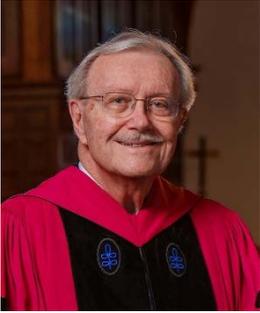
STORMERS GAME



MINI-GOLF



## ADULT VBS CLASS DESCRIPTION



You are invited to attend an adult educational experience – July 15<sup>th</sup> – 18th (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.). We will gather in the narthex to discuss the book ***Tradition in Crisis*** by Peter Schmiechen, President Emeritus of Lancaster Theological Seminary. Dr. Schmiechen will be present for two of our sessions.

In his own words, “The original purpose [of this book] was to arouse passions and commitments to do something to save the tradition. The five chapters lay out topics which point to some essential part of the tradition – grace, community, the dynamic of sin and grace, a new principle of authority and a distinctive form of worship.”

If you wonder about the future of the church or how we might save the tradition, consider becoming a member of the class.

If you are interested in joining the class, you may pick up a copy of the book in the church office. I look forward to seeing you.

***Rev. Jack Esbenshade***



## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR VBS

Here is a list of items we need for VBS. Stay tuned for snack donation requests. For these three - questions about them should be directed to Mike Wagner:

1 dish towels or doilies

2 exterior latex paint

15 plastic containers, and old door mats or something for texturing molded containers

Also needed: Progresso Lentil Soup-3 cans, Watermelon- 1 large uncut

Sign up to bring these items at the signup sheet in hallway outside office.



## VBS 2024

**Trinity UCC, 2340 State St., East Petersburg**

**[www.trinityeastpete.org](http://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."

Offerings and Projects To Be Donated To Habitat For Humanity

Register through the VBS/Rally Day Page at [www.trinityeastpete.org](http://www.trinityeastpete.org)



**Look for the yellow VBS Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets on the table outside office.**

**Books for the adult class are available in the church office!!**



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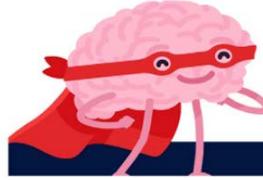
[info@parishresourcecenter.org](mailto:info@parishresourcecenter.org)

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## Mental Health First Aid

For Youth

- Help youth ages 12-18
- Earn certification and CEUs



August 12,  
9am-2pm

## 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  
Roast Beef · Chicken Salad · Tuna Salad**

#### BREAD OPTIONS:

white sub roll • bread • tortilla wrap

#### CHOICE OF YOUR CONDIMENTS:

mayonnaise • mustard • creamy horseradish • olive oil • vinegar

#### CHEESE OF YOUR CHOICE:

American • Provolone • Swiss

#### YOUR CHOICES OF VEGETABLES:

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

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

## Just 16 left!!!

Pennsylvania Academy of Ministry, upcoming classes (Speak to Pastor Chris for more information)

<https://www.lancasterseminary.edu/programs/pennsylvania-academy-of-ministry/>

*PAM is a Regional Theological Education Program of the UCC and serves church leaders in the PC(USA), ELCA, UMC, and other denominations.*

**Innovation and New Models of Leadership.** July 9–Aug 13, 2024. Tuesdays, 7–8:30pm EST via Zoom. Instructor: the Rev. Dale Davis.

This challenging class engages an array of exciting leadership models and is supported by a podcast series produced especially for the Pennsylvania Academy of Ministry, featuring Gil Rendle, Karen Georgia Thompson, Doug Powe Jr., Lovett Weems Jr., John Schol, and Sarah Drummond. 2.5 CEUs. \$325.

## SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

There are a wide range of camps this summer for all ages at **Kirchenwald & Nawakwa!** — kindergarteners through high schoolers, families, adults, and older folks. Look for more information in the Parish Post or on the table across from the church office. Contact Anne Rankin for more information!

## TRINITY'S CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

So far for 2024, we are sending Zach, Rachel, Andrew, and Rev. Sandy Morris' grandchildren. 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".

## Daily Devotionals

We have *These Days* for July-September 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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**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**

Before you pay your bill, please mention Trinity United Church of Christ and 10% of your bill will be donated to Trinity.

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

Food Trucks(Stoney's Barbecue, The Taco RV(cash only), Tri-County BBQ, Cool Summers Ice Cream, What's For Supper), Craft Vendors, Magician,

Face Painter(5-7 PM), Games, Fun Activities, Auscultation Brass Concert (5-6 PM)

Proceeds from the Friendship Fest will support the Trinity Preschool!

**Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office to volunteer with the Friendship Fest!**



**AUGUST 25, 4:00-6:30 PM**

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

## CONGRATULATIONS LILY KILGORE Daughter of Bob & Penny Kilgore



photo by KRISTIE BOWLES

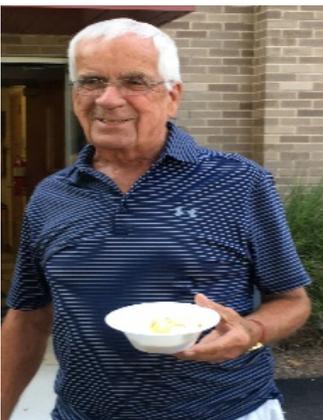
Pictured left to right are the winners of the 2024 Pa. State Laurel Festival queen pageant: first runner up Miss Upper Perkiomen High School Alexis Seifing, 2024 queen Miss Manheim Township Liliana Kilgore and second runner-up Miss Wellsboro Isobel Anderegg.

Contestants were selected for the Pa State Laurel Festival Pageant based on an application and resume. Thirty young women were invited to come to the festival. Once on site, the judging began the moment they arrived via a radio interview. Personal interviews with the team of judges came next. The final test was a response to a randomly selected question on stage in front of a live audience and the panel of judges. Lily was asked to describe the most influential person in history, and she discussed Fredrick Banting, the scientist who discovered insulin, and gave the patent away for free. She won first place!

Lily hopes to now give back to the community of Wellsboro, PA by doing volunteer work for the local women's shelter.

## 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)



**John Bailey** joined the Church Triumphant on June 24, 2024. A private graveside service with Pastor Rankin officiating will be held at a later time. John was a very active member of Trinity Church. He served as Consistory President, usher, money counter, communion usher, flower delivery person, a member of Pastor Rankin's transition team, and treasurer of the Men of Trinity Group (a position that Lee Bossert volunteered him for when John & Betsy were on vacation). As a former Trustee, John did some painting around the church building and was involved with the church cemetery. John and Lee Bossert would organize the annual planting of the geraniums.

As we give thanks for John's life and his involvement in our congregation, we continue to pray for Betsy and the rest of their family.

# SAVE THE DATES



Church World Service  
*Certificate of Appreciation*  
to

**Trinity United Ch of Christ**

A national 2023 Cream of the CROP top fundraising team with the Lancaster CROP Hunger Walk to end hunger and poverty around the world.



Presented by  
*Jeff Krogan*  
National Community Engagement Manager  
April 5, 2024

Trinity Church was recently recognized as being 34<sup>th</sup> in the U.S. to raise funds for the 2023 CROP Walk!! Also, the Lancaster CROP Walk was recognized for being ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the U.S. and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pennsylvania for the 2023 CROP Walk!

Save the date for this year's CROP Walk.....October 20, 2024 at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church! Pastor Rankin continues to serve as the Lancaster CROP Walk Coordinator!



## East Petersburg Parade

The annual East Petersburg Day Parade will follow the 5K at 10AM and lead families, friends and neighbors to East Petersburg Community Park for an amazing day filled with live music, jugglers, rides, games, and food!

**The Parish Life Committee will be organizing a float for this year's parade. Watch for more information in the worship bulletins and the September Parish Post!!!**

..... Congratulations

**LANCASTER CROP WALK**

*#16 in the nation & #2 in PA!*

**THIS YEAR'S TOTAL RAISED WAS \$55,472.22, BUMPING US UP TO #16 FROM #21 IN 2022! THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR FUNDRAISING AND DEDICATION TO MAKING SURE YOUR NEIGHBORS CLOSE AND WIDE ARE FED!**

*let's do it again on Oct. 20th!*

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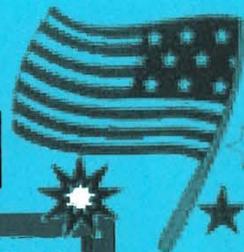
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Happy 4th!

## JULY 4TH WORD SEARCH



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God Bless America  
 LAND THAT I LOVE



### FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE:



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Dates	Greeters	Nursery	Ushers	Lectors	Worship Aids	Money Counters	Flowers
7/7	Pat Seachrist, Shelley Wagner	Betty Fogle, Anne Rankin	<b>Mike Wagner</b> , Shelley Wagner, George DeLong, Anne Rankin, Rachel Baynard, Stan Seachrist, Andrew Rankin, Betty Tyndall	Jeff Hackenberger	Christy	Nevin Cooley, Steve Gold, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi	Rankin/Ashby
7/14	Dottie Schadt, Cherie Cataldi	Hedwig Hunsicker, Rachel Baynard	<b>Theodore Slechta</b> , Carl Spangler, Denise Huggins, Dottie Schadt, Tim Geiger, Lon Wible, Dan Otthofer, <b>Usher needed</b>	Diane Rice	Siever	Nevin Cooley, Steve Gold, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi	Siever
7/21	Gail Kogut, Karen Olley	Charlene Cristy, Dottie Schadt	<b>Steve Shenk</b> , Dave Connor, Charlene Cristy, Scott Summers, Andrew Rankin, Zach Baynard, Karen Olley, Kathy McCarty	Sandy Morris/Sue Bowman		Bud & Kathy McCarty, Jeff Hackenberger, John Shelsky	Hartenstine
7/28	Denise Huggins, Charlene Cristy	Jodi Keller, Sandy DeLong	<b>Mike Wagner</b> , Shelley Wagner, George DeLong, Anne Rankin, Rachel Baynard, Stan Seachrist, Andrew Rankin, Betty Tyndall	Jack Esbenshade/Steve Gold		Bud & Kathy McCarty, Jeff Hackenberger, John Shelsky	Cristy
8/4	Dottie Schadt, Cherie Cataldi	Betty Fogle, Anne Rankin	<b>Theodore Slechta</b> , Carl Spangler, Denise Huggins, Dottie Schadt, Tim Geiger, Lon Wible, Dan Otthofer, <b>Usher needed</b>	Sandy Morris/Sue Bowman	Hoover	Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk, Denise Pfeiffer	Gruber
8/11	Charlene Cristy, Karen Olley	Hedwig Hunsicker, Rachel Baynard	<b>Steve Shenk</b> , Dave Connor, Charlene Cristy, Scott Summers, Andrew Rankin, Zach Baynard, Karen Olley, Kathy McCarty	Diane Rice		Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk, Denise Pfeiffer	
8/18	Pat Seachrist, Shelley Wagner	Charlene Cristy, Dottie Schadt	<b>Mike Wagner</b> , Shelley Wagner, George DeLong, Anne Rankin, Rachel Baynard, Stan Seachrist, Andrew Rankin, Betty Tyndall	Jeff Hackenberger	Hartenstine	Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller	Rankin
8/25	Denise Huggins, Gail Kogut	Jodi Keller, Sandy DeLong	<b>Theodore Slechta</b> , Carl Spangler, Denise Huggins, Dottie Schadt, Tim Geiger, Lon Wible, Dan Otthofer, <b>Usher needed</b>	Jack Esbenshade/Ron Denlinger		Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller	P. Miller

**Other Ministry Volunteers-Continued on next page**

**ALTAR GUILD:**

July 7 & 14- Charlene Cristy, Hedwig Hunsicker, Nancy Enders  
 July 21 & 28- Karen Olley, Beth Bossert, Nancy Enders  
 August 4-Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy, Hedwig Hunsicker  
 August 11 & 18-Anita Rohrer, Beth Bossert, Hedwig Hunsicker  
 August 25-Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy, Nancy Enders

**Visitation Minister July(Phone Calls/Visits):** Janice Jenkins  
**Building Trustee July:** Pat Sensenig  
**Card Ministry July:** Deacons  
**Called to Care July:** Nancy Enders

**Visitation Minister Aug.(Phone Calls/Visits):** Ken Trauger  
**Building Trustee Aug.:** Hank Fox  
**Card Ministry Aug.:** Elders  
**Called to Care Aug.:** Nancy Enders

<b>TRINITY BREAD:</b>		<b>FRIDAY FLOWER DELIVERY:</b>	
July 7 – Charlene Cristy	July 14 – Autumn Shenk	July 5 – Anita Rohrer	July 12 – Karen Olley
July 21 – Beth Bossert	July 28 – Kathy McCarty	July 19 – Denise Huggins	July 26 – Cherie Cataldi
August 4 – Betty Fogle	August 11 – Joan Sensenig	August 2 – Dottie Schadt	August 9 – Nancy Enders
August 18 – Beth Bossert	August 25 – Charlene Cristy	August 16 – Cherie Cataldi	August 23 – Kathy Cooley
		August 30 – Paula Dennes	

**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.

**TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.**

The Christian Education Committee is planning to sponsor a trip to Washington D.C. on October 26. We are hoping to visit the National Cathedral and the other museums. We don't have any details yet on the cost, but we are asking you to sign-up if you are interested at this point. The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office. For more information, speak to Sue Bowman or Pastor Rankin.



**LOVE INC 2024 INVITATIONAL**

**Mini-Golf Outing**

*Looking for a fun outing to support a good cause? Join us on Saturday, August 3rd for Love INC's family mini-golf fundraiser! Bring the family and show off your mini-golf skills, during this FUNdraising event. All proceeds from this even benefit the ministry of Love INC of Lancaster County, a 501(c)3 nonprofit. It is the mission of Love INC to empower, connect, and support churches as they arise to transform lives and communities, In the Name of Christ.*

Village Greens Miniature Golf  
 1444 Village Rd, Strasburg, PA 17579  
**AUGUST 3, 2024**

**Start Time: 9:00am**  
 COST- \$15/person

 Register by scanning the QR code or by visiting [loveinclanaster.org/events](http://loveinclanaster.org/events) to sign up.

Thank You To Our Sponsors:



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5	6 8:00PM Alanon/ AA
Secretary on Vacation						
7:45 AM Eucharist 9:30 AM Eucharist	8	9	10 9:30 AM Stewardship 7:00 PM Finance	11 10:00AM Evangelism  6:00 PM Parish Life	12	13 8:00PM Alanon/ AA
Secretary on Vacation						
14 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:30 AM Eucharist 4-7 PM Friendship Fest	15	16	17	18 2:00 PM CROP Walk Mtg.	19	20 8:00PM Alanon/ AA  PASTOR AWAY
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6:30-8:30 p.m.						
21 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:30 AM Worship Rev. Dr. Jim Haun	22	23	24 7:00 PM Christian Ed.	25	26	27 8:00PM Alanon/ AA
PASTOR AWAY (Rev. Bistline covering emergencies)						
28 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:30 AM Worship Rev. Charlie Gross	29	30	31			
PASTOR AWAY (Rev. Morris covering emergencies)						
				Secretary on Vacation		



# August 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Exec. Mtg.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>8:00PM</b> Alanon/ AA
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">PASTOR AWAY</div> <div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 5px;">Secretary on Vacation</div>					
<b>4 7:45 AM</b> Eucharist <b>9:30 AM</b> Eucharist	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>8:00PM</b> Alanon/ AA
<b>11 7:45 AM</b> Eucharist <b>9:30 AM</b> Worship-- Sacrament of Baptism	<b>12</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Preschool Board	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Finance	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>8:00PM</b> Alanon/ AA
<b>18 7:45 AM</b> Eucharist <b>9:30 AM</b> Eucharist	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>8:00PM</b> Alanon/ AA
<b>25</b> <b>7:45 AM</b> Eucharist <b>9:30 AM</b> Worship <b>4-6:30 PM</b> Church Picnic	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>8:00PM</b> Alanon/ AA

# Mt. Gretna Bible Festival 2024 Season

ALL PROGRAMS ARE IN THE HISTORIC TABERNACLE  
THIRD ST & GLOSSBRENNER AVE

Parking at Mt. Gretna Fire Co.

Handicapped Parking at Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church Parking Lot

**PARKING AT THE MT. GRETNA ROLLER RINK - in DEFINED AREAS ONLY!!!!**

Roller Rink Parking on the following dates: July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 3, 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024

\*\*\*\*\***Sunday, July 7, 2024 - Phredd Ukulele One Man Band** (Fred McNaughton) - **SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN - 3 p.m.** Ukulele Flailing, Harmonica Wailing, Suitcase Drumming, Kazoo Hum-Humming, Ukulele Bundle of Joy! Freewill Offering will be received.\*\*\*\*\*

COME EARLY for a "Community Arts Party" and help paint the entrance for this year's Mt. Gretna Art Show and play instruments provided by Gretna Music. Sponsored by Mt. Gretna Outdoor Art Show.



**Sunday, July 7, 2024 - Amy Yovanovich and Brenten Megee - 7 p.m.** A program of spirituals and music by American composers plus an audience sing-along. Accompanied by Dr. Ross Ellison and Sue Fry-Wickard. Freewill Offering will be received.

**Sunday, July 14, 2024 - Dr. Chris Walker** is the Sr. Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, Pa., and the preacher on the weekly radio broadcast 'The Westminster Pulpit' on WDAC radio. His degrees are from Hilldale College and Westminster Theological Seminary. Musicians from Westminster Church will provide special music for the service - 7 p.m. Freewill Offering will be received.

**Sunday, July 21, 2024 - Knotwork Band - 7 p.m.** The Knotwork Band is a trio that performs Celtic folk music from Ireland, Scotland, England, and Brittany, as well as American and World music with ties to Celtic folk music, either musically or historically. Freewill Offering will be received.

**Sunday, July 28, 2024 - Choir Festival - 7 p.m.** Composer Craig Courtney will direct 100 voices in a joyous Sunday Concert. Accompanist Dan Dorty will be joined by flute and brass. Freewill Offering will be received. [Sponsored by Loser's Music.](#) [Concert made possible by the Estate of Douglas Troutman.](#) Singers can register online this year by clicking on this link: [Zeffy](#) To request a printable file contact: [office@mtgretnatabernacle.org](mailto:office@mtgretnatabernacle.org)

**Wednesday, July 31, 2024 - Hymn Sing - 7 p.m.** Congregational favorites from the Celebration Hymnal led by Bob Kettering and Dr. Rod Shearer. Freewill Offering will be received.

**Saturday, August 3, 2024 - Handbell Festival - 7 p.m.** Under the direction of Dr. Shawn Gingrich, Hershey, Pa., ringers from the area will ring the praise and glory of God. Freewill Offering will be received. [Sponsored by Home Instead.](#)

**Sunday, August 4, 2024 - Daniel Dorty - 7 p.m.** Pianist and Organist for the acclaimed Susquehanna Chorale, and Director of Music and Organist for the Derry Presbyterian Church, Dan Dorty joined by musicians from Derry Church, their Sanctuary Choir and Derry Ringers for an evening of sacred music celebrating the Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs of our Faith. Freewill Offering will be received.

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 - **Summit Hill Bluegrass Band** - 7 p.m. From southeastern Pa., Summit Hill Bluegrass Band plays bluegrass, gospel and a wide variety of other music. Freewill Offering will be received. [Sponsored by JoAnn Thomas Show.](#)



Sunday, August 11, 2024 - **Dr. Peter W. Teague, Pres. Emeritus & Ambassador, Lancaster Bible College** - 7 p.m. Dr. Teague and his wife Paulette are founders of Jessica and Friends Community, a non-profit organization offering residential services, training in daily living skills, and social services to adults with developmental disabilities. Freewill Offering will be received.

Sunday, August 18, 2024 - **Susquehanna Chorale** - 7 p.m. One of the premier choral groups in the nation makes its traditional late summer appearance. Directed by Linda Tedford. Freewill Offering will be received.

Sunday, August 25, 2024 - **QuintEssentially Brass** - 7 p.m. This quintet with engaging personalities and sparkling instrumental performances ends another season. Freewill Offering will be received. [Sponsored by Arthur Funk and Sons](#)

## SUMMER PROGRAMS AT MT. GREYNA CHAUTAUQUA

For more information go to: [www.pachautauqua.info](http://www.pachautauqua.info)



### Decades That Transformed #4

*Thu Jul 11th 10:00am*

1910s - 1920s: Collapse of the Old Order. The political and social reforms of the Progressive Movement. Dr. Lee Barrett & Dr. Randall Zachman.



### Decades That Transformed #5

*Thu Jul 18th 10:00am*

1960s: The Cultural Revolution. 'The Times They Are a-Changin' Today's crossroads require a look back at historical events. Dr. Lee Barrett & Dr. Randall Zachman. **Hall of Philosophy**



### The Religion of Race

*Tue Jul 23rd 7:00pm*

Explore the true history of race in America and how the promotion of race differs from its biblical account. With the Rev. Dr. Joseph Green. **Hall of Philosophy**



### Decades That Transformed #6

*Thu Jul 25th 10:00am*

2010s: The Acceleration of Polarization. Understanding how we got here. Today's crossroads require a look back at historical events. Dr. Lee Barrett & Dr. Randall Zachman. **Hall of Philosophy**



### Where's the Ark of the Covenant?

*Thu Aug 1st 10:00am*

Dr. Herb Smith explores the tradition of the affair of Solomon & Sheba and this holy object in the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. **Hall of Philosophy**

# Trinity Concert Series Looking For Supporters 2024

Would you like to support the Trinity Concert Series with a donation towards the expenses incurred? Please complete this form and return it with your donation to the church office, or place it in the offering plate. If you wish to Sponsor a complete concert, please speak to the Director of Music.

1848 Circle \$200.00 or More  
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