



Parish Post Deadline:
3rd Monday of the month

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



*Catch the Vision,
Share the Joy!!*

Dear Friends,

On October 15, 1725, German settlers gathered at Falkner Swamp Reformed Church in Gilbertsville, PA for the first communion service. John Philip Boehm, a school teacher and church lay leader who immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1720, became the first pastor of Falkner Swamp and was considered the founder of the German Reformed Church.

As the German immigrants settled throughout this region, Boehm was serving multiple congregations as a lay itinerant pastor. They relied heavily on lay leaders. In 1729, Boehm was ordained and continued to serve many congregations since there weren't many ordained ministers to offer the sacraments. Rev. Boehm died in 1749 at the age of sixty-five. He had just finished celebrating communion at a church and died on his way home.

Almost a hundred years later, a small group of men gathered in East Petersburg on October 26, 1848 to be installed as deacons and elders. There were also nineteen men and twenty-eight women who gathered for the first communion service. This led to the birth of Trinity Reformed Church.

We will gather on October 26 to celebrate the 177th anniversary of Trinity Church. We will recognize members who have been a part of Trinity & St. Luke's for fifty years or more. As we gather for Holy Communion, I encourage us to think about those German settlers who gathered for the first communion service in 1725. I also encourage us to think about those men and women who gathered in 1848 for the first communion service at Trinity Church. We are connected to our ancestors in the faith!

As we celebrate these significant anniversaries, I share this prayer of thanksgiving from the Reformed Church Book of Worship:

O God, Giver of all good and Fountain of all mercies, in whom are the springs of our life: all glory, thanks and praise be unto Thee for thine ever-flowing goodness; for thy faithfulness which is from one generation to another; for thy mercies which are new every morning, fresh every moment, and more than we can number; for seed-time and harvest, and summer and winter, and nights and days throughout the year; for food and raiment and shelter; for health and reason; for childhood and age, and youth and manhood; for thy fatherly hand ever upon us in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death; for friends and kindred and kind benefactors; for home and country; for thy Church and for thy gospel; yea, Lord, for that there is nothing in which we may not bless and thank Thee. And therefore do we take the cup of salvation, and call upon thy name, pay our vows now in the presence of all thy people; humbly beseeching Thee to accept this our becoming service and bounden duty, even as we offer it, in the name and through the infinite merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Blessings,
Pastor Chris

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CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS by Bob Kilgore

At its September 16, 2025 meeting, the Consistory reviewed the treasurer's report noting strong liquidity despite modest year-to-date losses, and unanimously passed the 2026 budget.

Pastor Chris highlighted the successful planning start with the new organist, Carol's upcoming retirement with a transition plan for the secretary position, positive progress with the new preschool director, and ongoing community partnerships.

Planning is underway for Advent and Christmas, with a leadership seminar scheduled for October 11 and guest preacher Rev. Milton Gockley on October 26.

The consistory also ratified an email vote to provide system access for the treasurer, heard updates on the nominating committee and preparations for the November 9 congregational meeting.

CHURCH GIVING CARDS: Since some members give online or on a monthly basis, they don't have anything to place in the offering plate during worship. The Consistory recently implemented something that Pastor Rankin saw at another church. They have laminated cards in the pews for those people to place in the offering plate as their act of worship (you can see a picture below). Look for these cards placed in the pews! If you have any questions speak to Pastor Rankin, Jeff Hackenberger (Consistory President), or Lon Wible (Chair of Deacons).



KOINONIA HAS RETURNED!

Koinonia (community fellowship) has resumed at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments. The drinks/coffee will be taken care of for you! The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen counter. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes. We hope you will join us for this time of fellowship between our Sunday School classes and worship!

Pastor Chris will brew a pot of coffee when he arrives in the morning for people to enjoy between the 7:45 service and Sunday School.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS		
10/04	Eugene Kopp	(717) 413-5168
10/04	Landis Knoll	(717)341-5189
10/05	George Latsha	(717) 879-9221
10/05	Andrew Brennan	(717) 979-5481
10/06	Steven Reiff	(717) 725-4442
10/07	Dr. Cathy Hoshauer	(717) 627-2410
10/07	Sally Rodenberger	(717) 490-8786
10/08	Heidi Fischer	(717) 459-3112
10/09	Kevin Harley	(717) 569-4060
10/12	Dan Otthofer	(717) 203-6578
10/12	Pamela Weeber	(717) 393-2245
10/13	Lily Kilgore	(717) 581-1980
10/15	Derek Eisenhour	(717) 560-1536
10/15	Matthew LaRouche	(717) 898-3750
10/15	John Brennan	(717) 979-5481
10/15	Donna Wolf	(717) 569-0922
10/16	Phyllis Zimmerman	(717) 569-5084
10/17	Sandy DeLong	(717) 203-9406
10/17	Kelsey Harley	(717) 569-4060
10/17	Elyse Minder	(717) 587-8262
10/22	Elizabeth Rohrer	(717) 898-0382
10/23	Megan Minder	(717) 898-2260
10/24	Erika Richards	(717) 419-8224
10/25	Kelly Schuessler	(717) 314-6101
10/27	Noreen Trostle	(717) 665-5247
0/28	Shirley Brown	(717) 392-6618
10/28	JoAnn Mowrer	(717) 392-2879
10/28	Kenneth Zimmerman	(717) 569-5084
10/28	William (Lee) Davis	(717) 413-3124
10/29	Kathy McCarty	(717) 669-7687

PASTOR TO TAKE TIME FOR STUDY/PLANNING:

Pastor Chris will be taking time to study and plan for Advent/Christmas from October 27-31. The Rev. Sandy Morris will be covering pastoral emergencies that week.

TREASURE IN CLAY JARS by Rev. Jack Esbenshade

It is not my place to criticize others or to look down on the work of other people. But the other Sunday as I sat with Donna at her church, the pastor commented that members should give to the church to pay the bills and keep the lights on. I cringed.

I have taken considerable time and effort to place giving to the church or any charitable organization as an act of faith. For me this business of giving and stewardship are based on knowing that even when the cruet of oil is just about empty, there is enough to make a little cake and feed the prophet.

Many years ago, when I started in ministry we received a Christmas card with the three wise men on the cover. The person who sent it told me to place it over the lintel of the front door. He went on to say that we would not want for anything in the coming year.

Now I don't know if I accept all the folklore that goes with such actions. But I can state that we did not want in the that year. And we continued the practice for many years.

Scott Owens, at a recent meeting of the Stewardship/Endowment Committee quoted Millard Fuller (founder of Habitat for Humanity) was publicly speaking and at the time of the offering said something to the effect - 'open your wallet and there's a \$20.00 and \$5.00 in there – put the \$20.00 in the plate – you still have \$5.00.'

What I do know is that generosity and stewardship are learned and require practice.

Keep up the good work and keep exercising your spiritual life.

Devotionals: We have *These Days* for October-December on the table across from the church office. If you need a devotional mailed to you, contact the church office.

Lunch Bunch:

Where: Hinkle's Restaurant 261 Locust St, Columbia, PA 17512

When: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at noon

Selections will be taken off the menu and we are able to have separate checks. Check for sign up on the table outside office.

See Denise Pfeifer for more information!!!

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

The men will be meeting at the Family Fare Restaurant for breakfast on October 4. This is open to all men of the congregation! You are encouraged to invite other men to the breakfast.

October Scriptures	
10/5	Hab. 1:1-4,2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
10/12	2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
10/19	Gen. 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8
10/26	Jere. 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

NEW DIRECTORY

The new directory is out. Look for copies on both floors of the building. If you need one mailed to you, contact the church office!

ADDRESS UPDATE

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UPCOMING LEADERSHP SEMINAR

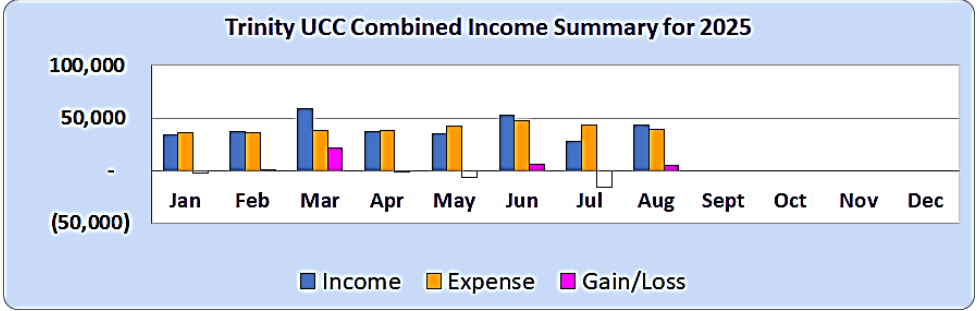
The Pastor-Parish Committee will be sponsoring another leadership seminar in Isenberg Hall on **Saturday, October 11 from 9-11:00 a.m.** Myka Kennedy Stephens will be returning to do a seminar on leadership strengths. This seminar is for all members of the Consistory and the committees/boards of Trinity Church. If you did not sign-up before the deadline, speak with Pastor Chris because he ordered extra materials.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Knit in God's Love Prayer Shawl will be meeting on Tuesday, October 21 at 1:00 PM. They will continue meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

News from the Finance Committee

YTD TOTAL INCOME	\$325,521	August INCOME	\$43,356
YTD TOTAL EXPENSES	\$320,672	August EXPENSE	\$38,922
YTD GAIN/(LOSS)	\$4,849	MONTHLY GAIN/(LOSS)	\$4,434



Online Giving Information

For several years, members have been able to make recurring donations online in lieu of paying cash/checks or by mail. Online donations save the cost of a check and envelope and if using the recurring feature, remembering weekly to prepare your envelope. Presently we have a few giving units who give to the church online either weekly or recurring.

*We want to remind you that there is a small fee when giving online. 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. **Your contribution towards the processing fee will be recorded on your giving statement and will also help the church's budget.***

*In 2022, we added a feature on our website to give you the opportunity to cover the added cost of giving online. **The costs are 1.05% when paying by check through your bank or 3.05% when paying by credit/debit card.** There will be a check-off block to use if you wish to cover your transaction cost in addition to your contribution.*

*Here's the instructions for making contributions on Trinity's website....trinityeastpete.org....**RESOURCES, PAY ON-LINE***



Thursday, October 23, at 1:00 pm

It's time to have fun and play Pinochle! Everyone is invited to come on Thursdays, October 23 & November 20. Please sign up on the sheet across from the office. Bring a snack to share. We're happy to teach if you are new to this card game.

Welcome Our New Organist



We will welcome Philip High as our new organist on October 12. Phil is a graduate of Garden Spot High School (Jeff Hackenberger was one of us music teachers) and Millersville University (BA in Music-piano). He is employed as a senior financial analyst with AFP LLC. Phil has studied organ with Dr. Ross Ellison and AJ Young and piano with Dr. Anita Renfroe and Dr. Maria Thompson Corley. He has served as organist at various congregations throughout Lancaster County. Since 2023, Phil has been the organist at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Lancaster.

Phil's other connection with Trinity Church is his friendship with Rev. Tom Busted, our organist from 2012-2016. In fact, it was through Tom that Phil learned about our search for a new organist!

Please take time to introduce yourself to Phil over the next few weeks.

WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION

We will continue to stream the 7:45 a.m. service on the Trinity Facebook page and later upload it to our website. The Technology Committee is currently working on moving our streaming to YouTube. More information about this change is forthcoming!

Holy Communion will be celebrated every week at the 7:45 a.m. service and at the 10:30 a.m. service on **October 5 (World Communion Sunday) and October 26 (Reformation Sunday/Anniversary Sunday).**

On October 26, we will celebrate the 177th anniversary of Trinity Church by recognizing members who have been a part of Trinity and St. Luke's for fifty years or more. We will recognize these members at both services and at the special koinonia in Isenberg Hall at 10:00 a.m.

The Stewardship Committee has invited the **Rev. Milton Gockley, Jr.** (brother of the late Rev. David Gockley) to be our guest preacher on October 26. A native Lancastrian, Rev. Gockley graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary in 1952 (currently the oldest graduate of LTS) and served as a parish pastor in Pennsylvania. He then served for many years on the Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ. As we continue to move through our stewardship campaign, we will be blessed to hear from Rev. Gockley.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sunday School classes began on September 21. Here's information about the different classes:

1. **The Children's Class** will meet in the downstairs classroom and will be using the Spark lectionary-based curriculum. **Teachers:** Anne Rankin, Denise Pfeifer, Dina Slechta, Kayla Brennan, Theodore Slechta, Beth Bossert, Marie Reed, and Lindsey Wagner (from Zion Lutheran).
2. **The Youth Class** will meet in the side room by the kitchen in Isenberg Hall and use resources from the Bible Project website for their curriculum through November. **Teachers:** Bob Kilgore & Jeff Hackenberger.
3. **The Wired Word Class** will be 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. Participants 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. **Teacher:** Diane Rice.
4. **The Adult Bible Class** will meet in the front of Isenberg Hall and will be studying the Gospel of Luke through the Kerygma study series. **Teachers:** Sue Bowman and Pastor Rankin.

The following people have agreed to serve as substitute teachers or assistants for the various classes: Karen Olley, Noreen Trostle, Mitch Gibson, and Rachel Baynard.



Mumma's Eats and Treats Food Truck will be joining us this year!
The food truck will give 10% of sales to the Trinity Preschool!

WE NEED PEOPLE TO DECORATE THEIR CARS....LOOK FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE TABLE ACROSS FROM THE CURCH OFFICE!

Speak to a member of the Parish Life Committee for more information (Kayla Brennan, Anne Rankin, Denise Pfeifer, Rachel Baynard, Jeff Hackenberger, or Steve Gold).



Trinity's next community meal will be at **First Reformed UCC (40 East Orange St., Lancaster)** on **October 14**. Please check out sign-up sheet for dessert donations, meal prep and serving help the day of the meal. Thank you for supporting this important mission.

LANCASTER FOOD HUB ANNUAL BREAKFAST



The Lancaster Food Hub recently held their annual breakfast to share with us information about what they are doing in the community. They also celebrated the end of their capital campaign with the opening of their new outreach center. Trinity contributed to that capital campaign. The following people from Trinity attended the breakfast: **Rev. Jack Esbenshade, Kathy Cooley, Hedwig Hunsicker, Lon Wible, Rev. Sandy Morris, Darlene Zerbe, and Pastor Rankin.**

VBS MISSION REPORT

Thank you to all who supported this year's VBS mission offering. We raised \$870 for the Wycliffe Bible Translators!!!

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER AT SON'S

Thanks to all who supported the Trinity Preschool's fundraiser at Son's on August 25. We raised \$407.70 for the preschool! We surpassed what we raised in 2024 (\$328.44).



U.C.C. GLOBAL MINISTRIES SPOTLIGHT

Mission Moment from Lebanon

Written by: Rev. Riad Jarjour President of FDCC, Margaret Kofron GMI & FDCC Staff
FDCC workshop for young social actors on Human Rights in Politics.
Distribution of humanitarian aid during the war.



During the war in Lebanon, fear gripped entire communities. People fled from their homes and villages as they came under bombardment. Fields burned. Families ran to protect their lives and the lives of their children, clinging to dignity and trying to shield their young ones from the horrors of war.

The Forum for Development, Culture, and Dialogue (FDCC) has witnessed firsthand how thousands upon thousands of people are suddenly displaced, in desperate need of shelter, support, and the most basic necessities for survival. FDCC staff went to the temporary shelters in schools and camps where displaced people had gathered. We brought food so they would not go

hungry, but we also brought something equally important: the assurance that God had not abandoned them.

Humanitarian response to the war.



It was during this time that we met a young displaced boy. He was eating a banana, but only half of it. When asked why, he said, "I will only eat half. The other half is for my brother." This simple act of love moved us deeply. It reminded us to search for the children, women, and elderly—especially those who were forgotten, living in places where no one else was offering assistance. Our mission was, and still is, to lift people up, just as Jesus lifted people up: to walk in their shoes, stand with them in their struggles, and support them as fellow human beings. FDCC's mission, especially in

partnership with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ through Global Ministries, has always been to serve all humankind. We want them to know they are children of God, never abandoned, always welcomed. Like Jesus, his ministry was not confined to closed doors; it was open to all, extending freedom, healing, and blessing to everyone without distinction.



Prayers for Lebanon

Strong and loving God, You who share in the sufferings of your people, hear us in Lebanon as we pray for the people of Lebanon and Syria, those who hunger, those who flee, and those who grieve. Have mercy, God, on the homeless, the widowed, the grieving, and the sick. Shine your light upon them in the midst of their pain, and grant them comfort.

God of the hope of humanity and the safe harbor who grants peace, bestow love and unity upon this troubled world, drowning in a sea of hostility, injustice, and lust for power. Let wars be silenced and the power of enmity be broken, so that peace may dwell among us, and the nations of the earth may acknowledge your generosity, abundance, and mercy. Teach us to remove from our hearts all anger, bitterness, and misunderstanding. Draw us nearer to You so that we may live always in fellowship with one another.

In your name we pray, Amen.

2025 Our Gifts to Others from the Board of Deacons

Each year Trinity U.C.C. considers donations titled “*Our Gifts to Others*” (OGTO). These annual gifts serve to support various missions of the U.C.C. and the wider community!

Here is a brief summary of the missions you can support:

- ☐ **Milagro House** is committed to providing education, counseling and housing for women and children experiencing homelessness here in Lancaster County.
- ☐ **Bethany Children’s Home** started its *Helping Hands* program to provide unaccompanied children and youth the opportunity to be reunited with their families in the U.S. Youth will stay an average of 10-12 days and receive basic medical care, food, clothing, shelter, and basic education while their families are located.
- ☐ **Hoffman Homes Inc.** is a nonprofit that provides comprehensive psychiatric care, treatment, support, and education to youth and young adults and their families from across Pennsylvania. We inspire hope and brighter futures.
- ☐ **Love, Inc.** is a national agency that seeks to provide a conduit through which people in need can seek out much needed support efforts by local churches. This agency is geared for those among us in chronic need and seeks to transform lives in the community.
- ☐ **Lancaster Theological Seminary** – educates men & women for here for a variety of ministry settings. Donations to LTS help to support students in need with tuition, housing, etc.
- ☐ **Phoebe Devitt** – operates nursing home facilities here in central Pennsylvania. A ministry of the U.C.C., they seek donations to help cover the cost of residents stay, regardless of their ability to pay.
- ☐ **U.C.C. Homes**– provides benevolent care, and uncompensated care for needful seniors. This organization seeks our help to meet this need. There are homes in Ephrata, Annville, Carlisle, and Harrisburg.
- ☐ **Hunger Ministries**– You can designate to support the Hempfield Power Packs, the Lancaster Food Hub, or the Trinity Community Meal ministry.

- **Local Mission**—The Board of Deacons chose the Help Thy Neighbor Fund of the Hempfield School District to receive the Local Mission funds given through the end of November. This fund provides financial support to families in need throughout the Hempfield School District.
- **Wider Mission**— The Board of Deacons chose Rev. Dr. Paul Chimhungwe, a missionary/professor in Botswana through the U.C.C. Global Missions, to receive the Wider Mission funds given through the end of November. Dr. Chimhungwe visited Trinity Church in June.
- **Undesignated Gift**— If you don't have a preference on where you want to designate your gift, you can mark it as undesignated and the Board of Deacons will distribute it among the other OGTO missions.

Through September 22, 2025, *we received \$18,984* for these mission partners. Please consider these worthy ministries as you think about your possible financial offerings for the rest of 2025. In addition you can donate online, designate as "Our Gift to Others", and specify which one(s) you are donating towards.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Lancaster

CROP HUNGER WALK

October 19, 2025

LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

and Church World Service!

Lancaster CROP Hunger Walk registration is open

1:00 p.m. Registration

1:30 p.m. Program

2:00 p.m. Walk begins

(Location: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church)

Please join us in the fight against hunger. The steps we take and funds we raise will make a difference in the lives of others through the Lancaster Food Hub

You can register to walk or support one of our walkers at:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/trinity-east-pete>

We have already raised \$3,365....help us reach our goal of \$5,000!

The members of Trinity who have already registered to walk are: Mark & Chris Eyer, Hedwig Hunsicker, and the Rankin Family.

Pastor Rankin is once again serving as the coordinator of the Lancaster CROP Walk. Thanks to Mark & Chris Eyer for serving as Trinity's coordinators again this year!

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."*

We need your help with the various ministries of Trinity Church! Please consider serving in one of these ministries!

 <p>Greeter /Ushers Needed</p>	 <p>NURSERY VOLUNTEERS</p>	 <p>Called to Care</p>
<p>Volunteer as a Greeter/Usher for the 10:30 a.m. service please contact the church office.</p>	<p>We need a new coordinator to replace Betty Fogle. We also need more volunteers to serve in the nursery. Contact Pastor Rankin if you are willing to serve in either capacity!</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. We are in need of volunteers to provide meals.</p> <p>Another part of this ministry is transportation to appointments. If you need transportation to appointments or worship, please contact the church office. We are in need of volunteers to provide transportation to church! Nancy Enders is the coordinator for October-December. 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 the church office if you are willing to volunteer.</p>		<p>FLOWER DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</p>
 <p>ALTAR GUILD</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 nancyenders@comcast.net.</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 the church office.</p>	
	<p>Working With Children and Youth</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>	

2025 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS

Upcoming dates for worship aids are: October 12, November 2, 16, 23, & 30.

Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are October 19, November 30, December 24 & 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 the church office.

Dates	Greeters	Nursery	Ushers	Lectors	Worship Aids	Money Counters	Flowers
10/5	Gail Kogut, Karen Olley	Charlene Cristy, Dottie Schadt	Mike Wagner , Shelley Wagner, George DeLong, Anne Rankin, Rachel Baynard, Stan Seachrist, Andrew Rankin, Betty Tyndall	Jack Esbenshade/ Sue Bowman	Latsha	Nevin Cooley, Steve Gold, Pat Sensenig,	Brennan
10/12	Dottie Schadt, Betty Tyndall	Hedwig Hunsicker, Rachel Baynard	Theodore Slechta , Carl Spangler, Kayla Brennan, Dottie Schadt, Gene Kopp, Lon Wible, Dan Otthofer, Beth Bossert	Diane Rice		Bud & Kathy McCarty, Jeff Hackenberger, John Shelsky	Rohrer
10/19	Jack Keller, George DeLong	Betty Fogle, Anne Rankin	Steve Shenk , Dave Connor, Charlene Cristy, Scott Summers, Hillary Bossert-Davis, Zach Baynard, Karen Olley, Kathy McCarty	Jack Esbenshade/ Steve Gold	Rankin	Bud & Kathy McCarty, Jeff Hackenberger, John Shelsky	
10/26	Shelley Wagner, Pat Seachrist	Jodi Keller, Sandy DeLong	Mike Wagner , Shelley Wagner, George DeLong, Anne Rankin, Rachel Baynard, Stan Seachrist, Andrew Rankin, Betty Tyndall	Sandy Morris/ Jeff Hackenberger	Rankin	Ron & Donna Denlinger, Denise Pfeiffer, Steve Shenk, Sue Bowman	Cash
OTHER MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS							
ALTAR GUILD: Oct. 5 & 12-Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy, Hedwig Hunsicker, Nancy Enders Oct. 19 & 26-Karen Olley, Beth Bossert, Nancy Enders				VISITATION MINISTER (Phone Calls/Visits): Denise Pfeiffer Building Trustee: Steve Gold Card Ministry: Prayer Shawl (Betty Tyndall) Called to Care: Nancy Enders			
TRINITY BREAD: 5-Hedwig Hunsicker 19-Autumn Shenk				FLOWER PICKUP 3- Donna Geisler 17-Anita Rohrer 31-Anita Rohrer			
12-Charlene Cristy 26-Kathy McCarty				10- Denise Huggins 24-Diane Rice			

GRIEF GROUP: Watch for information in the bulletins about a meeting date in October. If you are interested in learning more about the group, contact Pastor Chris!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 2: We will be remembering Trinity members and friends of our congregation who have died since November 2, 2025. If you have a name of a family member or friend that you would like to include in the service, please submit to the church office the name, date of death, and your relationship to the person. **The deadline is October 27.**

BOOK STUDY: Pastor Chris is planning to do book study in the coming months via Google Meet. We will be reading Henri Nouwen's book *With Open Hands: Bring Prayer Into Your Life*. Contact the church office or Pastor Chris if you are interested in participating.



2025 Lutheran Camping Corporation Events

Capture the Flag Spectacular at Kirchenwald - October 5, 2025
Dinner Church at The Wittel Farm - October 5, 2025
Tuesday Morning Work Day at Nawakwa! at Nawakwa - October 7, 2025
October Harvest Festival at The Wittel Farm - October 18, 2025
Fall Foliage Day at Nawakwa at Nawakwa - October 19, 2025
Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald at Kirchenwald - October 26, 2025
Annual Quilt Auction at Nawakwa - November 2, 2025
Dinner Church at The Wittel Farm - November 2, 2025
Tuesday Morning Work Day at Nawakwa! at Nawakwa - November 4, 2025
Women's Craft Retreat at Nawakwa - November 7 - 9, 2025
Tuesday Morning Work Day at Nawakwa! at Nawakwa - December 2, 2025
Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm - December 6, 2025
Advent/Christmas in the Barn at The Wittel Farm - December 21, 2025
Winter Youth Retreat at Kirchenwald - January 2 - 4, 2026

Always check LutheranCamping.org for the most updated calendar!



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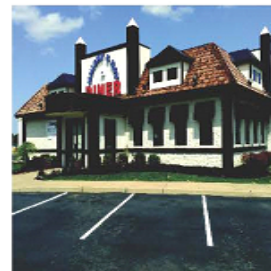
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TAKE-OUT AND CURBSIDE AT THE ABOVE NUMBERS

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

300th Anniversary Celebration of the First Communion of the German Reformed Church in America

**October 12th
@ 1:30 pm
Falkner Swamp UCC
2077 Swamp Pike,
Gilbertsville
w/ Guest Preacher
The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia
Thompson**



**October 15th
@ 6:30 pm
each PA UCC
Conference**
will hold a communion
service within its boundaries
see website link below

**For more information and registration links go to:
psec.org and click on the 300th Anniversary Celebrations slider
October 28—Gifts of the Reformed Church Going Forward w/ Dr. Randall Zachman**

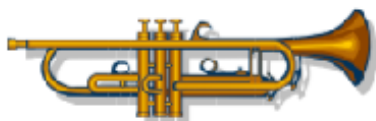
**Coming
this fall...**

*A commemorative book with essays tracing the
development of the German Reformed Church from its
European origins through present day.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO [HTTPS://PSEC.ORG/300TH-ANNIVERSARY-OF-THE-GERMAN-REFORMED-CHURCH-IN-THE-US/](https://psec.org/300th-anniversary-of-the-german-reformed-church-in-the-us/)

NOTE---The October 12 service is a hybrid event. You do need to register at the website above to indicate if you will attend in-person or virtually (there is limited space in the church to attend in-person).

The liturgy at the 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. services on October 12 will celebrate the 300th anniversary of the German Reformed Church!



QuintEssentially Brass

Sun., Oct. 26, 2025
Concert 4:00 PM

Trinity UCC

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

www.TrinityEastPete.org

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Also join us for:

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Nov. 26th 7:00 PM

Christmas Concert
Dec. 1st 7:00 PM
Followed By Desserts



The QuintEssentially Brass have announced that they will be disbanding at the end of 2025! Their concert at Trinity will be one of their final concerts, so you won't want to miss it!



We have great news! Trinity United Church of Christ will be hosting a Life Line Screening event on 10/25/25! Life Line Screening is the premier provider of stroke and cardiovascular disease risk screenings since 1993. Life Line Screening is extending a discounted offer to all Trinity U.C.C. members which will identify your risk level for the following diseases:

1. Carotid Artery Disease
2. Peripheral Arterial Disease
3. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
4. Atrial Fibrillation

Call 800-324-9458 to schedule your appointment

EAST PETERSBURG DAY PARADE

The Parish Committee would like to thank those who were involved in the East Petersburg parade. We appreciate those who donated candy, those who helped assemble the candy bags on Rally Day, and those who joined us for the parade. We thank our drivers: Chuck Husted, Mike Wagner, and Don Miller (Mike's co-pilot). We also appreciate Tobe Rohrer's assistance with the float and Pine View for allowing us to use their trailer.





TRINITY UCC PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

We have welcomed so many smiling, eager faces this past month and can't thank you enough for preparing your children each day for preschool! We are off to a great start at Trinity Preschool! Don't forget to follow us on facebook for a look inside our school day. Here is a Sneak Peek into October...

October is fire prevention month. At Trinity the children will have a visit from a fire fighter and fire truck from the East Petersburg Fire Company. The children will be learning about fire safety in their classrooms. We are also going to introduce the concept of a fire drill to the children so that they can practice leaving the building quickly and safely. This is also a good time to talk about fire safety in your home. Talk about a safe meeting spot away from your house and streets.

Halloween Parade for Tiny Tot and 2 Day-Thursday, October 30th. Please have your child dressed in their costume (please do not send in wands/swords...). Please Park in a parking spot then proceed to the drop off circle and stand in the grass around the tree to see our parade. We will walk out of the lower doors as close to the drop off time as possible.

Halloween Parade for 3 Day and 4 Day-Friday, October 31st. Please have your child dressed in their costume (please do not send in wands/swords...) Please return at 11:15 and park in a parking spot then proceed to the drop off circle to see our parade. After we are finished you can take your child home. Please look for details in your teacher's weekly newsletter.

FUNDRAISER – ORDER YOUR THANKSGIVING PIES! We will be selling the popular Bird-in-Hand Bakery pies. The proceeds will be used to update our preschool equipment and curriculum. **WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOU TAKING ORDERS FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS, CO-WORKERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS.** Order forms will be sent home October 16/17. All orders are due **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31st.** Pie orders are picked up at the church on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14th between 10:30-11:45 A.M.** Payment is expected prior to or at the time of pick-up. Make checks payable to: Trinity U.C.C. Preschool. These pies can be frozen and used at holiday time. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

ENRICHMENT CLASS:

Enrichment class begins this month, WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1st and runs through the end of the school year! We have room for a few more students. If your 3-day or 4-day child could benefit from this adventure-filled, STEAM oriented afternoon, please email Ms. Amy, preschool@trinityeastpete.org. Enrichment class students pack lunch and eat with the teachers before enrichment activities begin. The class ends at 2:00 every Wednesday. The cost is \$480, see tuition form for payment details.

KINDERGARTENERS FALL 2026 The Preschool Connections Club at Hempfield School District wants to connect with you! "Preschool Connections Club is an organization for any preschool-aged child who will be attending Hempfield School District for the 2026-2027 school year. Preschool Connections aides in the transition from preschool to kindergarten, so our hope is that incoming students will attend Preschool Connections Club with their parent/guardian/caregiver at their future school building of attendance. If you are interested in signing your child up for preschool connections. Please go to the below link and select the elementary school your child will be attending for the 2026-2027 school year and rsvp.
[HTTPS://WWW.HEMPFIELSD.ORG/ACADEMICS/PRESCHOOL-CONNECTIONS-CLUB](https://www.hempfieldsd.org/academics/preschool-connections-club)

HELPFUL HINTS:

SICKNESS: If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home. If your child has a fever, please be sure that they are **fever free for 24 hours** (without medication) before returning to school.

WEATHER CHANGES: Please send your child dressed appropriately for outdoor play. We will plan to take the children outside as much as possible so please plan accordingly.

LABELS – help us by making sure backpacks, and outerwear have your child's name prominently written on them.

BELTS, BUCKLES, ETC. – to facilitate independence in the bathroom, please avoid having the children wear clothing that they cannot manage by themselves.

COATS – encourage the children to put their coats on by themselves or do as much as they can. It is important for children to do simple tasks whenever possible.

A REMINDER: If your child will be absent or needs to leave early, please let your teacher/director know **in writing**. Please check in with Ms. Carol, at the front entrance, for an early pick up (or late drop off). If someone else will be picking up your child, **please notify your teacher/director in writing!** Please make sure they have their car seat as well and keep those name placards visible.

BUILDING ACCESS POLICY

To ensure the safety of our children at school, the doors will be locked during the school day. 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.

SPECIAL DATES

Wednesday, October 1 - First Day of Enrichment, (11:30 a.m. –2p.m.)

Monday, October 13 - **NO SCHOOL**, Columbus Day

Wednesday, October 15- **TUITION DUE**

Saturday, October 25th – Trunk-Or-Treat, Trinity UCC Preschool parking lot 4-6

Thursday, October 16-Pie Fundraiser Begins

Thursday, October 30th (TTand2Day) Friday, October 31st(3Dayand4Day)-Halloween Parade

CLASS HAPPENINGS:

4-DAY CLASS (4dayclass@trinityeastpete.org) Ms. Crystal, Ms. Monica and Mrs. Cox

4day is in full swing! We'll start the month exploring community helpers and practice fire safety~ including a special fire truck visit! Mid-month we'll discover the world of nocturnal animals and learn what makes them unique! Toward the end of the month, we'll celebrate fall with all things pumpkins and some festive Halloween fun!

3-DAY CLASS (3dayclass@trinityeastpete.org) Ms. Ely, Ms. Ashley

Get ready for a month full of Halloween fun, sensory activities, and all things pumpkins! We'll be exploring the sights, sounds, and textures of fall through hands-on play and themed learning. This month, we're focusing on the letters **O** and **P**—perfect for October and pumpkins!

2-DAY CLASS (2dayclass@trinityeastpete.org) Ms. Ely, Ms. Ashley

We've got thrilling days packed with Halloween excitement! Kids will creep and crawl into fun with spider-themed activities, costume games, and a special visit from a fire truck. Plus, we'll dive into seasonal sensory play that's perfect for curious hands. It's going to be a frightfully fun time!

TINY TOTS CLASS (Tinytotsclass@trinityeastpete.org) Ms. Crystal, Mrs. Cox

This month we'll be creeping and crawling with spiders, spotting squares all around and enjoying a special fire truck visit. We'll explore autumn leaves, search high and low on our pumpkin hunt and finish the month with a fun Halloween parade! What a magical fall adventure it will be!

ENRICHMENT This month we start the Enrichment class. It will be STEAM based (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) with experiments, problem solving, and hands-on experiences! This class can get a little messy as we work on projects for our Art Show later in the year. We can't wait to see the unique ways they explore and express themselves!

SAVE THE DATES



Saturday, November 29

9:00 AM – 12 Noon

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THE NOVEMBER PARISH POST!!!



Daylight Saving Time will end on Sunday, November 2, at 2:00 a.m., when clocks "fall back" by one hour. You will gain an extra hour of sleep, and there will be more daylight in the morning and less in the evening. Be sure to adjust your clocks Saturday evening, November 1st.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held after the 10:30 service on **November 9**. We will gather for lunch and then conduct the business of the church (2026 budget and election of leaders). Watch for more details in the bulletins and the November Parish Post.

An early __ can harm crops and make you scrape your windshield

_____ is another name for corn. Both are cereal crops

Wear one of these around your neck to keep you warm

Thanksgiving in the US is always the Thursday of November

_____ are now ornamental, but in the past they were used as containers

Raking _____ isn't nearly as much fun as jumping in them

Autumn is known as back-to-time

Leaves turn red, orange, and brown in the fall

Fall officially starts on the autumnal _____ - usually September 21st or 22nd

In the fall many birds, like geese, south to warmer climates.

Go to an _____ and pick apples to make homemade cider & applesauce

These are often carved with funny or scary faces

Hawaii	and South Dakota do not celebrate
Day in October	

Day is the Tuesday after the first Monday in November

Friday nights are spent at games during high school

These are often seen in the fields - good luck finding the needle!

In Latin, this month means 'nine' or 'ninth month'.

This animal is known for hiding away nuts

You might need a raincoat or an umbrella for the rainy, sleety weather of fall.

Roasting is popular in many countries

This red fruit is harvest by flooding their fields with water

This type of tree sheds its leaves once a year, usually in the fall.

This spooky fun holiday falls on the 31st of October

Fall is the time when many crops like corn, potatoes, and onions are

These are supposed to protect fields from crows and other bird pests

A 'horn of plenty' is also called a cornucopia and is a symbol of fall.

A Fancy autumn dance held at most high schools and colleges

Baseball's is also called the "Fall Classic"

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Enter unused letters in puzzle in order

— 100 —

— 10 —

Copy boxed letters to form your hidden message

WORD BANK:

DECIDUOUS, ELECTION, EUNOX, FOOTBALL, FOURTH, FROST, GOURDS, HALLOWEEN, HARVESTED, HAYSTACK, HOMECOMING, LEAVES, MAIZE, MIGRATE, NOVEMBER, ORCHARD, PUMPKIN, SCARECROW, SCARE, SCHOOL, SQUIRREL, UMBRELLA, WORDSERIES, YELLOW

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