

The birds  
of the air  
make nests in its shade

MARK 4:32



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**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup. We share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

**Welcome all visitors!** We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

**Welcome to the Eucharist!** All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion.

*Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.*

**Prayer As You Enter:** *O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

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★ **CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY** ★

**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*
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**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

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

**Amen.**

The Spirit of God moves among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place.

**The Spirit moves within us, empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.**

The Spirit moves through us, making us channels of God's love.

**As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God made known to us in Jesus Christ!**

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

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

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

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

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Trusting in God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: We confess that we resist the force of your Spirit among us; that we are slow to serve you, and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions, and by your Spirit draw us together. Enflame us with a desire to do your will and be your faithful people; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

## KYRIE

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

### ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

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

### COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

O God, whose words are greater than our wildest imagination and most sophisticated study, plant the seed of your Word among us today, and let each of us welcome the good news you would plant within us. Inspire in us deeper thinking and more open receptiveness. May our lives be the fertile ground in which your love bursts into life to nourish all whom we meet, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

*Saul, anointed by the prophet Samuel as the first king of Israel, displeases the Lord. The Lord therefore sends Samuel to Bethlehem where he anoints David, the youngest of the sons of Jesse, to succeed Saul as king.*

Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

## THE PSALTER

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High,  
To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night,

To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.  
For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,  
Showing that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

## THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

*Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.*

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

*Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.*

*Glory be to You, O Lord.*

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

*Praise be to You, O Christ.*

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## SERMON

**"The Kingdom of God Is..."**

**Rev. Jack Esbenshade**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God,

begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PEOPLE'S OFFERING**

### **OFFERING DEDICATION**

All that we have is yours, O God. What we present for the church's use is no sacrifice. We are privileged to share good news in word and deed. May our common ministry be extended by the time and talents and treasure we invest. We would no longer live just for ourselves but for the realization of your reign among us. Let all things become new as we give our best; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of fire and wind, we praise you for your continuing work of creation, renewal, and blessing. In the beginning of time, as you called the world into being, you sent the breath of your Spirit across the formless void and darkness, calling creation into being. To your servants, you sent gifts of your Spirit: to Moses, a spirit of courage; to Joshua, a spirit of wisdom; to David, a spirit of power. You sent your Spirit upon your prophet Isaiah, who prophesied that you would call forth a leader with a spirit of wisdom and



understanding, a spirit of counsel and might, a spirit of knowledge and reverence. You sent your Spirit upon your prophet Joel, who proclaimed that you would send your Spirit upon all people: young and old, women and men. With all those Spirit-filled people, we join in singing praise to you, Almighty God.

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

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

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## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

### **THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

### **BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP**

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

**The Bread of Life, broken for us.**

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

**The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.**



## RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. **Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.**)*

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening to and interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding the reach of your love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon the tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure us of your constancy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You raise the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up all who are victims of marginalization, discrimination, and hate. As we anticipate Juneteenth, banish hatred and bigotry from the hearts of your people and remove the inclination toward anger and violence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises. Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility concerns, and people facing chronic pain. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their children. Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

### ***SILENT PRAYER***

Let us pray together.

**Jesus, Bread of Life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

## **CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

### **BENEDICTION**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by **Lily and Andrew Brennan** in honor of their father John for Father's Day.

**The Worship Aids** are given by **Jeff Hackenberger.**

### **Ministering Today**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Jack Esbenshade
<b>Lector</b>	Jeff Hackenberger
<b>Money Counters</b>	Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk, Bob Bistline
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Olley, Beth Bossert, Nancy Enders
<b>Building Trustee</b>	Nevin Cooley
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Card Wired Word Class</b> (Karen Olley) <b>Called to Care</b> Betty Tyndall <b>Visitation</b> Dave Connor

**Worship Attendance, June 9**

**7:45-18 10:30-72**

**TOTAL - 90**

## **Happy Birthday!**

Today – Donna Denlinger

Monday – Dolly Barr

Wednesday – Donna Geisler, Scott Summers, Tony Shelly

Thursday – Jason Cooley, Caleb Kreider

Saturday – Justin Lichtenwalner, Rev. Dr. Carrie Call

## **This Week at Trinity Church**

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

Monday 6:30 PM—Preschool Board

Tuesday 7:00 PM – Consistory/Boards

Saturday 8:00 PM – Alanon/AA

Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist

9:30 AM – Eucharist

## **PRAYERS FOR GOD’S HEALING PRESENCE**

### **MEMBERS**

John & Betsy Bailey

Jack Olley

Bob & Marlyn Wible

Dr. Janet Harriger

The Lehman family

Donna Wolf & Family

Stan & Pat Seachrist

Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley

Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser

Betty Tyndall and family

Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline

Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman

Dr. Parry & Claire Miller

George & Ellie Latsha

Denise Huggins

Don & Pat Miller

Joann Peck

Mary Lou Shaab

Erika Otthofer

Sam Minder III

Hank Fox

Donna Zirkel

Michael McDonough

Ron Becker

Hedwig Hunsicker

Nancy Patton

Betty Fogle

Kelsey Minnich Burgo

Harry Himelwright

Scott & Jane Owens

Carmen & Jerry Richards

Lainie Christensen

Pastor Harry Royer

Rev. Ken Trauger

Kathleen Sensenig Adams

Danielle Huggins Holbein

Joann & Dawn Garvin

Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

The family of Jake Otthofer (father of Dan Otthofer)

The family of Noah Kauffman

Barbie, Jon, and Will Bundy (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)

Rev. Jim Martin (Rev. Dr. Rich & Lanie Christensen’s former pastor)

Quinn McCarty (grandson of Bud & Kathy McCarty)

Ken Hoshauer (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)

Kurt Kalbach (brother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)

Tuyet Nguyen (husband of Pat & Stan Seachrist’s granddaughter)

Mary Call (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)

**Art Cobb** (nephew of John & Dolly Barr)  
**The Herr Family** (A Trinity Preschool Family)  
**Sharon Brown** (sister of Sandy DeLong)  
**Chris Rice** (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)  
**Sally & Joe Carrol** (friend of Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman)  
**Kurt McEllhemmey** (relative of Betty Tyndall)  
**David Brown** (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)  
**Annette Stork** (niece of Pat Sensenig)  
**Logan Davis** (husband of Hillary Bossert-Davis)  
**Brian & Liz Culp** (son and daughter-in-law of Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman)  
**Jean Weglarz** (neighbor of Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline)  
**Melby Bush** (friend of Joan Sensenig)  
**Harvey & Dianne Sick** (friends of Judy Chapman)  
**Rev. Loy Garber** (former seminarian)  
**Roland Anderson and family** (friends of John & Kayla Brennan)  
**Gina McCarty** (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty)  
**The Bruno family** (friends of Blaine Connor)  
**John Martin** (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)  
**Kelly Quick** (friend of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)  
**James Malone & family**  
**Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner** (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)  
**Chad Zirkel** (son of Donna Zirkel)  
**Jordan Sensenig** (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig)  
**The Martin family**  
**Robert Richards** (brother of Jerry Richards)  
**Ronald Himelwright** (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright)  
**Barry Richards** (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards)  
**Tyler Miller** (grandson of Iris DeMaio)  
**Joan Kalbach** (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)  
**Jim & Kathy Long** (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards)  
**John Siebern** (Bob Siever's brother-in-law)  
**Jo Jo Richards & family** (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

**Today we welcome the Rev. Jack Esbenshade, a member of Trinity Church, as our guest preacher.** Rev. Esbenshade, a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, was ordained on June 6, 1971. He currently chairs our Stewardship Committee and leads our adult VBS Class. Rev. Esbenshade served the following ministries:

2017      Interim Visitation Pastor, Trinity U.C.C., East Petersburg  
 2010-12   Interim Associate Pastor, Hamilton Park U.C.C., Lancaster  
 1991-10   Administrator/Executive Director, Ephrata Manor

1990-91 Assistant Administrator, The Lebanon Valley Home, Annville  
1978-90 Pastor, Church of the Redeemer U.C.C., Hershey  
1973-78 Pastor, St. Luke's U.C.C., Lancaster  
1971-73 Pastor, Tri-U.C.C. Parish, Penn Northeast Conference

**PASTOR RANKIN ON VACATION:** Pastor Rankin has been on vacation from June 10-16 (he will return to the office on June 17). The Rev. Sandy Morris will be covering pastoral emergencies. You can reach Rev. Morris at 717-385-1588.

**THE JUNE PARISH POST** is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

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

**2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:** Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **July 21 & 28**. Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **June 30 & 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.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Are you interested in joining Trinity U.C.C.? Do you know of someone looking for a church home? Please speak to Pastor Chris about joining our congregation.

**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.**

**TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER:** We have 16 coupons left! The cost is \$8 per coupon. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. **Make checks payable to Trinity Preschool and put in the white box outside the church 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!!**

**Sign up for donations at:** signup sheet across from church office.



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

Food Trucks(Stoney's Barbecue, The Taco RV, Tri-County BBQ, Cool Summers Ice Cream,What's For Supper), Craft Tables, Magician, Face Painter, 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!**



*Fellowship, food & fun*

**CHURCH**

*Picnic*

**19 Main St.  
Landisville  
(park in rear of  
fire station)**



**AUGUST 25, 3:00-7:00 PM**

**(Watch for more information in the coming months!!)**



# Mental Health First Aid

For Youth

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



**August 12,  
9am-2pm**



2160 Lincoln Highway East #18, Lancaster, PA 17602

717-299-1113

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

[www.parishresourcecenter.org](http://www.parishresourcecenter.org)

## UPCOMING CLASSES AT THE PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF MINISTRY

<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. It is housed at Lancaster Theological Seminary.*

**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.

**Speak to Pastor Chris for more information!!!**

## SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

The warmer days of the Summer Camp season are right around the corner! Camp registration is open and ready for you to start planning your summer around weeks at **Kirchenwald & Nawakwa!** There are a wide range of camps this summer for all ages — kindergarteners through high schoolers, families, adults, and older folks. **There is the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hartman Center Homecoming Camp (July 28-August 3).** Look for more information in the Parish Post or on the table across from the church office. Contact Anne Rankin for more information!

As you know, Penn Central Conference pays 50% of camp registration fees. 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”.

### The Second Annual Hartman Center Homecoming Camp

#### 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. **The Rankin family is excited to return to our beloved Hartman Center and invites Trinity members and friends to join us!!!**

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>

# Mt. Gretna Bible Festival 2024 Season

ALL PROGRAMS ARE IN THE HISTORIC TABERNACLE

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

Roller Rink Parking on the following dates: June 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 3, 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024

**Sunday, June 16, 2024 - Andy Roberts w/Four Piece Quartet & Guests - 7 p.m.** Mt. Gretna's own Andy Roberts will praise God with original jazz song stylings. Freewill Offering will be received. [Sponsored by JoAnn Thomas Show.](#)

**Sunday, June 23, 2024 - New Holland Band - 7 p.m.** Formed in 1829 and the second oldest municipal band in the nation, the New Holland Band will play patriotic and spiritual music. Fred Hughes Jr. - Music Director. Freewill Offering will be received. [Sponsored by Cornwall Manor.](#)

**Sunday, June 30, 2024 - Wheatland Chorale - 7 p.m.** Under the direction of David J. Fitzpatrick, new Artistic Director, Wheatland Chorale is excited to perform for the first time at the Bible Festival. This concert by one of the area's premier choral ensembles will be sure to leave you feeling inspired. Freewill Offering will be received. [Sponsored by Bob & Lib Kettering in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.](#)

Summer Organ Concerts - 7 p.m.

(at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church)

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 - Abigail Wood, student at Syracuse University

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 - Jacob Gruss, student at Juilliard

## SUMMER PROGRAMS AT MT. GRETNA CHAUTAQUA

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

### Decades That Transformed #2

Thu Jun 20th 10:00am

1690s-1720s: The Enlightenment. Bringing political modernization & democracies to the west. Dr. Lee Barrett & Dr. Randall Zachman.

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### Decades That Transformed #3

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**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and  
bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

**Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15****SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
[11-13] 14-17**

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are

well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34**

[Jesus said,] “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41.

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