A woman with dark hair is lying on her back in a field of tall, green grass. She is looking upwards and to the right with a thoughtful expression. She is wearing an orange and white striped top. The background is a soft-focus field of grass under natural light.

The
sabbath was
made for
humankind

MARK 2:27

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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The Rev. Harry G. Royer, Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Call, Covenanted Minister of Mission

Mr. Michael Slechta, Director of Music/ Sounds of Trinity Choir Director

Dr. Robert T. Adams, Interim Organist

Mrs. Carmen Richards, Pianist

Mrs. Carol Kratz, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Michael Querry, Sexton

Mrs. Beth Ressler, Summer Interim Preschool Director

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

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: *Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

★ 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.

You were not made for the sabbath, but the sabbath was made for you.

We choose to gather on this sabbath to worship, to pray, and to share with one another.

Jesus asked, "Is it lawful on the sabbath to do good or to harm, to save life or to kill?"

We choose compassion and justice and healing. In this sabbath time together we choose life.

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.

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| 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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

God, since you are always present to us, enfolding us in your love, we may sometimes be perplexed, but we never despair. We thank you that you have come to us in Jesus the Christ, healing and liberating, showing us who you are. Your light, shining in the face of Christ, is reflected in our hearts. As we see you in Jesus, may others see Christ in us, to the glory of your name. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

This portion of the Ten Commandments instruct the Israelites to keep the sabbath. The Israelites are to rest, and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 81:1-10

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.

For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

He made it a decree in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt.

I hear a voice I had not known:

“I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.

In distress you called, and I rescued you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you; O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

When we carry out God’s ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God’s power and promises at work through us.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 2:23-3:6

Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

“Proclaiming Jesus as Lord!”
(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

Pastor Rankin

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

O God, you anoint us with the oil of your blessing. You set us apart as Christ calls us to serve. You fill us with the Spirit of righteousness. We are vessels of your holiness, prepared to do what you command. Be pleased with our sacrifices, and take delight in our victories. Enhance all our efforts, and multiply their effectiveness. Help us rise to the level of your trust in us, as we dedicate our gifts in response to your goodness; 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.

Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed, bring clarity of vision. Give a spirit of discernment to political advisors, institutional researchers, economic analysts, and all vocations that inform the work of governments and policymakers. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way and those who care for them. Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, and food pantries. Open both our hearts and our tables. 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Scott & Jane Owens**. Dedicated to our members who will represent us at the Penn Central Conference meeting next week.

The Worship Aids are given by **John & Dolly Barr** in honor of their wonderful family: 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Ministering Today

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| Pastor | Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin |
| Lector | Rev. Sandy Morris |
| Money Counters | Bud & Kathy McCarty, Jeff Hackenberger, John Shelsky |
| Altar Guild | Charlene Cristy, Anita Rohrer, Nancy Enders |
| Koinonia | Christian Education |
| Building Trustee | Nevin Cooley |
| Ministries | Card Wired Word Class (Karen Olley) Called to Care Betty Tyndall Visitation Dave Connor |

Happy Birthday!

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| Monday – Janice Jenkins | Tuesday – Piper Miller |
| Thursday – Rev. Bob Hunsicker | |
| Friday – Bob Kilgore | Saturday – Sarah Kilgore |

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| Worship Attendance, May 26 | 7:45-15 | 10:30–82 | TOTAL-97 |
| Sunday School Attendance | 22 | | |

This Week at Trinity Church

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

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| Today | 12:30 PM – Mini Golf |
| Monday | 11:45 AM – Community Meal-Zion Lutheran 6:00 PM – Music Committee 7:00 PM – Grief Group---Choir Room |
| Tuesday-Thursday | 9:00 AM-12 Noon-Preschool Summer Camp |
| Wednesday | 7:00 PM – Pastor Parish---Choir Room |
| Thursday | 6:30 PM – Executive Committee---Choir Room |
| Saturday | 8:00 AM – Men’s Breakfast 8:00 PM – Alanon/AA |
| Sunday | 7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:30 AM – Eucharist |

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

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| Joan Sensenig | Hillary Bossert-Davis | George & Ellie Latsha |
| Betty Fogle | Jack Olley | Denise Huggins |
| Bob & Marlyn Wible | Don & Pat Miller | Nancy Patton |
| Dr. Janet Harriger | Joann Peck | Harry Himelwright |
| The Lehman family | Mary Lou Shaab | Scott & Jane Owens |
| Donna Wolf & Family | Erika Otthofer | Carmen & Jerry Richards |
| Stan & Pat Seachrist | Sam Minder III | Lainie Christensen |
| Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley | Hank Fox | Pastor Harry Royer |
| Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser | Donna Zirkel | Rev. Ken Trauger |
| Betty Tyndall and family | Michael McDonough | Kathleen Sensenig Adams |
| Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline | Ron Becker | Danielle Huggins Holbein |
| Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman | Hedwig Hunsicker | Joann & Dawn Garvin |
| Dr. Parry & Claire Miller | Shelly Family | Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman |

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Quinn McCarty (grandson of Bud & Kathy McCarty)
Ken Hoshauer (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)
Kurt Kalbach (brother of Dr. Cathy Houshauer)
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)
Mary Ann Hess (friend of Betty Tyndall)
Grace Collier (friend of Pat & Stan Seachrist)
David Brown (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)
Marshawn Howse (grandson of Dave & Noreen Trostle)
Elizabeth Trostle (mother of Dave Trostle)
Norma Mallard (friend of Gail Kogut)
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)
Aaron Flickinger (nephew of Pat & Joan Sensenig)
Tom Riley (friend of Bud McCarty)

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)
Marianne Gible (friend of Trinity)
James Malone & family
Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)
Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)
Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig)
Don Pfeiffer (husband of Denise Pfeiffer)
Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer)
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)

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.


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CELEBRATION SUNDAY—TODAY: There will be a special program at 9:00 a.m. in Isenberg Hall as we celebrate this year, look forward to VBS, and prepare for other learning opportunities. We will recognize our teachers and Sunday School participants. The Christian Education Committee will host koinonia at 10:00 a.m. **Our summer worship schedule (7:45 & 9:30 a.m.) will begin on June 9.**

MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST: The men will be meeting in June 8 at 8:00 AM at Family Fare Restaurant. The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office. This is open to all men of the church!


PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE MEETING: Pastor Chris, Diane Rice, and George DeLong will be attending the Penn Central Conference meeting next weekend. Pastor Chris will be returning on Saturday to lead worship next Sunday.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: We have 18 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.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP




Leap Into Summer Fun Workshop!
Process-oriented, Hands on Art or Science



Spark imagination!
Spark creativity!

Children can:

- *Make choices.*
- *Explore and experiment.*
- *Be spontaneous.*



SCIENCE CAMP:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
June 4-6, 9:00 AM - 12 Noon

ART CAMP:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
June 11-13, 9:00 AM - 12 Noon

COST: \$90 per week

**All students 3 years through entering kindergarten are welcome.
Based on minimum of 8 students**

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.

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 2nd 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/>

2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **June 9, 16, 23 & 30**. Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **June 23 & 30**. 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.

THE 2024 CONCERT SPONSOR FORMS are available on the table across from the church office.

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!!!



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Mental Health First Aid

For Youth

- Help youth ages 12–18
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**August 12,
9am–2pm**



VBS 2024

Trinity UCC, 2340 State St., East Petersburg

www.trinityeastpete.org

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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



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: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AA5AA2EAAFAC61-49576684-vacation> or use signup sheet across from church office.

Save the Dates: Be sure to mark these dates on your calendars.

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!!)

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: June 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 3, 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024

Sunday, June 9, 2024 - Principally Harps - 7 p.m. Blending the talents and expertise of two of America's finest harpists, Mindy Cutcher and Janet Witman, who have over 30 years of professional harp experience as teachers, soloists, ensemble and orchestral performers in the Mid Atlantic region. Their duo playing has been described as, "artistry in tandem". Freewill Offering will be received.



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.](#)

Friday Night Ecumenical Services - 7 p.m.

Friday, June 7, 2024 - "God Wants . . . We Want . . ." Pastor Jennifer Parks-Snyder & Pastor Lewis Parks, First UMC Hershey, Hershey, PA. Special Music led by Dr. Shawn Gingrich. Freewill Offering will be received.

Friday, June 14, 2024 - "God Wants . . . We Want . . ." Rev. Dr. David Zwifka, St. Lukes Episcopal Church, Lebanon, PA. Freewill Offering will be received.

Summer Organ Concerts - 7 p.m.

(at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church)

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 - Alexander Leonardi, student at Curtis Institute

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

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

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Leadership and Culture/Part 1

Tue Jun 11th 7:00pm

Want to effect positive change? Act and react skillfully! Join leadership consultant, Rob Moran.

Hall of Philosophy



Decades That Transformed #1

Thu Jun 13th 10:00am

1510s-20s: The European Reformation. Finding the roots of our modern western world. Dr. Lee Barrett & Dr. Randall Zachman.

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Leadership and Culture/Part 2

Fri Jun 14th 7:00pm

Asking the right questions can reveal ways to lift performance & progress in a culture. Join local entrepreneurs, Tanya Mann & Jeff Grimshaw

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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

Thu Jun 27th 10:00am

1780s & 1790s: The Revolutionary Age. From absolute monarchies to representative governments. Dr. Lee Barrett & Dr. Randall Zachman.

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FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Psalms 81:1-10**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

GOSPEL: Mark 2:23—3:6

One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

^{3:1}Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1; Mark 3:20-35.

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