A man wearing a straw hat, a plaid shirt, and a dark apron is working in a vineyard. He is leaning over a row of grapevines, examining the leaves. In the background, a tractor is visible, driving down a path between the rows of vines. The scene is set in a lush green vineyard with rows of grapevines stretching into the distance.

# GO <sup>2</sup>AND WORK

## IN THE VINEYARD TODAY

MATTHEW 21:28

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
2340 State Street, East Petersburg, PA 17520  
717-569-1632

Website: [www.trinityeastpete.org](http://www.trinityeastpete.org) E-Mail: [secretary@trinityeastpete.org](mailto:secretary@trinityeastpete.org)

The Rev. Dr. Christopher M. Rankin, Pastor

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

Mrs. Christine Oetama, Organist

Mrs. Carmen Richards, Pianist

Mrs. Carol Kratz, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Sean McKelvey, Preschool Director

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**Celebrating 175 Years: Honoring Our Heritage, Moving Forward in Faith!**

**EIGHTTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

**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:** *God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*



**World Communion Sunday** is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, which promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. The tradition originated in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA in 1933, was adopted throughout the U.S. Presbyterian Church in 1936, and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), led by Jesse Moren Bader, endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide. In celebration of World Communion Sunday, we are using prayers from different countries. (Historical information from Wikipedia.org)

## **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.**

Throughout God's world this day Christian churches are celebrating the Eucharist as one family dining together in one room under one roof.

**Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, Central America, Asia and in all lands and countries join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.**

Neither powers nor principalities shall stop us nor deter our purpose, our sense of mission, or our challenge to go forth as disciples into every town, village, and crossroad proclaiming the love of Christ for all creation.

**In Christ's love there is no East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.**

Let us praise Christ! May this holy meal empower each of us to be agents of hope and peace in a time of uncertainty.

**The bread and wine are not for us alone, but are symbols of a universal message that surpasses the might of missiles and the walls of oppression. May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!**

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

(Korean)

Let us confess the complacency with which we live in disunity, the ease which we keep our prejudices, refusing to be the one people of God for which Jesus prayed.

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

## **SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN** *(From 1986 Conference of European Churches, Scotland)*

Let us confess in the presence of God and one another.

**Lord, God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silence instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge. We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions than to your commands. Within your Church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

## **KYRIE**

<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>
<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (The United Congregational Church of Southern Africa)

*(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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Let us pray the collect together.

**Lord, hear us. Awaken in us, O Lord, the desire for the unity of all Christians, and convert our hearts. Purify our faith, removing all merely human interpretations, and make us open to your Word, entrusted to your Church. Teach us, O Lord, to discern the ways which you are now opening up for us to enable your Churches to come together in fellowship. Make us ready, O Lord, from now on, to do together all the things that our beliefs do not force us to do apart. Amen.**

*(From the Middle East Council of Churches)*

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **THE FIRST LESSON**

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

*Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.*

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine; it is only the person who sins who shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

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

### **THE PSALTER**

Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

**Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

**Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

Philippians 2:1-13

*As a part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.*

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

St. Matthew 21:23-32

*After driving the moneychangers out of the temple(21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.*

***Glory be to You, O Lord.***

## **THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

***Praise be to You, O Christ.***

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## **SERMON**

**“We Are A Part of Something Bigger!”**

**Pastor Rankin**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **A CREED FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

# PEOPLE'S OFFERING

## OFFERING DEDICATION

*(Japan)*

We bring these our gifts for Thy service, dear Savior; Receive them and bless them, for Thy kingdom's sake. Amen.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*(The Reformed Church of France, adapted)*

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.**

It is our joy, O God of love and holiness, our Creator and our Sustainer, to give you thanks always and everywhere. In your image you made us all; your universe you put in our care; your creation you entrust to our hands, with all its wonders and its travail. You make us partners in our labours and invite us to share in your rest, through Christ our Lord, whom the earth and the heavens with all the angels and archangels acclaim for ever and ever, singing:

**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!**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, send upon us and upon this thanksgiving meal the Spirit of life, who spoke through Moses and the prophets, who descended upon Jesus at the river Jordan, and upon the Apostles at the first day of Pentecost. Send this same Spirit of fire, that its coming may transfigure our humanity by the power of Christ's body and blood.

During the supper, Jesus took bread, and having said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying: "Take, this is my body." Then he took up a cup and, having given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And he told them: "This is my blood, the blood of the new covenant, shed for the many. Truly I declare to you, I will never drink of the fruit of the vine until I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

**Great is the mystery of the faith: Lord Jesus, we proclaim your death, we celebrate your resurrection, we await your coming in glory.**

As we celebrate before you the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son, we offer you thanks, Lord. We humbly ask for your Holy Spirit, to make us partakers of Christ's body and blood and unite us in a single body. We pray for your goodness upon us all: grant that we, too, with the witnesses of your people, with Peter, Paul, and the other apostles, with Mary and the faithful of all times, may have a share in eternal life and sing your praises through Jesus Christ your beloved Son.

**Through him, with him, and in him, be all honor and glory to you, God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **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.**

*(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.

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

We put our trust in you as we pray for the church. Give pastors, elders, deacons, and teachers the gifts of wisdom and discernment. Be with them in bold truth and faithful witness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Lead us in your truth as we pray for creation. Empower us to look to the interest of others as we make choices that impact the environment. Summon us to be advocates for healthy waterways, habitats, and air. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Lead us in justice as we pray for those in government, the military, and other positions of authority. Give them humble and willing hearts, looking to the needs of others. We pray also for our enemies. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Teach us your paths as we pray for this congregation. Be at work in us and unite us in your love as we labor together for the sake of the gospel. Help us to be generous with Our Gifts to Others so the aged may be comforted, the young nurtured, and the hungry fed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Trusting your goodness, we pray for all caregivers and people who are sick or suffering in any way. Give them encouragement and consolation in your presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

### *SILENT PRAYER*

Let us give thanks to God in union with each other, with Christians everywhere, and with the poor and suffering neighbor, in whom we daily meet the living Christ.

**Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the glory of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this Holy Communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

# CLOSE OF WORSHIP

## **BENEDICTION**

(from Botswana)

May the God of love journey with you. May the God of creation keep you. May the God of history dwell in your homes. Amen.

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by **John & Kayla Brennan** in honor of Andrew's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

**The Worship Aids** are given by **Ellie Latsha** in honor of George's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Ministering Today

**Pastor/Celebrant** Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin

**Lector/Assistant** Rev. Jack Esbenshade

**Money Counters** Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi, Sally Rodenberger

**Altar Guild** Nancy Enders, Hedwig Hunsicker, Karen Olley, Sally Rodenberger

**Building Trustee** Pat Sensenig

**Koinonia** Rankin Family

**Ministries** **Card Prayer Shawl** (Betty Tyndall)

**Called to Care** Sally Rodenberger

**Visitation** Denise Pfeiffer

### **This Week at Trinity Church**

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

**Monday** 1:00 PM – Anniversary Committee

7:00 PM – Choir/8:15 PM Bells

**Wednesday** 11:30 AM – Preschool First Day Enrichment

**Saturday** 8:00 AM – Men's Breakfast

8 AM-3 PM - Lifeline

7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA

**Sunday** 7:45 AM – Eucharist

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:00 AM - Koinonia

10:30 AM – Worship

Attendance for Sun., September 10  
Christian Education

7:45–17 9:30–65 TOTAL – 82  
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## Happy Birthday

Wednesday – Landis Knoll

Thursday – George Latsha, Andrew Brennan

Friday – Steven Reiff

Saturday – Dr. Cathy Hoshauer, Sally Rodenberger

## PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

### MEMBERS

Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman	Dr. Carrie Call	Scott & Jane Owens
Harry Himelwright	Jack Keller	Dorothy Fasnacht
Don & Pat Miller	Nancy Patton	Dr. Janet Harriger
The Lehman family	Joann Peck	The Shelly Family
Donna Wolf & Family	Ron Becker	Mary Lou Shaab
Stan & Pat Seachrist	Donna Zirkel	Carmen & Jerry Richards
Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley	Sam Minder III	Lainie Christensen
Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser	Hank Fox	Charles & Betty Booraem
Betty Tyndall and family	Mary Witmer	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline	Erika Otthofer	Kathleen Sensenig Adams
Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman	Dave Trostle	Danielle Huggins Holbein
Joann & Dawn Garvin	John Shelsky	Dr. Blaine Connor

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family of Raymond Brian  
The family of Jere Stetter (brother-in-law of Doug & Mary Lou Shaab)  
Donna Esbenshade (wife of Rev. Jack Esbenshade)  
The Haverstick Family (friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner)  
Dr. Phil Bartholomew (friend of Pastor Rankin)  
Rev. Loy Garber (former seminarian)  
Roland Anderson and family (friends of John & Kayla Brennan)  
Andrea Paulukow (daughter of John & Sarah Paulukow)  
Richard Paulukow (relative of John & Sarah Paulukow)  
Jaden Allen (nephew of Carol Kratz)  
Cindy Commero Cook and family (friend of Sarah Paulukow)  
Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty)  
The Bruno family (friends of Blaine Connor)  
Jessica Brown (niece of Mike & Shelley Wagner)  
Janice Zimmerman (sister of Ken Zimmerman)  
Larry Gerlach (brother of Dolly Barr)  
James Michaud (Sevi Keares' teacher)

John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)  
Kelly Quick (friend of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)  
Marianne Gibble (friend of Trinity)  
James Malone & family  
Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)  
Janet Owens (sister-in-law of Scott & Jane Owens)  
Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)  
Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig),  
Don Pfeifer (husband of Denise Pfeifer)  
Rev. Phyllis Baum (former member of Trinity Church)  
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 OCTOBER PARISH POST** is available on both floors of the church building.

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

**THE MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST:** The monthly breakfast will be held at the Family Fare Restaurant on October 7 at 8:00 a.m. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. **This is open to the men of Trinity!** You can always invite a friend to join you for breakfast!

**KOINONIA/SUNDAYMORNING FELLOWSHIP:** We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship) every Sunday at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments and drinks/coffee. The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen coordinator. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes. **Coffee is always available between 7:45 service and Sunday School.**

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

### **Greeter /Ushers Needed**



If you would like to volunteer as a Greeter/Usher for the 10:30 a.m. service please contact the church office. We recently had some vacancies as ushers, so we are in need of help!!! We are looking for a greeter coordinator that will recruit new people to serve and create a schedule. Contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz.



Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer!

**2023 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:** Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: December 31. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: November 19 & 26. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Carol in the church office.

**PRAYER SHAWL:** Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, October 17 from 1:00-3:00 PM. They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

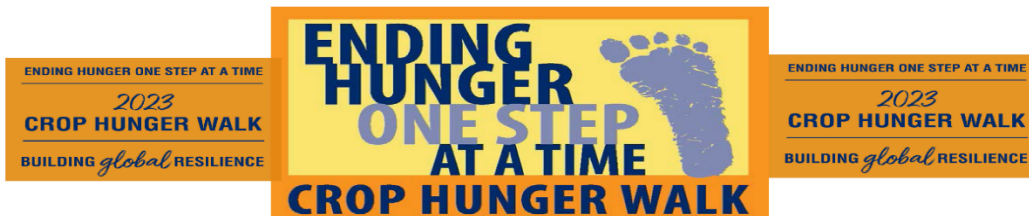
Sponsored by the Parish Life Committee

A graphic of a car trunk filled with baskets of candy and pumpkins, with the text "TRUNK or TREAT" in large, stylized letters. The trunk has a "TRINITY" logo on the front.

**October 21**  
**4:00-6:00 PM**  
Trinity United Church of Christ  
2340 State St.  
East Petersburg, PA

Look for sign-up sheet on the table across from church office!  
Contact Cherie Cataldi for more information!





The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Lancaster CROP Walk  
*In memory of Father Alexander Veronis*

**October 15, 2023**  
**1:00 Registration**  
**1:30 PM Program**  
**2:00 PM Walk Begins**

at the  
**Annunciation Greek  
Orthodox Church**

64 Hershey Ave.  
Lancaster, PA



Matt Barcaro from WGAL will be the emcee!

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/lancasterpa>  
For more information contact  
Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin  
[chris@trinityeastpete.org](mailto:chris@trinityeastpete.org)

We are again participating in the CROP Walk to support Church World Services (CWS) as they work to raise money to help men, women and children who are struggling with hunger locally and throughout the world. It is hard to believe but one in nine people worldwide lack access to clean water and a healthy diet. Every dollar raised makes a difference! The Lancaster Food Hub receives 25% of the funds raised.

We need walkers and need donations to help with this important mission. Below you will also see the URL for our team's site that you can type into a web browser or if you have a smart phone or tablet you can simply scan the **QR Code** to sign up with our team to walk and make a donation.

The following people have already signed up to walk: **Kayla Brennan, Mark & Chris Eyer, Kathy McCarty, Karen Olley, Diane Rice, Sally Rodenberger, and the Rankin family.** You can also give our walkers money. Checks should be made out to **CWS/CROP!**

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/trinity-east-pete>





## **PEANUT FELLOWSHIP**

We will be starting peanuts on September 26th.  
We need help. We start at 7:00 AM & end at 2:00 PM.  
Anytime you can help would be greatly appreciated. Great fellowship and potluck lunch. Peanuts will be \$6.00 per lb. Please pay by cash or check. You can place your orders at church or call Pat Seachrist at 717-392-1427.

Christmas orders must be placed by November 1st.  
Schedule: Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 14, 28, and Dec. 5. Hope to see you there!

Sue Husted, Pat Seachrist, & Shelley Wagner



### **DATES**

Friday, October 20-7:00 PM

Thursday, November 16-1:30 PM

Friday, December 15-7:00 PM

**“I PROMISE” FORMS** will be received at both services next Sunday, October 8. We hope that you will submit the forms to help us plan for our ministry in 2024. Extra forms are available on the table across from the church office!

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT



### The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

[Campfire Worship](#) at The Wittel Farm - September 24, 2023

[Party with a Purpose](#) at Kirchenwald - September 30, 2023

[Capture the Flag Spectacular](#) at Kirchenwald - October 1, 2023

[Adult Study Retreat](#) at Nawakwa - October 3 - 5, 2023

[Fall Foliage Day at Nawakwa](#) at Nawakwa - October 22, 2023

[Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald](#) at Kirchenwald - October 29, 2023

[Campfire Worship](#) at The Wittel Farm - October 29, 2023

[Annual Quilt Auction](#) at Nawakwa - November 5, 2023

[Women's Craft Retreat](#) at Nawakwa - November 10 - 12, 2023

[Advent Day Apart](#) at The Wittel Farm - December 9, 2023

[Advent/Christmas in the Barn](#) at The Wittel Farm - December 17, 2023

[Winter Youth Retreat](#) at Kirchenwald - January 5 - 7, 2024

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We will be in your neighborhood soon **October 7, 2023** **023**  
at East Petersburg - Trinity United Church of Christ

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**Three ways to register and receive the special discount:**

**Call toll-free: 1-800-679-5191**

**Online: [LLSA.SOCIAL/HC](#)** or sign up in church hallway outside office

**Text: the word [circle](#) to 216-279-1607**



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## AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE OUTING

2425 Lincoln Hwy East, Lancaster, PA

**December 16, 10:30 AM**

Cost: Adults-\$43, Youth-\$22

*Christmas Show: The First Noel*

Deadline to sign-up is October 15.

Sign-up sheet on table in hallway outside office...**we have 9 tickets left!!**

**This is being sponsored by our Parish Life Committee!!**

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 5:** We will be remembering Trinity members and friends of our congregation who have died since November 6, 2022. 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 30.**



## Parish Resource Center

**ADDRESS**  
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### ZOOM ONLY CHURCH LIFE

#### What's Next? Church after COVID

October 3rd, 7-8:30pm



Led by  
Erin Cox-Holmes  
Donegal Presbytery

This workshop will pose some practical questions that can guide church leaders and churches through times of continued adaptation:



#### Church Life Workshop

What are our congregation's assets –

strengths, passions, energy? What is the compelling reason that people want to be involved with us?

What is our mission in our world and neighborhood? Can we realistically work towards this mission with our current congregational strengths? Many church-goers and leaders are tired, and simply wish to be "back to normal," meaning like they were pre-covid. But as congregations accept this time of continued adaptation, they may discover a new identity and future for their congregation.

**Food Pantry Panel**  
October 26th  
7-8:30pm  
Saint John's  
BETHEL  
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PRC

### CHERRY ACADEMY

#### ZOOM

Come learn from three local food pantries about how they operate and how they approach addressing food insecurity in their neighborhood.

Learn how you can get food or refer people to get food as well as how to volunteer and support the efforts of these pantries.



Artist: Alexis  
Age: 15  
Congregation: Trinity United Church of Christ, St. Louis MO

# Behold!

*"God saw everything God made  
and behold, it was very good." Genesis 1:31*

## Young environmental advocates lead the way.

**A**t First Congregational Church in Montclair, New Jersey, young climate leaders like Jey Cook and Simona Graceffo have played a leading role in advancing the care of God's creation both within and beyond their church. With a sense of passion and purpose, they created an uplifting video to kick-start the all-church process of becoming a



UCC Creation Justice Church. Each of them was also a climate justice fellow at their church over the course of the summer as they engaged with efforts in the broader community to promote local sustainability and food security. Witness the leadership of Cook and Graceffo in their video:

<https://bit.ly/CreationJusticeVideo>





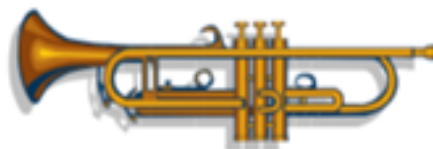
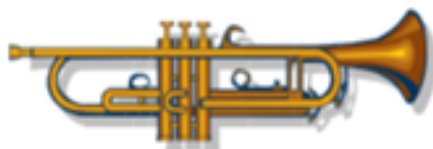
## Our Gifts for Others: October 1, 2023

Each year Trinity UCC considers donations titled “*Our Gifts for Others.*” These annual gifts serve to support various outreaches that are important to our friends who are in need throughout the area.

We have a number of outreach options from which we may choose. Here is a brief summary of those seeking your consideration and 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. Youths stay an average of 10-12 days and receive basic medical care, food clothing shelter more development 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. The ministries seek donations to help cover the cost of residents stay, regardless of their ability to pay.
- **UCC 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.

Through June 2023, *we received \$12,496 for the Our Gifts to Others Fund.* Please consider these worthy ministries as you think about your possible financial offerings for the rest of 2023.



# QuintEssentially Brass

**Sun., Oct. 22, 2023  
Concert 4:00 PM**



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### **Also join us for:**

Thanksgiving Eve Service  
Nov. 22nd 7:00 PM

Christmas Concert  
Dec. 3rd 6:00 PM  
Followed By Desserts



TRINITY PRAYER BOOK: In the spring, participants in the Adult Sunday School Class were sharing prayers that were meaningful to their family. Anne Rankin thought it would be good to compile these prayers and create a Trinity prayer book as part of our 175th anniversary. You can submit prayers to Pastor Chris or Anne. Deadline is TODAY!

SHARE YOUR STORIES/MEMORIES OF TRINITY CHURCH: The 175th Anniversary Committee invites members of the congregation to share your stories and memories of Trinity Church for our November Echoes of the Past article. What are some of the things you remember from our past? Who are some of the people you remember? For some of our newer members, what drew you to Trinity Church? Whether you have been here 50 years or you recently joined, we want to hear from you!! Please submit your stories/memories to the church office by October 6.



175th Anniversary Service/Luncheon at Blue Collar  
October 29

Service is 10:30 and luncheon at 12:30!

The Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Guest Preacher

Menu (you will choose one):

- Barbecue Chicken (tangy vinegar-based barbecue sauce), fries, and green beans
- Salmon with citrus sauce, farro, and green beans

--Stuffed Pork Loin (port wine sauce) rosemary potatoes, and green beans

All meals will include assorted rolls, drinks (tea, water, coffee), and dessert

Children's menu: cheeseburger, mac & cheese, and chicken bites with fries.

Price: \$20 for adults/\$7 for children (Trinity will pay the other portion of the meal price)

Tickets will be sold from September 10 through October 13!

The committee is ordering shirts through Mitch Gibson (from Elizabethtown Sporting Goods) to celebrate our 175th anniversary. The order form is on the table across from the church office.

Contact a committee member for more information: Dolly Barr, Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen, Donna Geisler, Diane Rice, or Pastor Rankin.

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

[not printed]

**Psalm 25:1-9**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32**

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46.

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