

The Lord  
stood by me  
and gave me  
**strength**



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

**Today's Theme:** Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

**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:** *Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the people of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## 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.**

This is God's house, a holy temple. We are in the midst of God's dwelling place.

**My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of God. My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Happy are those whom God has chosen to be here. Blessed are all whom God has forgiven and named.

**Our voices rise in praise of God's awesome deeds. Mountains and seas bow down before the Creator.**

Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

We are called to examine our faithfulness to God's covenant with us.

**God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon when we acknowledge our weakness and shame.**

Let us silently confess our sin before God.

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

#### SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

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Friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

**God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. 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)*

## **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 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Let us pray the collect together.

**Holy God, who understands our motives and knows our every thought, we seek in these moments to be attuned to your Word and will, that we may be humbly receptive to the proclamation you would have us share with the world. Grant us strength to persevere in our witness, so others may catch a vision of the joy you offer to all who serve you. through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

#### **THE FIRST LESSON**

Joel 2:23-32

*The prophet interprets the event of a plague of locusts as a sign of God's judgment. Today's reading points beyond the judgment to a day when prosperity will return, when God's spirit will be poured out on the people, and when everyone who calls on God's name will be saved.*

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

## THE PSALTER

Psalm 65

O God, it is right for us to praise you in Zion and keep our promises to you, because you answer prayers.

**People everywhere will come to you on account of their sins. Our faults defeat us, but you forgive them.**

Happy are those whom you choose, whom you bring to live in your sanctuary.

**We shall be satisfied with the good things of your house, the blessings of your sacred temple.**

You answer us by giving us victory, and you do wonderful things to save us.

**People all over the world and across the distant seas trust in you.**

You set the mountains in place by your strength, showing your mighty power.

**You calm the roar of the seas and the noise of the waves; you calm the uproar of the peoples.**

The whole world stands in awe of the great things that you have done. **Your deeds bring shouts of joy from one end of the earth to the other.**

You show your care for the land by sending rain; you make it rich and fertile.

**You fill the streams with water; you provide the earth with crops.**

This is how you do it; you send abundant rain on the plowed fields and soak them with water; you soften the soil with showers and cause the young plants to grow.

**What a rich harvest your goodness provides! Where you go there is plenty. The pastures are filled with flocks; the hillsides are full of joy.**

The fields are covered with sheep; the valleys are full of wheat. **Everything shouts and sings for joy.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

*The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who has stood by him and lent him strength.*

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

St. Luke 18:9-14

*The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.*

*Glory be to You, O Lord.*

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

*Praise be to You, O Christ.*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

**SERMON**

**“The Need For Some Humility”**

**Pastor Rankin**

*(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

You have dealt wondrously with us, gracious God. We have gathered in your temple to praise you and to join in efforts to share faith with one another and with the world. Through our offerings, we wish to extend the witness made here into our neighborhoods, and, in ever-widening circles, to the ends of the earth. Bless and multiply our efforts, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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.**

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere.

**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

### 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 gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**



God of peace, you are an every-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare. Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind or spirit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

### **BENEDICTION**



**CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY**



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by **Joan Cash** in memory of B. Florence Myers.

**The Worship Aids** are given by **Nancy Enders** in thanksgiving during Pastor's appreciation month, for the ministry of Pastor Chris and all retired clergy who are a part of Trinity church.

**Money Counters:** Lee Bossert, Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk

**Building Trustee:** John Shelsky

**Lector:** Rev. Sandy Morris

**Altar Guild:** Nancy Enders

**Koinonia:** Rankin Family

**Happy Birthday!**

Sunday – Megan Minder

Monday – Erika Richards

Tuesday – Kelly Schuessler

Thursday – Noreen Trostle

Friday – Shirley Brown, JoAnn Mowrer, Ken Zimmerman, William Davis

Saturday – Kathy McCarty

**Attendance for Sun., October 16**      7:45–17    10:30–69    **TOTAL – 86**  
**Sunday School Attendance**                      27

**This Week at Trinity Church**

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

Today                      Following 2<sup>nd</sup> Service – Welcome Lunch

Monday                    7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM-Bells

Tuesday                   7 AM-2 PM – Peanut Fellowship  
5:00 PM – Community Meal @ First Reformed

Thursday                   6:30 PM – Cub Scouts  
7:00 PM – Stewardship Seminar

Saturday                   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 – Eucharist  
4:00 PM – Brass Concert



**Stewardship Seminars**  
7:00-8:30 PM  
Sanctuary

**October 27**  
**Long Term Care -**  
**Mark Eyer(Masonic Village)**

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**PRAYER CONCERNS:** The family of Carole Connor, the family of Dr. Miles Harriger (father of Dr. Janet Harriger), John Barr, Stan Seachrist, Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley, Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel), Jane Portser, Tom Wolf (son of Donna Wolf), Judie Bistline, Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), David and Brenda Haverstick (friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Jeannie & Bill Toy (sister & brother-in-law of Lainie Christensen) Carmen Richards, Donna Zirkel, Pat Seachrist, Don & Pat Miller, Sam Minder III, Marlin "Moe" Weaver (brother of Dottie Schadt), Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Dick & Tillie King (friends of Stan & Pat Seachrist), Robin McComsey (neighbor of Himelwrights), Rylan Brent (relative of Chuck & Sue Husted), Hank Fox, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner), Don Pfeifer (husband of Denise Pfeifer), Bob Kilgore, the Lehman family, Judy Barr (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Joann Garvin, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer), Rev. Paul Eyer (former pastor of St. Luke's), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Mary Witmer, the Martin family, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Monica Williams (friend of Sandy DeLong), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Lynn Dull, Hilma Slechta (mother of Mike Slechta), 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), Nancy Patton, Mike & Judy Barr (friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Phyllis Zimmerman, Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), Bob & Marlyn Wible, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Doris Leaman, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church)

**THE OCTOBER PARISH POST** is available on both floors of the church building.

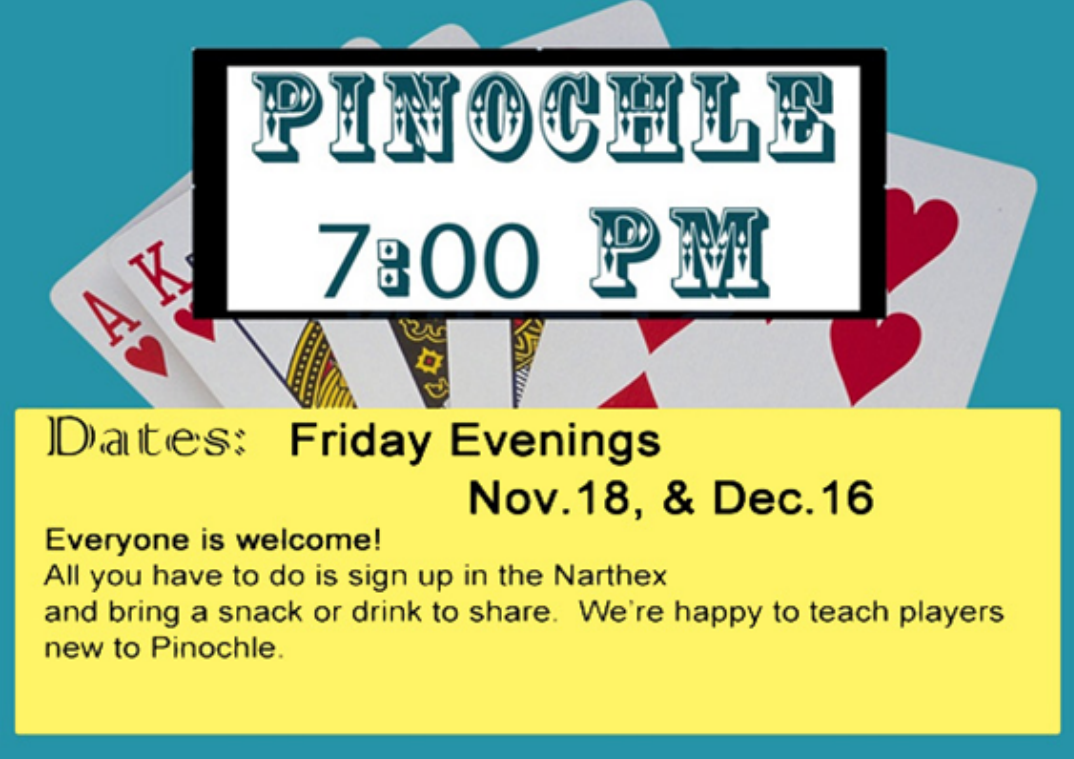
**NEW MEMBERS:** Are you interested in joining Trinity U.C.C.? Do you know of someone looking for a church home? Please speak to Pastor Chris about joining our congregation.

**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.

**KOINONIA:** 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.

**WELCOME LUNCHEON:** The Evangelism Committee will be sponsoring a welcome luncheon for new members and recent visitors to Trinity Church following the 10:30 service TODAY.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

A promotional sign for a Pinochle event. The sign has a teal background with a white rectangular box in the center containing the text 'PINOCHLE' and '7:00 PM' in a stylized, blue, serif font. Below this box, on a yellow background, is the text 'Dates: Friday Evenings Nov. 18, & Dec. 16'. At the bottom of the yellow box, it says 'Everyone is welcome! All you have to do is sign up in the Narthex and bring a snack or drink to share. We're happy to teach players new to Pinochle.' The sign is decorated with several playing cards, including the Ace of Hearts, King of Hearts, and Queen of Hearts, fanned out behind the text.

**PINOCHLE**  
**7:00 PM**

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**LOOK FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE TABLE ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE!**

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for worship volunteers on Sunday mornings. Contact the church office to sign-up!

**Greeters:** To welcome worshippers at the door for the second service.

**Ushers:** We have returned to passing the offering plate during the second service. We are in need of a few more ushers to complete our teams.

**Lectors:** Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.



Kitchen volunteers are needed to package the to-go bags complete with utensils and napkins. Volunteers are also needed to sign in all diners and supply each with sanitizer and face mask. There will also be signups for food donations

including fruit cups, commercially wrapped desserts, bottled water and 1 pound bags of baby carrots. Sign up sheets on table outside office. The meal is distributed from 5:00-6:00 but kitchen prep starts at 3:00.

If you need more information please contact Kathy Cooley: 717-371-0346 or email [ksharkitt@gmail.com](mailto:ksharkitt@gmail.com).

**PEANUT FELLOWSHIP** has resumed from 7 AM to 2 PM with a potluck lunch. The peanuts will cost \$6 a pound. Please call Pat Seachrist (717-392-1427) to order peanuts. We need help with this project. Futures dates for the Peanut Fellowship are: October 25, November 1, 15 & 29. The order deadline for Christmas is Tuesday, November 1. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

## **2022 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS**

Contact Carol in the church office to sign-up for chancel flowers and worship aids for 2022. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: October 30, November 20 & 27. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: November 6, 20 & 27.

**NEW NURSERY COORDINATOR:** Betty Fogle has agreed to serve as our nursery coordinator. If you are interested in providing nursery care for children during worship, please contact Betty.



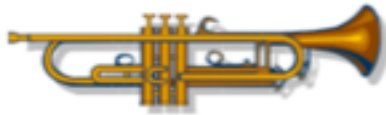
## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

Here is information about the various classes:

1. The Young Children's Class (5 years old and younger) will meet in the nursery on the second floor by the elevator.
2. The Primary Children's Class (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades) will meet in the lower classroom and will be using the Seasons of the Spirit lectionary based curriculum.
3. The Middle/High School Class will be meeting with the adult class and use the youth study of *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Faith* by Adam Hamilton. There will be opportunities for a youth breakout session during the classes.
4. The Adult Class will meet in Isenberg Hall and will be using *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Faith* by Adam Hamilton.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 6:** We will be remembering Trinity members and friends of our congregation who have died since November 7, 2021. 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 31.**





# QuintEssentially Brass

**Sun., Oct. 30, 2022  
Concert 4:00 PM**



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**Also join us for:**

Thanksgiving Eve Service  
Nov. 23rd 7:00 PM

Christmas Concert  
Dec. 4th 6:00 PM  
Followed By Desserts





## TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

# A Delicious Way to Raise Money

Our fundraisers are designed to support your success, with a variety of homemade, high-quality baked goods - many made from fresh, local ingredients. You can feel good about selling them, and they're specially priced so you can raise funds for your organization.



**Apple Crumb Pie**  
10" apple pie with crumb topping  
and locally grown apples



**Shoofly Pie**  
10" shoofly pie made from  
Grandma Smucker's famous recipe



**Pumpkin Pie**  
10" pumpkin pie made from  
our own homegrown pumpkins



**Apple Dumplings**  
Pack of 2 apple dumplings made  
from locally grown apples



**Apple Cake**  
52 oz. cake made from  
locally grown apples



**Pumpkin Bread**  
20 oz. loaf made from our own  
homegrown pumpkins



**Whoopie Pies**  
Pack of 6 chocolate whoopie  
pies with white filling



**Mini Whoopie Pies**  
Pack of 12 either **Original** or  
**Variety**(original, red velvet & pumpkin)



**Bird-in-Hand  
Bakery & Cafe**

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Order Deadline: **Tuesday, November 1** Pickup: **Friday, November 11**  
**10:30 AM**

Signup sheet in the hallway across from the church office or call the church office to order.

# PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

## **Resiliency for Volunteers**

*Oct 24, 7:00 - 8:30pm  
Webinar*

*Andrea Grill, Lesley Huff,  
Rob Fennimore*

We are constantly working through difficult situations and the resulting emotions in our families, volunteer work, and workplaces. Learn from our panel of experts about how they build and maintain their personal and professional resilience, to help you find your own resilience and hope.

Situations discussed will include: switching the “job” on and off; not being frozen by overwhelming situations; handling disappointment, frustration, and hurt that may arise in relationships with others; accepting when others make choices you don’t agree with.

## **Hidden Barriers to Housing**

*Nov 1, 7:00 - 8:30pm  
Webinar*

*Mike McKenna*

Housing may seem straightforward, but there are many hurdles to renting or purchasing a home. This workshop will help you discover the hidden barriers that can plague people, resulting in unfair limitations in their search for housing.

We will discuss practical ways to ally with your neighbors and friends to expand their options and overcome barriers that they may face. Learn about big-picture changes that can be made to dismantle structural obstacles in our community and allow everyone to flourish.

## **Highland Presbyterian Church**

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## **Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 7:00 pm**

MCCL creates exceptional music that represents the diversity of the global church across time. They serve over 100 children and youth representing 45 congregations, 35 schools, and 10 denominations. In addition to local concerts, they tour every summer.

# *Christmas Poinsettia Order Form*

Person(s) ordering Poinsettia(s)

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Please order: \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s) @ \$5.50 each      Total amount due \$\_\_\_\_\_

Designation as you would like to have it appear in the bulletin.

Example:

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Give plant to a shut-in member     Yes     No

**The last date to order is November 20, 2022.** Give order forms and payment to Dan Otthofer, or place in the offering in envelope marked Poinsettia or give to church office. If paying by check, please make it payable to Trinity United Church of Christ and mark Poinsettia in memo line. Thank you.



OCTOBER 23, 2022

(C) PROPER 25  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**FIRST LESSON. Joel 2:23-32**

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

**SECOND LESSON. 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**GOSPEL. Luke 18:9-14**

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

