



Do not
let your
hearts be
troubled

JOHN 14:1

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

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 God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

Gaze into heaven and see the glory of God.

Lift up your eyes to behold the risen Christ.

God is our rock of refuge, a strong fortress.

Christ leads us and guides us every day.

Then let us lay our troubles at Christ's feet.

Let us enter the sanctuary God prepares for us.

We have come to find the way, the truth, and the life.

We are here to ask and to receive and to serve.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

By our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, God has raised us to new life.

Let us confess to God our sins and all that waits for resurrection in our lives.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us repent of our sin and claim the promise of God.

God of grace and glory, you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

ADORATION AND PRAISE

ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

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

Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Let us pray the collect together.

Creator God, whose love for all of us was revealed in Jesus Christ, draw us into a relationship of trust in you that will help us day by day to discern more clearly the way, the truth, and the life you intend for us. Help us, in all humility, to follow Jesus, to do the works of Christ without calling attention to ourselves. We long to become the spiritual household of mutually caring people that Jesus sought to model among us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

THE PSALTER

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"Watch Out...You've Been Chosen!"

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

We commit ourselves to you, gracious God, as we dedicate material gifts that represent our labor. When we ponder the amazing wonder of life, we are filled with awe. When we remember Jesus as the cornerstone of our spiritual house you are seeking to build in our midst, we are eager to help. Let your face shine on us and on this offering that your mighty acts may be proclaimed to all the world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We give you thanks that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

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

We boldly proclaim: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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 BREAD AND 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.

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember Stephen, we give thanks for lay ministry. Bless the lay leaders of this congregation and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between church and world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, you show your steadfast love through mighty waters, towering mountains, verdant fields, and arid deserts. Protect the earth's diverse habitats from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they begin, build or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations in areas needing to be rebuilt following conflict, unrest, or natural disaster. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. We pray for all who are sick. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Assuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION



CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **John & Sarah Paulukow & Andrea West** in loving memory of Jackie Paulukow on her birthday.

The Worship Aids are given by **Jerry & Carmen Richards** in honor of our family.

Ministering Today

Pastor/Celebrant	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Lector/Assistant	Rev. Sandy Morris
Money Counters	Bud & Kathy McCarty, Scott Owens, John Shelsky, Jeff Hackenberger
Altar Guild	Charlene Cristy, Anita Rohrer, Nancy Enders
Koinonia	Rankin Family
Building Trustee	Dave Connor
Ministries	Card SOT Choir (Anita Rohrer) Called to Care Sally Rodenberger Visitation Marlyn Wible

Happy Birthday!

Wednesday – Peyton Fischer

Thursday – Cole Cataldi

Friday – Emilia Derstler, Jeff Hackenberger

Saturday – Karen Olley, John Shelsky

Attendance for Sun., April 30 8:00–17 10:30–62 **TOTAL –79**
Sunday School Attendance 20

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Monday 7:00 PM – Evangelism Committee
 7:00 PM – SOT Choir

Tuesday 7:00 PM – Anniversary Committee-Choir Room
 7:00 PM – Property Committee-Isenberg

Wednesday Last day Enrichment
 7:00 PM – Finance Committee

Thursday 10:00 AM –Mercersberg Study Group
 1:30 PM – Pinochle
 6:30 PM – Cub Scouts
 7:00 PM – Parish Life Committee

Friday Last day 3 & 4 day Preschool

Saturday 7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA

Sunday 8:00 AM – Eucharist
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 10:30 AM – Eucharist

PRAYERS FOR GOD’S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

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

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The people of Turkey & Syria
The family of Shirley Bare (sister of Janet Sweigart)
The family of Bonnie Boothman

The family of Bill Toy (brother-in-law of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)
The family of Eric Zirkel (brother-in-law of Donna Zirkel)
The Bruno family (friends of Blaine Connor)
Donna Dreyer (daughter of Joann Garvin)
Janice Zimmerman (sister of Ken Zimmerman)
Jack & Sandy Neal (friends of Trinity members)
Joan Nevins (friend of John and Sarah Paulukow)
Janet Grebinger (friend of John and Sarah Paulukow)
Larry Gerlach (brother of Dolly Barr)
Kevin McCarty (son of Kathy & Bud McCarty)
Robert Good (brother-in-law of Betty Fogle)
James Michaud (Sevi Keares' teacher)
John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)
Kelly Quick (friend of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)
The Eshelman Family (friends of Rick & Joann Mowrer)
Marianne Gibble (friend of Trinity)
Joan Sleet (sister of Donna Zirkel & Pastor Royer)
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),
David and Brenda Haverstick(friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner)
Robin McComsey (neighbor of Himelwrights)
Don Pfeifer (husband of Denise Pfeifer)
Judy Barr (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner)
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)
Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother)
Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall)
Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)
Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law)
The Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church)

THE MAY PARISH POST is available 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.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: It is not too late to buy S. Clyde Weaver sub coupons to support the Trinity Preschool. The cost is \$8 per coupon. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.



ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES: If someone is graduating in your family, please submit their name, school, and future plans with the church office ASAP!

A flyer for a Pinochle event. The background is teal. In the center, there's a white box with a black border containing the text "PINOCHLE" in a stylized font and "1:30 PM" below it. To the left and right of this box, the text "EVERYONE IS WELCOME!" is written in white. Below the central box, a yellow banner contains the text "Thursday, May 11". At the bottom of the yellow banner, smaller text reads: "All you have to do is sign up in the hallway near church office and bring a snack or drink to share. We're happy to teach players new to Pinochle." There are also some playing cards (Ace of Hearts, King of Hearts) visible behind the central box.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

PINOCHLE
1:30 PM

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CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY: The Evangelism Committee has revitalized the Called to Care ministry. Meals will be provided for members after they have returned home from the hospital or during other critical moments. Transportation to medical appointments is also available. Sally Rodenberger will be the coordinator for May.

2023 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:

Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: July 9, 16, 23 & 30. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: July 2,9, 16,23 & 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.

FLOWER DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Would you like to be on the rotation to pick up the weekly chancel flowers from the florist on Friday mornings? If so, contact Lee Bossert. Would you like to deliver the chancel flowers after worship to members of the congregation? If so, contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz.

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 counter. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes.

KNIT IN GOD'S LOVE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, May 16 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.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BONNIE BOOTHMAN will be held at Trinity Church on Saturday, May 20 at 2 p.m. You will be able to visit with the family beginning at 1 p.m.

Clothing Bank



The Lancaster Food Hub Clothing Bank has a need for sleeping bags, coats, underwear, and toiletry items.

Items can be dropped at our clothing bank container at church. The container is in the stairwell by the kitchen entrance.

2023 CONCERT SPONSORS: Forms are available on the table across from the church office for you to sponsor this year's concert series.

Cherry Academy Workshops



people are food insecure with 1 in 6.5 children struggling with hunger. (data from Feeding America and Central PA Food Bank, 2020 and 2021).

This themed year of events will not only expand knowledge of food insecurity issues in the city and county but will also help

people better connect with the local organizations working in this area, and with each other as they imagine new and exciting projects.

<p>Parish Resource Center</p>	<p>ADDRESS</p> <p>2160 Lincoln Hwy East, #18</p>
<p>WORKSHOPS</p>	

<p>PHONE</p> <p>(717) 299-1113</p>	<p>EMAIL</p> <p>info@parishresourcecenter.org</p>
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A Place at the Table: Food Insecurity and Living Communion

IN PERSON ONLY CONTEMPLATIVE

June 10, 2023
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

A Place at the Table

Food Insecurity and Living Communion

Led by
Amy
Shorner-Johnson



Church of the
Apostles UCC
June 10th
9am-3pm



Contemplative
Retreat

Nourish your mind, body, and soul at this day retreat on the 2023 Cherry Academy theme – Food Insecurity. Food is at the heart of many spiritual practices and religious traditions, perhaps most importantly, communion/Eucharist. Two major themes of communion will be addressed – first, individual communion which links our physical nourishment to our spiritual selves; second, the connection between the communion table and food ministries.

IN PERSON ONLY CHERRY ACADEMY

Volunteer Day

June 19th



Volunteer Day

June 19, 2023
12:00 am - 11:55 pm

Come volunteer with us at one of several local organizations who are working to fight food insecurity in our community. Register for the organization you would like to volunteer at.

Anchor Lancaster
Lancaster County Food Hub
St Anne and Our Lady of La Vang Church
St. John's Episcopal Church

LIFELINE SCREENING: There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on June 3, 2023 at Trinity United Church of Christ to conduct these valuable screenings.

These 4 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a discount. Register by calling toll free 1-800-679-5191, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online [LLSA.SOCIAL/HC](https://www.llsa.org/SOCIAL/HC)

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT TRINITY



Golf game will be paid for by the church. Food is available for purchase after golf. Sign-up sheet on table in hallway. For more information, please call Cherie Cataldi(717) 799-2420



SAVE THE DATE
Barnstormer's Game

JULY 5



Mark your calendars for **July 5** when the Lancaster Barnstormers will play the Long Island Ducks! **The cost is \$30 (ticket, suite rental, endless buffet for 90 minutes, gratuity).** Children from ages 4-18 will be covered by our Youth Ministry account and those under 4 are free. We will need a \$15 deposit when you sign-up! Call the church office to sign up. Gates open at 5:30 PM – the game is 6:30 PM



FOOD TRUCKS

Stoney's Burgers & Fries
Tri-County Barbeque
TJs Ice Cream
Dutch Country Hand Rolled Soft Pretzels

Peace of Mind Protection Fire House

Save the Date FRIENDSHIP FEST FOOD TRUCK

*Magician
Eric Vera*

EVENT July 16

4:00-7:00 PM

BOUNCE HOUSE
no charge



AUSCULTATION BRASS CONCERT



5:00-6:00 PM

Face Painter

God's Garden

VBS 2023



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July 10 - 13 6:30-8:30 PM

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, "God's Garden" explores how Jesus grew, how we grow, and how we spread seeds for others to grow.

As the cycle continues, the "Mustard Plant" grows.

Adults and Teens - Join Rev. Esbenshade. Using the text, *Earthwise: A Guide to Hopeful Creation Care*, the class will spend four evening sessions examining ways in which attendees might examine and embrace ways to enhance creation. Author of *Earthwise*, Calvin B. DeWitt, is a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he serves on the graduate faculties of Environmental and Resources, Water Resource Management, Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development. This book reflects how he integrates his faith and his work in the science and educational communities.

**July 14 6:30 PM Closing Program - Including
Lancaster County Parks Naturalist Program - Seed Dispersal**

Register through the VBS/Rally Day Page at www.trinityeastpete.org



SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

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. Below is a list of the camps this year! **Contact Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin for more information!**

As you know, Penn Central Conference paid for 50% of camp registration fees last year. It is wonderful to be able to announce that that same generous offer stands again this year! **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”.**

CAMP WEEK	EXPLORERS Grades K-2	JUNIORS Grades 3-6	INTERMEDIATES Grades 6-9	SENIOR HIGH & ADVENTURE TRIPS
JUNE 18-24	Day Camp (M-F)		High Adventure	
JUNE 25-JULY 1	Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Tree Toppers	Classic Kayak	Beach (Grades 6-8)
JULY 2-8	Pioneers	Classic Jr Quest (Grades 4-6)	Classic Arts & Crafts S.U.R.E.	Sr. High Super Adventure (Grades 9-11)
JULY 9-15	Kids at Heart			
	Mini Camp	Day Camp Plus (M-S, Grades 2-5) Guppies	High Adventure Ten Day	Adirondack Backpack (Grades 7-11)
JULY 16-22		Arts & Crafts Back-Country Outpost S.U.R.E. TURTLES	Water Adventure	Beach (Grades 9-11)
JULY 23-29	Pioneers	Classic Arts & Crafts NightHawks S.U.R.E.	SUB Adventure	Adirondack Canoe (Grades 7-11)
JULY 30-AUG 5	Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Bikes & Boulders	Back-Country Outpost High Adventure	KirchenQuest (Grades 7-11)
AUG 6-12	Family Camp-K-tion (Family Camp)			
	Mini Camp	Ultimate Sports	Fishing Ultimate Sports	

Kirchenwald is located on 340 acres of scenic forest, adjacent to 4,000 acres of State Game Lands, in Lebanon, PA.

CAMP WEEK	EXPLORERS Grades K-2	JUNIORS Grades 3-6	INTERMEDIATES Grades 6-9	SENIOR HIGH Grades 9-11
JUNE 25- JULY 1	Classic Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Equestrian Team Sports	Classic Arts & Crafts EXTRAvangaza	Classic
JULY 2-8	Mini Camp	Classic Day Camp Plus (M-S, Grades 2-5) Holy Smoke!	Classic Full STEAM Ahead!	Adventure Sampler
JULY 9-15	Elder Camp			
	Classic Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Arts, Crafts, & Photography Beginner Guitar and Music	Classic Camp Musical Rock and Roll Adventure	
JULY 16-22	Family Camp			
JULY 23-29	Nature Detectives Mini Camp	Classic Night Owls O.W.L.S. Wild Things	Classic Ten Day	Ten Day
JULY 30- AUG 5	Classic Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Team Sports	Classic Blaze and Paddle Adventure Team Sports	
AUG 6-12	Family Camp			

Nawakwa is located on 336 acres outside of Arendtsville, in Adams County, Pennsylvania.

HARTMAN CENTER HOMECOMING CAMP (July 31-August 5)

There will be several camps happening that week at the Hartman Center Campground in Milroy (the former Penn Central Conference Camp). Look for more details in the upcoming bulletins and the March Parish Post.

GERANIUM ORDER FORM

Person(s) ordering Geranium

Plants _____

Please order: _____ Red Geranium(s) @ \$5.00 each – 6” pot

Total amount due \$ _____

Designation as you would like it to appear in the bulletin:

Given

by _____

In honor of

In memory of

Other _____

Give plant to a shut-in member _____ Yes _____ No
_____ or plant geranium at church



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FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Next Sunday’s Readings: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.

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