

Come
to me,
all you
that are
weary

MATTHEW 11:28

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Celebrating 175 Years: Honoring Our Heritage, Moving Forward in Faith!

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

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: *You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, 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.**

Come with joy and gladness to praise and honor God.

Come to the refreshing waters that God provides.

God is gracious and merciful and full of compassion.

All creation joins us in giving thanks.

Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.

Come, for Christ has promised rest.

The gentle spirit of Christ invites us.

We have come to find rest for our souls.

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

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

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

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

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. 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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

We come together, gracious God, because we have heard your invitation. We sense that you alone know the burdens we carry. You understand our weariness. Sometimes our journey seems long and without respite. We long for the refreshment you provide as we come to worship you. The anticipation of this hour of rest and nourishment fills us with renewed joy and gladness. We thank you, God, that your revelation comes to us, not because we are worthy, but because we are open to your word. Open our hearts to receive all you offer; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

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

THE PSALTER

Psalms 145:8-14

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

To make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

“Come To Me!”

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

With all the gifts of creation, you have blessed us, gracious God. We give thanks for all your works. Gratitude is our first impulse for giving. Accept our grateful hearts, along with our gifts. We ask for wisdom as our church determines priorities for the use of resources. May we be as concerned about outreach and mission more than we are concerned about ourselves. As you are faithful to us, O God, may we be faithful in all things, seeking always to live by your gracious will. We pray all of this 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.

God of fire and wind, we praise you for your continuing work of creation, renewal, and blessing. In the beginning of time, as you called the world into being, you sent the breath of your spirit across the formless void and darkness, calling creation into being. To your servants, you sent gifts of your Spirit: to Moses, a spirit of courage; to Joshua, a spirit of wisdom; to David, a spirit of power. You sent your Spirit upon your prophet Isaiah, who prophesied that you would call forth a leader with a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and might, a spirit of knowledge and reverence. You sent your Spirit upon your prophet Joel, who proclaimed that you would send your Spirit upon all people: young and old, women and men. With all those Spirit-filled people, we join in giving praise to you, Almighty God.

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

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

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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

BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

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

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

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

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

*(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.

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

God of the covenant, you call ministers to proclaim your gospel of grace throughout the world. Inspire pastors, elders, deacons, church musicians, and all ministers of your word as they carry out your work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, you reveal your goodness through all you have made: rivers and seas, plants and animals, and endangered species. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, botanical gardens, zoos, and wildlife sanctuaries. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, you desire that all the peoples of the world live in peace. Guide government leaders at all levels-national, state, and local-to work for justice, mercy, and reconciliation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of compassion, you bring healing to those who are sick, consolation to those who are grieving, and well-being to those who are distraught. Send skilled caregivers to all in need, and make your presence known among all who suffer. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of rejoicing, you have brought us together this day to worship around word and sacrament. Encourage children in their learning and growing, and watch over those who are absent today. Lead us all to places of renewal and refreshment. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

★ CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY ★

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by Nancy Enders in appreciation for all those who serve on committees in the life of Trinity Church.

The Worship Aids are given by Nancy Enders in thankfulness to John Barr for polishing altar candles & communion vessels.

Ministering Today

Pastor/Celebrant	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Lector/Assistant	Jeff Hackenberger
Money Counters	Lee Bossert, Ron & Donna Denlinge, Steve Shenk, Bob Bistline
Altar Guild	Nancy Enders
Building Trustee	Pat Sensenig
Ministries	Card Deacons (Steve Shenk) Called to Care Nancy Enders Visitation Noreen Trostle, Betsy Bailey

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Monday-Thursday 6:30-8:30 PM - Vacation Bible School

Monday	1:00PM—Anniversary Committee
Tuesday	9:30 AM – Stewardship
Thursday	2:00 PM – CROP Walk Committee
Friday	6:30 PM – VBS Closing Program
Saturday	7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:30 AM – Worship 4:00-7:00 PM – Friendship Fest/Food Trucks 5:00 PM – Auscultation Brass Concert

Attendance for Sun., July 2

7:45–18 9:30–66 **TOTAL – 84**

Happy Birthday!

Today – Sandy Morris, Norma Lucabaugh, Janet Sweigart

Tuesday – Michael Slechta, Mary Lou Sturgis

Friday – Lori Eberly, Marlyn Wible

Saturday – Scott Owens

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Dr. Blaine Connor	Don & Pat Miller	Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman
Scott & Jane Owens	Dave Trostle	Dorothy Fasnacht
Dr. Becky Wagner	John Shelsky	Dr. Janet Harriger
The Lehman family	Donna Wolf	Deb Lichtenwalner
Mike Wagner	Joann Peck	Eugene Hartenstine
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
Joann & Dawn Garvin	Erika Otthofer	Danielle Huggins Holbein

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family & friends of Father Alexander Veronis
The family of Tom Brooks (friend of Charlene & Jack Cristy)
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)
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)
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),
Robin McComsey (neighbor of Himelwrights)
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 Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church)

THE JULY/AUGUST PARISH POST is available on both floors of the church building.

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

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. Nancy Enders is the coordinator for July & August.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES are available on both floors of the church building.



We still have a few openings for Musical Offerings over the summer and if anyone is interested in offering their gifts, they should contact Mike & Dina Slechta at music@trinityeastpete.org.

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

God's Garden

VBS 2023



Trinity UCC, 2340 State St., East Petersburg

www.trinityeastpete.org

717-569-1632

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



Sign up sheet for snacks & craft materials for VBS are in hallway outside office.

Trinity VBS Staff 2023

Directors – Diane Rice and Dina Slechta

Music Leader and Pianist – Michael Slechta

Music Leader - Theodore Slechta

Pianist - Anita Rohrer

Puppeteer – Karen Olley

Story Station Leaders - Lindsey Wagner, Sally Rodenberger, Joan Sensenig

Craft Leaders and Assistants – Karen Olley, Ella Heagy, Sarah Paulukow, Rachel Baynard

Advance Craft Planning - Katie Weeber

Games Leaders – Sevi Keares, Denise Pfeiffer

Group Leaders and Assistants – Hillary Davis, Betty Fogle, Hedwig Hunsicker, Sue Bowman, Theodore Slechta, Anne Rankin

Teen/Adult Class Facilitator – Rev. Jack Esbenshade

Snack Coordinator - Kathy Cooley

Snack Helpers –Marlyn Wible, Nancy Enders, Kathy McCarty, Charlene Cristy, Diane Rice

Registrars - Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy, Sue Bowman

Snack Supplies Coordinator – Denise Huggins

Greeters - Dottie Schadt, Pastor Chris Rankin

THE MEN OF TRINITY & PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will not be meeting over the summer. Look for information in the September Parish Post for the next meetings.

Clothing Bank



The Lancaster Food Hub Clothing Bank has a need for new 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.



FOOD TRUCKS

- Stoney's Burgers & Fries
- Tri-County Barbeque
- TJs Ice Cream
- Dutch Country Hand Rolled Soft Pretzels
- The TACO RV-(cash only)
- Peace of Mind Protection Fire House

**Magician
Eric Vera**

Save the Date **FRIENDSHIP FEST FOOD TRUCK**

EVENT

July 16

4:00-7:00 PM

**BOUNCE HOUSE
no charge**



AUSCULTATION BRASS CONCERT



5:00-6:00 PM

FACE PAINTING

We are in need of volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, and stand at the Trinity Table during the Friendship Fest. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office!



Hempfield Fire Department Park
19 Main Street, Landisville
(parking is in the lot behind the fire department)

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.

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!!!



Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and 9:30 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: July 30 & August 13 & 27. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: July 23, 30 & August 6, 13 & 20. 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.



Mt. Gretna Tabernacle

MT. GRETNA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2023

Summer at the Tabernacle | *Worship, Speakers and Concerts*

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle • 3rd St. & Glossbrenner Ave. Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064

Please visit MtGretnaTabernacle.org for any program cancellations. A freewill offering will be received at each program.

July 9 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

National Christian Choir Founded in 1984, the choir glorifies God through music ministry which draws people into a new and deeper relationship with Him. Directed by Kathy Bowman, Gettysburg, Pa.



July 16 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Rizzetta's Tones Celtic & folk band with songs that are both poignant and humorous.



July 23 Sunday 7 p.m. Speaker

Rev. Alan Robinson National Director of the Brethren in Christ, U.S., Dillsburg, Pa.



July 30 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Choir Festival Internationally renowned composer Robert Lau, retired church musician and college professor, directs over 150 voices in a joyous concert. Sponsored by Loser's Music. Concert made possible by the Estate of Douglas Troutman.

August 2 Wednesday 7 p.m. Hymn Sing

Led by **Bob Kettering and Dr. Rod Shearer**. Congregational favorites from the Celebration Hymnal.



August 5 Saturday 7 p.m. Concert

Handbell Festival Under the direction of Dr. Shawn Gingrich, Hershey, Pa., ringers from the area will ring the praise and glory of God.

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
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	

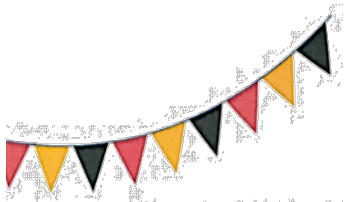
Kirchenwald is located on 340 acres of scenic forest, adjacent to 4,000 acres of State Game Lands, in Lebanon, PA.

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 Parish Post.

CAMP WEEK	EXPLORERS Grades K-2	JUNIORS Grades 3-6	INTERMEDIATES Grades 6-9	SENIOR HIGH Grades 9-11
JULY 9-15	Elder Camp			
	Classic Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Arts, Crafts, & Photography <small>Beginner Guitar and Music</small>	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.**



BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME
**Anniversary
 Day**

RAFFLE • LIVE MUSIC • CARNIVAL GAMES
 FOOD • RIDES • TRIBUTE LIGHTING



12-2:00PM Jeff Krick Jr: Elvis Tribute
 3:00-5:00PM The Celtic Martins
 6:30-8:30PM Grease Band



August 19, 2023

GATES OPEN 11AM-9PM

1863 Bethany Rd. Womelsdorf, PA 19567

**ALL CONCERTS HELD AT
 BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME**

Lawn seating only- bring your favorite blanket or chair!

**Weapons, pets, tobacco and alcohol are prohibited on
 Bethany property.**





**Lancaster Association
Mission & Ministry Planned Event**

Sunday, August 20

3:30-5:30 pm

Pavilion at Church of the Apostles.

It will be an ICE CREAM SOCIAL with a time to hear from various ministries and ministry partners.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
 Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
 Lo, your king comes to you;
 triumphant and victorious is he,
 humble and riding on a donkey,
 on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
 and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
 and the battle bow shall be cut off,
 and he shall command peace to the
 nations;
 his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
 and from the River to the ends of the
 earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of
 my covenant with you,
 I will set your prisoners free from
 the waterless pit.
¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners
 of hope;
 today I declare that I will restore to you
 double.

Psalms 145:8-14

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
 we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

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