

*Little girl,
get up!*

MARK 5:41



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

Today's Theme: A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

Welcome to the Eucharist! All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion.

Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.

Prayer As You Enter: *Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*



CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to:

- Share God's love with our community*
 - Serve God's children*
 - Bring healing and wholeness to those in need*
 - Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study*
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TODAY WE CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE the merger of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the General Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States to form the Evangelical and Reformed Church on June 26, 1934. We also celebrate the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Church to form the United Church of Christ on June 25, 1957. We will celebrate our heritage with prayers and hymns in today's services.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

(Based on the U.C.C. Statement of Faith)

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We are here not because we have found God but because God our Creator has called us here.

Challenging us to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, and to be servants in the service of the whole human family.

But the call is also God's promise:

A promise of forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, and eternal life in that realm which has no end. Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto God!

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

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us now confess our sins to God in silent prayer.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Almighty and Most Merciful God, our heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you, under a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt. We have grievously sinned against you, in thought, in word, and in deed. We have come short of your glory. We have broken your commandments, and turned aside every one of us from the way of life. Yet now, O Most Merciful Father, hear us when we call upon you with penitent hearts, and for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Pardon our sins. Take away our guilt. And grant us your peace. Purify us, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, from all inward uncleanness, and make us able and willing to serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our 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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

Open our eyes, O God, to the transforming power of your presence. We reach out once more to receive the gift of abundant life. Cleanse our thoughts and actions so our love may be genuine and our dedication to your service complete. Bless all of us with your word of truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Lamentations 3:22-33

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BC. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
So that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my opinion: it is beneficial for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something. Now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. For I do not mean that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may also supply your need, in order that there may be equality. As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Mark 5:21-43

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

“A Generous Act”

Pastor Rankin

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

U.C.C. STATEMENT OF FAITH *(adapted by Robert V. Moss, 1976. We use this today in celebration of the formation of the U.C.C. on June 25, 1957.)*

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:

God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

We pray that you will find our gifts acceptable, God. If we have not given according to what we have, we seek the courage to do so. May these gifts relieve suffering and reveal hope. May they give meaning to all who give and all who receive. We dedicate them, that those who have much may not have too much, and those who have little may not have too little. 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.

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

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

Holy are you and blessed is your holy name. In the fullness of time, you sent your son, Jesus Christ, to reveal your powerful love for the world. Healing and teaching, proclaiming and prophesying, welcoming any and all, Christ continues to reveal your presence, renewing our souls even now. Through Christ's powerful love and endless grace, we are invited into your presence, rescued from our sins, and led onto your path of justice and righteousness. In Christ's grace, you renew and reclaim us as your holy people, children of mercy and truth. As children of your covenant of love,

sealed by water and the Spirit, welcome now with joy and gratitude, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine, renewing and reviving the lives of his closest friends, his most faithful disciples, even as they faced their deepest fears and their greatest sins.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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

BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

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

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

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

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

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. **Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.**)*

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

One in communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts. Sustain those among us who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous breadth of all who call upon your name. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war or strife and illuminate paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, you gather us at your table of plenty. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands. Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, your touch brings healing and your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for all who are in need, and for doctors, nurses, and health care workers who provide care. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Jesus, Bread of Life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Brenda, Harry & Gary Himelwright** in memory of our families who are not with us today, but are in our thoughts and prayers forever.

The Worship Aids are given by **Donna & Jack Esbenshade** for the good folk of Trinity.

Ministering Today

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin
Lector	Rev. Jack Esbenshade
Money Counters	Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller, Denise Pfeiffer
Altar Guild	Karen Olley, Beth Bossert, Nancy Enders
Building Trustee	Nevin Cooley
Ministries	Card Wired Word Class (Karen Olley) Called to Care Betty Tyndall Visitation Dave Connor

Worship Attendance, June 23 7:45-16 9:30-62 **TOTAL - 78**

Happy Birthday!

Today – Kristofer Hillegas
Monday – Bud McCarty, Matthew Minder
Tuesday – Nancy Enders
Wednesday – Daniel Wagner
Thursday – Sarah Cataldi, Nancy Crawford
Friday – Lauren (Lichtenwalner) LaRouche
Saturday – David Connor, Matthew Wagner

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Today	Following 9:30 Service – VBS Planning Mtg.
Monday-Friday	Secretary on Vacation
Thursday	OFFICE CLOSED-July 4 th Holiday
Saturday	8:00 PM – Alanon/AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:30 AM – Eucharist

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

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

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family of John Bailey
The family of Jake Otthofer (father of Dan Otthofer)
Rev. Pam Illick (pastor of Zion Lutheran, East Petersburg)
Brian Latsha (son of George & Ellie Latsha)
Barbie, Jon, and Will Bundy (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)
Rev. Jim Martin (Rev. Dr. Rich & Lanie Christensen's former pastor)
Quinn McCarty (grandson of Bud & Kathy McCarty)
Ken Hoshauer (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)
Kurt Kalbach (brother of Dr. Cathy Houshauer)
Tuyet Nguyen (husband of Pat & Stan Seachrist's granddaughter)
Mary Call (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)
Art Cobb (nephew of John & Dolly Barr)
The Herr Family (A Trinity Preschool Family)
Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong)
Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)
Sally & Joe Carrol (friend of Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman)
Kurt McEllhemmey (relative of Betty Tyndall)
David Brown (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)
Annette Stork (niece of Pat Sensenig)
Logan Davis (husband of Hillary Bossert-Davis)
Brian & Liz Culp (son and daughter-in-law of Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman)
Jean Weglarz (neighbor of Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline)
Melby Bush (friend of Joan Sensenig)
Harvey & Dianne Sick (friends of Judy Chapman)

Rev. Loy Garber (former seminarian)
Roland Anderson and family (friends of John & Kayla Brennan)
Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty)
The Bruno family (friends of Blaine Connor)
John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)
James Malone & family
Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)
Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)
Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig)
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 JULY/AUGUST PARISH POST is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

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

CAROL KRATZ WILL BE ON VACATION THIS WEEK! You can either reach Pastor Chris in the church office or on his cell phone (717-575-0286).

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

THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES are available in the information racks on both floors of the church building!

2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **July 21 & 28**. Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **August 11**. 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.

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.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: We have 16 coupons left! The cost is \$8 per coupon. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. **Make checks payable to Trinity Preschool and put in the white box outside the church office.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of greeters and ushers for the 9:30 worship service. Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving!

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

There are a wide range of camps this summer for all ages at **Kirchenwald & Nawakwa!** — kindergarteners through high schoolers, families, adults, and older folks. **Look for more information in the Parish Post or on the table across from the church office. Contact Anne Rankin for more information!**

As you know, Penn Central Conference pays 50% of camp registration fees. **You can help send campers from Trinity by contribution to our Camp Scholarship Fund.** Place your contribution in your weekly offering envelope and mark the special designation box with “Camp Scholarship”.

THIS WEEK’S CAMPERS: The following youth will be attending church camp this week. Please keep all the campers and staff in prayer. You can send notes to them at the following addresses:

Zachary Baynard
Construction Camp
Nawakwa
P.O. Box 459
Arendtsville, PA 17303

Andrew Rankin
Explorers Classic
Nawakwa
P.O. Box 459
Arendtsville, PA 17303

TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.: The Christian Education Committee is planning to sponsor a trip to Washington D.C. on October 26. We are hoping to visit the National Cathedral and the other museums. We don’t have any details yet on the cost, but we are asking you to sign-up if you are interested at this point. The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office. **For more information, speak to Sue Bowman or Pastor Rankin.**



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Mental Health First Aid

For Youth

- Help youth ages 12-18
- Earn certification and CEUs



August 12,
9am-2pm

INVITATION TO THE ADULT VBS CLASS

You are invited to attend an adult educational experience – July 15th – 18th (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.). We will gather in the narthex to discuss the book *Tradition in Crisis* by Peter Schmiechen. Dr. Schmiechen will be present for two of our sessions.

In his own words, “The original purpose [of this book] was to arouse passions and commitments to do something to save the tradition. The five chapters lay out topics which point to some essential part of the tradition – grace, community, the dynamic of sin and grace, a new principle of authority and a distinctive form of worship.”

If you wonder about the future of the church or how we might save the tradition, consider becoming a member of the class.

If you are interested in joining the class, you may pick up a copy of the book in the church office. I look forward to seeing you.

Jack Esbenshade



VBS 2024

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July 15 - 18 6:30-8:30 PM

July 19 6:30 PM Closing Program

Caretaker And Me Class - Under Five With Caretaker
Children's Classes - Five Through Finished Sixth Grade

Youth Volunteers - Contact Mrs. Slechta

Through stories, crafts, games, and music, *"Reach For The Stars"* reminds us that things that seem impossible to us, are possible with God.

Rev. Esbenshade will facilitate the teen/adult class. Studying the book, *"Tradition In Crisis"* by Peter Schmiechen, the class will examine how "Now is the time to reclaim the church based on the grace and community of Christ."

Offerings and Projects To Be Donated To Habitat For Humanity

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



Look for the yellow VBS Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets on the table outside office.

Books for the adult class are available in the church office!!

Sign-up for donations on the sheet across from the church office!!

Friendship Fest----July 14, 2024 – 4-7 PM

Food Trucks(Stoney's Barbecue, The Taco RV(cash only), Tri-County BBQ, Cool Summers Ice Cream,What's For Supper), Craft Tables,

Magician,

Face Painter, Games, Fun Activities,

Auscultation Brass Concert (5-6 PM)

Proceeds from the Friendship Fest will support the Trinity Preschool!

Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office to volunteer with the Friendship Fest!



Fellowship, food & fun

CHURCH

Picnic

**19 Main St.
Landisville
(park in rear of
fire station)**



AUGUST 25, 4:00-6:30 PM

Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office!

Mt. Gretna Bible Festival 2024 Season

ALL PROGRAMS ARE IN THE HISTORIC TABERNACLE

THIRD ST & GLOSSBRENNER AVE

Parking at Mt. Gretna Fire Co.

Handicapped Parking at Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church Parking Lot

PARKING AT THE MT. GRETNA ROLLER RINK - in DEFINED AREAS ONLY!!!!

Roller Rink Parking on the following dates: June 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 3, 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024

Sunday, June 30, 2024 - Wheatland Chorale - 7 p.m. Under the direction of David J. Fitzpatrick, new Artistic Director, Wheatland Chorale is excited to perform for the first time at the Bible Festival. This concert by one of the area's premier choral ensembles will be sure to leave you feeling inspired. Freewill Offering will be received. [Sponsored by Bob & Lib Kettering in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.](#)

*******Sunday, July 7, 2024 - Phredd Ukulele One Man Band** (Fred McNaughton) - **SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN** - 3 p.m. Ukulele Flailing, Harmonica Wailing, Suitcase Drumming, Kazoo Hum-Humming, Ukulele Bundle of Joy! Freewill Offering will be received. *********
COME EARLY for a "Community Arts Party" and help paint the entrance for this year's Mt. Gretna Art Show and play instruments provided by Gretna Music. [Sponsored by Mt. Gretna Outdoor Art Show.](#)

Sunday, July 7, 2024 - Amy Yovanovich and Brenten Megee - 7 p.m. A program of spirituals and music by American composers plus an audience sing-along. Accompanied by Dr. Ross Ellison and Sue Fry-Wickard. Freewill Offering will be received.

Sunday, July 14, 2024 - Dr. Chris Walker is the Sr. Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, Pa., and the preacher on the weekly radio broadcast 'The Westminster Pulpit' on WDAC radio. His degrees are from Hillsdale College and Westminster Theological Seminary. Musicians from Westminster Church will provide special music for the service - 7 p.m. Freewill Offering will be received.

Sunday, July 21, 2024 - Knotwork Band - 7 p.m. The Knotwork Band is a trio that performs Celtic folk music from Ireland, Scotland, England, and Brittany, as well as American and World music with ties to Celtic folk music, either musically or historically. Freewill Offering will be received.

Sunday, July 28, 2024 - Choir Festival - 7 p.m. Composer Craig Courtney will direct 100 voices in a joyous Sunday Concert. Accompanist Dan Dorty will be joined by flute and brass. Freewill Offering will be received. [Sponsored by Loser's Music.](#) [Concert made possible by the Estate of Douglas Troutman.](#) Singers can register online this year by clicking on this link: [Zeffy](#) To request a printable file contact: office@mtgretnatabernacle.org

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 - Hymn Sing - 7 p.m. Congregational favorites from the Celebration Hymnal led by Bob Kettering and Dr. Rod Shearer. Freewill Offering will be received.

Saturday, August 3, 2024 - Handbell Festival - 7 p.m. Under the direction of Dr. Shawn Gingrich, Hershey, Pa., ringers from the area will ring the praise and glory of God. Freewill Offering will be received. [Sponsored by Home Instead.](#)

Sunday, August 4, 2024 - Daniel Dorty - 7 p.m. Pianist and Organist for the acclaimed Susquehanna Chorale, and Director of Music and Organist for the Derry Presbyterian Church, Dan Dorty joined by musicians from Derry Church, their Sanctuary Choir and Derry Ringers for an evening of sacred music celebrating the Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs of our Faith. Freewill Offering will be received.

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 - **Summit Hill Bluegrass Band** - 7 p.m. From southeastern Pa., Summit Hill Bluegrass Band plays bluegrass, gospel and a wide variety of other music. Freewill Offering will be received. [Sponsored by JoAnn Thomas Show.](#)



Sunday, August 11, 2024 - **Dr. Peter W. Teague, Pres. Emeritus & Ambassador, Lancaster Bible College** - 7 p.m. Dr. Teague and his wife Paulette are founders of Jessica and Friends Community, a non-profit organization offering residential services, training in daily living skills, and social services to adults with developmental disabilities. Freewill Offering will be received.

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Decades That Transformed #4

Thu Jul 11th 10:00am

1910s - 1920s: Collapse of the Old Order. The political and social reforms of the Progressive Movement. Dr. Lee Barrett & Dr. Randall Zachman.



Decades That Transformed #5

Thu Jul 18th 10:00am

1960s: The Cultural Revolution. 'The Times They Are a-Changin' Today's crossroads require a look back at historical events. Dr. Lee Barrett & Dr. Randall Zachman. **Hall**

of Philosophy



The Religion of Race

Tue Jul 23rd 7:00pm

Explore the true history of race in America and how the promotion of race differs from its biblical account. With the Rev. Dr. Joseph Green. **Hall of Philosophy**



Where's the Ark of the Covenant?

Thu Aug 1st 10:00am

Dr. Herb Smith explores the tradition of the affair of Solomon & Sheba and this holy object in the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. **Hall of Philosophy**

UPCOMING CLASSES AT THE PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF MINISTRY

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PAM is a Regional Theological Education Program of the UCC and serves church leaders in the PC(USA), ELCA, UMC, and other denominations. It is housed at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Speak to Pastor Chris for more information!!!

Innovation and New Models of Leadership. July 9–Aug 13, 2024. Tuesdays, 7–8:30pm EST via Zoom. Instructor: the Rev. Dale Davis.

This challenging class engages an array of exciting leadership models and is supported by a podcast series produced especially for the Pennsylvania Academy of Ministry, featuring Gil Rendle, Karen Georgia Thompson, Doug Powe Jr., Lovett Weems Jr., John Schol, and Sarah Drummond. 2.5 CEUs. \$325.

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,

²⁸to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,

²⁹to put one’s mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),

³⁰to give one’s cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not
reject forever.

³²Although he causes grief, he will have
compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast
love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

or Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 [not printed]

Psalm 30

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

[not printed]

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Next Sunday’s Readings: Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13.

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