



**John
was a
righteous
and holy man.**

MARK 6:20



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them and to proclaim God's saving love.

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: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, 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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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.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ! Thank God for every spiritual blessing.

May the glory of God be known in this place! May God's peace dwell in this and every land!

God speaks peace to those who are faithful. Lift up your heads and your hearts to God.

We have come to hear the word of truth. We turn to God, eager to receive salvation.

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.

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 one another.

Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: We confess that we resist the force of your Spirit among us; that we are slow to serve you, and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions, and by your Spirit draw us together. Enflame us with a desire to do your will and be your faithful people; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

Righteous and holy God, giver of life amid the hatred and cruelty that abounds among us when our rivalries get out of hand, let us hear your judgments as well as your promises, that our thoughts and actions may more nearly match your will for us and equip us to accomplish much good according to your counsel and to your glory. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Amos 7:7-15

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 85:8-13

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"Measuring Up"

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

O God, we dedicate this offering with joyous praise, acknowledging our covenant responsibility to share your word and love all your people. In gratitude for the gospel of salvation, we pledge our loyalty and highest faithfulness as disciples of Jesus Christ. Thank you for the wisdom and insight we have received. Help us now to live according to the best we know, in Jesus' name. 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. From everlasting to everlasting, you have revealed your mighty presence to us. Have we not heard? Have we not known? In the beginning, you swept across the earth with your Spirit of life and renewal. When we forgot or neglected your truth, you redeemed us and renewed us. From the earth's first gardens to the mountaintop storms, you have spoken to us, and entrusted us to be your people. From laws on tablets to warnings from prophets, you have spoken your truth and renewed your covenant with us, reviving us and reclaiming us through your grace and love. And so, with your people on earth, with all of creation, and with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn of praise, saying:

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

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where there is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations. 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 and Worship Aids are given by Bob Siever in memory of my late wife, Mary Lin Siever.

Ministering Today

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Lector	Diane Rice
Money Counters	Nevin Cooley, Steve Gold, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi
Altar Guild	Charlene Cristy, Hedwig Hunsicker, Nancy Enders
Building Trustee	Pat Sensenig
Ministries	Card Deacons
	Called to Care Nancy Enders
	Visitation Janice Jenkins

Happy Birthday!

Today – Lori Eberly, Marlyn Wible

Monday – Scott Owens

Tuesday – Kathy Pilsner

Wednesday – Keith Daly

Friday – Zachary Mowrer, Bob Wible

Saturday – Betty Tyndall

Worship Attendance, July 7 7:45-13 9:30-63 **TOTAL - 76**

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Today 4-7 PM – Friendship Fest

Monday-Friday 6:30-8:30 PM – Vacation Bible School

Thursday 2:00 PM – CROP Walk Mtg.

Saturday 8:00 PM – Alanon/AA

Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist

9:30 AM – Worship

Rev. Dr. Jim Haun, Supply Pastor

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Ken & Janice Jenkins

Betty Fogle

Kelsey Minnich Burgo

Harry Himelwright

Scott & Jane Owens

Carmen & Jerry Richards

Lainie Christensen

Pastor Harry Royer

Rev. Ken Trauger

Kathleen Sensenig Adams

Danielle Huggins Holbein

Joann & Dawn Garvin

Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman

Rick Mowrer

Jack Olley

Bob & Marlyn Wible

Dr. Janet Harriger

The Lehman family

Donna Wolf & Family

Stan & Pat Seachrist

Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley

Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser

Betty Tyndall and family

Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline

Hedwig Hunsicker

Erika Otthofer

Bud McCarty

Denise Huggins

Don & Pat Miller

Joann Peck

Mary Lou Shaab

George & Ellie Latsha

Sam Minder III

Hank Fox

Donna Zirkel

Michael McDonough

Ron Becker

Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman

Nancy Patton

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family of John Bailey

The family of John Feyock, Jr. (friend of Carmen & Jerry Richards)

The family of Pastor David Ulm (former colleague of Pastor Rankin)

Kaitlyn, Ben, and Lucy Miller (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)

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)
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.

PASTOR ON VACATION: Pastor Rankin will be away from July 20-August 3. **The Rev. Bob Bistline**, a member of our congregation, will be covering pastoral emergencies from July 20-27. You can reach Rev. Bistline at 717-917-9716. **The Rev. Sandy Morris**, a member of our congregation, will be covering pastoral emergencies from July 28-August 3. You can reach Rev. Morris at 717-385-1588. **The Rev. Dr. Jim Haun**, a retired U.C.C. pastor, will be our supply preacher next Sunday.

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!

SERVERS NEEDED: We are in need of greeters, ushers, and nursery care volunteers for the 9:30 worship service. Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving as an usher or greeter. Please contact Betty Fogle if you are interested in serving as a nursery attendant (717-471-1026 or bettsfog@comcast.net).

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.**

2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **July 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.

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 Rev. Sandy Morris’ grandchildren will be attending camp this week (Trinity helped send them to camp this year). Please keep all the campers and staff in prayer. You can send notes to them at the following addresses:

Gabriella Gibbons
Juniors Classic
Kirchenwald
1 Cut Off Rd.
Lebanon, PA 17042

Samuel Gibbons
Explorers Mini
Kirchenwald
1 Cut Off Rd.
Lebanon, PA 17042

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

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



VBS 2024

Trinity UCC, 2340 State St., East Petersburg

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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



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. GREтна ROLLER RINK - in DEFINED AREAS ONLY!!!!

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

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.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT MT. GRETNA CHAUTAQUA

For more information go to: www.pachautauqua.info



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**



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Mental Health First Aid

For Youth

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



August 12,
9am-2pm



LOVE INC 2024 INVITATIONAL

Mini-Golf Outing

Looking for a fun outing to support a good cause? Join us on Saturday, August 3rd for Love INC's family mini-golf fundraiser! Bring the family and show off your mini-golf skills, during this FUNdraising event. All proceeds from this even benefit the ministry of Love INC of Lancaster County, a 501(c)3 nonprofit. It is the mission of Love INC to empower, connect, and support churches as they arise to transform lives and communities, In the Name of Christ.

Village Greens Miniature Golf
1444 Village Rd, Strasburg, PA 17579
AUGUST 3, 2024

Start Time: 9:00am
COST- \$15/person



Register by scanning the QR code or by visiting loveinclanaster.org/events to sign up.

Thank You To Our Sponsors:



East Pete Parade

Saturday, September 14, 2024

East Petersburg Parade

The annual East Petersburg Day Parade will follow the 5K at 10AM and lead families, friends and neighbors to East Petersburg Community Park for an amazing day filled with live music, jugglers, rides, games, and food!

The Parish Life Committee will be organizing a float for this year's parade. We will need people to ride on the float, so watch for more information in the worship bulletins and the September Parish Post!!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF

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

Habitat Hypertufa Project Leaders and Assistants - Mike Wagner, Mark Eyer, Zach Baynard, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dodson

Craft Leaders and Assistants – Katie Weeber, Alyssa Wagner, Addie Heagy, Sophia Jackson

Games Leaders – Sevi Keares, Denise Pfeiffer

Group Leaders and Assistants – Hedwig Hunsicker, Sue Bowman, Karen Olley, Theodore Slechta, Anne Rankin

Nursery Room Host - Charlene Cristy

Observation Night Leader - Sue Bowman

Teen/Adult Class Facilitators – Rev. Jack Esbenshade & Rev. Dr. Peter Schmiechen

Snack Coordinator - Kathy Cooley, Diane Rice

Snack Helpers – Paula Dennes, Sarah Paulukow

Actors - Rachel Baynard, Nancy Enders, Donna Geisler, Anita Rohrer, Michael Slechta, Alyssa Wagner

Decorators - Sue Bowman, Karen Olley, Diane Rice, Dina Slechta

Registrars - Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy, Sue Bowman

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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.**

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam
with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.'"

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Psalm 85:8-13

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching], for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.

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