

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

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

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

(Mark 1:16-20, read at Pastor Chris' ordination)

*Catch the Vision,
Share the Joy!!*



Dear Friends,

Twenty years ago this month I was ordained into the Christian ministry. The service at First Reformed U.C.C. was filled with wonderful music and an excellent sermon by the Rev. Dr. Alfred Bartholomew. I co-celebrated communion with my former pastor, the Rev. Dana Schlegel (I included the picture of us to this article). I was surrounded by family and friends from various stages of my life. So much has happened in my ministry since October 24, 2004.



I obviously think about the baptisms, funerals, weddings, and confirmations that I have experienced over the last 20 years! I think of my involvement in the wider church and the communities where I have served! I think about the mission and ministry that I have been involved with in the congregations I have served! However, I also think about how the Church has changed so much since I was ordained.

I am reminded that I began seminary about a week before the terrorist attacks on September 11. That tragic event caused people to attend worship in the weeks following, but it also caused us to not treat others that are different from us with respect. It was evident that the current events would impact the Church. This is ever true now! Just years after my ordination, we were in the midst of some economic hardships that caused congregations to make serious decisions about staff and ministries. These concerns have exacerbated in recent years as we experienced the challenges of the COVID pandemic.

My seminary education and the learning opportunities required for ordination could not prepare me for these challenges. I have realized time and time again that we learn how to confront these challenges through our experiences. As I reflect on 20 years in the ministry, I think about the joys and sorrows that I have experienced and how they have shaped me for ministry now and in the future.

We can't deny the fact that the Church is in the midst of challenging times right now! Human and financial resources have diminished. People aren't entering the ministry. The structures of the Church are rapidly crumbling and it seems that we no longer recognize the Church. For some reason, people have walked away from the Church and it is hard to get those left in the pews to be engaged in the life of the Church. What will be the future of the Church?

I have been pondering this question for several years now and I don't have all the answers. As I celebrate this milestone, I realize that this is the half-time mark of my pastoral career. I have another 20 years of ministry until I can retire. What congregations will be around in 20 years? What will ministry look like in the next 20 years?

As I said, I don't have the answers. What I do know is that God continues to call us to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to a broken world. I do know that God continues to call us to work with one another as we share in the cost and joy of discipleship. As I said 20 years ago, "I do, relying on God's grace. Will you join me?"

Blessings,
Pastor Chris

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Parish Post Deadline:
3rd Monday of the month

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS by Bob Kilgore

2025 BUDGET: Denise reported we are in a strong financial position; increases in expenses are in line with building costs and staff salaries.

Food Hub donation - \$5, 000 recommended and approved by consistory; Money is for the renovation of the second floor to be use as a shelter.

The Consistory approved the projected 2025 budget and it will be presented at the congregational meeting on November 10.

Property Committee informed us that six of the AC units need to be replaced. They have a bid from J&J, but the Consistory would like to have at least one more bid to compare with J&J.

CHURCH ORGANIST: Music committee recommends Karen Karosas as new organist. Karen recently retired in the Philadelphia area as a social worker and has been serving as an organist since 1985 at various churches.

The Consistory voted unanimously to approve Karen as organist. She moved to Lancaster at the end of September and she is planning to start at Trinity at the beginning of November.

LEE BOSSERT ESTATE FUNDS: Pastor consulted with the family and recommended using the funds in three areas

1. Preschool Endowment—40%
2. Hunger Ministries Endowment—40%
3. Pastor Discretionary Fund—20%

PASTOR VISIONING:

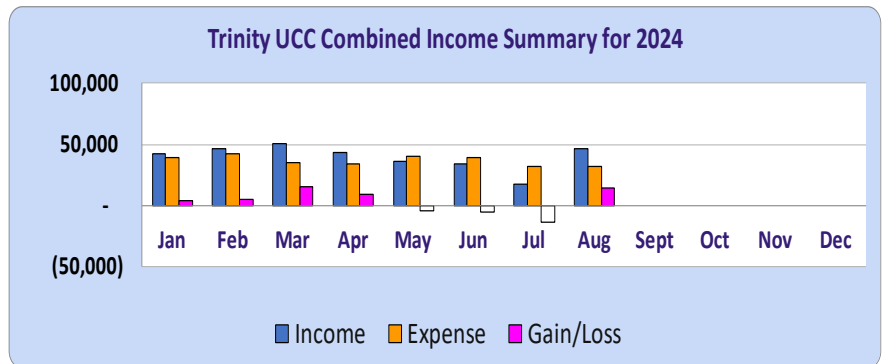
1. Leadership development workshop planned for October 12, led by Dr. Carrie Call
2. Interested in more collaborative work with preschool and Scouts; astronomy night is planned Dec. 5 with Sue Bowman
3. A new small group for those grieving to continue in October or early November. He also suggested a small group to explore further VBS adult class regarding current American religious landscape
4. Restructuring – Pastor provided some possibilities for our consideration
5. Pastor provided a handout on “How can a congregation change its culture?”

CONSISTORY LEADERSHIP FOR 2025: Nominating Committee reported that a few people have agreed to serve, but many people are declining. They will continue their work and have a report in October. Cherie will be stepping down as a Deacon and Consistory President. Jeff will be stepping down as an Elder and Consistory Vice President. Therefore, we will need to fill president and vice president positions.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS		
10/04	Landis Knoll	(717)341-5189
10/05	George Latsha	(717) 879-9221
10/05	Andrew Brennan	(717) 979-5481
10/06	Steven Reiff	(717) 725-4442
10/07	Dr. Cathy Hoshauer	(717) 627-2410
10/07	Sally Rodenberger	(717) 490-8786
10/08	Heidi Fischer	(717) 459-3112
10/09	Kevin Harley	(717) 569-4060
10/12	Dan Otthofer	(717) 203-6578
10/12	Pamela Weeber	(717) 393-2245
10/13	Lily Kilgore	(717) 581-1980
10/15	Derek Eisenhour	(717) 560-1536
10/15	Matthew LaRouche	(717) 898-3750
10/15	John Brennan	(717) 979-5481
10/15	Donna Wolf	(717) 569-0922
10/16	Phyllis Zimmerman	(717) 569-5084
10/17	Sandy DeLong	(717) 569-6254
10/17	Kelsey Harley	(717) 569-4060
10/17	Elyse Minder	(717) 587-8262
10/22	Elizabeth Rohrer	(717) 898-0382
10/23	Megan Minder	(717) 898-2260
10/24	Erika Richards	(717) 419-8224
10/25	Kelly Schuessler	(717) 314-6101
10/27	Noreen Trostle	(717) 665-5247
10/28	Shirley Brown	(717) 392-6618
10/28	JoAnn Mowrer	(717) 392-2879
10/28	Ken Zimmerman	(717) 569-5084
10/28	William "Lee" Davis	(717) 413-3124
10/29	Kathy McCarty	(717) 669-7687

News from the Finance Committee

YTD TOTAL INCOME	\$314,360	AUG. INCOME	\$46,168
YTD TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 292,016	AUG. EXPENSE	\$31,992
		MONTHLY	
YTD GAIN/(LOSS)	\$22,344	GAIN/(LOSS)	\$14,176



Online Giving Information: Contributing your donation using our website....trinityeastpete.org....**RESOURCES, PAY ON LINE**

For several years, members have been able to make weekly/recurring donations on-line in lieu of paying cash/checks or by mail. On-line donations save the cost of a check and envelope and if using the recurring feature, remembering weekly to prepare your envelope. Presently we have several individuals/families using on-line donations either weekly or recurring.

*We believe that financial transparency builds trust and is a mark of stewardship so we want to take a moment to remind you that there is a small cost for this convenience. You'll have the opportunity to help cover the cost of processing when you give. Please know that this is **100% optional**, but we appreciate your partnership in making your gift go as far as possible to impact our mission.*

We have never asked our members to cover these costs especially since 2020 at the start of the pandemic. The costs are 1.05% when paying by check, 3.05% when paying by credit/debit card.

"I PROMISE" FORMS

will be received at both services on Sunday, October 6. We hope that you will submit the forms to help us plan for our ministry in 2025. Extra forms are available in the information racks.

In 2022, we added a feature to our on-line giving whereby you can help to cover the costs of paying online by debit/credit card or checking account. This is entirely **OPTIONAL**. There will be a check-off block to use if you wish to cover your transaction cost in addition to your contribution.

October Scriptures	
6	Gen. 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Heb. 1:1-4,2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
13	Amos 5:6-7,10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Heb. 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
20	Isa. 53 :4-12 ; Psalm 91 :9-16 ; Heb. 5 :1-10 ; Mark 10 :35-45
27	Jere. 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Rom. 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Community Meal at First Reformed U.C.C. Tuesday, October 15

Volunteers are needed at 3:00 for food preparation; meals are served from 5-6:00.

Sign-up sheets on table outside church office. Donations include canned green beans, desserts, plasticware, paper plates, napkins, bottled water.

Daily Devotionals

We have *These Days for* October-December available on the table across from the church office. If you need a devotional mailed to you, contact Carol in the church office.

KOINONIA

We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship) at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments. The drinks/coffee will be taken care of for you! The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen counter. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes. Coffee is always available between 7:45 service and Sunday School.

TREASURE IN CLAY JARS by Rev. Jack Esbenshade

Frederick Buechner writes about imagination in "Whistling in The Dark – An ABC Theologized."

"If you work at it, you can smell autumn leaves burning or taste a chocolate malt. You don't have to be asleep to dream either. There are those who can come up with dramas laid twenty thousand leagues under the sea or take a little girl through the looking glass. Imagining is perhaps as close as humans get to creating something out of nothing, the way God is said to do."

Buechner places imagining as something close to the divine. As we look to the coming year, our dreams and imaginings about the ministry of Trinity church are divine glimpses into the future.

We have done great things in the past. We can continue those ministries and do much more if we imagine together what God has in store for us.



People are needed to volunteer to decorate their trunk in Halloween themed décor and pass out candy or other goodies to the children as they come by. We also need donations of candy. Please use the sign-up sheet on table outside office. Talk with Cherie Cataldi for more information.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1:30 PM
Sign-up sheet on table outside office



Dear Church Family,

I know it's been many months. I should've thanked people for a long time, but thank you for the cards, letters, prayers, flowers,...oh you name it, you've all done it. Believe me I don't have a room reserved over at LGH. I am home now. I'm on the mend and hope to get back to church as soon as possible. Meantime, I'll go to the chapel here at Homestead. I'm thinking of you all and I thank you all with the bottom of my heart. Keep those prayers gone...they are wonderful. They really are God's work. I love you all and thank you!

Donna Zirkel

To our Trinity friends,

We want to thank you so much for the love, prayers and support you have shown us since Ken's (Dad's) death.

Hugs,

Janice, Mark, & Karen Jenkins

Dear Trinity Members,

My grandchildren, Gabriella and Samuel, had very positive experiences attending camp this summer at Kirchenwald!

Thank you to Trinity for supporting our young campers through the Camp Scholarship Fund.

Rev. Sandy Morris

Dear Trinity Friends,

We thank you for supporting our summer camp experience at Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and Hartman Center through the Camp Scholarship Fund. We had so much fun this summer and we look forward to next summer!

Zach & Rachel Baynard and Andrew Rankin

CAMP PICTURES



MEDICAL SUPPLIES AT THE CHURCH!

If you or someone you know needs canes, walkers, portable toilets, or shower seats, contact the church office. We've had a lot of items donated to us that are here for members and friends of the congregation!



Check out all event details at
LutheranCamping.org

LUTHERAN CAMPING EVENT DATES

Dinner church at the Wittel Farm

Oct. 6, Nov. 3 – starting at 5 PM.

Adult Study Retreat at Nawakwa

October 1-3

Party with a Purpose Fundraiser at Kirchenwald

October 5 - 5pm

Capture the Flag Spectacular at Kirchenwald

October 6 - 3pm

A Night for Nawakwa Fundraiser at Nawakwa

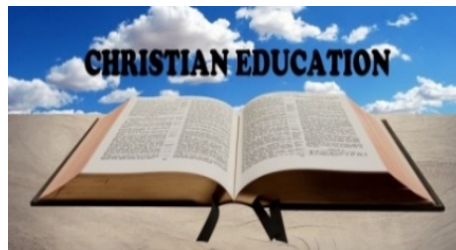
October 19

Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

October 27 - 1pm

Lutheran Camping Quilt Auction at Nawakwa

November 3 - 2pm



--The Children's Class will meet in the lower classroom and will be using the Spark lectionary based curriculum. These Sunday school lessons connect kids with Bible stories heard in worship. The Bible story have lessons that are packed with activities, interactive games, and creative crafts.

--Adult/Youth Bible Class will be studying ***Christianity and World Religions*** by **Adam Hamilton**. In examining Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity, Hamilton urges us as Christians to build bridges with others so that we might grow in our faith, seek peace in our world, love our neighbors, and find positive ways to share the gospel. The class will meet in Isenberg Hall and will be led by Sue Bowman and Pastor Rankin. There will be opportunities for the youth to have breakout sessions during the class.

--The Wired Word (Christian Issues Today) Adult Class will meet in the Choir Room. Each week they will have a Bible study lesson linked to the latest headlines and current events using appropriate scriptures. Students can opt in or out of receiving the lesson by email before Sunday. To opt in before the first session, contact Diane Rice with your email address.

VBS MISSION REPORT

Thank you to all who supported this year's VBS mission offering. We raised \$2,045 for Habitat for Humanity!!!

Fall Leadership Seminar: The Pastor Parish Committee is sponsoring another leadership seminar for all members of the Consistory and committees on Saturday, October 12 from 9 a.m.-noon. The Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Conference Minister & President of the Penn Central Conference and member of Trinity, will talk about emotional intelligence. Dr. Call will be preaching at both services on October 13. The sign-up sheet on table outside office.

2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS
 Upcoming dates for worship aids are: November 3, 17 & 24. Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are November 24. 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.

UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.


The Christian Education Committee is planning to sponsor a trip to Washington D.C. on October 26. We will be visiting the National Cathedral and the Holocaust Museum. The tentative cost of the trip (Cathedral and bus) is \$50 for adults and \$45 for children (5-12 years old). The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office. **For more information, speak to Sue Bowman or Pastor Rankin.**

Disagreeing Better

IN PERSON ONLY

COMMUNITY INTEREST

October 8, 2024
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

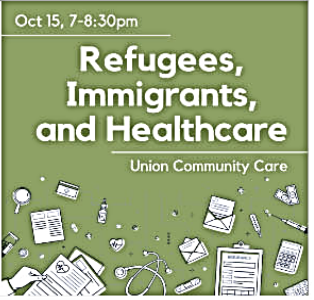


Refugees, Immigrants, and Healthcare

IN PERSON ONLY

COMMUNITY INTEREST


October 15, 2024
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



Navigating Leadership Transitions

ZOOM ONLY **TOOLKIT SERIES**


October 16, 2024
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm



Evaluating Programs

ZOOM ONLY **PRACTICAL SKILLS** **TOOLKIT SERIES**

October 29th 12:00 - 1:30 PM




Creating Sacred Spaces Retreat

IN PERSON ONLY

CONTEMPLATIVE

November 2, 2024
9:00 am - 12:00 pm





2160 Lincoln Hwy East, #18
 (717) 299-1113
info@parishresourcecenter.org

PASTOR CHRIS' 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION!

On October 24, 2004, Pastor Rankin was ordained into the Christian ministry at First Reformed U.C.C. in Lancaster. He has served two congregation in the last 20 years:

2004-2012: St. John's U.C.C., Fredericksburg

2012-Present: Trinity U.C.C.

Prior to his ordination, Pastor Rankin was the licensed supply pastor at St. Luke's U.C.C. in Lancaster and was the interim chaplain for the U.C.C. Homes at Ephrata Manor & The Lebanon Valley Home in Annville.



Laying on of hands at Pastor Chris' ordination. Some clergy members of Trinity were a part of the service (Rev. Jack Esbenshade, Rev. Bob Musser, Rev. Bob Hunsicker, and Rev. Dave Gockley).



The clergy members of First Reformed Church presented Pastor Rankin with his robe and his mother, Nancy Crawford, presented him with a red stole.

Our Gifts to Others 2024 from the Board of Deacons

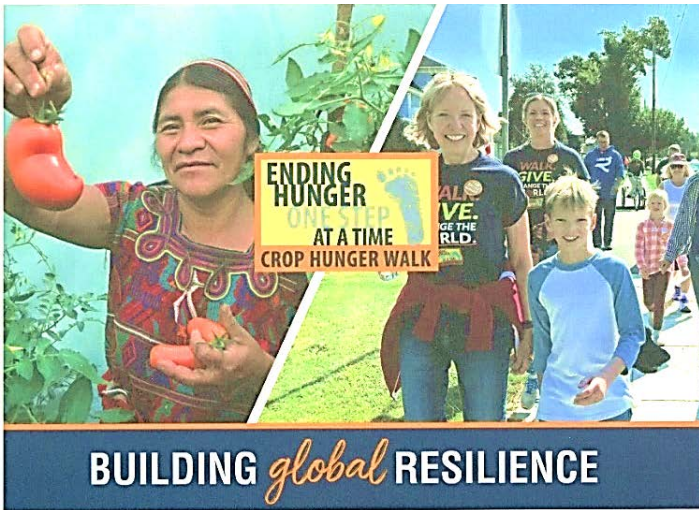
Each year Trinity UCC considers donations titled “*Our Gifts to Others.*” These annual gifts serve to support various outreaches that are important to our friends who are in need throughout the area.

We have a number of outreach options from which we may choose. Here is a brief summary of those seeking your consideration and support.

- **Milagro House** is committed to providing education, counseling and housing for women and children experiencing homelessness here in Lancaster County.
- **Bethany Children’s Home** started its *Helping Hands* program to provide unaccompanied children and youth the opportunity to be reunited with their families in the U.S. Youths stay an average of 10-12 days and receive basic medical care, food clothing shelter more development and basic education while their families are located.
- **Hoffman Homes Inc.** is a nonprofit that provides comprehensive psychiatric care, treatment, support, and education to youth and young adults and their families from across Pennsylvania. We inspire hope and brighter futures.
- **Love, Inc.** is a national agency that seeks to provide a conduit through which people in need can seek out much needed support efforts by local churches. This agency is geared for those among us in chronic need and seeks to transform lives in the community.
- **Lancaster Theological Seminary** – educates men & women for here for a variety of ministry settings. Donations to LTS help to support students in need with tuition, housing, etc.
- **Phoebe Devitt** – operates nursing home facilities here in central Pennsylvania. The ministries seek donations to help cover the cost of residents stay, regardless of their ability to pay.
- **UCC Homes**– provides benevolent care, and uncompensated care for needful seniors. This organization seeks our help to meet this need. There are homes in Ephrata, Annville, Carlisle, and Harrisburg.
- **Hunger Ministries**– You can designate to support the Hempfield Power Packs, the Lancaster Food Hub, or the Trinity Community Meal ministry.

NOTE: All gifts given to the Undesignated Fund will support the Dominican Republic Medical Mission Project.

Through August 2024, *we received \$10,646 for the Our Gifts to Others Fund.* Please consider these worthy ministries as you think about your possible financial offerings for the rest of 2024. In addition you can donate online, designate as "Our Gift to Others", and specify which one(s) you are donating towards.



Church World Service
Certificate of Appreciation
 to

Trinity United Ch of Christ

A national 2023 Cream of the CROP top fundraising team with the Lancaster CROP Hunger Walk to end hunger and poverty around the world.



Presented by
Jill Keegan
 National Community Engagement Manager
 April 5, 2024

..... Congratulations

LANCASTER CROP WALK

#16 in the nation & #2 in PA!

THIS YEAR'S TOTAL RAISED WAS \$55,472.22, BUMPING US UP TO #16 FROM #21 IN 2022! THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR FUNDRAISING AND DEDICATION TO MAKING SURE YOUR NEIGHBORS CLOSE AND WIDE ARE FED!

let's do it again on Oct. 20th!

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Trinity Church was recently recognized as being 34th in the U.S. to raise funds for the 2023 CROP Walk!! Also, the Lancaster CROP Walk was recognized for being ranked 16th in the U.S. and 2nd in Pennsylvania for the 2023 CROP Walk!

Here is the information about the CROP Walk:

Sunday, October 20 at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church (64 Hershey Ave., Lancaster). Registration begins at 1 p.m. and a program follows at 1:30 p.m. The walk will begin at 2 p.m.

Mark & Chris Eyer are once again serving as the coordinators for Trinity Church. The following people from Trinity have already signed up for the walk: Mark & Chris Eyer, Diane Rice, Karen Olley, Nancy Enders, and the Rankin family.

You can register for the walk on the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office or at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/trinity-east-pete>. You can donate online or give money to our walkers. Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP! The Consistory has approved to donate \$3,000 from our Hunger Ministries fund to support the CROP Walk!

Grief Group: Since the first grief group ended in September, Pastor Rankin would like to form another group(s) to start in the near future. If you are interested in this small group, look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office. **We will be reading a different book than the first group, so those people can also join the new group(s)!** Contact Pastor Rankin if you have any questions.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUPPORT:

As part of our Rally Day festivities on September 8, we heard a presentation by Donna Geisler and Dr. Bill Lovett about their medical mission work in the Dominican Republic. The Board of Deacons decided that the Undesignated Funds from the upcoming Our Gifts to Others offering (October 6) will support this mission project. The Christian Education Committee will soon be sharing other ways you can support this project!



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We raise funds every year to buy medicine and supplies. Some are purchased in the US, but most are purchased in the Dominican Republic.

- \$25 buys 3 months of basic hypertension treatment for 3 people
- \$50 buys 3 months of basic diabetes therapy for 4 people
- \$100 buys 3 months of treatment for hypertension, diabetes and high cholesterol for 4 people

Also, give us your prayerful support.



Men of Trinity (M.O.T.) Breakfast Meetings!

The men will meet for breakfast on October 19 at 8:00 AM at Family Fare Restaurant. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office! This is open to all men of the congregation!

PRAYER SHAWL

The Prayer Shawl will be meeting on October 15 at 1:00 p.m. and will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY!!! (WATCH FOR SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR THESE EVENTS)

Annual Meeting: The annual congregational meeting will be held after the 10:30 service on **November 10 (the date was incorrect in the September Parish Post)**. We will gather for lunch and then conduct the business of the church (2025 budget and election of leaders). Watch for more details in the bulletins and the November Parish Post.

NOVEMBER 16
12 Noon - 3 PM
Christmas
Craft Night
& Pizza Meal
TRINITY UCC - (717)569-1632,
secretary@trinity eastpete.org

December 5
Astronomy
Night
& *Pizza Night*

2024
CHRISTMAS
SHOW
JOY TO THE WORLD

AMERICAN MUSIC THEATER CHRISTMAS SHOW

We have reserved seats for the American Music Theater Christmas Show on Saturday, December 14th. The cost to see the show is Adults \$43, students \$22. To reserve your seat use the sign-up sheet on the table outside the office. For more information, speak to Jeff Hackenberger.







INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Amy Grube lives in East Hempfield Twp with her husband, Ryan and two children, Megan (23) and Max (21). They also have a 12-year-old Wheaten Terrier named Oscar! She started her role in education at East Petersburg Elementary in 1993 and taught 6th, 5th and 2nd grade. When Amy and her husband started their family, she became a stay-at-home mom. She later returned to education as a reading specialist at Landisville Primary Center. Now she looks forward to learning her newest adventure as preschool director at Trinity Preschool!

Where are you gifted to serve?

Mark 10:43b -45 *Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."*

 <p>Greeter /Ushers Needed</p>	 <p>NURSERY VOLUNTEERS</p>	
<p>Volunteer as a Greeter/Usher for the 10:30 a.m. service please contact the church office. We currently have vacancies for ushers!!</p>	<p>We now have some vacancies for nursery care during the 10:30 service. If you are interested in caring for our children, please contact Betty Fogle (nursery coordinator) at 717-471-1026 or bettsfog@comcast.net.</p>	<p>The Evangelism Committee oversees the Called to Care Ministry. Meals will be provided for members after they have returned home from the hospital or during other critical situations. We are in need of volunteers to provide meals.</p> <p>Another part of this ministry is transportation to appointments. If you need transportation to appointments or worship, please contact the church office. We are in need of volunteers to provide transportation to church! Nancy Enders will be the coordinator for October-December. If you are interested in helping with the Called to Care Ministry, speak with Pastor Chris!</p>
 <p>Lector</p> <p>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.</p>		
<p>ALTAR GUILD</p>	<p>FLOWER DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</p>	
<p>We could use a few more people to help with the weekly responsibilities to prepare the altar for worship. If you are interested, contact Nancy Enders at 717-342-6899 or nancyenders@comcast.net.</p>	 <p>Would you like to be on the rotation to pick up the weekly chancel flowers from the florist on Friday mornings? Would you like to deliver the chancel flowers after worship to members of the congregation? If so, contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz.</p>	
	<p>Working With Children and Youth</p> <p>We are in need of leaders to plan activities beyond Sunday School for our teenagers. If you are interested, speak with Bob Kilgore, Sue Bowman, or Pastor Rankin.</p>	

TRINITY CEMETERY

Any member of Trinity United Church of Christ may purchase a plot of ground for burying purposes. The price is \$800.00 per grave plus a \$250 maintenance fee, paid for by the purchaser. Contact the church secretary to purchase a plot(s) or for more information.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 3: We will be remembering Trinity members and friends of our congregation who have died since November 3, 2024. If you have a name of a family member or friend that you would like to include in the service, please submit to the church office the name, date of death, and your relationship to the person. **The deadline is October 28.**

Worship News

We will continue to stream the 7:45 a.m. service on the Trinity Facebook page and later upload it to our website. The Eucharist will be celebrated every week at 7:45 a.m. and at the 10:30 a.m. service on October 6 (World Communion Sunday) & 27 (Reformation Sunday/Anniversary Sunday).

The Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Conference Minister and member of Trinity Church, will be preaching on October 13.

Since our new organist will not begin until November 3, there will be supply organists:

October 6—Christine Oetama

October 13 & 20—Dr. Rob Horton

October 27—Shery Kline

Dates	Greeters	Nursery	Ushers	Lectors	Worship Aids	Money Counters	Flowers
6	Dottie Schadt/ Cherie Cataldi	Betty Fogle/ Anne Rankin	Theodore Slechta , Carl Spangler, Denise Huggins, Dottie Schadt, Tim Geiger, Lon Wible, Dan Otthofer, Beth Bossert	Diane Rice	Schadt	Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk, Denise Pfeiffer	Brennan
13	Gail Kogut/ Karen Olley	Hedwig Hunsicker/ Rachel Baynard	Steve Shenk , Dave Connor, Charlene Cristy, Scott Summers, Andrew Rankin, Zach Baynard, Karen Olley, Kathy McCarty	Pastor Rankin	Rankin	Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller	Zimmerman
20	Kathy McCarty/ Betty Tyndall	Charlene Cristy/ Dottie Schadt	Mike Wagner , Shelley Wagner, George DeLong, Anne Rankin, Rachel Baynard, Stan Seachrist, Andrew Rankin, Betty Tyndall	Jack Esbenshade/ Sue Bowman	Rankin	Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller	Rankin
27	Pat Seachrist/ Shelley Wagner	Jodi Keller/ Sandy DeLong	Theodore Slechta , Carl Spangler, Denise Huggins, Dottie Schadt, Tim Geiger, Lon Wible, Dan Otthofer, Beth Bossert	Sandy Morris/ Steve Gold	Enders	Nevin Cooley, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi, Steve Gold	Cash

Other Ministry Volunteers-Continued on next page

<p>ALTAR GUILD: Oct. 6 & 13 – Karen Olley, Beth Bossert, Nancy Enders Oct. 20 & 27 – Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy, Nancy Enders</p> <p>TRINITY BREAD: Oct. 6 – Kathy McCarty Oct. 20 – Betty Fogle</p>	<p>Oct. 13 – Beth Bossert Oct. 27 – Charlene Cristy</p> <p>Visitation Minister (Phone Calls/Visits): Denise Pfeiffer Building Trustee: John Shelsky Card Ministry: Prayer Shawl (Betty Tyndall) Called to Care: Nancy Enders</p> <p>FRIDAY FLOWER DELIVERY: Oct. 4 – Diane Rice Oct. 18 – Dottie Schadt</p> <p>Oct. 11 – Cherie Cataldi Oct. 25 – Nancy Enders</p>
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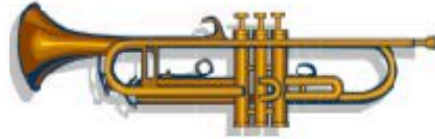
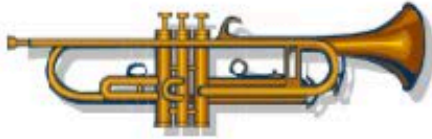
EAST PETERSBURG PARADE PICTURES



The Parish Life Committee would like to thank Chuck Husted for driving the float and coordinating with Pine View for the trailer. They would also like to thank Tobe Rohrer for donating the straw. We had so many people ride the float that Pastor Chris had to sit in the back of the pick-up truck. We look forward to next year's parade!!

LUNCH BUNCH: The Parish Life Committee is tentatively planning another lunch bunch on Sunday, November 3 following the 10:30 a.m. service at Ciro's. Watch for details in the bulletins!

WELCOME LUNCHEON: The Evangelism Committee was planning a welcome luncheon after the 10:30 service on October 13 for new members or recent visitors to Trinity Church. However, many of our new members or visitors were unable to join us. We will plan a luncheon for next spring.



QuintEssentially Brass

**Sun., Oct. 27, 2024
Concert 4:00 PM**

Trinity UCC

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Also join us for:

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Nov. 27th 7:00 PM

Christmas Concert
Dec. 8th 2:00 PM
Followed By Desserts



Trinity Concert Series Looking For Supporters 2024

Would you like to support the Trinity Concert Series with a donation towards the expenses incurred? Please complete this form and return it with your donation to the church office, or place it in the offering plate. If you wish to Sponsor a complete concert, please speak to the Director of Music.

1848 Circle \$200.00 or More

Benefactor \$100.00 - \$199.99

Patron \$50.00 - \$99.99

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**25th Anniversary
Season 2024-25**



Dr. Robert Horton, Organist
Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 7:00 pm

Organist at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Dr. Horton has also served as Interim Chapel Organist at Duke University and Director of Keyboard Studies at Dordt College. His playing has garnered numerous accolades including highest honors at the Mikhail Tariverdiev Competition in Russia and first prize at the AGO National Competition in Organ Improvisation.



**U.S. Naval Academy Orchestra
and Mariachi Band**
Under the Baton of Monte Maxwell
Sunday, November 3, 2024, 4:00 pm

The Brigade of Midshipmen perform both on and off the Yard in everything from chapel services to musicals and concerts, highlighting both soloists and ensembles. One of their newest ensembles is the Mariachi *Marineros*, who play a genre of Latin-style music we will hear in this concert.



Calling all Singers and Ringers
2024-2025 Season
MONDAYS

7:00 - 8:00 PM SOT Choir
8:15 - 8:45 PM Canticle Ringers

*New Singers and Ringers Welcome
Contact Michael or Dina Slechta

October 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 AM Nominating Committee	2 First Day Enrichment	3 6:00PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Executive Com.	4	5 8:00PM Alanon/ AA
6 Receive I Promise 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Eucharist	7 7:00PM Choir 8:15 Bells	8 7:00 PM Preschool Board	9 9:30 AM Stewardship Committee—at Scott Owens' 7:00PM Finance Committee	10 10:00 AM Mercersburg 6:00PM Cub Scouts	11	12 9:00 AM-Noon Leadership Seminar 8:00PM Alanon/ AA
13 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Worship Rev. Dr. Carrie Call Preaching	14 No Preschool 7:00PM Choir 8:15 Bells	15 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl 7:00PM Consistory/Bds 5:00 PM Community Meal@ First Reformed	16	17 2:00 PM CROP Walk Meeting 6:00PM Cub Scouts	18	19 4-6 PM Trunk or Treat 8:00PM Alanon/ AA
20 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Worship 1:00 PM CROP Walk	21 7:00PM Choir 8:15 Bells Parish Post Deadline	22	23	24 6:00PM Cub Scouts	25	26 6:30 AM Depart for D.C. (Return home- 9:45 p.m.) 8:00PM Alanon/ AA
27 7:45 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Koinonia 10:30 AM Eucharist 4:00 PM Brass Concert	28 Deadline for Preschool Pie Orders 7:00PM Choir 8:15 Bells	29	30	31 6:00PM Cub Scouts		



TRINITY UCC PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2024

We have welcomed so many smiling, eager faces this past month and can't thank you enough for preparing your children each day for preschool! We are off to a great start at Trinity Preschool! Here is a Sneak Peek into October...

October is fire prevention month. At Trinity the children will have a visit from a fire fighter and fire truck from the East Petersburg Fire Company. The children will be learning about fire safety in their classrooms. We are also going to introduce the concept of a fire drill to the children so that they can practice leaving the building quickly and safely. This is also a good time to talk about fire safety in your home. Talk about a safe meeting spot away from your house and streets.

Trinity Preschool will also be bringing back the **Halloween parade. Monday, October 28th, 9:15-9:30.** Please plan on regular drop off, then parking in the lot and walking to the drop-off location to watch our little parade. Please look for details in your teacher's weekly newsletter.

FUNDRAISER – ORDER YOUR THANKSGIVING PIES! We will be selling the popular Bird-in-Hand Bakery pies. The proceeds will be used to update our preschool equipment and curriculum. **WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOU TAKING ORDERS FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS, CO-WORKERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS.** All orders are due **MONDAY, OCTOBER 28TH.** Pie orders are picked up at the church on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15th at 10:30 A.M.** Payment is expected at the time of pick-up. Make checks payable to: Trinity U.C.C. Preschool. These pies can be frozen and used at holiday time. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

ENRICHMENT CLASS: Enrichment class begins this month, **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2ND!** We have room for a few more students. If your 3-day or 4-day child could benefit from this adventure-filled afternoon, please reach out to Miss Amy, Miss Crystal, or Miss Karen. Enrichment class students pack lunch and eat with the teachers before class activities begin. The class ends at 2:00 every Wednesday. The cost is \$375.

SPECIAL DATES

Wednesday, October 2
Monday, October 14
Tuesday, October 15
Monday, October 28

Enrichment Class begins, 11:30-2:00
No School, Columbus Day
Monthly AND Quarterly tuition payments due
Pie Orders due! **and** Halloween Parade

A REMINDER: If your child needs to leave early, please let your teacher know **in writing**. Please check in with Miss Carol, at the front entrance, for an early pick up. If someone else will be picking up your child, **please notify your teacher in writing!** Please make sure they have their car seat as well and keep those name placards visible. **We truly appreciate your help!**

HELPFUL HINTS:

LABELS – help us by making sure tote bags, bookbags, and outerwear have your child's name prominently written on them.

BELTS, BUCKLES, ETC. – to facilitate independence in the bathroom, please avoid having the children wear clothing that they cannot manage by themselves.

COATS – encourage the children to put their coats on by themselves or do as much as they can. It is important for children to do simple tasks whenever possible.

SCISSORS – we are learning to cut with scissors at school. Practice at home with safety-scissors would be beneficial.

In Case of SCHOOL CLOSINGS: We will follow Hempfield School District's delays and closings. If HSD is closed, we are closed. If HSD is delayed, we will follow our modified schedule; 10:30-12:30 and Enrichment 12:30-2:30.

CLASSROOM EXPERIENCES

Miss Crystal and Miss Kelly 4 Day is in full swing! We will be exploring all things fall this month. We will be learning about nocturnal animals and exploring pumpkins!

Miss Karen and Mrs. Cox 3 Day – These kids have jumped into the year! They already have the routine down. October brings days filled with pumpkins, fire safety, nocturnal animals, and fall changes.

Miss Karen and Miss Ashley 2 Day are having fun learning all about the 2 Day class. The kids are learning the class routines and enjoying action songs. October will be filled with fall songs, pumpkins, owls, fire trucks, and fall changes.

Miss Crystal and Miss Kelly Tiny Tots are having a great time! This month we will explore squares and pumpkins. We will also paint leaves!

TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

A Delicious Way to Raise Money

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



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



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



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



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



Pumpkin Bread
30 oz. loaf made from our own homegrown pumpkins



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Whoopie Pies
Pack of 6 chocolate whoopie pies with white filling



Mini Whoopie Pies
Pack of 12 chocolate whoopie pies with white filling

Order Deadline: Monday, October 28

Pickup: Friday, Nov. 15 @10:30 AM

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #							PAID	TOTAL	
			Shoo-Py Pie	Apple Pie	Pumpkin Pie	2 Pk. Apple Dumplings	Pumpkin Bread	Mini Whoopie Pies (12)			Whoopie Pies (6)
			\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 18.00		

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Trinity Preschool

PICKUP DATE: Friday, November 15th @ 10:30 AM

Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office or you can call the church office to place your order!!!

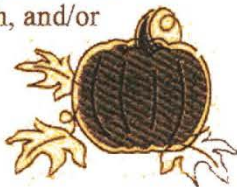
PUMPKINS

Down

1. a food made with fruits or meats baked in a crust
2. the process of picking ripe crops
3. a color made by mixing red with yellow



4. in the form or shape of a circle
5. a small, round, baked cake usually served warm
6. small, flat, sweet, baked cakes
7. part of plant that is sown to produce a new plant
8. the seed bearing part of a plant
9. to increase in size
10. a liquid food made with meat, fish, and/or vegetables, usually served hot



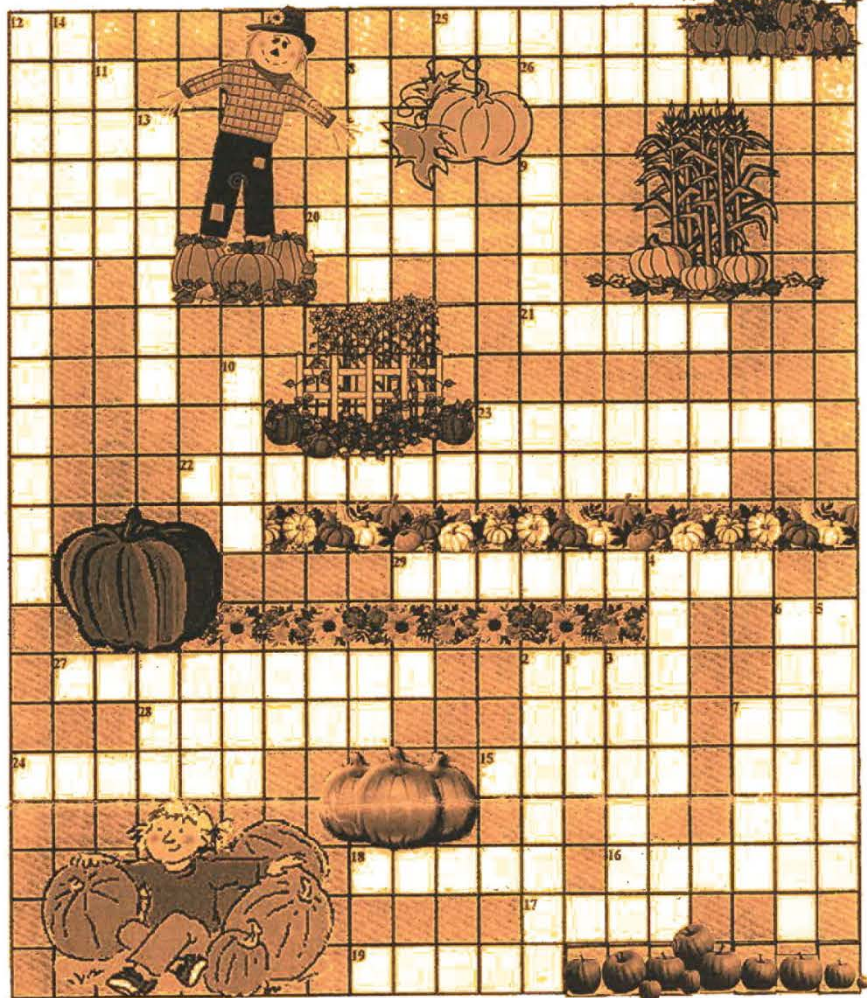
11. to cook in an oven with dry heat
12. a celebration to give thanks for blessings received. It is held on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States. In Canada, it is held on the second Monday in October.



13. an aromatic spice made from the root of the tropical plant, ginger
14. the season between summer and winter

Across

15. a baked food made with flour and milk
16. a plot of land used for growing plants
17. the main part of a plant above the ground



18. to cut carefully
19. to place in the ground to grow
20. a plant which grows along the ground or attaches itself to walls, trees, or other bracing.
21. the life sustaining liquid in rain, lakes, rivers, oceans, and ponds.
22. a plot of land set aside for growing pumpkins (2 words - include space in puzzle)
23. a seasonal program to celebrate a special event
24. a stick of wax with a wick for burning, used to produce light



25. the fruit of a vine grown as vegetables
26. a large, round, orange fruit grown on a vine
27. a celebration held October 31st when costumed children go trick or treating
28. a seed from a tropical evergreen tree grown for use in flavoring food
29. a puppet-like figure made to resemble a human, set in a garden to scare off birds



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