

**HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY**

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Pastor Fred will be on vacations Saturday, June 5th through Saturday June 12th.

Rev. Peter Kuhn will lead worship on Sunday, June 6th.

Rev. Kim Blocher will be the On-Call Emergency Pastoral Care contact:

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I recently received a copy of the new United Church of Christ desk calendar and planning book. This year's cover choice is a beautifully painted pastel landscape with this verse from the gospel of Luke: *"Do not live in fear, little flock, it has pleased your Creator to give you the kingdom."* Many of our churches are in the midst of redefining our identity within worship and our communities. We so need to hear the gospel writer's words to 'not live in fear' because God has already provided the means for us to begin anew.

Over the past several months a few members of Trinity and I have been a part of Penn Central Conference's Congregational Empowerment Team workshops designed to help congregations redefine church post pandemic. We have looked at churches have had to adapt and change, change evangelism tactics and hybrid on-line and in-person worship. We have spent time working with a coach and have shared a few purpose statements with you designed to help the community understand Trinity's mission and ministry. Combined, these statements suggest Trinity is a church that is:

"Awakening joyful service by serving our Still Speaking God!"

This purpose statement is still in the creation stage, but it is extremely helpful in determining Trinity's future. In my sermon on Pentecost Sunday I claimed that Trinity is a 'New Church Start!' What I meant was that we will never look the same again post pandemic! Now is the time for us to gather together to design what is to come for Trinity! Our Vibrancy committee has been on a brief hiatus, but will reconvene in June to help with the next steps in re-defining Trinity's mission and ministry. I am looking forward to the outcome! The message on the calendar's inside cover was penned by the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, The Rev. John Dorhauer, who claimed:

I have chosen the passage from Luke's gospel to be displayed on the cover of the calendar to serve as a reminder for us how it is we as Christians orient toward grief and suffering. "Do not live in fear, little flock, it is God's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Every time I read that passage, I smile deeply. It reminds me that we are resurrection people, parented by a God whose image we all reflect and whose providential care of us is assured.

We do not know what our future holds, but we do know that the Spirit is leading the way! Being a 'New Church Start' is not a bad thing, but a reason to celebrate that we have not lived in fear over these past 15 months. We have persevered and will continue to be Trinity United Church of Christ well into the future!

Many Blessings! Pastor Fred

2021 SPONSORS NEEDED!

Altar Flowers: \$25 Altar \$30 Piano
July 4, 18 August 1, 29 September 12, 26 November 14, 21

Newsletters: \$50 a month
September October November December

Times Monthly Ad: \$35 to share the month \$70 for the whole month



Financial Status as of May 23, 2021

Envelope offering needed: **\$75,663.00**
Envelope offering received to date: **\$69,967.00**
Property Fund needed: **\$6,468.00**
Property Fund received to date: **\$8,620.00**

Regular monthly Consistory Meeting via Zoom – the following items were discussed:

Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Lentz reviewed the budget for April 2021. Scott Wehler provided a monthly report as well. Some of those points follow:

Envelop giving was above budget – year to date we are behind budget by about \$1500.

Contributions to the property fund were \$1000 above budget, and over budget year to date.

Parking space revenue continues strong. We are currently about \$1000 above budget.

Investment income continues to be below budget by approximately \$1600.

Utilities were above budget through April.

Technology expenses were over budget as consistory approved some additional spending in January to help facilitate operating procedures.

Overall, we are about \$2500 behind our budget in cash flow, but most of that difference is caused by unbudgeted IT expenses this year.

The endowment balance at United Church Funds as of 4.30.2021 was \$783,060.06 which is an increase of approximately \$20,000 from the prior month. The ACNB Trust account was at \$35,617.06 on May 2- up slightly from last month. These two balances would allow Trinity to tap that fund for capital improvements. By our policy, we need over \$647,500 to do so. That means that \$135,560.82 is available for a capital project. No new funds were added to the Endowment Fund in 2020 or 2021.

The Payroll Protection Program loan that was received so that we could be assured that our staff would continue to be paid has been forgiven. We do not need to repay that money.

Pastor's Report: Wednesday outdoor prayer services have concluded. They will resume sometime in the future. Pastor Fred also reminded everyone of Messy Church scheduled for Sunday, May 23, at Under the Horizon. He also is planning our outdoor service scheduled for May 30 at Upper Camp at Camp Nawakwa.

Technology: *One pressing need is for additional people to be trained so that Trinity's on-line services can continue. Another team or two is needed so that these responsibilities can be shared and rotated. Please see/call/email Georgia if you can share your talents on Sunday mornings.*

COVID updates: Consistory voted to resume in-person worship services on June 13, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Consistory continues to review current COVID conditions. There will be a special meeting on June 1 to make final plans for in-person worship. Please expect a phone call from consistory members as we check in before our return to Trinity.

Church Empowerment Series – Pastor Fred, Rayna Cooper, Jane Malone and Joan Peck attended (via Zoom) the third of three workshops outlining how to connect with new people in the “New Reality of 2021”. This session focused on hybrid worship where some attend in person and others attend virtually. Trinity is well on its way in this process. As we move forward, the Vibrancy Committee will reconvene to plan the specific next steps. Remember the following information:

Personal invitations to others are the most effective way to bring new people to church.

We have found this workshop to be so worthwhile that we hope to attend an additional session that may be planned for the fall.

Committee Reports – Representatives shared information from their various committees.

Representatives from the stewardship, finance and property committees met on Monday, May 10, 2021, to discuss the best way to finance these projects. **The estimated costs of these projects as well as plans for paying for them will be presented after worship service on June 27, 2021.**

Worship committee Outdoor worship is planned for Rec Park on June 6s at 9:00 a.m. An evening vespers service (7:00 pm) is scheduled for May 30 at Upper Camp at Camp Nawakwa.

Education committee – Approximately 22 children and adults met at Under the Horizon on May 23, for our second Messy Church of 2021. We learned about God, the potter. We also watched Cathleen Lerew make a prayer bowl on the potter's wheel. Each person who attended decorated and glazed their own bowl. Bowls will be fired and attendees will initiate their bowls in the near future by eating something special out of them.

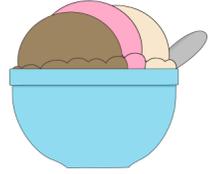
Consistory meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:45 pm. Additional meetings may be held as needed.

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 15 at 6:45 p.m. A special COVID discussion meeting is scheduled for June 1 at 6:45.

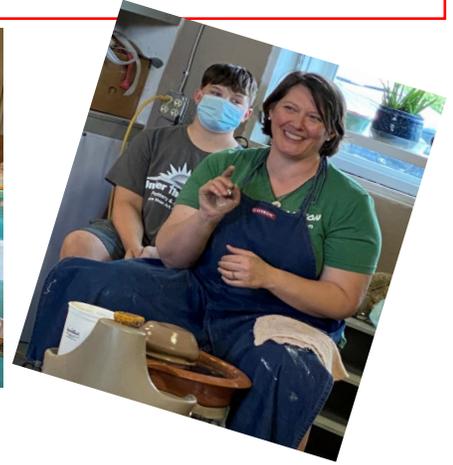


Christian Education & Faith Formation Highlights!

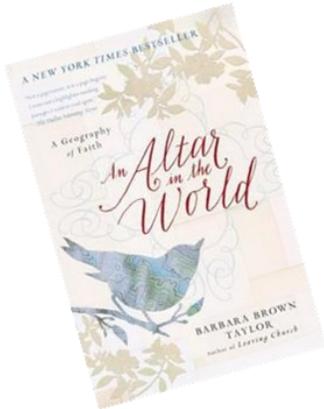
Ice Cream Social
July 18th 3p-5p
Parsonage Yard



We will be using our Pottery Bowls
Other bowls will be provided if you did not make one.



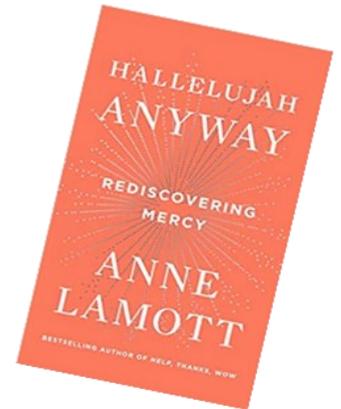
The Making of the Bowls!



Summer Reading

Join us
as we read two exciting books
this summer at Trinity!

Mondays at 1PM
The Parsonage backyard!



June 21st through July 19th (Break on July 5th)
We will explore Barbara Brown Taylor's,
An Altar in the World

"I have no idea what you will see when you look at your life-but if you are tired of arguing about religion, tired of ready about spirituality, tired of talk, talk, talking about things that matter without doing a single thing that matters to yourself, then the pages that follow are dedicated to you. My hope is that reading them will help you recognize...some of the altars in this world."

August 9th through 23rd
We will read Anne Lamott's,
Hallelujah Anyway! Rediscovering Mercy

"I'm not sure I even recognize the ever-presence of mercy anymore, the divine and the human: the messy, crippled, transforming, heartbreaking, lovely, devastating presence of mercy. But I have come to believe that I am starving to death for it, and my world is, too."

Books available at the Church.

Check out the Faith Formation link at
www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org for Children & Adults.

Property Committee Newsletter Notes

The mulching at the Parsonage is finished thanks to Bruce Guiher, Pastor Fred, Ann and Buck Harvey, and Joan and Denny Peck. There's nothing like fresh mulch to spruce things up for spring. In addition, Bruce has managed to cut through many coats of paint in order to open a few of the windows at the UUG church to provide cross ventilation when in-person worship resumes there in July.

Most of the project estimates have been received, and the projects are identified for completion in 2021 and early 2022. These projects are as follows:

Replacement of the air conditioning unit that serves the sanctuary and gathering area. The current unit is 32 years old and very near the end of its service life.

Repainting the chimney on the upper roof.

Repairing the bell tower and sealing its bricks.

Replacement of the parsonage's sunroom roof. The skylights leak in the gentlest rain.

Replacement of the upper level that is over the office area.

Repair of the lower level roof over fellowship hall.

Replacing the mortar between the coping stones or covering them with aluminum when possible.

Remodeling the second floor bathroom in the parsonage.

Begin carpentry work prior to painting – some window sills are completely rotted and need replacing.

The property committee also has developed a five year plan to address other projects that are necessary for Trinity's maintenance. **Before all of this work can begin, we will present the details of the projects after our worship service on June 27.** The information will also be presented virtually. Please plan to join us.



HARTMAN CENTER SPIRIT WEEK

We hope you are considering coming to Hartman Center Spirit Week this summer at Camp Mount Luther! If you aren't able to come for the whole week, that's ok! You can come for a day or a few days - or even for part of a day!

1. **Hartman Center Spirit camp - Sunday, August 8** . Brochures can be found in the Gathering area or contact Deb in the church office to have one sent to you.
2. **Registration includes a Hartman Center Spirit Week t-shirt!** When registering, please indicate the camper's shirt size: Youth: S, M, L, XL ; Adult: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, or 3XL
3. **Penn Central Conference has agreed to pay 50% of camp registrations** (after any other discount, scholarship money, or church contributions). When you mail in your registration, please enclose payment for your portion; the Conference will cover the rest.

JUNE 2021 Camp Activities

June 20th

Summer Camp begins at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

Brochures available in the Gathering Area

Looking for Summer Work? There are a variety of summer staff opportunities at both Camp Kirchenwald and at Camp Nawakwa!

If you've been a counselor, a CIT, on the maintenance crew, lifeguard, or helped in the kitchen or craft shop . . . or never have but want to . . . please consider joining the Summer Staff at either camp.

For more information: go to lutherancamping.org. Call or email Anne Rankin if you have questions 717-677-8211 or lcc@lutherancamping.org.



Camping in a Pennsylvania State Park this Summer? Did you know that there are worship services and vesper services Sunday's in the State Parks? Who sponsors and funds the Chaplains? Local church bodies, ministerial groups, Christian coalitions and Pennsylvania Council of Churches, and you - the camper - with your generous contributions at worship events. All contributions go directly into Campground Ministries Program to help fund ministry at camping sites across the state. **For more information:** Phone: 717-545-4761; www.pachurches.org/ministry/campgroundministry; Email: campgroundministry@pachurches.org.



Cole Hoffman
June 17
John Hoffman
June 14
Bob Miller
June 14
Gene Motter
June 16
Juene McLaughlin
June 1



The Blevins'
Cindy & Don
June 29



In our thoughts and prayers:
Ashur Bowley, Dorothy Breininger, Thomas Busche, Darla Jean Christopher, Lois Grim, Joyce Golden, Mary Jane & Harry Hilbert, Lewis Hilbert, John Harrison Hoffman, Donald Hubbard, Sr., Evelyn Kretz, MacKenzie Kretz, Josh Langley, Mary Lovelace, Bob Miller, Kathy Murphy, Loel Rosenberry, Casey Mullooly, Ashlee (Black) Pyne, Tom Smith, Bill Swisher, Todd Taughinbaugh, Alexia Thomas, Mary Timmins, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, Mckenna Voss, Teeyara Jo Weiant. (Please notify the office when a name can be removed.



Thank you for the beautiful plant delivered to my room at Wellspan Rehab Hospital. It was indeed a very nice surprise. I am home now and am enjoying the plant here. Many Thanks!
Bill Swisher



The Social Concerns Committee will again have a **Summer Outreach table** set up at the front door of the church. Please bring in your fruit, vegetables and flowers to share

with others. Those wishing to purchase any of these items, may leave their money in the designated container after choosing their items. **All money donated will be sent to Agape House.** This program is designed to help families identify and overcome the obstacles that keep them trapped in poverty and homelessness. Through the program, they also learn essential life skills and basic Bible truths while they are provided with temporary housing. This program is run through the Adams Rescue Mission. **Summer Outreach will run through the summer with a designated offering Sunday on September 26th. Thank you for your support!**

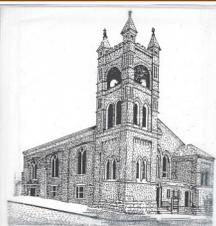


Habitat is having their 2021 building season and Trinity has signed on!

Trinity is scheduled to provide a noon meal on June 3rd. We will prepare that meal at the church and will need some folks to help put it together on the morning of the 3rd. If you can help make sandwiches and pack some fruit and cookies, please call Jane.

Trinity's assigned workday is June 26th. This summer the number of workers per Saturday will be limited to 12. If you plan on coming, please let Jane know by the Thursday before the 26th. *Workers are asked to bring a hammer, nail apron, tape measure, square and pencil. Some painters may be needed later this summer. Two waiver forms will be required this year.* One is the conventional Habitat form and the other is a COVID form. **MASKS** will be required for the work site.

To sign up or if you have any questions, please call **Jane Malone 717-334-1679.** Social Concerns Committee



Now that you are returning to our church you may be seeing for the first time our new **History Display Case.** This beautiful piece was designed and constructed by Harry and Lewis Hilbert. We will rotate items into the case

as we find interesting pieces you might recognize ornot. Also, if you have any Trinity History at home we are now organizing and categorizing and will be able to store them. If you can support this effort with a donation, that may allow the professional preservation of historical paper items. Take a look at the Pulpit Bible, New Testament Bible, a Heidelberg Catechism, and donated candlesticks that are now on display. **Thank you! Jane & Carl**



Coffee w/Friends
June 4th @ 10:00am
at Ragged Edge
on Chambersburg St.



Lunch w/Friends
June 18th @ 11:30am
at Friendly's
on Steinwehr Ave.



The Bazaar Committee would like to hear from you!!

You should have received a survey by email AND mail in the last week or so. We would appreciate if you would take a minute to answer the questions, and suggest any ideas you might have. You can drop it off, email it or mail it back to the church. The Bazaar has always been a huge success in raising money for community needs. We were unable to have one last year and it looks like there will not be one this year. We are thinking of ways to continue raising funds for the community. **Please complete the form and send it back in by June 4th** so we can begin planning. Your input would be greatly appreciated.
The Bazaar Committee

Another survey is attached with this newsletter.



Ways to continue to support the work of Trinity!

- **E-Giving:** Find instructions under either the Members tab
- **Missions in Giving** tab on our website (more info available in office)
- Use the automatic bill paying service your bank provides you
- **Mail your offering envelope to the church by U.S. mail:**
Trinity United Church of Christ, 60 E. High St., Gettysburg, PA 17325

DON'T FORGET TRINITY'S MUCH NEEDED ON-GOING MINISTRIES:

The Blessing Box ; Diaper Drive for TenderCare
Cancelled stamps for the Brethren; Home Soda can tabs for Hershey
Medical Center Ruth's Harvest

We are no longer accepting Box Top Labels

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:45pm COVID Consistory	2	3 DEB OUT Habitat Lunch Day by TUCC	4 10am Coffee w/Friends	5 PASTOR Vacation 3rd thru 12th
6 PASTOR Vacation 9am Rec Park Rev. Peter Kuhn	7 PASTOR Vacation	8 PASTOR Vacation	9 PASTOR Vacation 7pm Social Concerns	10 PASTOR Vacation Consistory Committee Reports Due	11 PASTOR Vacation	12 PASTOR Vacation Annual Penn Central Conference
13 10:30am Beginning Sanctuary In-Person Worship with Holy Communion	14 7pm Stewardship	15 6:45pm Consistory	16	17	18 11:30am Lunch w/Friends	19
20 Father's Day 10:30am Worship In-Person and On-Line	21	22 10am Music Staff 5:30pm Tech Committee	23	24 July/August Newsletter Articles Due	25	26 Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build TUCC
27 Special Congregational Meeting 10:30am Worship In-Person and On-Line	28	29	30			

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Bruce Guiher, Bldg & Grounds Keeper

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Sandra Busche, Consistory Vice Chair

JUNE 2021

Worship June 2021

June 6

9am at the Rec Park

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20 (11-15) and Psalm 138
Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 13

10:30am Resuming SANCTUARY IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Holy Communion

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 and Psalm 20
Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 2 Cor 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 20

Father's Day

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32,49 and Psalm 9:9-20
Job 38:1-11 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 27

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 and Psalm 130
Wisd of Solomon 1:13-15. 2:23-24 Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

**Special Congregation Meeting following worship
to discuss property needs**

To access our on-line worship feed,
please go to our website:

www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org

or our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/GettysburgTrinityUCC

*Trinity truly believes that whoever you are,
and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

