

Changes Made to Trinity's Worship Service

May 24, 2026, Pentecost Sunday, Trinity will begin one-service Sundays.

Worship service will begin at 9:30am with Sunday School starting at 8:00am (as decided by Sunday School participants). Choir rehearsal and Tech Team preparations will begin at 9:00am.

Consistory carefully studied the number-of-services questions by forming a group to weigh the pros and cons, and conducting a congregational survey. Consistory weighted its decision toward member input from the survey as well as considering impacts on Sunday School, Fellowship, Choir rehearsal, and Tech Team preparations. Consistory would like to thank all those who completed the survey and included their thoughts on the subject.

“Ever-faithful God Help to find calm and confidence in the sure knowledge that in the midst of change, there you are! Amen.”

A portion of a prayer by Eileen W. Lindner, taken from *These Days Daily Devotionals for Living by Faith*, March 2026.

~ Consistory



8:00am Sunday School
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
Tech Team Preparations
9:30am Worship

2026 Summer Series **Characters of the Bible** Sunday, June 7th – September 6^h

The Worship Committee is planning a summer ‘Characters of the Bible’ series. Each week will focus on a Character from the Old or New Testament. Come learn about some of the well-known and lesser known figures from scripture.

June

7th **Rehab** (13th Century BC)
14th **Gideon** (12th Century BC Judge)
21st **Debroah** (12th Century BC Judge and Prophetess)
28th **Samson** (12th Century BC Judge)

July

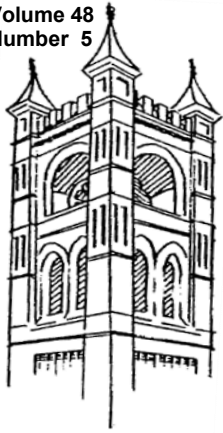
5th **Ruth** (11th Century BC Moabite ancestress of King David)
12th **Job** (Period of the Patriarchs)
19th **Mary, Mother of God** (Christmas in July)
26th **Jacob** (16th Century BC, 3rd Patriarch)

August

2nd **Priscilla** (49 AD Early Church Starter)
9th **Legion** (Man possessed by many demons)
16th **Lydia** (Wealthy Lady from Thyatira)
23rd **Thecla** (Brave Believer, Iconium in Turkey)
30th **Rhoda** (Servant Girl of Mary mother of John, Acts 12)

September

6th **Peter** (The Rock, Fisherman from of Galilee)



May Trinity Tower 2026

In memory of my father Robert Kitzmitler,
by Bonnie Smith



Awakening to joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

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Sundays at Trinity

8:00am Worship
 9:00am Sunday School
 10:00am Fellowship
 (Gathering Area)
 Choir Practice (Choir Room)
 10:30am Worship

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A Message from Pastor Fred...

During the month of May, we will have opportunities to celebrate our families on Mother's Day, will have the Rite of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday and acknowledge our Triune God on Trinity Sunday.

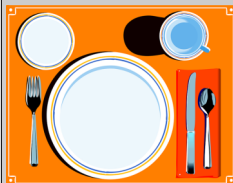
These special times of worship call us to be more loving and grace-filled, because God was gracious and merciful to us. We are called to repent of the times that we have placed barriers that have kept others from hearing the Good News. We are called to remember that all that we are is a gift from God. And this grace and love is for all children of God!

During the **Rite of Confirmation**, individuals being confirmed have the opportunity to give public assent to the baptismal promises that were made for them by their parents or guardians at their baptism. It is a great celebration of affirmation of baptism and their participation in the life of the church. This year, *Autumn Blevins* will be confirmed.

I hope you join us as we come together as this family of faith to celebrate what it means to be followers of the Christ.

Many Blessings!
Pastor Fred

MAY is a 5th SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION MONTH!



Gettysburg Soup Kitchen (GSK) was the 2nd highest charity chosen by the Congregation.

The GSK has been the cornerstone to those in need of a meal for over 30 years.

Having access to quality nutritious food is sometimes, not so common. GSK works towards having food security for everyone in our community.

Special envelopes are available in the pews & Gathering Area.

Please designate Gettysburg Soup Kitchen when you give to this special collection.

Thank you for your Support!

Confirmation Schedule 2026

An Intergenerational Journey.

Final gathering following 10:30am worship

May 3

May 24 – Pentecost Sunday 9:30am Worship

Rite of Confirmation

Financial Report

Envelope Offering Needed: \$63,104.00

Envelope Offering Received: \$52,821.64

Property Fund Needed: \$6,545.00

Property Fund Received: \$2,810.00

May 3

Communion

Acts 7:55-60
 Psalm 31:1-5; 15-16
 1 Peter 2:2-10
 John 14:1-14

May 10

Mothers Day

Acts 17:22-32
 Psalm 66:8-20
 1 Peter 3:13-22
 John 14:15-21

May 17

Acts 1:6-14
 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
 1 Peter 4:12-14;
 5:6-11
 John 17:1-11

May 24

Pentecost

Rite of Confirmation
 Acts 2:1-21 **or**
 Numbers 11:24-30
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
 John 20:19-23 **or**
 John 7:37-39

May 31

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
and Psalm 8
 2 Corinthians
 12:11-13



**Happy
Birthday!**

Billie-Ann Guise
May 26

Mary Jane Hilbert
May 22

Francis Lyons
5/11

Oscar Spicer
5/31



Our continued Prayers support

Ava Grace (Pastor Fred's and Kara's granddaughter), Jeff Baum, Sheila Bowmaster, Brayden Beamer, Don Blevins, Ashur Bowley, Tom Busche, Shirley Carlson, Kathy Ciolino, Sue Cline, Sonny Coble, Deb Crawford, Bill & Dee Duffy, Linda & Harold Heller (Sara Shank's parents), Harry Hilbert, Richard Hough, Connie Howe, Evelyn Kretz, Greg Lathbury (Sheely's son-in-law), MacKenzie Kretz, Josh Langley, Christopher Little, Bob Malone, Bob Miller, Kathy Murphy, Lenore O'Rourke, Brian Parker, Jerry & Pam Poland, Fischer Samuelson, Genevieve Shaffer, Ethan Shank, Betsy Dane Smith & Dusty Smith, Brea Thomas, Mary Timmins, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, Mckenna Voss, Ruby Warren, and Teeyara Jo Weiant. Please call the office to be removed from the list.



Thanks to all good sports for making my birthday April 5th a memorable one. Born on Easter — Born again on 4/5/2026! **Nancy MacMeekin**



Our condolences to Karen & Neal Kendlehart in the death of Karen's mother Jane Miller who died on Thursday, April 23rd. May God's loving embrace provide comfort and peace to Karen and her family.

Dear Friends at Trinity UCC, we greatly appreciate your care and concern for those we serve at **Adams Rescue Mission (ARM)**. Donations like yours are helping us make a difference in the lives of many who come to us in their time of need. We are so grateful! Thank You! **ARM Staff**

Christian Education and Faith Formation

The Christian Education Team will be meeting on **May 20th at 6PM** to discuss educational opportunities and Sunday morning classes.

Youth Volunteer Workday
Sunday, May 17th from 1-5PM

If you need help around your house to prepare for Summer or small jobs within your home, sign up in the Gathering Area!



**We
Will
Come
to You!**

Mission Trip 2026

Appalachian South Folklife Center, Pipestem, West Virginia
August 2nd - 8th

Join us for Trinity's very first Mission Trip! You must be at least 13 years old to 99 years old.
There is no cost to this week of mission!

Financing will come from our New Mission Initiatives Fund.

We will be working with the Folklife Center's 55-year-old Workcamp Program while experiencing the cultural, historical, and recreational aspects of Appalachia!

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The *Appalachian South Folklife Center (ASFC)* is a progressive, nonprofit education organization dedicated to a mountain heritage of freedom and self-reliance; a peaceful place where people of all ages, races, faiths and origins can share community work and creativity. Each year we assist families in need through our Service Work program. College, church and civic groups come to the Folklife Center to learn about Appalachia while performing volunteer work for folks in our area facing hard times. This program helps people with their home repair needs and provides other community service to non-profit and grassroots organizations. The program also allows our volunteers to learn about Appalachian heritage and culture. They gain valuable teamwork and leadership skills at the same time.

Project/Focus: Work is mainly focused on home rehabilitation for people in need but also includes other community development work such as stream clean-up, helping other non-profits in the community and working around the center. Our home repair work is prescreened, and material and work needs are assessed by our staff. Work site supervision and guidance is provided as well as tools. Your fees include the materials provided to the homeowner.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Center staff will provide work in community and at Folklife Center, develop field trips, and evening cultural programming. Two Sessions on Appalachian culture are provided.

Sign Up by the end of May! Sheet is in the Gathering Area!

The Unsolved Mystery of Trinity's "Last Supper" Needlepoint Picture

It is likely that every one of us has wondered, or asked, about the stunning needlepoint rendition of da Vinci's Last Supper that hangs in Fellowship Hall. Who did this beautiful needle-work?

A partial explanation for how we have this needlework was provided in 2018 by Suzy Miller, whose explanation is posted on the wall below the hanging. Just last month, several of us read it for the first time. Perhaps you haven't read it yet. If not, here is a summary of Suzy's story of the needlepoint and how it came into our possession.

Suzy wrote, "During the summer of 2013, I received a call from someone in the Chapel at Gettysburg College saying that a man had been there looking for the knitting group." He found an administrator and left her with several bags of yarn. At that time Suzy had a knitting group that met in the Chapel. She also had a knitting group that met in Trinity, so Suzy took the bags and put them in her car.

"One morning during a meeting of Friends in Faith 'n Service at Trinity", Suzy mentioned that she "had these bags of yarn out in my car that I had never opened. The ladies agreed that I should get the bags and see what we had. Well, much to our surprise we found an unfinished replica of Leonardo da Vinci's 'The Last Supper'. . . It was an OMG moment. We all agreed that it was only proper that we should finish the piece. Wendy Broach, our minister's wife, volunteered" to do the work. It took Wendy about two months to complete the hanging.

Suzy has never been able to identify the talented needle-pointer who completed most of the work. An article in The Gettysburg Times, asking for the gentleman who donated the bags to contact the church to give us his mother's name, went unanswered.

Suzy closed her explanation with these words. "We treasure this wall hanging placed where so many of us meet to break bread together and would like to add the name of the person who so lovingly placed stitch upon stitch to portray this passage of scripture in bold and striking colors. If you have any information concerning the person who started and completed most of this beautiful handstitched work of art, please contact our Church office." Suzy wrote this in 2018. We still have no name to attach to this "handstitched work of art."

The History Task Force

Property Report for May Newsletter

News from Trinity's property committee:

Brilliant Bruce (our man of all trades and many talents) has been working on the HVAC in the sanctuary. He is fairly sure that he has fixed the problem with our fluctuating and uncomfortable temperatures. It seems to have been a problem with scheduling. Hopefully, we are now back on track.

Our 4 security cameras have arrived as well as the appropriate wires/cables. Bruce and Steve Sheely will install them as their schedule permits, but hopefully, in short order

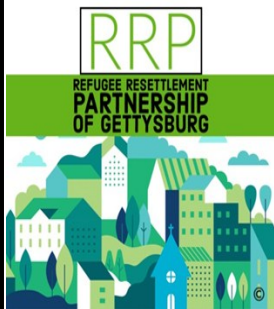
We continue to work toward a designation as a commercial kitchen. Our next step on this journey is to install a designated handwashing sink. Our goal is to receive this designation before the end of May (hopefully 2026).

The tech committee is working on a more user-friendly phone system that would allow to change messages from home rather than having to come to Trinity to update messages. With a bit of luck, it may even be less expensive than our current system from Xfinity.

We received very good news from our grant application to the Robert C. Hoffman Charitable Endowment Trust. The Trust has awarded us \$12,500 toward the restoration of our stained glass windows. That amount combined with the \$7,500 received from Penn Central Conference and approximately \$10,000 from member contributions equals approximately \$30,000. The proposal fee for this project is \$36,990. The committee thanks Ruth and Terry Krietz for their skill and expertise on grant writing.

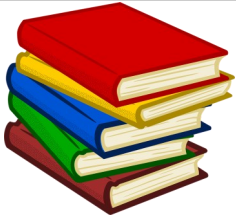
We are awaiting estimates on the clogged drains resulting from the trees that were removed and an area that is smashed under the parsonage deck.

Thank you for your continued support to maintain our beautiful church facility!!



What is new with the Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP)? RRP is now under the direction of the Gettysburg Ministerium. Rayna Cooper is still the Director. At the last board meeting, Cathy Hammons was thanked for coordinating the Friday meals during Ramadan for both Afghan families. The families are now responsible for monthly bills (examples-electric, auto insurance, trash pick up, phone bills, etc.). All three college students made good grades. RRP will be covering the tuition for two of the boys to take Emergency Medical Technician training this summer. One boy is a premed student and the second is also interested in the health care field.

An RRP newsletter is due out this summer. Thanks for your support for our families.
Carl Barrick, your Liaison

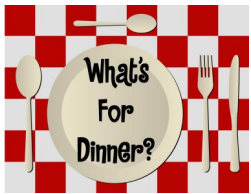


Trinity's Reading Group is re-convening.

We look forward to reading and discussing *Small Victories* by Anne Lamott during the month of May. We will meet on the **first and third Thursdays of May (6th & 20th) from 2:00pm to 4:00 pm** at the church. The book focuses on finding joy, hope and faith in the midst of both tough and easy times. ” **Please sign up in the Gathering Area.** **To purchase a book,**

please add that request to the sign-up sheet, and a book will be ordered for you. Readers will cover the cost of their book.

If you have any questions, please see Cathy Hammons or Jane Malone. We look forward to an interesting and helpful Spring discussion.



DINNER CHURCH: WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH @ 5:30pm

A gathering where all the most important things happen at the table. Please bring a dish or dessert to share with the larger group. No reservations needed. Just show up with food to share.

SUNDAY, May 17th

COME TO WORSHIP, STAY FOR LUNCH

(Soup n' Sandwich) following 10:30am worship.

On the Menu: Potato Soup, BLT's and assorted desserts.

Be certain to sign up to assure your seat at the table.

Sign-up in Gathering Area

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors. All are welcome.

We just need to know how many lunches to prepare.



BLESSING ROOM

Monday, May 25 from 10:00am - 11:00am

(Help needed to set-up 9am-10am /tear down 11am-12pm)

A list of items needed is in the Gathering Area. REMEMBER, if you use it, they use it!

Our Blessings room has been opened in February, March and April. In conversation with our guests, we learned that some were in the CARES program, and some were here on a day off from a job in which they were making minimum wage. Two were homeless. Please keep the products coming. They expressed their gratefulness for what we are doing. We definitely need more items for men like shaving cream and deodorants. I pass on the “thanks” from our guests, and add our own. **Members of the Social Concerns Committee**



PENTECOST GERANIUMS

to place on the Altar on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th.

Order forms are in the pews and Gathering area.

Cost is \$3.00 each, orders due by Wednesday, May 20th.



TUCC GRADUATES!

Are you or do you know someone in our church family graduating from high school, college, military basic training, etc, please contact the office by Wednesday, May 20th.

Please provide name, where graduating from, what plans are and/or major/degree.

We will celebrate them June 7th, 2026



NEGRO SPIRITUALS: Considered the earliest form of religious music by the African Americans during slavery. We continue to sing these spirituals today without realizing that Negro slaves did not receive credit or recognition for these spirituals.

The Spiritual Royalty Initiative, a project of the United Church of Christ Musicians Association is a pledge to help us pay respect and express gratitude in a way the will support local children's music programs that serve minority youths. There are two groups in our area that serve children's music programs:

Gettysburg Community Theatre offers: **The Penguin Project**, which is a musical theatre program for *youth with special needs*. Their website is <https://gettysburgcommunitytheatre.org/the-penguin-project/>

The **State Street Academy of Music** provides high-quality music instruction and activities primarily to the children and youth of the greater Harrisburg area who have shown talent and promise in the field of classical music, *regardless of ability to pay*. Their website is <https://www.ssamusic.org/>

Envelopes are available in the Pews and Gathering Area for your donation. Please make checks to Trinity UCC and designate which program you would like to support. **Thank you for your support!**



Sundays at Trinity May 3, 10, 17
 8:00am Worship
 9:00am Sunday School
 10:00am Fellowship (Gathering Area)
 Choir Practice (Choir Room)
 10:30am Worship
 **** Beginning May 24 TUCC is going to one-Service @ 9:30am.
Sunday School at 8am
 9am Choir Practice and Tech Prep

MAY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:30a Flutes	2
3 Communion Confirmation Class 12:30p-4:30p MDANA	4	5 8:30a-10:30a RRP 2p Outreach	6 5:30p Dinner Church 7p Choir	7 1p Fellowship 2p-4p Reading Group	8 9:30a Flutes	9 11am Private Event
10 <i>Mothers Day</i>	11 2p Care Team	12 2p Property 2p Social Concerns	13 6pm Worship 7p Choir	14 CONSISTORY Reports Due	15 9:30a Flutes 11:30a Lunch w/Friends	16 F/H – prep for Sunday lunch
17 Come to Church-Stay for Lunch 1p-5p Youth/Senior Work Day	18	19 1:15p Spiritual Council 2p Consistory	20 NEWS LETTER Articles Due 6p Christian Ed 7p Choir	21 8:45a-10:15a Deb/Bruce OUT 1-1/2 hrs 2p-4p Reading Group	22 9:30a Flutes	23
24 Pentecost (Wear RED) One Service 9:30a Rite of Confirmation	25 <i>Memorial Day</i> CLOSED 10a-11a Blessing Room	26	27 7p Choir	28	29 UUG Funeral and Lunch at Trinity 10a-2:30p	30
31 9:30a Worship						

DATE	ALTAR CARE	GREETERS	LITURGISTS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
May 3 Communion	Ruth Krietz * Lucy Greene Roberta Weiant Early Cindy Blevins	10:30am Ann & Buck Harvey	8:00am Jane Malone 10:30am Scott Wehler	8:00am 10:30am	10:30am Buck Harvey
May 10 Mother's Day	Same	10:30am Alison & Joe Lysitt	8:00am Cindy Blevins 10:30am Lenore O'Rourke	8:00am 10:30am Carl Barrick	10:30am Bonnie Smith
May 17	Same	10:30am Sandy Busche Terry Krietz	8:00am Jen Mickelson 10:30am Cathy Hammons	8:00am 10:30am	10:30am Bonnie Smith
May 24 Pentecost Rite of Confirmation	Same	9:30am Janet & Steve Sheely	9:30am Jim Orner	9:30am	9:30am Janet Sheely
May 31	Same	9:30am	9:30am Penny Frantz	9:30am	9:30am