



TRINITY TIMES

Trinity United Church of Christ
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Information:

Worship Schedule

Sunday Service

9:00am

Fellowship Time

10:00am

Sunday School

10:30am

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Seizing holy opportunities

In Holy Moments, Matthew Kelly discusses the world's need for more small (but sometimes large) instances of people caring for others, cultivating joy, encouragement and love instead of anger, envy, fear. Kelly defines a Holy Moment as "a single moment in which you open yourself to God. You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is telling you to do."

This may mean mowing the lawn for a neighbor with a broken leg, praising a child on his artwork, buying a surprise snack for someone having a bad day, working extra shifts for a coworker with cancer so she can receive her full salary while out sick, paying for the next car's drive-thru order. Anyone can create a Holy Moment, because you don't need special skills, position or wealth. "If you want to see miracles, make yourself available to God," Kelly suggests.

He adds that God has a track record of collaborating with "the most unlikely people to make amazing things happen, and now He wants to collaborate with you." When we're open to God's leading, holy opportunities abound. And we will experience as much joy as the ones to whom we show care.



Dates to Remember



- National Day of Prayer, *May 1, 2025*
- Mother's Day, *May 11, 2025*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 17, 2025*

- Memorial Day, *May 26, 2025*
- Mission & Outreach Neighborhood Meal, *May 28, 2025*
- Ascension Day, *May 29, 2025*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:19-22 NRSVue)

Friends in Christ,

The Biblical Story of God's love culminates in Easter resurrection and the commissioning of disciples to share-in and be the good news of God's love through word and deed.

God who gave us life, grants us mercy and forgiveness to start a new life today with directions on how to live the life God dreams for us. God then promises us a resurrection to eternal life with him that is proven-out through the incarnation of Christ who gives up his life on the cross and takes it back up again when rising from the grave. Christ gives the Holy Spirit to his followers, commissioning them to spread the gospel and offer: mercy, grace, and instruction to others who are lost, abandoned, and filled with sin.

God, who can do all things, has shown us that God will do all things for his beloved children, and calls us into discipleship to continue Christ's work. As Jesus gave life and brought new life to others, we are to give new life and bring opportunity for new life to others.

Today's Christians are called to be Easter people who: believe in Christ, his resurrection, his teachings, and his commissioning of us to do his work in the world today giving: love, compassion, mercy, words of encouraging hope, and healing grace to all. We are, through Christ's commissioning, the very parts of his body: his hands, feet, and voice in the world today. Let us embrace the mission he has given us, to make the world more like the glimpses of the kingdom of God for each other just as Jesus demonstrated for us. Let us trust in the Holy Spirit he has given to remind us of his teachings and guide us to live in a more excellent way. In doing so we will have found the way, the truth, and the life.

May God bless all who embrace the power of God's love for the world and all God's children. And this Mother's Day, may God bless all our mothers and mother figures who have established our hearts with love for God and others.

Pastor Steve

Confirmation Update

The Trinity UCC Confirmation Class will continue to meet for retreats during the months of May and June. Our eight confirmands are learning about: the Hebrew and New Testaments of the Bible; the life and mission of Jesus; the Early Church; and Christian faith and practice in our time. Each Confirmand is fulfilling a service project and will be a part of a special worship service to be held this Summer prior to Confirmation Sunday. Please pray for and encourage these wonderful young people in the journey of faith among us. The remaining retreat dates are: May 17th & June 28th. Thank you to all the parents, guardians, and supporters of our program.

Worship Arts Committee

Worship Arts is a group of faithful folks who are helping to bring the scripture lessons to life in our Sanctuary. We are currently seeking folks with imagination, artistic ability, or simply helping hands to be a part of this special group. Please pray and see if God may be calling you to be a part of bringing the gospel to light in this special way. For more information, please see Pastor Steve or Diane Betlyon.

Penn Central Conference UCC Spring Meeting, Gettysburg Association

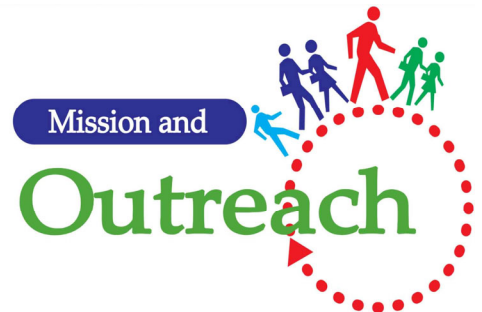
The Spring Meeting for the Gettysburg Association of the Penn Central Conference UCC will be held May 4th at 2:30pm at Trinity United Church of Christ, 1080 Old Route 30, Cashtown PA. Parking is across the street at the fire company and light refreshments will be available afterwards. The congregation is asked to send at least 1 voting clergy and 2 voting lay members.

The Sheely-Hicks Scholarship

Applications are now available in the church office and on-line for the Sheely-Hicks Scholarship. The scholarship is available annually to students who may attend or are affiliated with Hanover Trinity United Church of Christ. The scholarship is available for those who are planning on furthering their education beyond high school or preparatory school at an accredited trade school, technical institute, college or university. Scholarship application must be received on or before May 31, 2025.

Highlights from April Mission & Outreach Meeting

- Upcoming Neighborhood Meal will take place Wednesday, May 28th at 6:00pm. Sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex.
- A total of 100 Relief Hygiene Kits were delivered to Church World Service in New Windsor, Maryland.
- Will be donating wash cloths/assorted items for HACC shelter use.
- Planning on assembling more Jared Boxes in the summer for the Hanover Hospital pediatrics department.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School, "Road Trip—On the Go With God," is just around the corner. Save the dates—June 16-20 from 9-11:30 a.m. We would love for your children, grandchildren, and neighbor kids to attend. Children ages 4-12 may be registered. Emmanuel UCC and, new this year, Grace UCC will be joining us here at Trinity. We need volunteers! The volunteer and student registration forms are available in the Narthex, in the office, and on the website.

Registration deadline for students is Friday, June 6, or until class numbers have reached capacity. If you have any questions, please call the office at 717-637-2233.



Daryl Mummert	May 5
Shirley Krepps	May 25
Edith Menchey	May 31



	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>
Sheila Hughes	10/15/1937	3/28/2025
Betty Geiger	2/19/1929	4/06/2025



Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
1	Linda and Donald White	60	22	Rick and Betsy Eyler	49
6	Stephanie and Scott Markle	36	26	Diane and Frank Eckrote	41
13	Jennifer and Bryant McCusker	25	26	Jean and Greg Yiengst	52
15	Kathy and Andy Hansford	54	30	Rachel and Andrew Betlyon	16

If your anniversary was omitted, please contact the office to update your records.



A Prayer for Mother's Day

Dear Lord, thank you for the blessings of children and families. Help us rely on you for guidance, patience and even-temperedness throughout our days.

We pray that our children will love you, worship you and serve you with their God-given gifts. Grant us the wisdom to know how to influence them to live godly lives. Prevent us from provoking our children to anger and from manipulating or nagging them.

Fill our households with abiding love and respect. And help us all be united in purpose to do your will. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Directories

The new directory is here! They are available to purchase for \$5 each in the church office. A huge thank you to Diane Betlyon, Carol Wilson, and Lorene Crooks for their hard work and dedication to updating the directory and getting it published.



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Trinity's Mission Statement: Trinity United Church of Christ strives to be a warm, caring family of Christian believers. Our calling is to witness and strengthen the Christian faith through meaningful worship, Christian education, and Christian living in the home, the community, and the world.

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