



The Lamplighter

Trinity United Church of Christ

May, June, and July 2019

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity UCC -



The wonder and mystery of the Easter season is always a welcome time for me. The Lenten preparations and services help build the anticipation and then on Easter morning, the beautiful flowers, bright colors, and joy on people's faces as we celebrate our risen Lord. Immediately following these events, I like to read again from the book of Acts, as it tells the stories of what happened later, after Jesus's resurrection and subsequent ascension. This year, events prompted me to remember a time several years ago when Terri, Emily, and I traveled to Hawaii for a friend's wedding. Emily was fifteen at the time and this was her first big trip. We had a wonderful time! For most of our stay, we were on the island of Oahu (there are eight islands in the Hawaiian Archipelago) which is where the wedding took place. But after the wedding, we flew from Oahu to what they call "The Big Island", the Island of Hawaii. The primary purpose of this side trip was to see the active volcano Kilauea (pronounced "kill-ah-wAy-ah"). You may recall hearing about Kilauea last year when it became very active and lava flows wiped out some communities. It has since calmed down a bit, the flows have cooled, and vegetation is starting to appear again on the lava fields. I think that was what amazed me the most – the spectacular plant life appearing in what seemed like the most desolate place on the planet. The picture above does not do it justice, but perhaps gives you some idea of the dark black lava and the vibrant green plants set against it. I still marvel at how anything could sprout and grow in that place! It is a stark illustration of the resurrection of Christ, how unexpected and spectacular it must have been to see and talk with him, *in person*, after having watched him die on the cross. Even the disciples, after having seen Jesus perform many signs and miracles, could not comprehend it.

But perhaps they/we shouldn't be so surprised. The prophets foretold it, and the angels announced it at his birth. Jesus even told them what was going to happen, multiple times. Yet somehow, they missed it. I suppose people then were much like we are today, preoccupied so much with day-to-day life, we lose sight of the eternal. Easter can be like that as well. Our excitement is short-lived, and we move on to the next thing far too quickly. The joy Easter Sunday brings is quickly replaced by the reality of Monday, and the sights and smells fade from our memories.

But the Easter miracle is far more than a one-day event. It is the foundation of our faith, and we are called to be Easter people, not just on one special day, but all our days. Remembering this, and the hope that lives within us as a result, is far more important than the mundane events of everyday life. We must stay connected – with God, with the church, and with the community of faith, and I'd like to add, with creation as well, because there are perfect reminders all around us, of whose we are and to whom we belong. The beautiful greenery on the lava fields of Kilauea reminded me of this; of the new life that lives within us, each and every day, and no matter how hard this world may try to destroy us, no matter how broken and burned out we become, we have nothing to fear. The promise of resurrection awaits.

Blessings,
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CHURCH RECORD

New Members

H. Bruce and Eleanor Meyer became members of Trinity United Church of Christ on February 10, 2019.

Weddings at Trinity United Church of Christ

Barbara Ann Daughenbaugh and Christopher Edwards Berry were united in marriage by Rev. David Downer on February 15, 2019.

CHURCH REQUESTS and NOTICES

- UCC Northern Association Spring Banquet – The Northern Association Spring Banquet will be held at Hartman Center in Milroy, PA, on Thursday, May 16; the program will be led by Rev. Julie Holm who will be conducting and teaching us about "Messy Church"; the cost of the meal is \$17 and the reservation deadline is May 5; please contact the church office or Pastor Dave to sign up.
- Graduation Recognition Service – A graduation recognition service will be held on June 9 at TUCC; if you have a student who will be graduating from high school, trade school, college, etc., please contact the church office so the graduate's name can be included in the bulletin.
- Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting – Delegates are needed for attendance at the 57th Annual Meeting of the Penn Central Conference at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove on June 7 through June 9. Please see Pastor Dave if you are interested in attending.
- Vacation Bible School – The Centre Hall Council of Churches is hosting Vacation Bible School for children ages 3 to 5th grade on July 21-25, 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. with a free dinner served at 5:30 p.m. for attendees. Please contact Carol Clark-Baney or Terri Downer for more information or to sign up.
- Summer Schedule – Beginning Sunday, June 2, and continuing through August, Adult Sunday School will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Worship Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. May 19th will be the final Youth/Children's Sunday School and they will reconvene in September.
- Lawn Mowing – Your help is needed to mow the church lawn this summer; a sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Mower and gasoline are provided. Youth (under age 18) that sign up to mow will receive \$25 per mowing; youth must be accompanied by an adult.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

...to Ardranna Henry for providing cookies when Trinity UCC hosted the "Jerusalem Tables" discussion group and all those who participated in the discussions

...to Jackie Stover and Jessica Stover for preparing the "Valentine Spaghetti Dinner" and to all those who attended the event; \$340 was raised in support of the Kids Program at Trinity UCC

...to Rick Arnold, Paige Auman, Katie Auman, Brooks Meyers, and Jerelene Reish for serving the dinners at the Valentine Spaghetti Dinner event

...to Terri Downer for taking pictures and Mike Frazier for providing the cameras at the Valentine Spaghetti Dinner event

...to Ardranna Henry and Toni Witherite for preparing and serving communion at the Wednesday Lenten services

...to Ben and Sylvia Malone for the two memorial benches placed in loving memory of Betty and Ted Hartley (the benches are located outside the church office entrance door)

...to Joyce Barner for providing the sweets to go with the coffee on Sunday mornings

...to Jen Gooch for the BIG bag full of plastic knives for use in the TUCC kitchen

...to Paige Auman, Hannah Gooch, and Ellie Romig, for their beautiful music during Lent and Sunday worship services

...to Jason Smith for sharing his majestic voice during special musical events

...to the congregation for the offering of \$79 and many cans of soup during the "Souper Bowl" Sunday event

...to the congregation for the offering of \$232 to Hartman Center Camp support

...to the congregation for the offering of \$202 to One Great Hour of Sharing

...to Carole Smith, Ruth Floray, Ardranna Henry, Marian Smith, and Dot Strickler for preparing the soup for the Maundy Thursday communion supper; thank you to everyone who provided food items

...to Rick Arnold, Terri Downer, Marnie Kocher, Leena and Kirk Wolfgang for chaperoning the youth during their 30-Hour Famine overnight at the church

...to the congregation for the offering of \$487 to "Rise Against Hunger"
 ...to everyone who donated to and/or participated in the "Rise Against Hunger" meal packaging event; 30,000 meals were prepared
 ...to Steve Besecker for placing the cross on the front lawn for Easter services
 ...to Tammy Besecker for ordering and arranging the beautiful flowers for Easter services; and to everyone who purchased flowers in memory of their loved ones
 ...to the Jane Boozer and Dennis Wiand Family for the Easter altar flowers
 ...to everyone who donates food to the Food Bank and Bob and Shirley Reed for delivering the food to the food pantry
 ...to Paige Auman, Hannah Gooch, Ella Smith, and Jason Smith for their special music during Easter Sunday Worship Service
 ...to Pastor Dave Downer, Terri Downer, Ruth Floray, Vickie Fultz, and Teri Statham for providing the "Children's Message" during worship services
 ...to all who participate in the JJ Powell Ea\$yPay fuel program; the church's oil account has been credited \$107.33 for the period July 1 – December 31, 2018
 ...to Ardranna Henry and Joan Pecht for providing cookies for the community Easter Egg Hunt at the Centre Hall Lions Club and to Leena Wolfgang for being the "Easter Bunny" at the event
 ...to Jeff Baney, Ardranna and Bob Henry, John Martz, Don Matter, and Ennis Wagner for Spring lawn cleanup at the church consisting of raking leaves, trimming bushes, power washing, spreading mulch, etc.
 ...to Hannah Gooch, Maria Klana, Sadie Kocher, Sterling Kocher, Nick Limbaugh, Dilon Reilly, and Kendall Waltz for participating in the 30-Hour Famine event
 ...to all who participated in the Northern Association Good Friday CrossWalk on March 19

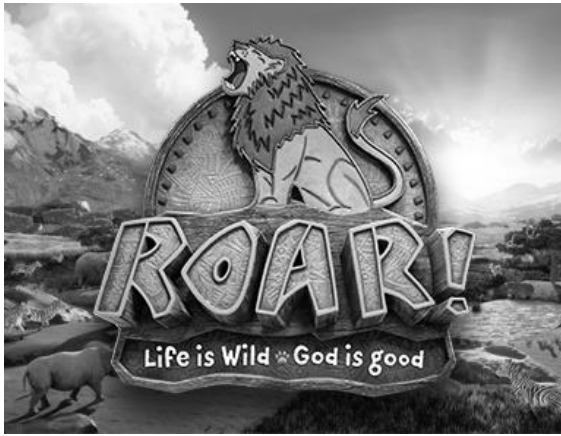
30-Hour Famine Event for World Vision

Trinity UCC's youth group participated in their very first 30-Hour Famine for World Vision! Hannah Gooch, Maria Klana, Sadie Kocher, Sterling Kocher, Nick Limbaugh, and Dilon Reilly all went without food for 30 hours and spent a chaperoned night at the church April 5th to the 6th to open their eyes to the reality of global poverty. Kendall Waltz also participated by raising funds for the event. Through sponsors and a breakfast served at the church, they raised just over \$700 to bring hope to hungry kids around the world.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1:	11:00 a.m.	Council of Churches Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
May 2:	6:30 p.m.	SALT Committee Meeting
May 5:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion
	1:30 p.m.	Northern Association Annual Spring Meeting at Rebersburg
	5:00 p.m.	TUCC Youth Group Meeting
May 7:	1:30 p.m.	Message and Communion at Salem Hill, Spring Mills
May 8:	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
May 12:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service with Dedication Ceremony for Adalyn and Rosa King
May 13:	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting
May 14:	1:30 p.m.	Message and Communion at Wynwood House, Centre Hall
May 15:	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
May 16:	6:00 p.m.	Northern Association Spring Banquet at Hartman Center
May 19:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (last day of Youth Sunday School until September)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
May 21:	11:30 a.m.	JOY Luncheon at Hoss's Steak and Seafood House, State College
May 22:	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
May 26:	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
May 28:	6:30 p.m.	Consistory Committee Meeting
June 2:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion
June 4:	1:30 p.m.	Message and Communion at Salem Hill, Spring Mills
June 5:	11:00 a.m.	Council of Churches Committee Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Strawberry Festival (if the strawberries are ready)
June 6:		Last day of school for Penns Valley students
June 7:		Penns Valley High School Commencement
June 7-8:		Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting at Susquehanna University
June 9:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service with "Strengthen the Church" mission offering; Graduation Recognition
June 11:	1:30 p.m.	Message and Communion at Wynwood House, Centre Hall
June 16:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
June 18:	6:30 p.m.	Consistory Committee Meeting
June 23:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
June 28-29		Centre Hall Town-Wide Yard Sale Food Stand at Trinity UCC
June 30:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
July 2:	1:30 p.m.	Message and Communion at Salem Hill, Spring Mills
July 3:	11:00 a.m.	Council of Churches Committee Meeting
July 7:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion; "Church World Service Tools" offering
July 9:	1:30 p.m.	Message and Communion at Wynwood House, Centre Hall
July 14:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
July 16:	6:30 p.m.	Consistory Committee Meeting
July 21:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
July 21-25:		Community Vacation Bible School at Grace United Methodist Church
July 28:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Roar into the fun at Vacation Bible School! The Centre Council of Churches is hosting Vacation Bible School at Grace United Methodist Church, 127 South Pennsylvania Avenue, in Centre Hall. The dates are Sunday, July 21st through Thursday July 25th 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Free dinner at 5:30 p.m. for students and volunteers. Please call 814-364-1701 for more information or sign up at <http://vbspro.events/p/centrehallvbs>.

ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, and APRIL 2019

Date	Worship Service	Sunday School	Date	Worship Service	Sunday School	Date	Worship Service	Sunday School
Feb. 3	72	21	Mar. 3	91	26	Apr. 7	92	33
Feb. 10	68	20	Mar. 10	71	29	Apr. 14	108	26
Feb. 17	91	23	Mar. 17	67	24	Apr. 21	170	No Sunday School
Feb. 24	72	23	Mar. 24	87	31	Apr. 28	69	26
			Mar. 31	91	31			

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Glenda Bressler Abrams	Chuck Addleman	Lance Arney	Denny Beckenbaugh	Cim Besecker
Jane Boldin	Elmer Campbell	Jody Covalt	T. J. Coursen	Hank Cramer
Marie Crater	Erin, Austin, Conner Derr	*Sally Dreibelbis	*Jean Dunklebarger	Kellie Eichler
Gracie Eisenhower	Jim & Tanya Evans	*Trudy Furner	Bonnie Graziose	Tony Greenwood
*Mary Hardy	Myrtle Harpster	*John & Carol Hayes	Nancy Heaton	Richard Heck
Megan Henry	Patricia Hess	Janet Houser	Olivia Lewis	Gina Lucas
William Luse	Connie Masullo	Diane Matter	Joshua Miller	Tanya Musser
Paige Musser-Gray	Larry Myers	*Miriam Myers	Malcolm Obiri	Jesse Orellana
Matthew Renno, Jr.	Tom Runkle	Tom Shawley	Kent Smith	Marilyn Sproule
JR Stoner	Laurie Stover	Lori Stover	Shannon Stover	Ronald Sweitzer
Jenn & Abbey Tice	Colin & Jaci Tucker	Rebecca Wagner	Jeff Weist	*Faye Winkelblech
Duane and Wilma Yarger	Sandy Young			

[*In personal care residence]

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Responsibility	May	June	July
Head Usher	Larry Campbell	Carol Clark-Baney	Kylie Auman
Alternate Usher	Sally Arnold	Ardranna Henry	Dan Readinger
Altar Flowers	Tammy Besecker	Tammy Besecker	Tammy Besecker
Altar Guild	Denise Sweitzer	Joyce Barner	Lois Martz
Caregiver	Cathy Arney	Sally Arnold	Joan Pecht
Chancel Choir Director	Terri Downer	Terri Downer	Terri Downer
Fellowship Coordinator	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Nursery Volunteer	May 5: Carol Clark-Baney May 12: Rick Arnold and Kylie Auman May 19: Joyce Barner May 26: Cathy Arney and Ann Moellenbrock	No Nursery in June	No Nursery in July
Oil in Candles	Vickie Fultz	Carol Clark-Baney	Beverly Guyer
Organist	Carole Smith	Carole Smith	Carole Smith
SALT Hostess	Lynnette Breon	Vickie Bressler	Vickie Bressler



Packaging Meals for
"Rise Against Hunger"



Cross Walk Through
Centre Hall

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (Continued)

Date	Greeter	Greeter	Call to Worship	Scripture Reader	Children's Message
May 5	Don and Cleo Matter	Josephine McNitt	Pastor Dave	Rick Arnold	Vickie Fultz
May 12	George and Ann Moellenbrock	Carol Musick-Meyer	Sally Arnold	Dorothy Strickler	Teri Statham
May 19	David and Dona O'Hara	Charles and Christine Patschke	Rick Arnold	Carole Smith	Ruth Floray
May 26	Nevin Dutrow and Joan Pecht	Sara Pifer	Rick Arnold		Pastor Dave
June 2	Dan and Carol Readinger	Robert and Shirley Reed	Pastor Dave	Rick Arnold	No Children's Message in June, July, August
June 9	Barry and Jerelene Reish	Greg and Harrison Reish	Sally Arnold		
June 16	Steve and Deborah Riegel	Charles and Laura Romig Family	Rick Arnold	Carole Smith	
June 23	Robert and Rhonda Rumbaugh	Hetty Runkle		Sally Arnold	
June 30	Jim and Kim Smith	John and Marieta Smith			
July 7	Lynn and Carole Smith	Marian Smith	Pastor Dave		
July 14	Larry and Dorothy Strickler	Ron and Denise Sweitzer	Sally Arnold		
July 21	Peggy Treaster	Eleanor Tyson		Carole Smith	
July 28	Scott and Dixie Vogt	Mike and Kilee Vogt			
August 4	Nancy Vogt	Ennis and Nancy Wagner	Pastor Dave		
August 11	Dan, Lori, and Tessa Walter	Rita Watkins			



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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Jesus Facts

Serving Size 1 Cup

Amount Per Serving

Calories 0

		% Daily Value*	
Love	100%	Gentleness	100%
Joy	100%	Self Control	100%
Peace	100%	Mercy	100%
Patience	100%	Grace	100%
Kindness	100%	Forgiveness	100%
Goodness	100%	Restoration	100%
Faithfulness	100%	Hope	100%

Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 73:25-26



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY, JUNE, and JULY 2019

May 5:	Acts 9:1-20	John 21:9-17
May 12:	Acts 9:36-43	John 10:22-30
May 19:	Acts 11:1-18	John 13:31-35
May 26:	Acts 16:9-15	John 14:23-29
June 9:	Acts 16:16-34	John 17:20-26
June 16:	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	John 16:12-15
June 23:	1 Kings 1:1-4, 8-15	Luke 8:26-39
June 30:	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	Luke 9:51-62
July 7:	2 Kings 5:1-14	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 14:	Amos 7:7-17	Luke 10:25-37
July 21:	Amos 8:1-12	Luke 10:38-42
July 28:	Hosea 1:2-10	Luke 11:1-13

