



TRINITY

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Church—Lickdale

May & June Edition



**Spring Cleaning
at the Church
Saturday, May 11th
8 am to ?**

Everyone young and
old is encouraged to
help get the church
ready for the
Summer.



Mother-Daughter Banquet

Tuesday, June 4 at 6 pm
Held in the multi. purpose
room of the church.

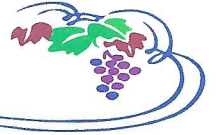
Come and share in a
special evening with your
mother/daughter(s) and
church family. Meal
catered by Heisey's Diner.
Games and prizes.
Tickets see Gloria Speck
or Judy Stickler.

Annual Conference

May 21 through 22
in Wildwood, NJ.

Pray for our Bishop,
pastors, conference leaders
and lay people. Prayers for
Pastor Brian, Gene Shaffer
and Bernie Rollman who
will be attending Annual
Conference.

The GrapeVine Newsletter



To build a body of committed Christ-followers who demonstrate His love daily.

Dear Friends in Christ,

As a Presbyterian child at the age of five, I had to memorize the catechism which begins, "What is the chief end of man?" "Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever." In spite of its antiquated language, it's a good mantra for children as well as adults: Why do we exist? To glorify and enjoy God.

Some years later, on a sunny summer Sunday evening, I was running late for church. I gritted my teeth at red light after red light, and at the traffic, and at the advancing minutes on my car's clock. As my frustration mounted, I sensed the Holy Spirit ask, "What is your purpose in life? Is it not to love and worship God?" It didn't matter what my circumstances were; I realized that I could fulfill that purpose, the purpose for which I was created, right in that moment, right where I was, no matter what. I may have been late for church, I may have not been where I wanted to be, but that did not prevent me from fulfilling the purpose for which I was created: To love and worship God. I chose to ignore my frustration and sing to God right where I was—in my car, late or not, stuck in traffic or not.

Two decades later, while I would want to nuance that insight a bit (loving God entails loving our neighbors as ourselves, so community is also necessary), it still strikes me as fundamentally true. God created us to be in a relationship with him, and we can fulfill that purpose no matter what our circumstances might be. That's why Paul and Silas can sing at midnight while trapped in a dungeon (Acts 16:25). That's why Joseph, sold as a slave and imprisoned on false charges, can still see God's hand at work and forgive his rotten brothers (Genesis 50:19-21). That's why Hannah, despairing in her childlessness, can pour

out her soul to the Lord (1 Samuel 1:12-16). That's why Paul, from another prison cell, can tell the Philippians, "Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again, rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4). St. Augustine says to God, "You have formed us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you" (Confessions 1.1). The purpose of human beings is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

So here we are. There's a lot to worry about, or become frustrated about, or get stressed about. It's an election year; groceries are expensive; international troubles are looming. (I think I'm echoing my January article!) Today, as I write this, is April 21, 2024, and the United Methodist General Conference is yet to meet; but by the time you read this, major changes may have come for our denomination. But no matter what, God is still on the throne; we are still created to love and worship him. We can do that right where we are, at this moment in history. This is what we were created for: to love God and to love people, and by his grace he enables us to do that no matter what's happening in the world around us.

We can still fulfill the purpose for which we were created. In fear, suffering, and sorrow, we can still glorify and enjoy God. In stress, exhaustion, and frustration, we can still glorify and enjoy God. In this moment, wherever you are, whatever you're experiencing, in agony or ecstasy, you can still glorify and enjoy God. You and I have a purpose, and it's a purpose we can fulfill: To glorify and enjoy God.

Blessings,

Pastor Brian Rhea

May Birthdays

Carol Kreiser	3
Lynn Werner	4
Scott McFeaters	8
Colette Schindler	8
Jan Rhea	9
DJ Eisenhauer	10
Pat Mengel	13
Kris Mengel	13
Kelly Dresch	14
Donovan Cowles	18
Sue Boltz	20
Toby Rhea	21
Pastor Brian	23



June Birthdays

Sue Werner	2
Del Voight	7
Sheila Seaman	11
Blake Simniskis	15
Jim Light	15
Sandra Barnhart	25
Jeff Werner	28

May Anniversaries

Scott & Kim McFeaters	1
Gary & Penny Keller	3
Larry & Gay Kreiser	19
Josh & Sam Simniskis	21



June Anniversaries

Robert & Tessa Gibson	4
Kyle & Amy Kreiser	14
Kevin & Tammy Reichert	16
Matt & Meredith Rinehart	18
Bernie & Barb Rollman	21
Jim & Debra Hetrick	24

Don't see your birthday or anniversary listed, let the church office know.



Worship Services are live-streamed to our YouTube page, <https://youtube.com/channel/UCvDYKLbY4J-B4wUfireEXbA> and uploaded to the church website.



NL UMC FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, May 11 at 1 pm
Saturday, June 8 at 1 pm
While supplies last in the parking lot at Jonestown UMC.



RECOGNITION OF 2024 GRADUATES

Sunday, June 2nd
10 am Worship Service.
We will recognize and celebrate our High School and College Graduates of 2024. If you are graduating this year, please notify Pastor Brian or Deb Shuey by May 12th.



Prayer and Holy Communion Service

Thursdays at 11 am in the Sanctuary. A simple service of Scripture, sharing, extended time for prayer, and gathering at the Lord's Table.

All are welcome.

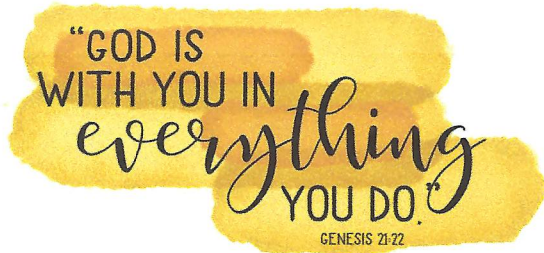
SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

Start picking your Summer Church Camp Adventure. Brochures for Gretna Glen Camp are available in the lobby. The church will pay half the fee for one camp for any child/youth from Trinity who attends. Need help selecting a camp for your child, see Sheila Seaman or Pastor Brian.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

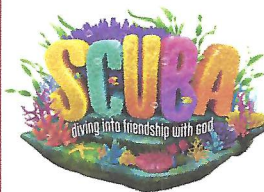
Will meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 7 to 8:15 pm. June 17th will be the last study date for the summer. Women are studying *The Epic of Eden ~ Psalms*. Bring your Bible and join us for fellowship, discussion and prayer. Questions see Deb Shuey or Judy Warner.



Church Directory Updates:

Please make the following updates in your 2024 church directory:

- * Add Ed & Joanne Winters (members)
1360 Twigg Avenue Lebanon PA 17046
- * Mark Emeri Kreiser as member
- * Mark MacKenzie Miller as member
- * Mark Charlie & Riley Werner as members



SCUBA VBS

Diving into friendship with God!

July 7 to 11 6:30—8:30 pm
3 years old thru completed 9th grade

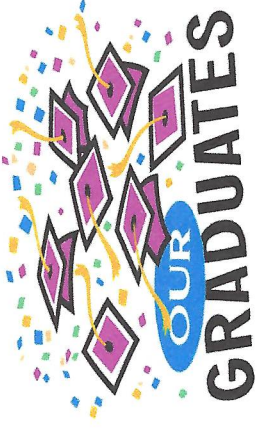
At Scuba VBS, kids will dive into friendship with God. Kids will explore what it means to have a friendship with a real, loving, trustworthy God—a friendship that lasts forever! We will also hear stories from Scripture about how God provided for people in Bible times. Our young scuba crew will create awesome crafts, enjoy fun games and eat some tasty snacks.

Bring your friends and Join Us!


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice 7 pm Spiritual Practice Bible Study	2 11 am Prayer & Holy Communion Service	3	4
5 Communion & Joyful Noise 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 6-7:30 pm Trinity Kidz Group—Family Party	6 7 pm Women's Bible Study	7 9 am Koffee Klatch	8 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice	9 11 am Prayer & Holy Communion Service 7 pm Mission & Faith Committee Meeting	10	11 8 am Spring Cleaning at the Church 1 pm Food Distribution at Jonestown UMC
12 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	13	14 6:30 pm SPR Meeting	15 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice	16 11 am Prayer & Holy Communion Service	17	18
19 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	20 7 pm Women's Bible Study	21 9 am Koffee Klatch	22 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice	23 11 am Prayer & Holy Communion Service	24	25
26 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	27  Memorial Day	28 7 pm Trustee Meeting	29 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice	EPA Conference in Wildwood NJ. Pray for Pastor Brian, Gene Shaffer & Bernie Rollman who will attend.		31
				30 11 am Prayer & Holy Communion Service		



June 2024



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2 Communion & Joyful Noise 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service w/ Graduation Sunday	3 7 pm Women's Bible Study	4 9 am Koffee Klatch 6 pm Mother & Daughter Banquet	5 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice	6 11 am Prayer & Holy Communion Service	7	8 1 pm Food Distribution at Jonestown UMC
9 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	10	11 7 pm Ad Council Meeting	12 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice	13 11 am Prayer & Holy Communion Service 7 pm Mission & Faith Committee Meeting	14	15
16 Father's Day 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	17 7 pm Women's Bible Study	18 9 am Koffee Klatch	19 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice	20 11 am Prayer & Holy Communion Service	21	22
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30 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	<i>Koffee Klatch—Quilting Group</i> <i>Contact the church if questions on any calendar event.</i>					