

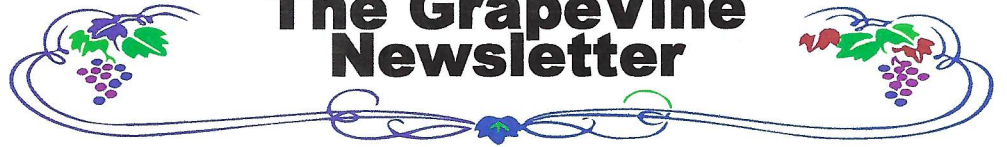


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The GrapeVine Newsletter



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

May & June Edition



Spring Cleaning
at the Church
Saturday, June 20th
8 am to ?

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



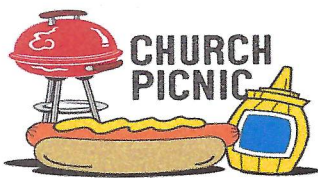
Mother-Daughter Banquet

Tuesday, May 19th at 6 pm
In the multi. purpose room
at the church.

Dinner will be homemade
by the church. Come and
share in a special evening
with your mother/
daughter(s) and church
family.

Games and prizes.
\$10 a person.

Tickets see Penny Keller,
Judy Warner, Deb Shuey
or Judy Stickler.



Sunday, August 30

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Pentecost Sunday, 1767, at a barn in Lancaster County, a hug changed the world.

The two men who hugged that day, Martin Boehm and William Otterbein, couldn't have been more different. Boehm was short and stocky, wore his beard long, and was a farmer who dressed in simple Mennonite fashion; he had been elected bishop of his Mennonite congregation roughly a decade earlier. Otterbein was tall, dressed in his clerical robes; he was a university-educated German Reformed clergyman who had heeded a call to cross the Atlantic and pastor in Pennsylvania. Not only were they different in appearance, but they represented two sides in a long and bitter theological conflict. To the German Reformed, the Mennonites were a despised sect who scorned valid baptism and were dangerous political dissidents; to the Mennonites, the Reformed were willing to reject the plain words of Jesus in favor of political expediency, swearing vows in court and taking up arms. These were the men who hugged.

The barn was a backdrop for what they called a "big meeting," an interdenominational revival service of praise and preaching. A German-speaking crowd was gathered in the orchard. Boehm was preaching; he had just returned from a revival meeting in Virginia with the famous British preacher George Whitefield. Otterbein was there listening. As he heard Boehm preach, he jumped up, embraced the Mennonite, and cried out, "Wir sind brüder! We are brothers!" At this display of brotherhood between two natural denominational enemies, the congregation wept.

What led to this hug? Both Otterbein and Boehm had encountered the life-changing love of God; both had known this experience in the depths of their hearts.

Otterbein was pastoring the Reformed congregation in Lancaster. One Sunday he preached a sermon on repentance and faith, and a congregant, struck with conviction, came up afterwards asking for advice. Otterbein, however, was not sure how to respond; at the question, he suddenly felt his own lack of true faith. He simply said, "My friend, advice is scarce with me today."

He then withdrew into his study and struggled in prayer until he obtained the peace and joy of a conscious salvation. Toward the end of his life, the Methodist bishop Francis Asbury asked him, "By what means were you brought to the gospel of God and our Savior?" Otterbein replied, "By degrees was I brought to the knowledge of the truth while in Lancaster." His ministry was changed by this encounter with God's love.

Martin Boehm shared a similar experience. At the age of 32, he was chosen by lot to become his local congregation's minister. This appalled Boehm, who felt completely inadequate for the role, but thought it his duty to accept. When called upon to offer an exhortation, he stammered in confusion; he tried memorizing Scripture to have something to say, but would stand up and completely forget the passage.

But this sense of failure led Martin to wonder why he was having such trouble. As he reflected on the mess he felt himself in, he found himself thinking, "You pray for grace to teach others the way of salvation, and you have not prayed for your own salvation." He later recounted, "My salvation followed me wherever I went. I felt constrained to pray for myself; and while praying for myself my mind became alarmed. I felt and saw myself a poor sinner. I was LOST! My agony became great. I was plowing in the field, and knelt down at each end of the furrow to pray. The word lost, lost, went every round with me. Midway in the field I could go no farther, but sunk behind the plow, crying, 'Lord save me, I am lost!'—and again the thought or voice said, 'I am come to seek and save that which was lost.' In a moment a stream of joy was poured over me."

On that Pentecost Sunday of 1767, when Boehm shared of his heart-transforming encounter with God's love, Otterbein recognized they had had the same experience. He hugged Boehm, declaring, "We are brothers!" They worked together in ministry for several decades, and in 1800 they officially founded the first American Christian denomination, the United Brethren in Christ. Two United Brethren churches, along with another, joined in 1967 to form Trinity Church in Lickdale.

May Birthdays

Carol Kreiser	3
Lynn Werner	4
Scott McFeaters	8
Colette Schindler	8
Jan Rhea	9
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
Joanne Winters	8
Sheila Seaman	11
Blake Simniskis	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
John & Gayeleen Barna	28



June Anniversaries

Robert & Tessa Gibson	4
Kyle & Amy Kreiser	14
Kevin & Tammy Reichert	16
Bernie & Barb Rollman	21

*Don't see
your birthday or
anniversary listed, let the*



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 9th at 1 pm
Saturday, June 13th at 1 pm
While supplies last in the parking lot at Jonestown UMC.



RECOGNITION OF 2026 GRADUATES

Sunday, June 7th
10 am Worship Service.
We will recognize and celebrate our High School and College Graduates of 2026. If you are graduating this year, please notify Pastor Brian or Deb Shuey by May 17th.

CONGREGATIONAL meeting

Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 17th following the Worship Service.



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.



Don't Let Summer Go Hungry Food Drive

for Joy Pantry May 1st to 31st
Collection table will be set up in May. Items most requested are:

applesauce, assorted fruit juices, squeezable jellies, spaghetti/tomato sauces, ranch dressing, mayonnaise, brownie mix, pudding cups, paper towels, peanut butter, rice-a-roni, cream of soups (any), salt, pepper and assorted spices. Also, reusable tote bags. Questions see a member of the Mission & Faith Committee.



Church Directory Updates:

Please make the Following updates in your 2026 church directory:

- * Add phone number for Donna Kramer 484-651-5653
- * Add Jody Kohr 130 N. Center St. Fredericksburg, PA 17026 717-389-5124



Rainforest Falls VBS Exploring the Nature of God!

July 6 to 10 6:30—8:30 pm

3 years old through completed 9th grade

Let's get ready to make a splash at Rainforest Falls VBS! Kids will discover how God's love grows everywhere! Everyday, we'll go on an exciting Bible adventure through the rainforest and learn more about God and his Son, Jesus. Our young adventurers will be guided by our jungle guides to create awesome crafts, enjoy wild games and eat some treetop treats.

Bring your friends and let's hit the trail!

A registration form will be posted at www.trinitylickdale.org. A registration table will be in the lobby for VBS or contact the church at 717-865-4361.


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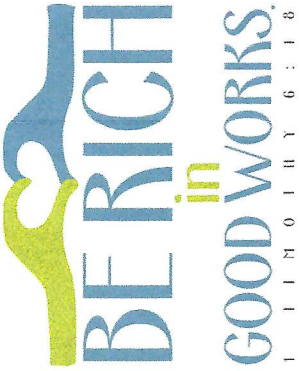
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service w/ Communion 2:30 pm House of God 6-7:30 pm Trinity Kidz & Youth Group	4	5 7 pm House of God	6 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice 7 pm What Do They Believe Bible Study	7 11 am Prayer & Communion Service	8	9 1 pm Food Distribution at Jonestown UMC
10 Mother's Day 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 2:30 pm House of God	11	12 9 am KoffeeKlatch (Quitting Group) 6:30 pm SPR Meeting 7 pm House of God	13 6 pm Worship Team Meeting 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice 7 pm What Do They Believe Bible Study	14 11 am Prayer & Communion Service 7 pm Mission & Faith Meeting	15	16
17 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 2:30 pm House of God 6-7:30 pm Trinity Kidz & Youth Group	18	19 6 pm Mother & Daughter Banquet 7 pm House of God	20 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice 7 pm What Do They Believe Bible Study	21	22	23
24 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 2:30 pm House of God	25 	26 9 am KoffeeKlatch (Quitting Group) 2 pm Women in Faith (UJWW) 7 pm Trustee Meeting 7 pm House of God	Annual Conference at Wildwood Conference Center		29	30
31 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service w/ Joyful Noise Offering 2:30 pm House of God						



June 2026

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