



# The Beacon

The Newsletter of  
St. Paul's  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
McConnellsburg, PA  
Trinity  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
Fort Loudon, PA

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise thee, O God; let all the peoples praise thee!  
Psalms 67:1-3

**MAY 2019**

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH WOMEN YARD SALE

**Thursday, May 16th and Friday, May 17th  
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

Huge selection of items priced to sell plus baked goods. Please gather good, unwanted items and clothes you would like to get rid of. You can bring your STUFF to the church starting after church on May 12th—Wednesday the 15th.



## St. Paul's Sunday, May 19

St. Paul's Heifer Project dedication during worship, planting flower pots and pizza for the youth after worship.

St. Paul's Last day of Youth Sunday School for the summer. Stay tuned for summer group activities.

Way to go!!!



The Fort Loudon-McConnellsburg Charge  
of the  
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STAMP



I'm so grateful for the beautiful Holy Week we shared leading to Easter. It was great to see everyone on Palm Sunday, waving palms and marching around the church. Our simple supper on Maundy Thursday felt like a family meal, sitting around the table and sharing the story. The Seven Last Words prayer services on Good Friday were so meaningful for me, and I hope for you too. I can still hear the hammering of the cross when I think back on it.

The highlight of Holy Week was, of course, Easter Sunday. Hearing people of all ages proclaim the resurrection through scripture and song was awesome! As we continue in this season of Easter, we will follow the lives of the apostles in the book of Acts as they go out to share the Good News following Jesus' death and resurrection.

We will witness the birth of the church, and we will be reminded by the example of those first Christians that we too are living testimonies to the Risen Christ. It's a reminder to share our own good news: where we have found new life in Jesus Christ, and where we have seen the glory of God with our own eyes.

Over the spring and summer, I invite people of all ages to consider sharing their testimonies in church. Our own stories are a gift to one another and the world. When share what Jesus Christ has done for us, and what God is doing among us, we inspire others.

## *Coming up in Worship*

### **May 19 Blessing of the Animals**

The congregation is invited to bring pictures of their pets, past and present, for a special ceremony to honor the animals who have blessed our lives. Stuffed animals are also welcome! Congrats to our St. Paul's youth as on this Sunday we will also celebrate their accomplishment of raising more than 2k to provide livestock and training to struggling families around the world through Heifer International.

### **June 2 Noon Picnic at Cowans Gap**

### **Summer Study**

Are you interested in participating in our summer study on the Parables of Jesus? If so, let me know so we can arrange a time that will work best for all who want to participate.

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## 185 YEARS IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

St. Paul's will be celebrating 185 years of ministry!!! Come see what has changed and what is new. God has blessed our church (the people) over the past 185 years and we can feel God working in great ways among us today.



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**fueledyouth** "Mentor leadership is all about serving. Jesus said, For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many"- Tony Dungy We will be hosting a "Campfire" session on the importance of being positive mentors for our upcoming 6th graders. 8pm.... s'mores, drinks, fellowship and laughter will be provided 🔥

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TRINITY!



## CELEBRATING 200 YEARS IN MINISTRY!

What a milestone! In celebration of our 200th Anniversary, Trinity UCC will be recognized at the Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting June 7-8. Please let us know if you have pictures to share for a slideshow that will be shown during the ceremony on Friday, June 7.

Please also consider attending! Accommodations are reasonable for one or both days, and all ages are welcome! Learn more by talking with the Pastor or at [pccucc.org/annual-meeting](http://pccucc.org/annual-meeting).

# Camp Descriptions:

## **Adventure/Middle School Adventure/Senior High Adventure:** Our

Adventure camps are for campers looking to experience Hartman Center the adventurous way! Campers usually stay in wooden a-frames or cabins and cover all the basics of camp- hiking The Knob, creek hiking, rafting down the Juniata river, swimming in our pool, craft time, co-operation trail and more. They will also engage with one another in learning more about their faith within God's great creation. This is a general camp for 4th-6th graders (Adventure) and 7th-10th graders (Middle School Adventure), and 9th-12th graders (Senior High Adventure) that want a little bit of everything from their time at Hartman Center.

**Family Camps/Grand Camp :** Our Family Camps are designed to be uniquely flexible towards any family members that want to check out camp together! We encourage nuclear families or distant relatives to spend either a half-week or full week together in God's creation. Usually our intergenerational camps will cover the basics of camp life including a cookout, hiking, and swimming.

**Counselor in Training:** This camp is designed for anyone in high school looking to become a counselor! Our director, Betsy Bruaw, has been leading young adults into this unique camper/counselor space for many years now. CIT campers will learn about boundaries, how to start a fire, camp songs and games, and have experience working with campers at camp that week. This is an awesome way to start the journey to being a counselor at Hartman Center!

**Fishing Camp :** Fishing Camp is exactly what it sounds like- a whole lot of fishing! With expert help from our directors, campers will learn to fish in different environments around Hartman Center. These campers will not only learn to be fishers of wildlife, but also of people! Come check out how God has called us to be fishers of people and fish.

**Getting Started :** Getting Started is the perfect beginning for any young camper that wants to test the waters at Hartman Center without committing to a full week. Campers will experience a little bit of everything including hiking, swimming, crafts, picnic, cooking out, and much more.

**Water World/Water World Jr:** Without much need for explanation, Water World is just as it seems! Activities will be sure to leave your camper feeling waterlogged by the end of the week.

Water relay games, extra pool time, creek hikes, rafting down the Juniata river, water Balloon fights, and more!



**Soccer Camp:** Soccer camp at Hartman Center is a camper favorite! Our directors, Tom and Allison, work hard to provide plenty of time to build skill, scrimmage, and learn the basics of soccer throughout the week. At the end of the week, the campers challenge the counselors to a soccer game to show the rest of Hartman Center what they've learned this week.

**Extreme Camp/Extreme Jr.** at Hartman Center has a reputation of its own! These campers are always up for a challenge, love to take things to the extreme, and especially love a good competition. This camp takes both HC traditions and new things to the extreme including stream hiking, rafting, hiking the knob, and working together on our low ropes cooperation trail. If you're ready to take things to the next level, this camp is for you!

**"ARTS" Week :** New this summer is an entire week dedicated to camps for the artistic camper of any age! Our traditional MADD (Music, Art, Drama, Dance) camp is being offered for Older campers and now we've added MADD Jr. for campers in 4th-8th grade. The three day getting started camp will also participate. We are excited to host a full week of creative arts camps with special options throughout the week. Join us as we cultivate a creative community together.

**Body, Mind, Spirit (BMS) :** Spend 3 days in the outdoors with other adults practicing mindfulness, yoga, and spirituality. Whether you're new to the practice or an experienced yogi, we welcome you to spend three days with us in community.

**Double Dip:** If you like ice cream, you'll love this camp! Nearly every day our campers will experience ice cream at a different ice cream shop. Chocolate, vanilla, strawberry and everything in between- if you're an ice cream fanatic, this is the camp for you!

**Camp of the Heart:** This camp welcomes campers with disabilities to join in on the fun. Director Kara Druckenmiller is a certified Special needs instructor and with her staff has many years of experience. For three days campers will do everything from crafts to swim time and more. We ask that you contact us prior to registration if you're hoping to register a camper new to Hartman Center for this.



**Hartman Center**  
Camp, Conference and Retreat Center



# 2019 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Early Bird Registration Price - before April 15/Regular Registration Price - after April 15

Cost                      Cost

DATES AREA†	CAMP NAME	DIRECTORS	before3/31	After3/31	GRADE	
<b>WEEK 1</b> June 23-29	CIT (Counselors In Training)	Betsy Bruaw	\$396 / 440		10-	Cabins
	Fishing Camp	Dave Bushnell & Mike Landis	\$396 / 440		12	Cabins
	Middle School Adventure	Carol Price & Nicole Henry	\$396 / 440		Inter	Cabins
	Adventure	Lee & Libby Nocheck	\$396 / 440		7-9	A-Fr
	Getting Started (June 23-26)	Tim & Kristine Butz	\$225 / 250		4-6	ML
	Family (June 26-29)	Tim & Kristine Butz	\$225* / 250*		1-3	ML
			*Children 6-11 Half Price Under 6 - \$50		Inter	
<b>WEEK 2</b> June 30-July 6	Extreme Camp	Jen Crothers & Melissa Snow	\$396 / 440		7-10	Cabins
	Water World Jr	TBA	\$396 / 440		4-6	Cabins
	Senior High Adventure	Tom Downing	\$396 / 440		10-	A-Fr
	Getting Started (June 30-3)	Matt & Becky Hoover	\$225 / 250		12 1-3	ML
<b>WEEK 3</b> July 7-13 <b>ARTS WEEK</b>	MADD (Music, Drama, Dance) - Youth will be housed and grouped by grade but will also create and learn and perform together	Alice Rauch	\$418 / 465		4-12	Cabins
	Arts & Crafts	Deb Frailey	\$396 / 440		5-8	Cabins
	Body, Mind & Spirit (July 7-10) Camp of the Heart (July 10-13)	D'heedene & Kowalik Kara Druckenmiller	\$225 / 250 \$315 / 350		Adult Inter	ML ML
<b>WEEK 4</b> July 14-20	Adventure	Charlie & Kori Eisenhart	\$396 / 440		4-6	Cabins
	Soccer	Tom & Allison Downing	\$396 / 440		6-9	Cabins
	Water World	Alex Weiss & Maggie Smith	\$396 / 440		7-9	Cabins
	Getting Started(July 14-17)	TBA	\$225 / 250		1-3	ML
	Grand Camp(July 17-20)	Rachel Schwab	\$225* / 250*		Inter	ML
				*Children 6-11 Half Price Under 6 - \$50		
<b>WEEK 5</b> July 21-27	Extreme Jr.	D'heedene & Koogle	\$396 / 440		4-6	Cabins
	Senior High Adventure	Dani Fair	\$396 / 440		9-12	Cabins
	Middle School Adventure	Laura Bair	\$396 / 440		7-9	Cabins
	Intergenerational (Full Week)	Julie Beall & Ron Oelrich	\$396* / 440*		Inter	ML
	Intergenerational (Half week)	Julie Beall & Ron Oelrich	\$225* / 250*		Inter	ML
				*Children 6-11 Half Price Under 6 - \$50		

† A-Fr: A-Frames

ML: Michaux Lodge

# 2019 May

7	Eli Rotz
8	Charlotte Mester
9	Carrin McElhinny
11	Leighton Kulp
14	Carol Mellott
17	John Daniels John Daniels, Jr.
19	Christie Dick
20	Denny Buterbaugh
21	Emily Dick
24	Sherry Disney
26	Susan Glazier
28	Kirk Cover



## Trinity's Ushers:

*Blaze and Jeff Zeis*

## St. Paul's Ushers:

*Renee and Nevaeh Earley*

## St. Paul's Flowers:

*Carol Mellott*



Rich and Barb Hurst  
Cindy Armstrong  
Linda Best's niece, Liza  
Lana Pine and family  
Karen Fox and family  
Corinna Rotz and family, Ryder, Korbyn  
Crystal Ellsworth  
Skip and Betty Daniels  
Pam and Denny Carmack  
Donna House's sister, Connie Bartlett  
and family  
Denise Mellott's cousin Sandy and family  
Carl and Carol Mellott  
Evelyn Zeis  
Bernice Crouse's Aunt Marie  
Dennis Hess  
Robert Door  
Jean McLucas  
Nancy Barmont  
Sawyer and Jan Bye family  
Meril Fetters  
Military and families  
All Sunday school classes  
Our Church & ministries



*If you have any additions or corrections to the prayer list or the birthday list, please contact the church office.*



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# MAY

**Wednesday, May 1**

Trinity Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 4**

Trinity Church Clean Up Day, 9:00 a.m. with lunch to follow

**Saturday, May 11**

Trinity Chicken BBQ, Yard and Bake Sale, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 12**

Mothers' Day

**Friday, May 3**

St. Paul's Fueled Youth Group, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, 8**

St. Paul's Church Women Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 12**

St. Paul's Mother's Day, \$100.00 of the morning worship offering will be sent to Homewood Retirement Homes

**Tuesday, May 14**

Trinity Consistory meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Thurs./Friday, May 16,17**

St. Paul's Annual Church Women United Yard and Bake Sale

**Sunday, May 19**

St. Paul's Heifer Project dedication

St. Paul's Last day of Youth Sunday School for the summer.

Stay tuned for summer group activities

**Tuesday, May 21**

St. Paul's Consistory meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 27**

Memorial Day

