



The Beacon

The Newsletter of
St. Paul's
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**
McConnellsburg, PA
Trinity
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**
Fort Loudon, PA
MAY 2024

Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." John 20:29



Trinity is holding a Chicken BBQ fundraiser on May 11, to help feed mothers on their special day. Reservations may be made in advance by calling or texting Heidi Myers at 717-360-6582. Dinners with baked beans, applesauce, and roll are **\$11.00**; half chickens with roll are \$9.00. Pick up time is between 11:00 and 1:00. We will continue to sell until extras are gone, usually about 2:00 PM. A limited amount of home-baked desserts will be on sale.



The Fort Loudon-McConnellsburg Charge
United Church of Christ
228 North 2nd Street
McConnellsburg, PA 17233

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Greetings, siblings in Christ

What a beautiful Spring is has been. Between the heat, the last day of the school year later this month, and the increasingly giddy anticipation of vacation plans, Summer's approach is in full swing! In May, it's like the energy level is turned up: Colors seem to brighten. Activities seem to multiply. Fresh air and time in the sun increases. Especially with children around, the excitement, tension, and joys of life heighten as summer comes into grasp.

At the same time, our Christianity can seem to fade into the background. Not only due to changing routines and priorities that often take our minds and bodies away from church, but also because the Christian stories we traditionally tell in May are especially distant: May 9th is Ascension of the Lord day—the day we celebrate Jesus bodily *leaving earth* and ascending to heaven. May 19th is Pentecost—the day we celebrate the arrival of the Trinity's most intangible member, the Holy Spirit...

On the contrary! Acts 2 tells us the Holy Spirit suddenly fills the room with *a sound like the rush of a violent wind*, and that *tongues of fire* rested on each of them! Like the apostles, we are individually gifted—each in our own way—to share God's love with the world. When we use the Holy Spirit's gifts, and let her work God's will through us, there is no member of the Trinity we can feel more. So, let us move forward in this season with heightened joy, knowing that wherever the body of Christ goes, God's presence is still with us, and felt all the more in its sharing.

With the heightened joy and *Agape* love,
Pastor Peter



I hold open office hours 10am-2pm at Trinity on Tuesdays, and at St. Paul's on Thursdays.

-My cell phone is (609) 477-9194. Please feel free to call or text. I may not reply on Friday. (My day off.)



The great paradox of parenting is that it moves in both slow motion and fast speed.

ACCOUNT SUMMARY:	
<i>General Fund</i>	
Total Income March, 2024	\$7,917.84
Total Expenses March, 2024	\$10,516.83
Interest Earned GF March, 2024	\$208.65
Net LOSS	-\$2,390.34



January-March, 2024 - Net GAIN \$ 5,062.92

Trinity invites all members of both congregations and guests to a Worship and Picnic event at Pavilion #1 at Cowan's Gap State park on Sunday, June 2, 11:00 AM. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring a dish or two that day. You may also want to bring your favorite lawn chair and other recreational items to enjoy an afternoon at the park, beach, or in the lake. Pavilion #1 is fully handicapped accessible with level access to restroom facilities. Hot dogs and beverage selection will be provided. You may want to bring your personal favorite.



Why do cows have hooves instead of feet?
Because they lactose!

What do you call a cow spying on another cow?
A steak out!

Why did the cow start a fight?
Because someone beefed with her!



How do you make a milkshake?
Give a cow a pogo stick.



St. Paul's UCC *this is your life.....*



Welcome!



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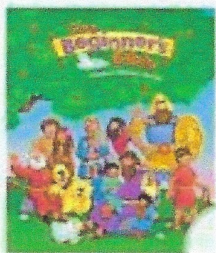
BIBLE DONATIONS



The McConnellsburg Ministerium

is working to provide *Love's Closet* with Bibles for all ages. Bibles will be free to Love's Closet patrons and will bear information for all our churches on the inside cover.

Join the effort! Sponsor a Bible below:

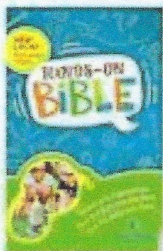


The Beginner's Bible:
Timeless Children's
Stories

\$11.00 each

Pastor Peter signed
us up for 2!

2



Hands-On Bible
for kids. Fun facts,
maps, activities (NLT)

\$25.00 each

Pastor Peter signed
us up for 2!

2



Teen Life Application
Study Bible (NLT)

\$24.00 each

Pastor Peter signed
us up for 5!

5



Envelopes for cash or check (to Peter Billings) can be found in Pastor Peter's office mail box

Pay Pal ^{or} "Peter Billings" also available. Email address: Pete.130087@gmail.com



Celebrating
MAY
Birthdays

- 7 Eli Rotz
8 Charlotte Mester
11 Leighton Kulp
13 Millie Mester
14 Carol Mellott
17 John Daniels
John Daniels, Jr.
19 Christie Dick
20 Denny Buterbaugh
24 Sherry Disney
26 Susan Glazier
27 Scott Arwood
28 Kirk Cover



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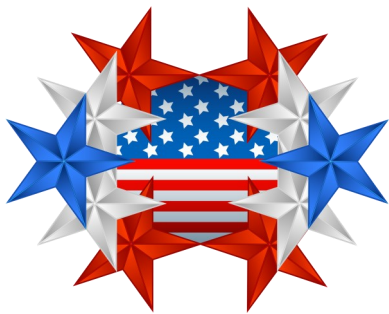
- Andy and Joyce Washabaugh
Barb Hurst
Susan Glazier
Mark Washabaugh
Tom Oliver
Daryl Kendall
Kathy Hess
Sharyn Zeis
Joni Peck and family
Betty Keefer
Kathy and Bill Kendall
Glenn Crouse and family
Betty Burns
Linda Sowers
Lana Pine
Kylene McLucas Arwood
Chase Andrews
Korbyn Rotz
Skip and Betty Daniels
Nicole Hummel
Carol Mellott and family
Dennis Hess
Robert Door
Nancy Barmont
Ann Hays
Military Members and families
Emily Rotz
Leah Hamil
Loy and Linda Garber and family
Kathleen Pappas
Patrick McCarthy
Phillip Harris
Daniel Harper, grandson of Linda Best.
Our Church & ministries, Sunday school classes
teachers and students
522 Youth Group
The healing of our nation + world

2024

The month of
May

Third Sunday each month: Trinity's Building Fund Offering

- Wednesday, May 8 Trinity Consistory meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 8 St. Paul's Church Women United meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 11 Trinity Chicken BBQ fundraiser *see front page for information*
- Sunday, May 12 *Mother's Day*
- Sunday, May 19 Pentecost Sunday
*St. Paul's Confirmation Sunday w/fellowship luncheon following
Worship service*
Fellowship luncheon to follow Worship Service
- Tuesday, May 21 St. Paul's Consistory meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 27 *Memorial Day*
- Friday, May 31 Youth Lock-in @6pm (MUMC)



NOTE: Please call or email the church office to add or remove a name from either the birthday list or prayer list. If you are adding a name please be sure to have that persons permission.

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