

July/August 2026 Newsletter



"God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good." *Genesis 1:31a*

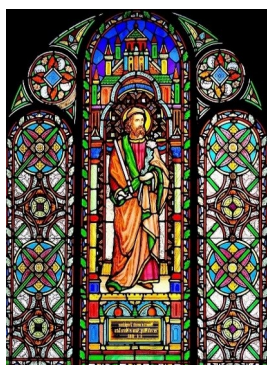
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Stained Glass Window Project Update

Work continues on the stained glass windows, with a few of the windows on the Walnut Street side close to completion. New sealant ensures that they are water tight and weather resistant in order to protect the glass for years to come, and any needed minor repairs to the frames themselves have been completed (along with high quality painting). We are so grateful to Castle Studios for their precise and careful work on this project as it continues!

Fundraising

Currently we have raised (including matching funds) \$33,286.00 toward the project, which we anticipate will cost around \$60,000.00. If you would like to donate to this important work, please do so using a designated offering envelope or by calling the Church Office, 717-336-2141 to coordinate giving.

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Denver Day Worship

Join Faith United Lutheran, St. John's United Church Of Christ, and Trinity United Methodist for our Annual Denver Day Worship Service on Sunday, August 23rd at 10:00am at Denver Memorial Park.

We will pray together for the whole community, participate in a Worship Service, followed by fellowship.

Note: No indoor or online Worship on this day.



Deadline For September, 2026 Newsletter Is Sunday, August 16, 2026.

Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00am to 12:00 Noon.

To submit information for the bulletin or newsletter, please email Shirley Sweigart at: grammyss@ptd.net

or grammyss46@gmail.com

or call 717-538-1946



Friday, July 3, 2026
Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Newsletters

Newsletters are published following Church Council meetings which are held the first Wednesday of each month.

Please continue to provide the Church Office with your email addresses (changes also) to be used for Newsletters, Schedules, etc.

Email your changes to:

faithunited@ptd.net. Thank You!

WANTED

Recipes, inspirational articles, poetry, gardening tips, household tips, etc. to be used in Monthly Newsletters.

Please put your items in the Secretary's mailbox marked "Shirley Sweigart" in the Coatroom.

Church Office Requests

Please call the Church Office at 717-336-2141 when:

- You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital (or have a relative call for you). In order for the pastor to visit, someone needs to inform the Church.
- You are confined to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident;
- You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home;
- There is a change in your family status (birth, death, marriage, or divorce);
- You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college;
- You schedule a meeting or an event of a committee. In an effort to be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin.

Financial Stewardship

There are many ways you can choose to support our ministry:

1. A physical offering will be collected in the plate next to the bulletins prior to and following Worship.
2. To set up a recurring automatic offering straight from your bank account for the sake of regular stewardship, contact our office at (717)336-2141.
3. To make a one time or to set up a recurring gift online today, visit this link or scan the QR code: [Give to Faith United](#)

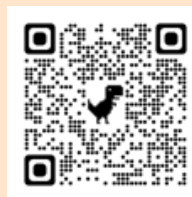


Photo Use Practice

In attending church events, photos may be taken to help keep shut-ins and friends of the church aware of the life and activities of Faith United. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let us know so we may honor your wishes. As a practice, we consider the privacy appropriate to people with special circumstances, but may not know of all sensitive situations. Your help is required or we anticipate permission is given.



Staff

Pastor — Pastor Marissa Becklin

Organists — Cynthia Kauffman

Sharon Levering Lisa Beard
Grady Daub

Festival Choir Director — Ellen Houser

Office Administrator and

Newsletter Editor — Shirley Sweigart

Custodian — Elizabeth Roman-Reich

From Pastor Marissa Becklin

Reflection from Pastor Marissa:

It is always a blessing to share in the work of the wider church, as it reminds me that we are not on the road of Lutheran faith alone. Just in Pennsylvania there are hundreds of other congregations that are faithfully seeking to share God's love, distribute the sacraments, and dwell in Christ's word together. Together our impact is large, and our ministry makes a difference in this world!

Synod Assembly is always a renewing and rejuvenating time for me as a pastor, but this was especially meaningful as we got to witness the ordination of The Rev. Kimberly Todd, who has been called to lead the people of Friedens Lutheran Church in Myerstown. Similar to how attending a wedding reminds a person of their own vows and wedding day, attending an ordination always reminds me of that day in 2019 when hands were laid on me and I took the vows of ordained ministry.

It's been seven years from that day, and the time has been filled with the joys and challenges entrusted to me as a minister in Christ's church. Each day I use the prayer Martin Luther wrote to ground me:

"Lord God, you have appointed me as a pastor in your Church, but you see how unsuited I am to meet so great and difficult a task. If I had lacked your help, I would have ruined everything long ago.

Therefore, I call upon you: I wish to devote my mouth and my heart to you; I shall teach the people. I myself will learn and ponder diligently upon your Word.

Use me as your instrument—but do not forsake me, for if ever I should be on my own, I would easily wreck it all. Amen."

Ordination is holy and weighty. And yet, at the beginning of our order of worship for ordination in the Lutheran church, we state that "All baptized Christians are called to share in Christ's ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God and for the sake of the human family and the whole creation."

Luther preached about the "priesthood of all baptized believers", emphasizing that while some are called to be ordained specifically as priests, *all* of the baptized play a role in the proclaiming of Christ and the ministry of sharing the gospel.

I thank God for our partnership as a congregation in this ministry, and share with you a prayer that you can use to start each day as part of this priesthood:

"Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon me. Empower me to view my life as a ministry, my daily work as an act of worship, and my interactions as a sacred witness. Give me the courage to be a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to You." Amen.

Reflections on Synod Assembly from Delegate Lori Wise:

In the foyer of the church along with the registration tables were several tabletop displays. When I saw the Women of the ELCA were giving away crocheted finger labyrinths and tiny pocket prayer quilts I had to stop and pick up some free stuff. Along with the Deaconess Community brochure, instructions to crochet your own finger labyrinths, and tiny pocket prayer quilts was a small folded booklet “Funeral Luncheon Menu Suggestions” which I picked up to read. I was wondering how much food to serve at my mom’s memorial service which was to be held in a few weeks. I mentioned this to the person sitting behind the table and in doing so became a little teary eyed. I mentioned that so many things were reminding me of my mom—the tall gray-haired woman I just got a glance of as we were walking in, singing familiar hymns, the little quilt. And now this. As quickly as I mentioned my mothers passing, the woman stood up, came around the table and gave me a long hug. Her mom had died a little over a year ago. She understood. It was a comfort to talk to her.

The hosting church, St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church in York, is approximately an hour drive from Denver. Which is fun when you’re with Pastor Marissa and Jon. The opening of the assembly was held in the nave. A gorgeous space. Tall white columns stretch to the vaulted ceiling. The pews were full, everyone was singing, sunlight streamed through the stained-glass, and the sound of the organ filled the space. After the installation of the newly-elected Deans and secretaries service, the assembly was officially started. We moved to the Fellowship Hall. Another huge space filled with comfortable folding chairs, coffee and snacks. Guests and speakers were introduced, several votes were held on elected positions, we heard recommendations, and reports from committees such as Lutheran Disaster Response, Relief Projects, etc. And through the budget presentation I learned about our synod’s priorities (we’re on a mission from God). In the afternoon Pastor Marissa, Jon and I attended separate seminars. I attended the seminars 1) Becoming a Diaconal Church and 2) Caring for the Earth (we should all visit Wittel Farm in Elizabethtown).

On Saturday the highlight was Holy Communion and the ordination of Kimberly Rose Todd to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament again in the nave. I don’t know how to put this time into words. Experiencing the procession of the cross, all the color, the hymns. It was beautiful, spiritual. The silence and reverence during the laying on of hands was especially moving to me.

Being fairly new to the Lutheran faith and often having questions, attending the synod is an education. The formal services in the nave, along with the reports and elections provides, for me, a better understanding of liturgy, communion, position titles, procedures, the elements, and structure. I still have questions, I’ll always have questions, but I find I really appreciate how these things hold Christ above all and our synod is doing its best to hold Christ sacred and share Christ’s forgiveness, grace and love. Basically, we’re on a mission from God.

Reflections on Synod Assembly from Delegate Jon Dienst:

I enjoyed this year's Synod Assembly in York, PA. There was little business that would be deemed controversial. This is a good thing! I attended two breakout sessions, and the first was about the ELCA Disaster Response efforts. One of the things I learned is that the ELCA Disaster Response are not first responders, but rather they are there for the long haul. Many disasters will have first responders come in for the first couple of weeks and then leave. ELCA Disaster Response is there far longer after the disaster has occurred providing meals, reconstruction efforts and other assistance.

The second breakout session was about a unique ministry in Harrisburg called Christ Lutheran Church. This church was a thriving church in the '60s that had over 3000 members. By the late '90s they were down to just a few families. They have recommitted themselves and flipped the script on what defines church. They focus on the Healing Wheel. This includes the following:



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
GOD'S BEACON ON THE HILL SINCE 1890

**THERE'S HEALING FOR
YOU HERE!**



They have a medical clinic on campus and provide affordable healthcare to those who can't visit a normal doctor's office. They have pursued a lot of grants and other outside funding to make this work. The congregation is about 50 people now. Not 3000, but they are making a serious impact to the community and serving those who are underserved.

If you haven't attended Synod Assembly, you should consider attending in the future. It is something special to sing and worship with 300 of your fellow Lutherans and sharing good coffee and fellowship. A bonus is being able to attend an ordination of a new pastor.

Praise be to God!

July Worship

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 5, 2026

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30. The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 12, 2026

Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 19, 2026

Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 26, 2026

1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52. As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!



August Worship

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 2, 2026

Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21. In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 9, 2026

1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33. Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When

the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 16, 2026

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67:1-7; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28. In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.



Denver Day - Denver Park - 10:00am Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 23, 2026

Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138:1-8; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20. In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 30, 2026

Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.



September Worship

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 6, 2026

Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20. Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.



JULY Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

July 6: Terri Kilrain, Nicholas Gable
 July 8: Jackson Leshner, James Redcay
 July 15: Debra Martzall
 July 16: Lisa Gable, Bret Hartman
 July 19: Cynthia Hegeman
 July 25: Susan Hartman
 July 26: Traci Siebold, James Larson
 July 28: Kim Brugger

ANNIVERSARIES

July 11: Todd and Angela Stewart
 July 16: John and Melissa Voler

AUGUST Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

August 1: Barry Martzall
 August 2: Jo Dienst
 August 3: Debra Demler
 August 6: Christa Deibler-McAllister
 August 8: Rebecca Reed
 August 14: Grace Stewart
 August 15: Barney Tan, Ryan Gola
 August 22: Kathleen Burkhart
 August 27: Rita Dienst

ANNIVERSARIES

August 4: James and Heather Kreider
 August 29: Gerry and Joanne Phillips

SEPTEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

September 5: Ethan Gola
 September 6: Emily Rabe
 September 10: Kyra Arment
 September 17: Brad Fichthorn, Emily Fichthorn, JJ Hertzog Jr.

ANNIVERSARIES

September 5: Arlene and David Brumbach
 September 6: Lori and Craig Stover
 September 8: Gloria and Robert Gates
 Emily and Tyler Rabe
 September 17: Mary and Jim Stewart



80+ Birthdays

Blessings Please remember our
 on your 80+ members with a
 Birthday! card, visit, or phone
 call:

Luther Reinoehl - August 26 - 540
 Wollups Hill Road, Stevens, PA 17578.

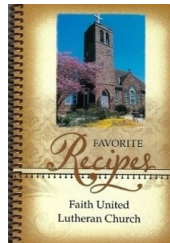
Ellen Houser - September 11 - 215 New
 Street, PO Box 679, Terre Hill, PA 17581.

Karlene Cook - September 15 - 7 St. John
 Circle, Lititz, PA 17543.

July/August/September Food Collection



Food, household, and personal
 items will be collected for
 Ephrata Area Social Services
 in July and August and Peter's
 Porch in September.
 Please deposit the items in the grocery
 cart.



Church Cookbooks

They are sold for \$10.00
 each and are on the counter at
 the back of the Sanctuary.
 Proceeds benefit Faith United
 Youth Ministry.

Connect With Us On Facebook!



For regular invitation to prayer,
 devotional reflections, and updates,
 follow us on Facebook:

@faithunitedelca.

Also, consider joining our Private
 group: Faith United Lutheran Church
 Community Building, where we are
 spending time getting to know one
 another and check in with each other.

Kitchen Calendar

If you are hoping to use the Faith
 United kitchen for any purpose, please
 contact our office so that we can put you
 on the calendar. This allows us to ensure
 availability of the space, and be good
 stewards of our resources. Thank you!

Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 6:30pm

FUEL Council Members Present: Tim Wise, Terry Burkholder, Scott Gola, Terri Kilrain, Adrienne Arment, Rich Billings, Carol Wallace and Pastor Marissa Becklin.

Devotions: Carol Wallace presented devotions. She read Isaiah 41:10. The passage focuses on God's promise to always be there for us. It reminds us to turn to God first when we are anxious and need comforting. This passage and reflection was followed with a prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Gola presented the Treasurers Report. The account balances are as follows: Main Checking Account, \$133,687.00; Money Market Account, \$52,755.00; Endowment Account, \$80,663.00.

A comparison of the offerings from April 2025 and April 2026 offerings was discussed. The offerings are slightly higher this year.

The cost for utilities was discussed. The bills for the winter months were high due to the cold winter. The cost for electric and gas have decreased over the last few months.

The window project will be starting. The company completing the work (Castle) will need a deposit of \$15,000.00. After this they are requesting monthly installments of \$10,000.00 for three (3) months. When the work is completed, they will be paid the remaining balance of \$23,352.00.

At this time, \$33,286.00 was raised for the window project. This includes the matching funds.

Pastor's Report:

Mission and Ministries: There has been a good response to the request for acolytes to assist with Sunday services. A schedule for acolytes will be in the next newsletter.

Pastor Marissa informed the Council that Trey Boyer expressed an interest in being baptized. This will occur in the next few months.

Congregational Challenges: Pastor Marissa encouraged Council members and all members of Faith United to invite others to attend our church. The best way to do this is through a personal invitation. The Council discussed the factors that make our church special and reflected on the fact that the congregation is very welcoming to new people.

Prayer Priorities: Ann Roseboro, Dennis Hill, Terri Kilrain.

Committee Highlights:

Property Committee - Tim Wise

The hand railings for the Sanctuary were completed and installed.

The Stained Glass Window Project will be starting this week.

Maintenance was completed on the heating system.

The cooling system maintenance will occur soon.

A discussion was held regarding the parking lots and community members using the parking lot next to the church entrance on Sundays. It was decided that Pastor Marissa will leave a note on cars asking them not to park their cars in the church parking lot on a Sunday morning.

Peters Porch - Terry Burkholder

Reinholds VFW will be holding a Food Drive at Weaver Markets with food distributions going to Peter's Porch. This will be held on Saturday, May 8.

The local mail carriers are collecting food during the May 8 mail delivery and all of the food collected will be donated to Peter's Porch.

The number of people receiving food each month has been steady but not as high during the winter months. Terry mentioned that there are many more food banks and places for people to access food in the community and this could be the reason.

Fellowship Committee - Terri Kilrain

The Joint Service and Picnic with Mellinger's Church will be held on Sunday, June 28 at the Denver Park.

Tim Hegeman is organizing the main entrée (meat). Members of Faith United will supply side dishes and members of Mellinger's Church will supply desserts.

Cozy Comforters are reminding church members that the quilts they make are available to purchase any time of the year. If you need a gift for someone and want to check out their quilts, reach out to a member of the Cozy Comforters.

Old Business:

Pastor Becklin reported back regarding the Denver Fair and the possibility of the church being involved at a stand during the week of the fair. Trinity United Methodist is no longer interested in being involved with the stand at the fair. St John's United Church of Christ did express interest. Because the decision needs to be made by June, it was decided that this is something that should wait until next fall (2027). The AED will be opened and placed in the back of the Sanctuary until it is mounted on the wall. Tim Wise will reach out to the Property Committee members and request that the AED is mounted. The Council members looked at the foyer area by the side door (ramp door) and had a discussion regarding where to mount the AED.

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A training will be set up for church members to be trained with the AED.

Pastor Becklin is making plans to bless the AED and health care workers during an upcoming Church Service.

New Business:

Endowment Grant Considerations

The Council members reviewed the recent grant requests presented by the Endowment Committee. The following requests were discussed: Builders of Hope (overseen by EASS) requested \$10,000.00 towards home purchase; Reamstown Playground request for \$5,000.00; Denver Memorial Park and Playground Association, Fishpond Restoration, \$5,000.00; Stained Glass Window match, \$12,000.00. Tim Wise made a motion to approve all of the requests from the Endowment Committee. Adrienne Arment seconded the motion. All Council members were in favor.

Denver Boro Cruise Night

Pastor Becklin reported that the Denver Boro had requested to use the church's parking lot for the Annual Car Cruise Night. Council members agreed with this request.

July Council Meeting

The Council members discussed the summer meetings and all members agreed that the Council will not meet in the month of July.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm following the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 6:30pm.

Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 6:30pm

FUEL Council Members Present: Tim Wise, Terry Burkholder, Terri Kilrain, Adrienne Arment, Rich Billings, Carol Wallace and Pastor Marissa Becklin.

Devotions: Terri Kilrain led devotions. She read a passage from Romans 12 verse 18 which focused on the importance of living in peace.

Treasurer's Report: Pastor Becklin reported the current account balances which are as follows: Main Checking Account, \$133,746.00; Money Market Account, \$42,770.00; Endowment Account, \$58,663.00.

A discussion was held regarding moving money into a high interest yield account. It was decided that this should be investigated.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Becklin

Mission and Ministries: Formed for the Way:

Learning the Shape of Worship Sermon Series. This will be part of the focus of this summer's sermons. One specific part of the Worship Service will be discussed and studied each Sunday.

The Denver Park Worship and Picnic will be held on June 28 at 10:00am. Members of the congregation will be asked to bring side dishes that Sunday.

Congregational Challenges: Church members are reminded and encouraged to invite others to visit our church.

Prayer Priorities: Bob Gates.

Council Action/Discussion: Pastor Becklin will be out of the office from June 19 to June 25. Pastor Peter Rustico will supply in Worship on Sunday June 21, 2026. (Pastor Becklin is available in case of emergencies).

Office Administrator, Shirley Sweigart will be on vacation from June 11, 2026 to June 22, 2026. The church office will be closed.

Pastor Becklin has been in discussion with Melissa Voler regarding the possibility of starting a Yoga Program at the church. This would be opened to the community as well as church members. Donations would be encouraged with proceeds benefitting Peter's Porch.

Pastor Becklin attended a meeting/launch activity for the **Community Hive** (formerly Ephrata Area Social Services). She described how far reaching their services are into the Cocalico region. She also discussed the name change and the reasons for the change. The Council members agreed that this is an organization our church needs to continue to support.

Committee Highlights:

Property Committee - Tim Wise

The Stained Glass Window Project is underway and everything is going well.

Members of the Property Committee will reach out to Steve Randler regarding the idea of a handicapped bathroom. They will ask him to provide a quote for this project.

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of improving the bathrooms downstairs and making them more accessible.

Peters Porch - Terry Burkholder

It was reported that the new leadership is going well.

A virtual meeting will be held on June 22 (Community Action Partnership). This is a brief meeting discussing the ordering process for CAP.

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Fellowship Committee - Terri Kilrain

The Fellowship opportunities after Service are going well with many people participating.

The Annual Summer Picnic in the Park will be Sunday, June 28 at 10:00am at the Denver Memorial Park.

A Community Church Service will take place at the end of August at the Denver Memorial Park with more information to follow.

A Polka Service is planned for October 18, 2026 with a meal to follow focusing on German foods. It was decided that the Church Service will be moved to 10:00am that Sunday.

The Quilt and Bake Sale will take place in November.

A Fellowship Activity is planned for November 22, 2026 after church. The activity will consist of Advent Wreath Making and some type of food.

Social Ministry Highlights - Pastor Becklin

The Social Ministry Committee and Pastor Becklin are working on getting a speaker from Builders of Hope to come and describe their mission to church members.

The Social Ministry Committee is working on getting details for a Sock Campaign for the month of June.

The Social Ministry Committee is planning on doing a project with the Cocalico School District in July involving filling backpacks for students in the district.

Pastor Becklin discussed partnering with the Samaritan Counseling Center and providing them with money financially. She discussed the role of the center. The Council members agreed that this is something the church should support.

Ingathering for Fall - this will involve collecting school supplies and monetary donations for the purchase of school supplies.

Old Business:

Pastor Becklin will have a meeting on Monday in regards to the possibility of having the Ring Toss Stand at the Denver Fair with all three churches involved.

Parking Lot Update - the possibility of working with the Denver Boro in regards to the parking lot across from the church will be discussed at the Denver Boro Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

Council members decided on a place for the AED to be mounted. The Property Committee members will take care of getting this mounted.

New Business:

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of passing the offering plate again. This will be

discussed with the Worship/Music Committee. July/August unlocking of the church and devotions were discussed. Pastor Becklin will reach out to Council members if she needs assistance unlocking the church during those months.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm following the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Wallace

FUEL Council Secretary

Congregation Council Meetings

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

6:30 PM

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Terry Burkholder - President Adrienne Arment

Tim Wise - Vice President Rich Billings

Carol Wallace - Secretary Bob Gates

Scott Gola - Treasurer Terri Kilrain



**Faith United
Ministry
Endowment:
Grant
Applications
Now Available
For Ministry
Projects And
Generosity**

The Endowment Committee is requesting that anyone with ideas about ministry projects or generosity in the community/world that these funds might would fill out an application for the Committee to consider. Applications are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Church Office.

**Children's
Bulletins**

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July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Outdoor Worship and Picnic with Mellingers in Denver Park	29 Peter and Paul, Apostles	30 6:00pm Pack Bags For Peter's Porch	1 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown	2	3 Church Office Closed Pastor Marissa's Day Off Thomas, Apostle 3:00pm REAL Life First Friday Food Drive, Warehouse 916, Main Street, Denver	4 Independence Day 7:30am Peter's Porch - Faith United
5 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost Summer Sermon Series - Formed for the Way: Learning the Shape of Worship Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	6	7 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	8 Church Office Closed 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall	9	10 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	11 8:00am Peter's Porch - Lititz Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Lititz 8:30am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Faith Fellowship Hall
12 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost Summer Sermon Series - Formed for the Way: Learning the Shape of Worship Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	13 12:30pm Parish Secretaries Monthly Meeting, Two Cousins Restaurant, Reamstown	14	15 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown	16	17 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	18 8:00am Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron
19 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Summer Sermon Series - Formed for the Way: Learning the Shape of Worship Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	20	21 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	22 Mary Magdalene, Apostle 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall	23 Pastor Marissa at Candidacy Committee	24 Pastor Marissa's Day Off Winters Scholarship Application Deadline	25 James, Apostle 8:00am Peter's Porch - Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church, 2420 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster
26 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Summer Sermon Series - Formed for the Way: Learning the Shape of Worship Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	27 6:30pm Endowment Committee Meeting	28 6:00pm Pack Bags For Peter's Porch	29	30	31 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	1 7:30am Peter's Porch - Faith United

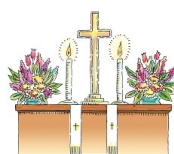


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August 2026

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2 Summer Sermon Series - Formed for the Way: Learning the Shape of Worship Tenth Sunday After Pentecost Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	3	4 National Night Out, Denver Park 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	5 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown 6:30pm Congregation Council Meeting	6	7 Pastor Marissa's Day Off Purple Heart Day 3:00pm REAL Life First Friday Food Drive, Warehouse 916, Main Street, Denver	8 8:00am Peter's Porch - Lititz Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Lititz 8:30am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Faith Fellowship Hall
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16 September Newsletter Article Deadline Summer Sermon Series - Formed for the Way: Learning the Shape of Worship Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	17	18 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	19 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown	20	21 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	22 8:00am Peter's Porch - Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church, 2420 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster
23 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost 10:00am Denver Day Worship, Denver Park	24	25 6:00pm Pack Bags For Peter's Porch	26 Luther Reinhoehl Birthday 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall	27	28 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	29
30 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost Summer Sermon Series - Formed for the Way: Learning the Shape of Worship Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Backpack Blessing 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	31	1 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	2 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown 6:30pm Congregation Council Meeting	3	4 Pastor Marissa's Day Off 3:00pm REAL Life First Friday Food Drive, Warehouse 916, Main Street, Denver	5 7:30am Peter's Porch - Faith United

2026 Altar Flower/Bulletin Sponsor Sign-Up



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flower Chart for 2026 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance.

Format: To sponsor flowers, sign your name on the chart; order the flowers from the florist of your choice, pay them and call the church office, 717-336-2141, to arrange to bring them to the Church. Shirley will call you to find out the wording you want in the Church Bulletin.

The Bulletin Sponsor Chart for 2026 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance. Cost is \$25.00 per Sunday.



Bulletins

You may call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to get your name on either Chart.

Christian Symbols

SHELL: A scallop shell, often shown pointing downward with three drops of water falling from it, is a Christian symbol of baptism and the washing away of sin. The three drops of water represent the Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



From the earliest centuries of the church, the shell was connected with baptism because it could be used to pour water over a person's head. In a time when many baptisms took place in rivers, lakes or outdoor settings, a simple shell served as a natural vessel, reminding believers that God uses humble, ordinary things to accomplish sacred purposes.

Today, the scallop shell continues to appear in baptismal fonts, church art and Christian design. It quietly proclaims the message of baptism: washed by grace, claimed by God and welcomed into the family of faith.

SUNFLOWER: The sunflower, a symbol of faithfulness and devotion, represents a life turned toward God. Just as the flower follows the sun, believers are called to seek the light of Christ and remain focused on Him.



Its bright bloom reflects the joy and glory of God's presence, while its steady growth points to a life rooted in faith. The many seeds of the sunflower can also symbolize spiritual fruitfulness.

In Christian symbolism, the sunflower reminds us to remain steadfast, to seek God daily and to reflect His light in all we do.

thank you

Thank You to everyone who sent cards and prayers for Florence Rutt during her stay at Ephrata Manor the past several years. Your care and kindness was greatly appreciated.

We were blessed to celebrate her 100th Birthday with her just one week before her passing. She enjoyed her cake and ice cream! God Bless You All!

The Florence Rutt Family

Birthday Surprise! Peter's Porch staff honored me with a cake for my 80th Birthday on June 6th. It was shared by staff and clients. The number 80 is a bit imposing but...the cake was good and the sentiment and good wishes were even better. There is one moment that was humbling and I need to share. A client hugged me and said "Thank You, I never tasted a Birthday cake before today." So, that made the cake even more special. **Thank You** also to the Faith members for the Birthday cards that I received!

God's peace to all of you. *Dawn Frees*

Thank You for your generous donation of \$5,000.00 toward the Reamstown Park. It is greatly appreciated.

*Gayle Hirneisen, Vice President
Memorial Park Association of Reamstown*

Dear Faith United Church,
Words cannot fully express the appreciation for the support that you have given to the Denver Memorial Park over the years and most recently the \$5,000.00 for repairs and replacement of stonework to the 77 year old fish pond in the Park.

Since the Park Association has been faced with the task of repairing this costly but beloved structure in our town, we could not do this without your generosity and support! We sincerely appreciate and **Thank You** for your help! *Warm regards,*

Mindi Stoner, Park Association Treasurer



Have you been attending Worship with us online or in-person, and are looking for more information about joining our community in an official way? Membership is a mutual commitment between you and our congregation to love and support one another on our faith journey. If this interests you, please email Pastor Marissa at:

pastormbecklin@gmail.com.

Winters Scholarship

The Sara Stober Winters Scholarship is awarded annually by Faith United to students pursuing higher education in the fields of ordained ministry, medicine, teaching or other “helping and caring” fields deemed appropriate by the Church Council.

Applications are available in the Church Office by emailing the office at: faithunited@ptd.net for anyone interested in applying, and are due in the Church Office by Friday, July 24, 2026.

For questions or more information, please contact the Church Office at 717-336-2141, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00am - Noon.

Favorite Hymns For The Summer

During the Summer months, we would like to sing Favorite Hymns from the congregation.



Please sign the chart on the cabinet with your favorite hymn. If the hymn is already listed, just check the column behind it.

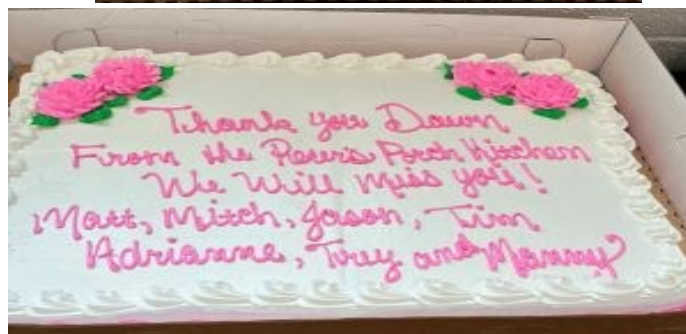
If worshipping online, you can request hymns by emailing:

pastormbecklin@gmail.com

What's Happening at Faith United?



Dawn's 80th Birthday and Her Semi-Retirement from Peter's Porch



What's Happening at Faith United?

Send your pictures in for
next month's newsletter!



Follow Us On Instagram
for more photos!

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Mother's Day Flowers



A Church in Red for Pentecost!



**Pastor Tim Craven and
Kim Craven at Outdoor
Worship**



**One Window Complete
with Glass Returned!**

Communion Bread

Please Sign the chart on the cabinet at the back to provide One Loaf of bread each Sunday.



Please Bring The Bread To The Church By Friday 9:00-12:00pm.
Open Dates: July 26; August 2, 9, 16, 30.

The Upper Room Daily Devotional

July - August, 2026

Christ In Our Home Daily Devotional

July, August, September, 2026

Also, A Large Print Version is Available

Please call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to set up an appointment to pick one up.

Generic Offering Envelopes

Generic Offering Envelopes are available for use on the table with the bulletins.



Peter's Porch

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The First Saturday of Each Month

July 4, 2026
August 1, 2026
7:30-10:00am

If you are interested in helping on the first Saturday of the month just show up!

Bags for Peter's Porch are packed on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm.



Coffee and Conversation Every Sunday After Church.

Coffee and Conversation is picking up. Please keep Coffee and Conversation simple. The church will supply the coffee, creamer, and some sort of drink. The sign-up sheet is on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary.

Contact Terri Kilrain if you have questions.



The Cozy Comforters

need gently used sheets (No flannel, No white, please) or fabric (should be cotton or cotton blend) to use for their comforters. Please put your donations at the back of the Sanctuary or in the Cozy Comforters Sewing Room. Cozy Comforters would like to let everyone know that anytime throughout the year if you would like to purchase a quilt, please see a member of the Cozy Comforters and you can purchase one for \$40.00. You do not have to wait to fall to get a quilt. These are great for graduation gifts and for someone going off to college.

Take Out Only Community Meal No Charge

Thursday, August 27, 2026

**Pre-Order Required by
Friday, August 21, 2026**

Pickup Time - 5:30-6:00 PM
Trinity United Methodist Church
420 Main Street, Denver
(Rear Entrance)

Call 717-336-6748 or
Email: swampcf@ptd.net

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Jesus said that his followers are the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). It wouldn't do much good to hide a light under a bushel, he said. It should be put on a lamp-stand to give light in the house. Then Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see ..."



Choose the ending of Jesus' sentence:

- A. their way and not stumble.
- B. how good and faithful you are as my servants.
- C. your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
- D. in their darkness.

Answer: C (Matthew 5:16, NIV)

SERVING JULY 5, 2026 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Date	Lector	Technology	Ushers	Offering Counters
July 5, 2026	Angela Stewart	Scott Gola	Linda Riddell Jeff Hartman	Terri Kilrain Chris Billings Rich Billings
July 12, 2026	Lori Stover	Tim Wise	June Wolf Don Wolf	Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover
July 19, 2026	Harold Martzall	Lori Stover	Lori Wise Tim Wise	Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell
July 26, 2026	Gloria Shober	Deb Demler	Carol Wallace Mike Wallace	Tim Hegeman Bob Gates Gloria Gates
August 2, 2026	Dave Harnish	Scott Gola	Mary Stewart Jim Stewart	Terri Kilrain Chris Billings Rich Billings
August 9, 2026	Scott Gola	Tim Wise	Angela Stewart Todd Stewart	Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover
August 16, 2026	Deb Demler	Lori Stover	Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell

Denver Day Worship In The Park, Sunday, August 23, 2026 - 10:00am

August 30, 2026	Cindy Kauffman	Deb Demler	Teri Arment Harold Martzall	Tim Hegeman Cynthia Hegeman Ann Roseboro
September 6, 2026	Jim Kreider	Scott Gola	Cynthia Hegeman Tim Hegeman	Terri Kilrain Chris Billings Rich Billings

Date	Acolyte	Communion Bread	Altar Committee	Altar Flowers, Bulletins
July 5, 2026	Aaron Wolf	Bruce Carpenter	Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	Coffee Tracey & Gabby Weidner
July 12, 2026	Jim Kreider	Cynthia Hegeman	Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	Coffee Cynthia Hegeman
July 19, 2026	Jason Carpenter	Cynthia Hegeman	Lori Wise Rachel Carpenter	Flowers Teri Arment
July 26, 2026	Jackson Lesher		Lori Wise Rachel Carpenter	Coffee Tracey & Gabby Weidner
August 2, 2026	Josh Gola		Lori Stover Ann Roseboro	
August 9, 2026	Trey Boyer		Lori Stover Ann Roseboro	Flowers Karlene Cook
August 16, 2026	Aaron Wolf		Carol Wallace Gloria Gates	Coffee Tracey & Gabby Weidner

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August 30, 2026	Jim Kreider	Mary Stewart Joanne Phillips
September 6, 2026	Jason Carpenter	Mary Stewart Joanne Phillips



We ask you to daily pray for the following people and those in your life you know that are in need:

For Comfort:

Jeannette Uibel Family

Dallas Lucas Family

For Healing:

Terry Burkholder

Ethel Farrow

Bob Gates

Terri Kilrain

Lorna Buohl

Mike Sawyer

Earl Dinger

Bob Getz

Joyce Hahn

Jim Boyer

Pat Miller

Curt Snyder

Robert White

Madeline Glass

Susan Hess

You're Also Invited To Call And/Or Send Cards.

List Is Refreshed At The End Of Odd Numbered Months. If You'd Like Someone To Stay On The List Longer, Please Contact The Church Office, 717-336-2141.

Continuing Concerns

Janet Hirneisen, Gerry Phillips, Jean Worline, Betty Witmer, Lisa Beard, Caryll Lausch, Susan Hartman, Barb Boose, Dave Harnish, Dave McGarvey, Dorothy Hoyer, Mae Raudenbush, John Luciani, Matt Donley, Traci Siebold, Rob and Terri Macker, Ralph Whitcomb, Susan Means, Kathryn Ginter, Kristin Means, Chad Sweigart, Maryann Herr, Patricia Krick, Stanley Uibel, Terry and Lori Moyer, Glenn Beard Sr., Jean Wolf, Stan Henderson, Dean Camp, Jed Weidner, Men and Women Serving in our Armed Forces.

**Education
Opportunities**

**Weekly Bible Study
After Worship**

A Weekly Bible Study will be held following Worship each Sunday about the texts from Church that morning. Bring questions you had about the sermon, thoughts and wonderings about the readings, and a heart ready for fellowship!

As the readings from each week are the topic, simply come when you're able.

**Looking for Sunday
Morning Tech Volunteers**

Do you have an interest in technology and a heart to serve? We're looking for additional volunteers to join our Sunday Morning Tech Team! No prior experience is necessary—we will provide training and support. This is a great way to serve behind the scenes and help create a meaningful worship experience for our congregation. If you're interested in learning more or joining the Team, please contact Pastor Marissa or stop by the tech booth after the Service.

Thank You for considering this important ministry!



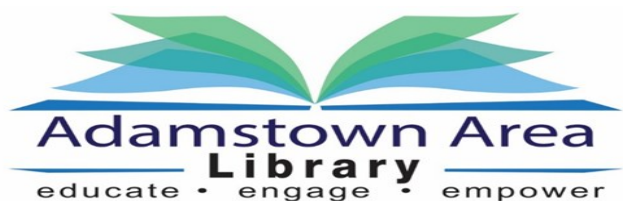
**New Opportunity:
Men's Second
Saturday Breakfast**

Meets second Saturday of the month at 8:30am in the Faith Fellowship Hall.

For more information contact Jon Dienst at jwdienst@gmail.com or call/text, 610-504-3429.

**Young At Heart Meets At
Faith United 2nd And 4th
Wednesdays**

Join folks 60+ from the community in a time of fellowship, games, food, and guest speakers on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Faith United in the Fellowship Hall downstairs from 9:00-11:00am.



Adamstown Area Library Events

Adamstown Area Library is free to use for Pennsylvania residents. Visitors should bring a photo ID or proof of address to receive a Library card. Located at 110 West Main Street, Adamstown, next to the Post Office, the Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 7:00pm, Friday from 11:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Much of the Library's summer youth programming is possible thanks to the Community Action Partnership STEM Connections Grant. To learn more about free events or to register, visit adamstownarealibrary.org or call 717-484-4200.

"DINO-MITE" Play and Learn Center - All Summer. Educational, dino-themed fun with a tent, toys, puppets, blocks, books and more!

Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt - All Summer. Library patrons can pick up a flyer at the Circulation Desk, search in the Children's Room for pictures with matching letters and return to the desk for a prize!

Teen Talk Board - July. The Library invites teens to stop in the Young Adult Section to answer the question: "If you were given \$500 what would you do with it?" For teens.

Friends Book Sale - Every Tuesday, 9:00am-6:30pm. Whatever the genre, there's something for everyone at the Friends Book Sale! \$2.00 hardbacks, \$1.00 trade paperbacks, 50¢ cent paperbacks, plus kids books, puzzles, DVDs and audiobooks.

Fossil Egg Extraction (Monday Madness) - Monday, July 6, drop in from 10:00-11:00am. Participants will be paleontologists and use tools to excavate a dino! For all ages.

Mah-Jongg - Mondays, July 6, 20, August 3, 17, 1:00-3:30pm. Join the Library's welcoming Mah-Jongg group on the first and third Monday of each month for an afternoon of tiles, tactics and great conversation. Whether you're brand-new or a longtime player, these meetups are the perfect chance to learn, practice and connect with fellow enthusiasts. All skill levels are welcome.

Budding Bookworms Preschool Storytime - Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22, August 5, 26, two sessions: 10:00-11:00am and 11:00am-noon. Join the Library for stories and a fun, easy craft. For ages 3-6 with an adult.

Choosing Native Plants for Your Garden with Penn State Extension Master Gardeners - Wednesday, July 8, 5:00-6:00pm. Join the Library for this special presentation by Penn State Extension Master Gardeners! Many may already know about the ecological benefits that native plants bring to PA landscapes, but selecting and finding native plants for a personal garden can be challenging. How do you know which plants are actually native to the area? Where can a person find these plants? And how can someone make sense of plant names so that they know that they're getting what they really want? This program will help participants understand what they need to know to add some new favorites to their garden. For Adults and Seniors. Registration is required.

The Cozy Stitch Collective - Wednesday, July 8, drop in from 5:30-6:30pm. Crochet, Knitting, Embroidery, Cross-Stitch, and more! Bring a project and sit in front of the fireplace to practice your craft, trade tips and enjoy community. All skill levels are welcome. For adults ages 18 and up.

Jurassic Sticker Scene (Thursday Toddler Tomfoolery) - Thursday, July 9, drop in from 10:00-11:00am. Craft a Spinosaurus Sticker Scene using the provided supplies. For families with toddlers.

Courtyard Cafe Drink Taste and Cookie Excavating - Thursday, July 9, 1:00-2:00pm. Participants will excavate chocolate chips from cookies and sip their way through a taste challenge. This event is for tweens and teens. Registration is requested.

Science of Fossils (Friday Fascination) - Friday, July 10, 10:00-11:00am. At the Adamstown Grove Park (West Main Street, Reinholds). Join the Adamstown Area Library for the "Science of Fossils," presented by the Lancaster County Parks & Recreation Department. After story "Fossils Tell Stories" by Yu-ri Kim, participants will identify, handle, and make their own real fossils. For all ages. Please wear old clothing if you plan to attend this program.

Senior Focus Group - Friday, July 10, 1:00-2:00pm. The Adamstown Area Library wants to hear from seniors in the community! We're looking for participants aged 60+ to share their perspectives and feedback about our Library services. Enjoy complimentary coffee and dessert while your insights help shape meaningful decisions for our Library. For seniors. No registration is required.

Cretaceous Cookie Decorating (Monday Madness) - Monday, July 13, drop in from 10:00-11:00am. Participants can turn cookies into Cretaceous masterpieces! For families.

Young at Heart - Wednesdays, July 15, August 5, September 2, 9:00-11:00am. REAL Life Community Services presents Young at Heart, a free program for anyone age 60 and up. Stop by the Library for coffee, chatting, games, crafts and more on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. For more information, call 717-336-7797 or visit realcs.org. For seniors.

Connect with a Social Worker - Wednesdays, July 15, August 5, 19, September 2, 11:30 a.m.-2:00pm. Are you facing challenges or seeking support in your life? A licensed social worker from REAL Life Community Services is here to help. Held every other Wednesday in the Library Community Room. To make an appointment, call Becca at 717-336-7797 or email becca@realcs.org. REAL Life Community Services serves residents of Cocalico School District.

Library Board Meeting - Wednesday, July 15, 6:30-8:00pm. Adamstown Area Library Board of Directors meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Open to the public. For adults.

Q-Tip Bones Craft (Thursday Toddler Tomfoolery) - Thursday, July 16, drop in from 10:00-11:00am. Get crafty with Q-tips and create a hands-on Jurassic craft. For families with toddlers.

Family Focus Group (Virtual) - Thursday, July 16, 1:00-2:00pm. The Adamstown Area Library wants to hear from families like yours! Join a virtual focus group on Zoom where families can share their thoughts and experiences from the comfort of their own homes. Visit the Adamstown Area Library calendar for the Zoom link.

Native American Culture - Thursday, July 16, 5:00-6:30pm. The Library will host a special presentation by Keith Rodriques where he will discuss Native American Culture. He will demonstrate several different aspects of Native American lifestyles, including prayer, common toys, games, and more! This event is for general audiences. Registration is requested.

Dinosaur Discovery (Friday Fascination) - Friday, July 17, 10:00-11:00a.m. At Denver Memorial Park (801 Main Street, Denver). Join the Adamstown Area Library for a "Dinosaur Discovery" presentation by the Lancaster County Parks & Recreation Department. Hunt and find hidden parts of a dinosaur and piece it back together before the story ends. For all ages.

Sean's Social Club - Fridays, July 17, August 21, 1:00-2:00pm. Come join the Library for a meeting of Sean's Social Club. This club is for adults with differing abilities, as well as their friends, family, caregivers, and guests. There will be new and exciting activities every month. Registration is required.

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Jurassic Water Capsules (Monday Madness) - Monday, July 20, drop in from 10:00–11:00am. Add water to release a foam creature from a capsule, and then watch it magically grow! If participants are lucky enough to pick a dinosaur, they will receive an additional prize. For families.

Almost Perfect Crimes - Tuesdays, July 21, August 18, 6:30–7:30pm. Join Miss Jess and discover “Whodunit!” Upon registration, you will receive the Zoom link and the Mini Murder Mystery Story. Additional clues and evidence will be revealed during the meeting as the group tries to solve the crime together. For teens and adults only due to some graphic content. Registration is required.

Rockin' Through History (Wacky Wednesday) - Wednesday, July 22, 10:00–11:00am. Historical musician Damien Drago takes kids and families on a musical and storytelling journey through the founding of our nation. This program is part of our America 250 series and is sponsored by the Friends of the Adamstown Area Library. Registration is requested. Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult. All ages are welcome.

Chomp and Stomp Bracelets (Thursday Toddler Tomfoolery) - Thursday, July 23, drop in from 10:00–11:00am. Stomp like a prehistoric creature while crafting dino-themed bracelets. For families with toddlers.

Paleontology Stream Study (Friday Fascination) - Friday, July 24, 10:00–11:00am. At Reamstown Park (23 East Church Street, Reamstown). Join the Library for a Paleontology Stream Study, presented in partnership with the Lancaster County Parks & Recreation Department. Get in the water, collect critters, and learn what lived in the water 400+ years ago. Please wear closed toe and closed back shoes. For all ages.

Expanding Extinct Dinosaurs (Monday Madness) - Monday, July 27, drop in from 10:00–11:00am. Add water. Wait. Expand! Patrons will watch these two inch dinos grow to 100%. For all ages.

Model Train Storytime (Wacky Wednesday) - Wednesday, July 29, 10:00–11:00am. Full steam ahead for a morning full of toys, trains, and stories. For families with children.

Castañeda's Library Fundraiser - Wednesdays, July 29, August 26, 11:00am–8:00pm. On the last Wednesday of each month, 10% of all proceeds at Castañeda's Mexican Restaurant in Denver (323 Main Street, Denver) will go to the Adamstown Area Library! (excluding alcohol). Dine-in or take-out that day to enjoy great food while supporting the Library!

Community Focus Group - Wednesday, July 29, 6:00–7:00pm. The Adamstown Area Library wants to hear from you! Our Community Focus Group is open to all individuals who want to share their voices. No matter the age, background, or life experience, everyone's perspective is welcome and appreciated. Snacks will be provided. No registration is required.

Stegosaurus Sensory Bins (Thursday Toddler Tomfoolery) - Thursday, July 30, drop in from 10:00–11:00am. Join the Library for this Stegosaurus Sensory Bin exploration! For families with toddlers.

Teen Talk Board - August. The Library invites teens to stop in the Young Adult Section to answer the question: “What do you wish the library had available to borrow for free?” For teens.

End of Summer Party - Saturday, August 1, drop in 9:00–10:30am. Patrons can drop by to celebrate the end of summer! See Sneakers the Clown, participate in activities, receive a bagged lunch from Mohn's Hill Church and win goodies and raffle prizes. Return Summer Reading logs by August 15 to receive prizes. For all ages.

T-Rex Tongue Tattoo (Monday Madness) - Monday, August 3, drop in from 10:00–11:00am. The only day at the Library it is OK for kids to stick out their tongues! Drop in to press a tasty lollipop to your tongue and get an icing tattoo. For all ages.

West African Drum Presentation - Monday, August 3, 5:30–6:30pm. Tammi Hessen, a Lancaster-based drummer who has been studying in the West African, hand drum tradition of djembe/dununs for 20 years, gives a special presentation at the Library. Tammi believes that drumming can unite people from the inside out and continues to celebrate the nature and power of the drum as a musical instrument and tool for joy, transformation and personal, as well as community, healing. She teaches and performs in the local area, including as a

professor at Franklin & Marshall College. For teens and adults. Registration is requested.

Doggie Downtime - Wednesdays, August 5, September 2, 10:45–11:45am. Do you need tail-wagging tranquility? Gaze into Twinkle's calming eyes to help wash your troubles away! Provided by Therapy Dogs International). For all ages.

Ed Klein Animation - Wednesday, August 5, 5:30–6:30pm. Join the Adamstown Area Library for this special presentation by Ed Klein on “The Art of Animation”. Participants will be instructed on how to bring drawings to life and make animation flip books as they learn the basics of animation! Ed has drawn for The Walt Disney Company, Warner Bros. Studios, Don Bluth Animation Studios, Hanna Barbera Studios, Hyperion Studios, Filmmation Studios, Ross Bagdasarian Productions, Calabash Animation Studios, K.C.M.P. and more. This program is for adults. Registration is required.

Volcano MAGNA-TILES (Thursday Toddler Tomfoolery) - Thursday, August 6, drop in from 10:00–11:00am. Kids can explore special Jurassic and volcanic-themed MAGNA-TILES on light tables to bring their creations to life! For families with toddlers.

Appointments with Community Hive Resource Coordinator - Thursdays, August 6, September 3, 10:00am–12:00pm. On the first Thursday of every month, Megan Morey from Community Hive (formerly Ephrata Area Social Services) will be taking appointments in the Library Community Room. She can assist with applying for SNAP and Medical Assistance, as well as offer detailed information on resources or planning unexpected monthly expenses. This is by appointment only. Please call Megan at 717-655-3594 to schedule.

Genealogy Research Circle - Saturday, August 8, 1:00–2:30pm. Explore your family history with guidance from local genealogy researcher Ken McCrea. Every two months, this group offers research support, discussion and hands-on help for beginners and experienced genealogists alike. For all ages.

Phredd Ukulele One Man Band (Wacky Wednesday) - Wednesday, August 12, 10:00–11:00am. Ukulele Flailing, Harmonica Wailing, Suitcase Drumming, Kazoo Humming, Ukulele Bundle of Joy! For over 25 years, Phredd has been creating crazy-fun, joy-soaked music for kids and families. Join the Library for this special, interactive music program for kids and families that includes singing, dancing, hand motions and fun, featuring original songs about pirates, tricycles, chickens, snowmen, popcorn and all sorts of fun things! All ages.

T-Rex Silhouette Painting (Thursday Toddler Tomfoolery) - Thursday, August 13, drop in from 10:00–11:00am. A roaring good time with paint and prehistoric shapes! For families with toddlers.

Jurassic Seek and Find Glow Puzzle - Thursday, August 13, drop in from 1:00–2:00pm. Patrons will discover special items in this seek and find activity that challenges children to pay close attention to even the smallest details. For an extra special twist, participants can shine the included blacklight on their completed puzzles to reveal hidden, glow-in-the-dark objects! This event is for teens and teens. Registration is requested.

Pollinator Storytime - Wednesday, August 19, 10:30–11:30am. Let imagination bloom in this special Storytime with Penn State Extension Master Gardeners. Families can enjoy stories, crafts, songs and activities. For families.

Surprise Dino Day (Thursday Toddler Tomfoolery) - Thursday, August 20, drop in from 10:00–11:00am. A fun, dino-themed surprise! For families with toddlers.

12th Annual Hit the Links Golf Outing - Saturday, August 22, 12:30–6:30pm. Enjoy a day on the greens with Adamstown Area Library at our 12th Annual Hit the Links Golf Outing, where every swing supports Adamstown Area Library! Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just enjoy a fun day out, this is your chance to make a difference while enjoying a beautiful round of golf. All proceeds go directly toward expanding our Library's programs, resources and services for our community. Gather a foursome, grab your clubs and help us write the next great chapter—one hole at a time! Registration and sponsorships are due August 15, 2026 via our website.

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Adamstown Area Library

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Book Club - Monday, August 24, 5:00–6:00pm. Join the Adamstown Area Library for a monthly Book Club! Share thoughts on that month's book and get to know other readers in the community. The monthly book selection is listed in the library newsletter and copies of the book will be available through our online catalog or by calling or visiting a branch. All are welcome, regardless of whether they've finished the book. Registration is required.

Community Hive at AAL - Wednesday, August 26, 10:00am–12:00pm. Community Hive (formerly Ephrata Area Social Services) will be onsite at the Library every fourth Wednesday of the month to answer questions about their free programs, including food insecurity support, case management, transitional housing and transportation. Stop by to meet their friendly team, ask questions and learn more about resources available in the community.

Twinkling Stars Baby Storytime - Thursday, August 27, 10:00–10:30am. Simple stories, rhymes, puppets, songs and fingerplays. For families with babies.

"The Young and The Restless" Toddler Time - Thursday, August 27, 11:00am–noon. Stories, songs and fingerplays, followed by an easy craft and free play. For families with toddlers.

PA MEDI Counselor Medicare Walk-In Sessions Thursday, August 27, 11:00am–2:00pm. The Adamstown Area Library is partnering with the Office of Aging to provide a counselor to help with Medicare enrollment and questions. The counselor will be able to help patrons make informed choices about Medicare coverage options, Medigap policies and Medicare Advantage Plans. Additionally, the counselor will be able to discuss Medicare Savings Plans and more. This event is walk-in appointment only.

Email Prayer Chain

Members of the prayer chain receive emails with prayer requests from our congregation and commit to lifting these needs before God throughout the week. This is a simple but powerful way to care for one another in Christ.

If you would like to be added to the list, please contact the church office, 717-336-2141.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:2

Eating Out

Here is the scoop about gravy and soup,
They will leave spots on your skirt, pants
and shirt.

Ketchup and mustard—might bring a cus
word,

If you're careless whenever you squirt.

When if by chance you are wearing new
pants,

And you are hungry for something to eat,
For sure it's a fact—it will find your lap
As it falls on its way to your feet.

Here's how it goes wearing old tattered
clothes,
And a few messy spots do not matter.
Those succulent drips—that cling to your
lips,
Will always fall back on the platter.
Let us suppose that your food really
knows
When you are wearing your best outer
wear.
If you have in mind—to shed when you
dine,
Be sure you are wearing clean under
wear.
On the other hand, be sure you under
stand,
When you are dressed like a young city
dude,
If you really care—when some people
stare,
Don't be piggish when eating your food.
If you're out for a ride—and you decide,
To stop at a McDonalds window,
Make sure you're prepared to take extra
care,
It could end up on your torso.
Here's some advice that will make you
think twice,
And you're dressed in your favorite suit.
If food brings despair—stay cool and
don't swear,
At ketchup, mustard, gravy and soup.

(Ralph Whitcomb)



**Saturday,
July 4, 2026**

**Friday,
August 7,
2026**



**NATIONAL
PURPLE
HEART
Day**

KID'S PAGE

COOKIE SMILE POPS



Transform slice-and-bake cookies into cheerful lollipop treats and share a few edible smiles.

What you need:

- 1 roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Baking sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Clear treat bags
- Ribbon



What you do:

1. Freeze the cookie dough for 15 to 20 minutes to firm it up, then slice into 1/4-inch rounds.
2. Place cookies on a baking sheet about 2 inches apart.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes.
4. Remove from the oven and gently press a wooden stick halfway into the bottom of each cookie.
5. Return to the oven and bake 3 to 5 more minutes, until lightly golden.
6. Let cookies cool completely.
7. Decorate with frosting to create smiling faces and add sprinkles.
8. Slip each cookie pop into a treat bag and tie with ribbon.



Make a Postcard Puzzle



Summer is full of little moments that remind us that God is guiding each step. Like a puzzle, he brings every piece together in his time.

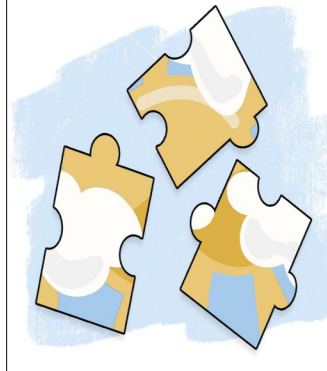
What you need:

- A postcard or printed picture
- Scissors
- Pencil (optional, for guiding your cuts)
- Envelope or small bag (for storing pieces)



What you do:

1. Flip your postcard over and lightly draw puzzle shapes or cut freely.
2. Cut the postcard into a mix of big and small pieces.
3. Mix up the pieces and try to put the picture back together.
4. Store the pieces in an envelope so you can use it again later.



PUZZLE



JOYFUL PSALMS

Psalm 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150 are happy songs of praise. They all begin and end with the same sentence.

Put the words below in alphabetical order in the boxes. Then read down the second column to discover the special sentence from Psalms!

FEAST
KHAKI
MOUTH
ESSAY
LLAMA
ORBIT
CARRY
UDDER
BRUSH
ITEMS
APPLE
LEARN
CIDER

_____!

Answer: Praise the Lord!

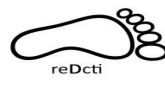
PUZZLE



Footsteps with God

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed footprints in the sand? The poem *Footprints in the Sand* reminds us that God is always with us.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprints to see what Psalm 119:133 (NIV) says about our steps. (Hint: the bold letters show the first letter of each word.)



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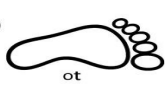
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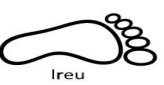
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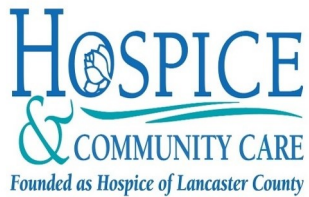
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Psalm 119:133 (NIV)

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."



Hospice & Community Care and the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss are offering the following programs.



As we are taking all necessary precautions for the health and safety of our patients and families, staff, volunteers and visitors our support group will be held In-Person and via

Zoom. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to receive Zoom credentials.

ADULT DROP-IN GROUPS

These free meetings, held online via Zoom and In-Person, include a presentation and an informal time to talk with others. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to discuss with a bereavement counselor who will also provide the log-in information.

In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Groups are led by Master's-level counselors and volunteers who have experienced the same type of loss. They provide time to share experiences and ask questions. Groups are designed for those within the first two years following the death of a loved one. Call to register. **Registration deadline is one week prior to the group. Register online at pathways.hccnet.org/ groups or call the Pathways Center.**

Coping With The Loss Of A Child (Of Any Age): Monday, July 13 and August 17, 6:00-7:30pm.

Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Partner: Tuesday, July 14 and August 11, 6:00-7:30pm; Tuesday, July 28 and August 25, 2:00-3:30pm. Via Zoom: Thursday, August 6, 6:00-7:30pm.

Coping With The Loss Of A Parent Or Sibling: Tuesday, July 21 and August 18, 6:00-7:30pm.

Age 50 & Under - Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Partner: Wednesday, July 22 and August 26, 6:00-7:30pm.

GRASP (Grief Recovery After A Substance Passing): Tuesday, July 21 and August 18, 6:30-8:00pm.

Drawing Out Our Grief: Healing Our Hearts, Saturday, July 18, 12:00-3:00pm, Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. When words fail us, image-making can be a universal method for self-expression. Using crayons and watercolors, local artist and social worker Lori Sweet will lead you in guided relaxation and visualization to help draw out your grief and coping. No experience is necessary. Supplies and light snacks will be provided. Call to register **Registration deadline is July 11.**

Mindfulness & Grief: Tuesdays, September 1, 8, 22, 29, 6:30-8:00pm. The first three sessions are held virtually. The last session is at the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Grief can cause intense feelings like anxiety, poor concentration and sleep problems. This series introduces mindfulness to stay present and support emotional health. Each week, you'll learn practical skills to help manage common grief reactions. Call to register. **Registration Deadline is August 21.**

International Overdose Awareness Day Event: Monday, August 31, 5:30-7:30pm, Pathways Center for Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. International Overdose Awareness Day is the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, remember without stigma those who have died, and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind. Laura Hatton will present "Let's Talk About Grief," as she reflects on the death of her daughter, Kat Spidle, to overdose. There is no charge, but space is limited. Register online at www.hospicecommunity.org/OAD, call the Pathways Center. **Registration Deadline is August 24.**

Support For Caregivers: If you are caring for a loved one, who is caring for you? Hospice & Community Care offers an online support group for caregivers of a loved one who is seriously ill. This group offers a place to share your experience with others who may understand. Offered the third Thursday of every month, 6:30-8:00pm, the sessions are facilitated by a Master's-level counselor and a trained volunteer who has been a caregiver. To receive the link to participate in this free virtual opportunity, call (717) 391-2413 to speak with a counselor.

Individual Grief Support: The Pathways Center offers individual grief consultation at no cost for adults, children, teens and families. In-person support sessions are provided in Mount Joy. Individual sessions by phone or online via Zoom are also an option. Counselors are available any time Monday through Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm. Evening appointments may sometimes be arranged. Call the Pathways Center, (717) 391-2413, for more information or to set up an appointment.

Social Dine-Out Options: The Pathways Center offers a variety of social options to choose from. Each participant pays for their own meal. These gatherings are facilitated by trained bereavement volunteers who have also experienced loss in the past.

Ladies Lunch: Wednesdays, July 22 and August 26, 11:30am-1:00pm; Loxley's Restaurant, 500 Centerville Road, Lancaster. RSVP to Marie Roach at (717) 823-9889 (text or telephone) or pathways@choiceshealth.org by noon the day before the event.

Men's Breakfast: Wednesday, August 5, 8:00-9:30am; Centerville Diner 1, 100 South Centerville Road, Lancaster. RSVP to Dan Farmer at (717) 435-8023 or pathways@choiceshealth.org by noon the day before the event.

Dinner Out (For Men and Women): Saturday, July 11, 2:00pm; Silver Spring Family Restaurant, 3653 Marietta Avenue Lancaster. RSVP to Connie Whitacre at (717) 577-1138 or pathways@choiceshealth.org at least three days prior to the event.

Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to request the log-in address or phone number to participate in a Zoom group or to schedule a private Zoom meeting with a Pathways counselor. Visit our website at www.PathwaysThroughGrief.org for updated information about support groups.

Community Events



MT. GRETNA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2026

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle • 3rd St. & Glossbrenner Ave.

Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064

Please visit MtGretnaTabernacle.org for any program cancellations. A freewill offering will be received at each program.

July 5 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Patriotic Concert

In celebration of the nation's 250th birthday, concert pianist Michael Faircloth will be joined by brass quintet Brassworks in a program of patriotic music that will include audience sing-alongs.



July 12 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Third Stream

Since 1974, Third Stream has performed its creative brand of American music from familiar tunes to original compositions in various venues throughout the Mid-Atlantic.



July 19 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Jess Zimmerman & Family

Nashville recording artist Jess Zimmerman will be joined by her family to lift praises to our Creator. The family's faith and music have a firm foundation in the Holy Spirit. Sponsored by Just Like Family.

July 26 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Choir Festival

A choir of more than 100 volunteer singers from the region will present an inspiring program of varied styles of sacred music. Pepper Choplin, guest conductor, is a composer, conductor, author, and concert artist. Sponsored by Loser's Music. Concert made possible by the Estate of Douglas Troutman.



August 2 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Lancaster British Brass Band

28 instrumentalists from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey playing brass, winds and percussion instruments. Directed by Dr. Stephen Arthur Allen. Sponsored by Cornwall Manor.



August 9 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Jazz Ministers Big Band

Under the direction of Keith Wiley, the group of musicians blends jazz, standard Christian hymns and Gospel favorites. Sponsored by a Faithful Supporter of the Bible Festival, in honor of Tom Meredith's 105th Birthday.



August 16 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Anthracite Marimba Ensemble

For over 20 years, the Anthracite Marimba Ensemble has performed in northeastern and central Pennsylvania. The group performs a wide variety of music from the Baroque era to the modern musical era. Under the direction of Robert Nowak.

**ANTHRACITE
Marimba
ENSEMBLE**

August 23 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

The Susquehanna Chorale

One of the premier choral groups in the nation, celebrates the final Chorale concert of its founder and conductor Linda L. Tedford in this year's traditional late-summer appearance. Sponsored by Traditions of Hershey.



August 30 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

New Holland Band

Formed in 1829 and the second oldest municipal band in the nation, the New Holland Band will play patriotic and spiritual music. Fred Hughes, Jr.—music director. Sponsored by Arthur Funk & Sons.



**Highland
Performing Arts**
500 East Roseville Road
Lancaster, PA 17601
highlandpc.org



Final Boss Big Band
8 July, Wed. 7 PM



Lancaster British Brass Band
6 Aug. Thurs. 7 PM

National Night Out 2026

Save the Date!

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 • 5:00–8:00 p.m.
Denver Borough Memorial Park

The East Cocalico Township Police Department is excited to announce the return of National Night Out! This year marks the 23rd year of celebrating safe, caring communities across the nation.

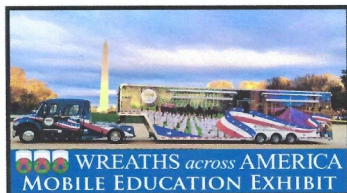


Join us for this FREE community event featuring food, games, entertainment, and prizes for all ages! Meet your local first responders, explore emergency vehicles, and enjoy an evening of fun and connection with friends and neighbors.

Planning is already underway! If you or your business/organization would like to participate, please contact Officer Rachael Odenwalt at odenwaltr@ectpd.org.

Come out and celebrate community, safety, and togetherness!

**JOIN US IN
CELEBRATING AMERICA'S HEROES!**



WREATHS across AMERICA

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THE WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA'S
MOBILE EDUCATION EXHIBIT
VISITS DENVER, PA!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026 | **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026**
12 P.M. - 7 P.M. | **10 A.M. - 5 P.M.**

WEAVER'S MARKET
2610 N READING RD
DENVER, PA

The Exhibit represents the TEACH pillar of the Wreaths Across America mission, sharing information about the veterans and those who serve our country, and how everyone can play a part in remembering and honoring them.

**2026 Acts of Love
FREE
SUMMER
MEALS
PROGRAM**

A gift from area churches and community organizations for children in the Cocalico community!
Not affiliated with the Cocalico School District

Meals will be available at:

- ADAMSTOWN GROVE
339 W. Main St. Reinholds, PA
DENVER PARK
- 801 W. Main St. Denver, PA
REAMSTOWN PARK
- E. Church St. Stevens, PA
REINHOLDS PARK
5 E. Main St. Reinholds, PA

These Wednesdays, 11:30-12:30
JUNE 10, 17, 24 JULY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 AUGUST 5, 12

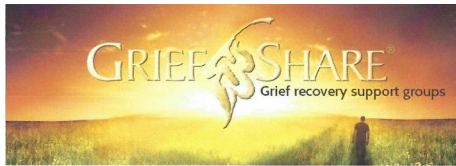
Meals will vary each week with some options available

QUESTIONS? CALL REAL LIFE AT: 717-336-7797 EXT 204

Fuel your summer with good food! If you are in need of additional food assistance this summer, please reach out to Ephrata Area Social Services at 717-733-0345 or Real Life Community Services at 717-336-7797

NO COST. NO SIGN-UP. JUST SHOW UP!

Community Events



GriefShare

Wednesdays starting March 11th

Time: 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

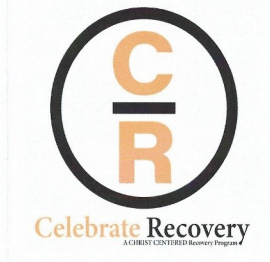
Light House Community Center

239 Main St. Denver, PA 17517

This is a 13 week cycle to help navigate from a grief journey to a healing destination.

For more information

Please call 610-775-3667



Please join us on Mondays

At City Gate

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Location: 100 E. Main Street

Ephrata, PA 17522

Are you struggling with a Hurt, Habit or Hangup?

Celebrate Recovery is a safe place for you to come!

For more information call 610-775-3667

First Friday Food Drive

On the 1st Friday of each month

Between 3pm - 5pm

Drop off items at Warehouse 916

FOOD ITEMS:

- Canned chicken
- Salsa (mild)
- Green Chilis (4 oz cans)
- Black olives
- Egg noodles (1 pound)
- Ramen Noodles
- Mushrooms
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Relish
- Gluten Free food items - soup, pasta.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Picnic products - Plates
- Napkins
- Cups
- Sun Screen



ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE THAT SEEK SAFETY FROM TRAUMA AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

Seeking Safety is an evidence-based group therapy program that focuses on coping skills in the present moment for persons with past trauma and substance abuse.

Many people affected by trauma may turn to addictive behaviors to try to manage difficult feelings. Learn to navigate triggers and successfully build a life of safety, security and wellbeing. People do not share stories of their traumas, but instead look towards the future and practice new ways to cope, safely.

Seeking Safety is a free, open-enrollment group. Participants may join the group at any point, and receive a certificate after participating in 10 complete sessions. This program is open to the community.

Clauses funded in part by the Lancaster County Children and Youth Agency.

HELD YEAR-ROUND

Held Via Zoom

Wednesdays

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Registration is required - please do so at www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered.



Questions? Contact education@cobys.org or 717-435-8139.

Please register >>> www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered/



Come join us at the Lighthouse Youth Center!

Must be Cocalico School District Middle or High School students

Youth Night: Tuesday 6:30pm - 8:30pm

To register, go online at realcs.org/youth-center

Or if you would like more information, call our office at 717.336.7797



/REALCS.ORG

Join us at Peter's Porch!

Community Outreach gatherings happening...

- 1st Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am
Faith United Lutheran Church
357 Walnut Street
Denver, PA 17517
717.336.2141
www.FaithUnited-elca.org
- 2nd Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am
Lititz Mennonite Church
165 East Front Street
Lititz, PA 17543
717.626.8327
www.LititzMC.org
- 3rd Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am
Zion Lutheran Church
435 Main Street
Akron, PA 17543
717.859.2100
www.ZionAkron.org
- 4th Saturday (STARTING 7/28/18), 8:00 - 10:00am
Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church
2420 Kissel Hill Road
Lancaster, PA 17601
717.569.6051
www.LandisValleyFellowship.org

Providing a free breakfast and a bag of food for our neighbors
There is donated clothing at Lititz and Akron Peter Porches

Saturday, July 11: Build Your Life on Jesus
Good Shepherd Community Church
10:00am - 3:00pm @ Reamstown Park

July 12 - 16: Emerald Crossing (Psalm 23)
Area Vacation Bible School 6:30 - 8:30pm @ Reinholds Carnival Grounds



July 12 - 16: True North
Peace UCC, Swartzville/Adamstown
Family Dinner at 5:00pm; VBS 6:00 - 8:30pm

July 19 - 23: Illumination Station
Adamstown Backyard Kid's Club
Adamstown Park in the Grove
6:30 - 8:30pm (4yrs - 8th grade)

REAL Life

COMMUNITY SERVICES

We are a non-profit community services ministry serving Northern Lancaster County. We do everything possible to connect the community to Hope through partnerships, collaborations, and building purposeful relationships by meeting people's physical and emotional needs.

What We Offer:

- Faith-Based Social Services
- Affordable Housing Units
- Homelessness Prevention
- Food Distribution
 - Power Packs
 - Client Choice Shopping
 - Emergency Food Boxes
- Momentum - a Youth Mentoring Program
- Young at Heart - a Program for those 60 and older
- Parent as Teacher (PAT) Program
- Operation Warm
- Project Christmas Presents
- Back to School Backpacks
- Volunteer Opportunities, and More...

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