

# May/June 2026 Newsletter



## Faith United

Evangelical Lutheran Church

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”  
*Galatians 5:22-23*

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### June Vacation and Supply



Pastor Marissa will be out of the office from Friday, June 19, 2026 through Thursday, June 25, 2026.

Pastor Peter Rustico will supply in Worship on Sunday, June 21, 2026.

**Pastor Marissa is available for pastoral emergencies.**

Office Administrator, Shirley Sweigart  
Will Be On Vacation From  
Thursday, June 11, 2026 Through  
Monday, June 22, 2026.

**The Church Office Will Be Closed.**

**JOIN US FOR  
WORSHIP AND A  
PICNIC  
IN THE DENVER  
PARK**

in fellowship with Mellinger's  
Lutheran Church

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**ASCENSION  
OF THE  
Lord  
WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Thursday, May 14, 2026, 7:00pm  
Swamp Lutheran Church  
Swamp Church Road, Reinholds  
Rev. Scott Brubaker, Pastor

Join on Thursday Evening, May 14 for Ascension Worship along with other local Lutherans at 7:00pm at Swamp Lutheran Church, Reinholds.

The offering collected goes to support the Lower Susquehanna Disaster Relief Mission Trip. Checks can be made out to North Lancaster Conference Dean's Fund, with "Disaster Trip" on the memo line.

Introducing

**Formed for the Way:  
Learning the Shape of  
Worship**



A Summer Sermon Series @  
Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 7th - September 6, 2026  
Sundays at 9 AM



**Deadline For July/August, 2026  
Newsletter Is  
Sunday, June 21, 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](mailto:grammyss@ptd.net)

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or call 717-538-1946



Friday, Monday, May 22, 25, 2026  
Thursday, June 11, 2026 thru  
Monday, June 22, 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.

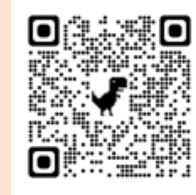
Email your changes to:

[faithunited@ptd.net](mailto:faithunited@ptd.net). Thank You!

## 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](#)



## 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 Coatrium.

## 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.

## 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

## The Spirit Shows Up In Public

When the day of Pentecost arrives in Acts 2, the Spirit does not descend into a quiet, private moment. There is wind, there is fire. There is noise that spills out into the street. And there are people—so many people—each hearing the good news in their own language.

Pentecost is not contained. It cannot be kept inside a sanctuary or reduced to a feeling in the heart. The Spirit moves outward, into the mess and beauty of human community. Into difference and misunderstanding. Into the public square.

That matters for us now.

We are living in a time when public life often feels strained—marked by division, suspicion, and quick words that wound more than they heal. It can be tempting, even as people of faith, to retreat. To keep belief private. To speak only where it feels safe or agreeable. But Pentecost tells a different story.

The Spirit does not erase difference; it speaks through it. The miracle is not that everyone suddenly becomes the same, but that each person hears—and is addressed—where they are. The Spirit honors complexity and still creates understanding.

And then there is Peter. Not long before, he had stumbled over his words, denying even knowing Jesus. Now, filled with the Spirit, he stands up and speaks—not perfectly, but boldly. Not to win an argument, but to bear witness.

This is the shape of Spirit-led speech: not louder or harsher, but braver. Rooted in love. Grounded in the story of what God has done. Open enough to be heard.

For Lutherans, this connects deeply with our understanding of vocation. We are not called to be the Spirit. We are called to be where the Spirit places us—in families, workplaces, neighborhoods, conversations—and to trust that God is already at work there. The Spirit uses ordinary voices. Even ours.

So what might Pentecost look like now?

Choosing to listen before reacting, speaking a word of grace where criticism is expected, refusing to reduce another person to a label or position, telling the truth about hope—not as naïve optimism, but as confidence in a God who is still moving.

Because the same Spirit that rushed through that crowded street in Jerusalem is not finished. The Spirit is still showing up in conversations, in communities, in unexpected places, and even in us, carrying the good news across every boundary that we draw.

*Grace and Peace, Pastor Marissa*

# May Worship

## Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 10, 2026

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21. Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.



## Ascension of Our Lord Thursday, May 14, 2026

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:1-9; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53. In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.



## Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 17, 2026

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11. In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.



## Day of Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23. Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.



## The Holy Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8:1-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20. Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.



# June Worship

## Second Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, June 7, 2026

Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26. Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously non-observant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.



## Third Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, June 14, 2026

Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100:1-5; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8-23. Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.



## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, June 21, 2026

Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39. God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.



## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, June 28, 2026

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42. The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.



# 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.



**Florence Rutt  
April 11, 1926 -  
April 18, 2026**

**MAY**  
Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Birthdays:**

May 9: Crew Stover  
 May 10: Katie Gerhart  
 May 14: Terri Macker  
 May 17: Teresa Arment  
 May 21: Gloria Gates  
 May 22: Marissa Becklin, Karen Larson  
 May 28: Lillian Arment

**Anniversaries:**

May 14: Jennie and Chris Weinhold  
 May 15: Kathy and David McGarvey  
 May 16: Kathy and Troy Hafer  
 May 16: Pastors Marissa and Hans Becklin  
 May 17: June and Don Wolf  
 May 20: Kim and Jeff Brugger

**JUNE**  
Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Birthdays:**

June 2: Timothy Hegeman  
 June 3: Hannah Reed  
 June 5: Michael Nessinger  
 June 6: Dawn Frees  
 June 12: June Wolf  
 June 13: Scott Gola  
 June 17: Donald Wolf  
 June 18: David Harnish  
 June 20: Joshua Gola  
 June 23: Kelly Lesher, Gabriella Weidner  
 June 27: David Lacy  
 June 28: Eric Frees

**Anniversaries:**

June 4: Terri and Thomas Kilrain  
 June 13: Doris and Luther Reinoehl  
 Nikki and Bryan Strohl  
 June 22: Scott and Lori Gola  
 Brian and Joyce Shober

**JULY**  
Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Birthdays:**

July 1: Chad Reinoehl  
 July 3: Michele Lacy  
 July 6: Terri Kilrain, Nicholas Gable  
 July 8: Jackson Lesher, James Redcay

**Anniversaries:**

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



**80+ Birthdays**

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

**Brian Shober - May 12 - 2548 Orange Ridge Road, Clearmont, FL 34715.**

**Joanne Phillips - May 26 - Apartment 3344, 300 St. Mark Avenue, Lititz, PA 17543.**

**Dawn Frees - June 6 - 78 Weaver Avenue, Ephrata, PA 17522.**

**Gloria Shober - June 9 - Apartment 112, 200 St. Luke Drive, Lititz, PA 17543.**

**Ralph Whitcomb - June 14 - Keystone Villa Room 224, 100 North State Street, Ephrata, PA 17522.**

**Red Geraniums For Pentecost**

Orders for Red Geraniums to decorate the Church on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026 can be placed until **Sunday, May 17, 2026.** The cost is \$6.00 per 5" round pot.



Order envelopes are on the counter at the back or by calling Shirley Sweigart at 717-538-1946. Please deposit completed envelopes in the gray container on the table at the back.

## **Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 6:30pm**

### **FUEL Council Members Present:**

Tim Wise, Scott Gola, Bob Gates, Terri Kilrain, Adrienne Arment, Rich Billings, Carol Wallace and Pastor Marissa Becklin.

**Devotions:** Adrienne Arment presented devotions. She read Psalm 22:22-32. This profound Psalm provides a message of lament and ultimate victory.

**Special Presentation:** Janice Daub spoke with the Council members regarding the Denver Community Fair. Trinity United Methodist Church will not be operating their Fair stand. For years they have offered a ring toss game to the community and reportedly raised approximately \$4,000.00 during the week of the Fair. This stand is available. Janice suggested that FUEL could possibly partner with the other churches in Denver and keep the stand running as a church stand. This would keep the tradition continuing during the Denver Fair and allow the local churches to raise money for a worthwhile charity. Pastor Marissa will reach out to the other church leaders in Denver to see if there is any interest.

**Treasurer's Report:** Scott Gola presented the Treasurers Report. The account balances are as follows, March 2026: Main Checking Account, \$132,497.00; Endowment Account, \$81,663.00; Money Market Account, \$52,720.00.

Scott reported that the offerings for the beginning of this year compared to last years are slightly higher.

The Council members reviewed the current expenses focusing on the cost of utilities. It was noted that the heating costs have increased. A discussion was held regarding the harsh winter and the heating system being more efficient. The importance of using the programmable thermostat was discussed.

### **Pastor's Report:**

**Mission and Ministries:** Holy Week Observance: Palm Sunday was March 29; Maundy Thursday will be April 2 with the 7:00pm Worship Service that will involve feet washing and Stripping of the Altar; Good Friday Service will be April 3 at 7:00pm with Candle Lighting; a Community Walk to observe Good Friday will take place at 10:30am. Community members will gather at Faith United and walk from the church.

**Congregational Challenges:** The Council members discussed the current Bible Study

format. Pastor Marissa announced that her father plans to run a Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study one time per month beginning in May. Jon Dienst will lead this Bible study, which will also include breakfast. This is something he was involved with at his former church in Iowa. The Council members discussed possibly replacing the Sunday Morning Bible Study with another type of Bible Study on a different day of the week or possibly a Zoom format. Further discussion will take place regarding this.

**Prayer Priorities:** Mel Schmeck, Shirley Ludwig, Terri Kilrain, Terry Burkholder.

**Council Action/Discussion:** Pastor Marissa will be on vacation from April 7-17, 2026. Deacon Kristen Barnes will cover the Service on April 12. Pastor Tim Craven will cover emergencies that may occur during those dates.

### **Committee Highlights:**

#### **Property Committee - Tim Wise**

Tim presented a drawing of the handrail he will be building for the Sanctuary; several shingles were replaced on the roof recently; plumbing work was recently completed; a quote for \$700.00 for a water purification system to be used in the back of the Sanctuary was presented. This would allow church members to bring their own water bottles and fill them before and after the Services.

#### **Peters Porch - Carol Wallace**

The East Cocalico Church of the Brethren donated a pick-up truck full of food to Peter's Porch. This donation was received earlier this afternoon. This was one of their church's missions over the last few months.

Peter's Porch will be doing their monthly distribution this Saturday, April 4.

#### **Fellowship Committee - Terri Kilrain**

There are currently no fellowship opportunities planned for the month of May.

Church members are encouraged to provide food for Coffee and Conversations after Church Services.

Faith United and Mellinger's Lutheran will be having their Joint Service and Picnic at the Denver Park at the end of June.

#### **Old Business:**

Rich Billings discussed the new AED. It will be set up in the month of April. It will be placed in a central location, so it can be reached quickly and easily. The AED was opened and Council members viewed the contents. A training session for the use of the AED will be set up in the future.

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## Council Meeting Minutes

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### New Business:

Information regarding Acolyte training and Acolyte recruitment will be coming soon.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm following the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30pm.

*Respectfully Submitted by Carol Wallace  
FUEL Council Secretary*

### **Congregation Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 3, 2026**

**6:30 PM**

**No Council Meeting In July.**

### **CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

Terry Burkholder - President    Adrienne Arment

Tim Wise - Vice President    Rich Billings

Carol Wallace - Secretary    Bob Gates

Scott Gola - Treasurer    Terri Kilrain

### **May/June/July Food Collection**



Food, household, and personal items will be collected for Peter's Porch in May and June and Ephrata Area Social Services in July.

Please deposit the items in the grocery cart.

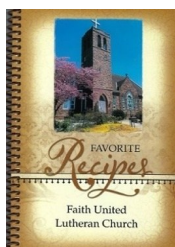
### **Connect With Us On Facebook!**



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.



### **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.

## 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*



**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.

### **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!

**Children's Bulletins**

ARE AVAILABLE

**On Counter At The Back Of The Sanctuary.**



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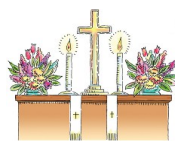
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<b>26</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter May Newsletter Article Deadline Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15am Confirmation For 7th & 8th Graders	<b>27</b> Lorna Buohl, Birthday 6:00pm Endowment Committee Meeting	<b>28</b> 6:00pm Pack Bags For Peter's Porch	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> Pastor Marissa's Day Off Phillip and James, Apostles 3:00pm REAL Life First Friday Food Drive, Warehouse 916, Main Street, Denver	<b>2</b> 7:30am Peter's Porch - Faith United
<b>3</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	<b>6</b> 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	<b>7</b> National Day Of Prayer Pastor Marissa at Candidacy Committee	<b>8</b> Pastor Marissa's Day Off Pre-Order Free Community Meal; Call 717-336-6748 Or Email: <a href="mailto:swampcf@ptd.net">swampcf@ptd.net</a>	<b>9</b> 8:00am Peter's Porch - Lititz Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Lititz 8:30am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Faith Fellowship Hall
<b>10</b> Mother's Day Sixth Sunday of Easter Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	<b>11</b> 12:30pm Parish Secretaries Monthly Meeting, Two Cousins Restaurant, Reamstown	<b>12</b> Brian Shober Birthday	<b>13</b> 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall	<b>14</b> Ascension of Our Lord 5:30pm Free Community Meal; Trinity United Methodist Church, 420 Main Street, Denver (Rear Entrance) 7:00pm Ascension Day Worship, Swamp Lutheran Church, Reinholds	<b>15</b> Mathias, Apostle Pastor Marissa's Day Off	<b>16</b> Armed Forces Day 8:00am Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron
<b>17</b> Deadline to Order Red Geraniums Seventh Sunday of Easter Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15am Confirmation For 7th & 8th Graders	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group 6:30pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting	<b>20</b> 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown 7:00pm Denver Women's Club Meeting, Faith Fellowship Hall	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Church Office Closed Pastor Marissa's Day Off	<b>23</b> Vigil of Pentecost 8:00am Peter's Porch - Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church, 2420 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster
<b>24</b> Day of Pentecost Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	<b>25</b> Church Office Closed Memorial Day	<b>26</b> Joanne Phillips Birthday 6:00pm Pack Bags For Peter's Porch	<b>27</b> 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Pastor Marissa's Day Off	<b>30</b>
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<b>31</b> The Holy Trinity Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	<b>1</b> Visit of Mary to Elizabeth	<b>2</b> 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	<b>3</b> 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	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Synod Assembly in York 3:00pm REAL Life First Friday Food Drive, Warehouse 916, Main Street, Denver	<b>6</b> Dawn Frees Birthday 7:30am Peter's Porch - Faith United
<b>7</b> Blessing and Gift for Graduates Second Sunday after Pentecost Summer Sermon Series - Formed for the Way: Learning the Shape of Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	<b>8</b> 12:30pm Parish Secretaries Monthly Meeting, Two Cousins Restaurant, Reamstown	<b>9</b> Gloria Shober Birthday	<b>10</b> 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall	<b>11</b> Barnabas, Apostle Office Administrator on Vacation, Church Office Closed	<b>12</b> Office Administrator on Vacation, Church Office Closed Pastor Marissa's Day Off	<b>13</b> 8:00am Peter's Porch - Lititz Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Lititz 8:30am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Faith Fellowship Hall 12:00pm Ralph Whitcomb Drop- In 95th Birthday Party, Keystone Villa Community Room, Ephrata
<b>14</b> Flag Day Ralph Whitcomb Birthday Summer Sermon Series - Formed for the Way: Learning the Shape of Worship Third Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	<b>15</b> Office Administrator on Vacation, Church Office Closed	<b>16</b> Office Administrator on Vacation, Church Office Closed 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	<b>17</b> Office Administrator on Vacation, Church Office Closed 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown	<b>18</b> Office Administrator on Vacation, Church Office Closed Pastor Marissa at Candidacy Committee	<b>19</b> Juneteenth Office Administrator on Vacation, Church Office Closed Pastor Marissa Out of Office Pre-Order Free Community Meal; Call 717-336-6748 Or Email: <a href="mailto:swampcf@ptd.net">swampcf@ptd.net</a>	<b>20</b> Pastor Marissa Out of Office 8:00am Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron
<b>21</b> Deadline for July/August Newsletter Articles Father's Day First Day of Summer Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Pastor Marissa Out of Office Supply Pastor, Pastor Peter Rustico 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	<b>22</b> Office Administrator on Vacation, Church Office Closed Pastor Marissa Out of Office	<b>23</b> Pastor Marissa Out of Office	<b>24</b> John the Baptist Pastor Marissa Out of Office 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall	<b>25</b> Pastor Marissa Out of Office 5:30pm Free Community Meal; Trinity United Methodist Church, 420 Main Street, Denver (Rear Entrance)	<b>26</b> Pastor Marissa's Day Off	<b>27</b> 8:00am Peter's Porch - Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church, 2420 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster
<b>28</b> Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Outdoor Worship and Picnic with Mellingers in Denver Park	<b>29</b> Peter and Paul, Apostles	<b>30</b> 6:00pm Pack Bags For Peter's Porch	<b>1</b> 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Pastor Marissa's Day Off Thomas, Apostle 3:00pm REAL Life First Friday Food Drive, Warehouse 916, Main Street, Denver	<b>4</b> Independence Day 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.

## Celebrating Our 2026 Graduates



We would like to recognize our 2026 graduates with a blessing and gifts on Sunday, June 7, 2026. Part of our preparation for that celebration includes compiling a list of all of our 2026 graduates.

Please send the names of 2026 graduates from our congregation to the Church Office: [faithunit-ed@ptd.net](mailto:faithunit-ed@ptd.net).

Please include the school they are graduating from.

## Take Out Only Community Meals No Charge

**Thursday, May 14, 2026**

**Pre-Order Required by  
Friday, May 8, 2026**

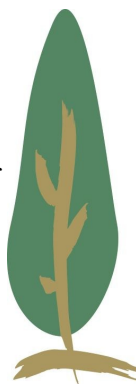
**Thursday, June 25, 2026**

**Pre-Order Required by  
Friday, June 19, 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](mailto:swampcf@ptd.net)**

## Christian Symbols

**CEDAR TREE:** A species of evergreen used to decorate for Christmas, the tall cedar tree symbolizes Christ's majesty year-round. Cedars of Lebanon, which have grown to 130 feet, were known to Old Testament people. "The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted" (Psalm 104:16, NIV). David's palace and both Solomon's palace and temple were built of cedar wood. The word cedar is found 75 times in the Bible. Due to its evergreen nature and longevity, this tree is associated with eternal life and thus sometimes used in cemetery landscaping.



**SAND DOLLAR:** These delicate shells, found in shades of white, tan and soft purple, come from sea urchins related to starfish and sea cucumbers. Their unique markings have long been associated with the story of Christ's birth and death.

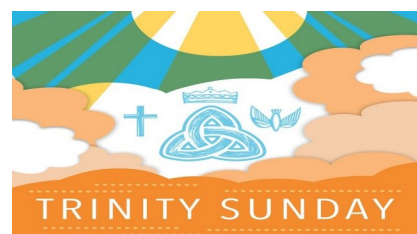


The faint images resemble a poinsettia and a lily, symbols often connected to Christmas and Easter. Five small openings are said to represent the four nails and the spear used at the crucifixion. Inside the shell are tiny shapes that look like doves, a reminder of the Holy Spirit.



Sunday,  
May 24, 2026

Sunday,  
May 31, 2026





### **New Railing in Chancel**

Thank You to Tim Wise, whose expertise in church furniture building was put to faithful use designing, building, and installing new railings for our Chancel. This helps to make our worship space more accessible to those who feel called to serve in worship.

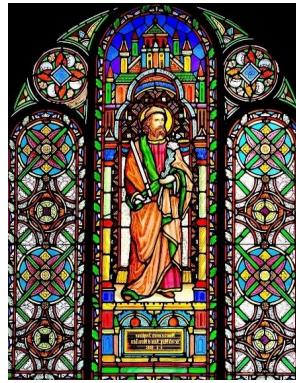
If you're interested in serving in worship as an acolyte, lay reader, usher, tech booth helper, or in any other capacity, please contact our office or speak with Pastor Marissa!



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](mailto:pastormbecklin@gmail.com).



### **Stained Glass Window Project Update: Work Beginning Soon!**

We are excited to announce that Castle Studio Stained Glass will begin work on our stained glass windows this spring, with a specific start time dependent on weather. We anticipate this work to begin within the next month. The first phase of the project will include the removal of the current protective glass, and some touch ups done to the current glasswork and soldering.

### **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.

### **Young At Heart Meets At Faith United 2<sup>nd</sup> And 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

thank you

Thank You so much for the prayers offered and the cards sent to me as I underwent surgery. My recovery is going well. Your kindness is very much appreciated!  
*Arlene Brumbach*

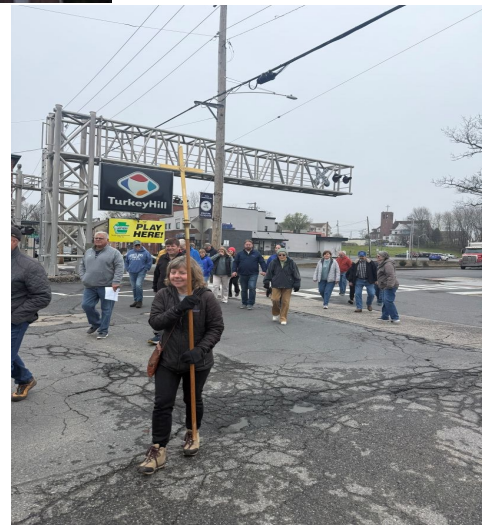
# What's Happening at Faith United?

Send your pictures in for  
next month's newsletter!



Follow Us On Instagram  
for more photos!

@faithunitedlutheran



## Good Friday Community Prayer Walk



Good Friday  
Worship



Nels' First  
Easter!

## 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 9:00am—12:00pm. Open Dates: May 31; June 7, 14, 21; July 5, 12, 19, 26.



### The Upper Room Daily Devotional

May - June, 2026

### Christ In Our Home Daily Devotional

April, May, June, 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

Faith United Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
357 Walnut Street, Denver, PA 17517  
Phone: 717-336-2141

The First Saturday of Each Month

**June 6, 2026**

**July 4, 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. We have been very thankful to have Gabrielle and Haley volunteer to make some baked goods now and then so that we can try to have something to offer every Sunday after church. We know everybody loves to have their snack. Thank you to those who donated money which will be used to purchase some snacks and to reimburse Gabby and Haley for their baking. 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.



## 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.

## Bible Quiz

King David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshiping God and for housing the ark of the covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David's son, to head up the building program. Why wasn't David allowed the honor of building the temple?



- A. David was getting too old to supervise such an undertaking.
- B. David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
- C. David had stopped taking God seriously.
- D. David's attention was required elsewhere.

Answer: B (1 Chronicles 28:3)

**When Writing Out Checks Please Remember To Use Blue Or Black Ink ONLY. The Bank Will Reject Any Other Color Ink.**

## SERVING MAY 10, 2026 - JULY 5, 2026

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Technology</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Offering Counters</b>
<b>May 10, 2026</b> <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>Dave Harnish</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>June Wolf</b> <b>Don Wolf</b>	<b>Dawn Frees</b> <b>Craig Stover</b> <b>Lori Stover</b>
<b>May 17, 2026</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Deb Demler</b>	<b>Lori Wise</b> <b>Tim Wise</b>	<b>Bruce Carpenter</b> <b>Jamie Carpenter</b> <b>Linda Riddell</b>
<b>May 24, 2026</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	<b>Deb Demler</b>	<b>Tim Wise</b>	<b>Carol Wallace</b> <b>Mike Wallace</b>	<b>Tim Hegeman</b> <b>Gloria Gates</b> <b>Bob Gates</b>
<b>May 31, 2026</b> <b>Holy Trinity</b>	<b>Cindy Kauffman</b>	<b>Lori Stover</b>	<b>Mary Stewart</b> <b>Jim Stewart</b>	<b>Tim Hegeman</b> <b>Cynthia Hegeman</b> <b>Ann Roseboro</b>
<b>June 7, 2026</b>	<b>Jim Kreider</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Jamie Carpenter</b> <b>Bruce Carpenter</b>	<b>Terri Kilrain</b> <b>Chris Billings</b> <b>Rich Billings</b>
<b>June 14, 2026</b>	<b>Ann Roseboro</b>	<b>Deb Demler</b>	<b>Angela Stewart</b> <b>Todd Stewart</b>	<b>Dawn Frees</b> <b>Craig Stover</b> <b>Lori Stover</b>
<b>June 21, 2026</b>	<b>Todd Stewart</b>	<b>Tim Wise</b>	<b>Teri Arment</b> <b>Harold Martzall</b>	<b>Bruce Carpenter</b> <b>Jamie Carpenter</b> <b>Linda Riddell</b>

### Worship In The Park and Church Picnic, Sunday, June 28, 2026 - 10:00 AM

<b>June 28, 2026</b>	<b>Dawn Frees</b>	<b>Lori Stover</b>	<b>Cynthia Hegeman</b> <b>Tim Hegeman</b>	<b>Tim Hegeman</b> <b>Gloria Gates</b> <b>Bob Gates</b>
<b>July 5, 2026</b>	<b>Angela Stewart</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Linda Riddell</b> <b>Jeff Hartman</b>	<b>Terri Kilrain</b> <b>Chris Billings</b> <b>Rich Billings</b>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Communion Bread</b>	<b>Altar Committee</b>	<b>Altar Flowers, Bulletins</b>
<b>May 10, 2026</b> <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>Josh Gola</b>	<b>Doris Reinoehl</b>	<b>Tim Hegeman</b> <b>Cynthia Hegeman</b>	<b>Coffee</b> <b>Terri Kilrain</b> <b>Carol Wallace</b>
<b>May 17, 2026</b>	<b>Trey Boyer</b>	<b>Joyce Fischer</b>	<b>Tim Hegeman</b> <b>Cynthia Hegeman</b>	
<b>May 24, 2026</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	<b>Aaron Wolf</b>	<b>Teri Arment</b>	<b>Donna Gerhart</b> <b>Michele Lacy</b>	
<b>May 31, 2026</b> <b>Holy Trinity</b>	<b>Jim Kreider</b>		<b>Donna Gerhart</b> <b>Michele Lacy</b>	<b>Coffee</b> <b>Tracey Weidner</b> <b>Gabby Weidner</b>
<b>June 7, 2026</b>	<b>Jason Carpenter</b>		<b>Teri Arment</b> <b>Joyce Fischer</b>	<b>Coffee</b> <b>Doris Reinoehl</b> <b>Jasmyn Reinoehl</b>
<b>June 14, 2026</b>	<b>Jackson Leshner</b>		<b>Teri Arment</b> <b>Joyce Fischer</b>	<b>Coffee</b> <b>Tracey Weidner</b> <b>Gabby Weidner</b>
<b>June 21, 2026</b>	<b>Josh Gola</b>		<b>Karlene Cook</b> <b>Doris Reinoehl</b>	

### Worship In The Park and Church Picnic, Sunday, June 28, 2026 - 10:00 AM

<b>June 28, 2026</b>	<b>Trey Boyer</b>		<b>Karlene Cook</b> <b>Doris Reinoehl</b>	
<b>July 5, 2026</b>	<b>Aaron Wolf</b>		<b>Jamie Carpenter</b> <b>Bruce Carpenter</b>	



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

**For Comfort:**

Florence Rutt Family  
 Nina Mayhew Family  
 Martha Sheaffer Family  
 Danna McGarvey Family

JoAn Weaver Family  
 Jeannette Uibel Family  
 Bea Hassler Family  
 Connie Hershey Family

**For Healing:**

Ann Roseboro	Dennis Hill	Terri Kilrain	Mel Schmeck	Arlene Brumbach
Lorna Buohl	Ken Britcher	Carrie Reed	Gail Smith	Clancy Myer
Alisha Wombolt	Pat Miller	Galen Stauffer	Lori Moyer	Curt Snyder
Madeline Glass	Robert White			

**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, Terry Burkholder, Lisa Beard, Caryll Lausch, Susan Hartman, Barb Boose, Dave Harnish, Dave McGarvey, Dorothy Hoyer, Ethel Farrow, Mae Raudenbush, John Luciani, Matt Donley, Michele Lacy, Traci Siebold, Rob and Terri Macker, Ralph Whitcomb, Susan Means, Kathryn Ginter, Kristin Means, Pennie Gutshall, Fred Leathery, Chad Sweigart, Maryann Herr, Patricia Krick, Stanley Uibel, Joyce Hahn, Terry 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.

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

Greetings to the Men of the Congregation!



I want to see if there would be any interest in a Men's Breakfast group. In my past life in Iowa at our church, I coordinated a Men's Breakfast group for

about 30 years. This was a group of guys that met the second Saturday of every month for breakfast, great fellowship and interesting discussions of our faith through a short Bible Study. What I'm proposing at Faith United is that we meet at 8:30am on the second Saturday of the month starting May 9<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, email me at [jwdienst@gmail.com](mailto:jwdienst@gmail.com) or call/text me at 610-504-3429.

**Confirmation for  
 7th and 8th Graders**

Meets after Sunday worship from 10:15am-11:15am on the following Sundays of each month:

- September 14
- September 28
- October 12
- October 26
- November 9
- November 23
- December 7
- December 21
- January 11
- January 25
- February 8
- February 22
- March 8
- March 22
- April 12
- April 26
- May 17



## 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](mailto:pastormbecklin@gmail.com).

*Let's Celebrate!*

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

No gifts

Ralph Whitcomb  
95<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

DATE June 13, 2026 TIME 12:00-4:00  
Drop in

PLACE Keystone Villa Community Room  
100 N. State St. Ephrata, PA 17522

RSVP Janelle (717) 733-6005  
call or text



Friday, May 15, 2026

12:00-8:00pm

Saturday, May 16, 2026

7:00-10:00am

Stop by and enjoy half-price books on Saturday.

Farm Crest Community Room  
 333 Wheat Ridge Drive, Ephrata

Proceeds Benefit the Sharing Fund.



## Faith United/Mellingers Outdoor Worship Service & Picnic

Sunday, June 28, 2026

10:00 AM

Denver Memorial Park  
 Stage & Pavilion 1

Music By Pastor Tim & Kim Craven

Come dressed for the outdoors.

Bring your lawn chairs.

Lunch Following Worship Service.

In Case of Inclement Weather the Service and Picnic will be Held at Faith United Lutheran Church, 357 Walnut Street, Denver.

To help us plan, please sign your name, number attending and what you plan to provide for the Lunch on the chart at the back.

**Sandwiches, Hot Dogs and Drinks Supplied.**

## 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](mailto: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.



Central PA Blood Drive

Thursday, June 11, 2026

11:30am-6:30pm

Farm Crest Community Room  
 333 Wheat Ridge Drive, Ephrata

For An Appointment Call 800-771-0059 Or  
 Visit [www.epbb.org](http://www.epbb.org)

# DENVER BOROUGH COMMUNITY PERCEPTION SURVEY

Please take our survey now through June!

## WHO CAN TAKE IT:

Everyone, including residents, business owners, employees, property owners, and visitors of the Denver Area

## WHAT IS IT:

Give your input to improve Denver Borough! We need your opinion on:

- How you view the Business District
- What you think about existing businesses, activities, and industrial areas
- Parking, traffic, and walkability
- Share your ideas on how Denver could be improved

## WHEN:

Now through June

## WHERE:

Scan the QR code



Map of the Denver Borough Business District



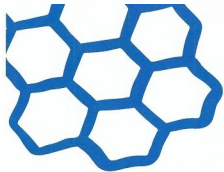
Thank you for your participation!

## Have you heard the buzz.....

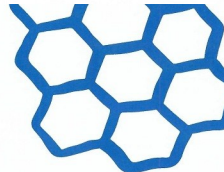


Join us in being part of something meaningful. We officially are unveiling our new name and vision for the organization this June. **CommunityHive** represents a renewed commitment to being a warm, welcoming place where individuals and families can access support, connection, and opportunity.

**Just like a hive, our strength comes from working together. YOU are an essential part of that.**



**June 2, 2026**  
 Join us for an Open House  
 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
 Ribbon cutting event at 4:00 pm with  
 Northern Lancaster Chamber



Delicious Food Tours Door Prizes

Special thanks to the following for their time and resources that made the rebrand and renovation possible



## Special Dates in May



Sunday, May 10, 2026



Saturday, May 16, 2026



Monday, May 25, 2026

## Special Dates in June



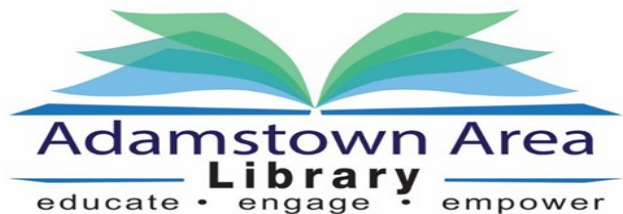
Sunday, June 14, 2026



Friday, June 19, 2026



Sunday, June 21, 2026



## 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](http://adamstownarealibrary.org) or call 717-484-4200.

**Grab & Grow** - Through May 10. The Library is offering five packets of vegetable or flower seeds to any patron who brings their Library card to the Circulation Desk. At the end of the season, participating patrons will be entered into a raffle to win a gardening prize.

**Cocalico Spring Quest** - Through May 26. Local businesses are partnering with Cocalico Cares and Adamstown Area Library to create a Community Scavenger Hunt. Participating businesses will display a clue tied to a riddle. Families can go around to each location, record the solutions and piece together the final answer. At the end of the event, anyone who returns their Scavenger Hunt will be entered into a raffle for \$100.00 prize. For all ages.

**Paws-itive Pets Play & Learn Center** - All May. Stop in the Library to enjoy the Story Corner Play & Learn Center with a "man's best friend" theme. A great place for some educational fun with toys, puppets, vocab, figures, blocks and more. For all ages.

**Teen Talk Board** - All May and June. Teens are invited to stop by the Young Adult Section to answer and discuss fun questions. For teens.

**"DINO-MITE" Play & Learn Center** - All Summer. Educational 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!

**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.

**Budding Bookworms Preschool Storytime** - Every Wednesday, 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.

**Twinkling Stars Baby Storytime** - Every Thursday, 10:00-10:30am. Simple stories, rhymes, puppets, songs and fingerplays. For babies with adults.

**"The Young and the Restless" Toddler Time** - Every Thursday, 11:00am-noon. Stories, songs and fingerplays, followed by an easy craft and free play. For toddlers with adults.

**American Girl Bag Pickup** - Monday, May 11. Patrons can pick up an American Girl-themed project packet in the Library's foyer, filled with fun for kids and their doll. One per family while supplies last. For ages 5-12.

**LEGO® Dino Habitat Build Off** - Tuesday, May 12, 5:30-6:30pm. Bring family or friends and build a team of two to five people to compete in building a themed LEGO® habitat after locating a dinosaur hiding in the stacks. This program is paid for with the Remake Learning Days Award and a special thanks to Rich and Linda Schamus from the Little Brick Gallery, Adamstown. For all ages.

**The Cozy Stitch Collective** - Wednesday, May 13, 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. This is a drop-in event for adults ages 18 and up.

**Downsizing for Empty Nesters** - Thursday, May 14, 5:00-6:00pm. Join the Library for a special presentation on decluttering tips, strategies for simplifying your home and guidance for a smooth transition into empty nesting. Presented in partnership with the Peter Heim Team at Keller Williams Platinum. For adults and seniors. Registration is required.

**Lab Ready** - Friday, May 15, 8:30am-4:30pm. Lab Ready presents a special STEM workshop for rising high school seniors and graduates (or equivalent) to gain free, hands-on experience and career exploration. Interested individuals should apply to attend by May 11, 2026. Registration is not held through the Library. Applicants should apply directly at [www.labreadyworkforce.com/lab-experience-day](http://www.labreadyworkforce.com/lab-experience-day).

**Sean's Social Club** - Friday, May 15, 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.

**Book Club** - Monday, May 18, 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. For the May meeting, the club will be reading *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. 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.

**Bear Discovery Drop-In** - Monday, May 18 and Tuesday, May 19, 10:00am-4:00pm. Visitors can use their senses to explore a Pennsylvania Game Commission kit of pelts, skulls, claws, books, activities and more. For all ages.

**Mah-Jongg** - Mondays, May 18 and June 1 and 15, 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.

**Almost Perfect Crimes** - Tuesdays, May 19 and June 16, 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.

**Young at Heart** - Wednesdays, May 20 and June 3 and 17, 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 Wednesday of each month. For more information, call 717-336-7797 or visit [realcs.org](http://realcs.org). For seniors.

**Connect with a Social Worker** - Wednesdays, May 20, and June 3 and 17, 11:30am-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](mailto:becca@realcs.org). REAL Life Community Services serves residents of Cocalico School District.

**Grandparent Book Buddies** - Wednesday, May 20, 10:50-11:05am. A multigenerational event for children and seniors to enjoy reading together by the fireplace. Sponsored by REAL Life Young at Heart Group. For all ages.

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## Adamstown Area Library *Continued from Page 18*

**PA MEDI Counselor Medicare Walk-In Sessions** - Thursday, May 21, 11:30am-2:00pm. The Adamstown Area Library is partnering with the Lancaster County Office of Aging to provide a counselor to help with Medicare enrollment and questions. Visitors can receive guidance on Medicare coverage options, Medigap policies, Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare Savings Programs. The first hour of this program will be a presentation, followed by walk-in private Q&A sessions. No registration is required.

**Skype-a-Scientist** - Thursday, May 21, 5:00-6:00pm. Cortney Dean, a research biologist, ecologist and conservationist based in Wisconsin, will give a brief talk about her work, how she became a scientist and how her research affects us all. There will be a follow-up Q&A session where audience members are encouraged to ask questions. For all ages. Registration is required.

**TEEN "Spice of the Month"** - Monday, May 25. Young adults that like to cook and bake can pick up a bag that includes a packet of spice, history, recipes, and cookbook recommendations. One bag per family while supplies last. For teens.

**Ephrata Area Social Services at AAL** - Wednesday, May 27 and June 24, 10:00am-noon. 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 team, ask questions and learn more about resources available in the community.

**Wildlife Wednesday** - Wednesday, May 27, 6:00-6:45pm. Join the Library for a Wildlife Wednesday! This month, the topic is backyard birdwatching. For all ages.

**Baby Goat Storytime** - Thursday, May 28, 10:30-11:30am. The Adamstown Area Library is hosting a special visit from two baby goats, courtesy of Swartz Farm. Families can drop in to enjoy Storytime and meet these bleating cuties up close! For all ages.

**Virtual Reality Career Exploration** - Thursday, May 28, 4:30-6:30pm. The Adamstown Area Library is partnering with Goodwill to host a free Career Exploration Workshop. Patrons will have the opportunity to experience over 50 different jobs in an immersive, hands-on Virtual Reality experience in areas like agriculture, architecture and construction, law and public safety, manufacturing, science and technology and more. Simulations are about 10 minutes long, and all are available in Spanish. For ages 14-25. Registration is required.

**Doggie Downtime** - Wednesday, June 3, 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.

**Front-Row Seat Giveaway** (Monday Madness Programs) - Adamstown Area Library is offering families the chance to win front-row seating for select upcoming programs held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (80 East Main Street, Adamstown). Featured events include Forgotten Friend's Reptile Show (Monday, June 8, 10:00-11:00am), Paleontologist Expedition Adventure (Monday, June 22, 10:00-11:00am) and "I Dig Bugs" with Ryan "The Bug Guy" (Wednesday, July 1, 10:00-11:00am). Entry for each event closes the Thursday prior to its scheduled date. Entries are accepted by liking the corresponding posts on the Library's Facebook page.

**Brontosaurus Block Party** (Thursday Toddler Tomfoolery) - Thursday, June 4, drop-in from 10:00-11:00am. Patrons can enjoy imaginative play with building blocks, stacking and creating dino-inspired structures.

**Tips for First Time Home Buyers** - Thursday, June 4, 5:00-6:00pm. Join the Library for a special presentation for first time home buyers. Our presenter will be offering tips on securing financing, defining must-haves versus nice-to-haves and short-term home searching. This program is presented in partnership with the Peter Heim Team at Keller Williams Platinum. For ages 18 and older. Registration is required.

**Opening Day Drive-Thru Party** - Saturday, June 6, 8:30-11:00am at Denver Community Park (801 Main Street, Denver). Families stay in their car while enjoying goodies from our over 25 sponsors, including a Summer Reading packet, snacks, gifts, raffle prizes, a fire truck, a police car and more! The first 250 kids present receive a Boehringer's Ice Cream Cone Coupon.

**Forgotten Friend's Reptile Show** (Monday Madness) - Monday, June 8, 10:00-11:00am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (80 East Main Street, Adamstown). The creatures of today help us explore the dinosaurs of the past. This program features up-close encounters with rescued snakes, lizards, turtles and more! Discover how these modern animals are connected to the ancient giants that once roamed the Earth. For all ages.

**Ice Age Melt** (Thursday Toddler Tomfoolery) - Thursday, June 11, drop-in from 10:00-11:00am. Dig into icy fun by "excavating" frozen dinosaur toys in this hands-on sensory activity. For toddlers.

**Flintstones Party** (Thursday Tween & Teen Triassic Events) - Thursday, June 11, 1:00-2:00pm. Join the Library for a *Flintstones* Watch Party as well as themed snacks and activities. For tweens and teens. Registration is requested.

**LSC Virtual Author Talk with Dungeon Crawler Carl writer Matt Dinniman** - Thursday, June 11, 7:00-8:00pm. Hold onto your heart-patterned boxers! Matt Dinniman, *New York Times* bestselling author of the wildly popular (and just plain wild) *Dungeon Crawler Carl* series, joins Adamstown Area Library to chat about his latest book, *A Parade of Horribles*, via digital live-stream in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium.

**Dinosaur Party** (Friday Fascination with Lancaster County Parks & Recreation) - Friday, June 12, 10:00-11:00am at Brubaker Park (100 Brubaker Lane, Denver). A Prehistoric blast with games and activity stations.

**Teen Summer Zine** - Saturday, June 13, 1:00-2:00pm at Manheim Township Library (595 Granite Run Drive, Lancaster). Teens will learn from local arts professionals while creating their own handmade publications that can include comics, fan art and fan fiction, poetry, collage and illustrations. In this session, patrons will create comics with graphic novelist Jamar Nicholas. All materials provided, including snacks! Students may submit their favorite pieces for publication into a county-wide digital zine that will be available for checkout through Libby at the end of the summer. All Lancaster County teens are welcome to participate. Registration is required.

**Genealogy Research Circle** - Saturday, June 13, 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.

**Kountry Korner Ice Cream Taste Test** (Monday Madness) - Monday, June 15, 10:00-11:00am at Adamstown Grove (West Main Street, Reinholds). What better way to beat the heat than with a "cool" treat! Guess the flavor and then vote for your favorite. Big thanks to Kountry Korner for sponsoring this "DELICIOUS" program. For all ages.

**Mark Deroze: The Stories Behind the Songs** - Monday, June 15, 5:30-6:30pm. Join the Library for a special presentation with local musician and songwriter, Mark DeRose. He will be performing original songs and discussing his approach to music and songwriting. For teens and adults. Registration is required.

**Mini-Chef** (Wacky Wednesday) - Wednesday, June 17, 10:00-11:00am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (80 East Main Street, Adamstown). Learn about healthy eating and create a tasty snack with a nutritionist from Giant, Charlotte Scheid! For families. Registration is requested.

**3-D Dino Puzzles** (Thursday Toddler Tomfoolery) - Thursday, June 18, drop-in from 10:00-11:00am. Become a junior archaeologist and rebuild dinosaurs. Patrons will assemble a 3-D dinosaur puzzle, learning how fossils are reconstructed while working to rebuild prehistoric creatures. For toddlers.

**What Teeth Tell Us** (Friday Fascination with Lancaster County Parks & Recreation) - Friday, June 19, 10:00-11:00am at Chapel Gate Park (57 Parkview Drive, Reinholds). After hearing the story "Tooth by Tooth" by Sara Levine, patrons will identify skulls and determine what they had for supper.

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**Paleontologist Expedition Adventure (Monday Madness)** - Monday, June 22, 10:00–11:00am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (80 East Main Street, Adamstown). Local paleontologists the Sratkas' will explain the work of a scientist and present a real *Albertosaurus* skull. The audience will then dig up and construct real *Triceratops* bones! For all ages.

**Cupcake Wars** - Wednesday, June 24, 5:00–6:30pm. Put your cupcake decorating skills to the test against other teams of two. For ages 16 and older. Registration is required, and please register in teams of two.

**Prehistoric Playdoh Party (Thursday Toddler Tomfoolery)** - Thursday, June 25, drop-in from 10:00–11:00am. Enjoy a hands-on sensory activity using playdough to shape and squish prehistoric creations.

**Dino Tales (Friday Fascination with Lancaster County Parks & Recreation)** - Friday, June 26, 10:00–11:00am at Schoeneck Park (140 West Queen Street, Schoeneck). Learn the bigger and better survival adaptations dinosaurs had with a dino hunt, game and unique, themed craft.

**Railroad Museum Presentation** - Friday, June 26, 1:30–2:30pm. Please join the Library for this presentation of "Working on the Railroad" from the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. This event ties in with Summer Reading. For adults and seniors. Registration is required.

**Teen Summer Zine** - Saturday, June 27, 12:30–1:30pm at Ephrata Library (550 South Reading Road, Ephrata). Teens will learn from local arts professionals while creating their own handmade publications that can include comics, fan art and fan fiction, poetry, collage and illustrations. In this session, patrons will make a FanZine with Lancaster Zine Fest's Kim Holland. All materials provided, including snacks! Students may submit their favorite pieces for publication into a county-wide digital zine that will be available for checkout through Libby at the end of the summer. All Lancaster County teens are welcome to participate. Registration is required.

**Pterodactyl Fling Competition (Monday Madness)** - Monday, June 29, drop-in from 10:00–11:00am. Pull, Aim, and Shoot! Compete in catapulting a dinosaur toy at the Library. For all ages.

## Looking for Acolytes of All Ages!

Serving as an Acolyte is an important and meaningful part of our worship life—and it's not just for children. We invite people of *all ages* to take part in this role of lighting candles and assisting during Services. Whether you've served before or are new to it, training will be provided. Acolyting is a simple yet powerful way to participate in worship and support our church. If you feel called to serve, please sign up by writing your name down and placing this paper in the marked red basket in the back of the Sanctuary!

## Community Events

You're invited to the  
Lutheran Camping Corporation's  
**Summer Camp Kick-off  
Worship and Picnic**



Sunday, May 17, 2026  
At Kirchenwald  
Worship begins at 3:30 pm



Join friends, volunteers, and staff of Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm to celebrate the opening of the 2026 Summer Camping Season with worship, fellowship, and fabulous food, and to give thanks for and celebrate Mike Youse's long and meaningful legacy with the Lutheran Camping Corporation.

RSVP by May 8 to 717-677-8211 or [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org)



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania  
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm  
PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303  
717-677-8211 • [www.LutheranCamping.org](http://www.LutheranCamping.org)



## The Wittel Farm Growing Project

*Where agriculture, ecology,  
and faith grow together*

A Ministry of The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

The Wittel Farm is a special place where **agriculture, ecology, and faith** are deeply connected. Here, we practice **regenerative farming**—growing healthy food in harmony with the land and in grateful reciprocity for the Creator's gifts.

The Wittel Farm is a **working farm** that plants, grows, and shares a diverse fruit and vegetable harvest each year to support the charitable food system and to educate our community.

New for 2026!

### Farm Day Camp

*A unique farm & camp experience*

**Monday–Friday | 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM**

Campers enjoy **mornings at The Wittel Farm** and **afternoons at Camp Kirchenwald**.

#### At the Farm (Mornings):

- Learn about the soil food web and how food grows
- Plant, tend, harvest, and taste garden produce
- Explore seeds, trees, water, soil, compost, and sustainability practices

#### Midday:

- Lunch at the farm

#### Afternoons at Camp Kirchenwald:

- Short van trip (9 miles)
- Field games and pool time

We return to The Wittel Farm in time for **4:30 PM pickup**.

#### 2026 Camp Dates

**June 22–26 – Juniors (Grades 3–6)**

**July 20–24 – Intermediates (Grades 6–9)**

*Intermediates may stay at Camp Kirchenwald for Friday night dinner and Capture the Flag. Pick-up would then be at camp.*

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[LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org)

# KID'S PAGE

## GROWING IN GOD'S WORD



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

### What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



### What you do:

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

## WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.



### What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers or letter stamps

### What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his roles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange the words in a crossword-style design, placing them both horizontally and vertically.
3. Once you're happy with the layout, stick the words onto the canvas or board.
4. Decorate the canvas as you like, then present it as a meaningful reminder of your love and appreciation for who he is.

## PUZZLE

### A LEGACY OF FAITH

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy learned about faith from his mother and grandmother.

Complete the verse below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowels.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

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2 Timothy 1:5, NIV

Answer: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

## PUZZLE

### REMEMBERING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Father's Day is a time to thank our father and father-figures who work hard to keep our families safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill out the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NIV

Answer: What great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!



**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](http://pathways.hccnet.org/groups) or call the Pathways Center.

**Coping With The Loss Of A Child (Of Any Age):** Monday, May 18 and June 15, 6:00-7:30pm.

**Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Partner:** Tuesday, May 22 and June 9, 6:00-7:30pm; Tuesday, May 26 and June 23, 2:00-3:30pm. **Via Zoom:** Thursday, June 4, 6:00-7:30pm.

**Coping With The Loss Of A Parent Or Sibling:** Tuesday, May 19 and June 16, 6:00-7:30pm.

**Age 50 & Under - Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Partner:** Wednesday, May 27 and June 24, 6:00-7:30pm.

**GRASP (Grief Recovery After A Substance Passing):** Tuesday, May 19 and June 16, 6:30-8:00pm.

**Passages Educational Program:** Monday, May 11, 6:30-8:00pm. Topic: "What Have You Learned?" **Monday, June 8, 6:30-8:00pm.** Topic: "Myths and Misconceptions About Grief". **Held Virtually.** This program is for adults who have experienced a loss within the past 2 years. A specific topic will be discussed monthly. Call to register or register online at [pathways.hccnet.org/groups](http://pathways.hccnet.org/groups).

**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.**

**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, May 27 and June 24, 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](mailto:pathways@choiceshealth.org) by noon the day before the event.

**Men's Breakfast:** Wednesday, June 3, 8:00-9:30am; Centerville Diner 1, 100 South Centerville Road, Lancaster. RSVP to Dan Farmer at (717) 435-8023 or [pathways@choiceshealth.org](mailto:pathways@choiceshealth.org) by noon the day before 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](http://www.PathwaysThroughGrief.org) for updated information about support groups.

# Community Events



## MT. GRETNA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2026

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle - 3<sup>rd</sup> St. & Glossbrenner Ave.  
Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064

Please visit [MtGretnaTabernacle.org](http://MtGretnaTabernacle.org) for any program cancellations. A freewill offering will be received at each program.

### Friday Programs 7 p.m.

**June 12 Rick Rowe - Big Choir** One hour of upbeat worship with a contemporary 40-member choir, live band and testimony. This is a night of outreach and worship. Rick Rowe served as a worship director at Community Fellowship Church, Lancaster, Pa.



**June 19 An Evening of contemporary worship & Praise** MCC Worship Team, Morgantown, Pa. (Moving Communities to Christ).



**June 26 Ryan & Friends** Christian ventriloquist and comedian Ryan Bomgardner is a sought-after performer throughout North America. This will be his first performance at the Bible Festival.

### 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.*



### June 6 Saturday 7 p.m. Concert Handbell Festival

Under the direction of composer and conductor Brian Childers, ringers from the area will ring the praise and glory of God. *Sponsored by Gerald and Nancy Brinser.*



### June 7 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster

Choral singing by children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ. Rosemary Blessing, Artistic Director. *Sponsored by Joy Book Store, Schaefferstown.*



### June 14 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

**Andy Roberts with the Four Piece Quartet** The Four Piece Quartet plays re-imagined jazz arrangements of "Sunday standards" and uplifting contemporary pieces. Their latest recording, "All Things," is available on most streaming services. *Sponsored by Don and Carole Miller.*



### 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



### June 21 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert Annual Hymn Sing with Men in Harmony

Program will include a Hymn Sing led by Bob Kettering and Dr. Rod Shearer. *Sponsored by Steve & Diane Graybill Family in memory of Dorothy Summy.*



### June 28 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert Eddie Zheng, organ

A recent recipient of an Artist's Diploma from the prestigious Juilliard School, Eddie Zheng is among the rising stars of the organ world. With impeccable technique and mature interpretation, his performances appeal to every taste. He will perform on his custom-built touring organ. *Sponsored by Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists*

### 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.*



### July 5 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert Patriotic Concert

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



### 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.*



### 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.*

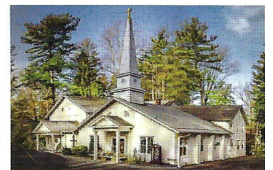
### Summer Organ Programs at the Mt. Gretna UMC

#### June 3 Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Abigail Wood**, graduate student at Peabody Conservatory (Baltimore, Md.)

#### June 10 Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Carolyn Hoff**, sacred music intern at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Cleveland Heights, Oh.) studies organ performance at the Cleveland Institute of Music.



#### June 17 Wednesday 7 p.m.

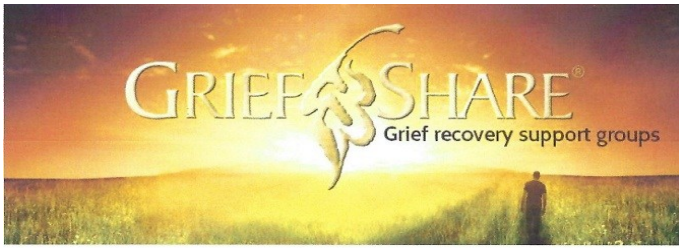
**Daniel Brownell**, First Presbyterian Church (York, Pa.) and adjunct music instructor, Messiah University.



Sunday, June 21, 2026



# 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



Celebrate Recovery  
A CHRIST CENTERED Recovery Program

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



## Seeking Safety

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.

*Classes 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](http://www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered).



Questions? Contact [education@cobys.org](mailto:education@cobys.org) or 717-435-8139.



## Lighthouse YOUTH CENTER

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 [reallds.org/youth-center](http://reallds.org/youth-center)

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



Please register >>> [www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered/](http://www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered/)

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# Community Events

Join us at Peter's Porch!



- 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am  
Lititz Mennonite Church  
165 East Front Street  
Lititz, PA 17543  
717.626.8327  
www.LititzMC.org
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am  
Zion Lutheran Church  
435 Main Street  
Akron, PA 17543  
717.859.2100  
www.ZionAkron.org
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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*

REINHOLDS, ADAMSTOWN AND SURROUNDING COCALICO AREA

## FOOD PANTRY

EASS has a satellite location at  
**Swamp Lutheran Church**  
every 2nd Wednesday of the month  
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Call 717.733.0345 or 717.336.2849  
to let us know you are coming



## 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



# 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...

Scan here to visit our website



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**357 WALNUT STREET**  
**P O BOX 157**  
**DENVER PA 17517-0157**

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