

***Veterans Sunday  
Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost  
November 12, 2023***

***Guest Speaker – Pastor Jay Shaffer***

***Trinity United Church of Christ  
600 Main Street  
Berlin, Pennsylvania***

**Prelude “Rally Around the Flag” – Berlin Fife & Drum Corps  
“The Star-Spangled Banner” - Mary McDonald**

**Please stand if you are able but do not sing along as the melody is interrupted by several interludes.**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn No. 572**

**America the Beautiful**

***“Presentation of Veterans”***

***Sheron Engleka assisted by Berlin Fife & Drum Corps***

**\*Call to Confession:**

**Almighty God, you call us to be the servant people, caring for one another. However, we must confess that we usually put our desires ahead of others. The world calls us to get all we can and store up riches for ourselves. You call us to share what we have for those who are in need. Forgive us, O Lord, for the times when we failed to be witnesses of your love. May we always be willing to sacrifice what we have to glorify your name as our service men and women sacrifice for our protection and freedom. Amen.**

**Silent Confession:**

**Assurance of Forgiveness:**

**The Lord has heard our petitions and grants us forgiveness.**

**We rejoice that our God shows mercy on us.**

**Let us praise our God!**

**\*Response Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## **\*The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hades.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

**“Armed Forces of America Medley” - Peggy Duquesnel  
Performed by Rick Kimmel**

**\*Presentation of the Offering – Singing of the Doxology  
Doxology performed by Berlin Fife & Drum Corps**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

## **Prayer of the Offering**

**Our Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]**

### **Gospel: John 15:9-17**

**9** As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love.

**10** If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

**11** These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

**12** “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

**13** Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

**14** You are my friends if you do what I command you.

**15** No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

**16** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

**17** This I command you, to love one another.

**Hymn:**

**Battle Hymn of the Republic  
Performed by Berlin Fife and Drum Corps**

**Sermon  
“Sacrifice”  
Pastor Jay Shaffer**

**\*Hymn No: 571**

**My Country Tis of Thee**

**Prayer for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

Please join us at the shoeboxes as we pray for the recipients of these boxes, the hands that prepared them and those responsible for donating to them.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response – Sung with Dismissal**

**Go Now in Peace  
Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**Amen**

**\*Going Forth**

**Postlude Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory – Mary McDonald**

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**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

**Shut Ins:**

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor.

**Healing Concerns:**

Mark Amyot, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Clinton Clark, Ray Coleman, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Greg Croner, Pam Crooks, Nancy Custer, Reon Engleka, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Cindy McCullen-Janicki, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Reed, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Carl Saylor, Nancy Schrock, JoAnne Smith, Peggy Stayrook, Betty Strasser, Larry Tinkey, Paul Trulick, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Harry Watkins, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

### **Prayer List Update**

Once again, we are in need of your assistance in updating our prayer list of healing concerns. If you have placed someone on our list, please confirm that they are still in need of prayer or hopefully taken off thanks to God's power of healing and your prayers. Please contact the office to help us with this update.

### **The Saints In Action**

TODAY – Veterans Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Veterans Reception Fellowship Hall

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bell Rehearsal

Next Sunday – November 19- 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

### **Giving From 11/05/2023**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$4408.00	\$3155.58	\$1252.42
<b>Ben</b>	\$251.00	\$182.69	\$68.31
<b>Maint</b>	\$196.00	\$163.46	\$32.54
<b>Mem</b>	\$450.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$5305.00	\$3501.73	\$1353.27

Benevolence includes Donations to Food Pantry of \$15 and Adopt a Family of \$390; Operation Christmas Child \$205

**Worship Attendance: 111**

## **Where You May Find. . .**

**The Nursery:** *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

## **At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .**

Large Print Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

*These Days* – Devotional

## **Assisting in Worship**

**Sound:** Pam Bush (Board), Renee Gindlesperger (Camera)

**Ushers:** Ann Slifco, Amy Clark, Nancy Bittner, Jean Ann Darr

**Acolytes:** Cora Wright, Colton Custer

**Flowers on the altar** in memory of Devon & June Landis, Larry Landis, Kerry Landis, and Helen Landis Frye by Barry Landis

**The Special Flowers on the altar and the bulletin** in honor of military service by the members of our family: James R. McCullen, U.S. Army (WW2), Larry W. McCullen, Jr., U.S. Navy, Master Chief Kenneth A. Janicki, U.S. Coast Guard Retired, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Jacob K. Janicki, U.S. Army, and Joshua L. Janicki, PA National Guard, Army by Larry & Judy McCullen.

## ***The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by***

*Church Secretary: Pam Bush, Jean Ann Darr*

*Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger*

*Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick*

*Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas*

*Virtual Organist: Rick Kimmel*

## **Consistory Elders:**

*Tom Calvert, President, 814-267-3771*

*Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650*

*Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166*

### **Consistory Deacons:**

*Amy Clark, Julie Petro, Ann Slifco  
Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, Tom Croner  
Amanda Custer, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust*

### **Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Church Office Phone: 814-267-3234

Mailing Address: PO Box 86, Berlin, PA 15530

Email: [berlinucc@yahoo.com](mailto:berlinucc@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.berlinucc.org](http://www.berlinucc.org)

### **Combined Bell Choir Concert**

Berlin Brethren Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Trinity United Church of Christ will combine the powerful sounds of their bell choirs on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. here at Trinity!!! This collaboration of the three church bell choirs is one concert you don't want to miss!

### **Congregational Meeting**

Our annual meeting will be held December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The agenda will include minutes from our previous meeting, budget, election of new consistory members and old/new business.

### **Offering Envelopes**

Offering envelopes for 2024 will be available for pickup on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Any remaining boxes will be mailed. Please help us cut postage costs by picking up your boxes or making arrangements for them to be picked up.

### **Christmas Flower Orders**

Enclosed in your issue of Trinity Trumpet was the order form for Christmas Poinsettias. Please note that the cutoff date is November 20<sup>th</sup>. We would encourage you to order soon to ensure the colors you would like. Please feel free to use the back of the form for any additional information and include your contact number in the event there are any questions. Additional order forms are available next to the Daily Devotionals.



### **Christmas Decorating:**

Will commence the week of November 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be erecting the BIG TREE this year!!! Merry Christmas to us!! The big tree is a big task, so on the night of Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. we would like as much help as possible.

### **Christmas Bazaar and Home Tour Final Day Today!**

The Pius Spring Woman's Club is sponsoring "Christmas for Togetherness", a Christmas Bazaar and Home Tour Saturday, November 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, November 12, 2023, from 1 pm. to 4 pm. The tour begins at the Berlin Community Building where the bazaar will also be held with numerous vendors. Transportation for the home tour will be provided from the Community Building to three homes beautifully decorated for Christmas. The Heritage Haus belonging to the Berlin Area Historical Society will also be decorated and open for you to tour. Lunch is available on Saturday only. Home Tour tickets are \$10 per person.

### **Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.**

November 19 Steve Dinning

November 26 Jim Vander Schuur

**December 1 Steve Dinning**

December 10 DeWayne Hay

December 17 Jim Vander Schuur

December 24 Peter Kaltenbaugh (Both Services)

December 31 David Ackerman

**Bolded dates indicate "Communion" Sundays.**

**Adult Sunday School Class** has begun an in-depth Bible study of I & II Peter. Please feel free to join us at any point in this study as we are enjoying good discussion and gaining new insights from Scripture. The class meets each Sunday after Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall and is taught by Sue Coughenour. Jean Hart makes sure we are well supplied with beverages and sweet treats. Come give Sunday School a try; you might be surprised at how much you enjoy our time together. *Please note that due to conflicts with other things happening in fellowship hall, **Sunday school will not be held November 5<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup> and November 26<sup>th</sup>.***

**For those who attend Sunday School**, we will be having Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> during the class time. This will include a covered-dish brunch, with signup sheets at both entrances. We hope all the youth and children will come help decorate the Fellowship Hall for the Christmas season. This is always a fun event as the children love seeing all the memorable decorations made and donated over the years.

## **Hugs & Kisses**

**Sunday, December 17th**- Church Christmas Play - any youth interested in participating, please contact Amanda Custer at 814-483-4283 or Kathy Spangler at 814-279-2336 ASAP. We need you! Even if just a small part or to play rainbow bells. We are planning on practicing during Sunday School (10-11AM) December 3rd and 10th with a dress rehearsal Saturday December 16th- time TBD.

## **United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministries**

is on a mission to make UCC churches Accessible to All (A2A) The first step in this process was completing a church building and program accessibility audit. The audit is designed to examine the attitudes and physical structures of our church for accessibility by people with physical, mental, and developmental disabilities. The purpose is to make our faith community welcoming and inclusive of everyone into all aspects of the life of the church. The audit is a guide which helps to determine what work has already been done and what areas need to be improved. It was not an all-inclusive list and some items do not apply to our setting. This topic was brought to consistory and Amanda Custer has volunteered to head up the process along with the property committee. There are goals to be completed within the next year, 3 years, and 5 years. In future newsletters and bulletins, you may be seeing educational materials regarding different disability categories and how we are addressing these in our church and our community as part of this process. If you have any specific questions, please see Amanda Custer.

**Pastoral Care:** For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Calvert, President of Consistory at 814-267-3771, who will arrange for a pastor to provide comfort and assurance in a time of crisis. If you need **immediate** pastoral care, contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.

### **Berlin Fife & Drum Corps**

The following are just a few highlights taken from Jim Darr's "The History of the Berlin Fife and Drum Corps" as published in the BAHS Summer 2004 memos.

George Johnson was the originator of fifing and drumming in Berlin. On April 7, 1777, at the age of 17, Johnson ran away from home and enlisted in the Revolutionary Army of Shepardstown, Virginia. He served as a fifer for three years under Capt. Iserlow and Colonels Nevill and Berford with the Virginia troops.

Through George Johnson, Berlin has had fifers and drummers since 1782, the Fife and Drum Corps consisting of military veteran musicians and local recruits.

In the year 1887 a camp of the Sons of Union Veterans was organized at Berlin and uniformed members took in the Fife and Drum Corps and became well organized and trained in a military manner.

During the presidential campaign of William B. McKinley, in 1896, the Corps accompanied a seven passenger coach train from Somerset County to Cancon, Ohio, and paraded from the station to the residence of Mr. McKinley. President McKinley himself had ties with the Frosty Sons of Thunder, often setting up his summer White House in the cooler climate of Somerset County.

From the very first observance of Memorial Day in Berlin, a Fife and Drum Corps of the town participated annually in the parade.

In 1976, the year of America's Bicentennial, the Corps marched in Philadelphia in the Pennsylvania Parade.

A great deal of the history of the Berlin Fife and Drum Corps during the twentieth Century revolves around the central figure of Ralph G. Landis. Perhaps no man other than our founder, George Johnson, has been so instrumental in keeping alive the spirit of the great fife and drum tradition in the hills around Berlin.

Membership in the Berlin Fife and Drum Corps is a long tradition in the Berlin area. Several members served for over forty years, C. William Altfather, James "Fremont" Stuck, Alfred Queer, Chuck Robb and Rollie Fogle just to name a few.

With the devastating events of September 11, 2001, the corps was called upon to perform services at the Flight 93 crash site, also at the Flight 93 Memorial Church, next to Shanksville, PA. The next summer the Corps was honored to have led the “Living Flag” through the streets of Shanksville, in the largest 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in the history of the town.

It is our hope that our long tradition of fifing and drumming in the Allegheny Mountains will encourage succeeding generations of Frosty Sons of Thunder to join the Corps and enjoy the thrill of keeping alive a centuries old musical heritage. Indeed, it is our hope that one hundred years from now, parade spectators will still raise the cry “Here comes Berlin!”

### **Knotty Knotters**

The Knotty Knotters is a ministry of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Berlin, PA. They make covers, prayer shawls, Izzy dolls, dish cloths, walker cattles, chemo hats and baby hats. In 2022 they made and gave away 333 items. Not including the Veteran’s covers. For the covers they meet in the Lutheran church basement on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 am. To 12:00 p.m. to put the covers together and knot them. They do 3 to 6 covers every week. Once they are knotted, they are bound by someone in their home. The other items they do are made in people’s homes. They have supplied items to the following: Allegheny Co Children & Youth, Penn Hills, Pittsburgh, PA; Perry Co Children and Youth Services, New Bloomfield, Pittsburgh, PA; Cumberland Co Children and Women’s Center, Pittsburgh, PA; N.A.L.E. Disaster Relief, Birthright, Somerset PA; Meyersdale Manor, Meyersdale PA; Johnstown Hospice, Johnstown PA; John Murtha Cancer Center, Johnstown, PA; Twin Lakes, Somerset PA; Bruce Outreach Ministries, Westernport, MD; Ruby Family House, Morgantown, WV; Windber Breast Cancer Center, Windber PA; Somerset Oncology, Somerset PA; Drug babies in Johnstown, Johnstown PA and members of the community in need of a cover or any other item that they make. The Knotty Knotters members are from the community and beyond. The items are made especially for you with love and prayers by “The Knotty Knotters”.

Thank you, Kathy Blough and Sheron Engleka, for sewing the patches on each quilt prior to this presentation.



**In addition to all active service members and Veterans that have passed, today we are recognizing:**

**Lewis Berkley – Army  
Heather Berkey – Marines  
Paul Berkey – Marines  
Chad Boburchock – Army  
Steven Boyer – Army  
Wayne Brant – AirForce  
Karl Brick – Army  
Robert Brown – Navy  
Jeff Calvert – Army  
Tom Calvert – Army  
Robert Chappie – Army  
Leanna Coughenour – Navy  
Lonnie Coughenour – Marines, Army/Air Force Reserve  
John Coughenour – Army  
Robert Coughenour – Army  
Donald Custer – Army  
Larry Custer – Army  
Reon Engleka, Jr. – Army  
Leonard Gary – Army  
Robert Glotfelty – Army  
Pastor Art Gotchen – Coast Guard  
Michael Hutchinson – Army  
Jacob Janicki – Army  
Joshua Janicki – Army  
Kenneth A. Janicki – Coast Guard**

**Al Knotts – Air Force**  
**Barbara Landis – Air Force**  
**William Landis – Air Force**  
**Nicholas Lepley – Army**  
**Larry McCullen, Jr. – Navy**  
**Frank Meyers – Army**  
**Ken Miller – Marines**  
**Larry Pritts – Army**  
**Ed Reed – Navy**  
**Curt Shaulis – Army**  
**Allen Strasser – Air Force**  
**Harry Watkins – Army**  
**John Wisler – Army**  
**Earl Harlan – Navy**

**Thank each and every one of you for your service.**



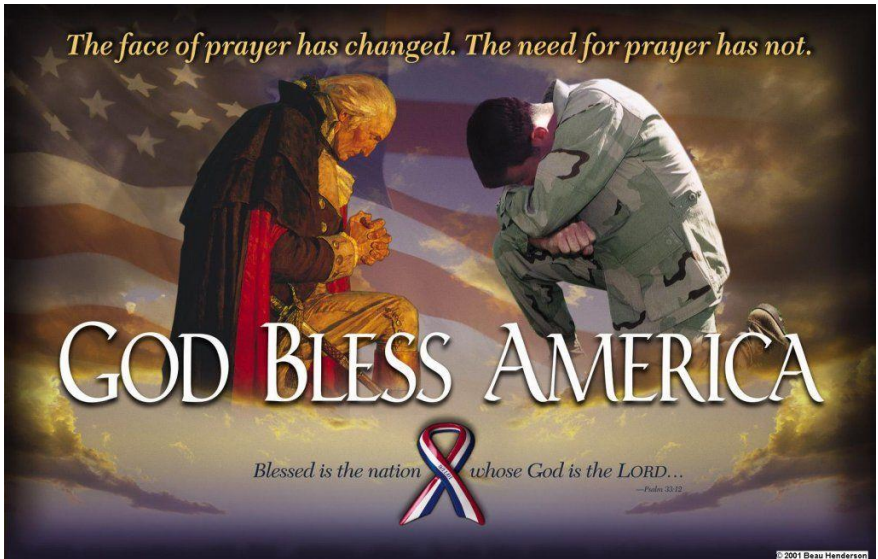
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You*

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**A Special Thank You**

To all of our participants today for making our recognition of Veterans and active military personnel one with appreciation, honor, and respect.

All of our Veterans & Active Military Service Men & Women  
Pastor Jay Shaffer  
Berlin Fife and Drum Corps  
Rick Kimmel  
Knotty Knotters  
Hugs & Kisses  
Sheron Engleka



Freedom is an inalienable right. One that is guaranteed to us by the Constitution. And while some fight to take away this right, by limiting how or where we may worship, one thing is certain: veterans of the United States have fought to protect our right to worship how we choose.

Go into your new week, thanking God and our soldiers for the freedom with which we are blessed.