



***All Saints Sunday  
Remembrance and Holy Communion  
November 5, 2023***

***Guest Speaker – Bill Deal  
Assisted By Vesper/Truitt Ogburn***

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

## Prelude

**It Is Well Within My Soul – Jeff Perks  
Amazing Grace – James Stevens**

## Announcements

### Call to Worship:

On this All-Saints Day, we gather to join the multitude of saints across the generations from all tribes, peoples, and languages, to proclaim:

**Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

We come to remember, to grieve, and to celebrate those saints who have come before, yet whose life and witness continues to teach us:

**Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

We gather today as the family of Christ, siblings, and saints, diverse yet united by grace to live lives that declare:

**Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

May we be guided today by the Lamb who is our Shepherd, the one who gathers us, comforts us, and tends us.

**May we join in the work of the Shepherd to bring about a world with no more hunger, no more thirst, no more suffering, and no more pain that all the saints of the past, the present, and the future may share in God's abundant life. Amen.**

## Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn No. 546

**For All the Saints**

\*Call to Confession:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us turn our hearts to the LORD.

**Confession:**

Loving God, today we remember and honor those who have entered into your kingdom this past year. Like us they were not perfect in every way. However, each sought to serve you as best they could. We also seek to serve you and must face the reality that we often fail and are in need of your forgiveness. LORD, we know that we have sinned by thought, word, and deed. We have fallen short of what you desire of us. Through our savior, Jesus Christ, we seek and claim the gift of forgiveness which you have promised to all who follow you. Amen.

**Silent Confession:**

**Assurance of Forgiveness:**

**\*Response 66 – To God Be the Glory (First Verse Only)**

**\*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.**

**\*Presentation of the Offering – Singing of the Doxology**

**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]

## **Scripture – Joshua 3:7-17**

**7** And the Lord said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.

**8** And you shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.' "

**9** And Joshua said to the people of Israel, "Come hither, and hear the words of the Lord your God."

**10** And Joshua said, "Hereby you shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites.

**11** Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is to pass over before you into the Jordan.

**12** Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from each tribe a man.

**13** And when the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be stopped from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap."

**14** So, when the people set out from their tents, to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people,

**15** and when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest),

**16** the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap far off, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing

down toward the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were wholly cut off; and the people passed over opposite Jericho.

**17** And while all Israel were passing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

### **1 Thessalonians 2:9-13**

**9** For you remember our labor and toil, brethren; we worked night and day, that we might not burden any of you, while we preached to you the gospel of God.

**10** You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our behavior to you believers;

**11** for you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you

**12** to lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

**13** And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

### **Gospel – Matthew 23:1-12**

**1** Then said Jesus to the crowds and to his disciples,

**2** “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat;

**3** so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do; for they preach, but do not practice.

**4** They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger.

**5** They do all their deeds to be seen by men; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long,

**6** and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues,

**7** and salutations in the marketplaces, and being called rabbi by men.

**8** But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brethren.

**9** And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.

**10** Neither be called masters, for you have one master, the Christ.

**11** He who is greatest among you shall be your servant;

**12** whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

## **All Saints Celebration**

This is the feast of All Saints. We celebrate the Saints that have gone before us this past year. As is our tradition, the names of those remembered will be read, individually as the tower bell tolls, family members are invited to the chancel to light a candle in memory of their loved one. Following worship, the family is invited to take the votive candle and the white flower from the table to continue to remember and give thanks for a life well lived.

## **The Liturgy of Remembrance**

Blessed be God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. God comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

### **Thanks be to God.**

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we, too, might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

## **Honoring and Remembering:**

**Carl "Leroy" Clark  
Alice Fae Hetrick  
Mark Menhorn  
Donna Kimmel  
James McKenzie  
Kerry Landis  
Steve Hondal  
Kay Barnard**

We also remember those who have gone before us in days gone  
by who rest in light eternal:

Steve Calvert  
Poss & Ruth Gindlesperger  
Tom Bush  
Jean Marie Bush  
Carl "Freddie" Bittner  
William Whitacre  
Edna Mae Chappie  
Barbara Reese Caton

**Our Beloved Trinity Bell Choir**  
Faithful Follower – Tucker  
I Stand Amazed in the Presence - Childers

**Sermon – Guest Speaker, Bill Deal**

**\*Hymn No: 323**

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

**Sacrament of Communion**

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not  
hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to  
this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-  
giving bread.**

**Communion Prayer:**

God be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care. We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints and all the company of heaven, we glorify you.



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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Sa - ba-oth; Heav-en and earth are

full, are full of the ma-jes-ty of Thy Glo - ry, Ho-san - na, ho -

san - na, ho-san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the

*crescendo* *f*

name of the Lord, Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high-est!

We remember that on that night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.  
**Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!**

Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

**Amen. Come Holy Spirit.**

### **The Sharing of the Bread and Cup:**

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives.

### **Resurrection Acclamation:**

Alleluia! Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. **I died, and behold I am alive for evermore. Alleluia!**

### **Sharing the Elements:**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

The body of Christ, the living bread.

**Amen!**

The blood of Christ, the saving cup.

**Amen!**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.**

**Hymn No: 601**

**Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response – Sung with Dismissal**

**Now Unto Him Who Is Able**

**Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling.**

**To make you stand in His presence blameless and with great joy.**

**To the only God our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Be the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.**

**Both now and forevermore, Amen.**

**\*Going Forth**

**Postlude**

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
Michael Stevens**

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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, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Carl Saylor, Lois Saylor, Nancy Schrock, JoAnne Smith, Peggy Stayrook, 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 – All Saints Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. OCC Packing Party Fellowship Hall

Wednesday – 6:30 Trinity Bell Rehearsal

Next Sunday – November 12 - Veterans Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Veterans Reception Fellowship Hall

**Giving From 10/29/2023**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$2258.00	\$3155.58	-\$897.58
<b>Ben</b>	\$40.00	\$182.69	-\$142.69
<b>Maint</b>	\$155.00	\$163.46	-\$8.46
<b>Mem</b>	\$365.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$2818.00	\$3501.73	-\$1048.73

Benevolence includes Donations to Food Pantry of \$15 and Adopt a Family of \$250; Operation Christmas Child \$225

**Worship Attendance: 71**  
**Sunday School: 23**

***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:** Lori Gindlesperger (Board), Chris King (Camera)

**Ushers:** Deb Boyer, Tom Calvert

**Acolytes:** Vesper and Truitt Ogburn

**The Flowers on the altar** in honor of my best friend, Ann Slifco, by Chris King

**Bulletin** dedicated as a birthday remembrance for her grandmother, Anna May Weighley, by Craig, Amanda, Knox & Tatum Stiffler

### ***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.**

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

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

**Veterans Sunday, November 12**

A Special Tribute for our active military and all living veterans has been given to us from the Knotty Knotters, Lutheran Church, Berlin. The Knotters will make throws for all our active military and Veterans as a special ***“thank you for your service”*** to be given on Veterans Sunday.

A special thank you to all who donated to the Knotty Knotters. Your donations will go a long way to spread God's love. Thank you, Sheron Engleka

The entire congregation here at Trinity, as well as friends and family, are encouraged to join us for a very special service this Sunday. Sheron Engleka will be presenting her annual tribute video accompanied by the Berlin Fife and Drum Corps, Rick Kimmel will be playing live on the organ, Pastor Jay Shaffer will be preaching, and a reception honoring our Veterans will follow the church service in fellowship hall.

We want to designate time to appreciate the sacrifice of those who are serving, have served, and lost their lives in wars to defend our nation.

## **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.

## **What is Operation Christmas Child?**

Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse provides shoeboxes and the word of God to children throughout the world. Although we have a short deadline to get the boxes packed and delivered, I know we can do it.

Our goal is to fill 100 boxes!

We will be having a Pizza/Packing Party **TODAY** following worship service.

If you would like to make a monetary donation – you can mark your Offering Envelopes with OCC or donation boxes that have been placed by the offering plates.

### **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**

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 12 Jay Shaffer

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>, November 24<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>.***



## **Hugs & Kisses**

**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**- Veteran's Day Program. There will be a light meal following the service (there will be no Sunday School this day). Ham salad, chicken salad, and egg salad sandwiches and veggie trays provided by Hugs and Kisses. There will be a sign up at the entrance for donations of loaves of bread, chips/pretzels etc., and desserts.

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**- 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.

## **A Moment of Thankfulness from Keystone Family Alliance**

Thank you for partnering with Keystone Family Alliance through your giving! Your partnership is making a huge difference. I wanted to give you a brief update on the impact of your investment.

This past week alone social workers posted 20 needs in 7 different counties on Gateway. Daily we hear how volunteers around the state are meeting the tangible needs of foster, adoptive, biological, and kinship families through Gateway. As those tangible needs are being met, relationships are being formed. Those relationships are leading to impact well beyond just meeting the tangible needs. As of this writing there are 1,860 volunteers registered through Gateway to meet local needs. That number is growing daily. The goal is to have at least 550 people registered in all 67 counties so that one day more than 35,000 volunteers are willing to consider meeting tangible needs in their communities.

More than 400 people have stepped up to serve on Care Communities around the state. Foster families who have a care community are fostering longer and stronger.

Through KFA events this past year, more than 30 individuals or couples have started the process to become foster parents. This is great news for Pennsylvania's children who are waiting for good foster or adoptive homes.

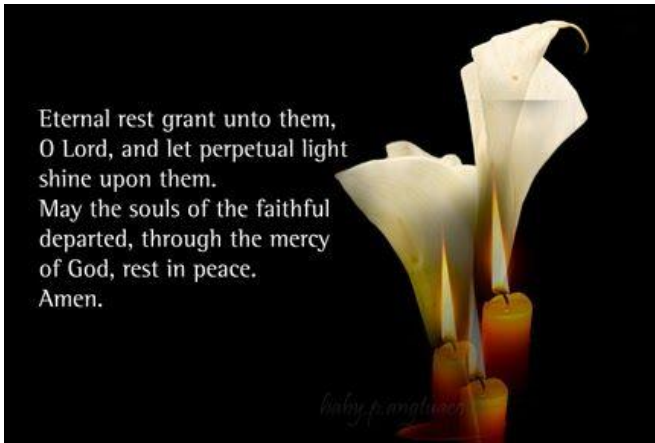
In 2023, Keystone Family Alliance officially launched in 5 new counties, in Lebanon, York, Armstrong, Northumberland, and Clearfield. That totals to 16 County Coordinators in 16 counties around the state. We anticipate adding at least one more county before the end of the year and several more over the next six months. God has brought together an incredible team that is making a difference.

And thanks to people like you, God continues to blow our minds by meeting the KFA financial needs. In 2020 we were only in Centre County with an annual budget of \$35,000. In 2021 the budget increased to \$127,000 as we began to expand statewide. It grew to \$245,000 in 2022 and by 2023 it increased to \$565,000. God has been so faithful to meet the growing need and we trust He will continue to resource what He has called us to accomplish. Each year as we dream God-sized dreams, we look at the new financial need and realize the only way the mission can be accomplished is with God's favor. THANK YOU for investing in Keystone Family Alliance. God is using you to help rewrite the

story of Pennsylvania's vulnerable children and families. Your partnership is making a difference!!!  
Thank you! Because it matters!

Vince Smith  
Executive Director

**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.



## **Blessings And Prayers For A New Week**

1. **Sound Mind:** Praying for new week blessings can help to calm your mind and bring a sense of peace and tranquility to your week.
2. **Good Health:** Praying for good health is one of the best things you can do for yourself. By asking God to bless your body and keep you healthy, you can ensure that you have the energy and strength to tackle the week ahead.
3. **New Beginnings:** Praying for new beginnings can help to bring new opportunities and open doors for you in the coming week.
4. **Great Success:** Praying for great success in your work, family, and other areas of your life can help you to achieve your goals and reach new heights.
5. **God's Blessings:** Perhaps the biggest benefit of praying for new week blessings is that you are asking for God's blessings to be upon your life. This can bring a sense of comfort and peace, knowing that you have a loving and caring God watching over you.