



***Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***October 16, 2022***

**Morning Prayer and Sermon**  
**Guest Speaker: Pastor Linda Pretz-Miller**

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

**Prelude**

**Leaning on the Everlasting Arms of God**  
**Marianne Kim**  
**I Need Thee Every Hour – Marianne Kim**

**\*Welcome**

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at Trinity United Church of Christ.

**\*Call to Worship**

God call us into the church that we might find strength of faith and courage.

**We rejoice in this fellowship of believers.**

Before God, there is no place for barriers of race or creed, for animosity and greed.

**In our worship, we proclaim that Jesus is one and Christ of all.**

**\*Hymn of Praise: 430**

**I Must Tell Jesus**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Eternal God, whose word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. We recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in ours lives.**

**Through Jesus Christ, you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin, and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen**

**Psalm 121**

**1 I lift my eyes to the hills.**

**From whence does my help come?**

**2 My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**

**3** He will not let your foot be moved,  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**4** Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

**5** The LORD is your keeper,  
the LORD is your shade  
on your right hand.

**6** The sun shall not smite you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

**7** The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

**8** The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and for evermore.

### **Genesis 32:22-31**

**22** The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

**23** He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

**24** And Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day.

**25** When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and Jacob's thigh was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

**26** Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

**27** And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

**28** Then he said, "Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

**29** Then Jacob asked him, "Tell me, I pray, your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

**30** So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."

31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his thigh.

**\*Gospel: Luke 18:1-8**

1 And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man;

3 and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.'

4 For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man,

5 yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.' "

6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says.

7 And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?

8 I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

**Proclamation of God's Word**

**Guest Speaker – Pastor Linda Pretz-Miller**

**\*Hymn No 59**

**I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

**The Apostles Creed**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

**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 creature here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

O holy and merciful God, for the gift of creation, we give you thanks, for the gift of your holy presence, we rejoice in thanksgiving. You have blessed us beyond our imaginings, and our hearts are full. We bring these gifts out of our thankfulness; use these gifts, and us, in your quest to provide gifts of holy compassion and love to all in need. Amen

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

**\*Hymn No 284      They'll Know we are Christians by Our Love**

**\*Dismissal and Blessing**

As we have worshiped, we have been profoundly conscious of the presence and power of God. He does not let us down when we leave here; he always surrounds and supports us with his love. Go now to live in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
~Amen~

**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**

**“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
Betty Sue Shepherd**

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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, Jerry & Kay Barnard, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit,  
Carol Boyer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam  
Crooks, Larry Custer, John Durst, Alvin Harbaugh, Mary Jane  
Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Brenda  
& Larry Leister, Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Ed Pritts, Larry

Pritts, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Phyllis Stoy, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Caleb Wedding, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

Prayers to the Family of Sally Altfather as a result of her passing.

### **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.

### **One Call Now Prayer List**

Please remember that we have the ability to request prayer for church members, families, friends and anyone in need of prayer. Never underestimate the power of prayer. One small prayer can change your life or someone's life dramatically. To request prayer calls, simply contact Pam, our secretary at 541-990-0832 or at the office during business hours. If you are not on the one call now prayer phone receipt list and would like to be, we can do that as well.

### **The Saints In Action**

Today –Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. – Worship

10:10 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Sue Coughenour's Sunday School

Wednesday – Profile Committee Meeting 5:15 p.m.

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

Next Sunday – Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

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10:10 a.m. – Sunday School

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## Giving From 10/16/2022

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$3903.00	\$2521.38	\$1381.62
<b>Ben</b>	\$370.00	\$213.46	\$156.54
<b>Maint</b>	\$145.00	\$163.46	-\$18.46
<b>Mem</b>	.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$4418.00	\$2898.30	\$1519.70

Benevolence includes donations to Food Pantry of \$20

**Worship Attendance: 71**

**Sunday School: 19**

***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:** Gaye Maust (Board), Tyler Gindlesperger (Camera)

**Acolyte:** Cohen Clark & Colton Custer

***The flowers on the altar*** are in honor of our family, Scott, Lauren, Andy, Melissa, Kylan, and Kamden by Mark & Lori Gindlesperger.

### **Altar Flowers**

For those of you who are unable to pick up the orders that you make for the altar flowers, please make arrangements to have them picked up for you. If you are unable to make arrangements or



choose not to, please contact the church office. We will deliver them to our shut ins or Meadowview nursing patients.

***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*

*Alan Brick, 814-267-6628*

***Consistory Deacons:***

*Amy Clark, Jean Ann Darr, Ann Slifco*

*Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, John Wisler*

*Alissa Wright, 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)

**Veterans, Families of Veterans & Active Military:**

If there are any additions or changes to our Veterans and those currently serving in the military, please contact Sheron Engleka (814-267-4166), no later than October 23rd.

**Bethlehem Experience** is being held Sunday, December 11, 2022 and planning is underway. They are looking for volunteers to:

- 1) Help with making sets, costumes, painting, etc.
- 2) Serve as actors
- 3) Help with set up and tear down December 10-11
- 4) Help with lighting and sound systems

For more information, contact Joanne Stoltzfus at 814-233-5905 or email her at [jks101@verizon.net](mailto:jks101@verizon.net)

## **Sue Coughenour's Sunday School – Join Us Again Today**

Parenting is hard work! Plain and simple. How did you develop your concept of discipline? What are your strengths as a parent? Your weaknesses? Beginning September 11<sup>th</sup>, Sue Coughenour's Sunday school class will be delving into Dr. Kevin Leman's "*Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours*", a six-week study that helps parents to better grasp disciplining their children in a positive way. These lessons will focus on:

- Developing the courage to do what is best for your kids
- Understanding kids and why they do what they do
- Maintaining authority without being an authoritarian
- How to gain your teenager's love and respect and keep it forever
- Helping kids feel good about themselves for all the right reasons
- Turning everyday hassles into everyday successes

We are opening this class to persons of **all ages** with the hope that we can entice some grandparents to join us to share their experiences as parents. Their insight into parenting is an essential part of making this class a success! So, adults of all ages are encouraged to join us in the parsonage basement during the Sunday school hour. Hope to see you there!

## **JB Schrock Playground Update:**

The mulch has arrived however the project is currently on hold awaiting the ground leveling by the Borough.

Linda (Clifton) Karchner will update us as soon as the date has been rescheduled. She conveyed much appreciation for our interest in this project.

## **King's Family Restaurant Fundraiser for the JB Schrock Playground!**

- Sunday, October 23 – All Day 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- 20% of your food/drink purchases will be donated by King's Family Restaurant in Somerset
- You must have a coupon/ticket in order for the Playground to receive the donations. Just give them to your server.

- Thank you for your support.

Tickets are available at the Vine Street & Main Street Entrances

**The Berlin Area Historical Society** is hosting an Open House on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm. The Genealogy Building, Heritage House and Barn will be open to visitors. All are welcome!

We will begin collecting money again this year for families in need. Through November 20<sup>th</sup> if you want to make a donation towards our **Adopt-A-Family** please make note of it on your collection envelope. Last year we supported 4 families and purchased gifts for 12 kids. In addition, we were able to provide a gift certificate for each family to have a full holiday meal. Every year there are individuals to help shop, wrap, and support this cause; it truly means so much to each of the recipients. Thank you. If you would like to partake in assisting again this year, please let me know. Thanks, Julie Petro

### **Do you have a favorite hymn?**

If you have a favorite hymn and would like to have it played on the organ, please let us know. Signup sheets are located at both Vine and Main Street entrances.

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

The Samaritan's Purse project **Operation Christmas Child** collects shoebox gifts-filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift—filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 198 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, the project expects to collect its 200 millionth gift-filled shoebox!

Trinity UCC will be participating in this program this year and we will be looking for volunteers to assist in many aspects. The collection week will be November 14-21, 2022, so we need to

move quickly. We will keep you posted as soon as we have all the information.

### **Trinity Trumpet**

The November/December edition of our newsletter will be published the last week of October. It is the season of good news, events, programs, and busy times. Let's be sure to let our entire congregation know about everything that's going on. Please have your information to the church office no later than October 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Do You Like to Sing?**

It has been decided to get the Choir back together. If you are interested in joining, practice will start Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and it will be one half hour practices. Please contact Ann Slifco, Nancy Bittner, Jeanne Hillegas or Jean Ann Darr.

**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.

