

Trinity Trumpet

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Trinity United Church of Christ

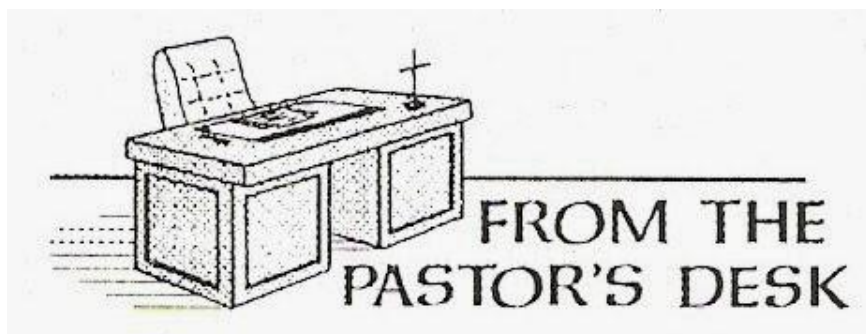
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"O Father, as summer blooms before us, we seek Your grace to fill our hearts with joy and gratitude. Bless the sun-kissed days with peace, laughter, and precious time with loved ones. May we revel in Your creation, finding renewal and strength through the warmth of Your love.

Additionally, may we ask for God's blessings upon our families during these wonderful months, creating a home filled with relaxation, joy, love, peace, and safety.





A message from your Pastor

The Summer can be a busy time. For us in Somerset County long days mean opportunities to be outside gardening, doing yard work, enjoying the day. It is an opportunity to not be stuck inside during the long dark days of winter.

As a people of God, it is an opportunity to not only be grateful, but to listen for goods will in our lives. Surrounded by his Glory, God will often let us know his will as we are enjoying our day.

To hear the subtle voice of the Spirit, step one, is to listen for it. Open yourself to it. While being grateful is a valuable first step, it is not as critical as saying a prayer. God speaks to the receptive. Too the people that are wanting to hear Him. Tell Him you are there. Ask God to guide you. Focus on something that you want to accomplish, someone you want to help, a place that you want to be a part of. God speaks, His miracles are always near, always happening. Let him know you want to be a part of that awesome experience. Not just a spectator but an actor.

The miracles that happen each summer day can inspire us to believe. To grow as people, to be a part of Christs' mission here on Earth. To bloom into a new person or expand some part of ourselves. Dedicate it to God's Glory and watch your self be surprised.

It can all start with a simple prayer on a cool summer evening.

A summer blessing for discernment.

Heavenly Father I am here. I am so grateful for these moments, this amazing place, these wonderful people. All are gifts you give to me. Help me to hear you. Help me to feel the sense of assurance that you bring to my decisions, to know this is what you want me to do. Let me know how to play my part. Guide me as spouse, parent, child, friend, to make a difference, at my home, work, and church. Help me to do this in Jesus' name. Amen

Pastor Dave

A message from your Consistory President

Happy 250th anniversary to everyone. Hope everyone is preparing to celebrate our independence, thankful for our individual freedoms and a democracy governed by the us; the people. Over the past two months, all of you have made our church a busy and exciting place to worship and a place to get engaged with family and community. Besides our weekly worship services, the months have been filled with community outreach and construction. Since our last Trumpet, the HVAC has been installed and fully operational. This project was completed without disruption to our normal church activities. A thanks of gratitude to Darr Construction Inc for a job well done. HVAC fundraising has begun and you can contribute with your offering envelope or on the Ththe.ly app.

As scheduled, the HVAC project was in place for the 250th "I Love America" choral celebration in our Sanctuary. The 40 plus community church members performed a joyous and excellent musical rendition of many patriotic songs. A special thanks to all that performed for the 240 people that attended. And special thanks to Jean Hart for arranging and presenting the refreshments in our Fellowship Hall. The Hall was filled with people talking and having fun. It was a perfect ending to a perfect concert.

Our numerous Christian outreach committees have been very busy. The Hugs and Kisses completed the raised garden beds, planted the vegetables and now watering and weeding in

preparation for great harvest, which will be shared with the Food Pantry. They are also setting up and practicing for our 3rd annual Cornhole Tournament.

Our church activities are increasing throughout the summer. On July 12th we will have our summer church picnic at the community grove. We have invited Unity to participate. Please sign up and bring a covered dish/drink and enjoy this relaxing afternoon. On July 18th our Trinity Ladies will be holding a rummage sale during the community days. Preparation for this sale will be held on July 6th with a covered dish lunch in Fellowship Hall and then preparation of sale items. On August 2nd, we will be presenting our Bible Blast Christian outreach program. This will be held in the church parking lot (or the Fellowship Hall if it rains). There will be 7 youth Christian story related games, face painting and refreshments. Each game relates to a Bible story and a booklet that presents each story will be provided to each child that participates. This project will take a lot of individual support. Please sign up to help and make this a successful event.

There are many additional church and community activities scheduled, all can be reviewed in our weekly bulletins. Please reach out and volunteer, spread the Christian attitude and extend our message from Sanctuary to Community. The consistory continues to discuss additional ways to extend our Christian outreach, and we invite all of you to provide suggestions and to participate. Enjoy the summer, reach out and help someone in need.

Bill Landis, President of your Consistory
Trinity United Church of Christ



Consistory Corner
Trinity United Church of Christ
May 18, 2026

Attendance

X Carrie Croner (2028) Deacon
X Allison Zimmerman (2027) Elder
A Shawn Hart (2028) Deacon
A Pam Bush (2026) Deacon
X Amy Saylor (2028) Deacon
X Jim Darr (2026) Elder
X Sue Coughenour (2028) Elder
A Bill Landis (2026) Deacon
X Lori Gindlesperger (2027) Deacon
X Jean Hart (2026) Deacon
X Jeanne Hillegas (2027) Deacon
X Pastor Dave Creamer
A Allen Strasser (2027) Deacon
X Renee Gindlesperger Fin. Sec.

Vice President Lori Gindlesperger called the regular meeting of Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory to order at 6:30 pm. Pastor Dave offered prayer.

Minutes for November Meeting

Minutes for the April 20, 2026, meeting were sent to the consistory members electronically before the May 18, 2026, meeting. A motion was made by Jeanne Hillegas, seconded by Jim Darr to approve, April 20, 2026, minutes. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was given to the consistory prior to the meeting for review. A motion was made by Sue Coughenour and seconded by Amy Saylor to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit. **Motion approved.**

Student Minister's Report

Pastor Dave Creamer shared that he served all the regular worship service except Sunday, May 17, 2026, as he was away celebrating the college graduation of his daughter Samantha.

He has finished his junior year at the academy and is finished with classes for the summer.

He has been working on several issues that he wants to address with the church Elders, including changes to our Bylaws, attendance recording to include those who watch online, and some proposed changes to worship services during the summer. An Elder's meeting will soon be scheduled.

He is participating in the Berlin Baccalaureate services and has met with the Senior Classmen. Matthew Miller will be graduating this year, and we will recognize him as a church. The Berlin Brethren Church is planning a bus trip to the Bible Museum in Washington, DC on June 11th. He would like to take the confirmation group on this trip, with a parent or guardian attending with their child. He asked for a motion to have the church pay for the student's cost of the trip with cost being under \$60 for possibly 8 students. Jeanne Hillegas made a motion to approve this expenditure, seconded by Allison Zimmerman. **Motion approved.**

The Brethren Church has also invited us to Camp Peniel in August for their annual Camp Meeting with a special speaker. More information is to come. In general, the Brethren Church is hoping to be more involved in our events and inviting us to theirs.

The Ministerium is meeting May 19, 2026, for the last time before summer break.

Standing Committee Reports

Hugs & Kisses – The Caddie Shack event was scheduled at the same time as Bible Blast, but they have decided that they will go to Caddie Shack later in the day so the group can participate in helping with the Bible Blast outreach event.

Anniversary Committee – The committee will be meeting on May 19, 2026.

Trustees – As the crew has been working on the church HVAC it came to their attention that the paint on the window frames is looking rough. The Trustees will walk around the perimeter of the building and review what needs to be done. Counter tops for the kitchen have been chosen and will be installed once they arrive.

Christian Education – Committee met on May 5, 2026. The primary Sunday school classes will discontinue for the summer months. Then they would like to only have one class per month, in the VBS style that has been a success, once the Fall quarter begins. They were not sure if they needed consistory's approval to make this change. A review of the Church Bylaws shows that there is no mention of consistory having to give permission and it is entirely up to the Christian Education Committee to approve the change. Jean Hart will fill in one extra Sunday per month for the children with a Lego Bible based class. The Fall quarter will begin September 6, 2026, for the adults, and September 20, 2026, for the youth and children. A question about whether we have a cradle roll for the church and if anything was being done for children newborn to age 5 was raised. The church secretary will have a record of all the baptisms

performed. Apparently, there is nothing being done for this age group. Christian Education will address this at their next meeting on August 4, 2026. Christian Education is also suggesting that a large calendar be posted in a prominent place that all groups of the church and note dates and times of their activities so that there wouldn't be double bookings in the church. The church secretary will be contacted about this.

Church Cookbook - Recipes that have been received so far have been categorized and we do need more recipes to fill out each section planned. The recipes already submitted have also been converted to files, so the actual cookbook layout is starting to be formed.

Old Business

HVAC – All inside work is done. The external work is now being done. There will need to be a complete power shutdown so the power can be connected. Hopefully that will take place soon. Jean Hart was notified that this would also include her rental house.

Bylaw Review – Pastor Dave reported that he has been speaking with the academy on the typical process of reviewing church policies. It is suggested that our bylaw should be reviewed every five years. As noted above, a meeting will soon be set up with church Elders to discuss our bylaws and make recommendations for consistory.

Church Livestream Videos – There has been a problem with YouTube not working on our livestreams. This may be due to copyright infringement on our hymns. Pastor Dave will have church secretary investigate this since we do have a license to stream our music. It was also discussed that many people do not have Facebook and how they would be able to

view our services. This is something that will need further investigation.

Bible Blast – Progress is being made. Seven games are planned with games being divided among committee members to pull them together. Volunteers are still needed for this August 2, 2026, event. Flyers will be posted around Berlin at the beginning of July. Everyone who volunteers that day will need to have clearances run to be able to work with the children. These clearances are at no cost to the volunteers. Donations are needed to buy supplies for the games, snacks, and the prizes that will be handed out. If donations don't cover the cost of this event, then funds can be drawn from the Linda J. Croner Memorial Fund. The church's insurance will cover any mishaps that may arise. The committee will meet again on June 4, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

New Business

Joint Events with Unity - There is planning in the works for some joint events with Unity UCC. We will invite them to our church picnic in July (date to be determined) and they will invite us to worship service and picnic in August at Camp Living Waters. Jean Hart is working on setting up our July picnic.

Guest Speakers – Pastor Dave has been in contact with Graham Standish about coming to our church to speak. Hopefully something will be worked out soon. This would be open for the community to attend.

A motion was made by Jim Darr, seconded by Jeanne Hillegas to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting of the consistory will be on **Monday June 15, 2026, at 6:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted

Susan Coughenour

**Trinity United Church of Christ
June 15, 2026**

Attendance

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A Pastor Dave Creamer
A Allen Strasser (2027) Deacon
X Renee Gindlesperger Fin. Sec.

President Bill Landis called the regular meeting of Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory to order at 6:30 pm. In Pastor Dave's absence, Jim Darr offered prayer.

Minutes for May Meeting

Minutes for the May 18, 2026, meeting were sent to the consistory members electronically before the June 15, 2026 meeting. A motion was made by Lori Gindlesperger, seconded by Jeanne Hillegas, to approve, May 18, 2026 minutes. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was provided to the consistory prior to the meeting for review.

Jim Darr reported that approximately \$110,000 for the HVAC project has been paid out to date, with approximately \$50,000 left to pay following completion.

Bill Landis inquired about the Benevolence fund and how it is allotted - Financial Secretary Renee Gindlesperger reported that there is a current budget of \$7000, with \$5300 (76%) allotted to the Keystone Conference, \$2000 allotted to the food pantry, and \$500 allotted to Trinity Outreach.

Jim Darr reported that Renee Gindlesperger was notified by Somerset Trust that there is a dormant youth account held there in the amount of approximately \$1100 that will go to the State if no action is taken to keep it active. Renee Gindlesperger made a personal donation of \$10 to keep the account active. Motion was made by Jim Darr to move these funds to the General Account. Seconded by Lori Gindlesperger. **Motion passed.**

Jim Darr reported that the Financial Review of funds and accounting for 1/1/26 - 6/30/26 will begin in July.

A motion was made by Jean Hart and seconded by Jeanne Hillegas to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit. **Motion approved.**

Student Minister's Report

Pastor Dave Creamer was absent for this month's meeting. In his absence, Bill Landis shared that he had spoken at length with Pastor Dave prior to the meeting, with full details to be shared at the July meeting. These items included Unity UCC's restructuring of their children's activities, Pastor Dave's yet-undetermined upcoming retirement from Penn State, and an update on meeting with the conference.

Standing Committee Reports

Hugs & Kisses – Jean Hart reported that the shut-in outreach that took place in recent weeks was successful, with 5 or 6 individuals being visited. Reminded of the cornhole tournament at the end of month and reported that the raised gardens are progressing nicely.

Anniversary Committee – No update provided this month

Trustees – No update provided this month

Christian Education – No update provided this month.

Church Cookbook - No update provided this month at meeting, collection of recipes and layout continues.

Facility Review - Jim Darr shared that the downstairs HVAC units are being programmed this week, and the upstairs units are waiting on a part, expected in the next week or two, in order to program those as well. Jim Darr and Bill Landis shared that they have received many positive comments and compliments about the church's improved comfort and atmosphere since the HVAC installation. The enhancements were especially appreciated during the June 14 "I Love America" program, which was attended by more than 200 community members. The positive feedback reflects the significant impact this project has had on the congregation and community.

Jim Darr presented a bid from Dustin Livengood Painting in the amount of \$4800 to replace the countertops in the downstairs kitchen, remove, refinish and re-install all cabinetry, and install a new backsplash which has already been ordered. Lori Gindlesperger made a motion to approve this expense, Carrie Croner seconded. **Motion approved.**

Jean Hart shared that there are multiple full and partial sets of glassware in the cabinets, and that when they are removed for the cabinet refinishing, suggested that it can be sorted (need a few volunteers) and much of it no longer in use be donated to the Rummage Sale on July 18th.

Old Business

HVAC – see above in Facility Review.

Bylaw Review – Jim Darr reported that he had had preliminary conversation with Pastor Dave on a few potential revisions of the Bylaws, and that Pastor Dave intended to meet with the other two Elders, Allison Zimmerman and Sue Coughenour, and then meet as a group.

Church Livestream Videos – *May meeting note: There has been a problem with YouTube not working on our livestreams. This may be due to copyright infringement on our hymns. Pastor Dave will have church secretary investigate this since we do have a license to stream our music. It was also discussed that many people do not have Facebook and how they would be able to view our services. This is something that will need further investigation. No update provided this month.*

Bible Blast – Amy Saylor shared that progress continues. Volunteers are still needed for games and tables. Reminder on clearances needed. Lori Gindlesperger provided print outs of the guidelines for the two clearances, for the office staff to have and refer to for those who need guidance with this. Flyers are printed and will be distributed starting in July. Donations are needed to buy supplies for the games, snacks, and the prizes that will be handed out. Renee Gindlesperger has added a line item in Tithely for Bible Blast donations.

Amy Saylor shared that the 7 booklets that coincide with each game are drafted, and that the initial bid for 75 of each is approximately \$480 through Beggs Printing. A motion was made by Jim Darr to approve up to \$500 for this expense, Shawn Hart seconded. **Motion passed.** Bill Landis also shared that Unity UCC plans to make a donation to this event as they wish to use the games for a similar event at their church.

The committee will meet again on June 28, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

Rummage Sale - date is set for July 18th. Jean Hart reported there will be three drop-off dates for goods at the church on Tuesday 6/30, Tuesday 7/7 and Tuesday 7/14 10:30 am - 3:30 pm, to coincide with senior community center hours. Hugs & Kisses will sell food outside at sidewalk for the event, and the rummage sale is suggested to be held inside in the church community room. All to be coordinated by Trinity Ladies.

Bill Landis provided a message to the consistory from church secretary Pam Bush, who was absent for this month's meeting. 1) A reminder to let the office know if additions are made to the calendars on the bulletin board located in the Main Street stairwell. 2) New copier has been received in the church office, working out some bugs but happy with the upgrade.

Church Picnic - date is set for Sunday, July 12th at the Grove. Unity has been invited. RSVP forms are on the back of the weekly bulletins. Jean Hart indicated needed volunteers for set up Saturday evening and Sunday morning and clean up afterwards. John Pribelski will provide BBQ chicken at cost. Discussion about making a donation for John's time to Wreaths Across America. Motion was made by Allison Zimmerman in the amount of \$200, seconded by Amy Saylor. **Motion Approved**

Guest Speakers – *May note - Pastor Dave has been in contact with Graham Standish about coming to our church to speak. Hopefully something will be worked out soon. This would be open for the community to attend. No update provided this month, carried for next month's meeting to discuss further.*

New Business:

Donation: Bill Landis asked for consideration of a donation to be made to the Elliott Fairman family as he undergoes multiple weekly cancer treatments in Pittsburgh. Discussion followed about where the donation could come from - Outreach or Consistory. Jim Darr and Renee Gindlesperger shared that Outreach is typically for an individual, whereas Consistory is typically for an established charity, event, or organization. Jim Darr indicated he would relay this request for donation to the Outreach Committee chair.

Facility Security - Bill Landis opened a discussion regarding church security during services, in light of increased hostilities and terroristic events at places of worship in past months. He provided examples of potential actions the church could take to discourage/mitigate a potential threat, to include locking the church doors at the beginning of services, having concealed carry personnel in/at the church during services, and providing all greeters with Active Shooter training. Jim Darr shared that he has knowledge of a church in Somerset that locks its doors during services due to its easy on/off access to 219. The group was asked to think on this subject further, for more discussion at the July meeting.

Other - Jean Hart informally shared with the group that she is thankful, encouraged and grateful for the positive direction the church is going in recent months, both internally (consistory) and

externally (in the community), and that the Holy Spirit is surely guiding us well. Sentiments agreed among the group.

Lori Gindlesperger shared that she has fabric for both male and female prayer blankets if there are needs.

Bill Landis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm.

The next meeting of the consistory will be on **Monday July 20, 2026, at 6:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted

Amy Saylor



	CURRENT	MAINT.	BENEVOLENCE
Beg. Balance	\$216,885.89	\$37,848.14	\$655.00
Receipts	\$27,581.00	\$2,580.00	\$4,995.00
Distributions	\$18,589.33	\$334.99	\$5,650.00
Ending Balance	\$225,877.56	\$40,093.15	\$.00

Benevolence Distributions: Berlin Food Pantry (Individual Donations) – \$2,675; OCWM - \$1,673.30; Food Panty (Benevolence Budget) - \$490.45; Trinity Outreach (Benevolence Budget) - \$721.25; and Child Sponsor - Global Ministries - \$90

Memorials (thru 3/31/26)

A gift was given to the Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara Berkley.

--Jim Darr, Treasurer



Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly,
Debbi Luteri, Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Brad Bowers, Paige Boyer,
Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown, Renee Croushore,
Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy Coughenour,
Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey, Linda Gallick,
Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris,
Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Virginia Hay,
Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas, Don Hitte, Barb Keyser,
Bennett Keyser, Barry Landis, Brenda Leister, Wendy Leister,
Richard Lilliston, Jim Little, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen,
Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Kaitlyn Miller, Laura Miller,
Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking,
Brian Robb, James Robb, Kayla Sarver, Brett Sarver,
Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis,
Roger Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Chuck Sullivan,
Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus, Barbara and Peter Usher,
Faye Walker, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,
Echo Kincaid Yoder, Jim Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

If you have information regarding the people on this list, please contact the office to make any revisions.

Known Completely, Loved Completely

Psalm 139:1–18 is one of the most beloved passages in Scripture because it speaks to a deep truth that every person longs to hear:

God knows us completely and loves us fully.

King David begins by marveling at God's intimate knowledge of him. "O Lord, you have searched for me and known me" (Psalm

139:1). God knows when we sit down and when we rise up. He understands our thoughts before we speak to them and is aware of every detail of our lives. Nothing about us is hidden from Him. For some, the idea of being fully known can feel uncomfortable. We all have weaknesses, failures, and private struggles. Yet David does not describe God's knowledge as threatening. Instead, he finds comfort in it. The God who sees everything is also the God who loves us unconditionally. We never have to pretend before Him. We can come honestly into His presence, confident that His grace is greater than our shortcomings.

David goes on to celebrate God's constant presence. Whether in the heights of heaven or the depths of the sea, God is there.

There is no place we can go where His love cannot reach us. In times of joy, God walks beside us. In moments of sorrow, confusion, or loneliness, He remains close. His presence is not limited by geography, circumstances, or human understanding.

Perhaps the most moving section of this psalm is David's reflection on God's creative work. "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb" (Psalm 139:13). These words remind us that every human life is precious and intentional. We are not accidents. God designed each person with care, purpose, and value.

David concludes with wonder and praise. He recognizes that God's thoughts toward His children are vast beyond measure—more numerous than the grains of sand. What an encouraging truth! The Creator of the universe thinks of us, cares for us, and guides us every day.

As we reflect on Psalm 139, may we find peace in knowing that we are fully known, never alone, and wonderfully made. Whatever challenges we face, we can trust that God sees us, understands us, and surrounds us with His faithful love.

Adult Sunday School

Tom Calvert will be teaching over the summer months.

Tom will be using the Ray Vander Laan videos.

These videos tour the land of Israel and bring their culture to light in the Scriptures to give them more meaning.

Christmas In July

We will be doing a fundraiser with Marianna's to offset some of the costs of Operation Christmas Child. Orders will be taken starting now, final date July 23rd and pick up on August 1st. We should be in the heat of summer, so subs and pizza's are a great way to avoid cooking, while supporting our mission. Order forms will be in the weekly bulletin and are available upon request. Please be sure to share with your families and friends.

Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 12th at 12:30 p.m. in Building 2 at the Community Grove. The church will provide chicken, plates, silverware, cups and beverages. Please bring a covered dish. (side/dessert) Please sign-up by Sunday, July 5th by putting the form that is in the bulletin, in the offering plate or using the sign-up sheet posted at the Vine St. entrance. We need help before and after the picnic with setting up and cleaning up. Please consider helping out. If you can help, please call Jean Hart (814-442-2200) or the church office (814-267-3234). Feel free to call the office to let us know if you are coming so we can be sure to have plenty of chicken. Come enjoy the fellowship and fun!

Bible Blast

Our community outreach project, Bible Blast, is progressing well with enough volunteers to cover all the tasks involved. We thank all those who have stepped up to help. Volunteers aged 18+ will need to have child clearances on record in the church office to participate (there is no cost). For PA background checks go to: epatch.pa.gov/home. For PA child clearance go to www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. These record checks can also be done in the church office. Regardless of which way you do it, please make sure the church office receives a copy to put on file.

There are still ways everyone can help. We need snack sized cakes (Little Debbie's, Hostess, etc.), snack sized chips variety of any brand, and small bottles of water. Items can be placed in bin at Vine St. entrance. We will also be doing Jingle Sundays in the month of July to offset expenses incurred.

Bible Blast Family Fun Event: Bring out the whole family. Bring your children, grandchild and the whole family to enjoy Bible Blast! This is a children's event with games, prizes, snacks, and fun fellowship; all with a Bible theme. It will be held rain or shine at the Trinity UCC on Sunday, August 2nd, from 1-3 pm. And the best part is that everything is free!

Trinity Ladies

Our next meeting is Monday, July 6th at 11:30. We will have a covered dish lunch in fellowship hall and then begin sorting items for the rummage sale. Come and join the fun.

Trinity Ladies Rummage Sale (Community Days)

Trinity Ladies will be holding a rummage sale on Saturday, July 18th from 9-3 during Community Days. We will be collecting items on Tuesdays, June 30th, July 7th and July 14th from 10:30-4:00. You may also drop off items on Sundays before or after church. Items should be clean and gently used. You may put your items in the primary classroom downstairs. We also need help sorting and pricing things before the sale as well as during and after the sale to box up and donate what is left. We will also be selling stuffing, gravy, hot dogs and drinks in front of the church. If you are able to help, please contact Jean Hart at 814-442-2200.

Raised Garden Beds

A huge thank you to everyone who helped plant the raised beds. They turned out great and are growing like crazy!

Hugs & Kisses

Sunday, August 2nd Youth outing to Caddie Shak Family Fun Center in Donegal. We plan to go at 5:00 p.m. There are youth group deals for pizza/fun cards. More information/details to come at a later date.

Watch your bulletins.....this group is always up to something. Recently they visited shut ins, did yard clean ups for some of our parishioners, and built and planted a community garden.

Next H&K Planning Meeting - Thursday, July 23rd at 6:30 PM

VBS Style Sunday School

Mark your calendars for the next VBS Style Sunday School on Sunday, September 20, 2026 to celebrate Rally Day and Back to School. More to follow!

Living Waters Camp & Conference Center

300 Camp Living Water Rd, Schellsburg, PA 15559

Trustin' Jesus! Summer Camps

Primary (\$325) July 5 to 11 For grades completed: K-3rd. Begin a new adventure at camp, make new friends, and come to your new home away from home!

Elementary Camp (\$325) July 5 to 11 For grades completed: 4th-6th. Come spend a week learning about faith while getting fresh air and having a blast!

Junior-Senior High Camp (\$325) July 12 – 18 For grades completed: 7th-12th. Experience God in nature and have fun doing it!

Grandparent / Grandchild Camp (\$160) July 12 to 15 For children up to age 10. Cost includes one grandparent and one child. 40 for each additional child. Join us in a half week of activities, music, crafts and more with someone you love

Church Cookbook Fundraiser

As we begin to compile the recipes that some of you have so graciously submitted, we find that we are lacking recipes in several areas. The breakdown of divisions in the book are as follows:

- Appetizers/Snacks
- Soups/Salads
- Vegetables/Side Dishes
- Main Dishes

- Breads/Rolls
- Desserts
- Cookies/Candy
- Preserving
- This & That

There are still several people who have indicated that they would like to contribute (and we'd love you to) but we haven't heard from you yet! Let's make this the "Best Cookbook Ever"!

We plan to start putting it together at the beginning of August so please remember to submit as soon as possible!

The Berlin Community Center



Trinity UCC has partnered with local Civic groups and active community members to create a community room using the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 4:00. All folks from the community are welcome for socializing, sharing information, fellowship and much more. Stop in and play a game of chess, enjoy a cup of coffee, and learn about what is going on and how you can be a part of future activities. We hope in the future to have informational opportunities from the Agency on Aging and local volunteer groups.

Blood Drive

There will be a Blood Drive, on Monday, July 6th, 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Berlin Community Veteran's Home Association of Berlin, Social Hall, 419 Meadow Street, Berlin.

Online Giving (Tithe.ly)

If you are giving through our recent online Tithe.ly and no longer need donation envelopes, please contact the office. There is a slight delay in the receipt of your online donations to the bank. Therefore, in order to give you a more accurate picture of our budget goals, we will be posting the giving information once a month as opposed to weekly. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office or Renee.



There is an option on Tithe.ly to donate to the AC/HVAC fund in the drop-down menu.

Church World Services Disaster Kits.

Church World Services (CSW) assembles disaster kits to provide essential items to those in need, especially during natural disasters, violence, or grinding poverty. These kits aim to restore Dignity and meet a critical yet often overlooked need. This is an ongoing mission as disasters have no expiration date.

CD's are available for the "I Love America" Choral Concert.

Please contact the church office if you are interested. A Free Will donation would be appreciated and will go to the Berlin Food Pantry along with the offering collected the night of the concert.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Dave Creamer at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Tom Croner at 814-442-6740. If neither is available, contact Pam Bush at 541-990-0832

Worship Assistants

July 5

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Chris King

Organ: Ann Slifco

Flowers: Bob & Colleen Glotfelty

Bulletin: Anonymous

Ushers: Pam Bush & Bob Brown

Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

Lector: Cohen Clark

July 12

Sound: Jim Darr, Cohen Clark

Organ: Jean Ann Darr

Flowers: Bob & Colleen Glotfelty

Ushers: Jean Hart & Shawn Hart

Acolyte/Lector: Cora and Lucy Wright

July 19

Sound: Bill Landis, Colton Custer

Organ: Amy Clark

Flowers: Ed & Shirley Reed

Ushers: Bill Landis & Jim Walker

Acolyte/Lector: Cora & Lucy Wright

July 26

Sound: Jim and Jean Ann Darr

Organ: Nancy Bittner

Flowers: Anonymous

Bulletin: Anonymous

Ushers: Lori Gindlesperger & Jeanne Hillegas

Acolyte/Lector: Avery and Isla Hillegas

August 2

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Chris King

Organ: Jean Ann Darr

Flowers: Ann Slifco

Ushers: Ann Slifco & Chris King

Acolytes/Lectors: Liz Hart, Riley Beckwith

August 9

Sound: Bill Landis, Colton Custer

Organ: Ann Slifco

Flowers: Reon & Sheron Engleka

Ushers: Leanna Coughenour & Allison Zimmerman

Acolyte/Lector: Truitt and Callum Ogburn

August 16

Sound: Jim and Jean Ann Darr

Organ: Amanda Custer

Flowers: Mark & Lori Gindlesperger

Ushers: Deb Boyer & Amy Saylor

Acolyte/Lector: Colton Custer

August 23

Sound: Cohen Clark, Colton Custer

Organ: Amy Clark

Flowers: Nancy Bittner

Bulletin: Joyce Knotts

Ushers: Jason & Amy Clark

Acolyte/Lector: Kaitlyn Miller

August 30

Sound: Pam Bush, Bill Landis

Organ: Nancy Bittner

Flowers: Russ and Jeanne Hillegass

Bulletin: Joyce Knotts

Ushers: Ken Miller & Leonard Gary

Acolyte/Lector: Cohen Clark

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Dave Creamer, Student Pastor

Church Secretary: Pam Bush & Jean Ann Darr

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

Virtual Organist: Rick Kimmel

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Sue Coughenour, Secretary, 814-233-5413

Jim Darr, Treasurer, 814-267-5260

Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324

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Pam Bush, Carrie Croner, Lori Gindlesperger,

Jean Hart, Shawn Hart, Jeanne Hillegas,

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**July 12, 2026 – 12:30
Berlin Community Grove**

Church Picnic

Name:

Adults Attending

Children Attending

Please return to the church office as soon as possible.



Heavenly Father,

In the warmth of summer, families gather like the petals of a flower, forming a beautiful bouquet of love and togetherness. We offer our gratitude for these precious moments. May our family gatherings be filled with laughter, love, and shared memories that last a lifetime.

Amen.

God Bless the Person Reading This Bulletin

