

Trinity Trumpet

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All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
You, Lord God, made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
You made their glowing colors,
You made their tiny wings.

The purple headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

The changing of the seasons,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
You made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day.

You gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS NOW PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Pondering is easy but putting it on paper is another thing, but here goes.

Since the last newsletter, a lot has happened.

Pastor Dr David Williams has moved to a new chapter in his service for Christ.

On Friday, June 24, 2022, Terry Luteri was ordained and accepted our call of him as "Pastor-at-Large" with no responsibilities to Trinity other than to "get into remission".

On Sunday, June 26, 2022, we heard Pastor Dave's last "Proclamation of God's Word" as our Pastor. - We also witnessed and participated in a very moving Rite of Confirmation of 8 confirmands.

- Cohen James Clark, son of Jason and Amy Clark
- Lily Rose Countryman, daughter of Alex and Christine Countryman
- Colton David Custer, son of Colby and Amanda Custer
- Kaitlyn Mae Miller, daughter of David and Melissa Miller
- Vesper Arabella Ogburn, daughter of Rus and Jenna Ogburn
- Nathan Shane Spangler, son of Terry and Kathy Spangler
- Cora Elizabeth Wright, daughter of Clinton and Alissa Wright.

This was followed by Pastor Dave's last official Communion and the New Members (Confirmands) first Communion.

There was a reception that followed to honor the Confirmands and to celebrate the 5 years Pastor Dave's time here. At that time several presents, and cards were presented to Pastor Dave. There was a lot of visiting with our many guests from Mt Olive Lutheran Church, Zion Lutheran Church, and guest from our community.

Now let us look to the future. For the foreseeable future we will have many challenges and changes. It is possible that we could get a full-time pastor in a relatively short time, however it is very unlikely. At the present a Profile has been prepared and

forwarded to the Conference Office for a part-time/full-time Interim. We have also selected a Profile Committee to develop the profile of our Church. We presently have speakers/pastors for the rest of July, two of the four Sundays in August and maybe most of September.

We will be having a Consistory meeting on August 8. One of the items on the agenda will be the Sunday Service times. I have had several suggestions/requests to go back old service times of Sunday School at 9:00am and Church at 10:30 am. We have received several suggestions to involve more people, both adult and youth in the Sunday service.

There have been suggestions and I announced on Sunday, the beginning of forming two care giving teams, one a "Care Call Team" and a "Travel Care Team". I have some volunteers for each of the groups.

At the July 11 Consistory meeting it was reported that "Hugs and Kisses had met and are planning a couple of future activities.

Rally Day will be Sunday September 11.

And last keep our Congregation and the various workers and leaders in your prayers.

Tom Calvert, President
Berlin Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory



Financial Reports submitted by our Financial Secretary, Renee Gindlesperger and Treasurer, Jean Ann Darr

May - June 2022

Beg. Balance	\$61,480.40	\$10,592.78	\$1,188.00
Receipts	\$30,230.73	\$2,060.00	\$2,420.00
Distributions	\$30,279.81	\$849.66	\$3,608.00
Ending Balance	\$61,413.32	\$11,803.12	\$0

Benevolence Distributions: Berlin Food Pantry (Individual Donations) – \$185.00; Berlin Food Pantry (Benevolence Budget) – \$135.12; Our Churches Wider Mission – 2,026.82; Trinity Outreach – (Benevolence Budget) – \$456.06; Child Sponsor – Global Missions - \$120.00; Special OCWM - \$685.00.

Memorials (as of 6/30/22):

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Ray Engle**.

--Jean Ann Darr, Treasurer



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, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Carol Boyer, Lois Boburchock, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Dana Dawson, John Durst, Alvin Harbaugh, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Terry Luteri, Holby McClucas, Jennifer Miller, Bob Murphy, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman, 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.

Thank You from Pastor Dave:

Dear Trinity Church Family,

Thank you so very much for the generous and loving farewell Sunday on June 26th as I completed my pastorate with you. I take with me many memories of love and kindness of time shared together living the faith of Jesus Christ.

Thank you so very much for the generous parting gift. You may remember that when Mr. Paddy was a “puppy” [I know at 2 plus years he is still a puppy] one day he decided to play with my rings. He swallowed my ecclesiastical ring and while it passed through the dog, it was never found. I have ordered a replacement ring from the company in England who made the original and it should arrive in early August. I look forward to wearing the Four Evangelist ring once again very soon and will treasure it further as a gift of remembrance.

Thank you also for the items that will go to my “historical” corner in my new home of the churches I have served over the years. The blanket is near my recliner in my family room to keep me warm, the plate and “cats meow” of Trinity will be added to the display. Thank you for the many kind cards and gifts of appreciation. Your expressed appreciation for my ministry warms my heart greatly. My prayers ascend for the process before you now to call a new pastor whom God is already preparing to serve in Berlin. I will from time to time be in Berlin to visit to play bridge, see a doctor, or simply to enjoy the peaceful mountain hills of the area. I do hope that our paths will cross from time to time.

Again, my thanks for the wonderful sending Sunday. It was a joy to witness the confirmation of 8 youth, to see the church full of people as we sang and worshipped together, and to welcome Bishop Schmitt to Trinity. A historic day for us.

My blessings for all your future endeavors!

Thankfully,

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Thank you from Lois Boburchock for all the prayers and concerns during her recent medical issues.

Card Shower for Lewis & Barb Berkley:

Michele Romesberg has informed us that Lewis and Barb Berkley will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on August 3rd! They are holding a card show for them throughout the month of July! Please send them a card or note on this momentous occasion to 1430 Salco Rd., Berlin PA 15530

JB Schrock Community Park in full swing:

Our directors, Kristi Tataleba and Kylie Spataro, have had over 200 weekly visitors [many are "repeat customers" who enjoy stopping by multiple times per week] as they have shared with the kids about Camping, Trees/Plants, Dinosaurs, Farms & Animals, and Concrete & Cranes. The upcoming themes are:

- 7/18 Oceans/Water Fun
- 7/25 All About You
- 8/1 Colors/Nutrition
- 8/8 Space/Weather/Earth
- 8/15 Our Community

Each Tuesday & Thursday, from noon - 1:00 pm, at the playground, the "Summer Youth Cafe" offers a free lunch for kids, ages 2-18. No paperwork is required.

We also have several fundraisers happening this summer!

- Kovals' Pizzas & Hoagies - Orders & money due by July 22. Pickup at the Playground July 30, from 10 am - noon. Place orders at the Playground during the Summer Program or leave a message at our Google Voice Mail # (814) 299-9774.
- J B Schrock LOGO t-shirts!! Kids' sizes \$15 each; Adult sizes [Sm - XL] \$20 each, 2X \$21 each, 3X \$22 each. Purchase at the Playground during Summer Program hours.
- Playground Birthday Party on September 10th with an Old-fashioned Cake Walk, a Basket Raffle, and the Wheel of

Sweets [Candy Sale]. More details will be coming, but mark your calendar now!

We are super-excited to announce that on August 11, our mulch that we have been doing fundraising for the last several years will be arriving! After much research, discussion, and planning, we chose a non-toxic, pre-consumer rubber mulch that will not degrade and will not generate chemical fumes into the air around our community children.

THAT BRINGS US TO A REQUEST! After the mulch is delivered, we will need LOTS of volunteers to help us install it! Installation will be happening Friday, August 12 & Saturday, August 13, from 9 am - 4 pm both days. If you or your organization would like to help with the manual labor either of those days, please leave a message at our Google Voice Mail # (814) 299-9774 or stop by the Playground from 9-3 on Mon - Fri & let the directors know. Note: The Playground will be closed to ALL traffic during the delivery/installation of the mulch.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the J B Schrock Community Park!
Linda Karchner, President

Pastor Dave's Memory Quilt

If you would like to sign a quilt square for Pastor Dave's quilt, please do so by July 31st. I will be picking up the squares then. Thank you for making the quilt so special. They are located on a table at the Vine Street entrance.

Jean Hart

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

Give to Live

Please help Sami Jo Hayman earn her 4-H Diamond Clover by donating blood on Friday, August 12, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Berlin Alliance Church. This blood drive is being held in memory of her big brother, Lucas.

Sign up for your time at redcrossblood.org and enter the 15530-zip code in the upper right corner.

You never know when YOU or YOUR family member will need the gift of life.

Thank you, Sami Jo Hayman

Hot dogs and marshmallows roasted over a campfire. Kids playing games. Adults enjoying a relaxing evening chatting by the fire. This is what you missed at Sue Coughenour's Sunday school event in July. But here's another chance to join in...August 14th, 5:30 pm at the home of Dave and Missy Miller. Just bring a lawn chair and a side dish to share. We'd love to have you join us! Please RSVP to Sue at 814-233-5413.

One Call and Prayer Requests: Your prayer requests may be directed to Pam Bush, our office secretary. If you are not able to reach her during office hours, her cell phone number is 541-990-0832.

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.

Worship Assistants

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July 24th

Sound: Gaye Maust, Tyler Gindlesperger

Flowers: ~Anonymous~

Acolyte: Lily Countryman

July 31st

Sound: Tom Croner, Russ Hillegas

Flowers: Ed & Shirley Reed

Special Flowers: ~Anonymous~

Acolyte: Kaitlyn Miller

August 7th

Sound: Chris King, Gaye Maust

Flowers: Bill, Ann & Willie Slifco

Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

August 14th

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Pam Bush

Flowers: Reon & Sheron Engleka

Acolyte: Vesper Ogburn

August 21st

Sound: Jim Darr, Tyler Gindlesperger

Flowers: Nancy Bittner & Family

Acolyte: Matt Miller

August 25

Sound: Tom Croner, Pam Bush

Flowers: Mark & Lori Gindlesperger

Acolyte: Cohen Clark, Colton Custer

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 home patients.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Church Secretary: Pam Bush

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

Virtual Organist: Rick Kimmel

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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*“Alone we can do so little;
Together we can do so
much”
~Helen Keller~*

*“With God’s Help We Can
Do
So Much More”*



Our 80 & Over Birthday Club!!

Getting older is like climbing a mountain; you get a little out of breath, but the view is much better. Let's show these folks a view of caring by their fellow congregational members by sending them birthday cards!!

These are our members for July and August

Robert Landis
Marlene Hillegass
Roland Fogel
Elaine Gumbert
Donald Custer

This page has been deleted from these birthday club members so let's make it a surprise!

If you need addresses, please contact the church office.

