

Trinity Trumpet

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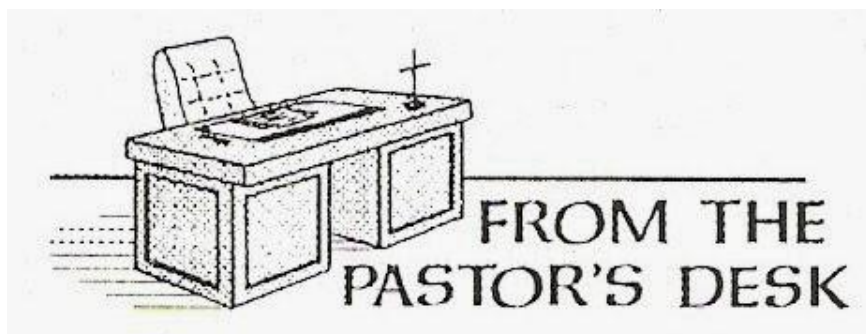
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Summer is a season of warmth, light, and renewal. It's a time when the days grow longer, the sun shines brighter, and the world seems to come alive with vibrant energy. For many, summer is a season of adventure, relaxation, and connection—a time to travel, spend time with loved ones, and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Yet, even amid its joys, summer can also bring challenges, such as busy schedules, unexpected trials, or moments of uncertainty. In every season of life, prayer is a powerful tool that connects us to God, providing guidance, strength, and peace.



A message from your Pastor

For the last 10 years or so Berlin High School has hosted a community wide prayer Baccalaureate service for the Graduating Seniors. I participated in Last years and look forward to participating in this on May 27th. Spring, Graduation, and Pentecost all come at about the same time. There is a flush of "new growth", and a change fills the air. The Baccalaureate service is not just for the Kids graduating and their families. It is a time for their community to come together and show those young people support. Support in your presence, support in your prayers, show them that the faith they are developing matters. On Pentecost Day, this year we celebrate it on May 24th, the Spirit of God filled the disciples and drove them into the streets. It is the day that the church was born. God did not have the Spirit gather them in a church but sent them into the world. They would go on to serve one another, to serve God, help people know the Love of Christ. As our Graduates take the next step and shape a life, start a family, embrace their role as this worlds' care takers, I can't think of a more important thing to do than support them in the task. Help them see its Okay to be Christians. Help them to know, that as they struggle through life, and develop their faith, we have their back. I Hope to see you all at the Baccalaureate service on May 27th.

Let us pray,

Heavenly Father, God of creation and renewal we are surrounded by your blessings. We are grateful for these gifts and pray that your blessings continue to flow. Help us to use your Spirit to go out into the streets, to go to the people around us with the word of God, and the Love of Jesus. Help us to support our graduates, to show them the confidence that they need to serve you, to make you a part of their lives. Bless them, guide them, and keep them. Let the Love of Jesus and the peace he offers be there for them as they struggle and grow. Let us all seek to do your will, and fill a world with your glory, In Jesus Name, Amen.

Pastor Dave

A message from your Consistory President

April has brought us warmer weather and everyone is glad to hang up the heavy jackets. Reflecting, I'm not sure where the months since Christmas have gone, but we're one third of the way through 2026. Over the past several weeks, our Church was very active in supporting the Easter week activities. The consistory gives thanks to and applauds Pastor David for all the ministerial work he did during the Holly week. This included a Maundy Thursday Supper at Unity (where Trinity was invited), hosting and organizing the conclusion of the Berlin Church Community Cross Walk at Trinity and then delivering two Easter Sunday services. We are very grateful to our part time student minister.

Your consistory continues to focus on several of the goals established earlier in the year. One is maintaining the facilities. During the past months our facilities committee had the arch in the sanctuary repaired and painted. The committee did a walkthrough of the kitchen and bathroom areas. From that inspection, a decision was made to upgrade the countertops, add ceramic back splashes, and paint the entire kitchen. The bathroom areas received a deep cleaning and some minor repair. And in the activities room, all the old fluorescent light fixtures will be replaced with LED panels. The major facility activity that will soon begin installation is the HVAC system throughout the church. More information on schedule will be forthcoming in future church

bulletins. Although we have funds to complete this activity, we have set up a separate budget account, including on the Tithe.ly App, to collect donations to help offset these expenses.

We are discussing and developing several Christian outreach activities for 2026. One is called the "Bible Bash." It is scheduled for August 8th in the church parking lot. This is a children's oriented event full of games, where each game is focused around a bible story. An example would be a bean bag toss game where the theme and equipment would relate to the story of David and Goliath. After playing each game, a handout would be given to each child about the bible story. Our goals, via advertisement of the event, are to attract parents with young children, that otherwise would not approach our church, introduce them to the living bible, and extend to them a Christian experience. A committee has been organized; more information will be in future church bulletins. Please contact Sue Coughenhour to volunteer.

Some of you may have noticed that we are proud parents of two raised garden vegetable beds in the lawn beside the church. The Hugs and Kisses committee are the architects of this activity, and their goal is to raise vegetables that can support the food pantry. Throughout the summer, stop by and check out, or help, our future Master Gardners.

Enjoy the Spring and warmer weather. Looking forward to seeing you in church.

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



Consistory Corner
Trinity United Church of Christ
March 16, 2026

Attendance

X Carrie Croner (2028) Deacon
X Allison Zimmerman (2027) Elder
X Shawn Hart (2028) Deacon
A Pam Bush (2026) Deacon
X Amy Saylor (2028) Deacon
X Jim Darr (2026) Elder
X Sue Coughenour (2028) Elder
X 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.

President Bill Landis 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 February 16, 2026 meeting were sent to the consistory members electronically before the March 16, 2026, meeting. A motion was made by Jeanne Hillegas, seconded by Lori Gindlesperger to approve February 16, 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 Jean Hart and seconded by Amy Saylor to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit. **Motion approved.**

Student Minister's Report

In the previous month, all the scheduled services were prepared and conducted plus Ash Wednesday service. I attended a Church Safety Seminar at Berlin Brethren Church. Tim Sprowls, retired PA State Policeman, provided good insight on church safety. Forty plus churches had representatives attend. The number one thing a church can do is have ushers to help squash any issues at the door. We are fortunate to already have ushers in place. I will be speaking with Bob Brown to talk more on how our ushers can be better prepared to deal with any issues that may arise.

I attended the Lions Club sponsored First Aid/CPR/AED training at the Berlin Borough Building. One item they suggest having one on hand is a LifeVac choking device. A motion was made by Lori Gindlesberger to purchase a LifeVac for the church fellowship hall, motion seconded by Amy Saylor. **Motion approved.**

Standing Committee Reports

- A. **Hugs & Kisses** – The raised beds have been built and are ready for use this summer, thanks to the volunteers who helped on March 14th.
- B. **Camp Livingwaters** – Summer camp brochures are now available. Brochures will be posted on bulletin boards for those interested. The camp is also planning a fishing tournament on May 2 & 3, 2026. Tournament is open to all ages with a top prize of \$100. Those 6 & under may enter for free. Ages 5-12 cost \$5, and those

13 and above enter at a cost of \$15. Tournament runs 7 am – 6 pm, with 125 tagged fish. Fish are catch and release so multiple people can win prizes on the same fish. The camp is looking for sponsors to help with cost of prizes. Jean Hart made a motion to donate \$100, seconded by Jim Darr. **Motion approved.**

- C. **Property** –The sanctuary arch has been repainted and looks very nice. There was no water damage found. Minor repairs and clean ups were completed in the restrooms. Property committee and consistory president, Bill Landis, met in the church kitchen to look at what would be needed to replace countertops and put backsplash behind sink. Sink basin would be reused, but countertops would be replaced, which may damage the cabinet. That is yet to be determined. Justin Livingood would be hired to paint walls and cabinets to give the kitchen a fresh look.

Old Business

- A. **A/C for Church** – Two bids were reviewed, one for the church sanctuary and one for church basement. Installing air conditioning will necessitate the need for an updated electrical panel so the bid came in higher than previously discussed. Church sanctuary will cost a total of \$60,400, and basement \$106,600. Due to the dampness issue in the basement and overall savings, the consistory is recommending having both done at the same time. These units will not only provide air conditioning in the summer but also heat in the winter which will save us money on propane heating. There would be 4 units installed in the sanctuary and five units throughout the basement; including 2 in fellowship hall, 1 in the kitchen, 1 in the high school classroom, 1 in the primary classroom, and 1 in the

nursery. Three outdoor units would be placed on the side of church next to the Berlin Food Pantry, making them less noticeable. These newer units blow air upwards and diffuses to make it more comfortable. A discussion of finances was then held on how to pay for the units. Renee Gindlesperger will get an exact figure on funds readily available before our March 22, 2026, congregational meeting. She feels, however, that there are funds available immediately for use. A campaign, however, will start to replenish these funds. Campaign information will be kept in view of the congregation through the bulletin, newsletter, and a visual in front of the sanctuary. The total amount needed is \$167,000. It would take 6-8 weeks for the equipment to be shipped in, and about a month's work to have units installed. By paying now, we would be able to have the system installed before the heat of summer. Because of Jim Darr's experience, the consistory did not feel that a second bid would be necessary. All this information will be put forth to the congregation and decided on with a ballot vote on March 22, 2026. 80-90% of the congregation must approve of this purchase for it to go through. A motion was made by Jeanne Hillegas to have this be an all or nothing vote, having both levels of the church done at the same time or can the project. Motion was seconded by Allison Zimmerman. **Motion approved.**

- B. **Speaker Engagement for Church** – This has been put on hold until Pam Bush returns from Florida the end of March, as she has the information to contact speaker suggested. Other possibilities exist should that speaker not be able to come.
- C. **Elders Meeting on Membership** – Pastor David Creamer discussed some things he has been

considering pertaining to unactive members. He will discuss this more with Elders at a meeting yet to be scheduled.

- D. **Plaque on the Organ** – The Berkey sisters had requested a plaque be put on church organ in memory of Louis and Barbara Berkey. In researching this, it was found that there are many more people who made this organ possible and to highlight the Berkey's would be a disservice to others who donated. Pastor David Creamer will reach out to the sisters to discuss this matter and see if a resolution can be found.

New Business

- A. **Children's Festival** – The idea of a Children's Festival sponsored by our church for the whole community was presented by Sue Coughenour. Consistory approved of the idea and a committee was formed with Sue Coughenour as the head; also serving will be Jeanne Hillegas, Amy Saylor, Jean Hart, and Lori Gindleperger. Others in our congregation are welcome to serve on the committee. Those interested in serving may contact Sue. More information will be made available in weeks ahead.

A motion was made by Jim Darr to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lori Gindlesperger. **Motion approved.**

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

Respectfully submitted

Susan Coughenour

Trinity United Church of Christ
April 20, 2026

Attendance

A Carrie Croner (2028) Deacon
X Allison Zimmerman (2027) Elder
X Shawn Hart (2028) Deacon
X Pam Bush (2026) Deacon
A Amy Saylor (2028) Deacon
X Jim Darr (2026) Elder
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X Pastor Dave Creamer
X Allen Strasser (2027) Deacon
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Treasurer Jim Darr called the regular meeting of Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory to order at 6:45 pm. Pastor Dave offered prayer.

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Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was given to the consistory prior to the meeting for review. A motion was made by Jeanne Hillegas and seconded by Allison Zimmerman to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit. **Motion approved.** A motion was made by Sue Coughenour to extend the line of

credit at Somerset Trust Company for another 2 years.
Motion was seconded by Jean Hart. **Motion approved.**

President Bill Landis then took over the meeting.

Student Minister's Report

Pastor Dave Creamer shared that he served all the regular worship services plus the Good Friday service.

He completed his Chaplaincy course at UPMC Somerset Hospital and will continue to serve there for 4 hours.

The Ministerium met to discuss Baccalaureate. Pastor Dave will be working with Pastor Tammy Horner on the service.

He counseled Grace Romesburg and Sam Marker to prepare them for their upcoming wedding.

He presided over the Barbra Berkey memorial service and the Jack Foy Funeral.

He asked that the consistory consider paying for the youth from our church who attend the Camp Livingwaters Fish Tournament in May. A motion was made by Sue Coughenour to pay up to \$20 per youth participant at the tournament, Jim Darr seconded the motion. **Motion approved.**

Standing Committee Reports

Hugs & Kisses – Plans made at their last meeting are:

June 7, 2026 – Visiting the homebound members during the Sunday school hour.

June 28, 2026 – Corn hole tournament for all ages.

Hugs & Kisses will provide hamburgers and hot dogs.

Everyone is asked to bring a side dish, drinks or desserts to share.

August 2, 2026 – Caddy Shack outing planned.

They will be looking into going to Sight and Sound next year to see Josuha.

Semi-Quincentennial Anniversary – The committee continues to meet and are progressing with the plans. There is currently no marker at the cemetery to identify it so the churches are working on coming up with something appropriate. A request for funds will come to consistory later.

Community Center – The center is requesting permission to have Bob Chappie build a movable board that would have a dart board on one side and a white erase board on the other side. Permission granted.

Trustees – The Trustees are asking for approval to move ahead with counter tops and back splash for the kitchen at a cost of approximately \$2000. Motion made by Pam Bush and seconded by Shawn Hart to move forward with this plan.
Motion approved.

Raised Beds Project – Cora Wright would like to use this project to help her get her Gold Pin 4-H rank. She is awaiting state approval. Beds need to have lining put in and filled with soil which Tom Croner will provide. Everything will be ready for planting season.

Old Business

HVAC – The equipment has arrived and work should begin in the next 2 weeks. They hope to have it finished by June.

Charter Review – We currently have 250 members of active and non-active members. Pastor Dave has been talking to other pastors on how their churches handle the non-active members. Our church constitution is lined up with the Western PA District which no longer exists. Pastor Dave will investigate current constitution guidelines. An Elders meeting will be planned to discuss this further.

Children's Festival – This event will be called Bible Blast (not Bible Bash as Sue Coughenour previously gave wrong info) and will be held on August 2, 2026, from 1-3 pm on the church property. The August 8 date had to be changed due to 250th Celebration parade in Somerset that day. The committee has met twice and is making good progress. Information has been provided for both the bulletin and newsletter with a list of volunteers needed to make this event happen.

Special Speakers – Pam Bush checked into having John O'Leary speak at our church and the cost was prohibitable. She suggested that we have a community movie night and show the movie about his life called "Soul on Fire". Pastor Dave also suggested having Graham Standish speak. He would speak about becoming a blessed church. Both ideas will be pursued.

Organ Plaque – This issue has been resolved and there will not be a plaque placed on the organ.

New Business

Prayer Labyrinth – The idea of a community prayer labyrinth was shared and information distributed so that consistory can be praying about if this would be something God would like us to pursue or not.

Nathan Spangler Eagle Award – Pastor Dave suggested that we support Nathan Spangler as he pursues his Eagle Scout award with a donation. Sue Coughenour made a motion to give Nathan \$150 towards his project, seconded by Jean Hart. **Motion approved.**

A motion was made by Jim Darr to close the meeting, seconded by Sue Coughenour.

The next meeting of the consistory will be on **Monday May 18, 2026, at 6:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted

Susan Coughenour



	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

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit,
Brad Bowers, Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown, Renee
Croushore, Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy
Coughenour, Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey, Wilma
Durst, Linda Gallick, Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, Andrea
(Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Kris Hay, Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple,
Gary Hillegas, 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, Larry Tinkey, Patsy and
Dave Titus, Barbara and Peter Usher, Faye Walker,
Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Echo Kincaid Yoder, Gerald Zorn

A Steady Light: Finding Hope and Encouragement in the Church

In a world that often feels saturated with negativity and discouragement, we naturally search for a place where our spirits can be lifted and our burdens lightened. News cycles highlight conflict, social media amplifies comparison and criticism, and daily life can feel overwhelming. Amid all of this, we turn to our church

not just out of tradition, but out of a deep need for hope, encouragement, and a sense of belonging.

The church has long served as a refuge—a place where we can step away from the noise and reconnect with something greater than ourselves. Within its walls, messages are meant to uplift rather than tear down, to restore rather than exhaust. For many members, attending a service is not just a weekly routine; it is a moment to reset emotionally and spiritually. Hearing words of faith, grace, and perseverance can counterbalance the discouragement we encounter throughout the week.

Encouragement within a church community goes beyond sermons. It is found in the simple interactions between members: a warm greeting at the door, a reassuring conversation after service, or a prayer offered during a difficult time. These small but meaningful moments remind us that we are not alone. In a society where isolation is increasingly common, the church provides a space where we are seen, known, and supported.

Moreover, the church often plays a vital role in helping us reframe our struggles. Rather than viewing challenges as purely negative, they are often presented as opportunities for growth, resilience, and deeper faith. This perspective can be transformative. It doesn't ignore hardship, but it offers a sense of purpose within it. In a culture that can often feel harsh and unforgiving, the church stands as a counterbalance—a place where grace is emphasized, where encouragement is spoken freely, and where hope is continually renewed. For many, it is not just a building or an institution; it is a vital source of strength.

Ultimately, the enduring appeal of the church in difficult times lies in its ability to meet a fundamental human need: the need for hope. When the world feels heavy, we seek a place that reminds us of what is still good, still possible, and still worth believing in. That place continues to be the church—a steady light in the midst of life's challenges.

Ministry Opportunity

There is a unique ministry opportunity for anyone who likes to crochet or knit, or someone who can cut plastic bags. Sleeping mats made from plastic bag “yarn” (known as plan) are made and donated to the Pittsburgh Distribution Center for the Homeless. To

learn more about this ministry, please contact Sue Coughenour at 814-233-5413.

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School Class continues to meet Sundays after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Currently we are studying the Holy Spirit, and its importance in making our churches thrive. Classes will be led by Sue Coughenour until the end of May when she takes a break over the summer. We would welcome volunteers to keep our class active throughout the summer months. Notify Sue or the church office if you are interested.

Our church will be presenting

Bible Blast!

Where God's Word Meets Game time!

This will be a community outreach event for the whole family to come and enjoy free games, prizes and snacks while they learn about God.

When: August 2, 2026 (date was changed)

Time: 1:00-3:00 pm

Where: In the TUCC parking lot or Fellowship Hall in case of rain.

To make this outreach possible we will need many volunteers to be on hand the day of the event. We need volunteers to:

Help with Games (7 games / 12 volunteers)

Face Painters – at least 2

Prize Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers

Snack Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers

Information Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers

Set Up and Tear Down – many hands make light work

In addition, we will need someone to help construct some of the games, and someone to help paint the games.

Another way you can help is to donate money towards supplies for the event. And most importantly we need everyone to be praying for people to come and hear the word of God with open hearts. God can and will do wonderful things if everyone gets involved so please be praying on how you can help.

For more information contact someone on the committee: Sue Coughenour, Jeanne Hillegas, Amy Saylor, Sheron Engleka, Lori Gindlesperger, and Jean Hart. Let them know if you are willing to help.

Trinity Ladies will meet on Monday, May 4 and Monday, June 1 at 11:30 AM at Cup of Soul. We will be discussing the Rummage Sale on July 18 at Berlin Community Days. Please come with any ideas for community outreach that you may have. We always have a good time, so come join the fun!

Raised Garden Beds Thank you to all who helped build our raised garden beds. Now we need to fill them with soil so we can put plants and seeds in them by Memorial Day. This is a great project for young and old to work together. Please watch the Sunday bulletin for times and dates. Come join us as we work together to do God's work.

Rummage Sale As you do your spring cleaning, please consider donating gently used items that you no longer have a use for to the rummage sale. These items can include clothing (all sizes), small household items, toys, small furniture (chairs, end tables, etc.) and home decor, etc. We will set a date when you can bring these items to the church, so watch the Sunday bulletin for the announcement. We will be having the rummage sale with Hug & Kisses in July during Belin Community Days. Looking for some fun and fellowship? Come join us when you can!!

Hugs & Kisses

As usual our Hugs & Kisses have lots of upcoming plans. Here is a highlight of a few of the things to come.

Sunday, June 7th - Visit homebound members. Right after church we will meet in the basement to make a plan for travel/carpool and take members a small gift and hopefully play rainbow bells to help brighten their days. If you would like to participate, meet us downstairs. We need enough participants to be able to play bells, so please join us!

Sunday, June 28th- 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament 5:00 PM. This event is for ALL AGES. H&K will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a covered dish/drink, your lawn chair, and your best cornhole skills! Watch for a sign up at the Vine St entrance so that we have a count for meat. This is a great time for food, fun, and socializing so please plan to join us!

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

Church Cookbook Fundraiser

Years ago, our church members put together a cookbook that many people still use today. There is nothing better than tried and true recipes. We have a lot of GREAT cooks out there so please share. Be sure to put your name on your recipe and any hints you may have in its preparation. This should be lots of fun! Thank you to those who have submitted.....keep them coming!

We plan to start putting it together at the beginning of May 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.

Pictorials

If you did not get your church pictorial, we do still have copies in the church office.

Anything Is Possible

We all face moments when we would rather stay where we are. Whether we are too injured, or it's too late, or it's too scary, those excuses arise because we have been trained to keep our eyes down, on the rocky soil in front of us, trying to make sure we don't trip.

But when we are staring down at where we are, we can't look ahead at where we could go. We miss the beauty of what's possible. And we certainly can't see the path to get there.

What we need is a return to the mind-set that whispers to us, "Anything is possible." What we need is the courage to go back to the drawer where we tucked away our cape.

You know, the one you used to wear when you were little, when life was full of limitless potential? We need to find the courage to put that cape back on. To look up at the horizon and dare to fly. It's time to dare again. It might be painful. But it will totally be worth it.

~John O'Leary~

SUMMER 2026
CAMPS

Our theme this year is
Trustin' Jesus! Come engage
in fellowship activities
centered around
strengthening our faith in
Christ.



FISHING

\$160

June 28th-July 2nd

For grades completed:

5th-12th

Spend time on our
living waters while we
learn about God's
creatures.



**GRANDPARENT
AND ME \$160**

July 12th-15th

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.



JR/SR HIGH

\$325

July 12th-18th

For grades

completed: 7th-12th

Experience God in
nature and have fun
doing it!



ELEMENTARY

\$325

July 5th-11th

For grades

completed: 4th-6th

Come spend a week
learning about faith with
new friends while getting
fresh air and having a blast!



PRIMARY

\$325

July 5th-11th

For grades completed:

K-3rd

Begin a new adventure at
camp, make new friends,
and come to your new
home away from home!

Scan to
sign up!



PHONE:
814-733-4212



LOCATION:
300 Camp Living Water Rd,
Schellsburg PA, 15559





Sporting Clays Tournament to benefit Somerset County Mobile Food Bank

June 6, 2026

**Buffer Creek Sporting Clays, Sipesville,
776 School House Road, Somerset, PA 15501**

Registration includes T-shirt, doughnuts and coffee before the shoot, 100 sporting clays, lunch and awards ceremony.

Shotgun shells and guns are not included.

Prizes will be awarded to the top score for the combined team and also the top men and women shooters.

Raffles will also be available



The 2025 top shooters, from left, are Rick Sager, Terry Straka, Eli Sager, John Centi and Jess Hemminger.

Wobble trap 8 to 9:15 a.m. \$10

Registration 8 a.m.

Safety meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Clay shoot begins at 9:30 a.m.

The Somerset County Mobile Food Bank is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization that supplies food each month to about 1,750 local families in need. As a 501 (c) (3) program, the food bank operates mainly off of donations and grants.

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.

Family Hospice is now recruiting volunteers. Volunteers have the rewarding privilege of supporting patients with life-limiting illnesses and their caregivers through a significant and inevitable season of life. Hospice volunteers make an impact in various ways, such as patient visits, caregiver relief, phone calls, support of grieving family members, clerical assistance, and more. Volunteer involvement is determined by the individual's skills, desires, and schedule. Volunteers are good listeners who display flexibility, understanding, and empathy. Specialized training is provided for new volunteers. For more information, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Catherine Zimmerman at 814-502-5948 or zimmermancp@upmc.edu.

Hoffman Homes

During the month of May, we will be collecting items that they have informed us would be useful for them as well as our normal monetary donations through offering. The specific items needed are: Gift cards in any amount for Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, Domino's Pizza, Rita's Italian Ice, Dairy Queen, Wendy's, Taco Bell, Panera Bread, Subway, McDonald's, Sheetz, Walmart, Target, Amazon and Five Below. Other items requested are: sensory toys, NO WIRE composition books/journals, gel pens, adult & youth coloring books, drawing and construction paper. They could also use outdoor items such as, frisbees, volleyballs, playground balls, outdoor games, water balloons, water squirters and sidewalk chalk. If you choose to donate, please leave at the Vine Street Entrance.

Hoffman Homes provides residential treatment, therapeutic shelter, transitional living, outpatient therapy, and private licensed school services.

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

May 3

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Chris King

Organ: Amanda Custer

Flowers: Russ and Jenna Ogburn

Special Flowers: Allison Zimmerman

Ushers: Ann Slifco and Chris King

Acolyte/Lector: Colton Custer

May 10

Sound: Pam Bush, Cohen Clark

Organ: Amy Clark
Flowers: Barry Landis
Special Flowers: Larry and Judy McCullen
Ushers: Leanna Coughenour and Allison Zimmerman
Acolyte/Lector: Cora and Lucy Wright

May 17

Sound: Jim and Jean Ann Darr
Organ: Jean Ann Darr
Flowers: Alissa Wright
Ushers: Deb Boyer and Amy Saylor
Acolyte/Lector: Cohen Clark

May 24

Sound: Bill Landis, Colton Clark
Organ: Nancy Bittner
Flowers: Reon and Sheron Engleka
Ushers: Amy and Jason Clark
Acolyte: Avery and Isla Hillegas
Lector: Cohen Clark

May 31

Sound: Jim Darr, Pam Bush
Organ: Ann Slifco
Flowers: Jim and Jean Ann Darr
Ushers: Ken Miller and Leonard Gary
Acolytes/Lectors: Liz Hart, Riley Beckwith

June 7

Sound: Chris King, Lori Gindlesperger
Organ: Amanda Custer
Flowers: Anonymous
Ushers: Jean Ann Darr and Allen Strasser
Acolyte/Lector: Truitt and Callum Ogburn

June 14

Sound: Pam Bush, Cohen Clark
Organ: Amy Clark
Flowers: Chris King

Ushers: Sue Coughenour and Sheron Engleka
Acolyte/Lector: Cohen Clark

June 21

Sound: Jim and Jean Ann Darr
Organ: Nancy Bittner
Flowers: Barry Landis
Special Flowers: Don and Nancy Custer
Bulletin: Joyce Knotts
Ushers: Alissa Wright and Carrie Croner
Acolyte/Lector: Kaitlyn and Matt Miller

June 28

Sound: Bill Landis, Colton Custer
Organ: Jean Ann Darr
Flowers: Russ and Jeanne Hillegass
Ushers: Bob Brown and John Wisler
Acolyte/Lector: Colton Custer

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

Consistory Elders:

Sue Coughenour, Secretary, 814-233-5413

Jim Darr, Treasurer, 814-267-5260

Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Carrie Croner, Lori Gindlesperger,

Jean Hart, Shawn Hart, Jeanne Hillegas,

Bill Landis President 814-521-6800, Amy Saylor, Allen Strasser

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

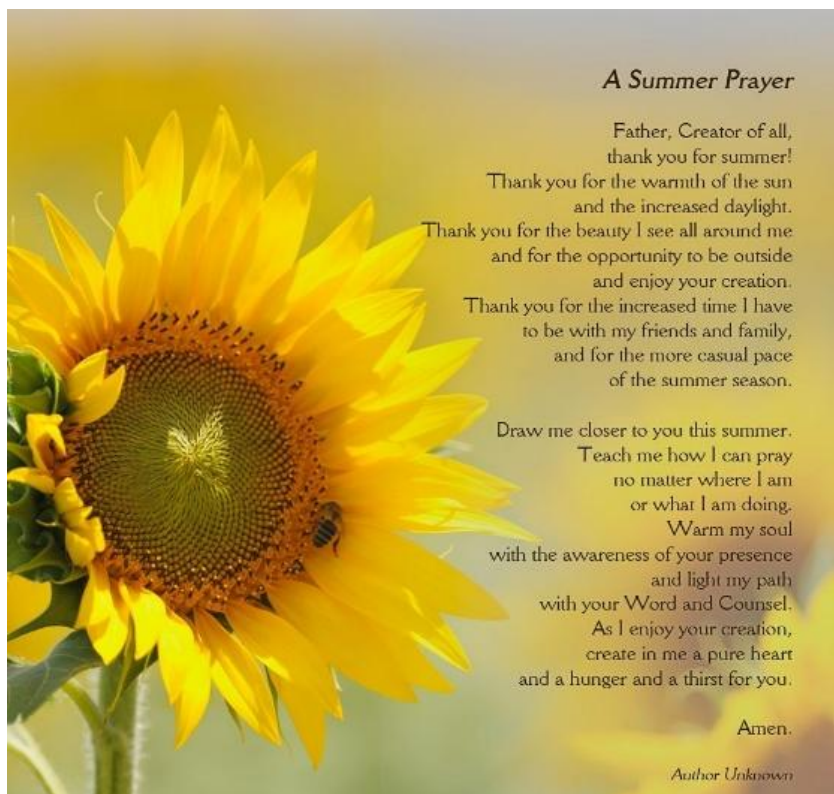
9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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A Summer Prayer

Father, Creator of all,
thank you for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.

Thank you for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside
and enjoy your creation.

Thank you for the increased time I have
to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace
of the summer season.

Draw me closer to you this summer.

Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am
or what I am doing.

Warm my soul
with the awareness of your presence
and light my path
with your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy your creation,
create in me a pure heart
and a hunger and a thirst for you.

Amen.

Author Unknown

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.

God Bless the Person Reading This Bulletin

