

Trinity Trumpet

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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

A Summer Prayer:

The seasons of the Church start the summer with Pentecost. We begin the longest days of the year with a renewal of the Spirit of God. As we use long summer days to the fullest, at work or play, we need to keep our focus on our relationship with God. The measure of the Spirit within us is the fruit we bear, the works we do, and how we do those works. Take a moment and share with

me a Prayer that asks for a blessing of the Summer and the works we will do during these long days.

Heavenly Father our provider and sustainer we are grateful to you for these summer days. For vacations and the beach, for sunshine on our crops, and your un-ending presence throughout. We pray that as we journey about that you are merciful and keep us safe. We pray that we use these long days to their fullest. At work or at rest help us to bear good fruit, to be productive people sharing your love with our neighbors. Help us to use all this summer has to offer, that each moment is for your glory. Help us to feel the love of Jesus each day. To know his gift of grace is a present not just for the cold dark days of winter, but also in these long bright days of summer. Amen

Message from your Pastor:
"Faith in Motion"

Keeping your Faith in motion, putting to work your will for Gods Glory, is a sure-fire way to not only stay connected with God but help to spread his will. Throughout this summer there will be opportunities for us to provide items for people in need. Hygiene Kits, Period Packs, Clean-Up Buckets and back to school supplies are all in need this summer. Different organizations like Church World Services organize these collections and then distribute them to people in need. We will be providing information throughout the summer to help guide and focus on these collections. Disaster is never far away. It is our job to rise to those challenges and help our neighbors, be they down the street or a world away. Everyone's small gift becomes a great service as they are combined. Never think your small contribution does not matter. Jesus feed thousands with the lunch of one small boy. Dividing and sharing the meal. He will do the same with your gifts.

Just Plain Ponderings by Your Consistory President

It was nice to see families with youth in church recently, perhaps as a result of activity with our confirmation class, and the receiving of bibles, along with baptism. Over the years, I have very much enjoyed watching young people grow up, and develop into Christians, loving Jesus and serving God. But isn't that what we are all called to do? Be disciples and make disciples of others. Welcoming people into our congregation. We can introduce people to our church by inviting them to come with us to church, making them feel wanted, and a part of our Church family. This is all work that each of us can do, with very little physical effort, and it is a service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It's what he would want us to do! If you have a neighbor or a friend who is without a church family? This would be a wonderful opportunity to serve God and his Kingdom. Many times, we take things for granted, because we don't think that they are important, but indeed, but indeed they are important. We are called to give back a portion of what we have received, in our time, talent, and treasury. Think about who you can welcome to worship with us and connect with our church family!

Tom Croner – Consistory President



Consistory Corner

TUCC Congregational Meeting Minutes May 4, 2025

A congregational meeting was held Sunday, May 4, 2025, after worship. Pastor Dave Creamer offered prayer.

Bill Landis, Vice President presented slides containing the information on renting the parsonage with the following information.

Proposed lease would be per \$1000. per month, yearly renewal. This would include electric, water, gas, garbage and sewage, lawn care and snow removal. Our costs associated with lease would be liability insurance of \$500 per year, percentage of taxes on the parsonage \$550. per year, Leaser's utilities: electric, water, gas, garbage, sewage would be \$920. Total monthly cost incurred by Trinity UCC is \$165. Monthly profit \$835, \$10,020 per year.

Other attributes of Lease: Normal clauses about nonpayment, returned checks, etc, Security Deposit of 1 month rent, \$200 per pet. Limit of 2 dogs, Pet waste must be cleaned up every day. Household is limited to a family of 5, no business/work run out of house without written consent, includes use of garage on basement level, UCC carries fire insurance on building but not on contents of rented space, contains a long list of maintenance, repairs and rules including the number of guests visiting and duration, noise, use of deck (not storage), holes in walls, etc. Termination by tenant notification (30 days) and possible fees deducted from initial deposit. Termination by UCC in the event that we need the parsonage for a new pastor would be given a (60 days) notice to terminate and 1 month free rent. The consistory approval to move forward with renting the church parsonage based on present lease agreement and the consistory has approval to adjust lease rental amount based on current rental market, i.e., if unit doesn't rent then we may need to lower requested value.

The Lease agreement is available in the church office.

The following questions were asked:

Due to the congestion in the parking lot during church services and activities could the garage at the side of the

parsonage be offered instead of the garage in the parsonage?
(This will be looked into).

Add a clause to the lease to include any illegal activity in parsonage would be immediate eviction. (This will be added to the lease agreement)

Is the church considered a business due to accepting rent?
(this was answered, no it has no effect on the tax status of the church. It still is considered a non-profit).

Bill Landis presented the above for approval to rent the parsonage, seconded by Bob Brown. **Motion approved** by the congregation with several negative votes.

A motion was made by Julie Petro, seconded by Chris King to adjourn the congregational meeting. **Motion approved.**

Respectfully submitted
Sheron Engleka, Secretary

Trinity United Church of Christ
May 12, 2025

Attendance

X Lori Gindlesperger (2027) Deacon X Jean Hart (2026) Deacon
X Jeanne Hillegas (2027) Deacon X Bill Landis (2026) Deacon
X Allen Strasser (2027) Deacon X Amanda Custer (2025)
Deacon
X Allison Zimmerman (2027) Elder X Tom Croner (2025) Deacon
X Pam Bush (2026) Deacon X Sheron Engleka (2025) Elder
X Jim Darr (2026) Elder X Julie Petro (2025) Deacon
X Pastor Dave Creamer X Renee Gindlesperger Financial
Sec.

President Tom Croner called the regular meeting of Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory to order at 7:00pm. Pastor Dave offered prayer.

Minutes for April meeting

Minutes for the April 14, 2025, meeting was sent to the consistory members electronically before the May meeting. A motion was

made by Jeanne Hillegas, seconded by Jean Hart to approve the April 14th minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was given to the consistory prior to the meeting for review. No corrections were made. A motion was made by Lori Gindlesperger, seconded by Allison Zimmerman to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit. Motion approved. Jim Darr made a motion to take \$1000 from the General Fund and transfer to the Cemetery fund, seconded by Bill Landis. Motion approved.

Student Minister's report

Pastor Dave reported that a memorial service for Adeline Vieregge will be on Saturday, May 24th at 10:00am. He is coordinating the service with Kathy Spangler and Pastor David Williams. They requested that the service would be able to be broadcast. Tom Croner and Pam Bush volunteered to be on the Sound System for the service. A baptism for Paxton Peck will be on Sunday, June 8th. The baccalaureate service will be on Thursday, May 29th. He had 3 in-house visits, and one nursing home visit within the last month. The confirmation class has had two meetings, and the confirmands will start to Acolyte in July. The Church is in need of one adult delegate and one Youth delegate for the Penn West Conference meeting in June to approve the constitution. Pastor Dave has two individuals that will come for a meeting of those who are interested in starting a Care Committee in our church on Wednesday, May 28th. Pastor Dave is coordinating with the Lutheran Church Pastor on Heritage Sunday in October.

Standing Committee Reports

a. Christian Education – Sheron Engleka reported that the Adult Sunday School class will meet during the Summer but the lower classes will not meet until Rally Day. Rally Day is scheduled for September 7th. Jean Hart explained about looking into applying for a grant from the Penn West Conference to have a mission project for the youth to plant a raise bed garden and for the produce to be donated to the Berlin Food Pantry. A motion

was made by Allen Strasser, seconded by Allison Zimmerman to use the yard beside the church to put in raised beds for a vegetable garden in 2026 for the above project. Motion approved. The Graduation Sunday is scheduled for June 8th but as of this date, no one has contacted the church office. The next meeting for the Christian Education will be on Thursday, August 7th at 6:30pm.

b. Fellowship and Funeral – Jean Hart reported that a memorial meal is being planned for Adeline Vieregge after her memorial service on May 24th.

c. Hugs and Kisses – Amanda Custer reported that the Hugs and Kisses visited several shut ins on Sunday, April 27th and have scheduled some more visits on Thursday, May 15th. The group passed out cards, flowers, picture of the group and candy to the women of the church on Mother's Day and will be doing for the men on June 15th Father's Day. The third Corn Hole Tournament is scheduled for June 29th, July 13 will be the Church Picnic at the grove and on July 18th, they are planning on going to a drive in. The next meeting of the Hugs and Kisses will be on Tuesday, July 1st.

d. Music – Jeanne Hillegas reported the Bell Choir will be playing three songs on Sunday, May 18th. Linda Gallick is working on Special Music for the Summer months.

e. Property – Jim Darr reported that the Property committee will be getting together soon to go through the parsonage, church and grounds to see what all needs to be done and will report back to the consistory. It was reported that the garage next to the parsonage is not in good shape for renting as the garage for the parsonage rental.

Special Committee Reports

a. Financial Review -Renee Gindlesperger reported that the next Financial Review will be scheduled in July.

b. Trinity Ladies – Jean Hart reported that the group is looking into a project of making pillows for the homeless. The next meeting is Monday, June 2nd at the Cup of Soul.

c. Parents – Allison Zimmerman is changing them when needed according to the schedule.

d. Sound – Pam Bush reported that the new board has been installed, and they are going to be working on the hearing assist and the broadcasting downstairs. A training schedule will be in the future. Thanks Pam for all the work on the above.

e. Pictorial – Lori Gindlesperger reported that the committee met and there will be three scheduled sessions for pictures on Sunday, July 20th 10:00am to 12:30pm, Sunday, July 27th 10:00am to 12:30pm, and Tuesday, July 29th 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Each session will cost \$150.00 ea. Two stations will be set up with a brown backdrop. The schedule to sign up will be after church on May 18th, June 1st and June 8th. The committee will call members who have not signed up on those dates. Additional pictures for the pictorial are being taken and can be submitted. If anyone wishes to add their military picture they will also be included in the pictorial. Amy Saylor and Julie Petro have volunteered to put the pictorial together by using Canva. The pictorials will be printed by Beggs Printing will cost \$10.00 each. A motion was made by Amanda Custer, seconded by Bill Landis to pay the photographer and for two backdrops for the pictorial for no more than \$550.00. Motion approved.

Coordinators' Reports

a. Acolytes – Amanda Custer reported that a new schedule will be started in July and will include the Confirmands.

b. Association and Conference – Pastor Dave reported that the Penn West Annual meeting will be a St Paul's in Somerset on June 7th.

c. Membership updates – Pam Bush reported that Michael and Andrea Harris and Glenda and T Richard Croner have requested transfers.

d. Living Waters – Jean Hart reported that the following camps are being scheduled:

a. Primary (K – 3rd grade) and Elementary (grades 4 – 6th grade) June 22-28

b. Jr and Sr High on July 6 – 12 Cost for Primary, Elementary, Jr & Sr High is \$325.00

c. Grandparent and Me camp will be July 6-9 for \$165 with each additional grandchild \$40.each.

New Business

Lori Gindlesperger reported on a new project that the Pius Spring Woman's Club would like to undertake. They are looking for a clothing drive donation of new or gently used clothing, shoes and backpacks, clothing sizes 4T – adult. They are asking if our church would be a collection spot for these donations. A motion was made by Jean Hart, seconded by Amanda Custer for the TUCC to be a collection point for the clean gently used or new backpacks and clothing sizes 4T to adult and shoes. Motion approved. A box will be at the back entrance for this project. When the box is full it will be taken to a different location for storage. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Gindlesperger (814-279-9709) or Sheron Engleka (814-267-4166).

Jim Darr will ask Deb Boyer for applications form for renters to fill out.

A motion was made by Jim Darr, seconded by Julie Petro to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved

The next meeting of the consistory will be Monday, June 9, 2025 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted
Sheron Engleka, Secretary

Trinity United Church of Christ June 9, 2025

Attendance

X Lori Gindlesperger (2027) Deacon	X Jean Hart (2026) Deacon
X Jeanne Hillegas (2027) Deacon	X Bill Landis (2026) Deacon
X Allen Strasser (2027) Deacon	
X Amanda Custer (2025) Deacon	
X Allison Zimmerman (2027) Elder	X Tom Croner (2025) Deacon
X Pam Bush (2026) Deacon	X Sheron Engleka (2025) Elder

X Julie Petro (2025) Deacon

X Renee Gindlesperger Financial Sec.

X Reon Engleka Chairman Semiquincentenal Committee

President Tom Croner called the regular meeting of Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory to order at 7:00pm. Pastor Dave offered prayer.

Minutes for May meeting

Minutes for the May 12, 2025 meeting was sent to the consistory members electronically before the June meeting. A motion was made by Jeanne Hillegas, seconded by Lori Gindlesperger to approve the May 12th 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 Bill Landis, seconded by Jeanne Hillegas to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit. **Motion approved.**

Student Minister's report

Pastor Dave reported that a baptism was performed, one memorial, two home visits with communion, one hospital visit and one hospice visit. He attended the Association Meeting in Somerset and Berlin Baccalaureate, and had two members of Unity talk about their care committee and what they do including talking about their prayer blanket project that they do through the care committee to a group from our church that is interested in starting a care committee or expanding some of our current committees to incorporate other areas from their care committee. He said that Leanna Coughenour got the Fletcher Bibles together for the two confirmands that did not previously

receive them. He stated that he had to cancel the last confirmation meeting and will reschedule.

Standing Committee Reports

- a. Fellowship and Funeral – Jean Hart reported that they are going to do stuffing and gravy and bake goods on Saturday July 19th during the Community day.
- b. Pastor and Personnel – Allen Strasser reported that he will be singing at the Heritage Sunday service – Faith of our Fathers.
- c. Hugs and Kisses – Amanda Custer reported that the sign-up sheets for the Corn Hole tournament, June 29th at 5:00pm are on the bulletin board at the back entrance.
- d. Property – It was reported that the parsonage has been cleaned and painting was done.

Special Committee Reports

- a. Financial Review – Renee Gindlesperger reported that the financial review will be in either July or August.
- b. Search – Julie Petro, chairperson for the Search committee asked about if the search committee was responsible for Pastor Dave's review. After a discussion it was decided that would fall under the Pastor and Personnel committee.
- c. Trinity Ladies – it was reported that everyone had a good time at the meeting on June 2nd at the Cup of Soul. Some crafts were shown by Leanne Calvert and patterns were given to make book marks and finger puppets for the Christmas Child boxes.
- d. Nominations (Outgoing Elders and Deacons) – It was reported that the following have agreed to serve on the consistory for the 2026 – 2028 Consistory: Elder – Sue Coughenour and Deacon – Sean Hart.

- e. Parameters – Allison Zimmerman reported that she was taking care of changing the parameters.
- f. Anniversary – (Semiquincentennial – 250 years) Reon Engleka, chairman of the Semiquincentennial, stated that the committee has selected a 250th commemorative item to be made available for purchase by the members of our congregation. The committee is asking for the following: A guarantee to reimburse the individual creating our commemorative items in case the items are not purchased by the congregation in the maximum amount of approximately \$440.00. The second request is for a \$1000.00 budget for the committee for incidental items such as a combined Lutheran/Reformed congregation history booklet etc.. This would not include any meals etc. for the celebration. A motion was made by Bill Landis, seconded by Lori Gindlesperger to give the committee a maximum of \$440.00 for commemorative items if they do not sell and a budget of \$1000. For incidental items ie combined Lutheran/Reformed history booklet, etc. **Motion approved.**
- g. Pictorial – Lori Gindlesperger stated that sign-ups are in progress for the pictorial. Anyone can call Lori Gindlesperger to sign up. We did receive the two backdrops for the pictures at a total cost of \$57.00. Lori asked if we could have refreshments after church while the pictures are being taken on July 20th and July 27th.

Coordinators' Reports

- a. Association & Conference – It was reported that at the meeting Tom Calvert was named Vice Moderator of Penn West Association and Tom Croner was put on the transition board – one of 4 for the Keystone Association.

- b. Living Waters – It was reported that there is help to pay for part of the camp expense through the Linda Croner Fund and the Shane Vieregge fund if any of our youth are wanting to go to camp.

Old Business

Parsonage tenant selection - It was reported that two applications have been received. The consensus of the board was for the Property Committee to bring a recommendation forward.

New Business

Pam Bush reported that the postage is going up in July. A motion was made by Allen Strasser, seconded by Julie Petro to purchase 10 rolls of forever regular stamps and 2 rolls of the 2 oz. stamps before the price increase. **Motion approved.**

A motion was made by Allen Strasser, seconded by Jean Hart to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved.**

The next meeting of the consistory will **be Monday, July 14, 2025 at 7:00pm.**

Respectfully submitted
Sheron Engleka, Secretary



April 2025 - May 2025

	CURRENT	MAINT.	BENEVOLENCE
Beg. Balance	\$184,039.50	\$33,918.04	\$240.00
Receipts	\$23,503.17	\$3,396.00	\$3,666.00
Distributions	\$16,359.15	\$366.88	\$1,625.00
Ending Balance	\$190,183.52	\$36,947.16	\$2,281.00

Benevolence Distributions: Berlin Food Pantry (Individual Donations) – \$640; Pastor's Discretionary Fund - \$125; Hoffman Homes - \$680; Community Events/Sight and Sound \$180

--Jim Darr, Treasurer



Those Remembered in prayer:
God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Barb Berkley, Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly, Debbi Luteri,
Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor, Ruth Elaine Whitacre.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Brad Bowers,
Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown,
Ray Coleman, Susan Constantino,
Tammy Coughenour, Renee Croushore, Eric Custer,
Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, Nancy Gindlesperger,
Marlene Gotchen, Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis)
Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Kris Hay,
Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas, Barry Landis,
Brenda Leister, Jim Little, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen, Joyce
Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul,
Doris Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James Robb, Brett Sarver,
Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis,
Phyllis Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Larry Tinkey, Robin
Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

Trinity UCC is A2A certified!

In November of 2023 we began the process of making our congregation "Accessible to All" or A2A. In order to obtain this designation, we assigned a committee and met with the property committee and completed the A2A audit regarding specific questions about our church and then completed the application checklist which showed us where our church scored as we currently were as well as showed us areas that we needed to make improvements. Our base score was the minimum to pass at the beginning, but we knew that we could make improvements to make our church more accessible to all as this designation does not just mean having an elevator (although that is a very nice asset for our church to have). It meant making sure that our elevator had the correct braille signage, that we updated the faucets to be levers which are easier for people to use than knob type faucets and also put a pull-down sprayer in the kitchen area. It means that we have handicap accessible

restrooms with the proper height sink and towel dispensers. That our staircases have stable handrails and that our handicap parking area is marked well with new signage and new slip-resistant black top which is well maintained in the winter as well as our heated sidewalk area to help reduce the ice build-up from our Somerset County winters! It meant making sure our ushers are educated on providing large print bulletins and hearing amplifiers to those who need assistive devices. How to help those in wheelchairs and with walkers to be seated in the handicap accessible areas of the church. It means live streaming our services for those who are homebound and also to make DVD's for those who request to watch the services in that manner. It means education for all of the congregation by the way of the bulletin in the availability of these services and newsletter articles about what A2A is and about ADA and Churches, vision and hearing impairment information and local resources and I plan on continuing the newsletter articles not only regarding physical disabilities, but also mental health awareness which everyone can benefit from. Our new student pastor Dave has also completed a training called ministering to persons with disabilities. After re-submitting our checklist with the improvements and continual ongoing education and awareness that we will strive to do, our congregation was approved for A2A certification by a vote of the UCC Disabilities Ministries Board. This will now list Trinity UCC of Berlin on the list of A2A churches at uccdm.org. If you have any other suggestions or educational opportunities that you would like to see addressed, please feel free to contact Amanda Custer or a member of the consistory. We are so excited for this meaningful acknowledgement for our church.

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 plarn) 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

July – August Sunday School lessons will be the continuation of the Ray Vander Laan's "That the World May Know" DVD #12 Walking with God in the Desert. It is about **Experiencing Living Water When Life Is Tough**. About half of the lessons will be studied in June. The next series to complete lessons for August will be either "Isreal's Mission" or "The Mission of Jesus". I might also mention that the Christian Education Committee will be meeting on Thursday evening, August 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the church. We are looking for suggestions for new ideas, etc. Sue Coughenour is working on the fall classes. ~Tom Calvert~

Trinity Ladies

Trinity ladies have really been enjoying their monthly luncheons at Cup of Soul. As a reminder you are all welcome to join them on the first Monday of each month at Cup of Soul at 11:30.

Hugs & Kisses

Berlin, PA Annual Community Day

Saturday, July 19, 2025, | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Back and better than ever! Join us for a day filled with fun, fellowship, and community spirit at this year's Berlin Community Day on Main Street.

We're currently seeking:

- ~ Craft, direct sales, rummage sale, and food vendors
- ~ Organizations willing to sponsor family-friendly activities
- ~ Donated baskets for our basket raffle (All proceeds help cover event expenses like insurance, music, and facilities.)

Highlights include:

 KIDS Korner

 Community Vendors & Yard Sales

 Live Music on the Diamond

 Basket Raffle

 NEW this year: Porta potties & large trash cans in convenient spots!

Don't miss our float in the Fireman's Block Party Parade!

Interested vendors, please contact Tracey Koontz at

814-442-9821

Trinity will have a table with dressing, gravy and baked goods at the front entrance. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods can contact Jean Hart or any H&K member.

Church Picnic Hosted by Hugs & Kisses

July 13th, Community Grove, 12:00 p.m.

Chicken, drinks, and tableware provided by the church. Bring a covered dish. There will be a sign-up sheet for people to help with specific tasks to make the event a success. Many hands make light work! Watch for RSVP information in the church bulletin.

July 18th- This is a Friday night. We plan to go to a Drive-In Movie- Details TBD.

H&K will pay for the youth who attend.

Camp Living Waters

Camp Living Waters has two more camps coming up over the summer. To register for these camps go to their website at "livingwaterscamp.org" at least three weeks prior to the start of the camp.

Jr/Sr High Camp

July 6-12

7th-12th Grade

All children's camps are \$325 per camper.

Grandparent and Me Camp

July 6th-9th

Grandparent and Grandchildren

Cost \$160 per Grandparent & 1st Grandchild

\$40 for each additional child

There are funds available to assist with offsets of costs.

Pictorial Committee

Church Pictorial

We're creating a new church pictorial directory and want everyone to be included!

Photo sessions are:

Sunday, July 20th - 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 27th - 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29th - 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

We are pleased to include a special section in the upcoming church pictorial honoring our Veterans. If you would like to have a photo included, please submit it to the church office or to Lori Gindlesperger no later than **August 15, 2025**. All submitted photos will be returned.

Additionally, we are collecting high-quality candid photographs from church events and activities that took place during **2024–2025**.

Don't miss your chance to be part of our church family album! If you have not yet registered for a photo session, please call: Lori Gindlesperger, 814-279-4709, as soon as possible. Thank you for helping us build a beautiful pictorial!

Church World Services Hygiene Kits

Church World Service (CWS) assembles **Hygiene Kits** to provide essential hygiene 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.

Here at Trinity, we are joining other churches in assembling and collecting the following items for hygiene kits. We have the bags, and a list of items needed, here at the church.

1-gallon resealable plastic bag
Washcloth
Toothbrush (in original packing)
Fingernail or toenail clipper (packaging removed)
Bath-size bar of soap (in original packaging)
Travel-size deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol)
Travel-size lotion (3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free, NEW only)
Travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz. or less, NEW only)
Travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz. or less, expiration date of 1 year)
Sturdy wide-tooth comb (6" minimum teeth, packaging removed)
Please include \$2.00 processing fee in the bag.

Summer Vacation

Summer offers a chance to relax and recharge, but it's also an opportunity to deepen your spiritual life through continued worship, service, and fellowship. Don't let the summer heat create a "vacation mindset" that separates you from God and your church family.

Here are some ideas for staying connected this summer:

*Continue attending church services. Even if you are traveling, find a church near your destination and participate in worship.

*Get involved in summer activities. Look for opportunities to volunteer, participate in VBS or join a summer Bible study group.

* Make time for personal prayer and reflection. Use the slower pace of summer to spend time in quiet reflection and connect with God on a deeper level.

*Connect with church members. Make an effort to stay in touch with friends from church, whether it is through phone calls, emails or social media.

Remember that God is always with you. Don't forget that God is present in all aspects of your life, even during summer adventures.

Worship Assistants

July 6

Sound: Jim Darr, Chris King
Organ: Ann Slifco
Flowers: Tamara & Dan Forgan
Bulletin: Anonymous
Ushers: Lori Gindlesperger, Jim Walker
Acolyte: Mason and Maelyn Fochtman

July 13

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Tom Croner
Organ: Nancy Bittner
Flowers: Bob & Colleen Glotfelty
Bulletin: Joyce Knotts
Ushers: Jeanne Hillegas, Ken Miller
Acolyte: Avery and Isla Hillegas

July 20

Sound: Colton Custer, Cohen Clark, Pam Bush
Organ: Amanda Custer
Flowers: Ed & Shirley Reed
Ushers: Leonard Gary, Allen Strasser
Acolyte: Truitt and Callum Ogburn

July 27

Sound: Cohen Clark, Pam Bush
Organ: Nancy Bittner
Flowers: Anonymous
Bulletin: Anonymous
Ushers: Julie Petro, Pam Bush
Acolyte: Liz Hart, Rylee Beckwith

August 3

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Chris King
Organ: Ann Slifco
Flowers: Bill, Ann & Willie Slifco
Ushers: Tom Croner, Amanda Custer
Acolyte: Colton Custer

August 10

Sound: Colton Custer, Tom Croner
Organ: Amy Clark
Flowers: Reon & Sheron Engleka
Ushers: Sheron Engleka, Alissa Wright
Acolyte: Cohn Clark

August 17

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Chris King
Organ: Jean Ann Darr
Flowers: Mark & Lori Gindlesperger
Ushers: Bob Brown, John Wisler
Acolyte: Matt and Kaitlyn Miller

August 24

Sound: Jim Darr, Tom Croner
Organ: Amanda Custer
Flowers: Nancy Bittner & Family
Ushers: Jim and Jean Ann Darr
Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

August 31

Sound: Pam Bush, Tom Croner
Organ: Nancy Bittner
Flowers: Russ and Jeanne Hillegas
Bulletin: Joyce Knotts
Ushers: Jason and Amy Clark
Acolyte: Cora and Lucy Wright

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Dave Creamer, Student Pastor

Church Secretary: Pam Bush & Jean Ann Darr

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Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

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Pam Bush, Tom Croner (President) 814-442-6740, Amanda

Custer, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas,

Bill Landis, Julie Petro, Allen Strasser

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summer prayer

Help me enjoy the summer days at hand, the seductive sounds of bird songs, and long days listening to the melody of trees swaying in the wind. Remind me to appreciate creation as my feet gently touch down on green grasses. As I stand blissfully under Your blue skies, I simply say, Thank You, God.

Church Picnic RSVP – July 13th – 12:00 p.m. Community Grove

Please let us know if you plan to attend so we know how much chicken to order. This is potluck however, we provide chicken, drinks and tableware and you provide a covered dish. Either complete this form or feel free to contact the church office to let us know you are coming!

YES, I PLAN TO ATTEND THE CHURCH PICNIC

NUMBER ATTENDING: