

***Veterans Sunday
Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
November 10, 2024***

***Guest Speaker – Dave Creamer
Assisted by - Cohen Clark***

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

**Prelude “Rally Around the Flag” – Berlin Fife & Drum Corps
“America The Beautiful” - Robert Thygeron**

Please stand if you are able

Announcements

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 146)

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord with All My Soul!

I will Praise the Lord as long as I live!

I will Sing Praises to My God All My Life Long!

The Lord Will Reign Forever!

Praise the Lord!

***Hymn No. 572**

America the Beautiful

“Presentation of Veterans”

Sheron Engleka assisted by Berlin Fife & Drum Corps

***Call to Confession**

When God provides us grace it is not what is left over. When God forgives us of our sins it is not because he must, it is because he wants to save us all. Let us pray for our forgiveness and ask to be blessed with God's unending Grace.

Silent Confession

Confession:

Heavenly Father hear our prayer. Forgive us for only giving you our extra time. Forgive us for only sharing when we have excess. Forgive us for keeping our best to ourselves. Help us to have the faith to love others as ourselves. Help us to be brave enough to give our best to you. Help us to be better Christians than we think we can be.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God always has an abundance of Grace. He never gives us second best. The Love He shares, the forgiveness He gives is always the best He has. Seeking that Love and forgiveness, reaching out for it, we can be assured we are forgiven.

***The Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hades.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

***Presentation of the Offering – Singing of the Doxology Doxology performed by Berlin Fife & Drum Corps**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Offertory Prayer

Heavenly Father we humble ourselves before you. Offering you a part of the abundance that you give to us. We ask that you place our offering with the people that need it. Help the places that suffer. Let your will be done. Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the many gifts you give us. We are grateful for those who have served and those that still sacrifice and give of themselves. We ask that you bless them, keep them safe, and that they know they are loved, as they keep watch and protect us. We pray for this chaotic world, a place we don't always understand. We ask that you bring it peace as only you can. We pray for those on our prayer list. The shut-ins we care for. Your servants that are hurting, lonely, confused. We ask that you be with them, bring them comfort, heal their hearts, minds, and bodies. Guide us to help them. Keep the caregivers strong. Help them to act in love with compassion. Heavenly Father fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to be fruitful and productive. Help us to strengthen your church. Help us to give you our best. We are grateful for your Son Jesus Christ. Thankful that we are saved by the Grace he gives us. Grateful for the lessons he teaches us each day. The prayer He taught us we offer to you.

Our Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

Epistle

Hebrews 9: 23-28

23 Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24 For Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

25 Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the Holy Place yearly with blood not his own;

26 for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

27 And just as it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment,

28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Gospel:

Mark 12: 41-44

41 And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the multitude putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.

42 And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which make a penny.

43 And he called his disciples to him, and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.

44 For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."

Scripture

Ruth 3: 1-5 4: 13-17

1 Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not seek a home for you, that it may be well with you?"

2 Now is not Boaz our kinsman, with whose maidens you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

3 Wash therefore and anoint yourself and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

4 But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do."

5 And she replied, "All that you say I will do."

13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and he went in to her, and the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son.

14 Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next of kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel!"

15 He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.”

16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse.

17 And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Hymn: 569

**Battle Hymn of the Republic
Performed by Berlin Fife and Drum Corps**

**Sermon
“Ruth”
Dave Creamer**

***Hymn No: 571**

My Country Tis of Thee

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

Surely the Presence of the Lord

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace,
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings,
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

***Going Forth**

Postlude

The Star-Spangled Banner - Mary McDonald

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor, Ruth Elaine Whitacre.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Wilma Durst, Reon Engleka, Paul Gallick, Don Gary, Nancy Gindlesperger, Marlene Gotchen, Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Cindy McCullen Janicki, Peter Kaltenbaugh, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Larry McCullen, Cathy Meyers, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, JoAnne Smith, Phyllis Stoy, Brooke Stutzman, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Rick Work, Lucy Wright, Allison Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

Prayer List Update

Please let the office know of the status of anyone you have placed on the Prayer List.

The Saints In Action

TODAY – Veterans Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Veterans Reception Fellowship Hall

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting

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

Next Sunday – 26th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Worship Attendance: 100

Sunday School: 33

Where You May Find . . .

The Nursery: *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .

Large Print Bulletins

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Pam Bush & Tom Croner, Board

Ushers: Debbie Boyer, Bill Landis

Acolytes: Cohen Clark

Organ: Rick Kimmel

Flowers on the altar in memory of Carl Saylor by Craig & Amy Saylor

The Special Flowers on the altar and the bulletin in honor of military service by the members of our family: James R. McCullen, U.S. Army (WW2), Larry W. McCullen, Jr., U.S. Navy, Master Chief Kenneth A. Janicki, U.S. Coast Guard Retired, 1st Lieutenant Jacob K. Janicki, U.S. Army, Joshua L. Janicki, PA National Guard, Army by Larry & Judy McCullen.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Church Secretary: Pam Bush, Jean Ann Darr

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

Virtual Organist: Rick Kimmel

Consistory Elders:

Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Jim Darr, 814-483-0957

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Leanna Coughenour, Tom Croner (President) 814-

442-6740, Amanda Custer, Jean Hart, Gale Hay, Bill Landis,

Julie Petro, Ann Slifco

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

November 17 Dave Creamer

November 24 Dave Creamer

December 1 Jay Shaffer

Bolded dates indicate “Communion” Sundays.

Sunday School

How do you approach prayer? Do you worry you are not doing it “correctly”? Do you see it as an obligation to check-off a to-do list? Do you think of it as a last resort – a kind of supernatural SOS when you need help? In this Pray First video Bible Study, Pastor Chris Hodges shares proven ways to help you spend time in conversation with God – and enjoy every minute of it. Pray First is a 6-part revolutionary study for anyone who wants to experience a dynamic, intimate prayer life with God, that begins on October 27th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:10 following worship service. Questions about this class may be directed to Sue Coughenour.

Hugs & Kisses

Next Meeting Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 15th- Church Christmas Play - any youth interested in participating, please contact Jean Hart at 814-267-5667 ASAP. We need you! Even if just a small part or to play the Rainbow Bells and if interested please contact Amanda Custer at 814-483-4283. We are planning on practicing during church (9-10 AM) November 10, 17, 24 and December 8. Everyone is welcome!

Escaping Egypt - Youth Rally at Camp Living Waters Friday, December 6, 2024 - Sunday, December 8, 2024 where you will try to help the Israelites escape. Cost for the weekend is \$25. If interested, please contact the church office for more information.

Adopt-A-Family

We will be taking up a special collection during the month of November for our Adopt-A-Family Christmas project. We have been helping local families for over a decade by supporting them with essential gifts and food for the holiday season. If you would be interested in supporting this project, please make your donations to the church marking "Adopt-A-Family" on your offering envelopes. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Petro (814) 442-5124. Thanks.

Congregational Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held December 1st. The agenda will include minutes from our previous meeting, budget, election of new consistory members and old/new business.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2025 will be available for pickup during Sunday Services on November 24, December 1 & 8. All remaining boxes will be mailed by the end of the year. Please help us cut postage costs by picking up your boxes or making arrangements for them to be picked up.

Christmas Flower Orders

Enclosed in your issue of Trinity Trumpet was the order form for Christmas Poinsettias. Please note that the cutoff date is November 20th. We would encourage you to order soon to ensure the colors you would like. Please feel free to use the back of the form for any additional information and include your contact number in the event there are any questions. Additional order forms are available next to the Daily Devotionals.

Christmas Decorating:

Will commence the week of November 18th. We will be erecting the BIG TREE this year!!! Merry Christmas to us!! The big tree is a big task, so on the night of Thursday, November 21st at 6:00 p.m. we would like as much help as possible.

For those who attend Sunday School, we will be having Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, December 1st during the class time. This will include a covered-dish brunch, with sign-up sheets at both entrances. We hope all the youth and children will come help decorate the Fellowship Hall for the Christmas season. This is always a fun event as the children love seeing all the memorable decorations made and donated over the years.

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.

Berlin Fife & Drum Corps

The following are just a few highlights taken from Jim Darr's "The History of the Berlin Fife and Drum Corps" as published in the BAHS Summer 2004 memos.

George Johnson was the originator of fifing and drumming in Berlin. On April 7, 1777, at the age of 17, Johnson ran away from home and enlisted in the Revolutionary Army of Shepherdstown, Virginia. He served as a fifer for three years under Capt. Iserlow and Colonels Nevill and Berford with the Virginia troops.

Through George Johnson, Berlin has had fifers and drummers since 1782, the Fife and Drum Corps consisting of military veteran musicians and local recruits.

In the year 1887 a camp of the Sons of Union Veterans was organized at Berlin and uniformed members took part in the Fife and Drum Corps and became well organized and trained in a military manner.

During the presidential campaign of William B. McKinley, in 1896, the Corps accompanied a seven-passenger coach train from Somerset County to Cancon, Ohio, and paraded from the station to the residence of Mr. McKinley. President McKinley

himself had ties with the Frosty Sons of Thunder, often setting up his summer White House in the cooler climate of Somerset County.

From the very first observance of Memorial Day in Berlin, a Fife and Drum Corps of the town participated annually in the parade.

In 1976, the year of America's Bicentennial, the Corps marched in Philadelphia in the Pennsylvania Parade.

A great deal of the history of the Berlin Fife and Drum Corps during the twentieth Century revolves around the central figure of Ralph G. Landis. Perhaps no man other than our founder, George Johnson, has been so instrumental in keeping alive the spirit of the great fife and drum tradition in the hills around Berlin.

Membership in the Berlin Fife and Drum Corps is a long tradition in the Berlin area. Several members served for over forty years, C. William Altfather, James "Fremont" Stuck, Alfred Queer, Chuck Robb and Rollie Fogle just to name a few.

With the devastating events of September 11, 2001, the corps was called upon to perform services at the Flight 93 crash site, also at the Flight 93 Memorial Church, next to Shanksville, PA. The next summer the Corps was honored to have led the "Living Flag" through the streets of Shanksville, in the largest 4th of July parade in the history of the town.

It is our hope that our long tradition of fifing and drumming in the Allegheny Mountains will encourage succeeding generations of Frosty Sons of Thunder to join the Corps and enjoy the thrill of keeping alive a centuries old musical heritage. Indeed, it is our hope that one hundred years from now, parade spectators will still raise the cry "Here comes Berlin!"



**Heather Berkey
Paul Berkey
Chad Boburchock
Steven Boyer
Karl Brick
Robert Brown
Jeff Calvert
Tom Calvert
Robert Chappie
Leanna Coughenour
John Coughenour
Robert Coughenour
Donald Custer
Larry Custer
Reon Engleka Jr
Michael Fogle
Leonard Gary
Robert Glotfelty
Michael Hutchinson
Jacob Janicki
Joshua Janicki
Kenneth A Janicki
Barbara Landis
William Landis
Nicolas Lepley
Larry McCullen Jr
Ken Miller
Larry Pritts
Ed Reed
Curt Shaulis
Allen Strasser
Terry Suder**



LEST WE FORGET

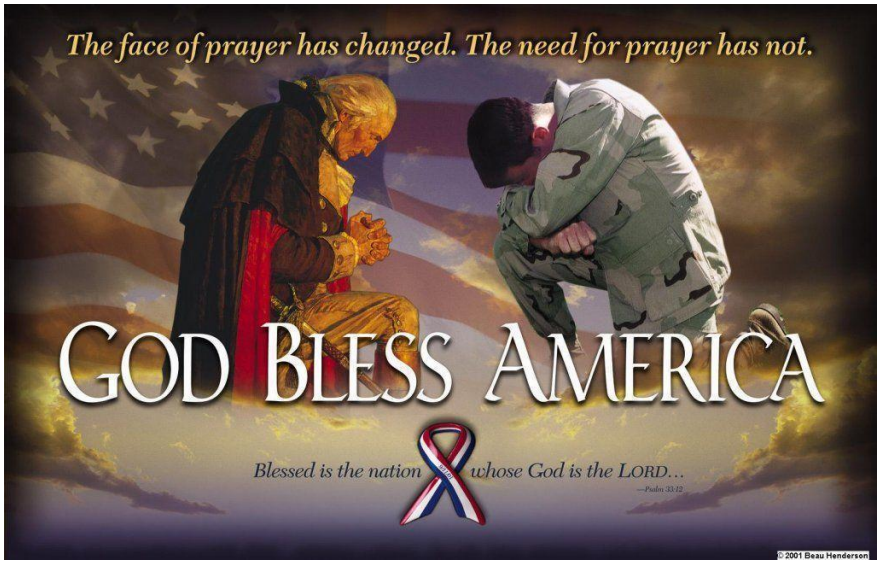
No matter how and where we participate in remembering the soldiers, one of the most important purposes and permanent reasons of our remembrance is “lest we forget.” Our gratitude to all service members, past, present and future.



A Special Thank You

To all of our participants today for making our recognition of Veterans and active military personnel one with appreciation, honor, and respect.

All of our Veterans & Active Military Service Men & Women
Dave Creamer
Berlin Fife and Drum Corps
Rick Kimmel
Sheron Engleka



Freedom is an inalienable right. One that is guaranteed to us by the Constitution. And while some fight to take away this right, by limiting how or where we may worship, one thing is certain: veterans of the United States have fought to protect our right to worship how we choose.

Go into your new week, thanking God and our soldiers for the freedom with which we are blessed.