



***Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 16, 2025***

***Student Pastor – Dave Creamer  
Assisted by – Matt Miller***

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

**Prelude      Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – Diane Bish  
Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated – Jeff Parks**

## **Announcements**

### **Call to Worship based on Jeremiah 17**

We do not trust in mere mortals; we do not rely on strength that comes from the flesh.

**Blessed are those that trust in the lord.**

We are not shrubs in the desert never seeing relief.

**We are like trees planted by the river always bearing fruit.**

Our Gods face shines upon us, Our Gods hand steadies us on our journey.

**We praise the lord our God, His blessings shine upon us!**

**\*Hymn No. 277**

**The Church's One Foundation**

### **Call to Confession**

Paul calls us to confession in First Corinthians. (Chapter 15 vs 1 and 2) I want you to understand brothers and sisters the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in tern received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, hold firmly to the message I proclaimed to you and pray to God!

### **Confession**

**Heavenly Father hear our prayer. Know that our hearts and minds want to worship you, but we stray. Our hands and feet want to serve you, but our will is not strong enough. Forgive us of our sins. Guide us, comfort us, bless us with your grace.**

### **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Just as Paul could assure the Corinthians that Gods love, Jesus's gift grace, is for them, it is for us now. Gods timeless gift of Grace endures as long as we make room for it in our hearts and seek forgiveness. Amen

### **\*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**

**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. A thankful people. Sharing some of our gifts we ask that you use them to do your will. We pray dear Lord that you help us. Help us to love you with all of our being. Help us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Help us to live a life guided by our faith anchored by your

steadfast will. Though the world may persecute us for being Christians we pray that you bless it and bring it peace as only you can. We bring to you our concerns, worries, and our fears. We pray for the peace and comfort of your love that surpasses all understanding. We pray for our loved ones, those on our prayer list, those that are forgotten. We pray for your healing presence, your guiding comfort, and a healing that only you can offer. We ask that you bless us with your spirit. That your presence be with us in your church, our homes, at school and work. Guide us to do your will. We are grateful for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. His prayer we offer to you now;

### **Our Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]**

#### **Scripture:**

#### **Psalm 1**

**1** Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**2** but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

**3** He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water,  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.

**4** The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff which the wind drives away.

**5** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**6** for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

#### **Epistle:**

#### **First Corinthians, Chapter 2, vs 1-5**

**1** When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom.

**2** For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

**3** And I was with you in weakness and in much fear and trembling;

**4** and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

**5** that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

**Gospel:**

**Luke, Chapter 6, 17-26**

**17** And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases;

**18** and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

**19** And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all.

**20** And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

**21** “Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh.

**22** “Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man!

**23** Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

**24** “But woe to you that are rich, for you have received your consolation.

**25** “Woe to you that are full now, for you shall hunger.

“Woe to you that laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

**26** “Woe to you, when all men speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

**Hymn No. 224**

**Jesus Lives, and So Shall I**

**Sermon**  
**“Blessings and Woes”**  
**Dave Creamer**

Hymn No. 52

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

\*Benediction

\*Response – Sung with Dismissal

Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day. Go now in faith,  
steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you  
do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to  
others so all the world can see. God will be there watching  
from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Going Forth

Postlude

Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past – Jeff Parks

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**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for the Armed Forces.

**Shut Ins:**

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

### **Healing Concerns:**

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer,  
Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,  
Tammy Coughenour, Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, Reon Engleka,  
Paul Gallick, 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, Judy McCullen, 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, Phyllis Stoy, Brooke  
Stutzman, Larry Tinkey, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Rick  
Work, Allison Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

Extra prayers for the passing of Roy Bucher

### **Prayer List Update**

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

### **Prayer Calls:**

In the upcoming newsletter we will be announcing a "One Call Now" test date. We will be sending out a one call at a specified time. Please let us know if you do NOT receive this call so that we can investigate our database. More information to follow.

### **The Saints In Action**

TODAY – 6th Sunday after Epiphany & Holy Communion  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 a.m. Hugs & Kisses Fellowship Brunch

Wednesday – 6:30 Trinity Bell Practice

Next Sunday – 7th Sunday after Epiphany  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

**Please note that we will be having an Ash Wednesday Service (and holy communion) on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**

**Giving From 02/09/25**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$2604.00	\$3155.58	-\$551.58
<b>Ben</b>	\$140.00	\$182.69	-\$42.69
<b>Maint</b>	\$205.00	\$163.46	\$41.54
<b>Mem</b>	\$ .00		\$ .00
<b>Total</b>	\$2949.00	\$3501.73	-\$552.73

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry/Souper Bowl of \$255

**Worship Attendance: 38**  
**Sunday School: 18**

***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 & Lori Gindlesperger

**Ushers:** Julie Petro, Pam Bush

**Acolytes:** Matthew & Kaitlyn Miller

**Organ:** Nancy Bittner



**Flowers on the altar** in honor of the children of our congregation by Bob & Colleen Glotfelty

**Special Flowers** in recognition of the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pam Bush joining Trinity United Church of Christ of Berlin, PA as our Secretary and her dedication and services she provides to the Congregation

**Bulletin** in recognition of the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pam Bush joining Trinity United Church of Christ of Berlin, PA as our Secretary

***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:**

*Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166*  
*Jim Darr, 814-483-0957*  
*Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324*

**Consistory Deacons:**

*Pam Bush, Tom Croner (President) 814-442-6740, Amanda Custer, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas, Bill Landis, Julie Petro, Allen Strasser*

**Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday**

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

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**Trip to Sight and Sound**

There are **2** tickets available for the show June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The current price is Adults \$184 and children 12 and younger \$132. Final Price will less after a fundraiser in January. Cost includes the bus, dinner, and the show. If you are interested in attending

contact Vanessa Gardner, [vgard59@gmail.com](mailto:vgard59@gmail.com), reach out on Unity UCC's Face Book, or talk to Pastor Dave (cell 814-777-2280)

### **Sunday School**

Who is God?

A true, intimate relationship with God is not based on our own ideas about what God is like. If we really desire to know God, we must approach Him based on the knowledge of who He reveals Himself to be in His Word. Join Dr. Steven J. Lawson in this in-depth study as he articulates a biblical understanding of fifteen divine attributes and explores how a right understanding of God can affect every aspect of our lives. This 16-week adult Sunday School series began on December 22nd and is led by Sue Coughenour.

### **Food Pantry**

Plastic bags are currently needed for the Berlin Food Pantry, so a collection bin has been placed in the Fellowship Hall. We will continually be collecting bags, as there is also a need for plastic bags for a homeless ministry. Bin is located by the organ in the Fellowship Hall. Please do not give us bags that are soiled.

**Meals on Wheels** of Somerset County needs volunteers to deliver meals in Berlin and the surrounding area on Mondays. If you would be interested and want more information, contact Meals on Wheels at 814-443-2787 or Rose Shaffer, Berlin driver coordinator, at 814-267-5310.

### **Berlin Lions Club**

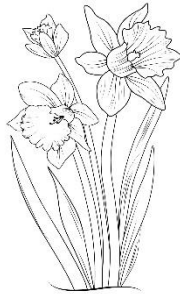
Do you know how to save someone's life? Do you know how to "stop the bleed" when someone is injured, do you know how to administer CPR and do you know how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)? Over the past few years, the Berlin's Lions Club has bought and distributed, throughout our community, over 20 AED units. For the second year, the Lions Club is sponsoring a National Heart Association certification program to provide training on Stop-The-Bleed, CPR and AED operations. The training is FREE and will be held on Feb 22nd at the Berlin Borough Building, from 8 AM until 1 PM. Come as an individual or

as a team from your company, farm operation or commercial business. Don't be paralyzed during a first aid emergency, act with confidence to save someone's life.

**We encourage any and all to participate in this life saving opportunity.**



**Hugs & Kisses – February 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Today following worship!!! Please join us!**



This year we will be participating in the **Somerset County Blooms of Hope Daffodil Fundraiser**. All monies raised are used to support Somerset County cancer patients. A bunch of daffodils is \$10 and a pot of mini daffodils is \$12. A signup sheet is posted at the Vine St. entrance. Orders are due by Sunday, February 23rd. Checks payable to "Blooms of Hope". Checks can be given to Amanda Custer or turned in at the church office by this date so that orders can be placed on time. Daffodils will be available at the church on Sunday, March 23rd. Any questions contact Amanda Custer at 814-483-4283. Thank you for your participation in this worthy cause!

## **Newsletter**



Our newsletter is scheduled to be published in the beginning week of February 18<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to submit your articles, information, events, praises, comments, cheers and jeers. This is your newsletter, and it would be very helpful for you to participate and/or let us know what you would like to see published. Please let us know by way of email, letters or calls to the office as soon as possible. Or simply indicate on Page 15 of this bulletin and drop it in the office mailbox in the hall at the Vine street entrance. Thank you for your assistance.

### **Berlin Community Ladies Bible Study**

Beginning February 4<sup>th</sup> at Cup of Soul. Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. For more information, please contact Gail Stolfus 814-279-4089 or Jeannette Landis 814-267-3020.

### **Keystone Family Alliance**

Please join us for the annual fundraiser and awareness event on February 20, 2025, at 6 p.m. Bakersville Banquet Hall, 2341 W. Bakersville Edie Rd., Somerset.

Children, families, parents, caregivers, and case workers at times, can feel that they are “UNSEEN”. Join Keyston Family Alliance as we strive to make them “SEEN”. This is a free event, doors open at 5:30 and a buffet dinner will be provided.

**Pastoral Care:** For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Croner President of Consistory at 814-442-6740, who will arrange for a pastor to provide comfort and assurance in a time of crisis. If you need **immediate** pastoral care, contact Dave Creamer, Student Pastor for Trinity at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.

*Advancing the Kingdom Ministries Conference*

Berlin Brethren Church, Berlin, PA

No cost to attend!

*Speakers: Buck and Andrea Stephens from Syracuse, NY*

**Saturday, March 1 Conference Sessions**

**3:00PM**—The Emerging Last Remnant

**4:30PM**—Dinner

**5:30PM**—Overcomers Authority in Every Aspect  
of Our Lives

**Sunday, March 2—8:30AM & 10:30AM Worship Services**

Message—"There's a Whole Lot of Shakin' Going On!"

**1:30PM Conference Session—**

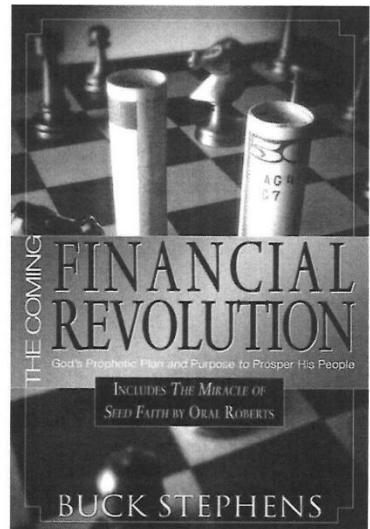
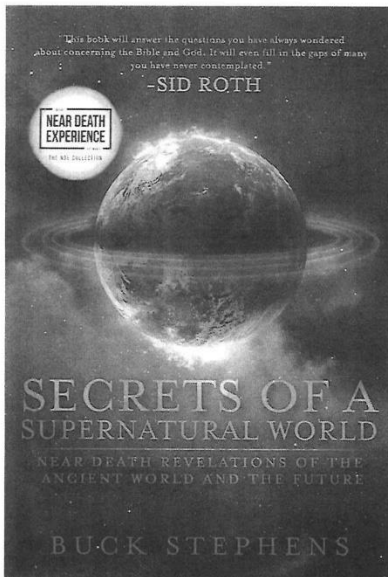
Our Finances in Uncertain Times



Buck & Andi are international evangelists and conference speakers sharing the message of the authority of the Church to impact our culture and the world with the message of Jesus Christ. They have shared this message in hundreds of churches over the years, calling them to be salt and light and walking in the “*dunamis*” power of the Holy Spirit.

Buck is the author of books, ***The Coming Financial Revolution*** and, ***Secrets of a Supernatural World***, sharing the revelations he received from a near death experience which launched Buck and Andi into ministry.

Buck is a financial advisor for over 45 years and has worked to bring the message of the Financially Faithful Church to the Body of Christ, teaching them to manage their money according to Biblical principles.



**Sermon Notes  
Or  
Information For Newsletter**



*God of holy instruction,  
we thank you that throughout the generations,  
you have taught us how to live.  
You do not leave us without guidance;  
you show us the path to life and fruitfulness.  
Help us this day as we gather again  
to delight in your sacred gift of instruction.  
Grant us humility of heart and softness of will,  
that we might live in the fullness  
of your blessing this day. Amen.*

**Have a Blessed Week!!**