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The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face
shine upon you, And be gracious to you...

The arrival of a new year brings a great opportunity to renew our faith and love for God. It's also an excellent time to renew the joy of salvation in our hearts as a new creation in Christ. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come"* ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#)).

Whether this past year brought you success, fulfillment, and joy, or you faced grief, setbacks, and struggle, you can look ahead to the new year with hope. [Jeremiah 29:11](#) tells us, "for I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Just Plain Ponderings by Your Consistory President

PONDERINGS ????? I have spent the last hour or so pondering the last 3 years as Consistory president, especially the last year and half. It is amazing the number of hard-working members and how the needs of our congregation are met. When there was a need, there was someone to get the need met, (most of the time it was behind the scene). Your Prayers do make a difference. I thank you for all your help, both large and small. 2024 is a new year, with some new mix of leadership. Keep your Prayers and support coming. Pray for the search committee and their efforts in finding the right leader. We all have a part in keeping our church a strong part of our community. See you in church, each Sunday.
Tom Calvert, Past President

Ponderings by Your Incoming Consistory President

Faith, Hope, Love, and Joy gives us inspiration and motivation to do God's work and will. This season helps us to consider the possibilities for us and our church family. Work doesn't have to be laborious if it happens to be something that follows our passions. I would ask each of you as we enter 2024 to consider what God is calling you to do that follows your passion. If by chance there is nothing currently in our church that sparks that energy, reach out to me, another consistory member, or any one of our very talented disciples by sharing your thoughts and calling. I am very excited by the possibilities we can accomplish together as we share our thoughts and calling, with each other.
Tom Croner, President



Consistory Corner

Trinity United Church of Christ November 13, 2023

Attendance

X Tom Calvert (President)

X Gaye Maust

X Leanna Coughenour (Asst Secr)

X Ann Slifco

X Gale Hay

X Tom Croner

A Rus Ogburn (Vice President)

X Amanda Custer (Asst Treas)

X Debbie Boyer

X Sheron Engleka (Secretary)

X Amy Clark (Treasurer)

A Julie Petro

President Tom Calvert called the regular meeting of Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory to order at 7:04pm. Tom Calvert offered the prayer.

Minutes for October meeting

Minutes for the October 9, 2023, meeting was sent to the consistory members electronically before the November meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting was made by Tom Croner, seconded by Amy Hart. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed; no corrections were made. Tom Croner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report for audit review, seconded by Gaye Maust. **Motion approved.**

President and Elders Report (Spiritual Council)

Tom reported that all slots for the pulpit are filled until the end of the year. Rev. Peter Kaltenbaugh will be the minister for both services on December 24th (9:00am and 11:00pm). Rev. David Ackerman will be here on December 31st. Dave Creamer will be an additional leader for our pulpit supply.

Standing Committees Reports

- A. **Christian Education** – It was reported that the Hanging of the Greens will be on November 26, during Sunday School, A brunch is being planned with sign- up sheets at both entrances for food.
- B. **Hugs and Kisses** - It was reported that the Christmas Play directed by Amanda Custer and Kathy Spangler will be on December 17th. The Hugs and Kisses are planning to attend a Johnstown Tomahawk game. A game night is being planned for the whole congregation, Friday, February 9th, 2024. The Hugs and Kisses went to Mac Powell and Friends Christian Concert in Greensburg, PA and had a very good time.
- C. **Property** – It was reported that the cleaning of the filters took place on Friday, November 10th. Thank you, Jason Clark and Jim Darr.
- D. **Sound** – Tom Croner reported that all issues with the sound system have been resolved.

Special Committees' Reports

- A. **Finance** – A motion was made by Gaye Maust and seconded by Ann Slifco to donate \$250.00 to the Berlin Fire Department. **Motion approved.** A motion was made by Amy Clark and seconded by Amanda Custer to

Support Birthright through the giving tree. **Motion approved.** A motion was made by Sheron Engleka and seconded by Tom Croner to donate \$100.00 to the Berlin Bervelon. **Motion approved.** Discussions followed to have a special giving for the postage expense for the Christmas Child boxes due to the cost of \$10.00 per box for postage. We received a request for a donation to Grace International and the Berlin High School musical program. These items will be explored and decided upon at a later meeting along with the amounts of other giving that takes place at the end of the year.

- B. **Search** - It was reported that the Search Committee will be meeting on Thursday, November 16th.

Coordinator's Reports

- A. **Acolytes** - It was reported that oil is needed.
- B. **Association & Conference** – Tom Croner reported on the meeting held on Sunday, November 12th at Unity UCC. A discussion was had at the meeting about combining all four conferences in Pennsylvania to one and be called the Keystone Conference for financial reasons, membership, and it would make the conference better able to support the churches. It would make the Keystone Conference the second largest conference in the UCC. The Election of the Somerset Association was made at this meeting as follow:

Association Executive Committee

President – Rev. Matthew Deal, St Paul’s, Somerset (1 yr. term/2 term limit) First Term Expires 2024

Vice President – Dave Fox, Stoystown Charge, (1 year term/2 term limit) First Term Expires 2024

Secretary – Andra Snyder, St Paul’s, Somerset (2-year term/2 term limit) First Term Expires 2025

Treasurer – Vickie Beer, Mt Laurel, (3-year term/2 term limit) First Term Expires 2026

Registrar – Alisa Shaffer, Unity UCC (3-year term/2 term limit) First Term Expires 2026

At-Large Members (1 year term/6 term limit)

Rev. Bill Thwing, Retired Clergy, First Term Expires 2024

Rev. Sharon Fox, Stoystown Charge, First Term Expires 2024

Jenn Boland, St Paul’s UCC, Somerset, Third Term, Expires, 2024

Association Committees

Nominating Committee (2-year term/3 term limit)

Rev. Jay Shaffer, Retired Clergy, First Term Expires 2025

Jenna Ogburn, Trinity UCC, Berlin, Second Term Expires 2025

Rev. Sharon Fox, Stoystown Charge, First Term Expires 2025

Church and Ministry Committee (2-year term/2 term limit)

Rev. Joe Beer, Retired Clergy. First Term Expires 2025

Rev. Tomislav Dosch, Hyndman Charge, First Term Expires 2025

Rev. Keith Grimm, Zion Hays UCC, First Term Expires 2025

Amy Clark, Trinity, Berlin, First Term Expires 2025

Tom Croner, Trinity, Berlin, Second Term Expires 2025

Penn West Conference Board of Directors

Rev. Diane Smith, Retired Clergy (2-year term, 2 term limit) First Term Expires 2024

Spring 2024 Somerset Association Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024. It will be a Penn West Conference All-Association Meeting.

- C. Living Waters – Gale Hay reported the Larry is off the board. Jason Clark is now on the board of directors for Living Waters.
- D. Nominations for Elder and Deacon – A motion was made by Tom Croner and seconded by Gaye Maust to nominate the following for approval by the congregation: Elder- Jim Darr, Deacons – Jean Hart, Bill Landis, and Pam Bush. **Motion approved.**

New Business: Tom Calvert explained that in the United Church of Christ each church has their own autonomy which means that they can dictate what rules and guidelines they want to follow. If the national church does something that the individual church does not like the individual church does not have to go along with what the national church has recommended.

A discussion followed concerning the following:

When giving approval for the use of our church. When approval is given for someone or an organization for the use of our church for a meeting or gathering, it should be known that the church should be left in the same condition it was when they came.

Communion. A question was asked if we want to go back to the old way before covid of passing out the elements or continue with the current way of picking up the elements ourselves.

Newsletter. Should we add a section in the Newsletter – Did you know such as, did you know that to stay an active member in the church you need to contribute, attend or commune at least once in a year.

A motion was made by Gaye Maust, seconded by Ann Slifco to adjourn at 8:39pm. **Motion approved.**

Respectfully submitted.
Sheron Engleka, Secretary

**Trinity United Church of Christ
December 11, 2023**

Attendance

X Tom Calvert (President)	X Gaye Maust
X Leanna Coughenour (Asst Secr)	A Ann Slifco
X Gale Hay	X Tom Croner
X Rus Ogburn (Vice President)	
X Amanda Custer (Asst Treas)	
X Debbie Boyer	
X Sheron Engleka (Secretary)	
X Amy Clark (Treasurer)	X Julie Petro
X Jim Darr	X Pam Bush
X Jean Hart	X Bill Landis

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

Minutes for November meeting

Minutes for the November 13, 2023, meeting was sent to the consistory members electronically before the December meeting. A motion to approve the November minutes was made by Rus Ogburn, seconded by Leanna Coughenour. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed; no corrections were made. Gale Hay made a motion to accept the Treasurer's

report for audit review, seconded by Rus Ogburn. **Motion approved.**

President and Elders Report (Spiritual Council)

Tom Croner reported that the pulpit is filled through Easter. It was reported that Rev. Dottie Grew, Duane Hay and Josh Spangler are not available at this time due to other commitments. Tom Calvert reported that Pastor Gotjen is still having health problems and is in need of continued prayers. It was reported that the January/February newsletter will be going out shortly and if there are any announcements or information for the newsletter, please give to the office as soon as possible. Julie Petro reported that there will be a wrapping gathering for the Adopt – A- Family scheduled for Monday, December 18th at 6:30pm. Please bring paper, tape and scissors.

Standing Committees Reports

- E. **Christian Education** – It was reported that the Children’s Christmas program will be held during the church service on Sunday, December 17th. Tom Calvert is currently leading the adult Sunday School class on the Holy Lands with the Scripture in context with today. Sue Coughenour is having surgery and will continue 1 & 2 Peter after her recovery. We wish her well and a speedy recovery.

- F. **Fellowship & Funeral** - Pam Bush reported about a series of books that are given to families in the loss of a loved one. A motion was made by Julie Petro, seconded by Amy Clark to purchase 3 sets of these books for the death of a family member of our congregation. **Motion approved.** Jean Hart stated that the stove for our kitchen should be available to

install after the first of the year from either High Point in Salisbury or Daniel Shaffer in Hooversville. Both places will install and remove the current stove. She also said that the Happy Cookers would like to replace the faucet in the kitchen and could take the funds from the Happy Cooker account. A motion was made by Tom Croner, seconded by Amanda Custer to replace the faucet in the Kitchen. **Motion approved.**

- G. **Hugs and Kisses** - Amanda Custer reported that Hugs and Kisses are planning to attend a Tomahawk game in Johnstown, PA on Saturday, January 27, 2024, for their Faith and Family event. A game night is scheduled for Friday, February 9, 2024, in the church social room.
- H. **Property** – It was reported that the humidifier in the music room is acting up, sometimes it works and other times it does not. A motion was made by Gale Hay, seconded by Gaye Maust to replace the humidifier when it stops working completely. **Motion approved.**
- I. **Music** - It was reported that there have been a lot of positive comments on the Bell Choir Concert held in our church on December 3rd. Everyone enjoyed the concert, the church and having the community bell choirs come together to play for the Glory of God.
- J. **Communion** – It was reported that we will have a questionnaire sent out, in the bulletins, newsletter, Facebook and on the website asking what the congregations wishes are on communion (going back to the old way of serving communion by passing the elements or to continue with the current way of

communion). Also, for the wishes of our congregation on the time of service after a new minister is acquired.

- K. Sound – Tom Croner reported that a service call is needed to have a few adjustments to the sound system that are needed at this time.

Special Committees' Reports

- C. Finance – A motion was made by Rus Ogburn, seconded by Leanna Coughenour that if the budgeted amount for Benevolence is not received in offering through the end of the year to take the remaining amount from the Bequest Fund. **Motion approved.** A motion was made by Amy Clark, seconded by Julie Petro to pay the travel expense for Rev David Williams for a funeral of a member performed in our church. **Motion approved.** A discussion followed concerning the rate of pay for Pastor Jay Shaffer for home/hospital visits should be according to the UCC guidelines, which is believed to be \$75.00 per visit plus mileage. This amount will be verified with Rev. David Ackerman. A motion was made by Rus Ogburn, seconded by Amy Clark to hire Issac Etris for sidewalk and salting at the rates designated per snowfall . **Motion approved.**

New Business

A motion was made by Rus Ogburn, seconded by Gale Hay to give Russ Hillegas and Gary Estnick a gift card for the same amount as last year plus \$50.00 to thank them for volunteering their time as Sextons. **Motion approved.**

Tom Calvert thanked the consistory members going off the consistory at the end of this year, Debbie Boyer, Amy Clark, Gaye Maust and Tom Calvert.

Tabled until January meeting was how should we handle budgeted benevolence versus actual giving for categories that are duplicated with additional special giving though out the year.

Election of Consistory officers for 2024:

President: Motion made by Julie Petro, seconded by Jim Darr to nominate Tom Croner for President. Motion made by Jim Darr, seconded by Pam Bush to close the nominations. **Motion approved.**

Vice President: Motion made by Pam Bush, seconded by Amanda Custer to nominate Rus Ogburn for Vice President. Motion was made by Jim Darr, seconded by Julie Petro to close the nominations. **Motion approved.**

Secretary: Motion was made by Julie Petro, seconded by Amanda Custer to nominate Sheron Engleka for Secretary. Motion was made by Jim Darr, seconded by Leanna Coughenour to close the nominations. **Motion approved.**

Asst. Secretary: Motion made by Gale Hay, seconded by Julie Petro to nominate Leanna Coughenour for Asst. Secretary. Motion made by Jim Darr, seconded by Pam Bush to close the nominations. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer: Motion was made by Bill Landis, seconded by Julie Petro to nominate Jim Darr for Treasurer. Motion made by Bill Landis, seconded by Julie Petro to close the nominations. **Motion approved.**

Asst. Treasurer: Motion was made by Bill Landis, seconded by Julie Petro to nominate Pam Bush for Asst. Treasurer. Motion made by Rus Ogburn, seconded by Amanda Custer to close the nominations. **Motion approved.**

Officers for 2024

President – Tom Croner

Vice President = Rus Ogburn

Secretary – Sheron Engleka

Assistant Secretary – Leanna Coughenour

Treasurer – Jim Darr

Assistant Treasurer – Pam Bush

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm was made by Leanna Coughenour, seconded by Julie Petro. **Motion approved.**

Next meeting of the Consistory will be Monday, January 8, 2024, at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted.
Sheron Engleka, Secretary



October - November 2023

	CURRENT	MAINTENANCE	BENEVOLENCE
Beg. Balance	\$112,269.28	\$21,090.42	\$0.00
Receipts	\$23,346.00	\$1,816.00	\$7,094.00
Distributions	\$15,468.09	\$180.00	\$4,105.78
Ending Balance	\$120,147.19	\$22,726.42	\$2,988.22

Benevolence Distributions: Berlin Food Pantry (Individual Donations) – \$180; Adopt-A-Family \$2,775; Knotty Knotters - \$50.00; Operation Christmas Child - \$975.78 and Pastor's Discretionary Fund \$125

Memorials (as of 12/17/2023):

A gift was given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Kay Barnard.**

A gift was given to the Music Fund in Memory of **Fae Hetrick.**

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Fae Hetrick.**

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Carl "Leroy" Clark.**

A gift was given to the Happy Cookers Fund in Memory of **Carl "Leroy" Clark.**

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Carl Saylor.**

A gift was given to the Food Pantry in Memory of **Carl Saylor.**

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Al Knotts.**

--Amy Clark, Treasurer

Please note that December totals will be reflected in the Annual Report in January.

TUCC Congregational Meeting Minutes December 3, 2023

The annual congregational meeting was held December 3, 2023, after worship. The meeting was called to order by President Tom Calvert. Steve Dinning offered the prayer.

Minutes of the 2022 Annual Congregational meeting were read by Sheron Engleka, Secretary. There were no objections to the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting for 2022. Tom Calvert stated the minutes stand approved.

The proposed budget for 2023 was presented by Treasurer, Amy Clark.

Discussions followed concerning the donations coming in verses the budget and if we would be able to have a full-time minister. It was stated that at this time we have money to afford a full-time minister. Motion was made to approve the 2024 budget as presented by Larry McCullen, seconded by Russ Hillegas. Motion approved.

Amy Clark presented the following members who have been recommended for nomination to the Consistory: Elder, Jim Darr; Deacons – Jean Hart, William Landis, and Pam Bush. President Tom Calvert asked if there were any nominations from the floor. None being given, a motion was made by Nancy Bittner to close the nominations, seconded by Tom Croner. Motion approved.

Julie Petro from the Search Committee reported that we are actively searching since July for a new minister. We have received four profiles and would appreciate the congregation's prayers as the committee advances in their search for a new minister.

New business:

A discussion on changing the time of the church service to a later time for various reasons was discussed. After the discussion, a motion was by Lori Gindlesperger and seconded by Linda Gallick to gather information and wait for a new minister. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Larry McCullen, seconded by Gale Hay to adjourn the annual congregational meeting. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheron Engleka, Secretary



Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Clinton Clark, Ray Coleman, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Greg Croner, Pam Crooks, Nancy Custer, Reon Engleka, Tory Foltz, John Foor, Nancy Gindlesperger, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Michael Harris Larry Hay, Cindy McCullen-Janicki, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Larry Pritts, Brian Reed, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Nancy Schrock, Peggy Stayrook, Betty Strasser, Larry Tinkey, Paul Trulick, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Harry Watkins, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn



"I am the
resurrection
and the
life."

JOHN 11:25

We commend to our Lord Jesus Christ the following persons to eternal life:

Kay Barnard
Kerry Landis
Fae Hetrick
Carl Clark
Carl Saylor
Al Knotts
Harry Gindlesperger

We pray God's peace and comfort for the Families.

Dear God, thank you for helping us to make it through this difficult year. Thank you for carrying us through the uncertainty of deep waters, through the flames of trials, and through the pain of hard losses. We are constantly aware of how much we need you, your grace, your strength, and your power working through even the toughest days.

Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts and minds towards you. Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration and in seasons of brokenness, you're still with us. For you never leave us. Thank you for your daily powerful Presence in our lives. We can be assured your heart is towards us, your eyes are over us, and your ears are open to our prayers. Thank you for surrounding us with favor and a shield, and we are safe in your care.

We choose to press in close to you today and keep you first in our hearts and lives. Without You, we would surely fail, but with you, there is great hope. Thank you for your healing power. Thank you for bringing us into this new season ahead. We look forward to all that You still have in store. In Jesus' Name, Amen

The Sunday School study on I Peter will be put on hold for the next several weeks. Tom Calvert will be teaching instead with very interesting videos on the Holy Land which brings the Bible alive with Jewish culture and scenery. Please join Tom in the Fellowship Hall after morning Worship Service. Snacks and beverages are usually provided.

Hugs & Kisses Youth group has organized a group event to the Johnstown Tomahawks Faith and Family night on Saturday, **January 27th at 7PM** for anyone who is interested. They have created us a group ticket ordering link so you can order your own tickets and we will all be put in the same section together for the hockey game.

The link is <https://fervo-enterprise.com/event/trinityunitedgroup>

If you have any trouble – email Amanda Custer at amb00rn@yahoo.com and I can send you the link via email if interested. This is open to anyone from our church, friends, and family who want to attend. Tickets are \$13.12 with taxes/fees included. Also Friday, February 9th at 6:30 PM will be family game night in our church basement. This is for ALL AGES, so bring your favorite game and a snack and come join in some fun and fellowship.

February 9th at 6:30 PM will be family game night in our church basement. This is for ALL AGES, so bring your favorite game and a snack to share and come join in some fun and fellowship!

United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministries

is on a mission to make UCC churches Accessible to All (A2A) The first step in this process was completing a church building and program accessibility audit. The audit is designed to examine the attitudes and physical structures of our church for accessibility by people with physical, mental, and developmental disabilities. The purpose is to make our faith community welcoming and inclusive of everyone into all aspects of the life of the church. The audit is a guide which helps to determine what work has already been done and what areas need to be improved. It was not an all-inclusive list and some items do not apply to our setting. This topic was brought to consistory and Amanda Custer has volunteered to head up the

process along with the property committee. There are goals to be completed within the next year, 3 years, and 5 years. In future newsletters and bulletins, you may be seeing educational materials regarding different disability categories and how we are addressing these in our church and our community as part of this process. If you have any specific questions, please see Amanda Custer.

Liturgical Colors and the Seasons of the Church Year

The use of colors to differentiate liturgical seasons became a common practice in the Western church in about the fourth century.

Briefly, the colors express emotions and ideas that are associated with each of the seasons of the liturgical year. Violet is the ancient royal color and therefore a symbol of the sovereignty of Christ. Violet is also associated with repentance from sin. White and Gold symbolize the brightness of day. Black is the traditional color of mourning in some cultures. Red evokes the color of blood, and therefore is the color of martyrs and of Christ's death on the Cross. Red also symbolizes fire, and therefore is the color of the Holy Spirit. Green is the color of growth. Blue is the color of the sky and in some rites honors Mary.

Congregations in the United Church of Christ have the freedom to use any combination of colors (or no particular colors) as seems best to them. The use of traditional colors, however, connects us to the wider Body of Christ and provides worship planners with visual aids that mark the transition from one season to another. Colors can be used in altar and pulpit decorations, vestments, banners, and tapestries.

Source : ucc.org

The Garrett Christian Community Church Choir and Friends will present their annual Christmas cantata, "Good News From Home" on Sunday evening, January 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at their church at 800 Walker Street in Garrett. There will be candle lighting and a time of fellowship will conclude the evening. This is the former Garrett United Methodist Church.

The Souper Bowl Competition is fast approaching. There will be two winners again this year, so we will have to be on our game

and regain our #1 spot. The four quarters of the competition will be the four Sundays in January and the two Sundays in February before the actual Superbowl. If making monetary donations, please mark your envelope “**Souper Bowl**” and make your check payable to Trinity UCC.

Live Streaming Options

From time to time, despite our efforts to provide you with reliable streaming services, we encounter problems. We are still investigating the reason we did have our Veterans Program live stream to Facebook. There are two other options for viewing which is our actual website at berlinucc.org or YouTube under Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin PA.

Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

January 7 Jay Shaffer

January 14 Peter Kaltenbaugh

January 21 Bill Deal

January 28 James Vander Schuur

February 4 Bill Deal

February 11 Dave Creamer

February 18 Peter Kaltenbaugh

February 25 James Vander Schuur

Bold dates indicate holy communion.

Worship Assistants

Please welcome Cohen Clark & Colton Custer to our sound board committee!!!

January 7

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger (Cohen Clark), Gaye Maust

Flowers: Lewis and Barbara Berkley

Ushers: Ann Slifco, Chris King

Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

January 14

Sound: Jim Darr (Colton Custer), Russ Hillegas
Flowers: Richard Croner Family
Ushers: Amy Clark, Jason Clark
Acolyte: Cohen Clark

January 21

Sound: Tyler Gindlesperger, Gaye Maust
Flowers: Larry McCullen
Ushers: Leanna Coughenour, Bill Landis
Acolyte: Matt / Kaitlyn Miller

January 28

Sound: Cohen Clark (Tom Croner), Pam Bush
Flowers: Bill, Ann, and Willie Slifco
Ushers: Rus Ogburn, Jim Walker
Acolyte: Vesper / Truitt Ogburn

February 4

Sound: Chris King, Lori Gindlesperger
Flowers: Mike Fogle
Ushers: Ken Miller, Leonard Gary
Acolyte: Matt and Kaitlyn Miller

February 11

Sound: Tom Croner, Gaye Maust
Flowers: Russ and Jeanne Hillegas
Ushers: Julie Petro, Pam Bush
Acolyte: Colton Custer

February 14 – Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Sound: Colton Custer (Pam Bush), Tyler Gindlesperger
Flowers:
Ushers: Tom Croner, Amanda Custer
Acolyte:

February 18

Sound: Cohen Clark (Jim Darr), Russ Hillegas
Flowers: Bob and Colleen Glotfelty
Special Flowers & Bulletin

Ushers: Sheron
Acolyte: Vesper and Truitt Ogburn

February 25

Sound: Pam Bush, Tom Croner
Flowers: Larry and Judy McCullen
Ushers: Bob Brown, John Wisler
Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

Altar Flowers

For those of you who are unable to pick up the orders that you make for the altar flowers, please make arrangements to have them picked up for you. If you are unable to make arrangements or choose not to, please contact the church office. We will deliver them to our shut ins or Meadowview nursing home patients.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

*Church Secretary: Pam Bush & Jean Ann Darr
Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger
Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick
Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas
Virtual Organist: Rick Kimmel*

Consistory Elders:

*Tom Croner, President, 814-442-6740
Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650
Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166*

Consistory Deacons:

*Pam Bush, Leanna Coughenour, Amanda Custer,
Jim Darr, 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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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 Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.

It Was Truly a Wonderful Year at Trinity

The year 2023 was amazing at Trinity with so many awesome activities happening!! The Hugs & Kisses were very active with game and movie nights and even had time to host an Easter Egg Hunt. They also made visitations to shut ins and got involved in painting projects at the Berlin Community Grove. The Trinity Bells and Rainbow Ringers entertained us throughout the year. There was a Veterans Day Service which included our own, Berlin Fife & Drum Corps and the presentation of beautiful quilts to our veterans, which were made by the Knotty Knotters from the Berlin Lutheran Church. As we entered into the Christmas season, the church was transformed into beauty by the Church Elves who were kept very busy for a week. Because of the beauty of the church, Trinity hosted a combined Handbell Concert comprised of the 3 community churches, Holy Trinity Lutheran, The Berlin Brethren, and Trinity UCC. It was an awesome concert! To wrap up the year, Operation Christmas Child was a huge success, filling 164 boxes and Adopt - A - Family supporting 6 families, and 16 children. We were also blessed throughout the year with an amazing group of Supply Pastors, and Lay People, who have helped us through our transitional period. With all these activities happening at Trinity, let's make 2024 even better!

New Year Blessing

God's Blessings Be With All!



Num 6:24-26

The Lord Bless thee, and keep thee:

The Lord make His face

shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee:

The Lord lift up His countenance

upon thee and give thee peace