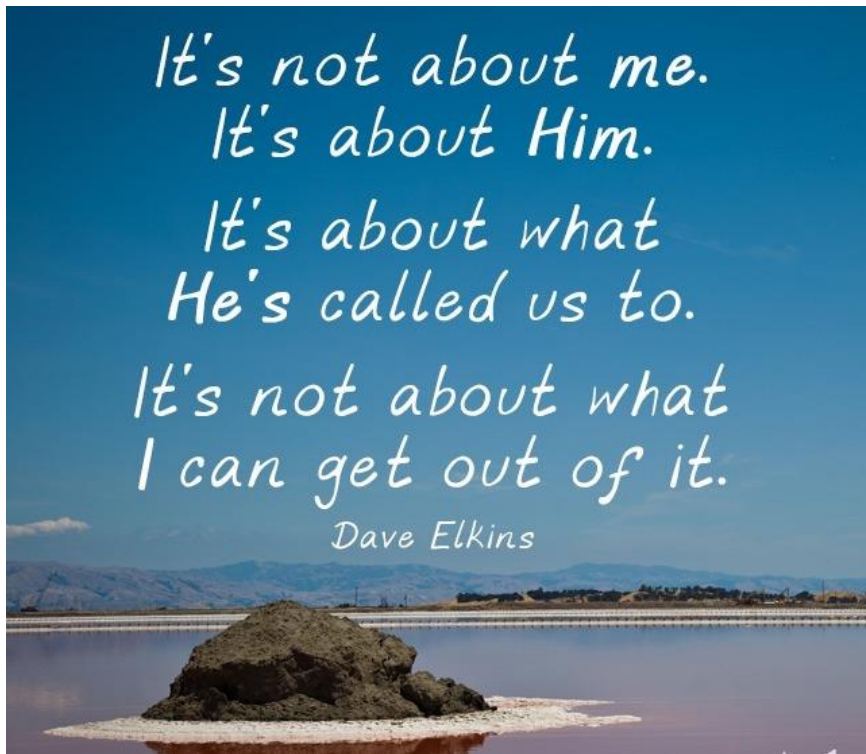


*It's not about me.  
It's about Him.  
It's about what  
He's called us to.  
It's not about what  
I can get out of it.*

*Dave Elkins*



***Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 19, 2021***

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

Prelude

*In Christ, Alone!* – arr. Wagner

\*The Doxology: No. 625

\*Confession of Sin

Gracious God,

**Our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.**

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness  
and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

\*Word of Pardon

\*Hymn of Praise: No. 17

*Ye Servants of God*

\*Psalter

Psalm 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;

**<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

**<sup>3</sup> 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.

**<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

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

**<sup>6</sup> for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**\*Gloria Patri: No. 623**

**Ministry of Music**

**Danny Conner**

**A Word of Joy**

**Morning Prayer**

**Ministry of Music**

**Danny Conner**

**\*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

**St. Mark 9:30-37**

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup> And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" <sup>34</sup> But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup> And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

**\*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.

Proclamation of God's Word

"PD"

## ***The Measure of Success***

Prayer of Intercession

Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

\*Song of Commitment: No. 379

***Take My Life and Let It Be***

\*Sung Dismissal and Blessing

***Now Unto Him Who Is Able***

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling.  
To make you stand in His presence blameless and with great joy.  
To the only God our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Be the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.  
Both now and forevermore, Amen.

**Give Him the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.  
Both now and forevermore, Amen!**

\*Going Forth

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***We welcome Danny Conner*** as our guest soloist this morning.  
He is no stranger to us at Trinity and we appreciate his gift of  
music to us this morning.

**It is Fae Hetrick's 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday TODAY!** There are flowers in  
her honor, a corsage that she is wearing is from the congregation,  
and following worship join us for Ice Cream and Cake in  
Fellowship Hall. There will be NO adult Sunday School this  
morning.

**Chancel Choir** – after consulting with members of the Chancel Choir and because a significant number have concerns about singing in a group together, we will NOT resume rehearsals this Wednesday. We pray that in time the infection rate will decline and we will be able to return to sharing God's praise as a group.

**Trinity Bells** will begin rehearsing this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We look forward to hearing the bells in the coming Sundays during worship.

**Confirmation Classes** – for students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above, you are invited to join Pastor Dave on tonight at 6:30 p.m. with your parent[s] for an introduction to Confirmation. We will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and third Sunday evenings through October 2022 [we will not meet in July and August]. Confirmation will be Reformation Sunday October 2022.

### **Fundraiser for J B Schrock Playground - Saturday, October 16th**

Linda Karchner, President of the J B Schrock Community Park Board, is celebrating her 60th birthday as a fundraiser for the playground!

The festivities will be **Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 10:30 am - 2:00 pm at the J B Schrock Playground** [700 South St., Berlin].

The playground is **pre-selling tickets for BBQ Chicken Halves AND Dinners**. Halves are \$6 and Dinners are \$10 [includes BBQ chicken half, cole slaw, baked beans, Landis bakery roll & butter, dessert]. **Chicken must be pre-ordered and prepaid by Oct. 2nd. Contact Shirley Reed at 814-267-4961 to order chicken.** [NOTE: Chicken pick up on Oct. 16th will be from 11 am - 1 pm]

Other fundraising opportunities that day will include an **old-fashioned cake walk, raffles, Boscov's Shopping Discount cards, and beverage sales.**

**Music AND FREE kids' activities** [games, crafts, and THE STORY LADY will be making a special appearance at 12:30 pm]!

**Several individuals, businesses, and organizations have already supported the fundraiser but additional donations of cakes, gift certificates/baskets/etc. for the raffles, as well as monetary gifts are appreciated.**

Thank you in advance to **Berlin Market** and **Thrivent Financial** for their donations.

**DoTERRA® Essential Oils** is also matching all donations that day, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$5,000!

### **Pastor's Fall Bible Study – Making Sense of Suffering**

In the past 18 months there has been much suffering around us. The horror of COVID-19, changes in employment, ongoing illness, and sudden death. I have been asked more than once “where is God in all of this mess?” I began to consider various scriptures and reading several texts from C.S. Lewis, Mike Yaconelli, and others. I will not be providing easy answers, rather we will look to God’s Word to provide us a framework to be “strengthened” to persevere in life. There will be no “platitudes,” rather I might leave you with more questions than answers. One outcome I hope to provide is that we who are in Christ may be comforted with the promises of the Gospel to be courageous even in the midst of suffering.

Thursday evenings for five weeks beginning September 23 at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Trinity Church Pastor Dave will offer teachings on the following topics:

September 23 – *Finding God In our Pain*

September 30 – *Where Is God In This Mess?*

October 7 – *NO Class – King Lion has Lion’s Club that evening.*

October 14 – *God’s Purposes In Our Suffering*

October 21 – *Unexplained Tragedy*

October 28 – *Redeeming Suffering*

Bring your Bible, pen and paper and we will consider passages of scripture from Job, Isaiah, Luke, Exodus, 2 Corinthians, James, and more. Each week there will be an article to read but no other assignment will be required.

To prepare you are asked to register for class so that enough materials may be prepared for those attending. You may send Pastor a note at his email: [uccvicar@gmail.com](mailto:uccvicar@gmail.com) or call the church office at 814-267-3234.

**Founder’s Day Dinner – Living Waters Camp – October 3rd**

This event is to honor Rev. Dr. Paul Westcoat for all of his time, talent, and dedication in making Living Waters the successful outdoor ministry that it is today.

During the celebration, we will be rededicating the lodge and naming it the "Westcoat Lodge". The rededication and naming ceremony is being planned as a surprise to honor Rev. Dr. Westcoat, so please help us in keeping this a secret to him.

### **Schedule of Events for Founder's Day Celebration**

4:00 – Dedication of "Westcoat Lodge"

Program, tours, presentation of remodeling plans.

5:00 – Turkey dinner served in the dining hall.

The cost for attending the event with the meal is \$20/person or a table of 8 for \$150. Indoor seating for the meal is limited to 80 people and outdoor seating will be weather permitting. We are also offering a virtual option that will include the presentation of programming for \$20/household. Please reserve your spot for the celebration by calling (814) 733-4212 or by emailing [camplivingwaters65@gmail.com](mailto:camplivingwaters65@gmail.com). Payment can be made by check, cash, or PayPal.

**The Organ Dedication Concert for October 31** with Mr. Nicholas Bowden has been postponed and will be rescheduled later this year, hopefully!

**Cleaning Help.** . . It is said and has been shown that many hands make quick work. As pastor has shared, Zion Lutheran experienced the "fall" of a portion of the plaster ceiling in the sanctuary. The ceiling has been repaired and now the sanctuary needs to be cleaned from all the plaster dust [old and new]. Unfortunately, their insurance company has declined to honor the claim and this work is being left to the congregation. Next Sunday if you would offer some assistance lunch will be served at 12 Noon and cleaning will commence in the sanctuary following. If would help, please speak with PD.

**The Church Office Hours** – our secretary, Pam Bush, is enjoying visiting with family and friends in Oregon this week. Pastor Dave will be "in and out" of the office. Please call his cell phone if you need assistance. The other part of the week he will be at Zion helping to clean the pipe organ to restore it to playing condition.

## **The Saints In Action**

TODAY –

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Birthday Bash for Fae

3:00 p.m. Installation of Bishop Schmitt – Altoona

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class Introduction

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

Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Fall Bible Study

Next Sunday – September 19

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

## **Giving From 9/5/2021**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	3707.00	\$2434.93	\$1272.07
<b>Ben</b>	\$415.00	\$213.46	\$201.54
<b>Maint</b>	\$195.00	\$163.46	\$31.54
<b>Mem</b>			
<b>Total</b>	\$4317.00	\$2811.85	\$1,505.15

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$25.00.

**Worship Attendance: 63**

**Sunday School: 14**

**About Altar Flowers** – If you are a sponsor of the Altar Flowers, please note that the cost of the weekly arrangements is \$30.00. Please check with Renee Gindlesperger if you are current with your sponsorship of the Altar Flowers if you are not sure if you have an outstanding balance. We do enjoy the flowers each Sunday and the designation printed in the bulletin.





**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

**Shut Ins:**

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Janet Gindlesperger, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor, Dirkje Stellingwerf.

**Healing Concerns:**

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Abigayle Broadwater, Pam Crooks, Linda Gallick, Dawn Gindlesperger, Barry Landis, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Betty Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Robin Walker, Harry and Jane Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman

***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

Hearing Amplifiers

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

*These Days* – Devotional

**Assisting in Worship**

**Sound:** Tom Croner and Jim Darr

## **The Flowers This Sunday**

**The Flowers on the altar** are in memory of Edna Mae Chappie [Grandma Mae] and in honor of Bob Chappie [Pap] by Dave, Missy, Matthew, and Kaitlyn Miller.

**The Basket of Flowers** are in honor of Alice Fae Hetrick's 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday by Jeannie Keidel Williams.

### ***The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by***

*Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams*

*Church Secretary: Pam Bush*

*Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger*

*Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick*

*Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas*

### ***Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday***

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

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