

Trinity Trumpet

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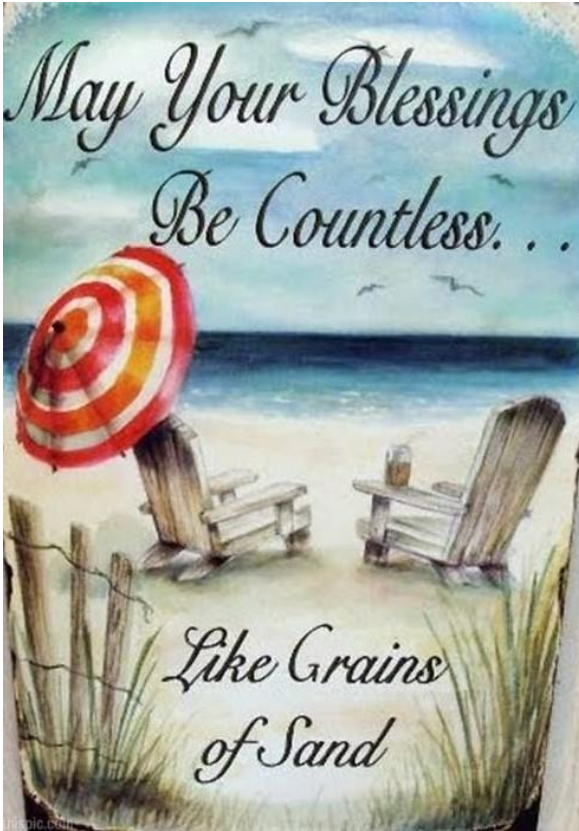
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“Dear God, in this season of vitality, we pray for good health and happiness. May our bodies be strong, our minds at peace, and our hearts filled with joy. Bless us with the energy to embrace every moment and the gratitude to cherish each day. Amen

Just Plain Ponderings by Your Consistory President

As I promised to write about, the first joint annual meeting of the four Pennsylvania Conferences of the United Church of Christ was held at the Penn State Conference Center June 7-9. It was a very powerful experience to worship and interact with 400 of our neighbors and colleagues in the church. In addition to being stronger together, we are more alike than we are different! The challenges we face on all fronts are very similar. Our churches, associations, conferences, and national church, giving and participation has declined along with church attendance. It seems like we are at an intersection of a busy highway. Do we go right or left? The road we are on has ended, so continuing on the same road is not an option. A study group has been researching and considering what the future looks like for each conference. The consensus and recommended action is to merge the four conferences into one. This will be voted on by each Conference's Delegation simultaneously on November 9th at separate meetings. Our church will have 3 votes from our delegates, two adults and one youth. The recommendation will need a super majority of votes from each conference to proceed with the merger. We need volunteers to be delegates on November 9th.

After working with this group for the past two years, I believe this is the best alternative presently available. I can safely say that the group did its homework with the help of a consultant and various working groups focusing on what I believe to be all of the aspects of a consolidated effort. Discussions were very open and respectful, with every voice in the room being heard. The Keystone Groups' recommendation to merge were discussed at the local level, at each association's meeting, and the All-Association Meeting in Ebensburg April 20th.

Speaking of volunteers, we still need volunteers to help with making some phone calls to update our contact information for our active and inactive members. Keeping our connections with our members is important in the life of the church, especially when we need to inform members with a One Call message. We have a lot of things happening that we need to share and welcome our members to participate in and feel welcome to attend.

If you have a skill and a passion to do something in, or for the church please don't hesitate to reach out to me or another consistory member with your ideas. When I had my emergency appendectomy last December, I received a couple of cards from members which really were appreciated and touched my heart in a way that I still feel warm about today. The church secretaries are loaded with weekly duties beyond part-time capabilities. Along these same lines, I had a conversation with Pastor Jay Shaffer a while ago, and he offered to help train a Care Team if we had an interest in doing something like that. I know that since we are currently in the search process for a pastor, but we don't know when we will find the right pastor for our congregation. In the meantime, we have members who are experiencing difficult times and need to know that they are not alone on their life journey. Again, if this sounds like something you would be interested in learning about possibly helping with, please reach out to me or any consistory member.

Blessings to you, and remember God is not done with you yet!

Tom Croner, Consistory President



Consistory Corner
Trinity United Church of Christ
May 13, 2024

Attendance

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| X Leanna Coughenour (Asst. Secretary) | X Ann Slifco |
| X Gale Hay | X Tom Croner (President) |
| A Rus Ogburn (Vice President) | X Amanda Custer |
| X Sheron Engleka (Secretary) | X Julie Petro |
| A Jim Darr (Treasurer) | X Pam Bush (Asst. Treasurer) |
| X Jean Hart | X Bill Landis |

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

Minutes for April meeting

Minutes for the April 8, 2024, meeting were sent to the consistory members electronically before the May meeting. A motion was made by Julie Petro, seconded by Pam Bush to approve the April minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was given to the consistory prior to the meeting for review. Our consistory treasurer was absent and the approval for April and May's treasurer's report will take place at the next consistory meeting in June.

Pulpit Supply report.

Tom Croner reported that he will start working on the Pulpit Supply for July through December. He currently has Dan Croft scheduled for two Sundays in August.

Standing Committees Reports

A. Christian Education – Leanne Coughenour reported that the Christian Education Committee met on Thursday, May 9th. Our church is going in with the Beachdale Church of the Brethren for VBS the week of June 17 – 21 from 6:00 – 8:00pm. The Community VBS will be at the Berlin Community Grove the week of July 22-26 6:00 – 8:00pm. The Community VBS is in need of the following leaders: Music, Games, Pre-Registration and Registration during the week. Sue Coughenour saw that the Sunday Pics are still available and Sue and Tom Calvert are buying these for our children in Sunday School and Church starting in September. Tom Calvert is putting his DVD's in the church library in the Social room along with the Visitor Memo that were copied and given to our church from the collection at the Berlin Historical Society. There will be no Sunday School for Nursery through High School in the Summer. The Adult Sunday School Class will have classes.

B. Hugs and Kisses - Amanda Custer reported that the Hugs and Kisses did some clean up at the Berlin Community Grove and at the Hay's residence. They are planning the Corn Hole Tournament and the Faith night in Johnstown with the Mill Rats baseball team.

C. Music - Ann Slifco reported that there will be Special Music in church this Summer.

Special Committees' Reports

A. Trinity Ladies – Julie Petro stated that she is thinking about some activities for Community Days with a rummage sale and possibly with Jean Hart's group plan another stuffing and gravy sale for that day. All of the above is just in the thinking/planning stages.

Coordinator Reports

A. Association & Conference –Tom Croner reported a need for delegates for the Annual Meeting. We will definitely need members to attend the Fall Penn West All Associates meeting when they will be voting on the merger of the four conferences.

New Business

A. Graduate Sunday – If there are any Graduates from High School, College, Trade School please let the church office know. A motion was made by Bill Landis, seconded by Gale Hay to give a \$25.00 gift to the High School Graduates and a \$50.00 gift to the College and Trade School graduates. Motion approved.

B. Community VBS – A motion was made by Julie Petro, seconded by Ann Slifco to donate \$250.00 to the Community VBS at the Berlin Community Grove. Motion approved.

C. Expense toward Schooling for Ordination – A motion was made by Bill Landis, seconded by Jean Hart to donate \$600.00 to help with expenses toward the many requirements for ministry and eventual ordination for Dave Creamer. Motion approved.

D. Member updates – Pam Bush reported that we are receiving information back from members.

E. Semi Quin Centennial – 250-year celebration in 2027. A motion was made by Sheron Engleka, seconded by Jean Hart for our working with the Trinity Lutheran Church in celebrating both

churches 250-year celebration. Motion approved. Two Hundred Fifty years ago the two churches shared a church building until they were able to build the current houses of worship for each church. A Committee has been formed at TUCC for this project.

F. Heritage Sunday – A motion was made by Sheron Engleka, seconded by Jean Hart to coordinate with the Lutheran Church to bring back Heritage Sunday. Motion approved.

G. Eagle Scout Project – Jean Hart presented the project for Cohen Clark’s Eagle Scout Project at our Church Camp – Camp Living Waters. His project consists of fixing most of the playground by the lodge. He is planning to take out and put in new landscaping ties, mulch, a new swing set, and make a new sandbox. If enough money is contributed, Cohen would like to buy rubber mulch instead of wooden mulch, a roof over the sand box, to add benches and to paint everything that he didn’t replace. A motion was made by Sheron Engleka, seconded by Julie Petro to donate \$500.00 to Cohen Clark’s project at Camp Living Waters. Motion Approved.

H. Caring for churches – Rev. David Ackerman asked for donations for the Caring for churches project. Churches can apply for grants through this project. This item was tabled until our meeting in June.

I. Opening prayer rotation – The opening prayer for future meetings of the consistory are Jim Darr for the June meeting, Jean Hart for the July meeting, and Sheron Engleka for the August meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gale Hay, seconded by Pam Bush. Motion Approved.

The next meeting of the Consistory will be Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted
Sheron Engleka, Secretary

**Trinity United Church of Christ
June 10, 2024**

Attendance

X Leanna Coughenour (Asst. Secretary)	X Ann Slifco
X Gale Hay	X Tom Croner (President)
X Rus Ogburn (Vice President)	X Amanda Custer
X Sheron Engleka (Secretary)	X Julie Petro
A Jim Darr (Treasurer)	X Pam Bush (Asst. Treasurer)
A Jean Hart	X Bill Landis

President Tom Croner called the regular meeting of Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory to order at 7:03pm. Sheron Engleka offered prayer.

Minutes for May meeting

Minutes for the May 13, 2024, meeting were sent to the consistory members electronically before the June Meeting. A motion was made by Pam Bush, seconded by Leanna Coughenour to approve the May 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 Rus Ogburn, seconded by Bill Landis to accept the report for audit review. Motion approved. Renee Gindlesperger, Treasurer requested an okay from the consistory to update a renewal on a line of credit at Somerset Trust. A motion was made by Pam Bush, seconded by Rus Ogburn to renew the line of credit at Somerset Trust. Motion approved. The line of credit needs to be renewed every two years. There is no balance due on the line of credit but available to be used when and if needed.

Pulpit Supply report

Tom Croner gave the consistory members a copy of the Pulpit Supply list through October 6, 2024.

Sunday, October 6, 2024, has been designated as Heritage Sunday to be a shared worship with Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. This year it will be held at the Lutheran Church

and next year it will be held in our church. This is bringing back a tradition from history when our churches shared a church building when our congregations were originally formed in the 1700's.

Standing Committees Reports

A. Christian Education - Leanna Coughenour reported that the Adult Sunday School Class is watching Videos by Andy Stanley. It is a very good

B. Hugs and Kisses – They are getting ready for the several activities that have been planned. Pam Bush will put in the newsletter and bulletins RSVP request for the Church Picnic on July 28th.

C. Pastor and Personnel – Rus Ogburn gave a recommendation to Pam Bush for a job well done on keeping the church running after the lightning strike and coordinating all the repairs of damage with repairmen.

D. Communion – Pam Bush reported they are putting “w” on the Wine elements containers.

Special Committees' Reports

A. Finance – It was reported that the church has a \$1,000 deductible on our insurance policy. The financial Secretary will need to pay the bills for the damage from the lightning strike on the church and then be reimbursed by the insurance company. As of today, we do not know all of the damage that was done because when one thing is fixed others are still being discovered. It could be approximately \$20,000 worth of damage with the elevator, sound, organ etc.

Coordinator Reports

A. Acolytes – Amanda Custer reported that Amy Clark sent out the new schedule for the acolytes.

B. Association & Conference – Tom Cronor reported that the meeting to vote on combining all 4 conferences into one Keystone Conference is in September. Our church can have 2 Adults and 1 Youth for this vote. There needs to be 66% interested in doing this for it to go through. We need to have members in attendance for this vote.

C. Living Waters – Cohen is working on his project at Camp Living Waters and needs to have it completed before the opening of the camp.

Old Business

A. Graduate Sunday is being scheduled.

B. Caring for Churches – More information is being gathered to have a special donation for this project in July.

C. Membership information is coming into the church office.

New Business

A. Care Committee – Tom Croner will check with Pastor Jay Shaffer to see what all is involved and needed to organize a Care Committee.

B. Opening prayer rotation – July - Jean Hart, August - Jim Darr

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ann Slifco, seconded by Julie Petro. Motion Approved.

The next meeting of the Consistory will be Monday, July 8, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted
Sheron Engleka, Secretary

Patriotism and Faith

Patriotism and faith can be a complex topic, with some saying they can be compatible, while others say they can be in tension. The Bible defines patriotism as loving, defending and supporting one's country from a biblical perspective, while also criticizing the government when it goes against biblical standards. It is characterized by four ways of loving one's country.

- Love of place: Patriots love the land where God has placed them and offer their best back to Him
- Love for the past: True love of country is moral
- Principled: Patriots obey the Law of God
- Personal pledge: Patriots persevere and don't seek quick fixes or immediate gratification

From a Judeo-Christian perspective, faith and patriotism can be in tension because the first commandment says, "You shall have no other gods". Martin Luther defined this in his Small Catechism as "We should fear, love and trust in God above all things". Some say that it's possible to be both a good American citizen and a person of faith, as long as God is prioritized over country, and that putting country first is idolatry. However, others say that patriotism and religion can be difficult to balance, and that some patriotic liturgies have been incorporated into churches, which can blur allegiances. Religious liberty is biblically rooted in man's nature and in his inalienable right to respond freely to God's revelation. To express it another way, religious liberty is based not only upon the rights of God, but also upon the rights of man. Christianity teaches that freedom of religious expression is a fundamental human right. Most Christians believe that Jesus taught about the importance of tolerance and freedom of religion.

“A2A” stands for “Accessible to All”

A2A is the terminology used within the United Church of Christ to refer to congregations that have completed the Accessible to All process and thereby made the commitment to be physically and attitudinally welcoming of people with disabilities.

This article will focus on Vision Loss Education and Services. Vision loss can affect people of all ages, but approximately two thirds of those who are vision impaired are over the age of 65. There are many types of vision impairment, and each has a different effects on a person's ability to see and on their mobility. Support and advice is available to help people who are blind or have vision loss live independently and adapt to life with vision impairment. The following suggestions can be used for a wide range of activities and was adapted from information from the bvrspittsburgh.org website.

Enlarge and magnify to improve visibility

- Use large-print documents where available. (At our church we do offer large print bulletins as well as online church service if you can not physically come to church. If you have a voice remote you can say "YouTube Trinity United Church of Christ Berlin, PA" to

find and listen to our church services at home. We also can provide a DVD of the service if requested.)

- Use a photocopier to enlarge information.
- Move closer to the object you are looking at (for example, the television).
- Enlarge the type size (font) on your computer screen.
- Update your prescription glasses, for your best possible vision.
- Use handheld or mounted magnifiers to help with reading and sewing. These should be prescribed for the type and degree of vision impairment.
- Use telephones with large buttons.

Use contrast to improve visibility

Contrast can help you see things more clearly. Black on white or white on black produces the best contrast.

- Use black felt-tip, water-based pens.
- Put contrasting-colored strips on the edges of steps and cupboards. On dark surfaces, these can be a light shade such as white or yellow.
- Pour dark liquids into white cups and light liquids into dark cups.
- Paint the insides of cupboards white to maximize the brightness and contrast so that items are easier to find.
- Use plain, dark tablecloths or mats with white dishes.

Use better lighting to improve visibility Improving both general and focal or task lighting can make objects and printed material easier to see.

Using your other senses with vision loss

- touch – add tactile markings to appliances, such as stoves and washing machines, to indicate off and on settings. Commonly used switches and settings can be marked so they are easy to distinguish from others
- hearing – use talking and audible devices, such as clocks and kitchen scales
- taste – use your sense of taste to tell the difference between different foods, herbs and spices
- smell – you can check for freshness of fruit, vegetables or other foods and check if food is cooked or burning.

Vision loss and being organized

- Eliminate unnecessary clutter around the home.
- Keep items in their place.
- Allow extra time to orient yourself and move around unfamiliar spaces.

Technology and vision loss

Technology allows people with vision loss to access information that was previously confined to the printed word. A range of assisted technologies are available. Computers can be an important information source. People of all ages use screen readers to translate words on a computer screen into large print or the spoken word.

Vision loss services

Vision loss services provide support and advice to people of all ages and with all degrees of vision impairment or blindness. You can get assessment of optical and other devices as well as support in developing strategies to make best use of your remaining vision. Occupational therapists offer advice and guidance on increasing your independence in a wide variety of everyday activities. You may also need support in making changes to your home and workplace or training in the use of adaptive equipment.

The kinds of support available include:

- Training in the use of different mobility devices, such as a white cane, or in living with a guide dog. This helps people to move about safely and confidently in their community
- Advice on special devices such as large print and touch markers. These allow people to use appliances like washing machines and ovens more easily and safely
- Radio stations for people who are unable to read the standard printed word. RPH Print Radio stations read out newspapers, magazines and books on air as well as providing other specialist programs of interest
- Libraries of books, recipes and government information available in large print, cassette, braille or CD format
- A wide range of equipment to help people with vision impairment in their everyday lives – for example needle threaders, talking watches and clocks, coin and note holders

- For people with some vision, a growing range of videos that include descriptions of the visual information when there are gaps in the dialogue
- Low-vision clinics offering spectacles, magnifiers, telescopes and other devices that can enhance remaining vision.

Where to get help

Your doctor may be able to help with referrals as well as an Occupational Therapist, Optometrist, or Ophthalmologist. Local/State services information below.

Somerset County Blind Center Pennsylvania Council of the Blind
 1590 North Center Avenue Somerset, PA 1-877-617-7407 (voice)
 814-445-1310. E-mail: pcb1@paonline.com

Blind and Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh
www.bvrspittsburgh.org
 412-368-4400

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind
www.pablind.org 717-766-2020 (voice)



April - May 2024

	CURRENT	MAINTENANCE	BENEVOLENCE
Beg. Balance	\$143,849.98	\$26,679.42	\$0
Receipts	\$21,782.51	\$2939.00	\$5,361.50
Distributions	\$14,725.23	\$80.00	\$1,660.00
Ending Balance	\$150,907.26	\$29,538.42	\$3,701.50

Benevolence Distributions: Berlin Food Pantry (Individual Donations) – \$155; Pastor’s Discretionary Fund - \$125.00; and Camp Living Water - Cohen Clark’s Eagle Scout Project - \$1,380.00

--Jim Darr, Treasurer



Those Remembered in prayer:

God’s guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

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

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit,
Mandy Bockes, Paige Boyer,
Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,
Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks,
Nancy Custer, Reon Engleka, Kathy Fox,
Nancy Gindlesperger, Cheryl Glessner,
Art & Marlene Gotchen,
Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne),
Larry Hay, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Cathy Meyers,
Joyce Miller, Gwen Ottaviano, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking,
James Robb, Brett Sarver,
Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge,
Diane Walker, Robin Walker, Jane Watkins, Nancy Weighley,
Gerald Zorn

Please Update

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

Sunday School

Sue Coughenour will be completing the current series this Sunday. Tom Calvert will be taking over teaching for the next couple of months so Sue can take a well-deserved break. Tom will be doing Ray Vander Laan's video series entitled "With All Your Heart". It is a six-part series that will be a new video not previously seen in Sunday School.

Youth Sunday School

Will resume in the fall, September 8th.

Heritage Sunday, October 6th, 2024

Both the Council of Trinity Lutheran Church and our Consistory have graciously agreed to return an old tradition called Heritage Sunday. This is based on our common heritage beginning in 1777 when both congregations built one building for both congregations to share. The date selected and approved is October 6th, 2024. There will be no church or Sunday School at our church that Sunday. Church Service will be at 10:40am that Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Berlin. Sunday School will be there also at 9:30am. The following year we, Trinity UCC, will then host Trinity Lutheran at our church. Please join in this celebration of our Common Heritage on Sunday, October 6th, 2024.

Blood Drive, Berlin Community Veterans' Home Association of Berlin. Social Hall, 419 Meadow Street, Berlin. Monday, July 8, 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Hospice volunteers come from all ages and walks of life, with an extraordinary love and compassionate concern for others. They contribute to the overall well-being of our patients, families, and UPMC Family Hospice team members. Volunteers help Family Hospice and those we serve in many ways.

- Patient/family companionship
- Bereavement support
- Pet assisted visits
- Clerical
- Share musical talents
- Barber and hair stylist

All volunteers receive free training and orientation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with Family Hospice, call Daun, volunteer & bereavement coordinator at 814-515-6056.

Community VBS at the Grove

July 22-26 is in need of someone to handle Music, Games, Registration – both pre-registration and registration during the week at the grove. If you would be interested please contact Angie Klink at 814-442-9195. Questions may also be referred to Sheron Engleka.

Our Annual Church Picnic needs someone to coordinate this event, however no one has volunteered to do this. Therefore, once again Hugs & Kisses will coordinate the event scheduled for July 28th at the Grove. They will be providing a list of what needs to be done in the near future, so if you could just pick **“One”** thing that you could possibly assume the responsibility for it would be a tremendous help. We currently have a volunteer to cook the chicken on the open pit at the grove which will be a special treat!!! Please contact Kathy Spangler if you could possibly help in any way. Let's keep the tradition going! The reservation form is attached to your bulletin so PLEASE join us!!!!

Hugs and Kisses

As usual, this amazing group has been busy planning! Here are a couple of upcoming ideas they have shared.

Sunday School Teachers would like to make a Lego Room out of the part of the Nursery that has carpeting. There are Parables and other Bible Lessons that can be taught using Legos. If anyone has any Legos or a Lego table or Lego storage options that they would like to donate to this project- please bring them and put them in the nursery downstairs. Thank you!

Our youth are looking for a few houses of church members who could use some help with small outdoor spring cleanup projects like picking up sticks, leaves, weeding etc. If you have someone in mind, please contact Amy Clark. (Youth parents- be on the lookout for group texts as these volunteer service projects are going to be planned as they come up and weather permitting so

we need anyone who can show up on a certain date/time/address to please show up to help if you can!)

In addition to this, they have plans for a Faith Night for the Johnstown Mill Rats baseball team, Berlin Community Day, and a mission/service project of produce from fields to donate to the Food Pantry!

Your group is truly a blessing to so many.

When it comes to volunteering, passion and positivity are the only requirements.

Too often, as with many organizations, it is the same people who consistently volunteer. Each and every one of you has the knowledge, skills, and abilities to offer something to our church community. We are currently working on a project behind the scenes to update our membership listing and our one call now telephone list. Those of you who have been members of Trinity UCC for many years have knowledge of things from the past...the who, what, when, and where. Once we have narrowed it down to a manageable list, we are looking for people to provide information to narrow it down to those that we might reach out to.

This may involve a courtesy phone call, letter, card, or some form of communication to let these people know that they are missed. Trinity UCC of Berlin is vibrant, alive, and well despite our current situation without a Pastor. We have an amazing group of Pastors and lay people who provide an array of preaching styles and sermons, Trinity bells continue to ring loudly, our music committee has and continues to provide a variety of worship music, Hugs & Kisses focuses on events that benefit the entire congregation, and we are blessed with a kind, caring, and loving church "Family".

We ask that you just think about how **"YOU"** can contribute by volunteering in any area of need.

Bethlehem Experience

Planning is underway for the 5th biennial "Bethlehem Experience in Berlin PA. This year's event will be held Sunday December 8th, on the Block Party Lot in Berlin. In an effort to cut down on

the waiting time, we are planning to offer a “walk through” from 200-4:00 p.m. and a “drive through” from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

How can you help?

- 1) Pray that the people coming to the event experience Jesus and pray for favorable weather.
- 2) Donate funds to purchase supplies for building sets; pay for rental of sound/lighting systems.
- 3) Volunteer to help with making the sets, costumes, painting, etc.
- 4) Volunteer to serve as actors – we will need approximately 40 volunteers.
- 5) Volunteer to help with set up and tear down December 7-8

If you are able to donate, please make check payable to:
Bethlehem Experience, 500 South St., Berlin PA 15530

If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact one of the following:

Joanne Stoltzfus – 814-233-5905

Cheryl Hay – 814-267-5642

Angie Klink – 814-442-9195

Jeanette Landis – 814-267-3020

April Logue – 814-267-5072

Lorrie Shaw – 814-521-8852

J B Schrock Community Park 2024 Summer Food Program

The J B Schrock Community Park [500 South St., Berlin] will be hosting a free summer lunch program through the Pittsburgh Food Bank. This program is open to all children, ages 2-18, in the Berlin Brothersvalley School District; no paperwork or income guidelines are required.

"Grab-and-Go" lunches will be available June 10-August 16, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Come to visit the playground & stay for lunch! Each lunch will include enough food for 2-3 days.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PICK UP MEALS AND HELP TO DISTRIBUTE THEM!!

Required volunteer meeting at the Playground [500 South St., Berlin] on Thursday, May 30th from 6:30pm-7:30pm.
NEW COORDINATOR: KRISTI TATALEBA - call/text 814-701-1971

Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

July 7 **Dan Croft**
July 14 Dave Creamer
July 21 Dave Creamer
July 28 Bill Deal
August 4 **Dave Creamer**
August 11 Dan Croft
August 18 Peter Kaltenbaugh
August 25 Dave Creamer

Bold dates indicate holy communion.

Worship Assistants

July 7
Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Chris King
Organ: Ann Slifco
Flowers: Tamra & Dan Forgan
Bulletin: Anonymous
Ushers: Sheron Engleka, Alissa Wright
Acolyte: Colton Custer

July 14
Sound: Jim Darr, Gaye Maust
Organ: Nancy Bittner
Flowers: Bob & Colleen Glotfelty
Ushers: Bob Brown, John Wisler
Acolyte: Cora & Lucy Wright

July 21
Sound: Colton Custer, Pam Bush
Organ: Amanda Custer

Flowers: Ed & Shirley Reed
Ushers: Jean Ann Darr, Jim Darr
Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

July 28

Sound: Pam Bush, Russ Hillegas
Organ: Jean Ann Darr
Flowers: Anonymous
Bulletin: Anonymous
Ushers: Deb Boyer, Jean Hart
Acolyte: Matt & Kaitlyn Miller

August 4

Sound: Chris King, Lori Gindlesperger
Organ: Ann Slifco
Flowers: Bill, Ann & Willie Slifco
Ushers: Chris King, Ann Slifco
Acolyte: Vesper & Truitt Ogburn

August 11

Sound: Cohen Clark, Gaye Maust
Organ: Amy Clark
Flowers: Reon & Sheron Engleka
Ushers: Amy & Jason Clark
Acolyte: Cohen Clark

August 18

Sound: Colton Custer, Pam Bush
Organ: Amanda Custer
Flowers: Mark & Lori Gindlesperger
Ushers: Leanna Coughenour, Bill Landis
Acolyte: Cora & Lucy Wright

August 25

Sound: Jim Darr, Russ Hillegas
Organ: Nancy Bittner
Flowers: Nancy Bittner & Family
Ushers: Rus Ogburn, Jim Walker
Acolyte: Colton Custer

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, Treasurer, 814-267-5260*

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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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.



Church Picnic Registration

The church picnic will be held at the Berlin Community Grove on Sunday, July 28, from 1-4 PM. Please bring a covered dish to share. Table service, chicken and drink will be provided. RSVP by July 16th to the church office or drop registration in the offering plate.

CHURCH PICNIC JULY 28, 2024

Name _____

Number attending _____



Dear Lord,

Thank You for another year where we get to remember and celebrate this day of freedom. We ask that You allow all of our celebrations to be done in a safe and peaceful manner. Please protect us from any harm and break every evil scheme or plan of the enemy on this day. Help us as a nation not to quarrel with one another but to stand together in peace and unity.