

Trinity Trumpet September / October 2024

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Father, the trees are ablaze with your glory.
The seasons change, but you never do.
You are always beautiful,
in the green and freshness of spring
as in the golds and reds and chills of autumn.
Make us like you.
Let our lives reflect your beauty,
season after season,
as the calendar of our lives turn and turn and turn.

The trees are letting go of this year's foliage.
Help us let go of both blessings and burdens,
and surrender them both to your loving care.

Fallen leaves pattern the ground with variety.
So, design our fallings and failings
into whatever design will please you most.
In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen

Just Plain Ponderings by Your Consistory President

As you know I have been announcing lately about Trinity members experiencing health issues and hospitalization which leads me to think that we may need to form a Care Team that would be available to help aid those members in need. Some people may need transportation to doctor appointments, grocery stores, rehab appointments, and many other possibilities. If you have the ability and the desire to help some of our members needing some assistance, please reach out to me, other consistory members or the church office with your interests and passion along these lines. I know that this is already occurring in some cases and perhaps there are more needs that this team can help with. A team could collect and coordinate helpers with the need to provide this help. Jay Shaffer has agreed to help discuss and help provide some help training our team. Unity has had a Care Team for a while. This is God's work and how we can serve. Judy McCullen has been sending cards out to people who have been hospitalized and the church is helping to support her work with cards and stamps to continue this effort on behalf of the church to warm hearts and share our love of neighbors. You may have some other passion or way to serve God, please reach out to us so that we may get a meeting scheduled to explore just what this group would do and coordinate this effort.

Perhaps some of you would be willing to reach out to members to confirm that we have the correct contact information with a phone call. We use One Call to update members on prayer needs. Email messages are quick and cost effective to communicate information of happenings in the church.

The Bible calls us to be and to make disciples!

Attitude is contagious!
Tom Croner



Consistory Corner
Trinity United Church of Christ
July 8, 2024

Attendance

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

Minutes for June meeting

Minutes for the June 10, 2024, meeting was sent to the consistory members electronically before the July meeting. A motion was made by Jean Hart, seconded by Ann Slifco to approve the June 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 Julie Petro, seconded by Leanna Coughenour to accept the report for audit review. Motion approved.

Standing Committees Reports

A. Fellowship and Funeral – Jean Hart reported that they were going to participate in the Community Days and sell shredded roast beef sandwiches, hot dogs and sauerkraut, stuffing and gravy and bake goods on July 20th from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

They will need volunteers for both help and donations of baked goods. The proceeds will go to the Hugs and Kisses.

B. Property – Jim Darr reported that the renovations to the parsonage would start after summer. They are still working on the lightning damage. After looking into the peeling of the paint on the arch, they will be checking to see if the brick wall above is causing moisture, if so, it will need to be repaired before they can paint the arch.

C. Music – Ann Slifco reported they are in need of someone to tune the piano.

Coordinator Reports

A. Association & Conference – Bob Brown has volunteered to be a delegate. We are in need of one more delegate and a youth delegate from our church. 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. Please contact Tom Croner if you would be interested in representing our church at the this meeting.

B. Living Waters – The camp is in full swing. The playground Eagle Scout project of Cohen Clark has been completed and well received.

Old Business

Special Mission offering – A motion was made by Julie Petro, seconded by Rus Ogburn to have a special mission offering in September for Caring for Churches – Caring for Clergy. Motion approved.

Opening prayer rotation for August meeting will be Jim Darr.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Darr, seconded by Bill Landis at 8:03pm. Motion approved.

The next meeting of the Consistory will be Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted

Sheron Engleka, Secretary

**Trinity United Church of Christ
August 12, 2024**

Attendance

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
X Jim Darr (Treasurer)	X Pam Bush (Asst. Treasurer)
X Jean Hart	X Bill Landis

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Minutes for July meeting

Minutes for the July 8, 2024, meeting was sent to the consistory members electronically before the August meeting. A motion was made by Leanna Coughenour, seconded by Bill Landis to approve the July 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 Pam Bush, seconded by Julie Petro to accept the report for audit review. Motion approved.

Standing Committees Reports

A. Christian Education – Leanna Coughenour reported that the Christian Education Committee met on September 8th. It was reported that the Community VBS went well and that the offering was for the Tory Foltz family. The following events are being planned:

- a. Rally Day will be September 8th after worship in the fellowship hall. Refreshments are to be donuts etc. and drinks
- b. Hanging of the Greens will be December 1st
- c. Children's program will be December 15th. Amy Clark and Amanda Custer have volunteered to coordinate this program.
- d. Christian Education asked if the office could order white card stock for the Sunday School classes to use in their crafts.

e. A motion was made by Jim Darr, seconded by Gale Hay to purchase pamphlets for the Sunday School Children in the amount of \$541.89 for 3 months to be given to the children or mailed to them. Motion approved. Sue Coughenour has volunteered to get the pamphlets ready for mailing, if not given in Sunday School, and the postage will be from the church office.

f. Next meeting for Christian Education will be Thursday, November 7th at 6:30pm

B. Hugs and Kisses - Amanda Custer reported the following activities are being planned:

a. They are looking into a service project of cleaning up produce from fields after farmers have picked what they want, but this will be pending what their harvest produces this year due to the weather. If there is any produce left over, they will pick it and donate it to the Berlin Food Pantry. Dates TBD after regular harvesting has been completed.

b. Sunday, August 25th – 5pm – A back to school picnic at the Custer's home.

c. The following are events planned with the Lutheran church youth

i. Saturday, September 28th- Bike/Hike on the GAP Trail.

ii. Saturday, October 19th – Pumpkin Carving at the Lutheran Church 6pm

iii. Sunday, November 3rd 5pm – Candy Bar Bingo – Hugs and Kisses will provide pizza, and those attending can bring a snack or drink to share at the TUCC church

iv. Saturday, November 9th 9pm – A service project to clean up at the IOOF Cemetery – bring your rakes etc. Many hands make light work.

d. More details will be in the church bulletin on the above activities.

e. Next meeting is Tuesday, November 12, at 6:30pm

C. Property – Jim Darr reported that they think they have everything handled with the lightning damage and are starting to get reimbursed from our insurance company less deductible. The claim will remain open for any further damage if and when

detected. (ie – phone elevator). Other areas they are looking into are the phones and sealcoating of the asphalt.

D. Music – Ann Slifco reported that they have been given a piano turners name for the Steinway from Pittsburgh and will look for a local tuner for our other pianos. A motion was made by Gale Hay, seconded by Jim Darr to have the bells cleaned and repaired by a professional for \$4,875 plus parts. The amount of \$3,000 will come from the Music Fund and the balance from the Bequest Fund. Motion approved. A motion was made by Bill Landis, seconded by Amanda Custer to have the Chimes repaired and cleaned in the amount of \$750 plus parts. Motion approved. There are five octaves of bells and chimes and they have not been professionally cleaned or repaired for many years. Thank you to the bell choir for cleaning them every year and to Bob Brown for all the repairs you have made over the years in between the professional cleaning and repairing.

Special Committees' Reports

A. Finance – A motion was made by Ann Slifco, seconded by Jean Hart for the following donations: Next Step Center - \$150.00, Salvation Army - \$250.00, Berlin Ambulance - \$250.00, Motion approved. A motion was made by Bill Landis, seconded by Julie Petro to pay the Somerset Association for our 2024 assessment of \$1 for every member. Motion approved. Jim Darr reported that the audit review was performed on Saturday, August 10, and found in good order.

Coordinator Report

A. Association & Conference - Tom Croner reported that the Somerset Association meeting will be held on September 15th. Additional information on the Keystone Conference will be given at this meeting. TUCC will host this meeting. Delegates from our church for the November 9th meeting are Bob Brown, Amy Clark and Student representative Cohen Clark. There is a meeting scheduled in Greensburg on Saturday, September 14 from 10:00am – 2:30pm on Cultivating a Culture of Safety. Registration by August 31st. Please let Pam in the office know if you would be willing to attend.

New Business

Opening prayer rotation of September meeting will be Ann Slifco.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Julie Petro, seconded by Pam Bush at 9:10pm. Motion approved.

The next meeting of the Consistory will be Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted

Sheron Engleka, Secretary

**Trinity United Church of Christ
August 20, 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) | A Amanda Custer |
| X Sheron Engleka (Secretary) | A Julie Petro |
| X Jim Darr (Treasurer) | X Pam Bush (Asst. Treasurer) |
| X Jean Hart | X Bill Landis |

A special meeting of the consistory was called for Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at TUCC church.

Ginger Fair from Soaring Eagle Productions gave the consistory information on our sound system.

A motion was made by Jim Darr, seconded by Bill Landis to upgrade streaming software and camera for the sound system in the amount of \$3,971.99. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Jim Darr, seconded by Bill Landis to replace the two telephones in the church office for no more than \$800.00 for each telephone. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted

Sheron Engleka, Secretary



June - July 2024
 CURRENT MAINT. BENEVOLENCE

Beg. Balance	\$150,907.26	\$29,538.42	\$3701.50
Receipts	\$20,689.04	\$2,315.00	\$4,776.00
Distributions	\$14,986.27	\$8,707.94	\$7,737.50
Ending Balance	\$156,610.03	\$23,145.48	\$740.00

Benevolence Distributions: Berlin Food Pantry (Individual Donations) – \$210; Berlin Food Pantry (Benevolence Budget) - \$483.90; Pastor's Discretionary Fund - \$125.00; and Camp Living Water - Cohen Clark's Eagle Scout Project - \$125.00; Trinity Outreach Budget Benevolence - \$711.63; Member Support - Tory Foltz - \$4,281.00; JB Schrock Playground - \$25; Global Ministries - Child Sponsorship - \$125; Our Churches Wider Mission - \$1,650.97

--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, Paige Boyer,
Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,
Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks,
Nancy Custer, Wilma Durst, Reon Engleka, Paul Gallick,
Nancy Gindlesperger, Karen Griffith,
Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Peter Kaltenbaugh, Barry Landis,
Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little,
Cathy Meyers, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl
(Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, James Robb, Brett Sarver,
Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Joanne Smith,
Brooke Stutzman, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Diane Walker,
Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Lucy Wright, Allison Zimmerman,
Gerald Zorn

Please keep the Gotchen family in your prayers due to the passing of our good friend, Rev. Art Gotchen. May God comfort them during this time of loss.

Veterans Sunday Preparation

In preparation for our annual Veterans Program, please submit and new or changes of information to Sheron Engleka prior to October 27. Sheron puts a lot of time and effort into this program so the sooner we get this information to her the better.

Sunday School

Are you going through a difficult period of life? During these desert times, it's easy to think God has disappeared. Instead, discover that it's only when we are totally dependent on him that we find him closer than ever and can experience God's amazing grace and provision. Ray Vander Laan will take us on a trip in the desert to experience what it was like for the Israelites as they wandered in the desert to find the Promised Land. This seven-part series began August 11 and is led by Sue Coughenour. Sunday School begins at 10:10 in the Fellowship Hall, everyone is invited to join in.

Rally Sunday

Back to school means back to Sunday School! Join us for Rally Sunday on September 8th during the Sunday School hour for a light continental breakfast, games for all ages and a time of fellowship. We look forward to welcoming back children of all ages, and the adults also, as we begin the new Sunday School year. Join us at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall

Hugs & Kisses

Once again, Hugs & Kisses has done amazing work! Tuesday, August 20th they went to the Croner Farm and picked ears of corn, for the second time, and brought it to our local Food Pantry for distribution to those less fortunate. The first trip they had over 40 dozen ears!! They are planning another trip as long as the corn is available if you are interested in helping.

And as usual, they are planning some fun events and would like everyone to join them!!!

Saturday, September 28th- Bike/Hike on the GAP Trail. We will meet at the church parking lot at 5 PM and plan on starting at the Deal Trailhead and bike or walk to the Big Savage Tunnel (or as little or as far as you want to go!) Bring your bike/helmet, walking shoes, water bottle/snacks.

Saturday, October 19th- Pumpkin Carving at the Lutheran Church 6 PM- Bring your own pumpkin and carving tools if you have any. They will be providing apple cider and snacks. This is for ALL ages. Please let Amanda Custer know if you plan on attending so they can have an approximate count.

Sunday, November 3rd- 5 PM- Candy Bar Bingo- H&K providing pizza, those attending can bring a snack or drink to share. Watch for a sign-up sheet so we have a count for pizza. This is for ALL ages. Join us for some fun!

This group does God's work in so many ways. You are truly a blessing.

J B Schrock Community Park Birthday Party/Fundraiser

Please join us for our second annual celebration of the playground's birthday! We are 76 years old this year! We're going to have a CAKE WALK again, free games for the kids, face painting, yard games, a Basket Raffle, birthday cake, music, and good food for sale!

Saturday, September 7 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

at J B Schrock Community Park 700 South St., Berlin

[Donations of cakes and baskets would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact our Facebook page or text Linda Karchner 570-599-2635 to donate.]

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.

If anyone is interested in singing with the Holy Lutheran choir on Heritage Sunday, please contact Maria Mowry at 814-932-1839. Call or text would be great.

Prioritizing Faith by Walt Mueller, CPYU President

School days will soon be upon us and if your family is like most, your kids are involved in all kinds of extracurricular activities that keep you running from here, to there, to everywhere. If we're not careful, the school year will come and go so fast that we might get to June and realize we've pushed aside or even forgotten that our primary calling as Christian parents is not to serve our kids, but to serve our Lord by making the spiritual nurture of our kids our first priority.

With that in mind, here are four reminders that I trust will help you daily fulfill that nurturing responsibility in ways that will yield spiritual growth in our children and teens.

First, keep the main thing the main thing. I've heard it said that a parent's checkbook and calendar are clear indicators of their parenting priorities. Go ahead and conduct an informal audit of both. Then honestly assess what that audit tells you about what you are communicating to your kids about what is and should be most important in life. Are they learning that following Jesus is just one more activity in a long list of things? Or, are they learning that following Jesus is the over-arching quest in life that should dictate everything else, including how we spend our time and money?

Second, engage idol-smashing. We might not ever set up and worship a literal golden cow, but the reality is that in today's culture, there are more idols than ever before that clamor for our attention and allegiance. Idolatry enters into our lives when we take a good and wonderfully created thing that's been given to us by God, and we turn it into an ultimate thing that becomes an object of our worship. James tells us that "every good and perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17) God has given us the goodness of created things not so they will become objects that we worship, but to point to our Creator (the giver of all good things) and spark our ongoing worship of Him. Whether it's your children, your social standing, your online image, your kids' grades and achievements, etc..." flee from idolatry" (1 Corinthians 10:14).

Third, teach your kids to integrate their faith into all of life. God calls us to follow Him in every nook, cranny, and square inch of life. Paul Tripp writes, "If you're God's child, the gospel isn't an aspect of your life, it is your life: that is, it is the window through which you look at everything." Tripp challenges us to see the Gospel not only as an entry point (coming to faith) and an exit point (going to heaven), but as something for the here and now that should shape our identity, pursuits, and struggles. Are you teaching your kids how to integrate their faith into their academics, vocation, relationships, play, and everything else into life?

Finally, force...yes force...your kids to rest. Research points to the many ways in which over-scheduling and the pressures of life are leading kids into a constant state of anxiety and stress. Perhaps a long-overdue counter-cultural approach that's obedient to the Lord's command is what's needed. God made us for a rhythm of work and rest. Our bodies, minds, and spirits need to shut down regularly. Your kids need nine hours of uninterrupted sleep each and every night. We need a weekly Sabbath rest. And family vacations and time off are needed for rest and replenishment.

As the school year begins, why not seize it as a fresh start for your parenting priorities and practice?

World Gratitude Day

Celebrated annually on September 21 every year, World Gratitude Day is a reminder of the importance of expressing gratitude by thanking people and appreciating their efforts. It is a day aimed at realizing the importance of showing appreciation and gratitude for the people around us.

This tradition began in 1965 and was created by the spiritual and meditation leader Sri Chinmoy. The purpose of this holiday is to foster feelings of appreciation, positivity, worthiness, and connection, which can create a ripple effect of benefits for everyone involved.

When you are grateful, it is impossible to also be hateful, angry, or fearful. Gratitude cannot be requested, demanded, or coerced; it can only be given. It is a gift, not an exchange. Gratitude is a virtue because we choose to celebrate, rather than to resent, what is.



Blood Drive: Monday, September 9th, 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Berlin Community Veteran's Home Association of Berlin, Social Hall, 419 Meadow Street, Berlin

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.

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

Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

September 1 Jay Shaffer

September 8 Dave Creamer
 September 15 Dave Creamer
 September 22 Steve Dinning
 September 29 Steve Dinning
 October 6 **Heritage Sunday – Lutheran Church**
 October 11 Dave Creamer
 October 20 Dave Creamer
 October 27 Dave Creamer

Bold dates indicate holy communion.

Worship Assistants

September 1

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Chris King
Organ: Ann Slifco
Flowers: Larry W. McCullen Jr., Cynthia McCullen - Janicki
Ushers: Ken Miller, Leonard Gary
Acolyte: Cohen Clark

September 8

Sound: Pam Bush, Gaye Maust
Organ: Nancy Bittner
Flowers: Russ & Jeanne Hillegas
Ushers: Julie Petro, Pam Bush
Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

September 15

Sound: Jim Darr, Russ Hillegas
Organ: Jean Ann Darr
Flowers: Dave, Missy, Matthew & Kaitlyn Miller
Ushers: Amanda Custer, Tom Croner
Acolyte: Cora Wright, Lucy Wright

September 22

Sound: Colton Custer, Pam Bush
Organ: Amanda Custer
Flowers: Pam Bush
Ushers: Sheron Engleka, Allisa Wright
Acolyte: Cohen Clark

September 29

Sound: Cohen Clark, Gaye Maust
Organ: Amy Clark
Flowers: Barbara Berkley
Ushers: Bob Brown, John Wisler
Acolyte: Vesper & Truitt Ogburn

October 6 – Combined Service – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

October 13

Sound: Pam Bush, Tom Croner
 Organ: Nancy Bittner
 Flowers: Mark & Lori Gindlesperger
 Ushers: Jim & Jean Ann Darr
 Acolyte: Colton Custer

October 20

Sound: Jim Darr, Russ Hillegas
 Organ: Jean Ann Darr
 Flowers: Larry & Gale Hay
 Ushers: Deb Boyer, Jean Hart
 Acolyte: Colton Custer

October 27

Sound: Colton Custer, Gaye Maust
 Organ: Amanda Custer
 Flowers: Renee Gindlesperger
 Ushers: Ann Slifco, Chris King
 Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

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.

Once Again A Huge Shout Out To Hugs & Kisses!

This youth group has been picking corn at the Croner farm and taking it to our local food pantry on three different occasions recently. Besides this their membership yard clean ups and fellowship events (just to name a couple), they continue to help those less fortunate or in need of assistance, socialization, and entertainment. They are the epitome of what God looks for in his disciples. Thank you so much for your unwavering devotion to our church. You are a blessing to us all!



**Dear Lord, Please Bless
The Person Reading This Newsletter**