

Trinity Trumpet

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Creator of all seasons,

As the earth awakens and blossoms,

We thank You for the gentle rains,
the warming sun, and the songs of new life.

Let the fresh blooms remind us of Your promises,
and the green fields stir hope within our hearts.

Wash away the heaviness of winter,
and plant seeds of joy, peace, and kindness in our souls.

May we grow in love as the flowers grow in beauty,
and may our lives reflect the light of Your goodness.

Bless this season with abundance,
and guide us to share its blessings with others.

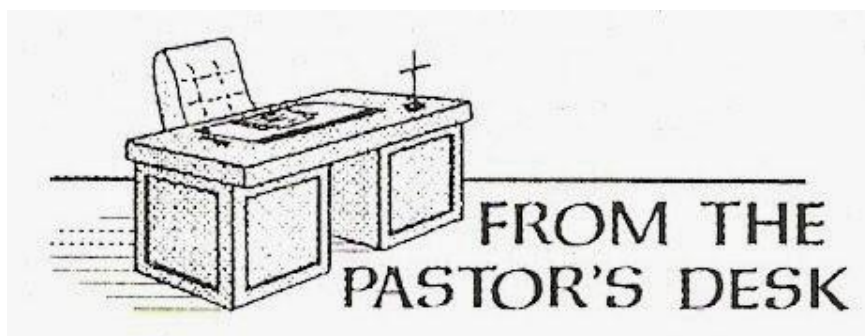
Amen.

Just as the season of Spring brings new life to the world around us, Lent invites us to cultivate new life within us. Like the changing weather, our spiritual lives have seasons, times of cold introspection and times of warm, joyful growth.

Use this time to:

- **Pause and Breathe:** Take moments to sit in quiet reflection, remembering Christ's journey and God's presence in your life.
- **Embrace Renewal:** Look for the "budding" areas in your life and in our congregation where God is fostering growth.
- **Prepare Your Heart:** As we move toward Holy Week, focus on deepening your relationship with God through prayer and reflection.

Let this March be more than just a passing of time on the calendar; let it be a intentional journey toward a deeper, more vibrant faith.



A message from your Pastor

Trinity UCC will host a community Good Friday Service this year. The Lenten Season will end with a gathering at our church. The service will begin with the Cross Walk finishing its journey from the school, ending in our sanctuary. The Cross Walk is organized by

our friends with Bethlehem Experience. It is a simple display of Faith and Belief. The Cross will be carried from the school, through the community, stopping at intervals for the group to offer scripture and prayer. It is an effort to let the world see that God is not some distant being that we meet at the end of our journey here on Earth. The Cross Walk brings to the streets of Berlin a message of God's presence among us now. That the Grace of Christ lives in all of us, whether we express it or not. That the Spirit of God moves around us, shapes and guides us, all we have to do is take time to listen and feel its comforting presence.

Good Friday is not a celebration. It is not a joyful event. It is done in remembrance of the day humanity rejected our savior and sent him to the Cross. It is a reminder to us all that God chose to save us, to offer us redemption. I think that makes it as good a day as any other to welcome our friends, family, and neighbors into our church, so can come together as children of God, and worship surrounded by God's presence.

I would like to share a prayer with you from the Vinyard Guild. It captures the petition of each and every soul to know and live with our God, each and every day. I think that whether we know it or not that petition is what we all seek.

“Holy God, Beloved Trinity, let me always be rooted in you so that I may live in you and you in me. Bless me so that your Grace may flow through me, allowing me to bear fruit to a hungry and helpless world. As I wander, prune from me of all that inhibits your growth in me. Let me do nothing apart from you so that your joy may be complete in me. In Christ's name I pray. Amen

Pastor Dave

A message from your Consistory President

We're heading into March and hopefully the deep-freezing weather is in the rear-view mirror. I talked to several members of the congregation, and I sympathize for those with health issues and those experiencing unstable walking while being confronted

with the everlasting ice. Several members had the added burden of frozen pipes and electrical outages. As a reminder, Pastor David, the church office, and the consistory are here to support you, not only in spiritual needs, but also during unfavorable life events. We are part of your family.

Your consistory kicked off their January meeting, welcoming the newly elected members. We discussed the coming year activities and, in addition, would like to set some achievable goals for church. At the February meeting, we discussed and set three initial goals. One is to expand our spiritual outreach to our congregation and our church community. We are initially exploring a visiting speaker event as part of this goal. A second goal is to install air conditioning in the church sanctuary and the first-floor activities room. We have set March 15th for a congregation meeting to present our proposal and seek approval to move forward. More on this topic over the next few weeks. The third goal is to support and build upon the Berlin Community Room activities that we started in early January. This activity is focused on supporting our aged community members, providing a comfortable place to meet/visit, playing games, receiving information on activities/support from around the Berlin area and an introduction to support provided by the Somerset County Area Agency on Aging (AAA).

As we spiritually progress towards Easter, through Lent period, remember to support the many fish fry outings throughout our community. Fish fries are a major source of funds for these organizations to use in providing outreach in their communities. And as we get closer to Easter, we get closer to warmer weather. From my experiences, warmer weather means warmer attitudes and sometimes less stress. See you in Church.

Bill Landis, President of your Consistory
Trinity United Church of Christ



Consistory Corner
Trinity United Church of Christ
January 19, 2026

Attendance

X Carrie Croner (2028) Deacon
X Allison Zimmerman (2027) Elder
X Shawn Hart (2028) Deacon
X Pam Bush (2026) Deacon X Amy Saylor (2028) Deacon
X Jim Darr (2026) Elder X Sue Coughenour (2028) Elder
X Bill Landis (2026) Deacon
X Lori Gindlesperger (2027) Deacon
X Jean Hart (2026) Deacon
X Jeanne Hillegas (2027) Deacon
X Pastor Dave Creamer
X Allen Strasser (2027) Deacon
A Renee Gindlesperger Fin. Sec.

President Bill Landis called the regular meeting of Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory to order at 6:30 pm. Pastor Dave offered prayer.

Minutes for November Meeting

Minutes for the December 8, 2025, meeting were sent to the consistory members electronically before the January 19, 2026, meeting. A motion was made by Jim Darr, seconded by Pam Bush to approve December 8, 2025, minutes. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was given to the consistory prior to the meeting for review. A motion was made by Jeanne Hillagas, seconded by Lori Gindlesperger to accept the treasurer's report

and file for audit. **Motion approved.** Jim Darr reminded new Consistory Deacons to assist with offering after church in back room if not attending to other matters. Financial Review Committee will be scheduling a date to review the books of the Financial Secretary from July 1-December 31, 2025. No date has been set yet. A motion was made by Allen Strasser to put the financial information in the bulletin monthly instead of weekly; being posted the first Sunday of next month. This is due to the new Tithely contributions not posting until Wednesday or Thursday which skew the accuracy for a weekly posting. Motion seconded by Amy Saylor. **Motion approved.** Those using Tithely will be asked if they still want to receive envelopes. As a precaution in case of an emergency, there will be five church checks with one signature (two required) left in a secure location in the church office.

Committee Liaisons

The following committees' liaisons were changed due to outgoing members:

Christian Education / Nursery - From Sheron Engleka to Sue Coughenour

Hugs & Kisses – From Amanda Custer to Carrie Croner

Pastor & Personnel – from Tom Croner to Allen Strasser

Trinity Ladies – From Julie Petro to Jean Hart

Sound – From Tom Croner to Jim Darr

A motion was made by Lori Gindlesperger to remove the Endowment Committee as it now has oversight with a professional company. Motion seconded by Jeanne Hillegas. **Motion approved.** Sue Coughenour made a motion for the Treasurer and Financial Secretary to review the Endowment Fund statements and then have them go to financial reviews. Motion seconded by Pam Bush. **Motion approved.** The pictorial Committee has been removed. A new committee has been formed for the new church cookbook. Members are Pam Bush, Amy Saylor, Jean Hart, Lori Gindlesperger, and Sue Coughenour. Pastor David Creamer will check with Renee Gindlesperger on whether we still need a line on the budget for Trinity Youth Fellowship. If not, it can be

removed. Consistory will be determining where new committees or contacts may be needed.

Student Minister's Report

In the previous month all the scheduled services were prepared and conducted, as well as one extra on Christmas Eve.

As requested by the County Committee on Ministry for my Discernment process I completed 2 Chaplin and Spiritual Care Trainings and One Chaplin Shadowing Sessions at Somerset UPMC. All my requirements are up to date so far.

I challenged the Consistory Members that are becoming liaisons to Trinities Committees to get to know Who is on the Committee, what do they do, and what do they desire or might they need from the Consistory. Further discussion was had about coordinating missions of the church. Helping to support activities we don't currently have consistory liaisons for, such as the Food Pantry Super Bowl fund raiser, Trinities Family Christmas support program, spearheaded by Julie Petro, and others. A follow-up discussion was held on bringing together Care Committee Activities as well.

I attended the Berlin Ministerium Meeting at the Berlin COB. Discussed Holy Week Services, Baccalaureate Service, and community service and support ideas and issues.

Upcoming Special Services:

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 6 pm. Imposition of Ashes and Communion by intinction.

UCC Joint Association Round Table meeting being hosted here at Trinity on Feb. 26. 630 PM.

Maundy Thursday Meal in the planning now with a potential joint service with Unity UCC.

Berlin Community Good Friday Service, Potential Cross Walk, is being planned as well.

I announced my next week off: May 10th (Mother's Day) to attend my daughter's college graduation. I will find pulpit fill-in for that day.

New Direction of Consistory

President Bill Landis shared his thoughts on having Consistory meetings be more than just the reporting of committees.

Committees may still report, but mainly with issues they may be dealing with that Consistory can help with, or items that need approved. Less attention will be given to what has already happened. Consistory will now be more about setting new goals towards building the church up, growing spiritually, and being more involved in our community. Consistory members were challenged to come back to the next meeting with ideas of goals we'd like to see implemented in our church and community. Pastor Dave Creamer also shared that he also would like to see us go in this direction so that we can be more of an outreach church, grow as Christians, and to see more fellowship among our members. We should be ever growing as church rather than being comfortable where we are.

Standing Committee Reports

- A. Hugs and Kisses – Jean Hart reported that there was good interest at the meeting to discuss the raised bed project. Game night is coming up on January 23, 2026. February 7, 2026 is the Berlin Cocoa Crawl which we will participate in from 10-12 with dipped chocolate pretzels. Children will also be decorating cookies to take home on that day. March 14 is a tentative date to build raised beds. March 28, 2026, is the Winter Jam at the Bryce Jordan Center. Tickets are \$15 at the door, with doors opening at 5 pm, and the concert begins at 6 pm. There is a conflict with school activities that day so this is an individual event for those who can attend. April 19, 2026, is tentative date for Hugs & Kisses to

paint the pavilion at Unity. The next Hugs & Kisses meeting will be on Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 pm.

- B. Christian Education – The primary department asked permission to purchase a television for their area, with no more than \$200 being spent. It was decided that the television and cart in the church conference room is to be moved to that area.
- C. Music – Jeanne Hillegas relayed that Norman Menhorn is requesting use of our church sanctuary sometime in June 2026 for a community cantata. Katie Spiri would be the director of this event, which would include all the Berlin churches. Practices would be held here. Permission was granted, and Rick Kimmel is to schedule having piano tuned prior to this event.
- D. Property – The arch in the sanctuary will be repair and painted by Dustin R. Livingood Painting at a cost of \$4,050. While the scaffolding is up for that project the Property Committee will repair and clean the arch lights. Carpets will be cleaned once the weather turns nice again.

Special Reports

- A. Jr. & Sr. High School Sunday School Class – Jean Hart reported that this class took on purchasing first aid kits for the church. They have purchased three small kits which will be placed in the church kitchen, office, and Children's Sunday School areas. Two large kits were purchased for the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Jean also shared that the youths have completed a beautiful display made with Legos of the Easter story. It can be viewed in the nursery area.

Discussion on changing the regular meeting time to always be at 6:30 pm instead of 7 pm ended in agreement to change the time to 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by Jeanne Hillegas, seconded by Allen Strasser to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting of the consistory will be on **Monday, February 16th at 6:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted

Susan Coughenour

**Trinity United Church of Christ
February 16, 2026**

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Minutes for the January 19, 2026, meeting were sent to the consistory members electronically before the February 16, 2026,

meeting. Three revisions were made to the minutes. A motion was made by Lori Gindlesperger, seconded by Jeanne Hillegas to approve the January 19, 2025, minutes with said revisions.

Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was given to the consistory prior to the meeting for review. A motion was made by Sue Coughenour and seconded by Shawn Hart to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit. **Motion approved.** Renee Gindlesperger explained that leaving five signed checks in the church office will mess up the numbering of church checks. A motion was made by Jeanne Hillegas that when the Financial Secretary will be away from the area for more than two days, they shall leave two signed checks in a secure location of the church office, seconded by Lori Gindlesperger. **Motion approved.** The Financial Review Board met the morning of February 7, 2026, to review the church accounting records for July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025. All accounts are in good standing.

Student Minister's Report

In the previous month, all the scheduled services were prepared and conducted for total of four.

I attended four Chaplin trainings, and with that a volunteer work session at UPMC Somerset Hospital.

I attended two Berlin Ministerium meetings to discuss Lenten services and Baccalaureate.

And I made two home visits with Communion administered.

Standing Committee Reports

- A. **Semi-quincentennial** - A HTELC semi-quincentennial meeting was held January 27, 2026, with Reon Engleka and consistory president, Bill Landis, in attendance. A satisfactory comprise was set for our joint celebrations, which are as follows:

- a. October 4, 2026 (tentative) Heritage Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church.

- b. April 25, 2027, Trinity Lutheran Church will celebrate with their Bishop and daughter churches. Trinity UCC will not be involved in this service.
- c. June 6, 2027, Heritage Sunday at TUCC with a short walk after the worship service to the site of the original church for a short time of prayer, then go to the Borough Building for a covered-dish lunch. Borough Building will need to be rented.
- d. October 3, 2027, there will be no church worship service at either church. A joint service at the Berlin High School auditorium (based on availability) during the afternoon will be held with all the surrounding area churches invited - possibly between 1:00-2:00 as start time. This will be a celebration to commemorate the original 13 baptisms.
- e. October 10, 2027, will be our celebration Sunday with our mission churches, namely Mt Zion and Unity, invited to attend. There will be a meal after worship. Trinity Lutheran Church will not be involved in this service.

B. Christian Education – Television in church conference room was not a smart tv so could not be used for the Primary Sunday School area. A smart television and a light-weight portable stand were purchased for a total of \$173.41.

Our church picnic has been declining in attendance over the years, so the Christian Education Committee is requesting that a Sunday be set aside this summer as a joint out-door worship service with Unity TUCC. The service would take place at the Berling Community Grove with the large white building and the pavilion next to it rented for the occasion. Following worship there would be a picnic to be shared, with both churches

providing covered dishes and our church providing barbequed chicken. Unity would need to approve of this. This could become an annual event, possibly alternating between Unity's pavilion and the Berlin Community Grove.

The South Street playground will be contacted to see if they would like our youth to paint their tables and possibly their walls.

- C. **Funeral Committee** – The committee is asking that a new countertop and back splash be installed in the kitchen to replace countertop put in back in the 1960's. This has been referred to the Property Committee to discuss at their next meeting.
- D. **Property** – An offer of a replacement for the current ping pong table was discussed and will be put in action. The arch work will be done the first or second week of March depending on church schedule. Twenty-four LED lights have been ordered and will be installed the Fellowship Hall. The Property Committee submitted a quote of \$57,000 to have air conditioning installed in the church sanctuary. Upon further discussion it was decided that a new quote should be received to include the Fellowship Hall. Doing it at the same time would save a considerable amount of money. In the meantime, the congregation will be notified of an upcoming congregational meeting scheduled for March 22nd to put this to a vote. A campaign to raise the money would be set up.

Old Business

- A. **New Goals** – Consistory discussed the possibility of having a motivational speaker come in to inspire people in their faith. This would be an event that would be opened to the community. The possibility of John O'Leary, whose life

story was made into the movie “Soul on Fire” was discussed and will be investigated. If he is unable to speak then consistory will continue to research other speakers.

New Business

- A.** Inactive members will be discussed at a meeting of the Spiritual Committee, date to be determined.
- B.** Berkley sisters will be donating money in memory of Lewis and Barbara Berkley to be used in the following manner:
 - a.** A new Christmas tree for the sanctuary, which the Christmas decorating committee will handle. Depending on which tree is chosen, church funds may need to be added.
 - b.** A plaque by the organ in memory of their parents.
 - c.** A special altar flower arrangement and announcement on the day of the unveiling of the new tree.

Consistory decided that the old tree would be advertised for sale.

A motion was made by Pam Bush to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jean Hart. **Motion approved.**

The next meeting of the consistory will be on **Monday, March 16, 2026, at 6:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted

Susan Coughenour



January 2026

	CURRENT	MAINT.	BENEVOLENCE
Beg. Balance	\$217,436.60	\$37,018.14	\$0
Receipts	\$9,418.00	\$830.00	\$810.00
Distributions	\$9,968.71	\$0	\$155.00
Ending Balance	\$216,886.89	\$37,848.14	\$655.00

Benevolence Distributions: Berlin Food Pantry (Individual Donations) – \$30; Pastor's Discretionary Fund - \$125

Memorials (thru 2/16/26)

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara Berkley.

--Jim Darr, Treasurer



Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly, Debbi Luteri,
Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Brad Bowers,
Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown,
Ray Coleman, Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy
Coughenour, Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey,

Wilma Durst, Linda Gallick, Marlene Gotchen, Dennis Griffith,
Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Kris Hay, Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple,
Gary Hillegas, Barry Landis, Brenda Leister, Wendy Leister,
Richard Lilliston, Jim Little, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen,
Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller,
Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Easton Pritts, Brian Robb,
James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor,
Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis,
Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Ron Tamblyn,
Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus, Barbara and Peter Usher,
Faye Walker, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,
Echo Kincaid Yoder, Gerald Zorn

Good Friday Services

We will be hosting community Good Friday services here at Trinity. The "Cross Walk" will begin at the High School at 5:45 p.m. with services following here at Trinity at 7:00. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Ministry Opportunity

There is a unique ministry opportunity for anyone who likes to crochet or knit, or someone who can cut plastic bags. Sleeping mats made from plastic bag "yarn" (known as plan) are made and donated to the Pittsburgh Distribution Center for the Homeless. To learn more about this ministry, please contact Sue Coughenour at 814-233-5413.

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School continues the study on the book of Romans. So far, we have learned our need for a savior, how we are saved (through faith in Christ Jesus alone), and the benefits God gives us in that salvation. Now we are ready to dive into chapters 6-16, which will show us how we should live in Christ Jesus. If you are not able to join us for Sunday School, we encourage you to read through the book of Romans during the Lent season. We have so much more than just eternal life through Christ and what better time to understand all he did for us on that cross? Sunday School

meets in the Fellowship Hall at 10:10 a.m. Class taught by Sue Coughenour.

Christian Ed meeting will be Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30pm

Trinity Ladies

Trinity Ladies meet on the first Monday of each month at Cup of Soul at 11:30

Hugs & Kisses

As usual our Hugs & Kisses have lots of upcoming plans. Here is a highlight of a few of the things to come.

Saturday, March 14th at 9 AM- All hands on deck! We need your help in **building 2 raised garden beds** in the church lawn that we are going to use to plant fresh vegetables for the food pantry. We received a grant for the building materials/supplies, but we need the manpower. We would like this to be a project where the more “experienced” builders of our church can help work with our youth and teach and encourage them in the building process. Bring your power tools and helpful spirit and join us in this worthy project!

Saturday, March 28th- Winter Jam 2026 at Bryce Jordan Center, State College. This is America’s largest annual Christian music tour. Admission at 5 PM, Show at 6 PM, \$15 at the door. If interested, let Amy Clark know if anyone wants to follow/go together as a group.

Sunday, April 19th at 2 PM - Painting Unity UCC’s Pavilion. We can meet in our church parking lot to carpool or just meet us there. Many hands make light work.

Thursday, April 16th at 6:30 PM- next H&K planning meeting.

Easter Flowers:

Enclosed are the order forms for Easter Flowers. Please submit as soon as possible to ensure selected colors.

Church Cookbook Fundraiser

Years ago, our church members put together a cookbook that many people still use today. There is nothing better than tried and true recipes. We have a lot of GREAT cooks out there so please share. Be sure to put your name on your recipe and any hints you may have in its preparation. This should be lots of fun! Thank you to those who have submitted.....keep them coming!

We plan to start putting it together the beginning of April so please remember to submit as soon as possible!

The Berlin Community Center

Trinity UCC has partnered with local Civic groups and active community members to create a community room using the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 4:00. All folks from the community are welcome for socializing, sharing information, fellowship and much more. Stop in and play a game of chess, enjoy a cup of coffee, and learn about what is going on and how you can be a part of future activities. We hope in the future to have informational opportunities from the Agency on Aging and local volunteer groups.

Pictorials

If you did not get your church pictorial, we do still have copies in the church office.

Congregational Meeting will be held March 15th following worship regarding proposed air conditioning in our church.

Berlin Community Days Rummage Sale

We will be having a rummage sale with Hug & Kisses in July during Berlin Community Days. As you clean, please consider donating gently used items to our sale.

Looking for some fun and fellowship? Come join us when you can!!

Online Giving (Tithe.ly)

If you are giving through our recent online Tithe.ly and no longer need donation envelopes, please contact the office. There is a slight delay in the receipt of your online donations to the bank.

Therefore, in order to give you a more accurate picture of our budget goals, we will be posting the giving information once a month as opposed to weekly. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office or Renee.



Church World Services Disaster Kits.

Church World Services (CSW) assembles disaster kits to provide essential items to those in need, especially during natural disasters, violence, or grinding poverty. These kits aim to restore Dignity and meet a critical yet often overlooked need. This is an ongoing mission as disasters have no expiration date.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Dave Creamer at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Tom Croner at 814-442-6740. If neither is available, contact Pam Bush at 541-990-0832.

Worship Assistants

March 1

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Chris King
Organ: Jean Ann Darr
Flowers: Nancy Hitte
Bulletin: Anonymous
Ushers: Amy and Jason Clark
Acolyte: Nathan Spangler
Lectors: Cora and Lucy Wright

March 8

Sound: Jim and Jean Ann Darr
Organ: Ann Slifco
Flowers: Bob and Colleen Glotfelty
Bulletin: Larry & Judy McCullen
Ushers: Ken Miller, Leonard Gary
Acolyte/Lector: Cora and Lucy Wright

March 15

Sound: Colton Custer, Bill Landis
Organ: Jean Ann Darr
Flowers: Michelle Vaughn, Nicole Parish
Bulletin: Larry McCullen
Ushers: Allen Strasser, Bob Brown
Acolyte/Lector: Colton Custer

March 22

Sound: Cohen Clark, Jim Darr
Organ: Amy Clark
Flowers: Leonard & Shirley Gary
Ushers: Sue Coughenour, Sheron Engleka
Acolyte: Avery and Isla Hillegas
Lector: Cohen Clark

March 29

Sound: Jim and Jean Ann Darr
Organ: Nancy Bittner
Flowers: Debbie Boyer
Ushers: Alissa Wright, Carrie Croner
Acolyte/Lector: Liz Hart, Riley Beckwith

April 3 – Good Friday

Sound: Pam Bush, Cohen Clark

Organ: Ann Slifco

Ushers: Bob Brown, John Wisler

Acolyte/Lector: Cohen Clark

April 5 – Easter Sunday

Sound: Chris King, Lori Gindlesperger

Organ: Ann Slifco

Flowers: Larry and Gale Hay

Ushers: Jean Hart, Shawn Hart

Acolyte/Lector: Truitt and Callum Ogburn

April 12

Sound: Pam Bush, Cohen Clark

Organ: Amy Clark

Flowers: Michele Romesberg

Ushers: Jim and Jean Ann Darr

Acolyte/Lector: Cohen Clark

April 19

Sound: Colton Custer, Bill Landis

Organ: Amanda Custer

Flowers: Bob and Lois Boburchock

Special Flowers: Judy McCullen

Ushers: Bill Landis, Jim Walker

Acolyte/Lector: Kaitlyn Miller

April 26

Sound: Jim and Jean Ann Darr

Organ: Nancy Bittner

Flowers: Michele Romesburg

Bulletin: Craig and Amanda Stiffler

Ushers: Jeanne Hillegas, Lori Gindlesperger

Acolyte/Lector: Colton Custer

To our incredible volunteers,

Your time, energy, and dedication have made a world of difference. You've shown that kindness, compassion, and teamwork can truly change lives. Every hour you've given, every smile you've shared, and every effort you've made has helped us move closer to our mission. We are deeply grateful for your generosity of spirit and the positive impact you've created. Thank you for being the heart of our community.

If you are interested in being a part of this great group of folks, please reach out to any committee member, our consistory, the office and Pastor Dave.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Dave Creamer, Student Pastor

Church Secretary: Pam Bush & Jean Ann Darr

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

Virtual Organist: Rick Kimmel

Consistory Elders:

Sue Coughenour, Secretary, 814-233-5413

Jim Darr, Treasurer, 814-267-5260

Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Carrie Croner, Lori Gindlesperger,

Jean Hart, Shawn Hart, Jeanne Hillegas,

Bill Landis President 814-521-6800, Amy Saylor, Allen Strasser

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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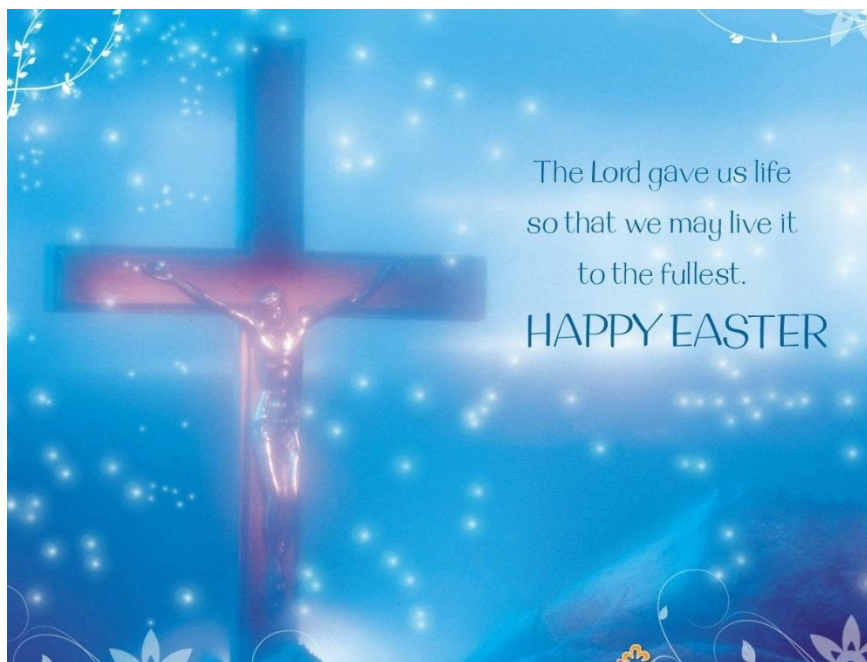
Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer

No more boots or heavy coats,
We trade the frost for sunlit notes.
A gentle breeze replaces chill,
With blooming fields on every hill.

The birds return, their songs so sweet,
Grass beneath our carefree feet.
The sun shines bright, the air is clear,
Spring's arrival brings us cheer.

So let's enjoy this warming grace,
With nature's beauty taking place.
A season fresh, a time to grow,
Where happiness and sunshine flow.



Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Your Son and the promise of eternal life. In this Easter season, may we carry the message of Your love into our homes, our communities, and the world. Let our lives reflect the glory of the empty tomb. Amen.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at Trinity United Church of Christ.

God Bless the Person Reading This Bulletin