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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Father, give us guidance as we try to honor You and Your Name, in our community, as we go about our and your activities day by day. Christ has risen! Amen.

The profile has been posted. The "Search Committee" is almost complete. Hopefully the Lord has someone out there ready and groomed for us, but if we are like many Churches, we will need lots of patience.

I want to thank the Profile committee for their excellent job of completing their work. Good work Debbie .

We will be setting up the greeters soon. We could use some more volunteers. At the present time, I think there are about a dozen names on the list.

Be sure to read the item about the “Knotty Knotters”. In reading about the group, it sounds more like the, “Busy Beavers”. Thank you.

Have you been following the information about the new adult Sunday School Class? I think most of you have already discussed many of the items included in the study. Why not stay for or come in for the five or six Sundays of the study? Sue Coughenour is teaching the class.

The Property Committee is doing a complete inventory of our Church property so the list will be up to date for Insurance purposes. Likewise, Historian Allison Zimmerman and a few others are doing an inventory of stored records.

Tom Croner and Rus Ogburn have speakers through the end of May.

I will end with a “Thank You” to the office staff, the custodial crew and those that keep things working smoothly.

Don't forget the May 8 Consistory Meeting.

Tom Calvert, President
Berlin Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory



Consistory Corner
Trinity United Church of Christ
April 10, 2023

Attendance

X Tom Calvert (President)

X Leanna Coughenour (Asst Sec)

X Gale Hay

X Tom Croner

X Gaye Maust

A Ann Slifco

A Julie Petro

- A Rus Ogburn (Vice President)
- X Amanda Custer (Asst Treas)
- X Debbie Boyer
- X Sheron Engleka (Secretary)
- X Amy Clark (Treasurer)

President Tom Calvert called the regular meeting of Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory to order at 7:05pm. Tom Croner offered the prayer.

Minutes for March 2023 meeting

Minutes for the March 13, 2023 meeting were sent to the Consistory members electronically before the April meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March meeting by Tom Croner and seconded by Leanna Coughenour. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed; no corrections were made. Gale Hay made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report and submit it for audit, seconded by Gaye Maust. **Motion approved.**

President and Elders Report (Spiritual Council)

Tom Croner reported on the pulpit supply that Bill Deal committed to May 7th, and Jay Shaffer for July 2nd. and June 4th is open as of this meeting.

Tom Calvert reported that a committee will be formed to go through the church records to organize and put all the records together. Additional fireproof storage might be needed after the above process is completed.

Tom Calvert reported that the Elders are working on putting together a search committee for a minister.

Standing Committees Reports

- a.** Christian Education – Leanna Coughenour reported that 30 children and adults were in attendance for the Easter Egg Event. Tom Calvert reported that the Sunday school program for the adult class on Culture Shock will be starting April 23rd through July 9th.
- b.** Hugs and Kisses – Plans for the Candy Bar Bingo on April 21st and the Brunch on May 7th are in progress. Sign-up sheets are at both entrances for these events.
- c.** Property – Tom Croner reported that the front door was sticking and will be looked into, and the cemetery will need sprayed with weed killer.
- d.** Music – Deb Boyer reported that the Bell Choir is tentatively scheduled to play on May 21st.
- e.** Sound – Tom Croner reported that new heavier cords were needed for the pulpit and lectern to make the mikes work better and they are doing extra checks prior to the service.

Special Committees' Reports

- a** Profile and Search – Deb Boyer reported that the Conference office has the profile for our church and after a few tweaks it has been signed by Rev. Dave Ackerman, Conference Minister/ President.

Coordinator's Reports

- a.** Living Waters - .Gale Hay reported that a cleanup of the campgrounds is in progress to get ready for the camping season.

Business

There was no old business.

New Business

It was reported that the Knotty Knotters from the Lutheran Church would like to present throws to our Active Service and Veterans on Veterans Sunday. Discussion followed. Donations for this project and others that the Knotty Knotters do for others will be requested.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Amy Clark, seconded by Tom Croner at 8:00pm.

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted.
Sheron Engleka, Secretary



Financial Reports submitted by our Financial Secretary, Renee Gindlesperger, and Treasurer, Amy Clark.

January – March 2023

	CURRENT	MAINTENANCE	BENEVOLENCE
Beg. Balance	\$78,543.71	\$14,882.17	\$0
Receipts	\$33,330.61	\$2,742.50	\$5,550.00
Distributions	\$24,390.63	\$235.86	\$5,550.00
Ending Balance	\$87,483.69	\$17,388.81	\$0

Benevolence Distributions: Berlin Food Pantry (Individual Donations) – \$2,320; Berlin Food Pantry (Benevolence Budget) - \$334.67; Trinity Outreach (Benevolence Budget) - \$669.33; Global Ministries – Child Sponsor - \$90; OCWM - \$2,011.00; Pastor’s Discretionary Fund - \$125

Memorials (as of 4/10/23):

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of Carol J Fogle.

Amy Clark, Treasurer

Berlin Food Pantry would like to thank TUCC for their generous donations which assist in helping those who struggle within the greater Berlin & Shanksville School Districts.



Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

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

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Elizabeth Deal, John Durst, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Jim McKenzie, Judy McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Doug Murphy, Harold Pritts, James Robb, Lois Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Tracey Smith, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Harry & Jane Watkins, Gerald Zorn

Prayer and well wishes:

Pastor Art has recently undergone some surgery. Please join us in sending him your prayers, well wishes and cards to:
Art Gotjen, 1096 Sunset Dr., Somerset PA 15501

Debbie Luteri fell in February and broke her arm but seems to be healing well. Please join us in sending her, your prayers, well wishes and cards to:

Debbie Luteri, 730 Bloom St., Apt 4l, Johnstown, PA 15902

Prayer List Update

Once again, we need your assistance in updating our prayer list of healing concerns. If you have placed someone on our list, please confirm that they are still in need of prayer or hopefully taken off thanks to God's power of healing and your prayers. Please contact the office to help us with this update.

One Call Now Prayer List

Please remember that we have the ability to request prayer for church members, families, friends, and anyone in need of prayer. Never underestimate the power of prayer. One small prayer can change your life or someone's life dramatically. To request prayer calls, simply contact Pam, our secretary, at 541-990-0832 or at the office during business hours. If you are not on the one call now prayer phone receipt list and would like to be, we can do that as well.

The Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School Class will be held in Fellowship Hall following this schedule:

April 23-July 9: **Culture Shock:** A 12-part video series by Chip Ingram. Where do you stand on the issues of Truth, Abortion, The Environment, Sex, Homosexuality, Churches, and Politics? More importantly what does God say? More than ever before, believers must develop convictions based on research, reason, and biblical truth. It's equally important that believers are able (and willing) to communicate these convictions with the love and respect that reflects God's own heart. This study will help you to respond with love, even in the face of controversy. In the process, you'll discover the power of bringing light – not heat – to the core issues at the heart of society today.

This class is open to adults of **ALL AGES** and is lead by Sue Coughenour. *Come join us!*

Holy Trinity has leased a 55-passenger bus to attend the showing of Moses at Sight and Sound, Lancaster, PA on Thursday, June 8, 2023 for the 3:00 PM show. We will leave our

parking lot at approximately 10:00 AM. You will need a packed lunch, but we will stop at Cracker Barrel for dinner at your cost on the way home.

The cost is \$95 for adults and \$60 for youth up to age 12. This covers the cost of your ticket and share of the cost of the bus. If you would like to attend with us, please call the church office at 814-267-5014.

Seating is limited so this will be first-come, first serve. You will be signed up when we receive your payment, which is non-refundable (we must purchase the tickets in advance and pay for the bus in advance).

Hugs & Kisses:

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of Hugs & Kisses over the last few months. Since the first of the year, they have had a Game Night in January, a Movie Night in February, an Easter Egg Hunt in March, a Candy Bar Bingo and Shut-Ins visit in April and are planning a Breakfast Brunch, May 7th following the Service.

This is a lot of work, and your hard work and energy are appreciated by so many people. This brings our Congregation together in fellowship, demonstrates our Youth Ministry and touches people's lives in many ways. Thank you to the youth and their leaders, you are all appreciated!!

Next Hugs & Kisses Planning Meeting – Tuesday, May 2nd, 6:30.

May 7th – Brunch after Church – We would like to try something new after Church. Since it's not lunch time, we would like to invite everyone to stay after Church for brunch and fellowship. There will be no Sunday School on this date. Everyone can bring food to share, and Hugs & Kisses will set things up, heat up casseroles, etc., but we need **everyone's help** to make this a success. There will be a sign-up sheet at the entrance. Please come, eat, and fellowship with us!

Trinity Bells

We are excited to let you know that Jeanne Hillegas has informed us that our wonderful Trinity Bells will be playing on May 21st!!

Laurel Highlands Chorale Spring Concert

“From Stage to Screen” will be presented at the Somerset Church of the Brethren, Berlin Plank Road on Sunday, May 7th at 3:30 pm and Monday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. Selections from the musical theatre stage and musical film screen will be presented.

Director Jan Burkett and accompanist Rick Kimmel. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door or contact Dorene Friedline at 814-926-3610 or 814-442-0460.

Camp Living Waters 3rd Annual Fishing Tournament

May 6th & 7th, \$15 entry fee / children under 12 free.

Schedule of Events:

5/6 – Registration at 7:00 a.m.

5/6 – Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m., fishing until 6:00 p.m.

5/6 – Last call to turn in tags at 6:30 p.m.

5/7 – Fishing from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

5/7 – Last call to turn in tags 3:30 p.m.

Fish for cash prizes! Big trout contest, 50/50, and other raffle prizes available. Fishing, sporting goods, food vendors on site.

Cabin, tent, and trailer camping available by reservation, call 814-733-4212. Registration forms at Vine Street Entrance.

Worship Assistants

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May 7

Sound: Chris King, Lori Gindlesperger

Flowers: Jim & Jean Ann Darr

Ushers: Julie Petro, Tom Croner

Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

May 14

Sound: Jim Darr, Russ Hillegas

Flowers: Barry Landis

Bulletin: Larry & Judy McCullen

Ushers: Amanda Custer, Sheron Engleka

Acolyte: Maelyn Fochtman / Cora Wright

May 21

Sound: Pam Bush, Tom Croner
Flowers: Alissa Wright
Bulletin: Larry McCullen
Ushers: Alissa Wright, John Wisler
Acolyte: Vesper / Truitt Ogburn

May 28

Sound: Gaye Maust, Tyler Gindlesperger
Flowers: Reon & Sheron Engleka
Ushers: Bob Brown, Jean Ann Darr
Acolyte: Cohen Clark / Colton Custer

June 4

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Chris King
Flowers: Larry McCullen
Ushers: Gaye Maust, Debbie Boyer
Acolyte: Lily Countryman

June 11

Sound: Jim Darr, Russ Hillegas
Flowers: Chris King
Ushers: Tom Calvert, Ann Slifco
Acolyte: Matt / Kaitlyn Miller

June 18

Sound: Tom Croner, Pam Bush
Flowers: Barry Landis
Ushers: Amy & Jason Clark
Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

June 25

Sound: Tyler Gindlesperger, Gaye Maust
Flowers: Russ & Jeanne Hillegas
Bulletin: Craig & Amanda Stiffler
Ushers: Chris King, Leanna Coughenour
Acolyte: Maelyn Fochtman / Cora Wright

Altar Flowers

For those of you who are unable to pick up the orders that you make for the altar flowers, please make arrangements to have them

picked up for you. If you are unable to make arrangements or choose not to, please contact the church office. We will deliver them to our shut ins or Meadowview nursing home patients.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Church Secretary: Pam Bush & Jean Ann Darr

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

Virtual Organist: Rick Kimmel

Consistory Elders:

Tom Calvert, President, 814-267-3771

Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Consistory Deacons:

Amy Clark, Amanda Custer, Ann Slifco

Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, Tom Croner

Julie Petro, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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Tentative Scheduled Supply Pastors:

May 7 Bill Deal

May 14 Reverend James Vander Schur

May 21 Bill Deal

May 28 Reverend Jay Shaffer

June 4 Steve Dinning

June 11 Josh Spangler

June 18 Bill Deal

June 25 Reverend James Vander Schuur

We are blessed to have these gentlemen leading us in worship as we search for our new Pastor. Thank you all so much. And again, thank you to Tom Croner and Rus Ogburn for compiling this schedule.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Calvert, President of Consistory at 814-267-3771, 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.

A Special Tribute for our active military and all living veterans has been given to us from the **Knotty Knotters**, Lutheran Church, Berlin. The Knotters will make throws for all of our active military and Veterans as a special **“thank you for your service”** to be given on Veterans Sunday.



Any active military or veterans that have not given their names to Sheron, please contact Sheron Engleka at 814-267-4166.

Donations are needed for the Knotty Knotters at the Lutheran Church. The Knotters supply prayer shawls, Izzy dolls, dish clothes, walker caddies, chemo hats, baby hats, and throws for adults, children, babies, and veterans. In 2022 they gave away over 350 covers alone. It takes many hands to do the above work from many denominations. There are several members from our church that are very active with many hours of their time to spread the love of God to others. Any donations of money or material are used for the above projects. Please mark your donations for Knotty Knotters.

The Lord Bless and Keep You!

