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The Turning Leaf

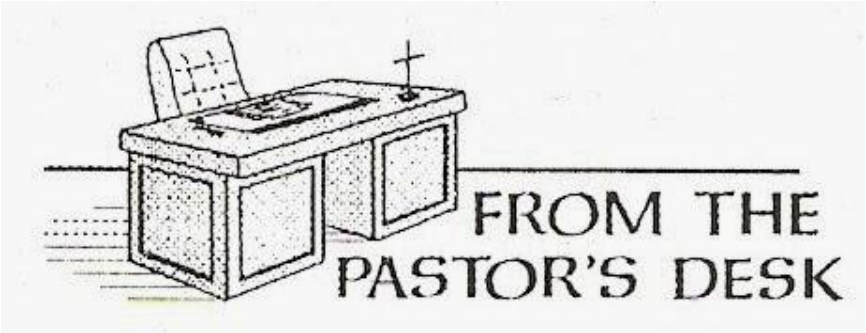
The last gold leaf clings to the bough,
A final kiss before the snow.
The wind draws breath in silver threads,
And whispers of the coming cold.
The sun retreats a step or two,
The air grows sharp, the world grows true.
The trees stand bare, their veins of frost,
A hushed promise of the winter host.

Yet in the frost, a quiet spark,

A seed of life beneath the dark.

So let the leaves fall, soft and slow,

And watch the winter's first light grow.



A message from your Pastor
Pastor Dave is taking a much-needed break prior to going into the holiday season…..our busiest time of the year.

A Holiday Message from Your Pastor

Dear Church Family,

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate the blessings of Thanksgiving and the joy of Christmas, may we remember God's goodness, His unfailing love, and the greatest gift of all—our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I am grateful for each of you and for the love and fellowship we share as a church family.

May your homes be filled with peace, your hearts with joy, and your lives with God's richest blessings throughout this holiday season and the coming New Year.

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee."

With love, prayers, and warmest holiday wishes,
Pastor Dave

A message from your Consistory President

The frost is on the pumpkin and I hoping its several weeks before the white stuff starts flying. It's been a wonderful summer and fall, especially the added Sunday morning guest music sessions. Special thanks to Jeanne for her dedication and support. Also, a shout out to Jean Hart and the group of Trinity ladies that made delicious soup for sale and supported the first Berlin "Echoes in Time" event.

A few administration activities are near completion, and final products are being prepared for the December congressional meeting. The first is the 2027 budget. A consistory meeting was held to review the present (2026) budget, identifying line items that may need to be increased or decreased. There were several of each and those were carried forward to the 2027 budget. In conclusion, we have developed a workable positive budget and will be seeking approval for it from the congregation in December. A copy of this proposed budget is in this newsletter. If you have questions, please give me or Renee Gindlesperger a call.

The second item we will be presenting at the December meeting is a proposed update to our Trinity Church Constitution and By-Laws. As mentioned before, this has not been updated for many years. Changes will be made available for the congregations review prior to a member vote to formally update the By-Laws.

As mentioned before in this newsletter, that starting in January, Pastor David will be going to half time for Trinity UCC and half

time Unity UCC. We are finalizing his tasks under his new contract, and his half-time salary is reflected in the proposed budget. The
Consistory, as well as Pastor David, is very excited to have his dedicated additional time supporting our fellowship.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the consistory has been following the proposed merger of the six Western Associations of the UCC, that are in the Keystone Conference, into a new combined association called the Allegheny Association. Last year a proposed Draft Constitution and a set of Bi-Laws for the new Association were voted down by most churches in the six Western Associations. There were numerous reasons for the negative vote. The reasons were grouped into two major areas. The first was a group of concerns about the structure of the new Association. These concerns included leadership identification, committees required to effectively function and support the member churches, and financial obligations from member churches. The second grouping included requirements in the Draft Constitution and Bi-Laws that were dictatorial in nature, such as forcing a member church consistory to forfeit the church assets to the Synod, if that church folded. Another issue was lack of autonomy at the local church level. Throughout the spring and summer, a new draft Constitution and By-laws were developed, considering the concerns raised about the previous draft documentation. The result is a set of new draft documents that satisfied our major concerns. Although there were many modifications, I'll list just a few that were major swingers for our consistory. First, the draft Constitution and Bi-Laws follow very closely to the present Somerset Association and By-Laws and Constitution. In our view, this is a major positive. Second, Committee leadership and committee responsibilities are clearly defined. Third, the documentation clearly states that the member churches have total autonomy to decide how their church operates and what is presented from the pulpit. Resources at the Conference and Synod levels are there for reference, not as direction to be followed by the Association churches. This was very important to our consistory because we believe the Gospel and the love of Jesus should be the message from our minister.

The last major item was distribution of church assets if our church would close its doors. Under the previous draft Constitution and By-Laws, all assets, including buildings, land, and funds, would become the property of the Synod/Conference. The new documentation states that all assets remain in control of the church membership with distribution of assets at their discretion. The only requirement is that documentation concerning local historical items, such as baptisms, will be forwarded to the historical records of the Synod.

At the last consistory meeting we voted (100%) to approve the merger into the Allegheny Association, under the draft proposed Constitution and By-Laws. We were allocated three members to attend the UCC Somerset Association meeting on 1 November to participate in the final vote for approval or non-approval. Our three members will attend and were instructed to provide three approval votes. From this meeting, we will know what the Somerset Association vote will be going forward to the six Western Associations meeting. We will keep the congregation informed.

Although this last section was a little long, maybe boring to some, I feel it's important to keep the congregation abreast of happenings at the Association and Conference levels, especially items that have potential to impact on our ministry and Christian outreach. Enjoy the beautiful fall weather we have had over the past several weeks and remember to reach out and help someone in need.

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



Consistory Corner
Trinity United Church of Christ
September 21, 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
A Jim Darr (2026) Elder
X Sue Coughenour (2028) Elder
X Bill Landis (2026) Deacon
X Lori Gindlesperger (2027) Deacon
X Jean Hart (2026) Deacon
A 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 August 16, 2026, meeting were sent to the consistory members electronically before the September 21, 2026, meeting. A motion was made by Jean Hart, seconded by Pam Bush to approve August 16, 2026, 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 Lori Gindlesperger, seconded by Allen Strasser to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit. **Motion approved.** The Audit Committee finished the 6-month review on August 8, 2026, and everything was in good standing and approved. The Budget Committee consisting of all the Deacons and Renee Gindlesperger will meet on October 6. 2026, at 7 pm to work on the 2027 Church Budget. Jingle Sundays will be held all Sundays in October to benefit the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Nancy Thomas bequeathed an unknown amount of money to the church. A motion was made by Sue Coughenour to donate $150.00 to the Somerset County Search and Rescue, seconded by Amy Saylor. **Motion approved**.

Student Minister's Report

Pastor Dave Creamer reported that he has begun his senior year at the academy and is in student mode again. He conducted the Kathy Picking funeral. He is hoping to give more time to nursing home visitations and dedicating time to that. He visited Larry Hay in Ebensburg and hopes to do so more as his work takes him in that direction. A Personnel Committee meeting was conducted at Unity UCC with representatives of both churches and Dave, and He will be going from 25% time to 50% at each church the beginning of the year. In addition, he has advised the university that he will only be giving them 4 or 5 days per month for training. President Bill Landis commented that there will be an increase in salary with these changes. Dave also shared that church services have been going well and he hasn't received any concerns or complaints. He is already giving thought to the Advent season.

Standing Committee Reports

Sound – Pam Bush reported that there were issues with the camera and new laptop on Sunday, with the laptop freezing. A call was put into the sound company, and the company the laptop was purchased from will be notified. She is not sure that the system will be working this Sunday. It is thought that there may be a need for a dedicated modem just for the sound system.

Old Business

Christmas Committee – The Christmas Committee has decided it does not want to purchase a new tree this year; however, the Berkley Sisters would like to have a tree purchased in this calendar year so that their parent's legacy can be settled. Pastor Dave will communicate with all parties involved to see if a solution can be found.

Church Office – Pam Bush reported that clearances are coming in.

Bylaw Review – It was agreed that in the by-laws it will be noted that when taking attendance, we will add in those watching the service live online. Also, there will be a clause included to state that church assets will be distributed by the church to local charities and causes should the church dissolve for some unforeseeable reason. This will keep it from going to the National UCC Association. The list of where those assets go should be reviewed every 5 to 10 years. A committee comprised of Allen Strasser, Jim Darr, Rene Gindlesperger, and others deemed necessary will do an assessment of the church property to figure out an approximate worth. Some thought was given to where those funds would go but nothing was decided for sure. Those listed were Camp Livingwaters, The Berlin Food Pantry, Berlin Community Grove, Trinity Lutheran Church, as they

were part of the Reform Church, and the playground. More thought needs to be given to this. Again, all changes will be presented to the congregation at the December Congregational meeting.

New Consistory Members – A list of those who might be asked to serve on consistory was discussed. Those mentioned were Cohen Clark, Matthew Miller, Missy Miller, Bob Chappie, Daryl McClintock, Debbie Boyer, Tammy Rohrs. Barb Landis, Kathy Spangler, Chris King, Ann Slifco, and Nancy Bittner. Kevin Miller was also mentioned but is not a member.

New Business

Echoes in Time Event – The Trinity Ladies will be serving ham, potatoes and green beans for this community event in October.

Allegheny Association Constitution and By-Laws Vote – Bill Landis explained some of the various ways we can approach this vote. The vote will take place at the Meyersdale UCC on Saturday, November 1, 2026. There was some discussion, however, Pastor Dave was called away from the meeting for an emergency, and he was needed to help understand the situation better, as he has been speaking with various people and getting a better understanding of the proposed changes. The issue was tabled until the October meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.
The next meeting of the consistory will be on **Monday, October 19, 2026, at 6:30pm**.

Respectfully submitted
Susan Coughenour

Trinity United Church of Christ
October 19, 2026

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X Allison Zimmerman (2027) Elder
X Shawn Hart (2028) Deacon
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some discussion on the 2027 budget, a motion was made by Jean Hart to accept the proposed budget and present it to the congregation at the December 6, 2026, congregational meeting. Motion was seconded by Lori Gindlesperger. **Motion approved**.

Student Minister's Report

Pastor Dave Creamer reported that he will be on vacation over the next two weeks. Steve Dinning will be filling the pulpit on October 25, 2026. Then on November 1, 2026, Matthew Wilder, a former Mormon, will present ministry in song. The All-Saints Day celebration and communion will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2026. November 15th will be the Veterans Day celebration. Advent begins November 29, 2026, beginning a new season in the church. December 6, 2026, is the Bethlehem Experience event, in which Pastor Dave will be one of the presenters. December 19th is the Historical Society's open house at the one room schoolhouse. Pastor Dave will be asking some of our youth to participate in this. He reported that his heart issue is stabilized with medication until he can have a procedure done in January. He isn't allowed to do any work for the time being at his engineering job.

Standing Committee Reports

Trustees – The HVAC thermostats have been locked down so that temperatures can't be changed by everyone, as there have been issues.

Semi-Quincentennial (250th) Anniversary Committee – The plaque was approved by both churches, an appropriate stone found, and the order was placed with it expected to be done by next May. Booklet is 95 % done on our part, with rest to be completed by the Lutheran church. The Firemen's

Auxiliary has agreed to serve the October 10, 2027, meal and all is set and scheduled.

New Business

Community Organizations Fair – The Lions Club is putting together an event on January 26, 2027, to have all the community organizations and groups in Berlin to have a booth in our fellowship hall. This will be open for the community to come in and find out more about each group with the hope of gaining new membership.

Church Elevator – It has been brought to the attention of church office that there were laws passed regarding the inspection of elevators in Pennsylvania. Basic inspections that had been given once a year are now every 6 months, and the pressure test that was held every five years is now every year; which of course will cost the church more than before. The pressure test has been conducted, and our elevator has passed inspection.

Old Business

Bylaw Review - Changes have been made but will be looked at in our November 16, 2026, meeting.

New Consistory Members – The following people have agreed to serve on consistory for the 2027-2029 term.

Elder – Jason Clark
Deacons – Ellie Clark, Brandon Hillegas, and Barb Landis

Trinity Ladies – For the Echoes of the Past event, the ladies sold 4 roaster pans of ham, green beans, and potatoes, with no leftovers. Total profit is not yet determined.

Christmas Tree – The decorating committee will be using the three smaller trees again this year and then purchase a new tree with monies donated by the Berkley sisters after Christmas, when they go on sale.

Six Western Association Merger Proposal Vote - Last year there was a proposal to combine all the western Pennsylvania associations into one association. That vote failed because of the way it was structured would have taken away many of our freedoms in how we present the Gospel. Hearing the wishes of many of the churches, the proposal has been modified so that those freedoms would remain in place, and the merger would only strengthen our ability to provide support to each church. Pastor Dave has done much research and contacted many people to get clarification on this issue. He gave a detailed explanation to consistory to help us make an informed decision on whether to vote yes or no on this issue. We saw both the pros and the cons of the issue. A vocal vote was taken around the table, and it was unanimous that we vote yes on this proposal at the November 1, 2026, All Association Meeting to be held at Amity UCC in Meyersdale. Our three delegates will be Bill Landis, Jim Darr and Sue Coughenour.

Church Cookbook – Recipes are still coming in so the cookbook has been delayed. People are urged to get them in immediately so this project can move forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.
The next meeting of the consistory will be on **Monday, November 16, 2026, at 6:30pm**.

Respectfully submitted
Susan Coughenour



August - September 2026

CURRENT		MAINT.	BENEVOLENCE
Beginning Balance:	$232,631.29	$30,939.15	$892.00
Receipts	$22,655.90	$1,425.00	$3,663.00
Distributions	$21,357.22	$2,036.00	$4,405.00
Ending Balance	$187,639.87	$26,828.15	$150.00

Benevolence Distributions: Berlin Food Pantry (Individual Donations) – $1,250; Global Ministries - Child Sponsorship - $90; Trinity Outreach (Benevolence Budget) - $570; Operation Christmas Child $635; Food Pantry (Benevolence Budget) - $387.60; Our Churches Wider Mission - $1,322.40; Berlin Historical Society $50

Memorials (through 10/15/26)

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in memory of James Zimmerman.

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in memory of Kathy Picking.

A gift was given to the Music Fund in memory of Kathy Picking.

--Jim Darr, Treasurer



Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Mary Jane Harding, Debbi Luteri, Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor, Audrey Twombly

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown, Jeff Calvert, Debbie Chafin, Tim Clites, Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy Coughenour, Pastor Dave Creamer, Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey, Cathy Engleka, Deneen Eutsey, Linda Gallick, Shirley Gary, Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, John Halverson, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple, Scott Helmick, Gary Hillegas, Karen Hittie, Barry Landis, Wendy Leister, Richard Lilliston, Jim Little, Nick Lorson, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Tom Nicholson, Carl (Edison) Paul, Easton Pritts, Brian Robb, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Kayla Sarver, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Allen Strasser, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Chuck Sullivan, Larry Tinkey, Lilly Truszka, Barbara and Peter Usher, Carl & Matthew Walker, Faye Walker, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley

If you have information regarding the people on this list, please contact the office to make any revisions.

Preparing for Advent

Advent is a season of anticipatory longing, quiet vigilance, and hopeful waiting. Understanding the spiritual demands of this

season allows for a more intentional, meaningful approach to this liturgical period.

The mental space of Advent is modeled after the Old Testament prophets and the modern visual of a watchman waiting for the dawn. The internal posture is intense, focused yearning. It is an active, pregnant pause, preparing the mind to receive a profound mystery.

Preparing for Advent requires slowing down the mind in a culture that is accelerating toward consumerism. While secular society treats December as a frantic sprint of shopping and partying, Advent asks for a counter-cultural mental stillness.

Leaning into Holy Yearning: Advent focuses heavily on the ache of a world waiting for a Savior. Mental preparation involves identifying your own areas of brokenness and longing, asking oneself: Where do I most need light to break into my darkness?

Practicing Restrained Joy: Advent is penitential, but it is a "bright sadness." Unlike the heavy sorrow of Lent, Advent contains an undercurrent of profound excitement. The mental challenge is holding tension—knowing the joy of Christmas is coming but forcing the mind to sit patiently in the darkness before the dawn.

Fighting Sensory Overload: Because Advent coincides with the chaotic secular holiday season, the primary mental discipline is protecting interior silence. It requires setting boundaries around your schedule to ensure the mind is quiet enough to notice the "still, small voice" of the season.

Advent exists to break the trance of ordinary time, routine, and complacency. It requires a deliberate decision to step away from autopilot living and silence the noise to watch for the Advent star. Something momentous is coming and your mind must be awake to receive it.

November 8th – All Saints Sunday

November 15th – Veterans Day Sunday
Please join us in honoring our Veterans past and present in this wonderful program hosted by Sheron Engleka. The Berlin Fife & Drum Corps and our virtual organist Rick Kimmel will be joining us live.

VBS Sunday School
Our next VBS (Children's Time) Sunday School will be held November 15th following our Veterans Day Presentation

Hugs & Kisses

Friday, November 20th 5 PM- Game Night at the church. H&K will provide pizza and those attending can bring snacks and drinks to share. This is for ALL ages, so bring your favorite board games and join us for fun and fellowship. Watch for a sign-up sheet so we know how much pizza to purchase.

Sunday, December 13th - Christmas Play during church. Colton and Cora will be in charge again and we are looking forward to another great play with an inspiring message! "A Star Is Born"

Next H&K Meeting- Tuesday, November 17th 6:30 PM

Trinity Ladies
Thank you to everyone who participated by making or selling ham, green bean and potatoes for the "Echoes of our Town" event on October 18th. We had an awesome time of fun and fellowship and even made some money too! $380 net to be exact!

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Cup of Soul. Our December meeting will be a Christmas celebration. The time and place will be announced so please watch the Sunday bulletin. Come join us as we serve Jesus!

Congregational Meeting will be held on December 6th to vote on the proposed budget for 2027 (enclosed) and the nominees for incoming consistory members for 2027. The meeting will take place following worship service. Please try to attend.

A Christmas Story

This is how it happened...I just finished the household chores for the night and was preparing to go to bed, when I heard a noise in the front of the house. I opened the door to the front room and to my surprise, Santa himself stepped out from behind the Christmas tree. He placed his finger over his mouth so I would not cry out. "What are you doing?" I started to ask. The words choked up in my throat, and I saw he had tears in his eyes. His usual jolly manner was gone. Gone was the eager, boisterous soul we all know. He then answered me with a simple statement. "TEACH THE CHILDREN!" I was puzzled; what did he mean? He anticipated my question, and with one quick movement brought forth a miniature toy bag from behind the tree. As I stood bewildered, Santa said, "Teach the children! Teach them the old meaning of Christmas. The meaning that now-a-days Christmas has forgotten." Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a FIR TREE and placed it before the mantle. "Teach the children that the pure green color of the stately fir tree remains green all year round, depicting the everlasting hope of mankind, all the needles point heavenward, making it a symbol of man's thoughts turning toward heaven." He again reached into his bag and pulled out a brilliant STAR. "Teach the children that the star was the heavenly sign of promises long ago. God promised a Savior for the world, and the star was the sign of fulfillment of His promise." He then reached into his bag and pulled out a CANDLE. "Teach the children that the candle symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world, and when we see this great light we are reminded of He who displaces the darkness." Once again, he reached into his bag and removed a WREATH and placed it on the tree. "Teach the children that the wreath symbolizes the real nature of love. Real love never ceases. Love is one continuous round of affection." He then pulled from his bag an ornament of himself. "Teach the children that I, St. Nick (Santa Claus)

symbolize the generosity and good will we feel during the month of December." He then brought out a HOLLY LEAF. "Teach the children that the holly plant represents immortality. It represents the crown of thorns worn by our Savior. The red holly represents the blood shed by Him." Next, he pulled from his bag a GIFT and said, "Teach the children that God so loved the world that HE gave HIS only begotten SON..." "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift. "Teach the children that the wise men bowed before the Holy BABE and presented HIM with gold, frankincense and myrrh. We should always give gifts in the same spirit of the wise men." Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a CANDY CANE and hung it on the tree. "Teach the children that the candy cane represents the shepherds' crook. The crook on the staff helps to bring back strayed sheep to the flock. The candy cane is the symbol that we are our brother's keeper." He reached in again and pulled out an ANGEL. "Teach the children that it was the angels that heralded in the glorious news of the Savior's birth. The angels sang 'Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace and good will toward men." Suddenly I heard a soft twinkling sound, and from his bag he pulled out a BELL. "Teach the children that as the lost sheep are found by the sound of the bell, it should ring mankind to the fold. The bell symbolizes guidance and return." Santa looked back and was pleased. He looked back at me and I saw that the twinkle was back in his eyes. He said, "Remember, teach the children the true meaning of Christmas and do not put me in the center, for I am but a humble servant of the One that is, and I bow down to worship HIM, our LORD, our GOD.....🙏🎄🎁👶🌟 Praise Jesus!!!

Join Us For Our Candlelight Service
December 24th, 2026 @ 11:00

The Berlin Community Center



The Berlin VFW Auxiliary Post 7295 will be hosting a fun afternoon of lunch and Bingo on Tuesday, November 17th at 1:00 p.m. Fun, Food & Prizes. Please spread the word and join us. It is the "Community" center, and all are welcome!

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.

There is an option on Tithe.ly to donate to the AC/HVAC fund in the drop-down menu as well as other activities happening within the church.
If you no longer wish to receive the actual envelopes because you utilize "Tithe.ly" please contact the office or Renee.
Offering envelopes will be disbursed on November 29th and December 6th.

🎄 Adopt-a-Family: Share the Joy of Christmas!

Each year, our church family brings hope and joy to local families in need. Last year we provided essentials, toys, and grocery cards to **5 families, with a total of 13 children!** This year, we're trying something new with an **Angel Tree**, located downstairs by the Vine Street entrance, where you can choose an ornament and shop for a child's Christmas wish. Fundraising runs **November 15–December 13**, and all purchased, wrapped gifts must be returned by **December 20**. Prefer to donate instead? Monetary donations are always welcome, and volunteers will shop on your behalf. **Together, let's turn our church's generosity into Christmas magic for children who need it most!**

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

November 1
Sound: Pam Bush, Cohen Clark
Organ: Amy Clark
Flowers: Chris King
Ushers: Ann Slifco, Chris King
Acolyte/Lector: Cohen Clark

November 8
Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Chris King
Organ: Nancy Bittner
Flowers: Craig and Amy Saylor
Bulletin: Stiffler Family
Ushers: Leanna Coughenour, Allison Zimmerman
Acolyte: Nathan Spangler
Lectors: Liz Hart, Riley Beckwith

November 15
Sound: Pam Bush, Jean Ann Darr
Organ: Rick Kimmel / Ann Slifco
Flowers: Barry Landis
Special Flowers: Anonymous
Bulletin: Larry and Judy McCullen
Ushers: Deb Boyer, Amy Saylor
Acolyte/Lector: Cora and Lucy Wright

November 22
Sound: Bill Landis, Colton Custer
Organ: Jean Ann Darr
Flowers: Lori Gindlesperger
Ushers: Amy and Jason Clark
Acolyte/Lector: Cohen Clark

November 29
Sound: Jim and Jean Ann Darr
Organ: Amanda Custer
Flowers: Dave and Missy Miller
Ushers: Ken Miller, Leonard Gary
Acolyte/Lector: Avery and Isla Hillegas

December 6
Sound: Cohen Clark, Pam Bush
Organ: Amy Clark
Flowers: Anonymous
Ushers: Jean Ann Darr, Pam Bush
Acolyte/Lector: Liz Hart, Riley Beckwith

December 13
Sound: Chris King, Lori Gindlesperger
Organ: Jean Ann Darr
Flowers: Karol Saylor
Ushers: Sue Coughenour, Sheron Engleka
Acolyte/Lector: Truitt and Callum Ogburn

December 20
Sound: Bill Landis, Colton Custer

Organ: Jean Ann Darr
Flowers: Sue Coughenour
Ushers: Alissa Wright, Carrie Croner
Acolyte/Lector: Colton Custer

December 24
Sound: Pam Bush, Tom Croner
Organ: Rick Kimmel
Ushers: Bob Brown, John Wisler
Bulletin: Stiffler Family
Acolyte/Lector: Cohen Clark

December 27
Sound: Cohen Clark, Colton Custer
Organ: Ann Slifco
Flowers: Dale Gindlesperger
Ushers: Jim and Jean Ann Darr
Acolyte/Lector: Kaitlyn Miller

We will be completing the 2027 flower schedule this fall. If you wish to make changes, please contact the church office. We will attempt to accommodate your requests,

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by
Pastor Dave Creamer
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

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Holiday Blessings To You All





God Bless the Person Reading This Bulletin