

# Trinity Trumpet

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## *A Summer Prayer*

Father, Creator of all,  
thank you for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun  
and the increased daylight.

Thank you for the beauty I see all around me  
and for the opportunity to be outside  
and enjoy your creation.

Thank you for the increased time I have  
to be with my friends and family,  
and for the more casual pace  
of the summer season.

Draw me closer to you this summer.

Teach me how I can pray  
no matter where I am  
or what I am doing.

Warm my soul  
with the awareness of your presence  
and light my path  
with your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy your creation,  
create in me a pure heart  
and a hunger and a thirst for you.

Amen.

*Author Unknown*



Pastor's Ponderings. . .

This is my final Pastor's Ponderings to you as I prepare to conclude my ministry here at Trinity Church at the end of June. The other evening as I was looking over several items from Rev'd Ackerman, I began to ponder a question – "how do I want to be remembered?"

I have looked over the large, framed picture in fellowship hall of all the pastors who have served Trinity Church in the past 245 years. I realized standing before that picture that I have only 1 living predecessor and all the others have now completed their earthly journey and now rest from their labors. Several stayed for more than 20 years, and others only stayed for 2 years. Each one labored in this field. Each one has a legacy that is told.

As I pondered my legacy here and what will be said of me, I hope it will be these things that I will be remembered most for:

1. **A follower of Jesus Christ!** Paul writes in Philippians 3:14 – ***I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*** I hope that I am remembered for not only knowing Christ, but making Christ known to others. The late Henri Nouwen writes, *If you were to ask me point-blank what does it mean for you to live spiritually? I would have to reply: Living with Christ at the center.* I pray that I will be remembered for offering Christ in worship, offering Christ when I made pastoral visits, offering Christ when I served in the community.
2. **One who Loved and Served.** A part of the rent for the gift of life is service. We are not really living if we are not serving. We are all on a lifelong journey, and we should be working toward being and serving Christ in all that we have. ***I press on toward the goal for the prize.*** . . The late Martin Luther King, Jr. said in a sermon – *if any of you are around when I have to meet my day. . .tell them not talk about my Nobel Peace Prize. . .I want you to be able to say*

*that I did try to feed the hungry. . .that I did try to clothe the naked. . .that I did try to visit those who were in prison. I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity. . .I just want to leave behind a committed life. I pray I am remembered for loving and serving in Berlin.*

3. **One who enjoyed life.** When you read the letters of Paul you will see this phrase, *I count it all joy*, that's how living should be a celebration of the gift of life. Malcolm Forbes, Sr. was quoted as saying, "By the time that we've made it, we've had it." It's often said but often true. We can spend our time making a living and never make a life of joy. Life is to be celebrated and enjoyed. I pray that I am remembered as one of enjoyed life whether it was making music, cooking, playing cards, chasing kids with a super soaker, or getting a pie in the face.

I realize I have not finished all of the things that I would like to do here in Berlin or Meyersdale, however, a call has come that I must follow where I am being led to serve. So, on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, I will preach my final sermon here at Trinity as pastor. At the end of the service Bishop Schmitt will lift the stole from my shoulders and take my pastoral crozier and lay them upon the altar as I set aside the burdens of this call. I will no longer be the Good Shepherd's "under-shepherd" in this place. I will honor the Ministerial Code as set forth in the United Church of Christ and will not interfere or provide pastoral ministry in this place. I will honor my successor by supporting their ministry in this place.

I will remember the joys and the challenges of being the pastor of this congregation. I leave a more mature follower of Christ. I go with thanksgiving in my heart for my time with you. I pray you will remember me well as I remember you.

Thankful for our time together,  
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## Consistory Corner

On Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> the Consistory met in special session to receive a letter from our pastor, Dr. David Williams, sharing that he had received a call to serve as Senior Pastor of New Goshenhoppen Reformed United Church of Christ, East Greenville, PA effective July 1, 2022. The Consistory with regret received this resignation and wished him well in his new endeavor.

On Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> the Consistory met for its regular monthly meeting and took the following actions:

1. Approved the request of the Confirmation Class and Pastor to have a 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Rite of Confirmation and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The service will conclude with the Rite of Release of Dr. Williams as pastor to be led by Bishop Paula Schmitt [Allegheny Lutheran Synod] and Rev'd Jay Schaffer of Somerset Association. Rev'd David Ackerman of the Penn West Conference will be away on vacation and preparing for his sabbatical which begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Met with Rev'd David Ackerman and representatives of the Penn West Conference to discuss transition steps following Dr. Williams' completion of his call here.

3. Agreed that an Exit Interview with the Pastor and Elders would be held and asked that the Pastoral Relations Committee meet with the Pastor to go over responsibilities and key functions that will need attention during the pastoral transition period.
4. Approved the recommendation of the Music Committee to hire Mr. Rick Kimmel as our “virtual” organist beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. He will program our new organ each week for the worship service.

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**Financial Reports** submitted by our Financial Secretary, Renee Gindlesperger and Treasurer, Jean Ann Darr

February - April 2022

	CURRENT	MAINTENANCE	BENEVOLENCE
<b>Beg. Balance</b>	\$58,853.68	\$11,760.04	\$730.00
<b>Receipts</b>	\$44,124.31	\$2,645.00	\$4,823.00
<b>Distributions</b>	\$41,497.59	\$3,812.26	\$4,365.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$61,480.40	\$10,592.78	\$1,188.00

Benevolence Distributions: Berlin Food Pantry/Souper Bowl (Individual Donations) – \$325.00; Berlin Food Pantry (Benevolence Budge) – 136.64; One Great Hour of Sharing – 662.50; Our Churches Wider Mission – 1,867.20; Pastor’s Discretionary Fund - \$125; Trinity Outreach –(Benevolence Budget) – \$461.16; Child Sponsor – Global Missions - \$90; Special OCWM - \$572.50; Mayfield Donation - \$125

**Memorials (as of 5/15/22):**

A gift was given to the Hugs & Kisses in Memory of **Paul Berkey.**

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Paul Berkey.**

A gift was given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Linda Hay.**

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Janet Gindlesperger.**

A gift was given to the Music Fund in Memory of **Janet Gindlesperger.**

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Ray Engle.**

A gift was given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Wayne Potter.**

--Jean Ann Darr, Treasurer



**Trinity Bells**

We thank Jeanne Hillegas for leading the Trinity Handbells this past year. We are also grateful for the Bell Choir Members and Substitutes who have played music for worship throughout the academic year. We look forward to the return of the Bell Choir this fall.

*Thank  
You*

**From Mayfield First United Methodist Church**

Thank you for your generous gifts. Your financial contribution will help our congregation to relieve suffering and help with recovery one hurting household at a time. Please continue praying for us and watch our City as God works wonders in our midst. May God Bless You!



**The Church Picnic**

Plans are being made for the annual Church Picnic to occur in July or August. If you would like to help with this endeavor, please speak with Carrie Croner or Kathy Spangler.

**Rite of Confirmation – Sacrament of Holy Communion – Rite of  
Release of Pastor  
Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**

***The Confirmation Class of 2022***

***Cohen Clark  
Colton Custer  
Lily Countryman  
Kaitlyn Miller  
Matthew Miller  
Vesper Ogburn  
Nathan Spangler  
Cora Wright***

***Will affirm the promises made at their baptisms on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>***

***With the Rite of Confirmation and Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion***

They covet your prayers and invite you to join them on this special day in the life of Trinity Church.

Bishop Paula Schmitt of the Allegheny Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church will also share in the service joining Pastor in the laying on of hands and prayer over each student. Bishop Schmitt and Rev'd Jay Schaffer will lead the Rite of Release of Pastor as he concludes his ministry here at Trinity Church.

A reception will follow worship for the Confirmation Class and to honor Pastor Dave for his ministry here at Trinity.

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**Congregational Update from Your Consistory President.**

Please review the report of the Consistory meetings, of April 28 & May 9, 2022. It is true we received and accepted the resignation of Rev. Dr. David A. Williams. His last Sunday will be June 26, 2022.

Rev. Jay Shaffer, Somerset Assoc. & Rev Rich Pleva, will be filling in for Rev. David Ackerman, Conference Minister while he is on vacation & on sabbatical from June 13 through Sept. 25.

I will try to keep you up to date as we go through the process of filling the pulpit, during the time till we have next Pastor. It will take many prayers, much hard work of the whole Church. The existing committees will need to work to fulfill the work of our Church community.

Please be sure to note the big day the June 26 Sunday activities include. It is a big day for our Confirmands. I am sure it



will include a few other activities since this is Pastor Dave's last Sunday. Plan to be there for the full list of events.

If you have any questions, suggestions or comments, feel free to contact me.

Thomas Calvert, Consistory President



**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, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor.

**Healing Concerns:**

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Lois Boburchock, Carol Boyer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Dana Dawson, John Durst, Alvin Harbaugh, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Terry Luteri, Holby McClucas, Jennifer Miller, Bob Murphy, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

# Worship Assistants

## Worship Assistants May/June

### May 1st

Sound: Chris King, Lori Gindlesperger

Flowers: Rus & Jenna Ogburn

Acolyte: Kaitlyn Miller

### May 8th

Sound: Jim Darr, Russ Hillegas

Flowers: Jim & Jean Ann Darr

Flower Basket: Allison Zimmerman

Flower Basket: Larry & Judy McCullen

Acolyte: Vesper Ogburn

### May 15th

Sound: Pam Bush, Tom Croner

Flowers: Barry Landis

Acolyte: Cora Wright

### May 22nd

Sound: Gaye Maust, Tyler Gindlesperger

Flowers: Alissa Wright

Acolyte: Cohen Clark, Colton Custer

### May 29th

Sound: Tom Croner, Chris King

Flowers: Reon & Sheron Engleka

Acolyte: Matt Miller

### June 5th

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Pam Bush

Flowers: Anonymous

Acolyte: Lily Countryman

### **June 12th**

Sound: Jim Darr, Russ Hillegas  
Flowers: Chris King  
Acolyte: Kaitlyn Miller

### **June 19th**

Sound: Tom Croner, Pam Bush  
Flowers: Barry Landis  
Special Flowers: Don & Nance Custer  
Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

### **June 26th**

Sound: Tyler Gindlesperger, Gaye Maust  
Flowers: Russ & Jeanne Hillegas  
Bulletin: Anonymous  
Acolyte: Vesper Ogburn

\*\*Please be advised the altar flowers have increased in cost to \$35 per Sunday.

### ***The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by***

*Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams*

*Church Secretary: Pam Bush*

*Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger*

*Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick*

*Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas*

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

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## Our 80 & Over Birthday Club!!

Getting older is like climbing a mountain; you get a little out of breath, but the view is much better. Let's show these folks a view of caring by their fellow congregational members by sending them birthday cards!!

These are our members for May and June

Jean Fogle  
Ruth Elaine Whitacre

**This page has been deleted from these birthday club members so let's make it a surprise!**

If you need addresses, please contact the church office.