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O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months,
may the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we
have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise
that death is temporary, and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS NOW PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

I have been pondering for a couple of days and came across two opinion columns in The Somerset Daily America written by Robert Lind. The first was titled, "How does God do his work in this world?" and the other was "Ten Reasons Why People Don't Wash".

The first: "There is a common thread that runs through the stories in the Bible to which we should pay more attention. As we look at these stories, we discover God works through common people to accomplish his work". He goes on to mention Abraham, Moses, Saul of Tarsus who became Paul. From the beginning of the to the end we find the same theme. God doing his works here through ordinary men and women.

The second: The Rev. Sydney Laing of Dublin, Ireland, was tired of hearing the same old excuses we give for not going to church. Tongue in cheek, he wrote this piece for his parish paper.

Ten Reasons Why People Don't Wash

1. I was made to wash as a child.
2. People who wash are hypocrites. They reckon they are cleaner than other people.
3. There are so many different kinds of soap. I could never decide which one was right.
4. I used to wash, but it got boring, so I stopped.
5. I still wash, but only on special occasions like Christmas and Easter.
6. None of my friends wash.
7. I'm still young. When I'm older and have got a bit dirtier I might start washing.
8. I really don't have time to wash.
9. The bathroom is never warm or comfortable enough.
10. People who make soap are only after your money.

When I discovered Lind's articles, especially, "Ten Reasons Why People Don't Wash", I smiled because I have used most of these excuses more than once.

I keep asking myself the question, "Why do I go to church?" and I always want to say it is always because I want to go and to get a

better understanding about what God wants me to do, be or become.

Only you can answer that question for you.

Now to change the subject to the items of the day, we have speakers/pastors for Rally Sunday, September 11 and all of the month of October. We have big plans for Sunday School on that day. Check Sue Coughenour's item in the newsletter.

The Profile Committee would like to know your preference, to have a gathering, to respond in writing, or no preference.

There is still lots of work to do, so keep our Church in your prayers.

Tom Calvert, President
Berlin Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory



Consistory Corner

Consistory met on August 8th and the minutes from that meeting are included in your bulletin as an insert.

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

July 2022

	CURRENT	MAINTENANCE	BENEVOLENCE
Beg. Balance	\$61,413.32	\$11,803.12	\$0
Receipts	\$11,063.00	\$910.00	\$1,008.00
Distributions	\$6,271.90	\$1,346.00	\$200.00
Ending Balance	\$66,204.42	\$11,367.12	\$808.00

Benevolence Distributions: Berlin Food Pantry (Individual Donations) – \$75.00; Pastor’s Discretionary Fund - \$125

Memorials (as of 8/20/22):

A gift was given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Kimberly Kay Roos**.

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Terry Luteri**.

--Jean Ann Darr, Treasurer



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, Carol Boyer, Lois Boburchock, 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, Bob Murphy, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey, Adeline

Vierегge, Robin Walker, Caleb Wedding, Heather Weighley,
Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

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.

Sue Coughenour's Sunday School

Parenting is hard work! Plain and simple. How did you develop your concept of discipline? What are your strengths as a parent? Your weaknesses? Beginning September 11th, Sue Coughenour's Sunday school class will be delving into Dr. Kevin Leman's *"Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours"*, a six-week study that helps parents to better grasp disciplining their children in a positive way. These lessons will focus on:

- Developing the courage to do what is best for your kids
- Understanding kids and why they do what they do
- Maintaining authority without being an authoritarian
- How to gain your teenager's love and respect and keep it forever
- Helping kids feel good about themselves for all the right reasons
- Turning everyday hassles into everyday successes

We are opening this class to persons of **all ages** with the hope that we can entice some grandparents to join us to share their experiences as parents. Their insight into parenting is an essential part of making this class a success! So, adults of all ages are encouraged to join us in the parsonage basement during the Sunday school hour. Hope to see you there!

Sunday School Teacher Needed:

We are currently looking for a Sunday School teacher for grades 4-6. Thank you, Jean Hart, for stepping up to teach 7-12 grades! If

you are interested in serving, please contact Sheron Engleka, Sue Coughenour, or Tom Calvert.

Rally Sunday

Mark your calendars! **Rally Sunday** is September 11th and hopefully this will be a day to get families to fully engage in church and Sunday school once more. Plans are in the works to make this a special day so watch the bulletin for more details.

The word Rally is defined as a renewal of energy in joint action, or to draw together for a common purpose. That is what we will be doing on Sunday, September 11th during the Sunday School hour starting at 10:10 pm. Come see what is new in our Sunday school, including an opening for all to come together to share a time of singing, praise, fun and reflection. New classes will be offered for all ages; with two adult classes being offered. There will be coffee, juice, and donuts and a little longer opening this Sunday as we kick off the new Sunday school year. Please come join us!

Profile Committee

We invite all of you to be part of a self-study and community learning process that will identify our church's imagination for the future and corresponding pastoral needs. We will develop a church profile for potential candidates by gathering for an open forum on Sunday, September 11th at 6:00 pm, as well as provide an opportunity for members to answer profile questions in writing. In preparing our local church profile, what matters most is clear communication and a cohesive process to encourage maximum participation by the whole congregation.

Below are the questions that will be posed during our open forum:

1. Where would you like to see our church going?
2. Describe the ministry goals you envision our next minister co-collaborating with the congregation to achieve.
3. How could we be more involved in the community?

4. Describe how your vision of the minister we are now seeking will assist the congregation in making an impact beyond its walls.
5. What do you value about living in this area?
6. Who is God calling us to become as a congregation?
7. Describe how God is calling us to reach out to address the emerging challenges and opportunities of our community and congregation.
8. Describe several strengths or positive qualities of our congregation.
9. Describe what worship is like when our congregation gathers. What are some words used to describe good preaching?
10. Describe the educational program/faith formation vision of the church. How do people continue to form their faith over a lifetime?
11. List three core competencies that you imagine could be foundational in your next minister's relationship with the church. (Examples: caring, sensitive, sociable, organized, detail-oriented, etc.)

Veterans, Families of Veterans & Active Military:

If there are any additions or changes to our Veterans and those currently serving in the military, please contact Sheron Engleka (814-267-4166), no later than October 23rd.

Bethlehem Experience is being held Sunday, December 11, 2022 and planning is underway. They are looking for volunteers to:

- 1) Help with making sets, costumes, painting, etc.
- 2) Serve as actors
- 3) Help with set up and tear down December 10-11
- 4) Help with lighting and sound systems

For more information, contact Joanne Stoltzfus at 814-233-5905 or email her at jks101@verizon.net

Glencoe Reformed Church is celebrating 135 years with an "Ice Cream Social" on September 18th at 3:00 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy music performed by the Gospel Group "Servants Heart". If inclement weather, the celebration will be held inside.

They are located at 128 Critchfield St., Glencoe. Ice Cream and Cupcakes for EVERYONE!!!!

*Thank
You*

Thank you from the Roos and Zimmerman families:

The family of Kimberly Kay Roos would like to thank you for the cards, care, and support during Kimberly's illness. Sadly, after a courageous two-year battle she has joined our Lord in peace.

Thank you from the Luteri family:

Our lives have obviously been turned upside down. Only our Lord knows what lies ahead. One day at a time. What we do know is that without the visits, cards, calls, and acts of kindness; before, during and after, we would not have endured. Terry loved you all and had a special place in his heart for you as do each one of our family. Our church family will be our strength as we move forward. Peace be with you and God bless you all.

Debbie Luteri & Family

Thank You from Lew & Barbara Berkley

We want to thank everyone for their care and thoughtfulness for our 60th wedding anniversary with the many cards that we received. It has been a great and wonderful journey. We so appreciate our church family. May God Bless one and all.

~Lew & Barbara~

One Call and Prayer Requests: Your prayer requests may be directed to Pam Bush, our office secretary. If you are not able to reach her during office hours, her cell phone number is 541-990-0832.

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.

Worship Assistants

Worship Assistants September/October

September 4

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Chris King
Flowers: Larry & Judy McCullen
Acolyte: Cohen Clark

September 11

Sound: Jim Darr, Russ Hillegas
Flowers: Russ & Jeanne Hillegas
Acolyte: Lily Countryman

September 18

Sound: Tyler Gindlesperger, Gaye Maust
Flowers: Dave & Missy Miller
Acolyte: Kaitlyn Miller

September 25

Sound: Tom Croner, Pam Bush
Flowers:
Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

October 2

Sound: Chris King, Lori Gindlesperger
Flowers: Nancy Bittner & Family
Special Flowers: Al & Joyce Knotts
Acolyte: Vesper Ogburn

October 9

Sound: Jim Darr, Lori Gindlesperger
Flowers: Lewis & Barb Berkley
Special Flowers: Bill & Barb Landis
Acolyte: Cora Wright

October 16

Sound: Gaye Maust, Tyler Gindlesperger
Flowers: Mark & Lori Gindlesperger
Acolyte: Cohen Clark, Colton Custer

October 23

Sound: Pam Bush, Tom Croner
Flowers: Larry & Gale Hay
Acolyte: Matt Miller

October 30

Sound: Tom Croner, Pam Bush
Flowers: Pam Bush
Acolyte: Lily Countryman

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
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
Alan Brick, 814-267-6628*

Consistory Deacons:

*Amy Clark, Jean Ann Darr, Ann Slifco
Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, John Wisler
Alissa Wright, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust*

**Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

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COMMUNITY EVENT

Come hear the inspiring true story about one girl's dream to change the world.



Rachel's Challenge

While her life was tragically cut short during the Columbine High School shooting on April 20th, 1999, Rachel Joy Scott's shining example of kindness and compassion was not defeated that day.

Come hear the inspiring true story of one girl's dream being fulfilled over 20 years after her death.

The presentation is a powerful reminder of the little things we can do every day to make our world a better place.

Date: 09/19/2022 Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Berlin Brothersvalley High School Auditorium

Rachel'sChallenge.org



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 September / October

Al Knotts
Tom Calvert
Bobbie Coughenour
Mary Jane Harding
Fae Hetrick
Lillian Potter
LaVerne Coslic

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.