



Somerset County, PA

New York, NY

Washington, DC

Through blurred eyes we find the strength and courage to soar beyond the moment.

We look to the future knowing we can never forget the past.

God Bless America

***Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021***

Weekend of the 20th Anniversary of 9/11

***Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania***

Prelude

Brother James Air – arr. David Lasky

***The Doxology**

***Prayer for the Nation**

***One Nation, Under God**

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

No. 571 – **My Country, 'Tis of Thee** – Vs. 1 & 4

No. 572 – **America, the Beautiful** – Vs. 1

No. 573 – **God of Our Fathers** – Vs. 1, 2, & 4

***Psalter of Trust**

The Shepherd's Psalm – the 23rd

- 1 The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 **He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.**
- 3 He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou ^lanointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

***Confession of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old & New Testaments.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into
hades. On the third day he rose again; He ascended
into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Morning Prayer

Speaking to the Child Within Us All

Allison Zimmerman

Presentation of the Fletcher Bibles

Franklin Cooper

Levi Joel Croner

Avery Michael Hillegas

Kaitlyn Mae Miller

Trystan J. Mull

Vesper Arabella Ogburn

Jordan Lynn Suder

Proclamation of God's Word

“PD”

Remember 9/11 – 20 Years Later

Prayer of Intercession

Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

*Song of Commitment: No. 43

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Sung Dismissal and Blessing

Now Unto Him Who Is Able

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling.
To make you stand in His presence blameless and with great joy.
To the only God our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Be the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.
Both now and forevermore, Amen.

**Give Him the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.
Both now and forevermore, Amen!**

*Going Forth

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Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals on Wednesday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Dave has ordered new music that includes accompaniment CDs for the fall. Join us as we sing some new music like “Shut de door, Keep out de Devil!” and more.

Trinity Bells will meet on September 15 at 6:30 p.m. to polish the bells and their first full rehearsal will be September 22 at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to join the bells, please speak with Jeanne Hillegas.

Confirmation Classes – for students entering 6th grade and above, you are invited to join Pastor Dave on Sunday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. with your parent[s] for an introduction to Confirmation. We will meet the 1st and third Sunday evenings through October 2022 [we will not meet in July and August]. Confirmation will be Reformation Sunday October 2022.

Fundraiser for J B Schrock Playground - Saturday, October 16th

Linda Karchner, President of the J B Schrock Community Park Board, is celebrating her 60th birthday as a fundraiser for the playground!

The festivities will be **Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 10:30 am - 2:00 pm at the J B Schrock Playground** [700 South St., Berlin].

The playground is **pre-selling tickets for BBQ Chicken Halves AND Dinners**. Halves are \$6 and Dinners are \$10 [includes BBQ chicken half, cole slaw, baked beans, Landis bakery roll & butter, dessert]. **Chicken must be pre-ordered and prepaid by Oct. 2nd. Contact Shirley Reed at 814-267-4961 to order chicken.** [NOTE: Chicken pick up on Oct. 16th will be from 11 am - 1 pm]

Other fundraising opportunities that day will include an **old-fashioned cake walk, raffles, Boscov's Shopping Discount cards, and beverage sales.**

Music AND FREE kids' activities [games, crafts, and THE STORY LADY will be making a special appearance at 12:30 pm]!

Several individuals, businesses, and organizations have already supported the fundraiser but additional donations of cakes, gift certificates/baskets/etc.for the raffles,as well as monetary gifts are appreciated.

Thank you in advance to **Berlin Market** and **Thrivent Financial** for their donations.

DoTERRA® Essential Oils is also matching all donations that day, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$5,000!

Pastor's Fall Bible Study – *Making Sense of Suffering*

In the past 18 months there has been much suffering around us. The horror of COVID-19, changes in employment, ongoing illness, and sudden death. I have been asked more than once “where is God in all of this mess?” I began to consider various scriptures and reading several texts from C.S. Lewis, Mike Yaconelli, and others. I will not be providing easy answers, rather we will look to God’s Word to provide us a framework to be “strengthen” to persevere in life. There will be no “platitudes,” rather I might leave you with more questions than answers. One outcome I hope to provide is that we who are in Christ may be comforted with the promises of the Gospel to be courageous even in the midst of suffering.

Thursday evenings for five weeks beginning September 23 at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Trinity Church Pastor Dave will offer teach on the following topics:

September 23 – *Finding God In our Pain*

September 30 – *Where Is God In This Mess?*

October 7 – *NO Class – King Lion has Lion’s Club that evening.*

October 14 – *God’s Purposes In Our Suffering*

October 21 – *Unexplained Tragedy*

October 28 – *Redeeming Suffering*

Bring your Bible, pen and paper and we will consider passages of scripture from Job, Isaiah, Luke, Exodus, 2 Corinthians, James, and more. Each week there will be an article to read but no other assignment will be required.

To prepare you are asked to register for class so that enough materials may be prepared for those attending. You may send Pastor a note at his email: uccvicar@gmail.com or call the church office at 814-267-3234.

Founder's Day Dinner – Living Waters Camp – October 3rd

This event is to honor Rev. Dr. Paul Westcoat for all of his time, talent, and dedication in making Living Waters the successful outdoor ministry that it is today.

During the celebration, we will be rededicating the lodge and naming it the "Westcoat Lodge". The rededication and naming ceremony is being planned as a surprise to honor Rev. Dr. Westcoat, so please help us in keeping this a secret to him.

Schedule of Events for Founder's Day Celebration

4:00 – Dedication of "Westcoat Lodge"

Program, tours, presentation of remodeling plans.

5:00 – Turkey dinner served in the dining hall.

The cost for attending the event with the meal is \$20/person or a table of 8 for \$150. Indoor seating for the meal is limited to 80 people and outdoor seating will be weather permitting. We are also offering a virtual option that will include the presentation of programming for \$20/household. Please reserve your spot for the celebration by calling (814) 733-4212 or by emailing camplivingwaters65@gmail.com. Payment can be made by check, cash, or PayPal.

The Saints In Action

Monday - 6:30 p.m. Consistory Meeting

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Cleaning

Next Sunday – September 19

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class Meeting

Giving From 9/5/2021

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	1045.00	\$2434.93	-\$1389.93
Ben	\$80.00	\$213.46	-\$133.46
Maint	\$240.00	\$163.46	\$76.54
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Total	\$1365.00	\$2811.85	-\$1446.85

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$15.00.

Worship Attendance: 40

Sunday School: 7



Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Janet Gindlesperger, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor, Dirkje Stellingwerf.

Healing Concerns:

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Abigayle Broadwater, Lindsey Stotler Cioci, Pam Crooks, Linda Gallick, Dawn Gindlesperger, Kathryn Grimm, Barry Landis, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Betty Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Robin Walker, Harry and Jane Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman

Where You May Find. . .

The Nursery: *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .

Large Print Bulletins

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Tyler Gindlesperger, Gaye Maust

The Flowers on the altar in honor of our family: Brandon, Autumn, Kyle, Rebecca, Avery, Isla, Syrus, Brennen and Anna by Russ & Jeanne Hillegas

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

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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