

# Trinity Trumpet

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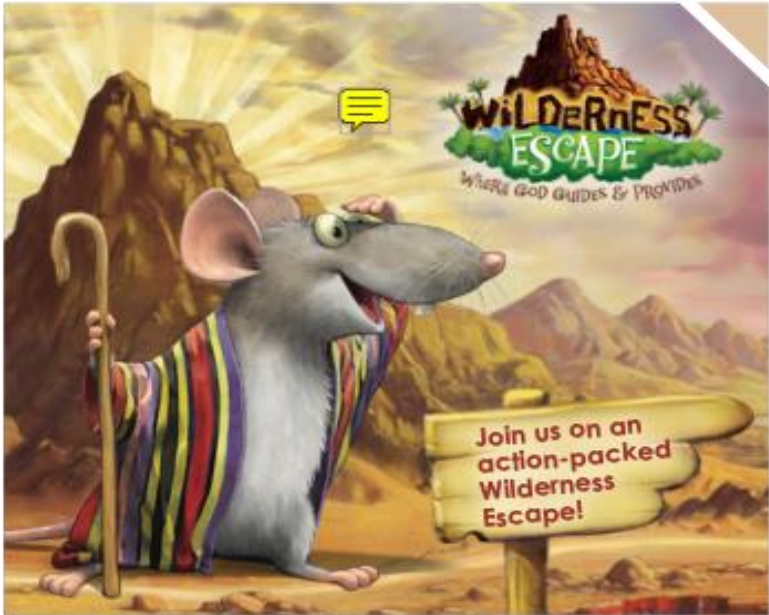
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## LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE?



Trinity United Church of Christ

Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
(church name)

June 14-18

The journey will last: \_\_\_\_\_  
(VBS dates)

Dinner at 5:30 and VBS at 6:15 p.m.

Celebration begins at: \_\_\_\_\_  
(VBS starting time)

8:30 p.m.

The day's adventure ends at: \_\_\_\_\_  
(VBS ending time)

Amy Clark 814-701-8361 or Jean Hart 267-5667

For more information, call: \_\_\_\_\_  
(church phone number)

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## IT'S THE FAMILY VACATION OF A LIFETIME!

Bring your entire family to Wilderness Escape, and become part of the journey as Moses and the Israelites watch God guide and provide! You'll travel back into Bible times --- without setting foot outside our community.

Each day, your family members can become part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in the Bible-times wilderness! You'll explore the Israelite Camp tents, visit Moses [PD], take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as you discover more about Moses' adventures. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate!

Your Wilderness Escape Journey begins on Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday August 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have family dinner "Alfresco" on the parking lot and parsonage yard beginning at 5:30 p.m. and VBS will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the Trinity sanctuary.

Sincerely,  
***Your Wilderness Escape VBS Director***



**Vacation Bible School 2021 – The Wilderness Adventure  
June 14-18 at Trinity Church, Berlin**

We are grateful for Amy Clark and Jean Hart taking the leadership roles for VBS 2021. We missed having VBS in 2020 due to the Pandemic, however we feel comfortable having VBS this year once again.

We will enjoy having dinner by families “Alfresco” which will be served outdoors around the parsonage yard, parsonage covered porch and parsonage garage areas beginning at 5:30 p.m. We are seeking “cooks and kitchen servers once again.” Sign up for one night, plan your menu and enjoy seeing families together at Trinity.

We will also need Crafts leadership, Music leadership, Tribe leadership, Snack leadership and Game leadership. Our pastor will once again be the Bible teacher each evening as Moses.

If you will offer your time and talent for this important ministry at Trinity, it would be deeply appreciated. Seeing and hearing the joy of our children experiencing the good news of the Gospel is life changing for all ages.

Please give Amy Clark 814-701-8361 or Jean Hart 814-267-5667 a call to offer your assistance.

We rejoice that VBS is offered as a ministry of Trinity due to the generous endowment of the Margaret Fisher Fund and the Linda Croner Fund.

## Pastor's Ponderings

I have very much enjoyed playing the new Allen Organ at Trinity these last months. I keep discovering new sounds and have been “tweaking” the voices in the organ into a warm lush sound that we are enjoying. I was thinking back the other day when I was a student and remembered seeing a sign in a practice room – “Perfect Makes Practice.” [You may want to read that phrase again to be sure you read it correctly].

I asked the Professor, “isn’t the phrase supposed to be ‘Practice makes perfect?’ A pause, a gentle chortle and then the professor said, “I don’t agree with that phrase. It implies that you can practice enough so that you will become perfect. No one can do that. But if you understand that you have the gift of music inside you, then you must realize that the gift itself is already perfect. You cannot make it any more perfect by your own effort. God put it inside you. Because you feel a passion for it, the gift is perfect. Now if you understand that the gift is both perfect and perfectly given, then you are free to practice all you like, making more of that perfect gift every time you play.”

We each have been given “gifts” according to the grace given to us in Jesus Christ. We are to use our gifts as they have been given and not to hold them back out of fear that they will not be good enough. If God has given you a gift, then there is a plan to use that gift. The perfection myth has no part in the sharing of the gift.

So, put your gift to work. It is a perfect gift and you can trust that God will equip you in the process of living into that gift. Don’t worry about being perfect, simply pick up the tools He has given you and practice all you like!

Blessings, +PD



## **Consistory Corner**

1. The contract has been returned to the Music Emporium for the Sound System upgrades. We are now waiting to learn when they will be here to do the installation of the equipment and train members of the sound support team.
2. Reviewed and approved the appointment list of committees for 2021. There is a copy of the roster in this newsletter.
3. Discussed the current worship and Sunday school schedule in light of COVID-19. We will maintain our current schedule at this time. We do look forward to returning to a single worship service on Sundays to have everyone together.
4. Pastor announced the organ dedication concert to be October 31 with Mr. Rudy Lucente. The concert is sponsored by the Music Emporium and the Allen Organ Company.
5. Reviewed our Treasurer's report which shows our giving is Meeting our expenses. THANK YOU!!!!

### **Pastor Making Hospital Visits**

Currently our Pastor is permitted to make pastoral visits on those not suffering from COVID-19 at all UPMC Hospitals, Windber, and Conemaugh Memorial Hospitals. He is being extremely careful

and taking all necessary precautions to stay healthy. He is also making “phone” visits as able. Please do not hesitate to let him know when pastoral care is desired. He has now been fully vaccinated.

### **Church Office Hours**

Trinity Church Office Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pastor Dave takes Monday as his Day Off. On Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning he is at Zion Lutheran, Meyersdale.

**Croner Education Loan Fund** – Students who are college bound who are active confirmed members of Trinity Church may apply for a low interest loan from the Croner Fund. The fund is now managed for the church by the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies. Loans will be disbursed following approval by the Croner Education Committee to the student’s educational institution. Loan repayment following either graduation or withdrawal from school will commence 6 months following and is paid to the CFA. Seminary Students of Trinity Church may apply for a grant that will not need to be repaid to the fund upon graduation and ordination.

Application for College Student Loans or Seminary Student Grants will be received through June 30, 2021. Applications are available in the Church Office. The decision of the committee will be announced by July 15 to the applicants.

### **Caregiver Sought**

A member of Trinity Church is seeking a home caregiver 3 to 4 days a week for 2 to 3 hours a day. This person would do light housework, prepare a meal, and provide companionship for a “senior saint.” If you or someone you know would be interested in this type of position, please speak with Pastor Dave. He will be able to provide additional details.

**Pastor Elected as “King Lion”** – Our pastor was elected as President [King Lion] of the Berlin Lion’s Club to begin a term in June 2021 for one year. The Lion’s Club is responsible for the AED that is placed in our church and other churches and facilities around Berlin as one of its many endeavors.

The Lions will be having 3 weekends of Funnel Cakes to benefit: Berlin Back-Pack Program, The Berlin Boy Scouts, and The Playground. The first weekend you may get a funnel cake will be May 15-16 at the Ice Cream Station. Warm Funnel Cake with Ice Cream and Hot Fudge – oh my, what a taste treat.

### **Special Music for Summer Worship Services**

Is there someone you would like to suggest to invite to have at Trinity for this summer as special music for the 9:30 a.m. service? A small honorarium is given by the church. Speak with Pastor Dave as we would enjoy having music more apart of Sunday worship.

**Meals on Wheels** of Somerset County is in need of help. Looking for an energetic person to join our team. We need a part-time person for kitchen aid; washing dishes, preparing coolers to send out, helping with fool and with clean up. The hours would be 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. For more information on the position please contact Lori at 814-443-2787.

**Laurel Highlands Chorale** announces their upcoming 2021 Spring Mini Concert. This concert will include old time favorites chosen to brighten your day and uplift your spirits. Considering the current COVID virus situation, there will be a few changes to make everyone attending feel comfortable. There will be a maximum number of seats available for each concert. No tickets will be sold prior to the concert or at the door. Instead, a call must be placed to reserve your desired date and time; payment will be collected upon entry. Masks will be worn at the discretion of the attendee.

Concert dates are Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 & 6:00 pm and Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Somerset Church of the Brethren, 606 Berlin Plank Rd., Somerset. Admission is \$5, payable at the door. Reservations must be made prior to the concert on a first call, first served basis. Contact Dorene Friedline at 814-926-3610 or 814-442-0460 for reservations or questions.

**Church Picnic** – What do you think about having our annual Church Picnic in the Grove on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Let Tom Calvert or one of the HUGS & KISSES moms know your opinion.

**Trinity at 250** – In the Year of our Lord 2027, the Trinity Church will celebrate our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Planning for such an event will require careful thought and execution. Should it be a one-day event? Should it be a quarterly event? Do we create a history book? Do we invite former pastors back to preach on Sunday during the course of the year? Should we have several projects that need completed [new pew pads or carpeting?] or a special mission endeavor? The possibilities are endless for this celebration. The consistory is seeking people who enjoy history to work together to plan for this anniversary celebration. Speak with Tom Calvert or Pastor Dave if you would be willing to work on this endeavor.

**Worship Themes:**

May 2	Fifth Sunday of Easter "Deep Truth"	1 John 4:7-21
May 9	Sixth Sunday of Easter "Deep Hope"	1 John 5:1-6
May 16	Seventh Sunday of Easter "Deep Certainty"	1 John 5:9-13
*May 23	Pentecost Sunday "Them Bones"	Ezekiel 37:1-14
May 30	Trinity Sunday "Trinity"	Matthew 3:1-17



June 6                    **Second Sunday after Pentecost    Hebrews 10:24-25**  
                                  **“The Art of Hanging Out”**  
June 13                    **Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
June 20                    **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost    VBS Sunday at Trinity –**  
                                  **8 a.m. Pastor preaches at Trinity**  
                                  **9:30 a.m. VBS Sunday presentation at Trinity**  
                                  **10:45 a.m. Pastor preachers at Zion**

*Sermon Series: **The Wisdom of Life***

June 27                    **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost    Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26**  
                                  **“The Pursuit of Happiness”**

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**Music Sunday – May 16**

It is a tradition of Trinity Church to celebrate Music Sunday in May or early June depending on calendar. This year we will celebrate the gift of music with special music of the Trinity Bells. Selections to include: *Via Delarosa* and *Down By the Riverside*. We will also have a special explanation of parts of the new Allen Organ by our pastor. We will be singing some of our favorite hymns and songs interspersed with prayer and scripture. The Trinity Bells will play for both services. Thank you Bell ringers!

**Graduation Sunday – June 6.** We will honor our students graduating from High School and College on Sunday, June 6 at the 9:30 a.m. service. Parent[s] please get the name of your student and their future plans to the church office by June 1 so that an appropriate expression of congratulations may be provided by the church.

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

As of March 31st

	CURRENT	MAINTENANCE	BENEVOLENCE
<b>Beg. Balance</b>	\$43,861.72	\$4,341.54	\$716.00
<b>Receipts</b>	\$26,769.66	\$1,264.00	\$4,440.00
<b>Distributions</b>	\$24,677.24	\$564.72	\$5,156.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$45,954.14	\$5,040.82	\$.00

Benevolence disbursements as follows: Berlin Food Pantry (Individual Donations) – \$1,125; Berlin Food Pantry (Benevolence Budget) – 107.03; OCWM - \$1,517.14; One Great Hour of Sharing - \$620; Pastor’s Discretionary Fund - \$125; Trinity Outreach (Benevolence Budget) – 356.83; Penn West Debt Relief - \$1,215; Child Sponsorship - \$90

Memorials (as of 4/12/21):

A gift was given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Lester Coslic**.

A gift was given to the Berlin Food Pantry in Memory of **Lester Coslic**.

A gift was given to the Organ Fund in Memory of Margarite **Shaulis**.

A gift was given to the Berlin Food Pantry in Memory of **Gary Kimmel**.

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Derron Twombly**.

Organ Fund

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Organ Fund. With additional funds from the Memorial and Bequest Funds the Organ has been paid in full.

Jean Ann Darr, Treasurer

*Thank  
you!*

**Thank you** from the **Children's Aid Society Foundation**: The church congregations of our communities consist of caring and concerned supporters of both our services and our children. Your generosity and prayers are helping our children succeed by becoming healthy, happy, and responsible young people. From the bottom of our hearts, we sincerely thank you. Without all the great people of Laurel Highlands and specifically our church friends, we could not provide all we do for the children. We are truly blessed. Thank you again for all your support and generosity.

**Thank you** for your Generous Response for the two special offerings during March. *One Great Hour of Sharing* received \$720.00 and the *Penn West Medical Debt Challenge* received \$1,265.00. The Conference asked each church for a goal of \$250.00. Your leadership gift helps the conference retire over \$125,000 of medical debt. THANK YOU, Trinity!

**Thank you to Tom Croner and Pastor Dave** for their four years of service to the Penn West Conference Board of Directors. They complete their terms of service at the end of the Annual Meeting of the Penn West Conference. Tom becomes the immediate past moderator of the Conference and both of them will remain active members of several committees of the conference. We congratulate Terry Luteri on his selection to replace Pastor Dave as a member of the Board of Directors of the Conference and he will be installed at the Conference Meeting. Trinity has been well represented in the life of the Penn West Conference over the years.

**Retiring Medical Debt – Penn West Conference:** Pastor Dave announced that the Penn West Conference Board of Directors had partnered with a company that retires medical debt for persons in Western PA as a Lenten Mission Project. The Goal was to raise \$15,000 during the Lenten season to be used to retire \$1.5 million dollars of medical debt. Each Church in the Penn West Conference was asked to raise a minimum of \$250 for this endeavor recognizing that some of the 100 churches of the conference would not participate in this endeavor. Trinity Church provided a gift of \$1,265.00 to the Penn West Conference for this endeavor. Thank you for your generous giving. The next step will be to use the funds to retire medical debt. Persons/Families who will receive this gift will receive a note that says, “your medical debt has been paid by friends of your local United Church of Christ congregations.” Our gift will retire \$125,000 of medical debt. Thank you again for your partnership in this endeavor.

### **Holy Trinity Quilters & Knotters**

The number of quilters and knotters has greatly declined since COVID. There is a tremendous need for items to be completed but not enough hands to do it. We are looking for anyone willing to volunteer their time on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM. A delicious lunch is part of the package. No experience needed!

Blessings, Nita Richards & Carolyn Rastrelli  
HTELC, Secretaries  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

**Welcome Anna Mabel Hillegas** born April 1<sup>st</sup>....8 lbs., 19 inches to Rebecca and Kyle! Congratulations!!!!



### **Those Remembered in Prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

#### **Shut Ins:**

Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor, Dirkje Stellingwerf.

#### **Healing Concerns:**

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Lindsey Stotler Cioci, Pam Crooks, Rev. Charlie Dunn, John Durst, Susan Durst, Wilma Durst, Eric Emerick, Jane Fisher, Linda Gallick, Janet Gindlesperger, Kathryn Grimm, Brenda Leister, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Tyler Seifert, Dwight Smith, Robin Walker, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, John Will, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman.

Once again, we ask that you contact us if someone needs to be removed from the list or information updated. Thank you for your assistance.

### **Worship Assistants May / June**

#### **May 2nd**

Sound: Tyler Gindlesperger, Alan Brick

Flowers: Rus & Jenna Ogburn

#### **May 9th**

Sound: Tom Croner, Jim Darr

Flowers: Jim & Jean Ann Darr

Baskets: Allison Zimmerman & Larry McCullen

**May 16th**

Sound: Alan Brick, Lori Gindlesperger

Flowers: Barry Landis

**May 23rd**

Sound: Russ Hillegas, Terry Luteri

Flowers: Alissa Wright

**May 30th**

Sound: Tyler Gindlesperger, Pam Bush

Flowers: Reon & Sheron Engleka

**June 6th**

Sound: Alan Brick, Jim Darr

Flowers: Larry McCullen

**June 13th**

Sound: Jim Darr, Tom Croner

Flowers: Chris King

**June 20th**

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Tyler Gindlesperger

Flowers: Barry Landis

Special Flowers: Don & Nancy Custer

**June 27th**

Sound: Terry Luteri, Russ Hillegas

Flowers: Russ & Jeanne Hillegas

**Grandma always said, “Life’s Uncertain Eat Dessert First!”** As we had a blank page in the newsletter here is a favorite dessert recipe from PD that is guaranteed to give your blood sugar a jolt!

### **Chocolate Chip Cookie Dump Dessert!**

Items needed:

9 x 13 deep dish

2 packages of Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough [Pillsbury is my choice]

2 packages of cream cheese

2 packages of chocolate pudding

1 box of Powdered sugar

2 Extra Creamy Cool Whip

1 bag of Milk chocolate chips [Hershey]

Take 9x13 deep dish and spray with butter flavored Pam.

Take Chocolate chip cookie dough and roll out in the dish bring it up the sides.

Bake for 25 minutes at 350 degrees.

Let cookie crust cool or place in the freezer for 40 minutes for quick cooling.

Cream Cheese at room temperature and 1 cup of powdered sugar and beat with mixer until fluffy.

Spread the Cream Cheese over the cookie crust.

Prepare Chocolate Pudding [use whole milk for this] as directed.

Spread over the Cream Cheese

Spread the Extra Cream Cool Whip over the pudding.

Sprinkle the entire dish with Milk Chocolate Chips.

Let chill in the refrigerator for 3 to 4 hours.

Cut in 12 pieces.

Enjoy!



## Let's Have Some More Fun!

Ruth Elaine Whitaker will be turning  
"80 Years Young"  
On June 30<sup>th</sup>.

We have omitted this page from her newsletter so it is a  
**"SECRET"!**

Your previous contributions to these special birthdays really  
make one's day! Let's take time to make her day by  
showering her with birthday cards. Let's even get the kids  
involved by having them make her a card.

Her address is:

1303 Main St  
Berlin PA 15530

If for any reason you are unable to mail your card, please  
feel free to drop it off at the church office prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>  
and we will be sure it gets to her. There is a mail slot in the  
office door so if we are closed you may place it there.