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Vacation Bible School 2021 – The Wilderness Adventure August 9-13 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.

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!

You Wilderness Escape Journey begins on Monday, August 9th through Friday August 13th. 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

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Pastor's Ponderings

Another year of service has come and gone and on July 1st I begin my 5th year of service here at Trinity Church. Time flies when you are having fun.

I was thinking back as I begin my 35th year as a parish pastor, I began my service as a pastor in Christ's holy church in the United Methodist Church – East Ohio Conference when I was appointed by the late Bishop James S. Thomas to Brokensword and Lykens UMC near Bucyrus, Ohio. Two very small congregations in rural mid-Ohio which have both now closed. The Lykens Church is now a private residence, and the Brokensword Church remains an abandoned property.

I moved into the parsonage at Brokensword and was immediately faced with a contaminated well. An underground cistern was available and monthly 2,000 gallons of water was delivered to the parsonage for my use. Several times while taking a shower the cistern would run dry leaving me covered in soap. Fortunately, my neighbor next door was the pastor of a church in Bucyrus and I could go there too finish my shower. The residence also was surrounded by crop land and the farmer prepared those areas with some very aromatic fertilizer. I remember some of the kindest people who were part of both congregations who took me as a 23-year-old "kid" under "their wings" to teach me the ropes of being a parish pastor. I learned the value of visiting with folks in various settings, being available for funerals, and helping with church meals and projects. The lesson of work with us, don't just give orders and expect others to do it, built relationships. I also learned patience when daily I would receive a phone call from one parishioner who would give me her daily medical update. . .oh the things I learned and wish I could forget.

Over the years there have been building projects, renovations of parsonages, mission trips, fund raising events, Bible studies, Lenten services, Vacation Bible School, Ministerial meetings, Association meetings, Conference meetings, and so much more. The best parts of ministry were and remain those places where I sense God's pleasure in what I am doing. When I receive a call from a former parishioner who calls to say "thank you" – it makes my heart soar.

Here at Trinity we are coming out of the last 16 months of being apart due to a pandemic. This past Sunday when worship began at 9 a.m., it was wonderful to see everyone back together once again. There was such chatter, smiles, and laughter in the building. There was never a class in seminary about what to do in a pandemic. It was wonderful to hear all of the voices of the congregation raised in singing "The Doxology" with joy.

I am looking forward to the Church Picnic [I've got my Super Soaker ready for the kids], Vacation Bible School with dinner being served "alfresco," special music as part of the Sunday worship service and engaging with folks at various events.

As we move into this 5th year, may we enjoy the favor of God on our ministry together.

Blessings, +PD



*From the
Pastor*



Consistory Corner

The consistory received with regret the resignation of our Church Historian, Bobbie Robertson. We thank her for her many years of service. We are now seeking a new Historian. If you would be interested in serving, please speak with Tom Calvert or Pastor Dave.

The Consistory approved two mission gifts:

A gift of \$250.00 for the Berlin Ambulance Fund Drive from the Margaret Fisher Fund.

A gift of \$500.00 towards the restoration of the foundation wall of the original barn wall at the camp. This gift is given in memory and honor of those who have supported and served the camp over the years. The gift will come from the General Fund.

The Consistory has asked the Property to explore the option of placing a Memorial Garden at the Vine Street Cemetery for the interring of cremains. A small garden with ivy would be placed in one of the corners and a plaque with names of those interred in the area.

The Consistory will not be meeting during July and August unless a special need becomes necessary and will resume with their monthly meeting in September.

Pastor to be on Vacation

Pastor Dave will be on his summer vacation beginning August 16 through September 9. He will return to the pulpit on September 12. In his absence, please contact Tom Calvert [Consistory President] or the Church Office to arrange for pastoral care should you the need arise.

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.

Lions Club

The Lions will be having 2 more weekends of Funnel Cakes to benefit: The Playground and the Berlin Boy Scouts. The next weekend will be July 31st/August 1st and the final weekend is August 28th/29th from 3:00-10:00. 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 inviting 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 Linda Gallick as we would enjoy having music more apart of Sunday worship.

Church Picnic –Church Picnic in the Grove on July 18th beginning at 12:30 p.m. We have invited the people of Zion Lutheran to join us so that we might get to know the other congregation that shares our pastor.

Trinity at 250 – In the Year of our Lord 2027, the Trinity Church will celebrate our 250th 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:

*Sermon Series: The Wisdom of Life
Words of Wisdom from Ecclesiastes*

July 4	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26
	“The Pursuit of Happiness”	
July 11	7th Sunday after Pentecost	Ecclesiastes 3:9-15
	“Only God Is Great”	
July 18	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Ecclesiastes 4:1-12
	“Potential”	
July 25	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Ecclesiastes 5:8-20
	“The Illusion of Money”	
August 1	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Ecclesiastes 7-9
	“Formulas & Fantasies Will Always Fail”	
August 8	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	John 6:35, 41-51
	“Bread”	
August 15	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost -	
	VBS Sunday at Trinity	
	PD Preaching at Zion	
August 22	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – PD on Vacation	
August 29	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – PD on Vacation	

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

April 1 – May 31, 2021

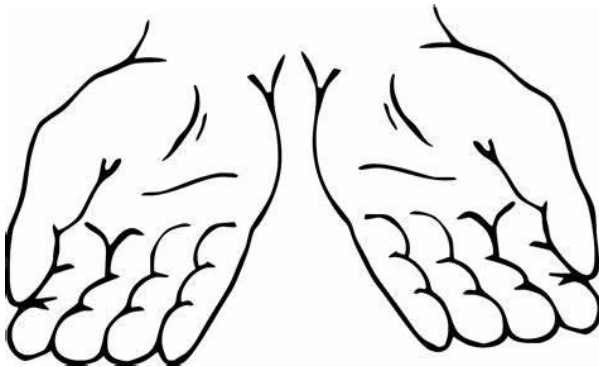
	CURRENT	MAINTENANCE	BENEVOLENCE
Beg. Balance	\$45,954.14	\$5,040.82	\$0.00
Receipts	\$31,460.79	\$1,900.00	\$1,880.00
Distributions	\$26,339.58	\$274.98	\$265.00
Ending Balance	\$51,075.35	\$6,665.84	\$1,615.00

Benevolence disbursements as follows: Berlin Food Pantry (Individual Donations) – \$140.00; Pastor’s Discretionary Fund - \$125.00

Memorials (as of 5/31/21):

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

Jean Ann Darr, Treasurer



JOIN US

Join us as we are guided through the land of the Bible in a video series with renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan. Filmed on location in the Middle East, it transforms your understanding of God and how the land and culture of the Hebrew people shaped their story. The Adult Sunday School class meets immediately following worship service every Sunday at 10:10, during the regular Sunday School time.

Tom Calvert

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

*Thank
you!*

Many thanks to Pastor Dave & to all of you at Trinity church for all the cards and calls of concern for Larry. It has meant so much to him (and to me) over the many months in lifting his spirits. Thanks to each and all of you.... **Judy and Larry McCullen**

Thank you from Lewis Berkley. Please extend my thanks for all the cards & best wishes celebrating my 90th birthday. You people are truly awesome!



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, Sue Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks, John Durst, Susan Durst, Wilma Durst, Jane Fisher, Linda Gallick, Janet Gindlesperger, Kathryn Grimm, Brenda Leister, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Charles and Glenda Paul, Nancy Schrock, 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 July / August

July 4th

Sound: Tyler Gindlesperger, Gaye Maust

Flowers: Bob & Colleen Glotfelty

Special Flowers: Larry & Judy McCullen

July 11th

Sound: Tom Croner, Chris King

Flowers: Tamra & Dan Forgan

July 18th

Sound: Tom Croner, Jim Darr

Flowers: Bob & Colleen Glotfelty

Special Flowers: Al & Joyce Knotts

July 25th

Sound: Russ Hillegas, Lori Gindlesperger

Flowers: Larry & Judy McCullen

August 1st

Sound: Terry Luteri, Chris King

Flowers: Ed & Shirley Reed

August 8th

Sound: Tyler Gindlesperger, Gaye Maust

Flowers: Bill, Ann & Willie Slifco

August 15th

Sound: Tom Croner, Pam Bush

Flowers: Reon & Sheron Engleka

August 22nd

Sound: Jim Darr, Pam Bush

Flowers: Nancy Bittner & Family

August 29th

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Russ Hillegas

Flowers: Mark & Lori Gindlesperger



**Have a
“ Safe & Happy”
4th of July**