

Trinity Trumpet September/October 2023

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Autumn leaves speckle the forest floor
Leaving a mottled view.
The river lazily provides a path for leaves
To journey through.

Determined trees continue to hang on,
Will not, yet, let go
So the leaves can gently fall away,
Instead, they glow
With tans and grays and reds and gold
Makes a glorious show.

These breath-taking beautiful scenes
After summer's gone,
Is the Creator's designated plan,
This season's 'song'.

And so it is in life our seasons
Do come then go,
Each with a particular purpose:
God's plan to know.

Just Plain Ponderings by Your Consistory President

This edition of Ponderings, for me, is difficult to put together. It is, not only September and October, but involves a lot of preparation for November and December. Review the minutes of the last two Consistory minutes. Most of the coming activities and special services are mentioned.

You need to note the two special offerings. In September we have “Keystone Family Alliance”. You remember when Lydia Shaffer, on July 16, presented information about their successes working with Foster Parents.

In October we have selected Adopt-A-Family. Contact Julie Petro if you have questions.

The new Sunday School Year officially starts with Rally Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023. An excellent coverage of the value of Sunday School on page 14 however I want to add my two cents. I have been, except for a couple of college years, in a Sunday School class as a student or a teacher my whole life. A Pastor will become our “Spiritual Leader”, our “Inspirational Leader” but he or she cannot teach us all of the Bible. Along with the parents, Sunday School is a help in the teaching of the Bible. For adults, Sunday School is a chance to discuss and learn more about the scriptures. To me a Church without a strong Christian Education Program is an incomplete Church.

The coming days, weeks & months need us Working and Praying for each other. God Bless!

Tom Calvert, Consistory President



Consistory Corner

Trinity United Church of Christ July 10, 2023

Attendance

X Tom Calvert (President)	X Gaye Maust
X Leanna Coughenour (Asst Secr)	X Ann Slifco
X Gale Hay	X Tom Croner
A Rus Ogburn (Vice President)	
X Amanda Custer (Asst Treas)	
A Debbie Boyer	X Sheron Engleka (Secretary)
X Amy Clark (Treasurer)	A Julie Petro

President Tom Calvert called the regular meeting of Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory to order at 7:00pm. Tom Calvert offered the prayer.

Minutes for June 2023 meeting

Minutes for the June 12, 2023, meeting was sent to the Consistory members electronically before the July meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting was made by Amy Clark and seconded by Gaye Maust. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed, no corrections were made. Tom Croner made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report for audit review, seconded by Ann Slifco.

Motion approved.

President and Elders Report (Spiritual Council)

Tom Calvert thanked all committees for getting the information to the church office in a timely manner for the July and August newsletter. We are thankful for the pulpit schedule during this time without a full time minister. Gale Hay suggested another Pastor that possibly could help fill the pulpit was Pastor Dottie Grew who has recently retired from the Meyersdale Church of the Brethren.

Standing Committees Reports

- A. **Christian Education** – It was reported that the next meeting of the Christian Education will be August 3rd. Rally Day on September 10th will be discussed.
- B. **Fellowship & Funerals** - A bake sale, drinks , hot dogs and stuffing balls and gravy are being planned to sell during the Berlin Community Day on Saturday, July 22, 2023. The proceeds will be given to the Hugs and Kisses and a new stove for the kitchen. A motion was made by Leanna Coughenour, seconded by Amanda Custer to approve the above activity and the proceeds to go to the Hugs and Kisses and a new stove for the kitchen. **Motion approved**
- C. **Hugs & Kisses.** – The Corn Hole event was attended by 24 people, Jason Clark won the tournament. A good time was had by all in attendance.
- D. **Pastoral & Personnel** - Pam Bush will be on vacation July 19th – August 16th. Jean Ann Darr will be in the office during this time when Pam will be on vacation. A motion was made by Gale Hay , seconded by Gaye Maust for Pam’s vacation of July 19th – August 16th. **Motion approved.**

E. **Property** – It was reported that a new laptop was needed in the church office, two dehumidifiers in the basement of the church and one fan for the fellowship hall. A motion was made to purchase a new laptop for no more than \$700, two dehumidifiers for the church basement and one fan in the fellowship hall by Ann Slifco, seconded by Amy Clark. **Motion approved.** The connection of the televisions downstairs needs to be checked for the service to be shown. The property committee is checking on quotes for a jack to reach the steeple to check for any problems. They need to set up scaffolding to clean the filters on the projector in the sanctuary. It was reported the floor inside the back entrance was wet. A scope to check the drain to see if there is any blockage along with the drain lines to the dehumidifiers is in the process of being done.

Special Committees' Reports

- A. **Christmas Decorations** - It was reported that the Angel that was received was checked and is okay.
- B. **Search Committee** – It was reported that the Search Committee will meet on Monday, July 18, 2023

Coordinator's Reports

- A. **Association & Conference** – It was reported that the Penn West Conference hired a part time youth minister, and two more part time financial employees. A Keystone meeting will be held by zoom on Tuesday evening with all 4 Conferences.

- B. **Living Waters** – It was reported that Autumn Chonko’s elementary camp held at Living Waters had a seeds for God program and planted an apple tree. Autumn had posted pictures on what they did during the camp.
- C. **Greeters** – It was decided that we would start the Greeter program on Rally Day which is September 10th.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Rob Stemple asked if our church would fill out the A2A – Accessible for handicap checklist. A motion was made by Amy Hart, seconded by Amanda Custer to check into the A2A questionnaire. **Motion approved.** Amanda Custer said that she would look into filling out the information on the accessibility of our church for the handicapped individuals. Tom Croner will check on the fire extinguishers in the church.

A motion was made by Gale Hay, seconded by Leanna Coughenour to donate \$250.00 to the Berlin Ambulance. **Motion approved.**

A motion was made by Amy Clark, seconded by Tom Croner to donate \$100 to the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Fayette and Somerset counties. **Motion approved.**

A motion was made by Amy Clark, seconded by Gaye Maust to contribute to the Keystone Family Alliance with a special contribution by the congregation. **Motion approved.**

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ann Slifco, seconded by Leanna Coughenour. **Motion approved.**

Respectfully submitted.

Sheron Engleka, Secretary

Trinity United Church of Christ

August 14, 2023

Attendance

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| X Tom Calvert (President) | X Gaye Maust |
| X Leanna Coughenour (Asst Sec) | X Ann Slifco |
| X Gale Hay | X Tom Croner |
| A Rus Ogburn (Vice President) | |
| A Amanda Custer (Asst Treas) | |
| X Debbie Boyer | X Sheron Engleka (Secretary) |
| X Amy Clark (Treasurer) | X Julie Petro |

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Motion approved.

President and Elders Report (Spiritual Council)

Tom Calvert reported that if any committee has anything for the Trinity Trumpet for September and October, please turn it into the office this week. Tom Croner reported that they are working on filling the pulpit through the end of this year.

Standing Committees Reports

- A. **Christian Education** – Christian Education Committee met and the following events are scheduled:
- a. Rally day – September 10th – Covered dish brunch is being planned with a signup sheet at both entrances , crafts for the children, a brief program and lots of good food and fellowship .
 - b. Hanging of the greens will be November 26th. The children are going to be some making new ornaments to put on the tree.
 - c. Christmas program is being planned for adults and youth combined. A director for the program is needed.
 - d. Fletcher Bibles will be given in church on Sunday, September 10th for children in the 5th grade.
- B. **Fellowship & Funerals** – A new stove is needed in the kitchen. Jean Hart is checking on the price of a new stove. A fundraiser was done on Berlin Community Days and the proceeds will go towards the purchase of a stove. More fundraisers are being planned. A motion was made by Tom Croner and seconded by Julie Petro to approve the purchase of a new stove.
Motion approved.
- C. **Hugs & Kisses** –

- a. Amy Clark reported that the youth will be painting the pavilion at the Berlin Community Grove . They have already painted the picnic tables in the pavilion. (Thank you youth and leaders for this project)
- b. A Back to School Campfire/Picnic is being planned on August 27th at 6:00pm for all youth and their parents at the Custers' House.
- c. On October 22nd at 7:00pm Mac Powell and Friends Christian concert will be at the word of Life Church in Greensburg. A group of 10 or more is needed to get a group rate. The Hugs and Kisses will pay for any of our youth attending. Adults will self pay. Please RSVP Amy Clark by August 15th.

D. Property – Tom Croner reported the following:

- a. The property committee is monitoring the steeple and still trying to find someone to repair if needed.
- b. Amanda Custer completed the A2A (Church building and program Accessibility Audit) on our church and we scored 35 out of 56 on the form. This information is to designate our church as being handicapped assessable. A motion was made by Tom Croner, seconded by Amy Clark to establish a committee to send in this report to look into being more handicap accessible. Committee should consist of 3 members of the property committee and Amanda Custer. **Motion approved.**

E. Music –

a. Ann Slifco reported that we received a request to hold a Joint Bell Choir Concert in our church, possibly on a Saturday. A motion was made by Julie Petro, seconded by Debbie Boyer to invite the joint Bell Choirs to perform in our church.

Motion approved.

b. Ann reported that a request was made to have a choral Christmas cantata in our church. She will check into the possibility of holding this event.

F. Sound –

a. It was reported that everything is working with the sound system and video connections downstairs. One cord was missed when the upgrades were done.

b. The projector filters will be replaced as soon as possible.

Special Committees' Reports

A. Finance –

a. Amy Clark reported that the 6-month Financial Review of the accounting books (January 1st through June 30th) was completed on August 12th. Everything was in order.

b. The Budget Committee is set to meet on October 3rd in the fellowship hall at 6:30pm. All Deacons – please plan to attend. If anyone has any recommendations for the Budget, please bring them to the September Consistory

Meeting so they can be addressed at the budget meeting.

- c. The Personnel committee should meet in September to give recommendations to the budget committee before the October Budget meeting.
- d. A motion was made by Amy Clark, seconded by Ann Slifco to give the Berlin Fife and Drum \$150 for the special music on November 12th at the Veterans program. **Motion approved.**

Coordinator's Reports

- A. **Living Waters** – Gale Hay reported the Living Waters hosted the Lumber Jack and Jill program.

Old Business – Keystone Family Alliance

A motion was made by Amy Clark, seconded by Tom Croner to designate each month a special benevolence offering. **Motion approved.** It was decided that the September special offering will be for the Keystone Family Alliance.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Croner, seconded by Gale Hay. **Motion approved.**

Respectfully submitted,
Sheron Engleka, Secretary



June - July 2023

	CURRENT	MAINTENANCE	BENEVOLENCE
Beg. Balance	\$98,444.11	\$19,738.81	\$1,655.00
Receipts	\$23,272.51	\$2,056.50	\$3,536.00
Distributions	\$13,842.94	\$818.89	\$3,841.00
Ending Balance	\$107,873.68	\$20,976.42	\$1,350.00

Benevolence Distributions: Berlin Food Pantry (Individual Donations) – \$195; Berlin Food Pantry (Benevolence) - \$246.53; OCWM - \$1,481.41; Pastor’s Discretionary Fund - \$125; Trinity Outreach - \$493.06; Knotty Knotters - \$1,180; Child Sponsorship - \$120

Memorials (as of 8/24/23):

None

Amy Clark, 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, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Bill Arandt, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks, John Durst, Reon Engleka, Sheron Engleka, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Fae Hetrick, Kerry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Lois Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Owen Shaulis, Mark Stahl, Peggy Stayrook, Larry Tinkey, Paul Trulick, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Harry Watkins, Gerald Zorn

Extra Prayers For:

Harry Watkins as he recovers from surgery followed by a fall and pneumonia. Harry is home now and recovering but it will be a while before he will regain his strength. If you can, please take the time to send a card to Harry (and Jane) at 218 Indigo Ln, Somerset, PA 15501

Lew & Barb Berkley have been having a rough time. Lew fell and broke his hip, had surgery and is now in the Meyersdale Hospital Swing Unit, Room 106. He would love to have calls or drop-ins. Barb was admitted to Somerset hospital as Lew was being transferred to Meyersdale. She had also fallen and was suffering from AFib and other issues. She is now home, and their daughters said get well cards for both would be welcome. Their address is 1430 Salco Rd., Berlin PA 15530.

Lillian Potter is home recovering from a hip replacement, so prayers for healing would be appreciated as well as cards. Her address is 54 Broadview Lane, Berlin PA 15530.

Prayers to the family of Kay Barnard on her passing August 27th. Kay was Karol Saylor's twin sister. A memorial service will be held here at Trinity UCC. In lieu of flowers the family has asked

that memorial donations be directed to Trinity United Church of Christ.

The power of prayer is amazing and a few extra for these folks certainly will not hurt!

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.

One Call Now Prayer List

Please remember that we have the ability to request prayer for church members, families, friends, and anyone in need of prayer. Never underestimate the power of prayer. One small prayer can change your life or someone's life dramatically. To request prayer calls, simply contact Pam, our secretary, at 541-990-0832 or at the office during business hours. If you are not on the one call now prayer phone receipt list and would like to be, we can do that as well.

Christmas Program

We are looking for a program director to head up the Christmas Program scheduled for 12/10/23. We can do adult/youth combined play this year with practice on 10/03/23 during Sunday School.

Watch your bulletins for upcoming information regarding exciting plans for this holiday season.

Veterans Sunday

A Special Tribute for our active military and all living veterans has been given to us from the Knotty Knotters, Lutheran Church, Berlin. The Knotters will make throws for all our active military and Veterans as a special ***"thank you for your service"*** to be given on Veterans Sunday.

If you haven't already done so, please contact Sheron Engleka at 814-267-4166 to any of your active military or Veterans that you would like to honor that day as soon as possible.

In addition to Sheron Engleka's annual slide present tribute to our Veterans we will be joined by the "Berlin Fife and Drum Corp". We look forward to you joining us to help honor our Veterans.

A special thank you to all who donated to the Knotty Knotters. Your donations will go a long way to spread God's love. Thank you, Sheron Engleka

Dear Congregation of Trinity United Church of Christ,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have donated funds to Holy Trinity Lutheran Knotty Knotters.

Your donations have certainly helped to cover the cost of the Veterans Day covers we are working on and will help us to continue our important mission work.

As always, we are blessed.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Knotty Knotters

Adopt-A-Family

We will be taking up a special collection during the month of October for our Adopt-A-Family Christmas project. We have been helping local families for over a decade by supporting them with essential gifts and food for the holiday season. Last year we helped 5 families make Christmas extra special by purchasing gifts for a total of 19 children. If you would be interested in supporting this project, please make your donations to the church marking "Adopt-A-Family" on your offering envelopes. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Petro (814) 442-5124. Thanks.

September 10th is Sunday School Rally Sunday, and it also happens to be Grandparents Day. So, kids grab your grandparents or someone special, and grandparents grab your grandchildren for a covered dish brunch after worship service that Sunday. Of course, parents are welcome too! There will be a brief program, crafts for the kids and lots of good fellowship and food.

Please mark your calendars and plan to come to this special meal on September 10th at approximately 10:05 a.m.

There will be sign-up sheets at both entrances to let us know if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.



Benefits of Sunday School

Sunday school is a great way to get involved and learn about God. It provides many benefits, such as developing a closer relationship with God, learning new Bible stories, and building character. It also helps us build friendships within the church.

Spiritual growth

There are many reasons why Sunday school is important to many people. One of the most important reasons is that it helps people grow spiritually. Sunday school can help people learn about their faith and how to be better Christians. It can also help people learn about the Bible and the history of Christianity.

Socialization

There are many reasons why Sunday school is important in a child's development. Socialization is one of the most important aspects of a child's life (and adults). Sunday school helps children learn how to interact with others and develop relationships. It also teaches them about the Bible and religious beliefs.

Education

Sunday school is a tradition that has been around for centuries. Today, Sunday school is still a popular tradition, and many people enjoy participating in it. There are many reasons why Sunday school is important, and one of the most important reasons is that it helps children learn about God.

Please join us September 10th for Rally Sunday and make Sunday School a part of your week. See more on Rally Sunday in our weekly bulletin.

UPDATE: All adult Sunday School Classes will now be meeting as one in the Fellowship Hall. Sue Coughenour will be starting an in-depth study of I & II Peter on Sunday, September 17th at 10:10 a.m. This study will give you a look at how to get the most out of your Bible reading. The apostle Peter wrote two short letters that are packed with so much that we need to hear in our culture today. Join us as we dig in and find many hidden treasures that you might miss in general reading. Please bring your Bible, a pen, and be ready to dive in. Hope to see you there!

St Gregory's Annual Festival – MacDonalton, PA – Sunday, September 3, 2023 – Family Style – ham and turkey dinners with noodles and stuffing – served 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. – adults \$12.00 – children under 12 \$6.00 – games, bake sale, themed baskets, refreshments – fun for all ages – come and enjoy reminiscing with family and friends in our air-conditioned hall.

Operation Christmas Child

September 7th, 2023, Berlin Brethren Church, 6:30-8:00

Come learn about Operation Christmas Child and meet Olesea Makarets who, at the age of 5, was a recipient of an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. To hear about God's love in her life, Please watch your bulletin for upcoming information regarding Trinity's campaign for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes which will begin in September/October. The pickup date this year will be the week of November 13-20.

J B Schrock Playground 75th Anniversary Celebration

Did you know that the J B Schrock Community Park has been operating as a playground since September 1948?? We are 75 years old this year!!

GENERATIONS of Berlin area residents have enjoyed our playground and have passed on the love of this little park to their families! And we want to CELEBRATE!!

Please join us for a special day of fun activities, live music, games, basket raffle fundraiser, and yes, a cakewalk!! Food will be available for purchase.

Join us at the playground on Saturday, September 2nd from 10 am - 2 pm.

*Parking is available at the Berlin Brethren Church, in the large lot just off Fletcher Street.

Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

9/3 Jay Shafer

9/10 Dwayne Hay

9/17 Jim Vander Schurr

9/24 Peter Kaltenbaugh

10/1 Steve Dinning

10/8 Dwayne Hay

10/15 Jim Vander Schurr

10/22 Peter Kaltenbaugh

10/29 Dottie Grew

Bold dates indicate holy communion.

We are blessed to have these fine folks leading us in worship as we search for our new Pastor. Thank you all so much. And again, thank you to Tom Croner and Rus Ogburn for compiling this schedule.

**A message from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Sight and Sound**

We have purchased the tickets and reserved the bus for the show on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, in Lancaster, PA for the 3:00 PM show.

The cost is \$110 per adult and \$90 for child ages 3-12. This includes your admission and the cost for the bus.

If you would like to reserve a spot, please call the church office at 814-267-5014.

Please note that payment will be due to reserve your ticket and seat on the bus.

It will be non-refundable unless you can find someone to attend in your place.

The Berlin Brethren Church is planning to present a Christmas cantata at their church on Sunday, December 24th at the 10:30 service. If anyone is interested in joining this group, please

contact Norman or Joan Menhorn at (814) 289-3777 for more information.

Keystone Family Alliance

On July 16th Lydia Shaffer presented information about their successes working with Foster Parents. Consistory has designated **September** as a special offering to assist in the need of orphans and vulnerable children. Their focus is to bridge the gap between the desperate need in the child welfare system and Pennsylvania churches. If you choose to donate to this cause, please mark your offering envelopes "Keystone Alliance".

ATTENTION EVERYONE! A VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

Fae Hetrick will be celebrating her 99th birthday on Tuesday, September 19th!!!!!! Bless your heart, our dear friend Fae! Her family will be hosting an open house on that day from 1-4 here at Trinity in fellowship hall. If at all possible, please stop in and wish Fae a "Landmark Happy Birthday". Cards are fine but no gifts please. If sadly you are unable to make it, please shower her with cards sent to either Meadowview or here at the church. If you drop them at the church (either at Sunday Service or the office, during business hours or the door mail slot), we will see that she gets them.

Worship Assistants

Worship Assistants September/October

September 3

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Chris King
Flowers: Larry W. McCullen and Cynthia L. McCullen-Janicki
Ushers: Amy & Jason Cark
Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

September 10

Sound: Jim Darr, Pam Bush

Flowers: Russ & Jeanne Hillegas

Ushers: Chris King, Leanna Coughenour

Acolyte: Matt & Kaitlyn Miller

September 17

Sound: Tyler Gindlesperger, Gaye Maust

Flowers: Dave, Missy, Mathew & Kaitlyn Miller

Ushers: Larry Pritts, Rus Ogburn

Acolyte: Cohen Clark

September 24

Sound: Tom Croner, Pam Bush

Flowers: Pam Bush

Ushers: Jim Walker, Ken Miller

Acolyte: Vesper & Truitt Ogburn

October 1

Sound: Chris King, Lori Gindlesperger

Flowers: Nancy Bittner and Family

Ushers: Leonard Gary, Julie Petro

Acolyte: Cora Wright/Colten Custer

October 8

Sound: Tom Croner, Pam Bush

Flowers: Lewis & Barbara Berkley /Bill & Barb Landis

Ushers: Tom Croner, Amanda Custer

Acolyte: Lily Countryman

October 15

Sound: Gaye Maust, Tyler Gindlesperger

Flowers: Mark & Lori Gindlesperger

Ushers: Sheron Engleka, Alissa Wright

Acolyte: Matt/Kaitlyn Miller

October 22

Sound: Jim Darr, Tom Croner

Flowers: Larry & Gale Hay

Ushers: Bob Brown, Joun Wisler
Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

October 29

Sound: Tom Croner, Pam Bush
Flowers: Rene Gindlesperger
Ushers: Jean Ann Darr, Gaye Maust
Acolyte: Maelyn Fochtman/Cohen Clark

A Special Message to our Youth!

Want something to do during church services? Want to serve God and your church? Want to learn how to operate the sound and recording system in the sanctuary so we all can hear the message being shared with us during services? There is no age requirement for this offer, just a willingness to learn and to serve! If your answer is yes, just contact Tom Croner or Pam Bush to get the process started.

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 & Jean Ann Darr
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
Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166*

Consistory Deacons:

*Amy Clark, Amanda Custer, Ann Slifco
Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, Tom Croner
Julie Petro, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust*

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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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.

We Are So Incredibly Proud Of Our Hugs & Kisses Group

Pictured on the last page of your newsletter you will find pictures of our Hugs & Kisses group that so generously have been giving their time to provide painting at the Berlin Community Grove! They recently painted all of the benches and the pavilion.

The last picture is a much deserved "Back to School Campfire/Picnic hosted by the Custers on August 27th!

Bless each and every one of you for donating your time to such a wonderful community project. You are truly a blessing to the community and our church family!

As we enter the fall season, we send our blessings to you all as well as our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

**We bless you,
God of Seed and Harvest
And we bless each other
That the beauty of this world
And the love that created it
Might be expressed though our lives
And be a blessing to others
Now and always.**

