Trinity Trumpet

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Summer Of Our Lives Stop and smell the Roses, Summers sweet perfume. A place to view the Daffodils, Gods nature all in bloom.

Sit beneath a willow tree, Sheltered from the Sun. A wish on every bough, Where all our dreams begun.

Listen for all the sounds, As summer plays its tune. An orchestra of Angels, Flowers all in bloom.

Birds singing in the tree tops, In perfect harmony. All creatures great and small, Gods greatest symphony.

Be amazed by all Gods beauty, Make each precious moment last. A moment to capture and treasure, A golden memory for your past.

Stop and smell the Roses, Life's summers sweet perfume. Take time to view the Daffodils, For its over all too soon.

By John Read 16 Mar 2013.

Just Plain Ponderings by Your Consistory President

It has been one year since Pastor Dave left. At this time, I want to thank all of you who have chipped in and kept Trinity moving forward with a positive view and feeling. I have spent quite a lot of time over the past year thinking about the various individuals who have contributed to keeping us on track to fulfilling our obligations in our community. We have a long list of committees that have done their part, but we also have many others who have assisted when they saw the need. Again, thank you.

We began last summer with Alan Brick and Rus Ogburn doing a good job lining up a number of excellent speakers, with uplifting and timely messages to keep us optimistic in fulfilling our Christian mission. Rus Ogburn and Tom Croner have done the same this year.

The same is true of the Property Committee, the various parts of the Christian Education Committee, the Fellowship and Funeral Committee, the Hugs and Kisses committee, and our volunteer sextons, Rus Hillegas and Gary Estnick.

A special thank you to Bob Brown and John Wisler for their attention to the usher responsibilities. Almost every Sunday Bob will assist me or remind me that something has been done or needs to be noticed.

The sound crew has been doing an amazing job with the sound system. It seems like almost every other week they find ways to improve the value of our system.

The hub or center of all of this success is the office and its staff, Pam Bush with the assistance of Jean Ann Darr. They are the heart of our day-to-day functions. If you wish to find out about the church activities etc., just call the office.

One important request for those of you searching for information or wanting to provide information: KEEP THE OFFICE INFORMED. If you are having a meeting or activity, keep the office informed. If you have had a committee meeting or activity, keep the office informed.

At our June 12 consistory meeting, we reviewed a flier from PROMEDICA HOSPICE in Somerset asking if we had anyone in our church that would be interested in volunteering to do hospice work. The volunteer services listed were: Caregiver relief/support, Bedside vigils for patients in their final hours, Veteran volunteer support to patients who are veterans, Art at the bedside, Friendly visits, Reading aloud, Music at the bedside. For more information call 814-443-6450, email promedicahospice.org/somerset or call our church office.

Let us close with a prayer:

Dear Lord as we try to continue to do your work here on earth, we first give You thanks for providing the many gifts to help us do your work (many listed above). We/ I ask for guidance in how to address the many jobs we will face in the coming days and weeks ahead. Especially be with our search committee as they search for our new spiritual leader. Give them the wisdom to make good choices to meet our needs. Above all help us to remember to be in continual contact with You every minute and every hour of every day. Thank You again! Amen

Tom Calvert, President Berlin Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory



Consistory Corner

Trinity United Church of Christ May 8, 2023

Attendance

- X Tom Calvert (President)
- X Leanna Coughenour (Asst Secr)
- X Gale Hay
- X Rus Ogburn (Vice President)
- A Debbie Boyer
- A Amy Clark (Treasurer)

- X Gaye Maust
- A Ann Slifco
- X Tom Croner
- X Amanda Custer (Asst Treas)
- X Sheron Engleka (Secretary)
 - X 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 April 2023 meeting

Minutes for April 10. 2023 meeting was sent to the Consistory members electronically before the May meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting was made by Tom Croner and seconded by Leanna Coughenour. <u>Motion</u> <u>approved.</u>

Treasurer's Report

Treasurers report was reviewed and discussed; no corrections were made. Gaye Maust made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report and submit for audit, seconded by Julie Petro. **Motion approved.**

It was reported that \$1200.00 worth of improvements to the sound system and a new monitor for added enhancements was donated by Tom Croner, Tom Calvert and Pam Bush. <u>Thank you!</u>

President and Elders Report (Spiritual Council)

It was reported that everything on the Profile has been completed and is on the conference page for review by potential applicants for the position of Pastor to our congregation.

The Search Committee is almost completed and will be organized as soon as possible. As of this date no profiles have been received.

Standing Committees Reports

<u>Christian Education</u> – Leanna Coughenour reported that the Christian Education Committee met on May 4th. It was reported that there will be no Sunday School classes for the <u>Nursery class through 5th grade for the</u>

<u>Summer. (June 4th through September 3rd) These</u> <u>classes will resume on September 10th Rally Sunday.</u> All other classes will be in session during the summer.

- <u>Hugs and Kisses</u> Amanda Custer reported that their next meeting will be on May 23rd. They are planning a Corn Hole Tournament on June 25th with Hamburgers and Hot Dogs on the grill and to bring a covered dish. All are welcome to participate or cheer on your favorite player and of course enjoy the food and fellowship. VBS at our church is in the planning stage for either the week of June 19th or June 26th. They are also looking into a date for the church picnic at the grove. It was reported that 40 people were in attendance at the Candy Bar Bingo on April 21st and over 40 people enjoyed the Brunch after church on Sunday, May 7th.
- <u>c.</u> <u>Pastoral and Personnel</u> Tom Croner reported that the pulpit has been filled through July 16th, and also August 6th and 13th. The open dates as of today are July 23rd, 30th, August 20th and 27th.

d. Property Committee

Tom Calvert reported that some nails have been found that are coming from the steeple and the property committee will look into this problem. Jim Darr reported that the chair at the sound console is in need of replacement. Tom Croner made a motion to purchase 2 chairs for the sound console for no more than \$500.00, seconded by Rus Ogburn. <u>Motion</u> <u>approved</u>.

Special Committees' Reports

a. <u>Trinity Outreach</u>- It was reported that there have been several requests for hotel rooms by individuals that have broken down. .. Amanda Custer reported that Tableland Community Action has a program that can help with temporary emergencies.

Coordinator's Reports

a. <u>Association and Conference</u>- Tom Croner reported that the Annual Meeting will be held at California University on June 9 and 10th. Registration forms are available. Our church can have 3 lay delegates and 1 Youth delegate. A motion was made by Rus Ogburn and seconded by Gale Hay for the church to pay for the delegates to attend the Annual Meeting. <u>Motion</u> <u>approved</u>. Tom Croner said that he was driving back and forth to the meeting on Friday and Saturday, if any delegate would want to go with him.

<u>Old Business</u>

A motion was made by Tom Croner, seconded by Gaye Maust to form a committee to work on the veterans' program, label etc. **Motion approved**. A Committee was formed. (Amanda Custer, Julie Petro and Sheron Engleka)

New Business

It was reported that Graduation Sunday will be scheduled and a message be put in the bulletin and newsletter for any graduates from High School, Trade Schools and Colleges to notify the church office.

It was reported that we need to check into the Baby candles and the procedure for presentation.

It was reported that the Community Vacation Bible School will be held at the Berlin Community Grove the week of July 24th through July 28th. A motion was made by Julie Petro to donate \$250.00 to the Community VBS, seconded by Tom Croner. <u>Motion</u> <u>approved</u>.

<u>Adjournment</u>

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gale Hay, seconded by Gaye Maust at 8:30pm. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted, Sheron Engleka, Secretary

Trinity United Church of Christ June 12, 2023

Attendance

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

X Julie Petro

President Tom Calvert called the regular meeting of Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory to order at 7:04pm. Tom Croner offered the prayer.

Minutes for May 2023 meeting

Minutes for the May 8, 2023, meeting was sent to the Consistory members electronically before the June meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting was made by Leanna Coughenour and seconded by Debbie Boyer. <u>Motion approved.</u>

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 Julie Petro. **Motion approved.**

President and Elders Report (Spiritual Council)

Tom Calvert reported that the next Trinity Trumpet for July and August is being prepared. Any information that needs to be in this publication must be given to the office this week. Tom Croner reported that the Pulpit is covered through August. It was reported that All Saints Sunday will be held on November 5th and Veteran's Sunday will be held on November 12th. Community VBS will be the week of July 24th at the Berlin Community Grove.

Standing Committees Reports

- A. <u>Christian Education</u> It was reported that the Sunday School Culture Shock program is in progress. Amy Clark reported that as of today six children have signed up for the Vacation Bible School program. Since our church and the Beachdale Church of the Brethren were having Vacation Bible School at the same time as ours was scheduled and the same program was being planned by both churches, we are going to join in helping at the Beachdale Church. Transportation will be available by the helpers from our church. Our children will sing several songs in our church on June 25th that they learned in Bible School. Rally Day is scheduled for September 10th.
- B. <u>Hugs and Kisses</u> Amy Clark reported that the Corn Hole Tournament is scheduled to Sunday, June 25th. A community project is planned to paint picnic tables at the Berlin Community Grove on June 27th. The church picnic is scheduled for July 23rd at 12:00(noon) at the grove in building #2.
- C. <u>Pastor & Personnel</u> It was reported that Isaac Etris will provide lawn service to the church and cemetery. A motion to hire Isaac Etris was made by Tom Croner, seconded by Gale Hay. <u>Motion approved.</u>
- D. <u>Property</u> Tom croner reported that he will talk to Jim Darr and Jason Clark concerning the Steeple. It was reported that the fireproof cabinet that was in the church was moved to the office in the parsonage for storage of church documents. This keeps all records at the same place and helps with the moisture problem. They will check with Dean Brick about painting around

the projector due to updates in the sound system. It was reported that the new angel for the nativity scene came in damaged and a replacement is coming.

- E. <u>Music</u> Linda Gallick is working on special music for the Summer.
- **F.** <u>Sound</u> Tom Croner reported that the new system updates are working and training is in progress.

Special Committees' Reports

A. <u>Search</u> – It was reported that no profiles have been received as of this date. The next meeting of the Search Committee is scheduled for Monday, June 19that 7:00pm.

Coordinator's Reports

- A. <u>Association & Conference</u> Tom Croner reported that there are four Conferences – the Penn West, Penn Central, Penn Northeast and Penn Southeast.
- B. <u>Living Waters</u> Gale Hay reported that Camp Cadet is going to rent the camp for their program, and there are two elementary camps planned. Melissa Schrock Webreck will be in charge of one of these camps and Autumn Chonko will be in charge of the second camp. It was also reported that Larry Hay will be going off of the board soon and would like if someone from our church would volunteer to go on the board to represent our church.

Old Business

A motion was made by Tom Croner to donate \$250.00 to the Salvation Army in Somerset, seconded by Amy Clark. <u>Motion</u> <u>approved.</u>

New Business

Amy Clark reported that the Berlin Community Grove is in the process of doing a lot of upgrades to the grove due to the Bike Trail going past the grove. A motion was made by July Petro, seconded by Tom Croner to donate \$500.00 to the Berlin Community Grove. Motion approved.

Tom Calvert will be away June 21st through June 28th. Pam Bush will be away July 19 through August 16th, Jean Ann Darr will be in the office during this time. Please inform the office of any changes or activities so they are informed of what is going on and can keep everything running smoothly.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Julie Petro, seconded by Amy Clark. <u>Motion approved.</u>

Respectfully submitted, Sheron Engleka, Secretary



Financial Reports submitted by our Financial Secretary, Renee Gindlesperger, and Treasurer, Amy Clark.

April – May 2023

	CURRENT	MAINTENANCE	BENEVOLENCE
Beg. Balance	\$87,483.69	\$17 <i>,</i> 388.81	\$0
Receipts	\$25,157.00	\$2,420.50	\$3,260.00
Distributions	\$14,202.25	\$70.00	\$1605.00
Ending Balance	\$87,483.69	\$19,738.81	\$1,655.00

Benevolence Distributions: Berlin Food Pantry (Individual Donations) – \$185; Pastor's Discretionary Fund - \$125; Knotty Knotters - \$1,295

Memorials (as of 6/5/23):

A gift was given to the Hugs & Kisses Youth in Memory of Wayne Potter's Birthday.

A gift was given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of Jamie Berkey.

Amy Clark, Treasurer

Berlin Food Pantry would like to thank TUCC for their generous donations which assist in helping those who struggle within the greater Berlin & Shanksville School Districts.

"Ripples from Camp Living Waters"

Camp Cadet begins the week of June 18. Eighty-four young people are registered to participate. This camp is sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Police. They have been using our facilities since the eighties!

Twenty-four junior/senior high students will camp out in the Primitive Area the week of July 9 - 15. This is more teenagers attending camp than during the past several years.

Living Waters received a \$5,000 grant from the Allegheny Community Foundation. The money was used to purchase new carpeting for the lodge, as well as lamps for each bedroom. The new lamps have both USB ports and AC outlets at their base. Both grandparents and their grandchildren will enjoy these new amenities during Grandparents Camp from July 9 to 12.

Elementary camp registration is closed due to being filled to maximum capacity. Elementary Camp is scheduled from June 25 to July 1. A member of Trinity is the director of grades foursix. Melissa Schrock Webreck is excited about this new opportunity! Grades K - three are under the guidance of a recent college education graduate. Autumn Chonko will serve as director for these campers. Autumn is the niece of one of our familiar supply pastors, Dwayne Hay.

The other big news from Camp Living Waters is that the swans have returned: even though they are plastic!

Larry has completed two consecutive four year terms on the Board of Directors for the camp. This is the maximum time that he can currently serve. Larry would like someone from our church to replace him. If you are willing to serve or have any questions, please contact Larry at (814) 233-3880. He is optimistic that Trinity will be represented on the new board!

Blessings from Larry and Gale Hay

Penn West Conference

Over the past year representatives of the Penn West Conference have been meeting with representatives of the other three conferences in Pennsylvania, and having conversations about how they might work together to better serve their local churches. We have found that we share similar challenges, demographics, and perspectives, perhaps it would even make sense to merge into one Keystone Conference. We will keep you informed as discussions continue.

Tom Croner

Berlin Community VBS

Community Vacation Bible School will be held at the Berlin Community Grove the week of July 24th to 28th. A meal will be served at 5:30PM with Vacation Bible School from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. The program is <u>Camping out with Jesus</u>. Registration forms are available at the Vine Street entrance or in the church office.

Berlin Community Day:

Mark your Calendars for **Saturday**, **July 22**, **2023**, 9 am – 4 pm for Berlin Annual Community Day. We are coordinating our annual "Main Street" event with The Ice Cream Station's "Christmas in July". So far, we have Bluegrass/Gospel music, a Silent Auction, food vendors, a Kids Korner, and much more. A portion of our proceeds will be donated to a local charity!



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, Kay Barnard, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Elizabeth Deal, John Durst, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Faye Hetrick, Kerry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Larry McCullen Jim McKenzie, Bonnie Murphy, Dalton Paul, Kathy Picking, James Robb, Lois Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Owen Shaulis,Tracey Smith, Peggy Stayrook, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Gerald Zorn

Prayers and Concerns:

Pastor Art Gotjen was scheduled for another surgery the end of June. Please join us in sending him your prayers, well wishes and cards to:

Art Gotjen, 1096 Sunset Dr, Somerset, PA 15501

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.

The Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School Class will resume in the parsonage.

The Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School will be starting an in-depth study of I & II Peter on Sunday, August 6. 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.

This class is open to adults of **ALL AGES** and is lead by Sue Coughenour. *Come join us!*

Sunday School for Nursery Through 5th Grade Only:

There will be no Sunday School for the Summer for the Nursery through 5th grade classes only. Sunday School will resume on Rally Sunday, September 10th.

Card Showers can make someone's day very special. If you get a minute, take the time to celebrate with them!



70 Years and Counting!!!!

Bob & Bobbie Coughenour will be celebrating their **70th Wedding Anniversary** on July 9th, so let's celebrate with them by having a Card Shower. Send your cards to 615 10th Ave, Berlin, PA 15530 or drop them off at the church office!!!



80 Years and Counting!!!!

Jim Walker will be celebrating his 80th birthday on August 25th. Let's make it even more special with another card shower!!! Send your cards to 1407 E Main St., Berlin PA 15530.

Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

- July 2 Pastor Jay Shaffer
- July 9 Dwayne Hay
- July 16 Reverend James Vander Schuur
- July 23 Pastor Jay Shaffer
- July 30 Kaitlyn Coughenour

August 6 Pastor Jay Shaffer

August 13 Dwayne Hay

August 20 Kaitlyn Coughenour

August 27 Dan Croft

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.

Search Committee:

The Search Committee has nearly been formed. We currently have 6 active members and are hoping to fill two-three more positions. Members have been contacted and we are awaiting their response. Our church profile was submitted to the Penn West Conference, and it can be viewed on the conference website as well as the UCC National website for Ministry Opportunities. We eagerly await potential prospects. Please remember to pray for the committee and the work they will be doing to find a pastor who will be the right fit, as well as for the candidates who consider our church.

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 of our active military and Veterans as a special *"thank you for your service"* to be given on Veterans Sunday.

Any active military or veterans that have not given their names to Sheron, please contact Sheron Engleka at 814-267-4166.

A message from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Sight and Sound

We have purchased the tickets and reserved the bus for the showing 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.

Church Picnic

The church picnic will be Sunday, July 23rd at 12 p.m.at the Grove. Please RSVP by obtaining a slip from the Vine Street entrance bulletin board or by calling the church office. Let's have a great turn out this year and share in some wonderful fellowship.

Email Bulletin

We recently had some internet issues that removed some of our group lists. One of those was our bulletins that some of you had requested to receive via email. Please let us know if you are no longer receiving the bulletin in this format, as you had in the past. Thank you for your patience.

Hard Copy Bulletin

Weekly the office mails hard copy bulletins to some of our shut ins or prayer list individuals that are unable to attend church. If you wish to have a hard copy sent to someone you have placed on the prayer list, please let the office know.



Worship Assistants July/August

July 2

Sound:	Chris King, Pam Bush
Flowers:	Bob & Colleen Glotfelty
Ushers:	Larry Pritts, Ken Miller
Acolyte:	Matt & Kaitlyn Miller

July 9

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Russ Hillegas

Flowers: Tamra & Don Forgan, Debbie & Brian Coughenour

Ushers: Jim Walker, Russ Ogburn

Acolyte: Cora Wright, Colton Custer

July 16

Sound:	Jim Darr, Tom Croner
Flowers:	Bob & Colleen Glotfelty
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- Ushers: Carl Brick, Leonard Gary
- Acolyte: Lily Countryman

July 23

Gaye Maust, Tyler Gindlesperger Sound: Flowers: Reserved Julie Petro, Tom Croner

Ushers:

Vesper & Truitt Ogburn Acolyte:

July 30

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Russ Hillegas Ed & Shirley Reed Flowers: Ushers: Amanda Custer, Sheron Engleka Nathan Spangler Acolyte:

August 6

Sound:	Chris King, Gaye Maust
Flowers:	Bill, Ann & Willie Slifco
Ushers:	Alissa Wright, Bob Brown
Acolyte:	Maelyn Fochtman, Cohen Clark

August 13

Tom Croner, Tyler Gindlesperger Sound: Flowers: Reon & Sheron Engleka Ushers: John Wisler, Jean Ann Darr Acolyte:

August 20

Sound: Jim Darr, Pam Bush Flowers: Nancy Bittner & Family Gaye Maust, Deb Boyer Ushers: Cora Wright, Colton Custer Acolyte:

August 27

Sound: Pam Bush, Tom Croner Flowers: Mark & Lori Gindlesperger Ushers: Ann Slifco, Tom Calvert Acolyte: Lily Countryman

Altar Flowers

For those of you who are unable to pick up the orders that you make for the alter 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.

Church Office Phone: 814-267-3234 Mail: PO Box 86, Berlin, PA 15530 Email: <u>berlinucc@yahoo.com</u> Website: <u>www.berlinucc.org</u>

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.



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Blessings To You All!!!!