



# The Orbit

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## Lectionary Readings for the Month of August

### August 6, 2017

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5  
Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

### August 13, 2017

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-23

### August 20, 2017

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Psalm 67  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

### August 27, 2017

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6  
Psalm 138  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

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### Altar flower opportunity

Altar flowers are available for sponsorship for the weekend of October 14-15. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, contact Patty Bennett or the church office.

The cost per weekend is \$30 and the flowers can be in honor or in memory of friends or relatives.

### The next Orbit Deadline is August 23rd

Please get your article to the newsletter in one of the following ways:

- Email your article to: [office@trinityaltoona.com](mailto:office@trinityaltoona.com)
- Drop your article in the Orbit mailbox inside the Christian Education office.
- Call the office and dictate your article to Susan or drop it off in the office.

### Please remember:

- **All articles will be included as long as space permits.**
- **Articles will be edited for grammar and/or clarity where needed.**
- **Any article turned in after the deadline will be included in the next month's Orbit.**

**Thank You!**

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"We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor." Romans 15:1-2

From the Pastor:

## Stepping up to assist is important

This summer has been an example of this passage from Romans in the life of Trinity. In the beginning of summer, we were without a secretary and now as we prepare for the end of summer, we have been without a janitor for a few weeks. (Gary fell at home and dislocated his left shoulder.) Because of these two vacancies, we have had to join together as a congregation so that ministry could continue uninterrupted. Indeed, the strong have had to help so that our "neighbors" within the church could be built up with the ministries and worship provided here at Trinity. That happened in many ways this summer. The "strong" took on unfamiliar leadership roles to ensure that things ran smoothly.



There are many times in the life of the church that the "strong" are asked to step up. I think that we can all be the "strong" at some point in the life of the church. We do not all have to be the "strong" at the same time. Some have time to give to cleaning and helping with the secretarial duties, some have the finances to help with youth with their upcoming trip to Houston for the National Youth Gathering. Some have the creativity to plan activities for others. Some have the ability to ask if there is a need in the congregation that we can help with through the emergency fund. The point is, the church is a neighborhood and we are neighbors to each other, so when one area is weakened, someone or some group steps up to fill the void. Living the words of Romans, we as individuals and as the church will always have "neighbors" to count on to "borrow a cup of sugar" when needed.

Peace,

*Pastor Eli*

# Council President

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## The challenges of being aware...

Can you be aware? What does that even mean? This phrase resonates with me right now and I will explain.

Summer is in full swing. Many of us are very busy getting in all the outdoor activities we can while the weather is nice. It is a rush to get it all done before fall sets in. Many skip summer worship to make time to fit it all in in three short months. This isn't the point where I will send out a guilt trip about skipping church. I will say, skip it! However, with skip it I challenge you to "Be Aware." Not a warning of beware, but "Be Aware." By "Be aware" I am referring to God's presence everywhere.

In "Be Aware" I ask you to make time for God in your activities. Reading scripture and prayer are excellent things we all should do to keep us aware. These are things to make us aware of how God wants us to love God, love our neighbor, and love creation. The Holy Spirit comes through to us when we read scripture.



Other than reading and prayer, another excellent exercise is to look for God as we go about our activities. Where is God in your day? How is God revealed to us in our daily lives? Is God seen in the smile of the person that waited on you? Is God seen in a beautiful place that you have visited recently? Is God seen in the eyes of a homeless person you may have encountered? Is God present in people that are sick or hurting in some other way?

The answer to these questions can be transformative in our lives. As we see God present in the world, we will likely start to think and act differently. Seeing God in so many places, might push us to want to be nicer to the person that waited on you. That person may have been having a hard day with a lot on their mind and you helped them in a small way. Seeing God in creation may inspire us to want to protect and preserve creation for those that are coming after us. Perhaps seeing God in our struggling neighbor will cause us to act as Jesus acted towards those that are suffering or marginalized. The possibilities are endless, but the challenge is to "Be Aware."

This "Be Aware" will help us go a long way toward Jesus command of Love God, Love Others!

Peace and Blessings!

Ted Williams

# Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

### Trinity Members

Jim Aungst  
Tyler Bennett  
Tina Chestney  
Sondra Deffibaugh  
Carol Forney  
Jim Gosnell  
Debbie Gracey  
Paul Hamilton  
Kathy Hatch  
Kristina Henderson  
Jason Kutz  
Arlene Leonard  
Gary Lonsinger  
Bill Mallory  
Ken B. Myers  
Ray Nycum

Dave Olinyk  
Gene/Joyce Otto  
Margaretta Perry  
Jaden Rhode  
Ruth Ann Saleme  
Donna Williams  
Church Health Team  
Payton Zeigler

Janet Aungst  
Baby Allison  
Jim Andrews  
Kris Bennett  
Michael Bennett  
Casey Bondarenka  
Pat Burk  
Michael Butcher  
Ron Clawson  
Deb Civiello  
Denise Condo  
Peg Corle  
Baby Cowan  
Andrew Fundack  
Haley Gehret  
Gerstenberger Family  
Jack Grassmyer Child

### Family Members and Friends

Sharon Myers & Family  
Caydan Noel  
Joe Pacifico  
Jacob Pauley  
Sal Randazzo  
Joe Roub  
Carl Ruckinger  
Connie Sooy  
Elaine Stetser  
Gayle Streckland  
Jess Stellabote  
Bill Stonebraker  
Nancy Stuart  
Jack Templon  
Jackie  
Bobbie Wilkinson-Summers  
Sane Zeiders

### Trinity's Homebound Members

Jo Ann Boyd  
Chris Burda  
Bob Nearhoof  
Joan Rhiver  
Arlene Roessing  
Bill Sauserman  
Robert Streightiff  
Joan Stout  
Bert Watchey's Family

Ron Green  
Richard Gunsallus  
Sonjia Hanczaryk  
Zack Hart  
Don Haslam  
Pastor Peter Helmers  
Hersel Family  
Bob Himes  
Robert Hutchison  
Charles Kelly  
Danny Kenney  
Jim Kutz

### Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown  
Jason Buck  
Nathan Frank  
Peter Quinn  
Justin Patz

Jason Smith  
Eric Sweet

Janelle Lehr  
Baby Lucy  
Dylan McGilvary  
Jane Messner  
Dennis Miller  
Harry Miller Sr.  
Greg Moses



Please know that you may add someone to our prayer list at any time by calling the church office (943-3972). If it is appropriate to remove someone from the prayer list, again, please inform the church office. Names of family and friends will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may keep someone's name on the list by calling the church office and giving us a brief update so that we can continue to effectively pray for your loved one.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP SEQUANOTA NEARS

It's almost time for our annual retreat so we need to begin planning.

If you are planning on going or are interested in receiving more information, please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or call **Linda Hoover** at **944-0906**.

This is NOT written in stone. If something comes up and you can't attend, we understand. However, rooms need to be reserved and supplies need to be purchased.

This year we are going October 27th-29th. We were able to keep the cost the same, \$115.00 which includes two nights, meals, bedding, etc. As usual, an organizational meeting will be planned closer to our trip.

Yes, I have an interest in attending the Women's Retreat at Camp Sequanota, October 27-29.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

The **Social Ministry Committee** sponsored a "Tea Party" for Parkview Terrace residents no Monday, July 17.

The residents said it was a "delicious dinner." The females wore decorated tea party hats and the men wore top hats. Games were played. Laughter was plentiful.

Thanks to **Linda Hoover** who organized the games and to **Marla Hammond, Joanna Lewis, Donna Williams, Linda Gibbons** and **Linda Hoover** for providing that "delicious dinner."

This committee also loaded the Pastor's truck, with all of the collected items for the Humane Society, on August 1.

## Milestone birthday news

Our congregation has two members that have recently reached milestone birthdays.—**Marie Laich** and **Effie Whitfield**.

Marie is a long-term member. She raised her children in our church. They are still members as are Marie's grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Effie came to us when Fourth Lutheran closed its doors. She comes to the Sunday service and can be seen "sitting in last pew," which she has done for many years. (This is a trait for Lutherans, claiming your own seat.) She is willing to donate whatever is needed.

**WHEN YOU SEE EITHER OF THESE FINE YOUNG WOMEN, PLEASE WISH THEM BOTH OF THEM A BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY.**

## With Sympathy...

We mourn the passing of **Beverly Thompson** on July 26. Our prayers and condolences go out to the family.

## Also worth mentioning:

A note from **Ken Kutz**: "I would like to send a huge "thank you" to **Tom** and **Emily Simpson** and **Paula Diedrich** for working on the church audit this year. Everything went well. A few recommendations were made to Church Council."

**Regular worship service hours resume on Labor Day weekend.** Saturday's service remains at 6:30 p.m. On Sunday, September 3, the services will again be at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Finally, Sunday School will kickoff on Sunday, September 3, at 9:30 a.m. with our traditional **Rally Day**.



# Trinity's Church Picnic



## Annual Church Picnic August 27, 2017

It is that time of year again for our annual picnic. It will be held at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg. We will begin with an 11am worship service and then commence with the picnic.

The Fellowship Committee will be providing the main dish. It will consist of pulled pork Sandwiches, sloppy joes, and hotdogs.

**\*\*Everyone that is able to, is asked to bring a covered dish. Hot or cold. Your choice. \*\***

Games will be available for kids of all ages.

**So come join us for some fun, food, and fellowship!**

NOTE: The 11am worship service is the ONLY service for the entire weekend. There will be no Saturday evening service.

## St. Andrew Preschool



We are getting ready to begin the 2017-2018 school year here at St. Andrew Pre-school on **Tuesday, September 5**. Mrs. Angela's four year-old classroom runs from 9am-12pm and Mrs. Lisa's three year-old classroom runs from 9:30am-12pm. Registration is \$30.00 and tuition is \$125.00 per month. We look forward to seeing our returning students and welcoming our new ones.

**Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, from 6-8 pm.**

Looking forward to a fun filled year!  
- Mrs. Angela and Mrs. Lisa

## St. Andrew Wish List :

- Rubber play ground mulch
- tricycle (new or lightly used)
- glitter
- tempera paint
- Elmer's glue (bottle)



## Come on down...

**TRINITY'S ONGOING ADULT BIBLE STUDY  
WILL RESUME THIS FALL**

### **“A Christ-Centered Life” Lessons on Discipleship from Romans 5-8**

*Trinity's vibrant weekly Bible study will focus on topics that address the following:*

- How can I live a Christ-centered life?*
- How do I live a Spirit-filled life?*
- What are these 2 things about and what do they mean?*
- How can I mature, grow, and develop more fully as a Christian?*
- How can I win out and be victorious in my struggle with sin?*
- Is this hopeless?*

#### **Key information to remember:**

- 4 weekly mixed, intergenerational, adult groups with flexible times to better fit personal schedules
- All groups do the same weekly study
- People can float from one group to another based on weekly schedule, personal preference, etc.
- Groups meet at the church Monday 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; Tuesday 9-10 a.m. and 7-8 p.m.; Wednesday 7-8 p.m. (Groups begin and end on time)
- No prior experience needed, newcomers are always welcome
- Contact Lisa Bradley @ 943-7488

**FALL SESSION WILL BE STARTING THE WEEK OF  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> FOR 9 WEEKS.**