

# The Orbit

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"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."  
Matthew 6:19-20



## **From the Pastor:**

If there is one thing we do not like to talk about in the church it is money, yet the Bible has many passages about money and how we are to look at money in connection to our spiritual journey. The above passage from Matthew is just one example. This passage has to do with our excess, if we have it to store up then we are not spending it on our bills for the month. I have always looked at this passage and equated it with inheritance or a will. In other words where will our money go, what are we saving it for? This is something that we do not want to think about because it deals with our mortality, yet it is necessary to think about if we want to make sure what we have stored up will go where we determine. The Mission Endowment Fund is a way for people of Trinity to make sure that we are looking at our treasures in light of the scriptures. A copy of the Bylaws is being sent to all members so that we can familiarize ourselves with this Fund and how it will be used before we vote to add these bylaws to our constitution on June 9th and 10th. Are our hearts with the church? The church is looking to be good stewards of all gifts received, for the same is true of the heart of the church, where it's treasure is their is it's heart.

Peace....



## Memorial Gifts and Thank You!

### Memorial gifts are earmarked for Youth Gathering trip

Family and friends of long-time member Margaretta Perry chose to remember her by making gifts in her memory totaling almost \$3,000.

The Gutshall family earmarked these donations to help cover the costs of Trinity's nine youth and four advisors who will attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, this summer. As of April 20, these donors were:

**Tom and Lois Gutshall**  
**Tom and Lisa Gutshall**  
**Richard and Sandra Perry**  
**Sandra Deffibaugh**  
**Tom and Lisa Bradley**  
**Susan and Bruce Brower**  
**Clara Hite**  
**Jane Eamigh**  
**Sandra Hollen**  
**Russ and Patty Edevane**  
**Janet and Steve Ellis**  
**Florence Frazier**  
**Mel and Sandra Frye**  
**Catherine Gildon**  
**Jim and Barb Gosnell**  
**Irving Seltzer**  
**Debbie Simpson**  
**Susie Williamson**  
**Jane Yerty/UPMC Surgical**  
**Trinity Prayer Breakfast**  
**Paula Ford and Craig Cameron**  
**Paula Jean Habinyak**

An additional gift from **Nancy and Robert Ickes** was given in memory of **James Ickes** and **Michele Wolfe**.

Each donor received a letter of thanks/receipt from the church and family members received the names of the donors.

#### THANK YOU

I would like to Thank Linda Hoover and Judy Hale for assisting with the Church Audit for the year 2017.  
Ken Kutz

#### THANK YOU

I want to Thank everyone for the many cards, flowers, visitations at the funeral home and the prayers that were sent to myself and my family as we mourned the loss of my Mother, Rose Marlett, who passed away on February 7, 2018



## Social Ministry

65 “Easter for Eli” were made in 2 days and delivered to Sams Club. Again, the Trinity Congregation has done a fantastic job donating the items that filled those baskets. Thanks to all that donated.

A huge THANK YOU to Marla Hammond, Joanna Lewis, Ruthie Brubaker, Linda Hoover and Jess Hoover for spending those 2 days separating and filling the 65 baskets.

The Committee will meet again on May 1, 2018 at 11am. Everyone is welcome.

God Bless,

Sharon Kutz



“Easter for Eli” Trinity’s Social Ministry Committee was able to fill 65 baskets from generous donations from Trinity Congregation!!!!



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## ELCA Youth Gathering

### Congregation financial support is needed

### **Special offerings for Youth Gathering expenses are appreciated**

An enthusiastic group of Trinity young people and chaperones are looking forward to attending the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, in June and they continue to need the help of the congregation.

Because the Trinity contingent includes 13 people, more than \$10,000 is needed to cover registration as well as transportation, meals and lodging.

The youth have been raising money since last summer through a variety of projects. More than \$3,000 in memorial gifts for Margaretta Perry were earmarked for the Youth Gathering expenses. **BUT WITH LESS THAN TWO MONTHS REMAINING BEFORE THE TRINITY GROUP HEADS OFF TO TEXAS, WE'RE STILL MORE THAN \$5,000 SHORT OF OUR GOAL.**

***HOW CAN YOU ASSIST?*** You can use one of the remittance envelopes enclosed in recent newsletters at a time convenient to you over the next six weeks. Additional envelopes can be found in each pew and at the back of the sanctuary.

You can also add an extra amount to each of your weekly offerings. **Please be sure to clearly mark your intentions on the front of each envelope.**

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and adult leaders from across the ELCA gather for this week of faith formation. Through interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, the hope is that every young person grows in faith and is challenged and inspired to live their faith in daily life. For most, this goal comes to life back home, in their congregations and in the world.

Each night of the Gathering, participants will come together in NRG Stadium, the home of the Houston Texans, for a time of inspiring speakers, uplifting music and more. Speakers will share how God's call, God's love, God's grace and God's hope changed everything in their lives.

During a closing worship service on July 1, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will preach and attendees will celebrate and remember that Jesus Changes Everything!

Our church was also represented at the last two Gatherings in New Orleans (2012) and Detroit (2015). It speaks to the quality of the event that three Trinity youth – Elizabeth Fogle, Victoria Morgan and Emily Humbertson – have chosen to attend the Gathering again.

Your special gifts will impact the lives of our young people forever. Thank you for participating through your special offerings!





# Camp Sequanota

## Camp Sequanota applications are due by May 31

Sequanota Lutheran Camp has announced its 2018 summer schedule, so it's time for Trinity members, including our young people, to start thinking about which sessions they'd like to attend.

Parents and youth can go online at [www.sequanota.com](http://www.sequanota.com) to learn what's being offered this year.

Since 1986, Trinity has been blessed with a fund established by former Juniata resident Robert E. Cook in memory of his mother, Dorothy Baird Cook. **The purpose of the fund is to pay the costs of sending children and youth with financial need to Camp Sequanota.**

Last summer, ten of our children and youth took advantage of this wonderful experience and enjoyed every minute of it!

Here are a few important reminders:

Applications for Cook Fund assistance can be obtained in the back of the sanctuary or the Trinity Office.

Absolutely no applications will be accepted after May 31. **There will be no exceptions to this rule.**

All requests for aid from the Cook Fund will be kept confidential.

All applicants will receive notification of funding in early June.

Please contact Pastor Hess if you have any questions.



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## Stewardship/Spring Fling Committees

### Ice cream scoopers are needed for Spring Fling

The Stewardship Committee is looking to recruit people to dip ice cream during Spring Fling 2018 on Saturday, May 19.

The committee would like to attract members of the Trinity family who can devote **ONE HOUR** of time between 11 a.m.-2 p.m. to scoop vanilla ice cream and place toppings on the sundaes that have become a popular Spring Fling tradition.

If you've not gotten involved in Spring Fling in the past, this is the perfect way to do it! It's fun, it's easy and it's an opportunity to lend a hand during this important community outreach program.

If you'd like to volunteer for an hour, see Tom Bradley or email him at [tbradley17@verizon.net](mailto:tbradley17@verizon.net). You can also call Tom at 943-7488 to sign up or talk to him at church.

### Spring Fling 2018

**When: Saturday, May 19th**

**Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

The Spring Fling Committee is seeking volunteers to help with this year's event.

Please fill out your slips and place them in the collection plate or in Nancy Honecker or Tom Gutshall's mailboxes.

Any monetary donations can be placed in the collection plates, please clearly mark the donation, "Spring Fling."

# Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

## Trinity Members

Jim Aungst  
Tyler Bennett  
Kris Bennett  
Tina Chestney  
Sondra Deffibaugh  
Jim Gosnell  
Debbie Gracey  
Paul Hamilton  
Kathy Hatch  
Kristina Henderson  
Jake Kovisely  
Ken Kumpf  
Ken B. Myers  
Ray Nycum  
Jaden Rhode  
Ruth Ann Saleme

Church Health  
Team

## Family Members and Friends

Janet/Charlie Aungst  
Rose Balasco  
Ashley Batisti  
Mishell Borousky  
Ashley Bottisi  
Pat Burk  
Simon Casalvieni  
Sue Casalvienri  
Deb Civiello  
Gaine Dodson  
Daniel Fanelli  
Andrew Fundack  
Haley Gehret  
Bob Hamilton  
Don Haslem  
Ed Kaps  
Colson Keagy  
Ken Kumpf  
Jenelle Lehr  
Dylan McGilvry  
Tucker McGilvry  
Jane Messner  
Dennis Miller  
Harry Miller Sr.  
Greg Moses  
Leslie Mussleman  
Skip Mussleman  
Sharon Myers  
Neva Nariani  
Carl Ruckinger  
Joan Spencer  
Elaine Stetser  
Rachel Stoudt  
Tom Stoudt  
Amy Woodard  
Don Woodlring  
Allison

Arianne, baby

## Trinity's Homebound Members

Chris Burda  
Arlene Leonard  
Bob Nearhoof  
Joan Rhiver  
Arlene Roessing  
Bill Sauserman  
Robert Streightiff  
Joan Stoudt

## Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown  
Luke Dragavich  
Jason Buck  
Kyle Eberhart  
Nathan Frank

Justin Patz  
Peter Quinn  
Eric Sweet  
Jason Smith



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.





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## Lectionary Readings for the Month of May

### May 6, 2018

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

### May 13, 2018

Acts 1:15-17;21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

### May 20, 2018

Acts 2:1-21  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 104:24-34; 35b  
Romans 8:22-27  
Acts 2:1-21 (alternate)  
John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

### May 27, 2018

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17

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## Also worth mentioning...

\*\*Please note that we have a new security door for Trinity Hall. It will be kept lock during preschool hours. To gain entrance please press the door buzzer and our secretary will buzz you in.

## The next Orbit Deadline is May 23th

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

- Email your article to:  
**[office@trinityaltoona.com](mailto:office@trinityaltoona.com)**  
**[drgeesey@verizon.net](mailto:drgeesey@verizon.net)**
- Drop your article in the Orbit mailbox inside the Christian Education 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!**