

# The Orbit

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"In the days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his path's.'"

Isaiah 2:2-3



## **From the Pastor:**

This reading reminds me of one of my favorite Christmas hymns, "Go Tell it on the Mountain". I am sure most of you know this hymn. Christmas is fast approaching and many of us are busy making plans, shopping, preparing for family, going to parties and other holiday happenings. I wonder if we can take a few minutes out of our busy schedules and return to the mountain of the Lord. In Isaiah the scripture says that all nations shall stream to it. We are called to the mountain to tell the nations of the world about the coming of the Messiah. We walk in the Lord's path of righteousness and justice and we are called to shout it to the world. Go to the Holy mountain and tell the story of Jesus, not just the story of the birth in the stable but of his love for the world and the sacrifice of his life so that we might have life everlasting. Go tell it on the mountain is not just a hymn that we sing or hear at Christmas time, but it is a call to live for Christ and the Lord. So take some time for God and Jesus this holiday season.

Peace,



## From the President

On Saturday, November 9, the Trinity Stitchers held a craft show at the church. There was a variety of items to choose from. Social Ministry sponsored the food items. There were sloppy joes, hotdogs with or without sauerkraut, macaroni salad, coffee, tea and water.



Thank you Linda Hoover! And Thanks to Lester Bennett for manning the money box. St. Andrews Preschool teachers made the all the goodies.

Social Ministry dedicated this to all deceased and present members.

### SILLY DATES IN DECEMBER

- Dec 2- Safety Razor Day
- Dec 4- Cookie Day
- Dec 6- Faux Friday
- Dec 7- Earmuff Day
- Dec 10- Dewey Decimal System Day
- Dec 13- STRESS FREE DAY
- Dec 16- Chocolate-covered Anything Day
- Dec 20- Ugly Sweater Day
- Dec 21- Short Girl Appreciation Day
- Dec 27- Howdy Doody day
- Dec 28- Chocolate day
- Dec 30- Bacon Day

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE



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## Trinity's Triniteen

### **HOLIDAY HELPERS**

The Triniteens are offering a little break for parents to get some shopping done, or just enjoy a quiet dinner out, over the holidays! We will be hosting a movie night for children in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade on **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 8:30pm**. The children will enjoy popcorn and hot chocolate while watching The Polar Express. The cost is \$5.00, which will go toward the Minnesota Youth Gathering.

### **ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

The annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be held during the 10:45am Worship Service on **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. There will be light refreshments following the service.

### **CHRISTMAS PARADE PARTICIPATION**

Trinity's Youth Troop will be participating in two local Christmas parades this year, they are Hollidaysburg Winterfest Parade on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm and The Altoona Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Be sure to come on out and see the beautiful float that Adam Counterman created, along with some of Trinity's youth portraying the manger scene.



## Trinity Sunday School

### Sunday School October 2019 Perfect Attendance

Holden Seiler (2); Vincent Pierannunzio(2); Annalisa Counterman(2);  
 Harper Seiler (2); Lydia Thompson(2); Avalynn Counterman(2);  
 Emma Morgan(2); Maura Thompson(2); Brayden Conway ;  
 Jillian Pierannunzio(2); Madison Conway(2);  
 Not pictured: Emma Zearfoss (2); Liam Zearfoss(2); Hannah Pierannunzio (2)

Sunday School is held at 9:30 am. The Children's Christmas Program will be held on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 10:45 am service. Hope to see you there!!!!





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## **Trinity Social Ministry**

On Monday, November 25, the committee met and prepared cookie trays that were delivered to the Police and Fire Departments.

We will again deliver Poinsettias to the shut-ins during the Christmas season.

There will be NO meeting in January. Next meeting is February 4, 2020 at 11AM in Trinity Hall.

There is a lot of room for many other members. Consider joining us.



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## Also Worth Mentioning

### **St Andrew Preschool Wish List**

- **Juice Boxes**
- **Hand soap (for the bathroom)**
- **Clorox/Baby wipes**
- **Scotch Tape**
- **White Board Markers**
- **Postage Stamps**

### **People to Deliver Altar Flowers**

**Anyone interested in delivering altar flowers, please contact Patty Bennett 944-4823**

### **Cookies and Coffee During Advent**

**Come join us for Cookie and Coffee hour following the 10:45 am service during Advent beginning December 1st. To donate cookies contact Debbie 944- 5706**

# Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

## Trinity Members

Jim Aungst  
Ted Baird  
Tyler Bennett  
Bob Brubaker  
Tina Chestney  
Church Health  
Team  
Sondra Deffibaugh  
Jane Eamigh  
Jim Gosnell  
Debbie Gracey  
Paul Hamilton  
Ron Heiss  
Kristina Henderson  
Martha Jones  
Janice Knee

## Trinity's Homebound Members

Chris Burda  
Ron Green  
Ken Kumpf  
Marie Laich  
Dawn Mangus  
Bob Nearhoof  
Arlene Roessing  
Robert Streightiff  
Leta Veit

## Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown  
Jason Buck  
Kyle Eberhart  
Nathan Frank  
Justin Patz

Jason Smith  
Eric Sweet

Janet/Charlie Aungst  
Scott Aungst  
Sandy Badorrec  
Deb Bender  
Frank Bennett  
Kris Bennett  
Pat Burk  
Dorothy Bush  
Deb Civiello  
Scott Corl  
Jim Dieffibaugh  
Fred Delgrosso Sr  
Jordan DeFrancisco  
Miles Dunkelbarger  
Bill & Nancy Filler  
Don Fiscella  
Elisie Fogel  
Haley Gehret  
Dawn George  
Allen Glassman  
Jean Habinyak  
Ann Hanczaryk  
Barbara Hann  
Charles W Harpster  
Don Haslem  
Dave Hogan  
Jack Hoyne  
Kaylee Kruse  
Jason Kenney &  
Family  
Kaylen Kauffman  
Sue Kies  
Tom Klevan  
Pastor John Klingeman  
Jean Lane  
Jenelle Lehr  
Janet Luciano

## Family Members and Friends

Linda Mardula  
Sharon Mayers  
Cameron McCaulley  
Barb McConnell  
Bob McConnell  
Donna McEldowney  
Eddie McGee  
McGilvery Family  
Kathy McIntyre  
Sharon McKeehan  
Sandy Means  
Janelle Messner  
Denny Miller  
Harry Miller Sr  
Moore Family  
Rudy Muccitelli  
Neva Narrariani  
Zach Porta  
Katie Riggelman  
Roub Family  
Carl Ruckinger  
Michael Ruckinger  
Judy Schaffer  
C. Richard Shaffer  
Bob Shannon  
Beth Shultz  
Harper Sigrist  
George Sultage Sr  
Robert Thomas Family  
Paul Wallis  
Mary Walter



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 December

### December 1

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44

### December 8

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

### December 15

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 146:5-10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

### December 22

Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

### December 29

Isaiah 63:7-9  
Psalm 148  
Hebrews 2:10-18  
Matthew 2:13-23

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## Also worth mentioning...

## The next Orbit Deadline is December 26th

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!**