

# The Orbit

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"It was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord, 'For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever,' the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God."

2 Chronicles 5: 13-14



## **From the Pastor:**

While most of us will be celebrating Thanksgiving with family, turkey, and football the Israelites in 2 Chronicles were giving thanks with song and music. As we approach Thanksgiving we are reminded that there is always something to be thankful for. In fact, what I want to focus on is what the Israelites are giving thanks for, the steadfast and enduring love of God. God is always with us and loves us beyond comprehension. God sent his only Son to die for us so that we might know this love first hand. It does not matter how we celebrate, the point is to celebrate. To give thanks to God for what He has given us. What He has given us is eternal life and the forgiveness of sins. We set aside one day a year to intentionally give thanks, but we should give thanks everyday for the love of God in our lives. While we may not play the trumpet or be able to sing, let us have the music of thanksgiving and love in our hearts.

Peace,



## From the President

Well, here we are. Just 2 months left in 2019. This month we celebrate Thanksgiving. That's the day families gather together to eat Turkey or Ham, take naps, watch football or go shopping.

It is also a time to be thankful and count our blessings. Psalm 100 reminds me of that: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the Lord is good, His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations".

During this time of year, we tend to be a little more thoughtful, a little more generous. Certainly this is admirable. But what if the spirit of Thanksgiving inspired us to do more? What if being thankful propelled us to do something beyond our comfort zone? After all, being thankful may lead us on a new journey.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

**Silly dates in November!**

November 3- Sandwich Day

**NOVEMBER 7- MEN MAKE DINNER DAY**

November 10- Vanilla Cupcake Day

November 12- Happy Hour Day

November 13- Sadie Hawkins Day and  
World Kindness Day

November 15- Clean Out Refrigerator Day

November 26- Cake Day

**GOD BLESS**

**Sharon Kutz**





## St Andrews Preschool



### Off to a Terrific Start

We are off to a terrific start here at St Andrew Preschool. We have 12 wonderful students, filling Mrs. Angela's room with eight and Mrs. Lisa's room with four. This leaves only two slots available in Mrs. Lisa's room, so if you know any 3 year olds who are looking to attend preschool, have them give us a call. The mild weather has been the perfect opportunity for the students to enjoy the new club house that was constructed this summer. We would like to take this time to thank Social Ministries, Trinity Stitches, Judy Seltzer, and Lois Gutshall for their financial support in this endeavor. We would also like to thank Drew Minnoia for the donation of his time and talents to our Paint Party fundraisers as well as to all those who participated in the events. Special thanks to Bill McCullough & the Miller family for working to remove the old mulch and rerouting the water draining into the play yard; the Counterman family for helping haul and spread the new rubber mulch; the Bucher and Gutshall families for donating their time to build the clubhouse; Lillian Umholtz for her donation of playground mats; to Lester Bennett and Gary Lonsinger for lending helping hands with getting the frame built; and the congregation for its donations of supplies for the preschool.

As you can see, St Andrew Preschool is truly blessed with support from Trinity's congregation, St Andrew alumni, as well as family & friends. We look forward to sharing more news from St Andrew as the year continues. Please feel free to check out our Facebook page for pictures of our activities.





## Trinity's Triniteen

The Triniteen's Haunted House was a huge success on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>! Seventeen of our teens (including friends) came together, working hard for a month to pull off a fun event that was also a fundraiser. Over 150 people dared to traveled through, donating \$206 and filling three boxes of non-perishable goods for the Caring Cupboard! It's amazing to watch our youth work together to accomplish a goal. Special thanks to all the adult volunteers who were there from the planning stages all the way through the event! I was unable to attach any photos from my phone so I will see if someone else can forward some photos to you if you'd like more.

The Allegheny Synod Youth Event being held in State College on November 22 – 24<sup>th</sup> is quickly approaching and we have a small group of teenagers that will be attending from Trinity. There is still time to "sponsor" one of these teens to help defray cost. We are also still selling Gardner's Peanut Butter Meltaway Candy Bars as a youth event fundraiser. Any additional money collected will go toward the cost of our youth attending the ELCA Youth Conference in Minneapolis, MN in 2021.

Thank you!!  
Geri





## Trinity Worship and Music Notes

It is time to think about Advent and Christmas! We will be getting three trees to decorate the sanctuary. The trees will be from J&B Tree Farm and will cost approximately \$29.00 each. Anyone wishing to sponsor a tree, please call the church office to let us know. We will get the trees on Wednesday, November 27 and decorate Friday, November 29 at 6:00 p.m. We always need help decorating. Please call the church office or Debbie at 814-944-5706. This is a great opportunity for youth to get some service hours.

It's also time to order poinsettias. Check the bulletin for dates and price. These make a great decoration for the church. Don't forget to order yours!

Advent is a time for preparation, not a time for stress and rushing. Come join us for Cookie and Coffee hour following the 10:45 service during Advent beginning December 1. Come for sweets and laughs! We are also looking to host this after 8:15 service. We are working on the logistics right now. Want to donate cookies, call Debbie 814-944-5706.

Look forward to seeing everyone.

Cindy is working hard with the adult and children's choirs. There will be great music at Christmas and throughout the year.

Dates to remember:

November 29, 6:00 p.m. decorating

December 1, following 10:45 Cookie and Coffee Hour.

December - Pointsettia orders due

December 24 – Christmas Eve services: 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

December 25 – Christmas Day service: 9:00 a.m.



## Trinity Social Ministry

We want to THANK everyone who donated supplies or monetary donations for St. Andrews Preschool. U may still do so, as the list has been printed in the bulletins.

The Committee will be arranging baked goods trays in November to be delivered to the Altoona and Logan Township Police stations and the Fire Departments. Each member is responsible for items such as: cookies, breads, fudge, no bakes and other goodies.

The next meeting is November 5 at 11am.

Anyone may join us.





## Trinity Stitchers

### Dresses to Uganda

Monday October 7, 2019 Trinity Stitchers hosted Julie Anthony for lunch to learn about the Imani Milele mission in Uganda. Julie became involved in the missions work following the tragic death of her granddaughter in Florida and after a medical mission trip to the Troas primary school on one of the Imani campuses. She lives in Florida but has family in Hollidaysburg. Her endeavors into fund raising has resulted in funds to build a school building at Troas and provide supplies such as sewing machines, books and hygiene supplies for the school.

We were all impressed by her talk and the circumstances of the children they are helping. Imagine any of our kids walking 7 ½ miles one way to get to school, through the cane fields, on dirt paths then returning the same distance to home.

We gave Julie 50 dresses for girls and 15 boys outfits which she will take to to the mission in 2020. As you can see in the photo she was thrilled by our project. In August 25 of our dresses went to Guatemala.

Having heard the first hand account of her work and the need of this country really brings home the message “in so much you have done it to the least of these, you have done it to me” We hope to .increase our projects in the future.

If you want more information about Imani Milele or Trinity Stitchers please contact Lois Gutshall or Barb Gosnell.



### Holiday bazaar

Trinity Stitchers and friends will be holding their annual holiday bazaar on Saturday, November 9 from 9 AM until 2 PM. There will be lots of hand made items, such as hot pads, table runners, Christmas ornaments, tea towels, jewelry and much more.

Lunch will be available by Linda Hoover with proceeds for social ministry as well as the bake sale by St. Andrew's Pre-school.

For more information contact Lois Gutshall or Barb Gosnell



## Trinity Sunday School

### Sunday School September 2019 Perfect Attendance

Holden Seiler; Vincent Pierannunzio; Annalisa Counterman; Hannah Pierannunzio; Harper Seiler; Emma Zearfoss; Liam Zearfoss; Lydia Thompson; Avalynn Counterman; Emma Morgan; Maura Thompson; Jillian Pierannunzio; Lukas Bartlebaugh; Madison Conway  
 Not pictured: Greyson Minnoia; Ethan Minnoia; Alexis Battisti; Joleyna Martino; Ericka Selfridge

Sunday School is held at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome!!!







## Also Worth Mentioning

Congratulations to Christine Koller and Mark Criste on their wedding in September. If you see either Chris or Mark, tell them congrats.

Thanks to Paula Ford for arranging the superb guitar concert from William Feasley. And to Vickie Knisely and “gang” for the awesome spread after the concert

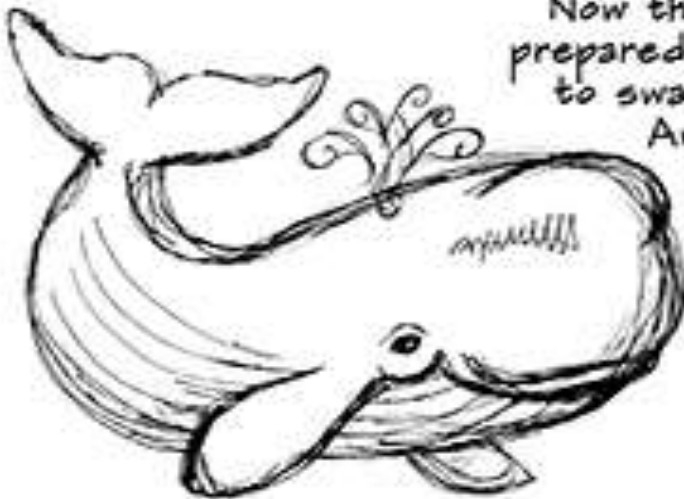


# Children's Page

Jonah and the whale word search

- Jonah
- Ship
- Whale
- Believe
- Storm
- Swallow
- Sea
- Fish

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Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 1:17



For more activity pages make sure to visit [busybooksandmore.net](http://busybooksandmore.net)

# 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

## Trinity's Homebound Members

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

## 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 Deffibaugh  
 Jordan DeFrancisco  
 Miles Dunklebarger  
 Nancy & Bill Filler  
 Don Fiscella  
 Elsie Fogel  
 Haley Gehret  
 Dawn George  
 Allan Glassman  
 Jean Habinyak  
 Ann Hanczaryk  
 Charles W. Harpster  
 Don Haslem  
 Dave Hogan  
 Jack Hoyne  
 Kaylen Kauffman  
 Jason Kenney & Family  
 Sue Kies  
 Tom Klevan  
 Pastor John Klingeman  
 Janelle Lehr

## Family Members and Friends

Janet Luciano  
 Linda Mardula  
 Sharon Mayers  
 Cameron McCaulley  
 Barbara McConnell  
 Bob McConnell  
 Donna Mceldowney  
 Eddie McGee  
 McGilvary Family  
 Sharon Mckeehan  
 Sandy Means  
 Janelle Messner  
 Denny Miller  
 Harry Miller, Sr  
 Moore Family  
 Rudy Muccitelli  
 Neva Narrariani  
 Ceibert Parks  
 Joe Roub  
 Carl Ruckinger  
 Michael Ruckinger  
 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 November

#### November 3

Isaiah 1:10-18  
Psalm 32:1-7  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12  
Luke 19:1-10

#### November 10

Job 19:23-27a  
Psalm 17:1-9  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20:27-38

#### November 17

Malachi 4:1-2a  
Psalm 98  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

#### November 24

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

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### Also worth mentioning...

Thanks so much for having me, it was an absolute delight to perform for such a lovely audience in such a cool church! It was great fun hanging out with you afterwards and the post reception food was amazing!  
All the best,

William Feasley  
Sunderman Concert Performer

### The next Orbit Deadline is November 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)**  
**[drgesey@verizon.net](mailto:drgesey@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!**