

The Orbit

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"May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you. May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion. May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings. May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the Lord grant all your requests.

Psalm 20:1-5



From the Pastor:

This Psalm spoke to me especially during this time of Covid19. It spoke to me in two ways. First, "may the Lord answer you when you are in distress." These words remind me who to turn to when I am in distress, and there have been plenty of days when I have been in distress these past couple of months. Yet, I know that God is with me and us as a congregation and will see us through any hardship, trial, or tribulation. We still need to be praying for those who are suffering at this time that God will protect us and help us. Second, "May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings." Many of us have been making sacrifices during this time, not being able to go where we want, not having in person worship, having to wear masks for the sake of others and God sees that. God knows what we have been going through to love our neighbors and to be mindful of others. Many of you have also continued to send in your offerings to the church so that our ministries do not suffer during this time of closure of our building. God accepts your offerings and knows and sees that we continue to be faithful to the church and its ministry to others. There will be a time soon when we can shout for joy and lift up our banners and proclaim victory for our God is a faithful God and will see us through.

Peace,



From the President

Well, hello everyone. Not much has changed since last month. I'm still cooking and cleaning. How about you? We have been closed over 2 months now. The Council met on Tuesday May 26 to discuss the future opening. Please read the Pulse or if time allows, I will report those decisions in this Orbit. I'm not sure when the Orbit will be completed. But, I can say, it will take a lot of work to get the Church ready for re-opening. EVERYTHING will have to be cleaned with Lysol or bleach. Stay tuned for more updates.

In the meantime, remember we are still Christians and have a duty to continue that. As the county reopens, please be kind and patient. God is still in our lives, even we are quarantined or working. If you are considered essential or working in the hospital or healthcare, I pray that the Lord is watching over you and keeping you safe.

God Bless Stay Safe

Silly Dates in June

- June 4- Hug your Cat Day
- June 5- Hot Air Balloon Day
- June 6- **D-Day WW2 NOT SILLY**
- June 7- National Chocolate Ice Cream Day
- June 8- Best Friends Day
- June 11- National Corn on the Cob Day
- June 13- National Weed your Garden day
- June 14- **FLAG DAY again not silly**
- June 17- Eat your Vegetables Day *****
- June 18- Go Fishing Day
- June 20- **FINALLY SUMMER** and Ice Cream Soda Day
- June 21- **HAPPY FATHERS DAY**
- June 23- National Pink Day
- June 26- National Beauticians Day- I thought this day would never come-haha
- June 27- Sun Glasses Day





Trinity Stewardship Committee

In light of the fact that the Coronavirus has prevented us from gathering as a congregation for worship, it is most gratifying that many have continued to contribute to the Church. Pastor Eli has mentioned this in the weekly broadcast of the service. Thanks to Tom Settle for handling the technical details for this.

While I am sure the shutdown has changed the financial circumstances of some of us, it is important to remember to continue to support Trinity.

THE AMOUNT OF YOUR OFFERING IS NOT IMPORTANT IN THE LEAST.

Mark 12: 41-44 states "He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the multitude putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which made a penny. And He called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."

While we certainly understand that times are difficult, please continue to support Trinity's ministries in any way that you can. By doing so, you will enable the Church to help others both now and after the current situation improves to allow us to worship together again.



Trinity St. Andrew Pre-school

St. Andrew organized a drive by graduation ceremony for their students on May 22. The students were able to get their certificates as well as some goodies from their teachers. Their families were able to take some great photos of the students and celebrate their accomplishments.





St Andrew's



“The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go.”
-Dr. Seuss





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Things Worth Mentioning

Anyone with a graduate please send their information to office@trinityaltoona.com.

Include the graduates name, parents, where they graduated (and degree if applicable) their next endeavor (i.e, name of school, college/university, job, etc)

You can call in and please include a call back number and spellings of names. Names will be included in the June 14 bulletin.

Anyone wishing to be included must have their information to the office by Monday, June 8.

TRINITY COUNCIL DISCUSSES REOPENING STRATEGY

Your church council held their regularly-scheduled meeting last night with one primary objective: reopening the doors at Trinity Altoona.

Based on the unanimous vote of council, **we are tentatively planning to reopen the weekend of June 13-14** with all 3 services: 6:30PM Saturday, 8:15AM Sunday and 10:45AM Sunday. The church will be cleaned and prepared prior to our reopening and we will be following recommended guidelines (and using common sense) for social distancing and sanitizing. More details to come in the days ahead...

St. Andrew's Preschool has a **continuing need for supplies** including baby/ Clorox wipes, hand soap, juice boxes, postage stamps, Scotch tape and white-board markers. Donations can be dropped off in Trinity Hall.

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

Trinity Members

Jim Aungst
 Ted Baird
 Tyler Bennett
 Tina Chestney
 Church Health Team
 Church Council
 Don Corl
 Gary Crownover
 Sondra Deffibaugh
 Jane Eamigh
 Jim Gosnell
 Debbie Gracey
 Paul Hamilton
 Pastor Ralph Hamer
 Family
 Ron Heiss

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
 Jim Buchanan
 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
 John Bush
 Tracee Cole
 Scott Corl
 Jim Cox Family
 Sandy Daddorek
 Jim Deffibaugh
 Jordan DeFrancisco
 Audrey Deiluliis
 Miles Dunkelbarger
 Nancy & Bill Filler
 Elisie Fogel
 Haley Gehret
 Dawn George
 Amanda Gregg &
 Daughters
 Ann Hanczaryk
 Katie Hanczaryk
 Charles W. Harpster
 Don Haslem
 Danielle Hatfield
 Dave Hogan
 Jack Hoyne
 Judy Johnson
 Tom Klevan
 Pastor John Klingeman
 Kaylee Kruse
 Lucya Kunkel
 Jean Lane
 Janelle Lehr

Family Members and Friends

Raija Lind
 Janet Luciano
 Sharon Mayers
 Barb McConnell
 Bob McConnell
 Eddie McGee
 McGilvery Family
 Sharon McKeehan
 Vicki Medeiros
 Janelle Messner
 Denny Miller
 Harry Miller, Sr
 Moore Family
 Morning Family
 Debbie Muccitelli
 Rudy Muccitelli
 Wyatt Nite
 Bob Noel
 David Orr
 Zach Porta
 Abby Remendowski
 Katie Riggelman
 Carl Ruckinger
 Michael Ruckinger
 Nora Ruckinger
 Bill Senitko
 Melvin Settle
 Ronald Settle
 C. Richard Shaffer
 Harper Sigrist
 Denny Sullivan
 George Sultage Sr
 Robert Thomas Family
 Paul Wallis
 Mary Walter
 James Wilt
 Steve Wood



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 June

June 7

Genesis 1:1--2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

June 14

Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]

June 21

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

June 28

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

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Also worth mentioning...

Thank you to the Trinity Pulse for Orbit content for page 4 and 5.

The next Orbit Deadline is June 24th

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

- Email your article to:
office@trinityaltoona.com
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!