

# The Orbit

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"One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple."

Psalm 27:4



## **From the Pastor:**

Throughout the stay at home orders of the past few months this psalm kept playing through my head. It was a litany that I heard from many people as we neared the time to reopen our doors and start in person worship again. People yearned to be able to worship in their church, in the pews, in person. Even though many appreciated the online worship that allowed us to stay connected and still worship it just wasn't the same. It feels good to be open again and see people face to face. Even though some things have changed in how we do worship, (wearing masks, no singing, no passing of the peace or offering plates) it is about being in the Lord's house. There is something about being present in "the temple" that brings a closeness to our Lord like no other place. The psalmist reminds us of the privilege we have to be able to be in the sanctuary and gaze upon the beauty of the Lord. That beauty is seen in the faces of people who gather to worship. We are blessed to be able to dwell in the house of the Lord, may we never forget what a blessing our church is. Starting in July we will also be resuming our regular activities throughout the week. It will be good to be able to gather in our small groups who so often provide support for one another. There may continue to be a "new normal" in the life of the church, but no matter what church looks like, we seek the Lord and He is found.

Peace



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## Message from the Pastor

Starting in July groups that meet at the church may return. We ask that each group wipe to any tables that they use to help us keep things as clean as possible.

Do to the COVID 19 crisis the decision has been made that there will be no Vacation Bible School this year. This was a hard decision as we love teaching the children and giving them time with their church family during the summer. We feel that we cannot adequately provide space to social distance during activities and keeping masks on children for two hours would be hard to do as well. It would also be near impossible to clean sufficiently after each evening.

Also, do to the COVID 19 restrictions the church picnic for this year has been cancelled. Legion park is still closed and other parks are not taking reservations for their pavilions. We tend to get at least a 100 people at the picnic and even though it is outside it would be hard to social distance and be safe. I realize that it seems that perhaps by august things would be better but these decisions need to be made now, in light of the present circumstances, because preparations need to be made. We are sorry about losing this opportunity for the community to gather.

# Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

## Trinity Members

Jim Aungst  
Ted Baird  
Tyler Bennett  
Tina Chestney  
Church  
HealthTeam  
Church Council  
Don Corl  
Gary Crownover  
Sondra Deffibaugh  
Jane Eamigh  
Debbie Gracey  
Paul Hamilton  
Ron Heiss  
Kristina Henderson  
Dave Hoover  
Martha Jones  
Janice Knee

## Trinity's Homebound Members

Chris Burda  
Jim Gosnell  
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

## Family Members and Friends

Janet & Charlie Aungst  
Scott Aungst  
Sandy Badorrec  
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  
Raija Lind  
Janet Luciano  
Ryan Maquire  
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 Riggleman  
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 July

### July 5

Zechariah 9:9-12  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

### July 12

Isaiah 55:10-13  
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### July 19

Isaiah 44:6-8  
Psalm 86:11-17  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### July 26

1 Kings 3:5-12  
Psalm 119:129-136  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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## Also worth mentioning...

*Thank you for the prayers, cards, and phone calls during Bob's latest health issues with mini-strokes.*

*God Bless,  
Bob & Ruth Brubaker*

Activities including Adult Bible Study, the Healthy You Program and Sewing Group will be allowed to resume in July. Participation is up to the members of each group, so long as they follow social distancing guidelines and do a cleaning of their meeting area afterwards.

Communion will resume the weekend of July 4-5 during all 3 services, then only at the Sunday 8:15AM service for the remainder of the month. It will be a continuous communion format, allowing for social distancing.

## The next Orbit Deadline is July 24th

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!**