

The Orbit

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"You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your record? Then my enemies will retreat in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me. In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I am not afraid. What can a mere mortal do to me?"

Psalm 56:8-11



From the Pastor:

Do you ever have one of those sleepless nights where you toss and turn in bed and just cannot seem to get to sleep? Or do you ever have yourself a good cry to cleanse your soul? These things usually occur when life has thrown you a curve, when things are not going the way you think they should. Perhaps there has been a tragedy or some bad news. The loss of a job, diagnosis of cancer, trouble with a teenager, getting older and more aches and pains that slow us down, or one of many other things that can go wrong in life and cause those sleepless nights. At those times in our lives it may seem easy to think or even ask the question, "Where is God?" Let us take comfort in the words of the Psalm. God is keeping count of our restless nights and days, God has caught our tears, God knows each one. In other words, God is with us, struggling, crying, waiting for us to call. The Psalmist is being persecuted, he has troubles, yet he knows that God is for him. God is for us as well. There is nothing this world can do to us that is too big for God to go through it with us. That does not mean the sleepless nights will not come, or that need for a good cry, but we are comforted to know that God is awake with us. God's presence is there. May we know that God is always with us, in good times and in bad and that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Peace,



Trinity Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship committee met on March 13 (remember those pre-Covid days). At that time discussion centered on possible uses for the Thank offering which occurs 4 times a year (February, June, September, and November.)

It was decided that each of these should be designated for a specific purpose involving ministries at Trinity and in the community.

At the June Council meeting, this was approved and it was decided that the August Thank offering will be designated for the youth trip to Minneapolis next year. In light of the Covid situation, if that event is cancelled, the monies would go to the completion of the Theater building renovation.

Future Thank offerings will be designated for other purposes such as the Caring Cupboard, the Pastor's discretionary fund (used to help congregation members in emergencies), or other local causes (Toys for Tots, St. Vincent Depaul, Mt. Lion Backpack program, etc.)

The possibilities for these offerings are many and varied, and if anyone has any suggestions of programs that these offerings could support, please let me know. You'll find the Thank offering envelopes at the beginning of each of the 4 months previously mentioned. Please consider supporting this program to assist ministries both at Trinity and in the community at large.



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Trinity Healthy You

The Healthy You Program/ Exercise Group held a picnic at Linda Hoovers House.

Everyone brought something to eat. We had so much good food. We were going to play games but had so much fun just talking and catching up.

It had been over 4 months since we were all together. And the weather co-operated, it was a beautiful day.

Those in attendance were Mavis Madera, Norma Stenger, Sandy Hoffman, Claire Goon, Betty Wilkinson, Ruthie Brubaker, Patty and Lester Bennett and Sharon Kutz. Our Hostess's were Linda and Jess Hoover. Of course, Dave Hoover stopped and chatted with us and Ken Kutz stopped for a bite to eat.

Very relaxing day. Thank you LINDA!



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Silly Days in August

August 1- Girlfriend's Day

August 3- Watermelon Day

August 6- Root Beer Float Day

August 8- Happiness Happens Day

August 10- S'mores Day

August 12- International Youth Day

August 13- International Left Handers Day

August 17- Baby Boomer's Recognition Day

August 20- World Mosquito Day

August 21- Senior Citizens Day- woo hoo

August 23- Go Topless Day OH NO

August 26- Dog day & Toilet Paper Day

August 30- Toasted Marshmallow Day



Thank You

John Watchey —Thank you

Thank you to everyone for your support at the loss of my brother, John Watchey. Your prayers and support are very much appreciated. To those that sent cards we thank you . A special thank you to Sharon Kutz for preparing meals and being with me . Also special thanks to Pastor Eli, as usual she had an amazing service, both at the funeral home and at the cemetery .

Linda Hoover and family

Tribute to Jim Gosnell

When I was President of Church Council several years ago I had the honor/pleasure to work with him on the sacristy project. He was always very professional, calm, easy to work with and a true craftsman. For those of you that are new to Trinity, I just wanted to let you know how much of the woodwork in the church was done by Jim Gosnell. The altar and sacristy and almost all of the woodwork in the church was Jim's craftsmanship. He also always did the work at a much lower rate than his market rate was. His work in the church will never be duplicated. We are lucky that we get to see the beautiful wood craftsmanship all the time. Jim, thank you for all of the work you did at Trinity. May you rest in peace.

Tim Brown
Former Council President



Worth Mentioning

Congregational Meeting will be the weekend of August 1st and 2nd

Adult Bible Study will be on Tuesday mornings 9 am to 10 pm

Trinity Sewing Group will be on Monday mornings 10 am to 2 pm

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

Trinity Members

Jim Aungst	Hoover Family
Ted Baird	Martha Jones
Tyler Bennett	Janice Knee
Tina Chestney	Jessica McGraw
Church HealthTeam	Bill McLaughlin
Church Council	Cindy Murphy
Don Corl	Ken B. Myers
Gary Crownover	Ray Nycum
Sondra Deffibaugh	Angie Peacetreer Family
Jane Eamigh	Jaden Rhode
Gosnell Family	Shannon Family
Debbie Gracey	Tom Simpson
Paul Hamilton	Fred Teigler
Kathy Hatch	Jasmine Wilkins
Ron Heiss	Louise Yeager
Kristina Henderson	
Dave Hoover	

Trinity's Homebound Members

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

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown	Nathan Frank
Jason Buck	Justin Patz
Jim Buchanan	Jason Smith
Kyle Eberhart	Eric Sweet

Family Members and Friends

Janet & Charlie Aungst	Lucya Kunkel	Denny Sullivan
Scott Aungst	Jean Lane	George Sultage Sr
Sandy Badorrec	Janelle Lehr	Robert Thomas Family
Rick Beauchamp	Raija Lind	Paul Wallis
Frank Bennett	Janet Luciano	Mary Walter
Kris Bennett	Ryan Maquire	James Wilt
Casey Bondarenka	Sharon Mayers	Steve Wood
Pat Burk	Barb McConnell	
Dorothy Bush	Bob McConnell	
John Bush	Eddie McGee	
Tracee Cole	McGilvery Family	
Scott Corl	Kathy McIntyre	
Jim Cox Family	Sharon McKeegan	
Sandy Daddorek	Janelle Messner	
Jim Deffibaugh	Denny Miller	
Jorden DeFrancisco	Harry Miller, Sr	
Zane Dodson	Moore Family	
Miles Dunkelbarger	Morning Family	
Nancy & Bill Filler	Rudy Muccitelli	
Elisie Fogel	Wyatt Nite	
Haley Gehret	Bob Noel	
Dawn George	David Orr	
Amanda Gregg & Daughters	Zach Porta	
Ann Hanczaryk	Abby Remendowski	
Charles W. Harpster	Katie Riggelman	
Don Haslem	Carl Ruckinger	
Danielle Hatfield	Michael Ruckinger	
Dave Hogan	Bill Senitko	
Jack Hoyne	Melvin Settle	
Judy Johnson	Ronald Settle	
Tom Klevan	C. Richard Shaffer	
Pastor John Klingeman	Harper Sigrist	
Kaylee Kruse	Michael Stacey	



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 August

August 2

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

August 23

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

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Also worth mentioning...

The next Orbit Deadline is August 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!