



# The Orbit

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### Lectionary Readings for the Month of February

**Feb 7**  
Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

**Feb 14**  
2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

**Feb 21**  
Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

**Feb 28**  
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38

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Also worth mentioning...

### The next Orbit Deadline is February 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!**

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
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"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son in to the world so that we might live through him, In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another God lives in us and his love is perfected in us."

1 John 4: 7-12



### From the Pastor:

I always think of February as the "love" month. Perhaps it is because it is the month of Valentines day and that is the "love" holiday. There are many scripture verses in the Bible that have to do with love. Perhaps the most famous is 1Corinthians chapter 13, this passage is read at many weddings. The passage from 1 John chapter 4 is also a great passage that deals with love, not only our love as human beings, but God's love for us as well. In fact, I like this passage because it talks about God's love for each of us and the sacrifice of Jesus that expresses that love. As a single person sometimes I think that Valentines day is not for me, but I too can celebrate love. In the musical "Les Miserable" my favorite line comes at the end of the play, "To love another person is to see the face of God", and I think that is exactly what this scripture passage is saying. We can know God through our love for one another. As we enter into the "love" month may we remember to love one another and that God loves us.

Peace,



## Trinity President

### Happy Valentine's Day

As of the writing of this Orbit letter council has not had a February meeting yet so unfortunately I still have very little information on how we are going to proceed. I believe we will be having in-person services starting in February, following all safety guidelines as before. Masks must be on before entering and social distancing is required. Other activities within the church should be open also as long as they're only small groups that allow for spacing. I sincerely hope the Covid numbers are down or at least leveling off so that we can get back to somewhat normal. After council meets we will be letting everyone know what has been decided.

Thank you all for your support, especially those of you that have continued to send in your offerings, this is a huge financial time for Trinity. Thank you all who have made virtual worship possible, this is a great tool to keep us on track. Our congregation has always been of major support in all areas no matter what the situation is, we wholeheartedly follow God's teachings.

Mark 12 28-31 Love God - Love Others

Linda Hoover, Council President

# 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  
Crownover/King  
Families  
Sondra Deffibaugh  
Jane Eamigh  
Paul Hamilton  
Kathy Hatch  
Ron Heiss  
Kristina Henderson  
Doris Hollingshead  
Martha Jones  
Jessica McGraw

### Trinity's Homebound Members

Chris Burda  
Audrey Deiluliis  
Ron Green  
Ken Kumpf  
Marie Laich  
Dawn Mangus

### Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Eddie Bennett  
Sarah Brown  
Jim Buchanan  
Jason Buck  
Kyle Eberhart  
Nathan Frank

Bill McLaughlin  
Cindy Murphy  
Ken B. Myers  
Ray Nycum  
Angie Peacetree  
Family  
Jaden Rhode  
Shannon Family  
Tom Simpson  
Susie Stacey  
Stenger Family  
Jasmine Wilkins  
Louise Yeager  
Nancy Yeager

Dustin Adams  
Donnie Alwine  
Janet & Charlie Aungst  
Scott Aungst  
Sandy Badorrec  
Rick Beauchamp  
Frank Bennett  
Kris Bennett  
Casey Bondarenka  
Pat Burk  
Dorothy Bush  
John Bush  
Tracee Cole  
Scott Corl  
Jim Cox Family  
Raynoo Cox Family  
Sandy Daddorek  
Jim Deffibaugh  
Jordan DeFrancisco  
Zane Dodson  
Miles Dunkelbarger  
Scott Esch Family  
Nancy & Bill Filler  
Elisie Fogel  
Garth Family  
Haley Gehret  
Dawn George  
Amy Gleason  
Amanda Gregg &  
Daughters  
Ann Hanczaryk  
Charles W. Harpster  
Tim Harrison  
Don Haslem  
Danielle Hatfield  
Dave Hogan  
Jack Hoyne

### Family Members and Friends

Beth Ickes  
Judy Johnson  
Tom Klevan  
Pastor John Klingeman  
Kaylee Kruse  
Lucya Kunkel  
Jean Lane  
Janelle Lehr  
Raija Lind  
Janet Luciano  
Bernie Market  
Sharon Mayers  
Barb McConnell  
Bob McConnell  
Eddie McGee  
McGilvery Family  
Kathy McIntyre  
Sharon McKeehan  
Connie McKnight  
Janelle Messner  
Denny Miller  
Harry Miller, Sr  
Moore Family  
Rudy Muccitelli  
Bill & Penny Murphy  
Wyatt Nite  
David Orr  
Zach Porta  
Abby Remendowski  
Katie Rigglesman  
Toran Robertson  
Carl Ruckinger  
Michael Ruckinger  
Bill Senitko  
Ronald Settle  
C. Richard Shaffer  
Patty Smith



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.



## Trinity Church February Worship Schedule

### February

#### 6:30

Linda/Jessica Hoover

#### 8:15

##### Ushers

Geri Selfridge

#### 10:45

Sandy Ebersole

##### Lectors

6-7 Sharon Kutz  
13-14 Ken Kutz  
20-21 Sue Miller  
27-28 Carol Paul

Debbie Garritano  
Amanda Woodring  
Nevin Woodring  
Adam Counterman

John Ebersole  
Chris Thompson  
Nancy Honecker  
Steve Ketcham

##### Altar

Sharon Kutz

Debbie Garritano

Sandy Ebersole



## Trinity's Some Things to Think About

### Trinity's **SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT**

- Never be afraid to try something new-Remember amateurs built the Ark.. professionals built the Titanic
- If you want the rainbow you gotta put up with the rain.
- Humans are the only animals with chins.
- Do you judge yourself by the same standards you judge others?
- Read Philippians 2:14-16 Do everything without grumbling

Linda Hoover



## Trinity Church Council January Minutes

### Council Meeting Minutes January 26, 2021

#### Attendance

| Present                 | Absent               |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Pastor Eli              |                      |
| Sharon Kutz 2021        |                      |
| Debbie Garritano 2022   |                      |
| Barb Gosnell 2023       |                      |
| Ralph Grove             |                      |
|                         | Judy Hale 2021       |
| Linda Hoover 2021       | Rose Hornberger 2021 |
| Ken Myers 2023          |                      |
| Tom Settle 2021 virtual |                      |
| Adam Counterman, 2022   |                      |
| Geri Selfridge 2020     |                      |
| John Ebersole 2022      |                      |
| Chris Thompson 2022     |                      |

#### Greetings/Devotions

The meeting was called to order by President, Linda Hoover  
Pastor led us with prayer.

#### Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes from December 15 were read. Adam made a motion to accept the minutes. Geri seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.

#### Treasurer's Report

Ralph presented the report as written. All is up to date except the payroll. The quarterly taxes are paid. The local taxes are yet to be paid. He is working on W2's and will have them out this week. Offerings continue to come in. John questioned the special offering listed in the report of \$1,990.00. These were special Christmas envelopes. Adam made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Barb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor presented a written report. She thanked Tom Settle for continuing to record the services and Cindy for playing the organ. She explained why we were not eligible for the PPP this time. We needed to show a 25% deficit and we are at 17%. She continues to call members to stay in touch and she sent cards to shut-ins at Christmas. Ash Wednesday is approaching, and she will be preaching about the journey of the exodus for the Wednesday services during Lent.

#### Committee Reports

None

#### Old Business

**In person worship services:** we discussed beginning in person worship the first weekend in February with Sunday School beginning the following week. John presented a graph showing the COVID-19 percentages in Blair County. In January we were at 20%. Now we are at 7.9%. It is in a downward trend. Following discussion, it was decided to begin worship the first weekend in February with Sunday School beginning the following week. Tom Settle will continue to record the announcements and sermon to be posted on Facebook. We will continue social distancing, wearing face masks and cleaning after each service. Church activities will also be resuming. Barb made a motion to accept the proposal. Adam seconded the motion. Motion passed.

St. Andrew Preschool will begin February 1.

**Counting schedule:** Barb reviewed the schedule and asked that all Council members sign up if they are willing and able. It is good for members to know the finances of the church.

**Committees:** Sharon reviewed the committee appointments.



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#### New Business

**Building update:** Adam said that the renovations are on hold until the price of lumber comes down.

**Girl Scouts:** the girls are selling cookies and asked if they could hold a cookie booth in the parking lot for people to drive by for cookies. All agreed, just let us know when they want to hold the sale.

**Easter services:** John expressed concern over the attendance for the Easter services. We need to come up with a plan to assure that we are following CDC guidelines. We need to have something in place to put in the March Orbit.

Debbie suggested we discuss this at Worship and Music meeting, bring it back to Council February meeting and put in the March Orbit.

The meeting was then adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Garritano

**Next meeting: February 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**