

The Orbit

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"I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you."

Psalm 32:8



From the Pastor:

As we start to turn our focus to the start of the school year I am reminded of these words from Psalm 32. It reminds me that we get instruction from many different places including God. I remember my school days and the learning that took place, sometimes I'm amazed I passed, but I have to remember that learning is a life long endeavor.

We are always learning things in life, sometimes by experience and sometimes by mistake, but we are always learning. I learn a lot from all of you in the congregation. We learn from each other and we can teach each other as well. However, the most important learning we can get is our instruction from God. God teaches us in our hearts. God instructs us in a variety of ways, through scripture, through worship, through prayer and meditation, through Bible study and many other ways.

Our job is to be open to the instruction and aware of when God is trying to teach us. That is perhaps the hardest part, knowing when God is using a teachable moment in our lives. God is always teaching us and leading us, may we be open to hearing and the strength to follow God's teachable ways.

Peace,



Trinity President

JULY is over for Real???? July 2021

It's hard to believe we are in the middle of the year already., starting the second half. So many fun and exciting things have been happening to all of us, some not so happy things also. With the Love of God we have survived the pandemic and are doing our best to move on, within our church and our private lives. It's been a hard time for some families going through their greatest tests of faith. Our congregation sticks together to help each other, always, we are family.

There was no council meeting in July, every year we take that month off so we can rest from some of the hard issues we must discuss and decide on. This also gives us time to look around and see what we can do to make things better. Your input is always wanted and welcomed. We have a few things on the table, we will update after the August meeting.

Hopefully this letter reaches you before VBS starts. Amazing activities have been planned. Your child or grandchild, neighborhood kids and any kid that is interested is invited to join in. It is not necessary to be a member of our church. I'm sure the VBS committee will give you a glowing account of everything that happens.

Galatians 6:9

Linda Hoover, Council President



Trinity's Some Things to Think About

TRINITY'S SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Do you feel like you are living or existing?

Is there anything you should have let go of a long time ago. Can you?

What would you change about yourself if you could?

Hunting unicorns is legal in Michigan

What REALLY makes you mad? Is it worth it?



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“Time to Retire”

IT’S TIME TO RETIRE

After almost 20 years doing funeral dinners I am sad to admit it is getting to be too much. I love doing them, talking to the families, shopping, setting up, cooking, cleaning up, but mostly the interaction with my faithful crew. Everyone knows what their job is and we never have to worry if it’s done right, it always is. They need to be commended!

The only drawback is trying not to offend someone by not asking for their help for each dinner. We have many cake makers so I try to not pick the same ones every time, it’s not that we don’t want your desserts. We have had only three dinners in the last year and a half because of Covid. So for only one month I needed people to work so not many have been called upon to help, and only so many people fit in a kitchen. If you feel neglected I’m sorry, it’s not intentional. I put a volunteer list for many positions in the Orbit and I got back ONE reply. Many names that I have are no longer able to work or have other plans but they don’t tell me to take them off the list or they don’t want to do it that day, that’s why I asked for an update.

Is anyone interested in taking this over? If yes, contact me or Pastor. I am more than willing to get you started. It’s time consuming and tiring but so worth it when you sit back and sigh when it’s over.

Day 1 - Speak with one or more family members about



“Time to Retire” concl.

arrangements and what they want, and help them estimate attendance, not easy for them. Plan the menu, guide them through this process.

Day 2 - go shopping, take groceries to church and prepare as much as possible for the next day. Tables need to be set, tablecloths and silverware are placed on the tables, seating is counted to be sure we don't run out of space, we always contemplate a backup plan.

Day 3 - Start the actual preparation of food, praying the count isn't off and there is enough food for everyone. Our ovens don't always accommodate what we need to put in them so rotation is always important, everything needs to be done and hot at the same time. Pretty much the workers have their own specialty so they just get down to business and can be counted on to do an amazing job. When day 3 guests are done chatting, healing and bonding the cleanup begins.

This is a lot of work, our legs are getting old. but so gratifying. you must be available at all times, if you have something planned your schedule needs to be changed, funeral dinners are top priority.

If you're interested please let us know and we will not let you on your own the first time.

Sincerely, Linda Hoover



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Trinity Thank You

Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for:

▮ *Pastor Eli*

▮ *Sympathy cards*

▮ *Flowers*

▮ *Memorial money*

▮ *Prayers*

▮ *Words of Comfort*

▮ *Visiting the funeral home, service and coming to the dinner the day after*

And everything else that was done.

It meant so much to me and my family.

Harry Yeager and family

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

Trinity Members

Aungst Family
Ted Baird
Tyler Bennett
Ruth & Bob
Brubaker
John Bush
Tina Chestney
Church HealthTeam
Church Council
Don Corl
Gary Crownover
Sondra Deffibaugh
Jane Eamigh
Lois Gutshall
Paul Hamilton
Marla Hammond
Kathy Hatch

Kristina Henderson
Clara Hite
Bob Hofmann
Doris Hollingshead
Rose Hornberger
Martha Jones
Jessica McGraw
Ken B. Myers
Jaden Rhode
Tom Simpson
Fred Teigler
Nevin Woodring
Nancy Yeager
Yeager Family

Donnie Alwine
Janet & Charlie Aungst
Scott Aungst
Dan Baughman
Walter Beckel
Behe Family
Frank Bennett
Kris Bennett
Casey Bondarenka
Dorothy Bush
Sue Carter
Sue Casalviere
Tracee Cole
Scott Corl
Raynoo Cox Family
Jim Deffibaugh
Jordan DeFrancisco
Zane Dodson

Cheryl Ecker
Phil Esper
Nancy & Bill Filler
Elisie Fogel
Joyce Gates
Haley Gehret
Dawn George
Amy Gleason
Amanda Gregg &
Daughters
David K. Harpster
Tim Harrison
Don Haslem
Tom Hatch
Danielle Hatfield
Robin Housley

Family Members and Friends

Jack Hoyne
Beth Ickes
Judy Johnson
Katie Kanczaryk
Pastor John Klingeman
Cindy Lamant
Jan Lastaglia
Janelle Lehr
Raija Lind
Linda Mardula
Bernie Market
Ron Matta
Sharon Mayers
Bob McConnell
Eddie McGee
McGilvery Family
Chris McGreary
Kathy McIntyre
Sharon McKeehan
Janelle Messner
Rudy Muccitelli
Bill & Penny Murphy
Wyatt Nite
Zach Noel
Richard Perry
Frances Pringle
Albert Pugliese
Abby Remendowski
Katie Riggleman
Toran Robertson
Carl Ruckinger
Michael Ruckinger
Bill Senitko
Ronald Settle



Trinity's Homebound Members

Chris Burda
Audrey Deiluliis
Ron Green
Clara Hite
Ken Kumpf
Marie Laich

Dawn Mangus
Bill McLaughlin
Bob Nearhoof
Ray Nycum
Arlene Roessing

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Eddie Bennett
Sarah Brown
Jim Buchanan
Jason Buck
Kyle Eberhart

Nathan Frank
Ryan Maguire
Justin Patz
Jason Smith
Eric Sweet

Please know that you Augustadd 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 Augustkeep 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 1

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 8

1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25--5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 15

Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 22

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

August 29

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Psalm 15
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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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!