

The Orbit

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"Those who live at the earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadow clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy."

Psalm 65:8-13



From the Pastor:

At this time of year I often drive through the countryside and over the mountains and look at the splendor of the earth. During the spring of the year we are reminded of how beautiful the earth is. The leaves are turning green, the flowers are starting to bloom, the fields of grass and alfalfa are like carpets on the landscape. The earth has been tilled by the farmers ready for planting, showing its rich brown soil. Everything is alive, it has new birth. Yet, it is easy to see the beauty and splendor of nature and forget who it is that is responsible for such a sight. It is God who is in control of nature. All the beauty that surrounds us is made and cared for by God. Humanity can come up with some spectacular inventions, but it is still God's creation that fills me with awe each spring. Even a good rain shower reminds us that God is caring for the creation. God waters the earth and sets the sun in motion to promote growth and new life. God's greatest creation is humanity. As we look at the beauty of nature that God cares for, let us remember that we too are in God's care. It is God who gives us new life, and allows us to grow and blossom in our lives all year round.

Peace,



Trinity Council President

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

As I write this on the Sunday after Easter, it's a beautiful day and the temperature is nearly 80 degrees and the sun is shining. It was only a week ago when the temperature was in the 40's and we received almost 6 inches of snow last Monday. "O Come All Ye Faithful" seemed more appropriate than "Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain".

Our weather has certainly exhibited great variation. Our lives often do the same. One day, everything is going well. Suddenly, a day or so later, we may experience rough times and wonder what went wrong. I'm sure everyone has experienced times like these.

To get to the heart of the matter, ups and downs are part of life, and we need to weather the downs as well as enjoy the ups. I was struck by the point of the Children's Sermon this morning. "Easter isn't over when the chocolate runs out". A week ago, Trinity had THREE worship opportunities on Easter Sunday (as well as one on the evening before). All were well attended. I could not help but notice the significant difference this morning as the number in the congregation plummeted. I question why this happens.

We attach significance to holidays, be they religious (Christmas, Easter) or secular (July 4th, Labor Day).

Then, it's back to normal. I would remind all of us that EASTER ISN'T OVER. Christ is risen and will be with us always. Our faith can sustain us through life's highs and lows if we can just remember that.

On a completely different note, I'm happy to report that as far as our revised mask policy, the results are "So far, So good". I hope that this can continue. However, we may have to return to masking if Covid cases rise. Regardless, may we all have faith that Christ can sustain us regardless of any circumstances we may encounter.

Yours in Christ

John Ebersole



Trinity Stewardship Committee

The June Thank Offering will be given to Victory Therapeutic Horsemanship in Tyrone. This program works with veterans who are experiencing PTSD and other issues. The program has achieved positive results with those who served our country, and relies entirely on donations.

Please consider supporting this worthwhile endeavor.

Remember to designate Trinity when shopping on line with Amazon. If you are purchasing an item marked as Amazon Smile, a portion of the price can go to a cause of your choice. It's an easy way to help Trinity and does not increase the cost of your purchase .

Trinity's various committees can always use your participation and new ideas. Please consider lending a hand to one (or more) of these. Remember the 3 "T's" of Stewardship.

Time

Talent

Treasure

(Note which one is last). Money is important in our world, but it's far from the only gift we can give.



Trinity One Minute Meditations

ONE MINUTE MEDITATIONS

Recent Medical studies revealed that people who attend church at least weekly have longer life expectancies and fewer complications from illnesses or surgeries than non-churchgoers. Going to church may not protect us from health crises, but it does help to cope with them.

There are times in our lives when we have to empty our minds of negativity so God can replace it with peace and joy. Each day, try to rid yourself of anger, fear, self-pity, jealousy and bitterness. Then look for God's gifts of peace, wisdom, friendship, forgiveness and love.



Trinity Social Ministry and Healthy You

SOCIAL MINISTRY AND HEALTHY YOU

We just completed sorting and bagging all the personal items for the Altoona Abuse Shelters. We delivered the to Family Services. Once again, the response from the congregation was outstanding.

Healthy U collected items for St Andrews students to fill Easter bags for them. They were so excited to get them.

We have been devastated by the news of the passing of our dear FRIEND, Patty Bennett. Fortunately, we were able to celebrate her birthday the day before her passing. She will be forever in our hearts and prayers. Please keep her family also in your prayers. Rest in Peace, Patty



Trinity Worth Mentioning

NEWSIES

Kudos to Jillian Pierannunzio and Jacey Kutz and the entire cast and crew of “NEWSIES”. A show that was performed at the AAHS Auditorium. For those that saw it, we were treated to a phenomenal show. For those that did not see it, you missed out. The talent at that high school is overwhelming. The lead was a sophomore and many other underclassmen performed. In fact, only 7 cast members were seniors out of a total of 43. The pit orchestra had 5 seniors out of 15. And the student crew had 16 seniors out of 60.

This, my friends, just goes to show you the talent we now have and the future talent of Altoona Area High School.

Congrats to the cast, crew and orchestra.

HOLY SATURDAY

Those who attended church service on Holy Saturday were given an awesome performance of 3 trumpeters. Adam Counterman was the leader. The 2 young ladies were Avalynn Counterman and Paityn Wilt. They did a great job.

THANK YOU

CAMPAIGN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A NEW AIR CONDITIONER

The air conditioner in Trinity Hall has finally breathed its last. We are looking to replace it, as three different companies have told us that it is beyond repair. This will not be a cheap endeavor. We are currently getting bids on replacing it and it looks like it will be around \$6,000. This air conditioner may not be on many peoples minds but it is instrumental for many of our ministries during the summer. Many of our ministries do not take a break during the summer and the air makes it possible to continue those activities. It also helps to keep the church office and the pastor's office cooler as the heat from Trinity Hall defiantly impacts those offices. I know it seems early to talk about the heat of the summer, but its coming. If you can contribute in any way, no amount is too small, it would help the ministries of the church greatly. Thank you for all you do to support the ministries of the church.

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

Trinity Members

Tyler Bennett	Doris Hollingshead
Bennett Family	Kathy Johnson and family
Ruth & Bob Brubaker	Martha Jones
John Bush	Garry Knee
Church Health Team	Jessica McGraw
Church Council	Ken B. Myers
Don Corl	Jaden Rhode
Gary Crownover	Fred Teigler
Sondra Deffibaugh	Michael Thompson
Jane Eamigh	Nancy Yeager
Garner Family	
Marla & Tom Hammond	
Kathy Hatch	
Kristina Henderson	
Bob & Sandy Hofmann	

Trinity's Homebound Members

Chris Burda	Dawn Mangus
Audrey Deiluliis	Bill McLaughlin
Clara Hite	Bob Nearhoof
Shannon Kratzer	Sue Nycum
Ken Kumpf	Arlene Roessing
Marie Laich	Leta Veit

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Eddie Bennett	Nathan Frank
Sarah Brown	Ryan Maguire
Jim Buchanan	Justin Patz
Jason Buck	Eric Sweet
Kyle Eberhart	

Family Members and Friends

Donnie Alwine	Tammy Otto
Janet & Charlie Aungst	Craig Parks
Scott Aungst	Richard Perry
Dan Baughman	Frances Pringle
Behe Family	Carl Ruckinger
Kris Bennett	Michael Ruckinger
Sue Carter	Bill Senitko
Sue Casalviere	Ronald Settle
Tracee Cole	Judy Shaffer
Marissa Cooper	Gloria Shoup
Scott Corl	Debbie Smith
Randy Corneilius Family	Patricia Smith
Raynoo Cox Family	Sultage Jr. Family
Jim Deffibaugh	Blair Umholtz
Jorden DeFrancisco	Lillian Umholtz
Phil Esper	Paul & Nina Wallis
John Fresh	Marjorie Walls
Haley Gehret	Jessica Medeiros
Pat Griffith	Todd Wilkins Sr
David K. Harpster	Henrietta Weidley
Debbie Harpster	Steve Wood
Tom Hatch	Tiquan Wright
Kirk Kling	Elsa
Pastor John Klingeman	Natalie
Cindy Lamant	
Jan Lastaglia	
McConnell Family	
Chad McDowell	
Eddie McGee	
McGilvery Family	
Rudy Muccitelli	
Bill & Penny Murphy	
Wyatt Nite	
Zach Noel	



Please know that you can 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 can 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 May

May 1

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

May 8

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

May 15

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 22

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5
John 14:23-29

May 29

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

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Also worth mentioning...

The next Orbit Deadline is May 24th

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

- Email your article to:
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- 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!