

# The Orbit

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
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"My dear friend, you are so faithful in the work you do for your fellow Christians, even when they are strangers. They have spoken to the church here about your love. Please help them to continue their trip in a way that will please God. For they set out on their trip in the service of Christ without accepting any help from un-believers. We Christians, then, must help these people so that we may share in their work for the truth."

3 John vs. 5-8



## **From the Pastor:**

This passage comes from a book of the Bible that is often overlooked due to its size or lack thereof. It is only 15 verses long but packed full of advice. This passage deals with strangers, something that is familiar to us in the summer months. Travel, vacations, camp, visiting relatives, all these things may cause us to be in contact with strangers at some point in time. Throughout the summer months we come across people we have never met and will most likely never see again. John reminds us that we are called to continue to follow Christ and please God even among strangers. Whether it's driving to our destination, standing in line at the water park or amusement park, or sharing the beach with others, as we take our trips we are Christians in their midst. During the summer it's easy to slack off of church and be anonymous Christians, hiding our identity from the strangers we meet. However, we are called to witness all year round, the strangers we meet, to fervently worship God even in the midst of lives that slow down during the summer months. Where ever we go, whoever we meet we are Christians and we share our love.

Peace



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## Trinity Church Picnic



**Sunday, August 14th**  
Legion Park Kitchen Pavilion  
11:00 AM

Trinity will provide:  
Hotdogs  
Buns  
Condiments  
Drinks

Please bring a hot or cold covered dish

**Worship Services**  
Saturday, August 13th 6:30 pm  
Sunday, August 14th 11:00 am



# Trinity May Council Meeting

## Attendance

### Present

John Ebersole 2022  
Geri Selfridge 2023  
Debbie Garritano 2022  
Lisa Bush 2024

Barb Gosnell 2023  
Ralph Grove  
Judy Hale 2024  
Lori Matta-Rhode 2024

Chris Thompson 2022  
Nevin Woodring 2024

### Absent

Pastor Eli

Adam Counterman 2022

Ken Myers 2023

## Greetings/Devotions

The meeting was called to order by President, John Ebersole  
John led us in prayer.

## Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes from the April meeting were read. Barb made a motion to accept the minutes. Geri seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## Treasurer's Report

Ralph reported that everything is up to date with the exception of payroll. S&T Investment has \$230,128.29. It is down because of the stock market and mutual funds.

Judy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Barb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## Pastor Hess' Report

None at this time.

## Committee Reports

Worship and Music – Debbie thanked Judy Hale for taking over the Altar flowers and deliverers and Patty Edevane, the Christmas and Easter flowers.

Chris made a motion to accept the report. Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## Old Business

Resolution with Gas Company – John has heard nothing to date.

Community Outreach – John discussed the possibility of Trinity being a distribution center for summer Mountain Lion Backpack program. He will get more information for next meeting.

Water in the Primary Room – there is still a leak. Bakers Waterproofing is too expensive at \$9,000.00 plus. We will contact the company that did the work before to come and check, then get back to us.

## New Business

Air Conditioning in Trinity Hall – 4 bids were obtained for the unit, Rabenstein \$4,837.00, Bovard \$7,000.00, McAleer's \$6,595.00, Boyer \$6,827.37, Beauchamp \$4,100.00.

Barb made a motion to accept the bid from Beauchamp. Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

John discussed questions that congregational members had. He asked that members come to any Council member to have their questions addressed. We have been elected to serve the church congregation and want to answer their concerns. Please come to us directly so we can answer your concerns.

Church picnic – Debbie will contact Hollidaysburg Legion Park to secure a date for the picnic next summer.

Pastor's reception – we discussed what gift we could give. Debbie suggested, and made a motion, that we offer Pastor an extra week's vacation. Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

John suggested that we have a poster board card for everyone to sign. Debbie will take care of that.

The meeting was then adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Garritano



# Trinity June Council Meeting

## Attendance

### Present

Pastor Eli

Geri Selfridge 2023

Debbie Garritano 2022

Lisa Bush 2024

Adam Counterman 2022

Barb Gosnell 2023

Ralph Grove

Ken Myers 2023

### Absent

John Ebersole 2022

Judy Hale 2024

Lori Matta-Rhode 2024

Chris Thompson 2022

Nevin Woodring 2024

## Greetings/Devotions

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Geri Selfridge.

Pastor led us in prayer.

There was not a quorum at the meeting, so no voting took place.

## Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes from the April meeting were read.

## Treasurer's Report

Ralph reported that everything is up to date. \$1,124.60 was paid to Bovard to check the air conditioning in the sanctuary.

## Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor reported that things have slowed down this summer and attendance has dropped. She continues to check on members throughout the summer. She is also checking on the status of the Orbit.

## Committee Reports

Worship and Music presented as written.

The church picnic will be held August 14, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. for service, followed by lunch. Church will supply the hot dogs, rolls, soda, and water. Members are asked to bring a covered dish to share.

## Old Business

Resolution with Gas Company – John has contacted Attorney Foor concerning our complaint and has not heard back.

Water in the Primary Room – Barrier Waterproofing did come to check on the problem and will get back to us.

## New Business

Ben Blessed – this is an organization that cares for the homeless. They are a nonprofit that collects clothing, nonperishable snacks and personal care items to pass out to homeless individuals. It is a ministry of the Renewed Church. Josh Roland and Josh Krider are the organizers of this ministry. They are looking for a place to store these items as they have run out of room at their homes. The items would be stored in plastic totes. They also work with other agencies in Blair County to help the homeless. Ted Williams brought them to the Council

meeting to talk with us about the possibility of using the Theatre building for storage.

We discussed the idea following their presentation. This would be a good outreach for our church. We told them we would notify them of our decision once we had a vote.

Debbie sent out the information to the absent members and asked for their questions, concerns, and a vote. It was approved to allow Ben Blessed to use the building for storage.

The meeting was then adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Garritano

**Next meeting: August 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**



## Trinity Trips

### **SIGHT AND SOUND BUS EXCURSION TO SEE DAVID!**

Join the Lutheran Churches of Blair County for this exciting excursion to see Sight & Sounds live on stage production of *David*.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022**

Price per individual is \$155 and includes transportation, ticket to the 11:00 am show, and a meal at Hershey Farms.

Two boarding locations:

6:30 am Lowes Parking Lot, Altoona

6:45 am Walmart Parking Lot, East Freedom

There will be a sign-up sheet and we plan to seat by church group. We hope to arrive back in town sometime around 7:30 pm.

**Payments/Reservations to Raystown Transit, 1117 Logan Blvd, Altoona, PA 16602 or by calling 814-944-2585.**

Deadline for Payments/Reservations is **September 1, 2022.**







# Trinity Vacation Bible School



# Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

## Trinity Members

Ted Baird  
Tyler Bennett  
Bennett Family  
Ruth & Bob  
Brubaker  
Church Health  
Team  
Church Council  
Don Corl  
Gary Crownover  
Sondra Deffibaugh  
Jane Eamigh  
Garner Family  
Marla & Tom  
Hammond  
Kathy Hatch  
Kristina Henderson  
Doris Hollingshead

## Trinity's Homebound Members

Chris Burda  
Clara Hite  
Shannon Kratzer  
Ken Kumpf  
Marie Laich  
Bill McLaughlin

## Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown  
Jim Buchanan  
Jason Buck  
Kyle Eberhart  
Nathan Frank  
Ryan Maguire

Hoover Family  
Martha Jones  
Garry Knee  
Jessica McGraw  
Ken B. Myers  
Jaden Rhode  
Fred Teigler  
Michael Thompson  
Nancy Yeager

Donnie Alwine  
Janet & Charlie Aungst  
Scott Aungst  
Dan Baughman  
Behe Family  
Kris Bennett  
Dana Beschler  
Zayne Bowmaster  
Damain Branas  
Sue Carter  
Sue Casalviere  
Karen Claar  
Tracee Cole  
Marissa Cooper  
Scott Corl  
Randy Corneilius  
Family  
Jim Deffibaugh  
Jordan DeFrancisco  
Ken Eichenlaub  
Phil Esper  
John Fresh  
Joyce Gates  
Haley Gehret  
Pat Griffith  
Thomas Hamilton  
Katie Hanczaryk  
David K. Harpster  
Shirley Harr  
Donald Haslam  
Tom Hatch  
Samantha Januska  
Carol King  
Cindy Lamant

## Family Members and Friends

Jan Lastaglia  
Christine Maines  
Linda Mardula  
Ron Matta  
McConnell Family  
Chad McDowell  
Eddie McGee  
McGilvery Family  
Brandon McGraw  
Rudy Muccitelli  
Bill & Penny Murphy  
Sharon Myers  
Wyatt Nite  
Zach Noel  
Tammy Otto  
Craig Parks  
Richard Perry  
Frances Pringle  
Lorenzo Recchia  
Carl Ruckinger  
Michael Ruckinger  
Trudy Savine  
Ronald Settle  
Judy Shaffer  
Gloria Shoup  
Debbie Smith  
Patricia Smith  
Sultage Jr. Family  
Blair Umholtz  
Lillian Umholtz  
Paul & Nina Wallis  
Marjorie Walls  
Jessica Medeiros



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 August

### August 7

Genesis 15:1-6  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

### August 14

Jeremiah 23:23-29  
Psalm 82  
Hebrews 11:29--12:2  
Luke 12:49-56

### August 21

Isaiah 58:9b-14  
Psalm 103:1-8  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

### August 28

Proverbs 25:6-7  
Psalm 112  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

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## Also worth mentioning...

Lutheran Day at the Curve

August 21st, tailgate starting at the synod office at 4pm.

Tickets are 7 dollars.  
Contact the synod office for more information  
814-942-1042

## 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!**