

The Orbit

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"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: 'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever'"

2 Corinthians 9:6-9



From the Pastor:

In the Lutheran tradition September or October is usually stewardship month. This reading from Corinthians tells us that giving is important in the church and to the people of the church. The scriptures encourage us to tithe (give 10%) to God and to give our first fruits to God. This giving can be monetary or a giving of our time and talent. I encourage all those reading this to be cheerful givers. It is the only way the church and its people can be of ministry to those who need it. There are many different ministries here at Trinity that need funded and there are of course bills that need to be paid in order to do those ministries. We try our best to manage the gifts given to the church by not squandering what we have been entrusted with. However, it takes all members contributing to keep things going. We are sowing seeds of love, kindness, forgiveness, grace, mercy, and peace and we will reap a reward for God of continued discipleship. Our scripture asks us to look at what we are giving to God and to give with our hearts. This giving occurs through our weekly offering, special appeals, and even perhaps in our wills or estate planning. I know the scripture says that God loves a cheerful giver, but I think God loves any kind of giver especially those who understand the blessings God has given us.

Peace



Trinity President

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I'm pleased to report that a new air conditioning unit has been installed in Trinity Hall. On behalf of Trinity, I want to thank everyone who contributed to help with the purchase and installation of this much needed equipment.

I would also like to thank Jim Beauchamp of Beauchamp's Plumbing and Heating. Jim is a member of Trinity and gave us a very attractive bid for this unit. He basically donated the labor costs involved with the removal of the old unit and the installation of the new unit. Thanks again, Jim.

The Church picnic was held on Aug 14 at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg. It was a perfect day weather-wise resulting in an excellent turnout as attendees from all 3 weekly services gathered as one.

You may recall that in a recent issue of the Orbit, I asked for suggestions from the congregation to help Trinity. A member recently reached out to me inquiring about the Cook Fund (used to help Trinity youth attend Camp Sequonota). Since my camping days are well behind me, I had honestly forgotten this resource. This is EXACTLY the type of response I was hoping for. I can assure you that this fund will be used in future years to assist deserving campers from Trinity attend Sequonota. Mr. Cook is a former member of Trinity who attended Sequonota in his youth (the 1950's). He felt it was a positive influence on his life and generously created this fund in memory of his mother so that others could share in his experience.

In regards to the air conditioning in the sanctuary, Church Council is still attempting to obtain bid proposals for replacing the system. Several companies are hesitant to submit bids due to problems that they have encountered with the type of system that Trinity has (Spacepak). We are anticipating more bid proposals to replace the system.

I may be currently serving as Council President, but I am only one member of Trinity. I want to facilitate any ideas that any member has to improve what WE do as a church. So to steal an old quote from many years ago "Keep those cards and letters (or phone calls, texts, and e-mails) coming in". I promise that I'll try to implement your ideas.

Yours in Christ,

John Ebersole



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Trinity Church Picnic





Trinity Stewardship Committee

From the Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee has selected replacement of the air conditioning in the sanctuary as the recipient of the September Thank Offering. The replacement of this system will be costly. Please consider supporting this worthwhile endeavor.



Trinity Worship and Music

Worship and Music August 9, 2022

Pastor Eli, Debbie Garritano, Cindy Finnegan and Judy Hale

Upcoming dates:

September

11 – Music Sunday, 9:30 a.m. no communion. We will have a cookie and coffee reception following the service.

18 – Sunday school begins

October

2 - Pet blessing, 1:00 p.m.

16 – Harvest Home

Blanket Sunday

17-24 Pastor's vacation

30 - Reformation

Angela Counterman is planning a Cool Soup Sunday sometime this month to help raise money for the sanctuary air conditioning.

November

6 – All Saints Sunday

27 – get Christmas Trees

Concert with a harpist sometime this month, Pastor will schedule.

Service

Beginning in September we will bring the offering to the altar. Debbie will inform the ushers. We will continue to keep the offering plates at the back of the church. People may put their offerings in before or after the services.

Flowers

Judy reported that she continues to up date the flower/bulletin list. She has done a great job and we thank her.

Music

Cindy reported that she and John have special music planned for September 11, Music Sunday. John will have the hand chimes and we also will have the French horn. Cindy will get the ushers for this service.

Altar

Debbie will be ordering more communion wafers.

Next meeting: October 11, at 11:00 a.m.



Trinity Worth Mentioning

We would like to send sympathy and prayers to the family of Pastor John Klingeman, who passed away July 24th.

We recently received a substantial amount of donations for the caring cupboard. And we thank the “caring Angel”. Now it is your turn to donate. Items needed are “easy open” cans of food such as Dinty Moore, Beefaroni, soups, pastas and sauce, etc. although we appreciate anything. The Caring Cupboard has been an awesome source of food for those that need it. Please help to continue this Fellowship.

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

Trinity Members

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

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

Doris Hollingshead
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
Jorden DeFrancisco
Ken Eichenlaub
Phil Esper
John Fresh
Joyce Gates
Haley Gehret
Pat Griffith
Thomas Hamilton
Katie Hanczaryk
David K. Harpster
Donald Haslam
Tom Hatch
Samantha Januska
Carol King
Cindy Lamant
Jan Lastaglia
Frank Luciano

Family Members and Friends

Christine Maines
Linda Mardula
Ron Matta
McConnell Family
Chad McDowell
Eddie McGee
McGilvery Family
Brandon McGraw
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
Sultage Jr. Family
Lisa Ta and son Elliott
Ta
Blair Umholtz
Lillian Umholtz
Paul & Nina Wallis
Jessica Medeiros
Todd Wilkins Sr
Henrietta Weidley
Steve Wood
Tiquan Wright



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 September

Sep 4

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Sep 11

Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

Sep 18

Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

Sep 25

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

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Also worth mentioning...

The next Orbit Deadline is September 24th

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

- Email your article to:
office@trinityaltoona.com
drgesey@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!