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"My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make melody, Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn. I will give thanks to you O Lord, among the peoples, and I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds."

Psalm 108: 1-4



From the Pastor:

This psalm reminds me of the summer. I feel as though people are waking up stretching and saying "Awake, my soul!" This is especially true if one is on vacation. It seems as though this psalm is about waking up on the right side of the bed, if you know what I mean. I keep seeing peoples vacation pictures on Facebook and it looks like they are ready to sing and make melody. Sometimes it is hard to awake and be ready for the day. On those days perhaps we need to take a harder look at this psalm. Everyday that God gives us to live is a gift and we should give thanks to the Lord, yes, even the hard days. I do not know what it is about the summer months, if its vacations, or school being out, or the longer days but I want to cry out, "Awake, my Soul!". I do not want to miss a thing that God has prepared for me.

Peace,



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Trinity Council President

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Summer is flying by. It's hard to believe that it's the last full week of July as I write this. We may be complaining about the summer heat, but I'm sure we'll be equally unhappy with the cold, ice, and snow in 6 months that goes with our Central Pennsylvania winters.

Be sure to mark your calendars for August 27. That's the date of the Trinity Picnic at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share. The Church will provide hot dogs and barbecued ham sandwiches. Drinks will also be there thanks to members of Trinity donating sodas, etc. Just remember that there will be a Saturday night service that weekend. However, the only Sunday Service will be at the picnic at 11AM with the meal to immediately follow.

As usually happens in the summer months, attendance at worship has declined. I realize that travel plans and other events can pull us away from being in church on a regular basis. However, I would encourage you to make time in your travels to find a house of worship to attend. Jesus probably never traveled more than 50 miles from his birthplace. I'm always thankful that I have an opportunity to travel and see the wonders of God's creation. When I've visited other churches I've been treated to a very warm welcome and wishes for a safe journey home. It's reassuring to me to see that no matter where I travel, there are other people that gather weekly to worship and give praise to God for all His blessings.

I would also encourage you to remember Trinity with your offerings if at all possible. Trinity's expenses are ongoing despite the season and your support is needed and appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

John Ebersole



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Trinity Church Picnic



Sunday, August 27
Legion Park in
Hollidaysburg

There will be no Sunday service at the church. Worship will be at the park at 11:00 am. Picnic to follow.

Meats and beverages will be provided. Please bring a covered dish.



Trinity Happenings

We had the honor of attending Cindy Finnegan's Piano Recital on June 25th at the Mishler Theater. We were treated to an evening of delight. We attended the second show which featured the older students, although some of the performances were actually first-year students. Cindy, you should be very, very proud of all your students. I have never played the piano, but I could tell there was a ton of work and practice.

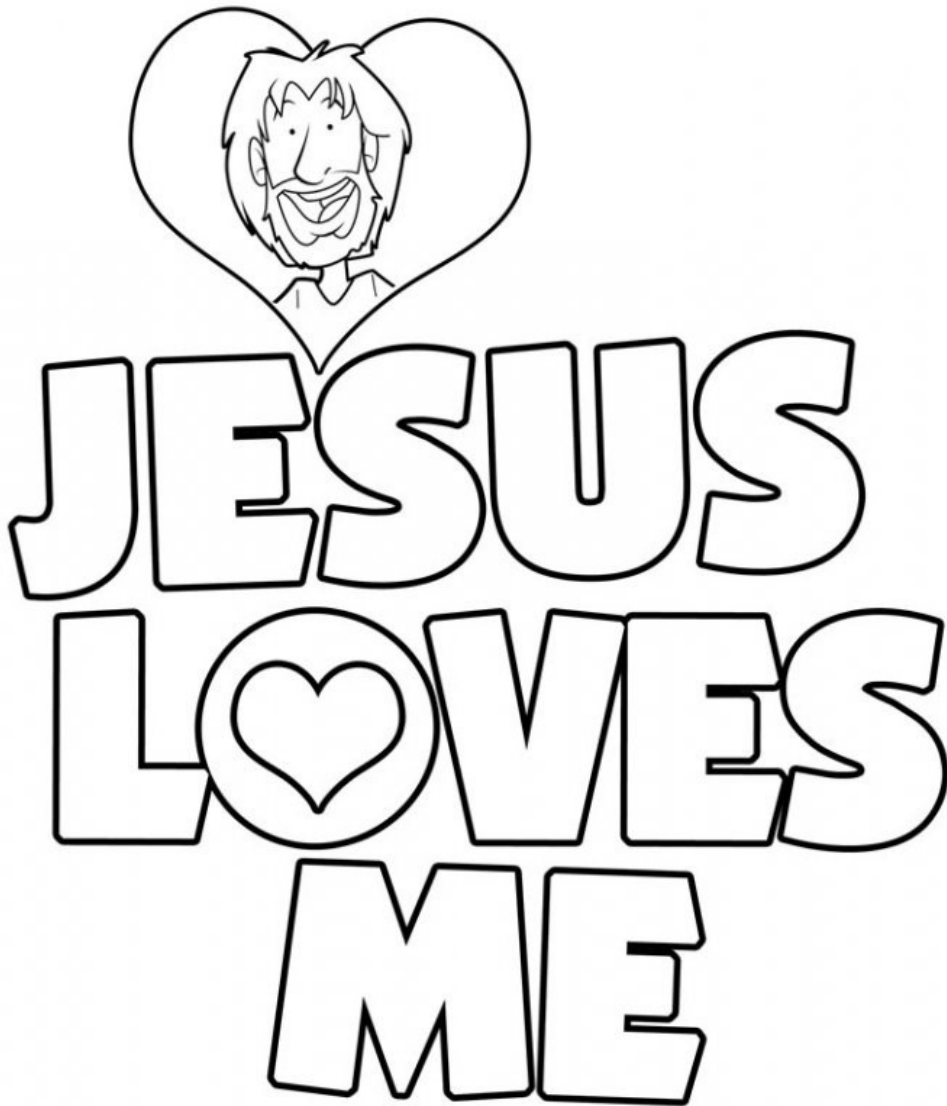
I saw Jillian Pierannunzio in the vocal ensemble. But I think the ending was very special for the last four students. JJ Steinbugl, Jack Kuhns, Aleia Frye, and Trinity's own Christins Dicus. All four of these super-talented students have graduated from high school and are moving on. The only downside is that Christina was not in attendance. The screen came down and we were treated to her piano piece that had been previously recorded because she was with her softball team.

CINDY, THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC

We are Ken and Sharon Kutz, Linda and Jess Hoover



Trinity Children's Page





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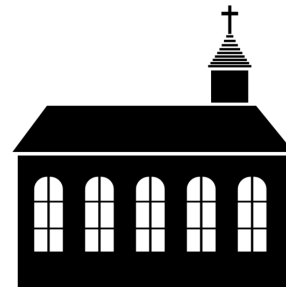
Church is Fun

Word Search

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Word list:

BELIEF	FRIENDSHIP	JOY
BLESSINGS	GIVING	LOVE
CHRIST	GOD	MERCY
CHURCH	GRACE	OBEDIENCE
COMPASSION	GUIDANCE	PATIENCE
COURAGE	HEALING	PEACE
ETERNAL	HEAVEN	SALVATION
FAITH	HOLY	SPIRIT
FAITHFULNESS	HOPE	TRUTH
FORGIVENESS	JESUS	WISDOM



Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

Trinity Members

Ted Baird	Kristina Henderson
Tyler Bennett	Bob Hofmann
Ruth & Bob Brubaker	Doris Hollingshead
William Burda	Martha Jones
Church Health Team	Garry Knee
Church Council	Jake Knisely
Charon Clabaugh	Sharon Kutz
Elaine Conrad	Cheryl Luciano
Don Corl	Jessica McGraw
Gary Crownover	Ken B. Myers
Sondra Deffibaugh	Myers Family
Jane Eamigh	Jaden Rhode
Allen Everhart	Lisa Smearman
Jim Frederick	Sis Stenger
Garner Family	Fred Teigler
Tom Hammond	Wilkins Family
Kathy Hatch	Harry Yeager
	Nancy Yeager

Trinity's Homebound Members

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

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown	Ryan Maguire
Jason Buck	Justin Patz
Kyle Eberhart	Eric Sweet
Nathan Frank	

Family Members and Friends

Joe Adams	John Hancuff	Marilyn Shannon
Donnie Alwine	Ann Hanczaryk	Sandy Sharieves
Janet & Charlie Aungst	Katie Hanczaryk	Gloria Shoup
Scott Aungst	David K. Harpster	Debbie Smith
ALB	Donald Haslam	Dottie Stayer
KCB	Tom Hatch	Sultage Jr. Family
Dan Baughman	Virginia Heidler	Lisa Ta & son Elliott Ta
Gloria Beatty	Karli Hey	Harry Taylor
Behe Family	Samantha Januska	Paul & Nina Wallis
Robin Behe	Nicki Kaltenbrunner	Leeanne Walters
Kris Bennett	Carol King	Jameson Joseph (JJ) Williamson
Dana Beschler	Rebecca Kinney	Steve Wood
Yvonne Bickle	Harper Ann Krause	Tiquan Wright
Zayne Bowmaster	Emerson Kutz	Cookie
Dee & Barry Bradfield	Cindy Lamont	Elsa
Damain Branas	Jan Lastaglia	Jessie
Joseph Brewer	Heather Leader	Juni
Terry Brown	Anaya Leity	Natalie
Christopher Buchanan	Steward Logan	Baby Jeremiah
Randy Carothers	Frank Luciano	Baby Gwen
Sue Carter	BPM	In spoken request "M"
Jeff Cipriani	Christine Maines	
Karen Claar	Linda Mardula	
Tracee Cole	Steve Mardula, Sr	
Theresa Cooney	Ron Matta	
Marissa Cooper	McConnell Family	
Scott Corl	McGilvery Family	
Randy Corneilius Family	Brandon McGraw	
Janie Coyne	Tom Morning	
William Culp	Bill & Penny Murphy	
Lisa Dalansky	Debbie Musante	
Tom DeAngelo	Sharon Myers	
Jim Deffibaugh	Wyatt Nite	
Jorden DeFrancisco	Zach Noel	
Ethel Donley	Tammy Otto	
Ken Eichenlaub	Dennis Paulsen	
Ian Esper	Frances Pringle	
Phil Esper	Lorenzo Recchia	
Ken Farabaugh	Carl Ruckinger	
Paula Ford	Michael Ruckinger	
Skyler Franell	Jeanne Rutherford	
Misty Franell	Trudy Savine	
Haley Gehret	Ronald Settle	
Pat Griffith	Daryl Seymore	
Thomas Hamilton	Judy Shaffer	
	Lynn Shaffer	



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

Aug 6

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Aug 13

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Aug 20

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Aug 27

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

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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
dknee6@gmail.com
- 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!