

# The Orbit

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“Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the autumn and spring rains. You also must be patient.”

James 5:7-8



## **From the Pastor:**

As we enter the fall season this scripture reading reminds us to be patient. I have a hard time being patient at this time of year. I can't wait for the leaves to change colors, I can't wait for Christmas, I can't wait for the first snow, I love this time of year. These things all require patience. Patience is something that we have to work at. Not many people are naturally patient people. We are a society that wants what we want when we want it. We don't want to wait for anything, its called instant gratification. Yet we are called to have patience for the coming of the Lord. We are told that when Christ comes again he will usher in a new era of peace where God's will prevails. With the world the way it is many of us want this to come sooner rather than later. If we are patient God's will and plans will come to fruition and he will establish his kingdom on earth. Fall is here and it came in its time. There was nothing we can do to hurry it along whether we want it to or not. It is all in God's time and sometimes God makes us wait. So, let us work on our patience, the day of the Lord is coming.

Peace



## Trinity Council President

### FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

October will be another active month at Trinity.

First of all, the yearly Blessing of the Animals will occur on Sunday October 1. All animals are welcome, provided they are well behaved around other “critters”. While the majority are dogs, as well as some cats, Pastor Eli relates that she has had less than conventional pets participate (including a snake).

Music Sunday is scheduled for October 8 at the 10:45 service. Several members of Trinity will offer musical selections as well as soloists from outside the congregation. The Adult Chancel Choir will participate along with the Hand Chimes. There will be a hymn sing highlighting the various seasons of the Church Year (including a Christmas Carol or two). I’m sure this will include one, if not many of your favorites.

In relation to music, mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 17 at 7PM. Bruce Vantine’s Cornerstone Chorale and Brass will be appearing at Trinity as part of the Sunderman Memorial Concert Series. This nationally renowned ensemble of 20 singers, 6 instrumentalists and a narrator will present a concert, with words of inspiration, in a musical setting. Thanks to an endowment from the estate of Dr. William Sunderman (a deceased member of Trinity), this is a FREE concert and is open to the public. Please spread the word of this to neighbors, friends, etc. I’d love to see young and aspiring musicians in the community attend to see how music can reach out to everyone to strengthen their faith.

All of these, plus weekly Sunday School, THREE weekly worship opportunities, and other activities help to make Trinity a community resource. Hope to see all of you at one or more of these events.

Yours in Christ,  
John Ebersole



## Trinity Treat from Trunks

Hello All YOU Good People!

Here's a shout out to let everyone know that Treats From Trunks will be taking place again this year. It has been well received the past few years that we have done it.

The event will be held on the same evening that Altoona does trick or treating.

When: Thursday, October 26, 2023

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Please come and give out treats that evening; in doing so we are sharing God's love throughout the community. You may decorate your vehicle if you'd like and /or dress in a costume. The night of the event you will want to show up at least 15 minutes early to get set up. Come and have some fun!!!

If you are interested, please talk to Nancy Honecker. Watch for a sign up sheet in forth coming church bulletins.

What? You want to participate and help out but can not come the day of the event. That's okay, you can help by donating treats which can be brought to the church any time after October 9, 2023 until the night of the event (10/26/2023).



## Trinity Happenings

The youth groups have started back up. The elementary youth troop meets the first Friday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. We have snacks and crafts and play games. Come join the fun.

The Jr./Sr. high youth group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 6-7:30 pm. We are planning lots of activities and have food at every meeting. Come hang out with your friends and church family.

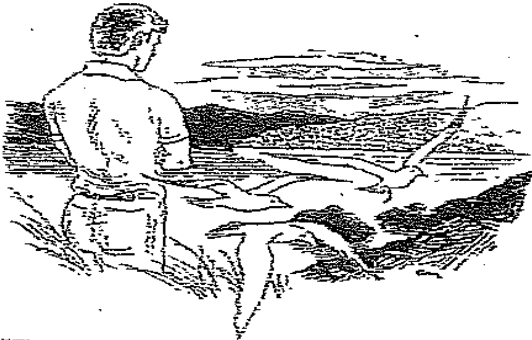
Sunday, October 1st is the blessing of the animals. We invite all well-mannered pets to come and receive a blessing. The brief service will begin at 1 in the parking lot. If the weather is bad, we will be inside the Sunday school room.

Bible Study has begun as well. We meet Tuesdays at 9:00 am in Trinity Hall and are studying the book of Isaiah. It is not too late to join.

If you took the summer off to vacation, camp, or simply relax it's now time to head back to church. We have missed you! We continue to worship on Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:15 and 10:45 in the morning. Please come and hear the gospel and reconnect with your church family.



## Trinity Inspirations



When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin',"  
I'm whispering "I was lost,  
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I don't speak of this with pride.  
I'm confessing that I stumble  
And need Christ to be my guide.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not trying to be strong.  
I'm professing that I'm weak  
And need His strength to carry on.

### WHEN I SAY... "I AM A CHRISTIAN"

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not bragging of success.  
I'm admitting I have failed  
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not claiming to be perfect.  
My flaws are far too visible  
But God believes I am worth it.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I still feel the sting of pain.  
I have my share of heartaches  
So I call upon His name.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not holier than thou.  
I'm just a simple sinner  
Who received God's good  
grace, somehow.

—*Maya Angelou*

### **JUDGE NOT**

**Remember... Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian  
any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.  
Every saint has a PAST...  
Every sinner has a FUTURE!**



# Trinity Children's Page

Name \_\_\_\_\_



# 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  
Charon Clabaugh  
Don Corl  
Gary Crownover  
Sondra Deffibaugh  
Jane Eamigh  
Maizie Emswiler  
Allen Everhart  
Jim Frederick  
Garner Family  
Tom Hammond  
Kathy Hatch  
Kristina Henderson  
Bob Hofmann  
Martha Jones

## Trinity's Homebound Members

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

## Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown  
Jason Buck  
Kyle Eberhart  
Nathan Frank

Ryan Maguire  
Justin Patz  
Eric Sweet

Ken Adams  
Donnie Alwine  
Janet & Charlie Aungst  
Scott Aungst  
ALB  
KCB  
Dan Baughman  
Gloria Beatty  
Behe Family  
Robin Behe  
Kris Bennett  
Dana Beschler  
Zayne Bowmaster  
Dee & Barry Bradfield  
Damain Branas  
Joseph Brewer  
Terry Brown  
Christopher Buchanan  
John Bush  
Dave Carothers  
Sue Carter  
Jeff Cipriani  
Karen Claar  
Tracee Cole  
Elaine Conrad  
Theresa Cooney  
Scott Corl  
Randy Corneilius Family  
Janie Coyne  
William Culp  
Lisa Dalansky  
Jordan DeFrancisco  
Ethel Donley  
Ken Eichenlaub  
Ian Esper  
Phil Esper  
Ken Farabaugh  
Fink Family  
Paula Ford  
Skyler Franell  
Misty Franell  
Haley Gehret

## Family Members and Friends

Pat Griffith  
Thomas Hamilton  
Bob Hamilton  
John Hancuff  
Ann Hanczaryk  
Katie Hanczaryk  
Bob Harding  
David K. Harpster  
Donald Haslam  
Tom Hatch  
Virginia Heidler  
Karli Hey  
Samantha Januska  
Nicki Kaltenbrunner  
Carol King  
Rebecca Kinney  
Emerson Kutz  
Cindy Lamont  
Jan Lastaglia  
Heather Leader  
Anaya Leity  
Steward Logan  
Lou Lohsl  
BPM  
Christine Maines  
Linda Mardula  
Steve Mardula, Sr  
Ron Matta  
Market Family  
McConnell Family  
McGilvery Family  
Brandon McGraw  
Linda Mowrer  
Bill & Penny Murphy  
Debbie Musante  
Sharon Myers  
Wyatt Nite  
Zach Noel  
Tammy Otto  
Dennis Paulsen  
Frances Pringle  
Tommy S. Pringle

Lorenzo Recchia  
Carl Ruckinger  
Michael Ruckinger  
Jeanne Rutherford  
Evan Sanders & Family  
Trudy Savine  
Ronald Settle  
Daryl Seymore  
Judy Shaffer  
Lynn Shaffer  
Marilyn Shannon  
Gloria Shoup  
Debbie Smith  
Dottie Stayer  
Sultage Jr. Family  
Lisa Ta & son Elliott Ta  
Harry Taylor  
Paul & Nina Wallis  
Leeanne Walters  
Jameson Joseph (JJ) Williamson  
Steve Wood  
Tiquan Wright  
Elsa  
Jessie  
Junie  
Natalie  
Baby Gwen  
In spoken request "M"



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 October

**Oct 1**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Psalm 25:1-9  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32

**Oct 8**

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:7-15  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46

**Oct 15**

Isaiah 25:1-9  
Psalm 23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

**Oct 22**

Isaiah 45:1-7  
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

**Oct 29**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18  
Psalm 1  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

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### Also worth mentioning...

### The next Orbit Deadline is October 24th

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

- Email your article to:  
**[office@trinityaltoona.com](mailto:office@trinityaltoona.com)**  
**[dknee6@gmail.com](mailto: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!**