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"June is bustin' out all over! All over the meadow and the hill.
Buds're bustin' outa bushes, and the rompin' river pushes ev'ry little
wheel the wheels beside a mill. June is bustin' out all over!"

Rodgers and Hammerstein: Carousel



From the Pastor:

Some of you may know, but I love musicals and one of my favorite is Carousel by Rodgers and Hammerstein. Above is the chorus to one of the songs in the play called "June is bustin' out all over". I love this description of June. For the rest of the song it talks about how we anticipate the summer through the spring months and then finally it is June and the start of summer. Sometimes I think that this is a good description of our faith life. Sometimes we are stuck in the winter of doubt and we struggle to get out of it, but slowly hope shines through. We get a glimpse of spring and better times. The spirit moves in our hearts and sometimes slowly and sometimes quickly our hope turns to faith once again. Most of us go through a period of questioning or doubt or faith that doesn't seem as strong as it once was, but fear not the spirit is with us. Moving in us and watering the seed of faith. When it feels like either the depths of winter, or the rains of spring will never let up, relax and wait upon the spirit, the "June" of faith is coming. When it does bust through then and faith is alive again then we live it to the fullest, we share it with the world, we sing out like a musical, "God is bustin' out all over."

Peace,



Trinity Council President

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

It's the middle of May as I am writing this, and when you read this, it will be the beginning of June. Although the day is past, I want to wish a belated Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful mothers, who go above and beyond for us. In June we will celebrate Father's Day and also thank them for all they have done for us as well.

Also in June we have a couple other important holidays, Flag Day on the 14th, and summer beginning on the 20th . Let's sure hope summer really does start on the 20th . We need some of those days, for sure.

I know that I missed Memorial Day last month, due to it being at the end of the month. Let us take time to remember that important day and all the men and women who gave some and others who gave all, so that we can have peace. We can never thank them enough for what they have done for us all. When you see a veteran please take time to thank them for their service. I am not a veteran, but I had many in my family, some who did not return.

Flag Day is a good day to hang the flag out and to take it down before dark, unless illuminated by a light. As you drive by or go through a cemetery, you will see those amazing flags for those brave veterans. Get on YouTube and look at the pictures of all of our US Cemeteries throughout other countries to see those amazing flags that are placed on U.S. Service men's and women's graves. It will bring tears to your eyes and make your heart race. We should never forget their service.

It had been brought to my attention that the Cook Fund, which was started years ago is available to help pay for kids to attend Camp Sequanota. The applications were provided, and hopefully we will have some youth participate in Camp this summer.

In closing, let us remember that one of our church members Ted Williams was ordained on Saturday, May 11th . The service was held at his home church, and he will be serving two churches in Centre County. If you see Ted, congratulate him on his accomplishment. Also, I would like to thank everyone who participated, or helped out, with the service and reception for him. It takes a team effort by everybody to get things done.

I have had calls, text messages, and conversations with members of the church about many different things that have been brought to my attention. If anyone has anything that needs to be addressed or discussed please do not hesitate to contact me at 814-502-3529 or KBMyers56@verizon.net. Just a reminder that there are many committees and if you could donate some of your time to help out and serve your church, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.
Yours in Faith.
Kenneth B. Myers



Trinity Council March 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Present

Pastor Eli
John Ebersole 2025
Geri Selfridge 2023
Debbie Garritano 2025
Lisa Bush 2024
Adam Counterman 2025
Barb Gosnell 2023
Ralph Grove
Lori Matta-Rhode 2024
Ken Myers 2023
Chris Thompson 2025
Jim Buchanan 2025
Dave Mueller 2026

Absent

Judy Hale 2024

Nevin Woodring 2024
Pam Mueller 2026

Greetings/Devotions

The meeting was called to order by President, Ken Myers.

Pastor led us in prayer.

Ken asked that we take a moment to remember those who were lost in the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse in Maryland.

Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes from the February meeting were read. Correction was made to the date at the top of the minutes. John made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Lori seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's report. Ralph and Tom are still working on the computer set up.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor gave a verbal report. She was pleased with attendance during Lent. Both youth groups are going well.

The Junior/Senior High youth group is taking her out to dinner for her birthday. She made visits and calls to those shut in. This will be a busy week, Holy Week. She will be on vacation from April 28 to May 6. Pastor

Ralph Hamer will be covering services for her. Jim made a motion to accept the Pastor's report. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Worship and Music – Things are in order for Holy Week. New altar candles have been purchased and arrived.

They should last longer. Because of a mix up with the company we order palms from, we had to purchase them from Peterman's. Thank you to Peterman's.

Old Business

Repair of Knob and Tube wiring – We received a bid from Cogan Electric for \$16,875.16. Ken and Dave will still try to get other bids to compare. We set a timeline for the next Council meeting to get the bids.

New Business

Light for handicap ramp – Ken and Adam are working on getting a light to shine on the ramp.

Other

John said that he put a notice in the Altoona Mirror about the Easter services and Easter Breakfast. He said we should do this every time we have an event at Trinity. It is no cost.

Lisa said that her granddaughter, Rylee, is collecting for Rachel's Closet at the Altoona High School. This is a place where students can come to get clothing items, food, personal hygiene items, etc. She would like to collect at church to help with the supplies of personal hygiene items and school supplies. Boxes would be placed at the back of the church. We all agreed this was a good project. She will collect for the month of April. Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adam seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was then adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Garritano

Next meeting: April 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.



Trinity Council April 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Present

Pastor Eli

Debbie Garritano 2025

Ralph Grove

Ken Myers 2023

Nevin Woodring 2024

Pam Mueller 2026

Dave Mueller 2026

Greetings/Devotions

The meeting was called to order by President, Ken Myers.

Pastor led us in prayer.

The meeting was only discussion because there was not a quorum.

Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes from the March meeting were read.

Treasurer's Report

Ralph reported that he and Tom are still working on the computer. Everything is up to date.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor presented a written report. Now that Easter is over, she can breathe. Easter season was great and worship attendance was good. Both youth groups are well attended. She has made hospital visits, home visits, counseling sessions, funeral at the church and one outside, marriage counseling appointments, meetings with IDA, and Operation Our Town. She is preparing for Ted Williams Ordination on May 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Committee Reports

Property – Adam presented a written report. A new light has been purchased for the 5th Avenue side above the cross. He reserved a lift at \$320.00 for the day and plans to take care of all maintenance requiring a lift. The kitchen garbage disposal died and Adam has another to replace it. He is contacting Ben Blessed to organize their stuff so he can finish the theatre building.

Old Business

Light for Handicap Ramp – see Property report.

Repair of Knob and Tube wiring – We had visits from Lutz and Adams Electric. Lutz said the wiring is in good shape. Lutz is working on a bid. He also recommended to replace the sanctuary lights with LED lights.

New Business

Church Picnic – August 25th at Legion Park, Hollidaysburg.

Offering Envelopes – check with John Ebersole to see if he ordered them.

Audit needs to be done

The meeting was then adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Garritano

Next meeting: May 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Absent

John Ebersole 2025

Lisa Bush 2024

Adam Counterman 2025

Judy Hale 2024

Lori Matta-Rhode 2024

Chris Thompson 2025

Jim Buchanan 2025



Trinity Thank You

To my Trinity family,

I would like to express my sincere thanks to you for all of your support and donations for Rachel's Closet. After dropping everything off, Ms. Lucas told me "You have no idea how many lives you are impacting." I would have never been able to accomplish such an impactful donation without you all.

With love,
Rylee Roo





Trinity Worship and Music

Worship and Music May 7, 2024

Upcoming dates:

May

11 Ordination of Ted Williams 10:00 a.m.

19 Pentecost, red, communion, Confirmation

26 Trinity Sunday, white communion

Service

Flowers

Debbie went to Peterman's to make sure the flowers were at the church Friday before the ordination. She also asked for all red flowers for Pentecost.

Music

Cindy is working on the music for the ordination. She also asked for June 23rd and July 6th & 7th off. JJ and Jack will be covering for her those days.

Altar

Other: John asked to check the confirmation bulletin before Pentecost. Pastor will get a copy to him.

Church picnic will be August 25th at Legion Park, Hollidaysburg.

Music Sunday is tentatively October 6th.

Pastor's will be off August 31 – September 1.

Next meeting: August 13, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

Trinity Members

Ted Baird	Martha Jones
Tyler Bennett	Shel Kauffman
Kristina Bennett	Garry Knee
Shelby Benzel	Jake Knisely
Gianna Berardinelli	Cheryl Luciano
Ruth Brubaker	Jessica McGraw
William Burda	Ken B. Myers
Church Council	Jaden Rhode
Church Health Team	Lisa Smearman
Charon Clabaugh	Fred Teigler
Don Corl	Michael Thompson
Gary Crownover	Wilkins Family
Sondra Deffibaugh	Josh Wilson
Maizie Emswiler	Nancy Yeager
Allen Everhart	Harry Yeager
Louis Gutshall	Stephanie Yeager
Tom Hammond	Hamilton
Kathy Hatch	
Bob Hofmann	

Trinity's Homebound Members

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

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Jason Buck	Ryan Maguire
Kyle Eberhart	Justin Patz
Nathan Frank	

Family Members and Friends

David Aikens	John Hancuff	Dennis Paulsen
Bob Allen	Katie Hanczaryk	Frances Pringle
Donnie Alwine	Tom Haney	Tommy S. Pringle
Janet & Charlie Aungst	Bob Harding	Fred Putt
Scott Aungst	Brandon Harper & daughters	Lorenzo Recchia
Dan Baughman	David K. Harpster	Carl Ruckinger
Robin Behe	Donald Haslam	Jeanne Rutherford
Behe Family	Carol Haslam	Conner Sanders
Kris Bennett	Tom Hatch	Evan Sanders
Ramona Bennett Family	Karli Hey	Sanders family
Dana Beschler	Emily Hileman	Trudy Savine
Zayne Bowmaster	Ed Hoover	Ronald Settle
Dee & Barry Bradfield	Eli Hughes	Daryl Seymore
Damian Branas	Samantha Januska	Judy Shaffer
Terry Brown	Nicki Kaltenbrunner	Lynn Shaffer
Christopher Buchanan	Rebecca Kinney	Marilyn Shannon
John Bush	Dyalyn Lamond Family	Gloria Shoup
Sue Carter	Cindy Lamont	Debbie Smith
Jeff Cipriani	Jan Lastaglia	Dottie Stayer
Julian Colan	Heather Leader	Harry Taylor
Tracee Cole	Stewart Logan	Lisa Turek
Theresa Cooney	Lou Lohsl	Paul Wallis
Scott Corl	Anthony Luciano	Jameson Joseph "JJ" Williamson
Carl Corle	Jameson Lytle	Steve Wood
Randy Corneilius family	Linda Mardula	Paul Wright
Janie Coyne	Steve Mardula, Sr	Tiquan Wright
William Culp	Market Family	Baby Gwen
Lisa Dalansky	Chris Mathieu	Baby Madi
Jorden DeFrancisco	Ron Matta	Elsa
Lori Dodge	Linda Matta	Jessie
Ethel Donely	McConnell Family	Junie
Phil Esper	McGilvary Family	Natalie
Ian Esper	Brandon McGraw	In spoken request "M"
Fink Family	Nancy Mock	ALB
Paula Ford	Kaitlin Morning	BPM
Skyler Franell	Jess Mourabit	KCB
Misty Franell	Linda Mowrer	JJM
Haley Gehret	Bill & Penny Murphy	RDG
Pat Griffith	Sharon Myers	
Thomas Hamilton	Wyatt Nite	
Bob Hamilton	Zach Noel	
	Tammy Otto	



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 June

Jun 2

Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23—3:6

Jun 9

Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1
Mark 3:20-35

Jun 16

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 23

Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 30

Lamentations 3:22-33
Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

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The next Orbit Deadline is June 24th

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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!