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" This is my Father's world; oh let me not forget, that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is king, let the heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad."

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock



From the Pastor:

This is a hymn that conveys how a lot of people are feeling about the world these days. The wrong seems to be winning and we find ourselves with sad hearts more often than not. Yet, this hymn reminds us that God is in charge even when it doesn't seem like it. God is the author of all creation and we are held in His hands. We are also reminded that God is the ruler of the heavens above and that through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus the wrong, the evil in this world will not prevail. Yes, we have to face bad things in this life, but God is indeed the ruler of heaven and earth. There is nothing that will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In the meantime we continue to worship the king and we continued to bring good into this world on behalf of Jesus Christ, so that the wrong isn't all that people know. We spread the love of God that reflects that God is the ruler yet and always will be. The rest of this hymn "This is my Father's World" is just as uplifting and reminds us that no matter what God rules and eventually the wrong in this world will have to play by God's rules. This is our Father's world, don't let your hearts be sad.

Peace,



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Well June has arrived and we have had pretty decent weather so far. The grass, trees, and flowers are coming along fine. School has finally finished and the kids are out and about enjoying their time off, swimming, vacationing, going to summer camps or even just sitting around playing games on their phones or possibly riding their bikes. The seniors who have graduated are probably applying for some type of work or getting ready to continue their education at a higher level in college. It's hard to believe that this past school year has come and gone so fast.

July 4th is Independence Day which is an annual celebration of nationhood that commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by Congress on July 4th 1776. It's a federal holiday and as everybody knows, it is hot dogs, hamburgers, and picnics along with the great fireworks displays depending on the weather. When growing up, you would hear many people say when July 4th is over, half the summer is gone. Time sure flies by. I hope everyone had a nice and enjoyable holiday and is enjoying the rest of the summer, whether you are traveling, vacationing, visiting friends and family, or staying home relaxing.

Although summer is here, let us not forget our church services will continue throughout the summer months, even though Sunday School classes are on a break until the fall.

Just to give you an update, as you know we have had several electricians look at the wiring, and they feel it is in good shape. They have suggested we reduce the voltage by changing the elements in the fixtures which in return will reduce our electric bill. They are working on bids and we will keep you posted on the progress of this project.

If anyone has any questions, ideas, or concerns, please feel free to talk to any council member, or me.

In closing let us not forget the church members who aren't able to attend, due to either their health or other circumstances. Please keep them in our prayers, send them a card, or give them a phone call. I'm sure they would appreciate hearing from you, to know that they are being thought of.

Thank you.
Yours in Faith.
Kenneth B. Myers



Trinity Council May 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Present

Pastor Eli
John Ebersole 2025
Debbie Garritano 2025
Lisa Bush 2024

Ralph Grove
Judy Hale 2024
Lori Matta-Rhode 2024
Ken Myers 2023

Nevin Woodring 2024
Jim Buchanan 2025

Dave Mueller 2026

Absent

Adam Counterman 2025

Chris Thompson 2025

Pam Mueller 2026

Greetings/Devotions

The meeting was called to order by President, Ken Myers.
Pastor led us in prayer.

Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes from the March meeting were read. Jim made a motion to accept the minutes. Lori seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes from the April minutes were read. Correction was made that Lori was in attendance. Jim made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Lori seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Ralph presented a printout. He reported that everything is up to date. He is caught up with the back log to the new computer.

Jim made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. John seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor presented a written report. Some things are wrapping up for the summer. Bible study and Sunday school will take a summer break. She has been doing home and hospital visits, pre-marital sessions, and conducted one funeral and will do one at St. James. On Pentecost Sunday we had three confirmands.

Committee Reports

Property – Adam presented a written report. He replaced the light on the 5th Avenue side above the cross. He also fixed the fascia coming off on the 5th Avenue side. He replaced the garbage disposal in the kitchen and replaced all the batteries in the thermostats.

Council thanks Adam for all the work that he does.

Stewardship – John reported that the Thank offering for June will be to buy school supplies for Rachael's Closet.

Worship and Music – Debbie reported that the committee met May 7 to discuss Ted Williams ordination and Pentecost. Debbie checked with Peterman's to be sure the altar flowers would be delivered before Saturday of the ordination. She also asked for red flowers for Pentecost. Cindy is working on the music for the ordination. She also asked for June 23 and July 6-7 off. She has coverage for those days. The church picnic will be August 25, 2024, at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg.



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Old Business

Light for Handicap Ramp – see Property report.

Repair of Knob and Tube wiring – We had visits from Litz and Adams Electric. Both said the wiring looked in good shape. They also recommended to replace all lights with LED lights to reduce the voltage. Following discussion John made a motion to get bids to replace all lights with LED lights. Judy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ken will call to get the bids.

New Business

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

Offering Envelopes – envelopes are ordered.

Audit needs to be done – Ken Kutz will get a team together to complete the audit.

Synod Assembly – Pastor reported that the Synod Assembly will be June 15th from 8:00 to 4:00 p.m.

VBS – will be August 4-8 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Theme is Camp Firelight.

Pastor – requested July 12-13 off. Debbie made a motion to grant Pastor the days off. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cook Fund – John reported that the value of the fund has gone up and there is money for scholarships to send children to Camp Sequanota.

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.



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Trinity “Fill the Pastor’s Truck”

The Exercise/Socialcise group will be sponsoring a fundraiser to “Fill the Pastors Truck”. There have been many reports of animals that have been abused and taken to the Humane Society. Therefore, we would like to fill the truck with Purina Dog food, cat food, kitty litter blankets, sheets, towels, newspapers, toys, and cleaning supplies.

We will start collecting for the month of July. Check your closets, garages etc. for any items that can be used. Bring them to the church and will keep them all together and then start filling her truck.

The group thanks everyone for their participation.

God Bless everyone



Trinity Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School.

When: August 4-8th

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

Time: 6 pm to 8 pm

Theme: Camp Firelight!!!!

Sign up Sheet- For snacks will be out the first weekend of July. Some of the items needed are as follows:

Dessert paper plates
 Plastic cups 8 oz
 Lemonade mix
 Mini marshmallows
 Chocolate chips
 M&M's
 Pretzel sticks
 Oreos
 Gummy worms
 Pudding
 Golden graham cereal
 Goldfish
 Blue jello cups
 Fruit
 Cupcakes

Thank you,
Debbie

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

Trinity Members

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

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



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 July

July 7

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 14

Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 21

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

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Also worth mentioning...

Sympathy to the Jim Fredrick family at the loss of his sister.

Sympathy to the Gutshall family at the loss of Lois Gutshall.

Church Picnic, August 25, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Church will supply the meat and drinks. Everyone is to bring a covered dish. The picnic is at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg.

The next Orbit Deadline is July 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!