

# The Orbit

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"When peace like a river, attendeth my way. When sorrows like sea billows roll. Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say it is well, with my soul. It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well, with my soul.

First line of Hymn "It is Well"



## **From the Pastor:**

I know I have a lot, but this is one of my favorite hymns, and when you know the story behind it, it becomes even more powerful. Written by Horatio Spafford after the tragic loss of his four daughters at sea. The ship they were sailing on with their mother, the Ville Du Havre was struck by another ship and sank in 12 minutes, killing 226 people including Spafford's daughters. His wife survived and wired Spafford a message she began, "Saved alone, what shall I do?" Spafford, on another ship headed to England passed by the spot of the shipwreck and penned the words to the hymn, "It is well with my soul". It amazes me how out of such tragedy something so comforting can come. This song has brought comfort to so many people, including myself. There have been many beautiful things that come out of tragedy. People set up scholarships, organizations raise money, poems are written, songs are song, friendships are made. That does not mean that one wishes for tragedy to occur so something good can come, but that perhaps in the midst of tragedy we might see and feel, and experience the good to comes from others. Whether we have peace like a river, or are experiencing sorrows like sea billows rolling, we know we have God with us and the promise of the resurrection to live everlasting and so we can say, or sing, it is well with my soul.

Peace,



## Trinity Council President

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Hello,

Where has summer gone? As the old story goes, where does time go? It just flies by like the blink of an eye. As August is coming to an end, September is here, the football seasons have started, and the schools are back into full swing of things. It has been a very hot and humid summer and great for the kids to enjoy this year before heading back to their assignments in school.

Vacation Bible School this year was very successful throughout the week, with a great attendance of 23 to 25 daily. There were many activities this year at “Camp Firelight” and the turnout of help from the church members and volunteers was outstanding. We are very fortunate to have the fellowship of our congregation to get things accomplished at Trinity. Even though our church membership isn’t large, it is just amazing to see how things get done when we all come together. I would personally like to thank everyone for their time and service to this annual activity for the kids.

As I am writing this, the church picnic has not yet taken place at Legion Park where it has been held for years. I’m hoping and praying that we have good weather and I’m sure we will have a very nice turnout, along with great food and fellowship with one another and a message from Pastor Eli. Thanks to everyone who participated and brought a covered dish to share.

Things are back in full swing at Trinity with Sunday school classes and Bible study starting back up, and we continue to do our three regular church services. Our church council meetings are continuing, and if anyone is interested in joining, please come to a meeting to see what takes place, as we have had a member resign from council, due to relocating out of the area. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, at 7 o’clock p.m. and lasts approximately an hour. There are many things to do and jobs that take place here at Trinity and without everyone taking part we would not be able to get them all done. Remember it’s all done for our Lord and Savior. He did for us and while we are here we should do for Him.

In closing, we have had many members who have had a death in the family or an illness that is on-going. Please keep members of your church family in your thoughts and prayers and don’t hesitate to either send a card or give them a call. I know without a doubt you’re thoughtfulness would be greatly appreciated, and I’m sure they would like to hear from you.

As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, please speak to any council member, Pastor Eli, or myself. Your voice does matter, and your thoughts do mean something.

Yours in Faith.

Kenneth B. Myers



# Trinity Worship and Music

## Worship and Music

August 13, 2024

Pastor Eli, Debbie Garritano, Judy Hale, Cindy Finnegan

Upcoming dates:

### August

25 Church Picnic 11:00 a.m. Hollidaysburg Legion Park

### September

8 Sunday School begins

28 Wedding

### October

6 Music Sunday at 10:45 service

Blessing of the Animals 1:00 p.m.

13 Blanket Sunday

19 Wedding

20 Harvest Home

27 Reformation Sunday

### November

9-17 Pastor will be on vacation

### December

9-11 Pastor vacation

Service: Nothing to discuss

Flowers

Judy – take altar flowers to the picnic. Judy also needs postcards to send out. I will check with Cindy L.

Red flowers for Reformation Sunday, October 27

Music

Cindy said that the choir will be starting in September. We also discussed Music Sunday and the services. It was decided to hold all the services to avoid a disruption with Sunday School. Cindy already has talent lined up for Music Sunday. All members are invited to the 10:45 service to hear the special music.

John expressed concern about hand chime practices and his family schedule. Cindy has been discussing with John to begin practicing a song for Music Sunday that can be used at Christmas. We also discussed highlighting each special group for the Christmas service instead of participating throughout the entire service. The hand chimes would perform a song, and Adam's group would perform a song (if Adam would like to do so). That way the groups would not have to practice the entire service.

Cindy said John would like to schedule the Raystown Winds for a Sunderman Concert in the Spring.

Cindy is planning to hold a fall Sunderman Concert on November 24 to include Rachel Wachter on harp, some string musicians, her student pianists, Josh Warmath and Ava Steinbugle, and Jillian Pierannunzio vocalist.

Altar: Nothing at this time.

Other:

Next meeting: September 10, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.



## Trinity Happenings

### Happenings for September and October:

#### SEPTEMBER

September 8th we resume Sunday School for all ages. The adult Sunday School class will be studying the Gospel of John (not to be mixed up with the books of 1,2,3 John). We have a lot of fun in this class and even learn a thing or two.

On September 10th we will resume Bible Study at 9 am in Trinity Hall. We will be studying the book of Revelation. Do not let that scare you off. We will learn some of the mythology of the book and read it in a way that is not overwhelming. As always we encourage questions and discussions which I think this book will inspire both. The coffee is always on, come join us and learn more about scripture.

#### OCTOBER

On Sunday, October 6th at the 10:45 am service, we will celebrate music Sunday. We will have special performances and special music to highlight the importance of music in our worship and spiritual life. This is a great opportunity to support the music and musicians of the congregation and community. We are getting this date out early because we know some of you come to different services and you may want to adjust so that you can participate in this service.

Sunday, October 13th will be blanket Sunday. This is a time when we as a congregation contribute through special envelope offerings to LWR (Lutheran World Relief). This organization sends blankets, health kits, and school kits to impoverished, war-torn, or disaster-related areas of the world. Our contributions help with the gas and manpower to ship around the world.

Sunday, October 20th we will celebrate Harvest Home. Although this celebration is not what it used to be with bringing in things from one's garden, it is still a vital ministry of the Allegheny Lutheran Home. We contribute our money on this day through special envelopes to help support the homes benevolent giving. The Home does not kick people out when their money runs out, instead, they support the residents through benevolent care.

Our two youth groups will also be starting back up in October. The elementary youth group meets on the first Friday of the month from 6-7:30 pm. Our first meeting will be Friday, October 4th. Come join the fun and invite a friend.

The Jr./Sr. High youth will meet on Sunday, October 6th from 6-7:30 pm. We enjoy food and fellowship and will be planning our year at the first meeting. As always



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## Trinity St. Andrew's Preschool

Wish List for St. Andrew's Preschool:

White Glue, glue sticks, scotch tape, masking tape, clorox or lysol wipes, baby wipes, paper towels, drink boxes, crayons, pencil boxes, crayola markers (washable) and of course monetary donations are always appreciated.



## Trinity VBS 2024 Recap

### VBS 2024 Recap!

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the highly successful VBS 2024. Without all of our amazing volunteers, donations of craft supplies, snacks, and monetary, VBS wouldn't have been such a huge success! I appreciate you all. We averaged 23 to 25 kids each night. Pastor said "when kids who don't go to church here are bringing friends, you know you are doing something right."

# Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

## Trinity Members

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

## Trinity's Homebound Members

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

## Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Jason Buck	Ryan Maguire
Kyle Eberhart	Justin Patz
Nathan Frank	

## Family Members and Friends

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



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 Sept and Oct

### Sep 1

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
Psalm 15  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### Sep 8

Isaiah 35:4-7a  
Psalm 146  
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

### Sep 15

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 116:1-9  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

### Sep 22

Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Psalm 54  
James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

### Sep 29

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29  
Psalm 19:7-14  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

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### Oct 6

Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm 8  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

### Oct 13

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
Psalm 90:12-17  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

### Oct 20

Isaiah 53:4-12  
Psalm 91:9-16  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

### Oct 27

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Psalm 126  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

## The next Orbit Deadline is Oct 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!**