

Trinity Lutheran Church

June 2019 Newsletter



Getting to Know the Body of Christ

Name: Meghan Alissa (Kerns) Yuhouse

What brought you to Trinity, and how long have you been attending? Trinity is part of the Kerns family. My grandparents worshipped here, my parents are here, and now I attend with my family.

What keeps you here? It is very important to me to expose my children to God and all of the possibilities that we are capable of through Him. I am trying to raise my children with strong Christian values at a very difficult time in the world. My Trinity “family” has been very supportive, and I am thankful that we have church members to help us along our journey in faith.

What fills your time? I work full-time and find it difficult sometimes to balance work responsibilities and family. I try very hard to “unplug” after work and focus on being present in my children’s lives. My mom is very helpful, so I have to give a shout-out to her! Sitting down together every day at dinner is important. We like outdoor activities; swimming is my favorite. I also enjoy Zumba class at the YMCA.

What are you good at? I am a good cook. My husband compliments my cooking every day! Last summer I started making homemade ice cream. I’m also good at my job. I am the Director of Operations at the Westmoreland County Transit Authority. For 11 years I’ve done my best to assist those who rely on public transportation.

Share a favorite memory of a worship service or event here. My favorite memory would be the baptisms of both Arden and Barrett, of course. I also enjoy the Children’s Sermon each week. I never know what my kids are going to say or what questions they may have afterwards.

Share your favorite hymn/Bible verse/Bible story.

Singing is my favorite part of worship, so it is difficult to only choose one. "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled my Soul" has been a favorite for my entire life. My grandfather sang it when I was a kid. Also, "Glories of Your Name are Spoken," which is the same tune as that of my alma mater. Hail to Pitt!

My favorite Bible story is Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego emerging unharmed from the furnace.

Share about a time God seemed especially present with you. 2018 proved to be a difficult year. There was a very unexpected decision to put an asphalt plant across the street from my house. The unknown health effects that this could have on Arden and Barrett was a grave concern. I had difficulty accepting that we were a nonfactor in the eyes of the decisionmakers. God gave me the strength to make some difficult decisions and accept that His plan for me may not be the same as the one that I had laid out in my mind. I am confident that He is with me.

What do you think God is calling our congregation towards? I believe that we need to find a way to be more inclusive. Traditional Sunday morning service just isn't a priority for people anymore. I understand that change is hard, but I feel compelled to bring up the issue as one of the younger members in our congregation. I am concerned that Trinity will not be here someday for my children to attend with their own families when I see low attendance and more money going out than coming in. We all bear some responsibility in not connecting with other believers. It is important for us as a congregation to find ways that will effectively pass along our faith by engaging people who may be different than those, we are used to seeing every Sunday.

Faith Formation

Summer Passport – Summer is a great time to try new things, and a Trinity Passport is full of ideas. From visiting another congregation to sending a card to one of our homebound members, there are activities for everyone! Pick up a passport and add a sticker for each activity you complete. Turn it in at the end of the summer with at least 20 stickers and be entered to win a Dairy Queen gift card!

Adult Sunday School – We will meet on **June 2 & 9** following worship for conversation and learning. Hope you can join us!

Bible Storytime – Kids 4 and under and their parents or grandparents are invited to join us for Bible stories, songs, and play. We will meet **Saturday, June 8** and **Thursday, June 20 at 10:30am upstairs**. Hope you can join us!

Meditations on the Psalms at YHL - In the midst of busy schedules and unceasing demands, it can be difficult to find time to stop and attend to God's presence with you. Join us for half an hour in the middle of the week to breathe, be still, and listen to God's voice in the psalms. Pastor Kerri will be leading this time for meditation and prayer on **June 5 & 19 from 11:30am to noon**, and **June 12 from 5:30-6pm at Youghioghney Holistic Living** (144 N. Third St, parking available behind the building, on Fourth St.).

Community VBS – Mark your calendars: Community VBS will be held **Sunday, June 16 through Thursday, June 20** here at Trinity! Dinner will be served beginning at 5:15pm and the program will be held from 6-8:30pm. More information to follow; participating churches are Trinity, First Baptist, Connellsville Presbyterian, and City Church. **If you are interested in helping in the kitchen, running the projector, or as a “crew leader”, please let Pastor Kerri know. A volunteer training session will be held Saturday, June 1 from 1-3pm.**

Fellowship & Outreach

Meeting – Join us on **Monday, June 3 at 11am**. Hope to see you there!

Finance

June Offering Counters

- 2** – Carolyn Kerns, Melva Roland, & Alan Sandusky
- 9** – Marcia Davis, Ron Kerns Sr., Melva Roland, & Alan Sandusky

- 16** – Melva Roland, Linda Ruth, & Cindy Workman
- 23**– Carolyn Kerns, Melva Roland, & Cindy Workman
- 30**– Marcia Davis, Ron Kerns Sr., & Alan Sandusky

April 2019 Income & Expense

	April	Jan. – April YTD Actual	Jan. – April YTD Budget
Total Income*	\$13,057	\$38,565	\$36,483
Total Expense**	\$15,827	\$57,446	\$49,767
Net Income	-\$2,769	-\$18,881	-\$13,283
Withdrawal from Reserves		\$30,000	

Restoration Update

*Total Income includes \$5,092.00 given to the Restoration Account for current projects

** Total Expense includes \$7,057.00 from the completed current project: replacement of heating and air conditioning units in the offices and meeting area

Not yet included in the 2019 Expenses: \$2,500.00 for resealing the roof

Currently there is not an estimate available for repairing the ceiling of the sanctuary

Donations are still being accepted and much appreciated towards these projects and should be marked “Restoration Account”.

Shout Outs

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Strawberry Social! We raised \$1,045 for the Back to School Clothing Giveaway.

Thank you to those who have been helping plan and prepare for VBS! I know we’ll have a great week together!

Congratulations to Brandon and Kelly Sheetz (and proud grandparents Brian and Denise) on the birth of their daughter, Elianna Mae.

Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as our synod gathers in assembly June 13-15 at California University of Pennsylvania. In addition to other business, we will be electing a bishop (Bishop Kusserow is eligible for re-election) and synod VP and secretary.

Prayers are also requested for a fun and meaningful week at Confirmation Camp. Pastor Kerri, Madison, Edward, Abby, and Emma, as well as Pastor Daniel, Wade, Morgan, and Pearl, will be at Lutherlyn June 23 to 28.

Thank you to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, and calls. Carol Filburn

Social Ministry

Food Collection for Community Ministries – Every third Sunday at the beginning of worship we'll invite the kids to collect the non-perishable food items you bring in for Community Ministries. Be sure to bring in some food items on **Sunday, June 16!** If you didn't yet get a red "Trinity" reusable grocery bag, you can pick one up at the rear of the sanctuary.

Stewardship

Amazon Smile – Do you often shop on Amazon? Be sure to sign up for Amazon Smile to support our ministry at Trinity! Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of the cost of eligible purchases to Trinity. To sign up, visit www.smile.amazon.com, sign in with your regular Amazon username and password, and follow the directions to search for "Trinity Lutheran Church Connellsville." If you have questions about how to register, please contact Pastor Kerri.

Visioning Team

Collaborative Ministry Conversation – Join members of the Visioning Team and folks from other congregations in our conference on **Sunday, June 30 at 2pm** for conversation about collaborative ministry – What are our joys and challenges? How can struggling congregations support one another? What

kinds of collaborative ministry are already taking place in our synod?

Worship & Music

Meeting – The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 12 at 3pm**. Hope to see you there!

Communion Assistants – In order that the choir may better lead congregational singing during communion, the Worship & Music committee invites members of the congregation to serve as communion assistants during worship (pouring wine and collecting communion cups). If you are interested in learning more or getting on the schedule, please see Pastor Kerri.

Dinner Church – On the second Saturday of each month we will participate in an ancient format of Christian worship – gathering for word and sacrament around a meal. On **Saturday, June 8**, we will gather downstairs in the Social Room for a simple meal of lasagna/baked pasta, salad, and bread, a time of scripture and teaching, and communion. If you'd like to bring food for our meal, please sign up on the bulletin board in the sanctuary. Hope you can join us!

Pentecost Sunday – June 9 is Pentecost Sunday, and you are invited to wear red to worship that weekend!

June Greeters

- 2** – Carey Connors (E) & Jim Workman (W)
- 9** – Marcia Davis (E) & Ginny Beecher (W)
- 16** – Jim Gearhart (E) & Cassie DeAngelis (W)
- 23** – Lynn Hazel (E) & Carolyn Kerns (W)
- 30** – Beckie Merchant (E) & Ron Kerns Sr. (W)

Altar Flowers

The cost for sponsoring altar flowers is **\$25**. Please make sure to make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and write Altar Flowers in the memo portion of the check or place a cash payment in an envelope with your name and Altar Flowers written on the outside of the envelope.

Payment must be received by the end of the month that flowers had been ordered. **Thank you!**

Dates Available

June – 30

July – 7, 15, 22, & 29

August – 4 & 25

Altar Guild

Anyone interested in helping to launder linens, please call Linda Ruth.

Thank you Linda Ruth (May) for all your help doing the linens, your time and hard work is gratefully appreciated.

June – Sally Stoots

July – Beckie Merchant

August Cassie DeAngelis

September – Carol Filburn

If you are unable to serve, please contact Linda Ruth.

Youth

2019 Graduate – Nichole Soforic will be graduating from Connellsville Area High School. Nichole will major in Nursing at IUP.

Memorial Donations

In memory of Roy & Geraldine Hixson

Joe & Beverly Dusha

In memory of Irwin Kress

Nancy Kress

In memory of Marie Musser

Ginny & Jean Beecher

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2 <i>Easter 7</i>	3	4
9:15am: Holy Communion AM: Ginny Beecher R: Diane Ratai 10:30am – Adult Sunday School	11am – Fellowship & Outreach 6:15pm – VBS Meeting	
9 <i>Day of Pentecost</i>	10	11
9:15am: Holy Communion AM: Don Herbert R: Cindy Workman 10:30am – Adult Sunday School		7pm – Boy Scouts
16 <i>Happy Father's Day!</i> <i>The Holy Trinity</i>	17	18
9:15am: Holy Communion AM: Cindy Workman R: Mickie Sandusky 6-8:30pm: Community VBS	6-8:30pm: Community VBS	6-8:30pm: Community VBS
23 <i>Pentecost 2</i>	24	25
9:15am: Holy Communion AM: Diane Ratai R: Ginny Beecher Confirmation Camp	Confirmation Camp	Confirmation Camp 7pm – Boy Scouts
30 <i>Pentecost 3</i>		
9:15am: Holy Communion AM: Donna Welsh R: Alan Sandusky 2pm – Collaborative Ministry Meeting		

June 2019

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Confirmation @ St. Paul's 1-3pm: VBS Training
5 11:30am-noon: Meditation on the Psalms at YHL 7pm – NA Group	6	7 9pm – AA Group	8 10:30am – Bible Storytime 6pm – Dinner Church
12 10am – Garden Club 3pm – Worship & Music 5:30-6pm: Meditation on the Psalms at YHL 7pm – NA Group	13 Synod Assembly	14 Synod Assembly 9pm – AA Group	15 Synod Assembly
19 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 11:30am-noon: Meditation on the Psalms at YHL 6-8:30pm: Community VBS	20 10:30am – Bible Storytime 6-8:30pm: Community VBS	21 9pm – AA Group	22
26 Confirmation Camp 7pm – NA Group	27 Confirmation Camp	28 Confirmation Camp 9pm – AA Group	29
			AM: Assistant Minister R: Reader

*Please call or email the church office
if you would like to see your name added
to the birthday, anniversary, or
baptismal anniversary monthly lists.*



June Birthdays

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| 1 – Tammy Hart | 19 – Kinley Hixson |
| 3 – Judy Ritenour,
Linda Tikey, &
Tiffany Black | 20 – Josh Wadsworth |
| 10 – Justin Soforic | 23 – Jeff Williams |
| 17 – Lee Sampey | 24 – Mia Naccarato |
| 16 – Allison Means | 26 – Dan Herman |
| 18 – Matt Striner | 27 – Nancy Kress |
| | 28 – Don Herbert |
| | 29 – Alex Wilttrout |

June Anniversaries

- 10** – Edward & Lori Henry
- 17** – Pastor Kerri & Pastor Daniel
- 19** – Jim & Cassie DeAngelis
- 22** – Jeff & Beth Williams
- 26** – Joe & Beverly Dusha

June Baptismal Anniversaries

- 4** – Cherie Nicklow
- 5** – Carey Connors & David Dusha
- 16** – Joyce Camp
- 17** – Chase Sankovich & Chandler DeWitt
- 20** – Cole Connors
- 21** – Anthony Sirianni
- 24** – Nathan Sirianni & Tyler Sirianni
- 26** – Ron Kerns Sr.
- 27** – Milania Black
- 28** – Tim Widener & Charles Enos II

Parish News

Anyone desiring a ride to church may call the Church Office, and transportation will be made available.

June Bible Readings

1: Ezekiel 3:4-17

Easter 7 – 2

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17,
20-21

John 17:20-26

3: Ezekiel 4:1-17

4: Ezekiel 7:10-15, 23b-27

5: Ezekiel 11:14-25

6: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-32

7: Ezekiel 34:17-31

8: Ezekiel 43:1-12

Day of Pentecost – 9

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-27

10: Isaiah 63:7-14

11: Isaiah 63:15-64:9

12: Isaiah 65:1-12

13: Isaiah 65:17-25

14: Isaiah 66:1-6

15: Isaiah 66:7-14

The Holy Trinity –16

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

17: Ruth 1:1-18

18: Ruth 1:19-2:13

19: Ruth 2:14-23

20: Ruth 3:1-18

21: Ruth 4:1-22

22: Deuteronomy 1:1-8

Pentecost 2 – 23

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalm 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

24: Deuteronomy 4:9-14

25: Deuteronomy 4:15-24

26: Deuteronomy 4:25-31

27: Deuteronomy 4:32-40

28: Deuteronomy 5:1-22

29: Deuteronomy 5:22-33

Pentecost 3 – 30

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62



Start saving your Best Choice labels. Each bundle of 1,000 Best Choice labels is worth \$30.00. If 50 families buy only 25 Best Choice products per week. In only eight months' time, we will have accumulated \$1,200 for Trinity. Just place your labels in an envelope and turn into the church office.

SWPA Synod Calendar of Causes

SWPA Synod Calendar of Causes – As a way for us to support the many ministries supported by our synod, a Calendar of Causes has been developed. Each month we will lift one ministry. You are encouraged to learn about these important ministries working in our area and support them with prayer and monetary donations as you feel called to do so.

June's highlighted ministry is the Candidate Support and Maintenance Fund of the SWPA Synod. This fund goes to support individuals in our synod who have experienced a call to public ministry and are currently studying to become pastors and deacons. To support these individuals during their years of seminary study, field education, and internship, please send your donation to Southwestern PA Synod, 9625 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, Attn: Rev. Peter Asplin

Community Ministries

Connellsville is blessed to have such a great resource present in Connellsville Area Community Ministries. Their food pantry, thrift store, medical supply distribution, case workers, support of the Circles program, and more serve hundreds of people in our area each month. As a congregation, we can point people in need to them for a more thorough supply of resources than we are able to provide alone.

In support of this important ministry our goal is to send financial support to CACM on a regular basis. **If you would like to contribute to this, check the box marked “other” on your offering envelopes and write “Community Ministries”.**

Community Events

Antiques & Collectibles Market

**Historic Hanna's Town
809 Forbes Trail Rd; Greensburg PA, 15601**

The gate opens at 7:30am on Sunday and the market continues through early afternoon, although many vendors are set up by 1pm Saturday and sell that afternoon. There is parking on-site. Admission is \$3 per car.

The Antiques and Collectibles Market is held the second Sunday of the month May through October. The public is cordially invited to browse for bargains, enjoy a variety of food booths and support local history preservation as well as a local fire department at the Antiques & Collectibles Sales at Historic Hanna's Town. Sorry, no pets are permitted at this show.

Lions Kid's Fest

Bud Murphy's Murphy Hall Banquet Center

**Monday, June 10
5-9pm**

Plan to enjoy a delicious Bud's Pizza at the fest!

Featuring Kid's Karoke, Fun, Prizes, Gifts, Games, Bounce House, Silent Auction, Face Painting, Clown, Juggler, Cool Labs Outreach, Virtual Reality and Much More!

Appearing:

That Man with the Birds
and
Jingles the Clown

Admission is FREE (donations are accepted)

Garden Club

Wednesday, June 19 at 10am

June Word Search

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l o r y h i o k i k a t o o n b o
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Adult Sunday School
Bees
Bible Storytime
Birds
Butterflies
Collaborative
Community VBS
Confirmation
Confirmation Camp
Conversation
Dinner Church
Flowers
Gardening

Graduation
Happy Father's Day
Honey
Mediations
Ministry
Pentecost
Psalms
Strawberries
Summer
Summer Passport
Sunflowers
Synod Assembly
The Holy Trinity

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