

The Trinity Trumpet

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- Morgan McKinney, daughter of Brad and Miranda Harleman will be graduating on May 10, 2019 from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Congratulations, Morgan!
- Larkin Ressler, Franklin Monroe Baseball player, was named Early Bird and Bluebag Media Athlete of the Week in March.

This area of the newsletter is available to share all important happenings in your family and friends. Please submit any news to secretary@pitsburgtlc.org or call the Trinity office at 937/692-5670 so the rest of us can celebrate with you!

Prayer Concerns—Current and ongoing and from the past month:

- Chet & Sharon Wirrig—Health
- Olis McKibben—Health
- Mike Hangen—Health
- Patty Sackett-Health
- Jim Neitzelt—Health
- Jr & Laszlo Koos—Health
- Buster Casto– Health
- Jody Burns—Cancer
- Mindy Brandon—Awaiting kidney transplant
- John & Karen Davis & family— For John's kidney transplant
- David Allen Brumbaugh
- Mary Shellhaus—Stroke & fall
- Jerry Higgins—Cancer
- Ronda Hanes—Health
- Maxine Didier- Healing
- Kerry young—Coma & for wife, Julia
- Kenny Gates—Health issues
- JR Alltop
- Holly McEldowney—Cancer
- Sarah Wolfe—In Hospice, kidney failure
- Matt Martin—Thanksgiving prayers
- Kenny Hesler—Stroke
- Frank Trimble—Illness
- Katie Cottrell—Healing
- Greg Perry—Heart problems
- Ev Kaiser—Heart problems
- Kenny Johnson— Heart and health issues
- Mary Lou Rosenberger— Cancer
- Jacob Riffle—Heart issues
- Connie Rowland—Cancer
- Tom Schoeberl—4 yr. old recovering from kidney tumor removal surgery
- Aubree Myers—Lupus and MS
- Becky (Cool) McMullen—Mobility issues

- Chris Suttle—Treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Marvin Brumbaugh—Cancer
- Amanda Spahr—Brain issues
- Joe Spahr—Heart issues
- Reese Addington—10 year old with auto-immune disease
- Shirley Hensel—Recovering from cancer surgery
- John Young—Cancer
- Mary Philpot—Cancer
- Craig Cotner—Health issues
- Tracy & Bob—Help through a difficult time
- Aiden Snyder- Leukemia
- Logan Nolley (Katherine's grandson)—Deployed to Afghanistan for a year
- Miranda Nolley (Katherine's granddaughter)—Deployed to Kuwait
- Crystal Proffitt—Health
- Ezra Brumbaugh—Healing
- Rick McDonnell—In a coma
- Ray Chester
- Zane Rhodehamel—Leukemia
- Kelly VanDeGrift—Cancer
- Dennis Riffle
- Jason Couvutsakis—Medical issues
- Ronnie Brumbaugh
- Tony Matamoras—Health
- Barry Ulrich– Vision
- Judy Ulrich—Cataract surgery
- Michelle Lawrence—Baby
- Mike Collins—Children's health
- Katlyn—Construction accident
- Jason—Construction accident
- Barb Boehmer—Chemotherapy
- David Netzley—Health
- Susan Oakes—Hospice care
- Allison—Personal

- Flood victims in the Midwest
 Cyclone vic-
- Cyclone victims
 Larry Harter
- Larry Harter Knee injury
- Bill Mahaffey—Chemo treatments
- Bob & Rochelle Sadowski—House fire
- Bobby Jagelski—Cancer
- Auzzy Monroe—Diagnostic tests
- Morgan Harleman—Safe travel
- Tracy & Jesse Kemper—Praise God for their love & for a long marriage
- Nate & Ivy Cheeseman—Relief from terrible air pollution
- Janice Rosenberger—Stroke
- Notre Dame Cathedral fire
- All families suffering with addiction
- Victims of Church bombing in Sri Lanka
- Redmond Schofner Family
- Lee Stanley—Hospitalized
- Tommy Scarlis-Brain tumor
- Jason- Brain tumor
- Joe Teeds—Cancer
- Dawn Oswalt—Cancer
- Sympathy to the family following the death of Galen Oswalt

Prayer requests may be emailed at anytime to **trinityprayers@woh.rr.com** and upon receipt your request will be shared so that many will be praying immediately.







BABY CARE KITS

Contents are being collected April thru June for Lutheran World Relief. Info can be found in the WELCA news article in this newsletter and further details are available on the table in the Welcome area of the church.







DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE OF THE TRINITY TRUMPET IS MAY 21st.

President's Perspective

Dear People of Trinity,

Spring has sprung. Mother Nature is and will be showing us the power she holds in her hand. She is showing us again this year what she shows us each and every year about this time, that she is just another blessing from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

There will be lots of things going on in and outside of your church home building with cleaning and beautification being a big part of it.

Studying changes for the constitution and some job description are in the mix.

The frugal Lutheran walked into the house panting and almost completely exhausted. "What happened, honey?" inquired his wife. "It's a great new idea I have to be a better steward of our resources," he gasped. "I ran all the way home from the stewardship committee meeting behind the bus and saved \$1.50." "That wasn't very bright," replied his flustered wife. "Why didn't you run behind a taxi and save \$10."

> Blessings to you all, Dean



AVAILABLE AT TRINITY

Just go to our website: https://pitsburgtlc.org

Click on the "GIVE TO TRINITY" box, fill in the form and follow the prompts.



To all who helped with our "spring cleaning days" in the quilting room.

And to all who participated in the service to celebrate the March 16th National Quilting Day.

Special thanks to Pastor Mel for his meaningful words that were read during the dedication. The Sunday service 3was

made especially nice by the special music composed and sung by Katherine Jump. Her words, "Quilt of Many Colors" gave wonderful meaning to our program and brought tears to many of us.

Finally we wish to honor Donna Bridenbaugh (March 5, 1946—November 20, 2016). How fitting that she was born in March, the month that was designated to honor quilters. She was a great friend to all of us and spent countless hours at her sewing machine and ironing board. She loved the fellowship she found here at Trinity and we are grateful to have had her as a member of WELCA. She truly dedicated her time to making our quilt ministry a success. We will always remember her and speak of her every time we gather to quilt. She made us smile when we opened another box of scraps that she had squirreled away to make just "one more block". How blessed we were to call her our sister.



...News for Pre-K through 6th Grade



We are so excited about To Mars and Beyond Bible School. The curriculum looks like it will be our best yet!



The kick-off will be the picnic in Pitsburg Park on Sunday, June 30 for the whole congregation. An exciting rocket launch will take place then. The rest of the Bible School sessions will be on the following Wednesday's from 6-8PM - July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31 and August 7. Come to as many sessions as possible. Each week will include music, story time, snacks, games, crafts, science experiments and our amazing puppet Ep3 -20 (Check out Ephesians 3:20). Registration will begin soon on line or at the church on Sundays. You will receive a FREE cd with all the Bible School songs upon registering. The decorations will be out of this world with lots of surprises. Helpers are needed to make

Bible School a success for the kids!

Christian Education Team

Marge Warner (623-2544), Pam Oswalt, Linda Baker, Stephanie Kemp, Michelle Groff, Bev Erdmann, Pastor Mel



Reservations are requested so please indicate your attendance along with the number attending by signing the form on the table outside the church office or by contacting Judy Ulrich at 417-5590 or Marge Warner at 623-2544.



WELCA News for April

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Where has our time gone? It is now May. May first is **May Day**—this brings back fond memories of a time when I was chosen to participate in a Maypole dance my dress was a very bright yellow. The **Kentucky Derby** is one of the oldest Thoroughbred horse races held in the U.S. It takes lace each year in Louisville, Kentucky on the first Saturday in May (May 4th). **Cinco de Mayo** (Spanish for



"Fifth of May") is a Mexican holiday that celebrates the unlikely victory of the Mexican army over the French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. **Mother's Day** is a day created to honor mothers and motherhood. It is celebrated on different days around the world. In the U.S. it is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of May (May 12th). **Memorial Day** is a U.S. federal holiday commemorating the U.S. men and women who died while serving in the military. It is observed on the last Monday in May (May 27th).

There is no formal meeting this month.

May 5th will be our annual Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet. This event will start at 4:30 and end around 6:30. Come on out and celebrate with a Mexican theme party. Tacos, pinatas, games, photo booth, and camaraderie. Reservations are requested so please indicate your attendance along with the number attending by signing the form on the table outside the church office or by contacting Judy Ulrich at 417-5590 or Marge Warner at 623-2544.

There will be a drawing for Secret Sisters at the May Celebration. If you would like to participate but cannot be at the May event please contact me (PJ) at 626-3295.

2019-2020 WELCA OFFICERS

Pres. - Marge Warner V. Pres. - Vacant Secretary - PJ Musser Treasurer - Portia Boord Wernle Rep. - Judy Ulrich Sunshine Cards - Julie Kossler Quilting - Judy Ulrich and Linda Baker Luncheon Chair - Jr Koos Dinner Chair - Katherine Jump Giving Tree - Pat Netzley and Pam Oswalt Christmas Party Committee - Portia Boord Mother-Daughter-Friend Committee - Vacant

Our service project for April through June is soap collection. We are also going to be collecting items for Baby Care Kits. There are handouts in the welcome area on needed items.

- TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)
- TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
- FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- TWO pairs of socks
- ONE hand towel, dark color recommended
- TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- TWO diaper pins or large safety pins

Each woman at Trinity is welcome to attend the monthly meetings and share in a time of fellowship and spiritual growth. Come on out and celebrate the Mother-Daughter-Friend Celebration with your sisters here at Trinity.

God loves you and so do I!

PJ Musser-WELCA President

Congratulations to Layni Ressler and the Twisters Cheer Team!

The Twisters were invited to participate in the National Cheerleading Competition in Louisville where they placed first in their division. They received a trophy and each member received a Championship Jacket.



GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE FOR LARKIN JAY RESSLER

Please celebrate with us on Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 4 to 7 pm at 3108 Schnorf-Jones Rd., Arcanum OH 45304.



From our Pastor

¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted. (Matt. 23:11-12 NRS)

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from Christ our Savior, our Lord, and Servant of all, amen.

This year is racing along at the speed of light! I can't believe we're already 5 months into 2019. We've already accomplished so much in the first part of this year, I can't wait to see what God is going to do in and through us in the coming months.

I'm so excited about our Vacation Bible School this year. It's going to be so much fun. As a teaser, our Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic will once again be on the last Sunday

of June (June 30th) at the park in Pitsburg. NASA may not be sending up Space Shuttles any more, but Trinity Lutheran Church is launching our own version! That's right, we're planning to send up Estes Rockets into the wild blue yonder and retrieve them for reuse. These may not reach Mars, or even stable Earth orbit, but they are exciting to launch and fun to chase down and relaunch again. The rocket fun is part of our teaser for our Vacation Bible School theme this year, which is "To Mars and Beyond!" Please mark your calendars and bring out all our little astronauts for this great adventure on June 30th at the Park in Pitsburg! Vacation Bible School runs on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm beginning July 10th and goes for 5 weeks ending on August 7th. You'll be hearing a lot more about this from our Mission Commander, Marge Warner and her sidekick EP:320. (Ephesians 3:20 – Look it up!)



Even though we are a very active, generous congregation with so many ministries that benefit our community and all of God's Kingdom, it's good to remember every now and again our place in the grand scheme of things. We all like to be patted on our back and told how great a job we're doing from time to time, and I try to be your biggest and best cheerleader, but that can never become our motivation for doing the ministries we do. Personal recognition was the motive behind the actions of the Pharoses in Jesus' time and we all know how Jesus felt about them...

I'm as guilty of this as anybody. I'm the first one to look up our congregation in the annual list of Mission Support (Benevolence) giving published by the Southern Ohio Synod before each Synod Assembly. My heart grows at least two sizes, maybe more, when I see that we typically rank at or near the top of giving congregations for our size. I wouldn't want us to be anywhere else on that list! But we can never boast about it or any of our other accomplishments making ourselves out to be something better than we are. The truth is we are all sinners and fall far short of God's Glory. Without Christ and His Righteousness, we would be nothing and all our good works would be like smoke in God's nose. Thanks be to God for our Savior, Lord and perfect example, Jesus Christ! When we boast, we boast in what Jesus has done for us, not what we've done for him.

May we continue to be the most generous, loving group of saints/sinners ever to congregate together. May God continue to bless each of us and all of us together as we go about our ministries serving Him by loving each other and all of God's people. May we learn to be more and more like Jesus and humble ourselves in service to our great King and Lord of all, amen.



In Christ's Love, Pr Mel

May Health Tip

Health Ministries

When Should I Worry about Skin Moles?



How many moles do you have? If you're like most adults, you have between 10 and 40. The lighter your skin, the more likely you are to have moles. You might have been born with a mole or two at birth, but most appear later in childhood and develop through age 30. In older people, moles tend to fade away.

What is a Common Mole?

Most moles are known as common moles — also called a nevus ("nevi" is the plural). Common moles are growths on the skin that develop when pigment cells (melanocytes) grow in clusters. You probably have moles mostly above your waist on areas exposed to the sun.

A common mole:

- Is usually smaller than a quarter-inch (less than a size of a pencil eraser)
- Is round or oval
- Has a smooth surface
- Has a distinct edge
- Is often dome-shaped
- Has an even color of pink, tan, or brown

Most common moles are benign and don't require treatment. You can have moles removed if you don't like the way they look or feel.

What is an Atypical Mole?

Atypical moles — also called dysplastic moles — look different than common moles but are also very prevalent. In fact, one of every 10 Americans has at least one atypical mole. Atypical moles:

- Are larger than common moles
- Have irregular borders
- Have a variation in color within the mole
- May fade into surrounding skin and include a flat portion level with the skin

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Do I Need to Worry About Moles?

Atypical moles are precancerous. That means they are more likely to turn into melanoma (a serious type of skin cancer) than regular moles, but not everyone who has atypical moles gets melanoma. In fact, most moles — both ordinary and atypical — never become cancerous.

Moles may become a problem if they appear after you're 30, or if they change in certain ways. These moles may turn into melanoma.

Know where your moles are and check them once a month for any of these differences:

- The color changes.
- The mole gets unevenly smaller or bigger.
- The mole changes in shape, texture, or height.
- The skin becomes dry or scaly.
- The mole becomes hard or feels lumpy.
- It starts to itch, bleed, or ooze.

Also, as part of your physical, ask your health care provider to do a thorough skin exam. Awareness of any changes is the first step toward protecting yourself from skin cancer.



Source: National Cancer Institute (NIH); American Academy of Dermatology; American Osteopathic College of Dermatology

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Dear Pitsburg Trinity Lutheran,

Thank you very much for your prayers and encouraging emails over the last few weeks. The smog improved a little bit during our conference. By God's grace, we left the week of meetings feeling renewed.

We are still waiting for rainy season to completely clear the skies, but are enjoying getting out and about the city again in much more pleasant air!

Nate and Ivy

Prayer Requests & Praises...

Some of you may remember our friend "Boon." The first time we met, Boon was digging through our family's trash bag. When we learned he collects recyclables for a living, we began setting our redeemable items aside for him. Over the years, Boon (sometimes slightly intoxicated) has repaid us by bringing us oversized flip-flops and old running shoes he's pulled out of the dumpster. Our relationship has not always been deep, but it's been colorful. :)

A few weeks ago Boon stopped by and announced with timid joy that he is a Christian. Since January, he's been listening to the Bible daily and has found a local believer to disciple him.

- Praise God! We never know whose heart He is working on.
- Pray for Boon's faith to grow. Christianity is an unpopular and difficult path for many Thai men.
- Please continue to pray for perseverance for those who are studying to become Bible translators. Several
 students told us this week that they were thankful for this team's prayers. Some of them finished classes
 this spring. Others will go on to complete the full three-year master's program.



Last week, we traded in our smog masks for squirts guns as we joined the nationwide water fight. It's not every day that we encourage our kids to shoot random strangers with squirt guns! As our girls begin to realize how different their two "home countries" are, pray God would fill them with a genuine love for people in both places.





MAY CELEBRATIONS



- 1 Russ Spalding Yvonne Barga
- 3 Tricia Rismiller
- 4 Shannon Ressler
- 5 Shawn Thompson
- 6 Jonathan Brandon
- 7 Justin Vanatta
- 9 Cindy Bruner David McKibben Larkin Ressler
- 10 Nicolas Daniels Stephanie Tromba

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Birthdays

- 12 Carol Castello Jennifer Baker Sarah Jasinski Sharon Archer
- 13 Kurt Baker
- 15 Miles Baker
- 16 Danyelle Cool Jennifer Hemmerich
- 17 Jean Cool 18 James Neitzelt
- Joshua Snider Zayden Hemmerich

- 20 Hayley Harleman Stanley Lamb
- 24 Callie Schmitmeyer
- 25 Bradley Harleman
- Kyle Ressler
- 26 Micah Angles
- 27 Wayne Wilt
- 28 Austin Harleman
- 29 Maya Diceanu
- 30 Jr. Koos

Anniversaries

- 18 Jeff & Cassondra Creech Joe & Kelly Netzley
 - 24 Jon & April Zderad
 - 25 Don & Rose Lucas
 - 27 Chet & Sharon Wirrig



Baptisms

- 1 Julie Kossler Shirley Thompson
- 3 Joyce Hofacker Justin Troutwine
- 9 Barbara Gettinger
- 10 Pam Barga

12 Diana Hesler Tyler Tauscher

Russ & Jennifer Spalding

15 B.J. & Bethany Nickol

16 Paul & Christi Jasinski

17 Stephen & Julie Kossler

- 15 Ava Erdmann
- Wesley Harleman 20 Judy Ulrich
- 21 Isabella Harleman
- Morgan McKinney

- 22 Melanie Merzke
- 23 Shannon Ressler
- 24 Natalie Snider
- 26 Kalysta Thobe
- 28 Ryan Garwood
- Tony Garwood
- 31 Blake Gettinger

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| DATE | GREETERS | READERS | ACOLYTES | FLOWERS |
| 5 | Mark & Pam Oswalt | Eldon Erdmann | | |
| 12 | Dean & Donna Thompson | Gary Obringer | Layni Ressler | |
| 19 | Joe & Kelly Netzley | Rose Lucas | | |
| 26 | Tony & Linda Baker | Rob Arling | | |

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| | | | 1 11:20 am FM Core Club | 2 12:00 noon National Day of Prayer/ First UMC, Greenville 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (if needed) | 3 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry | 4 9:30 am Wernle Church Gathering |
| 5 9:15 am Confirmation Class 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship & Kid's Sunday School 4:30 pm Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet | ю | 7 | 8 11:20 am FM Core Club 11:30 am Ladies Luncheon | 9 3:00 pm Community Blood Drive at Trinity | 10 9:00 am Prayers & Squares Quilting 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry | 11 9:00 am Mutual Ministry Team |
| 12 Mothers Day 9:15 am Confirmation Class 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship & Kid's Sunday School | 13 | 14 6:00 pm Finance Team Meeting 7:00 pm Trinity Council Meeting | 15 8:00 am GGMA Meeting 11:20 am FM Core Club | 16 | 17 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry | 18 FORCES |
| 19 9:15 am Confirmation Class 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship & Kid's Sunday School 11:30 am Blood Press. Screening 4-7 pm Larkin Ressler Open House | 20 | 21 Newsletter DEADLine 6:30 pm Christian Edu- cation Team Meeting | 22 11:20 am FM Core Club | 23 | 24 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry | 25 |
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