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Special Dates

- **Winter schedule:** beginning Jan. 6 worship will be held at 10:40 a.m., with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
- **Communion** will be held Sunday, Jan. 6, at 10:40 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- **Souper Bowl** of Caring will be held all four Sundays in January.
- **Men's Breakfast Fellowship** begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12
- **Adult Bible Study** Women will meet the first Sunday of the month at 7 p.m.; Men will meet at 7 p.m. the second Sunday.

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How to Reach Us:

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Winter worship schedule changes Jan. 6

For the months of January and February Holy Trinity will hold Sunday worship at 10:40 a.m. only, with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. We will still hold



the 4 p.m. communion service on the first Sunday of the month.

Our regular schedule with the 8 a.m. service will resume in March.

Souper Bowl of Caring begins in January

This January we will again be competing in our annual "Souper Bowl" Competition.

The four quarters of the competition will be the four Sundays in January. Food items should be taken to the basement entrance. Monetary donations should be placed in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Souper Bowl" (any checks should be made payable to HTLC).

One point will be awarded for each item donated and two points for every dollar donated to the Food Pantry. The winners will be the churches with the most points.

Our local food pantry continues to grow. The food pantry is serving many families from the Berlin and

A New Year of Giving



Shanksville school districts. We have a great group of volunteers that truly enjoy the fellowship at the food pantry. Nonperishable food, paper supplies, toiletries and monetary donations are always welcome.

Holiday hours and deadlines for the Church Office

The Church Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 25, 2007, and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

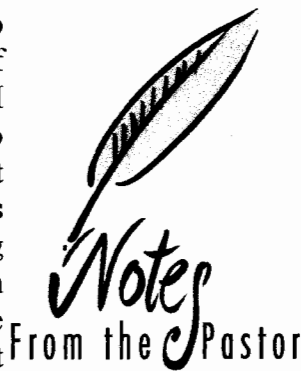


The bulletin deadline for the Dec. 30 service will be **Thursday, Dec. 27**. Regular office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Looking back, moving forward

Many who came to the annual meeting of the conversation will I hope be surprised to learn of the "firsts" at Holy Trinity. It was both very interesting and great fun to unearth them. Many were due to a close study of just one book -- "The History of the Allegheny Synod." New and very interesting details about our history come to light that were not only illuminating but revelatory. We rediscovered, perhaps, much of the history of which we should be proud. But history is never enough. History must really become His story to have any lasting impact.

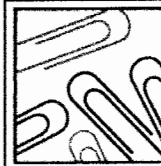
That is why we are moving both forward and back at the same time. We began a history committee several years ago not just to save, but also do catalog and publicize our history. We are making systematic studies of the contents of our safes and other archives while also soliciting new donations of historic memorabilia. The recent dedication of the trunk and organ from Holy Trinity used by the Rev. B.B. Collins and his wife Emily, and the dedication of our memorial plaque to ministry are only highlights of many recent additions. We are always delighted to receive and actively solicit any old bulletins, newsletters, council minutes, Sunday School and other memorabilia. While we have much, there is much that is missing. We hope you can help us fill in the holes.



At the same time, we must move forward in our life together. That is the very strong reasons we are pursuing the creation of a youth director position. It strongly answers the need, I believe, to minister to this large group of younger persons in our midst and their parents. A concerted effort pursued over a long duration will I am sure reap a large harvest of young people committing and recommitting themselves to the Lord. The average age of parishioners in the ELCA is more than 20 years older than the age of the average American. We must do everything we can to narrow that gap.

While doing this we also face challenges to traditional forms of ministry that are if not unprecedented, at least deep, broad and quick in scope. The year 2000 brought many changes, and since then the pace of change seems to have accelerated. Finding not a safe place to stand but a secure rock to which we anchor our faith and faith efforts becomes a huge priority. This is why we are investing so much effort and time in the congregational retreat scheduled for April 4 and 5. We hope you will consider coming. It will be held at a church in Maryland so as to limit distractions. We will study, pray and ponder together what is it that makes us unique and what ministries emanating from

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FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Andrea Kreinbrook
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Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday, and Jan. 1 for the New Year's holiday. Any items for the Dec. 30 bulletin must be turned in by Thursday, Dec. 27.

Vacation

I will be on vacation the last week of January. Tracey Kieszowski has graciously offered to fill in for me at the office during that week. However, I would appreciate getting bulletin announcements for the Feb. 3 bulletin before Jan. 24, if possible.

Visitor Deadline

Please have all your information for February issue of the Visitor turned in no later than Monday, Jan. 14. Information received after that date may be held until March 2008 issue.

Offering Envelopes

Haven't received yours, or didn't find any for you? Please call me and we'll rectify that.

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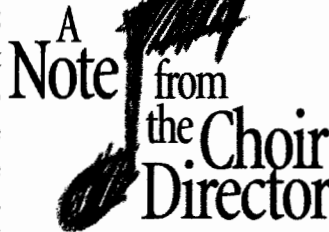
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Dear Members,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a fabulous Christmas and that 2008 is a wonderful year for all of you. I first want to say thank you to everyone who provided special music throughout the holiday season in 2007, as well as, the entire year. Each of you added something extra special to the services and I truly appreciated your willingness to share your musical talents with the congregation.

Thanks also go out to Debbie and Lorraine for all their hard work, Lorrie Shaw for working with the young bell players and to Esther Mowry for working with the up and coming young singers we have. Also, a big thanks goes out to Pastor Harmon and



A Note from the Choir Director

you, the entire congregation, for your continued support of the church's musical ministry. I am very thankful to work with and for all of you, I couldn't do it without all of your support. If I missed anyone in my thank you's, I apologize. As always anyone is welcome to join one of our ensembles at any time throughout the year and I encourage you to try it if you have been thinking about it. If you don't do it now, then when?

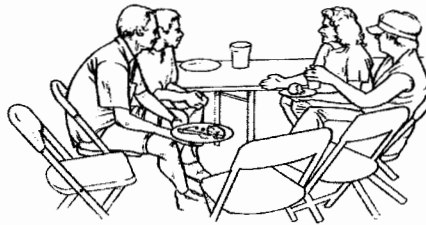
Again, I wish you a wonderful new year filled with love and happiness.

**God Bless You,
Maria Mowry
445-6742**

HTLC Fellowship Hall Policies

If you would like to use the Fellowship Hall for an event like a dinner, shower or party, please call the Church Office at 267-5014 to be placed on the schedule.

Members may borrow the old tables from the Fellowship Hall, which are stored in the back of the church basement. If you



would like to use these tables, you must first call Sherry Noakes at 267-5165.

Looking back, moving forward

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that we should concentrate on doing. We will have access to the latest sociological research as well as consideration of what seems to be working in other congregations. While we cannot and should not copy another church's ministry plan, we can mine it for needed resources and perspectives.

After the retreat the Faithbuilders Class, participants and perhaps an ad hoc committee will formulate a master plan to pre-

sent to the council and needed input from the congregation. We hope and pray this master plan for ministry, mission and evangelism will guide us through the confusing and sometimes quirky events and forces of the year ahead.

For more information, please contact me or Doug Bell. We hope to hear from you soon.

Pastor John W. Harmon, D. Min., can be reached at the Church Office at 267-5014. He can also be emailed at htlc@verizon.net.

Schedule changes for Bible studies

Our new Men's and Women's Bible Study will have a new format for 2008.

Women will now meet the first Sunday of the month at 7 p.m., and men will meet the second Sunday of the month.

To indicate your interest in coming to this revised schedule, please see the sign up sheet on the Fidelis Class table, or call the Church Office. Please also indicate if you can help with refreshments.

Offering Statements Arriving Soon

In January all contributing members will receive a statement of their annual contributions to Holy Trinity.

Please review the statement when you receive it; if you find any discrepancies, please call the Church Office so we may make any necessary corrections.

Birthdays - January

- 1 Marie Bender, Jim Black, McKenna Broderick, Missy Miller
- 2 George Walker, Robert Bittner
- 4 Burton Baker, Joseph Bonus, Colleen Maust
- 5 Cameron Bell, Ray Engleka, Lee Hoffman
- 6 Sheree Blubaugh, Dwight Maust
- 7 Joy Gardner
- 8 Krista Spear, Rebecca Woida
- 10 Dave Countryman, Mildred Countryman
- 11 Betsy Stern
- 12 Lauren Lapinski, Edie Shipley
- 13 Bryan Schrock
- 14 Linda Leverknight, Carline Mitchell
- 15 Breanna Fisher, Korina Kralik
- 16 William Baker, Carolyn LaBute, Violet Zorn
- 17 Leanne Heiple, Judy Little
- 18 Adam Barton, Max Dull, Winona Farber, Katie Fisher
- 19 Debbie Custer, Melissa Suder
- 20 Troy Glotfelty, Don Noakes, Rocky Ohler
- 21 Emily Farber, Natoli Farber, Tracy Schrock, Scott Woida
- 22 Robert Glessner, Cliff Horner
- 23 Scott Marker, Leah Kreinbrook, Pastor John Harmon, Wendy Morgan, Bill Shipley



- 24 Brett Bittner
- 25 Mary Borg, Wesley Coleman, Patricia Smiley, Zack Vena
- 26 Jackie Bowman
- 27 Lindsay Ohler, Gerald Johnson
- 28 Bonnie Beeman, Landon Hoppert, Turner Paul
- 29 Eric Berkey, Rodney Crites
- 30 Josana Baraniak
- 31 Jennifer Gardner

Anniversaries - January

- 1 Dave & Trudy Baker
- 20 Brian & Selina Critchfield
- 21 Dave & Linda Countryman
- 25 Jim & Lynn Suder
- 28 Norman & Carol Croner

Additions/Corrections

If you have any additions or corrections, please call the Church Office at 267-5014.

Prayer List

As of December 12, 2007

HOSPITALIZED: Burton Baker, Somerset, Joyce Beachley, Meyersdale

RECUPERATING AT HOME: Dorothy Bittner, Betty Croner, Dot Dilling, Florence Engleka, Faye Glessner, Sara Gross, Rosalind Harkcom, Caitlin LaBute, Ed LaBute, Mary Meyers, Everett Nicklow, Michael Oakes, Lindsay Ohler, Mary Pritts, Ferne Schrock, Nancy Schrock, Edie Shipley, George Wisler, Robin Walker, Robert Zorn

RESIDING IN NURSING/PERSONAL CARE HOMES: Trudy Baker, Ferne Brant, Marie Countryman, Paul Glass, Isabelle Gonger, Ella Hittie, Lee Hoppert, Kit Kuhlman, Catherine Maust, Marie Moore, Jane Schrock, Patricia Smiley, Betty Smith, Mary Zorn

PRAYERS REQUESTED: Janet Alvares, LCpl. Michael Ashbrook, Guy Baer, LCpl. Chad Bittner, Nathan Bonus, Dale Brant, SGT Allen Brick, Dr. Bob Brown, Nettie Brown, Ben & Betty Chaney, Lt. Aaron Chonko, Charlotte Chonko, Richard Cober, Ashley Coddington, SGT Elmer Contreras, Fred Costea, Adam Darr, Deborah Dilbon, Derek, Melba Emert, Richie Engleka, Sharon Faidley, Bill Farber, Natoli Farber, Elaine Franklin, Joan Fritz, David Fullard, Gage, AE 2 Carrie Gardner, SSG Jason Gerber, Jean Gerber, Justin, Hannah, Hunter & Nicolas Gerber, SSG Ron Helm, Cpt. Travis Ingrodi, Jim Jacobs, Mary Lou Krohn, Wanda & Eric Leer, 1st Lt. James Leister, Brianna Leydig, Matthew Leydig, Mary Ann Marker, LCpl. Matthew Maust, Warren & Faye Maust, Esther Mowry, Maria Mowry, Kim Oriole, Paula, Betty Petro, Sandy Richards, Fred Scheferston, Chaplain George W. Shaffer, Lloyd Shaffer, Private Nathan Shaffer, Loretta Sechler, Holly Smith, Patty Spangler, Matthew Spear, Danny Standard, Alice Staybrook, Patsy Titus, Nancy Weighley, Frank Woida, Scott Woida (127 MP Co.), Carol Wright, Kathy Yarris

News in our Congregation

WEDDING: Jim Froehlich and Tonya Shank were married Dec. 15 at HTLC.

DEATH: Our sympathy goes to the family and friends of Carl Brant, Emma Carver, Emily Kahaha, Wilmer Marker and Helen

DePhillips, who passed away recently.

If you or a loved one has had a milestone lately, please let us know by calling the Church Office at 267-5014 or emailing us at htlc@verizon.net.



Office Hours
 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Monday - Thursday

- Office 267-5014
- Church 267-4795
- Parsonage 267-6255

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Event Key AB = Adult Bells HTLCB= Church Band MBS = Men's Bible Study SC = Senior Choir UL= Uncommon Life WBS = Women's Bible Study YOGB = Youth of God Bells		1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 6 PM - PG 6:30 PM - SC 7 PM - HTLCB	3	4	5
Epiphany 6 9:30 AM - SS 10:40 AM - C 4 PM - C 6:15 - YOGB 7 PM - UL 7 PM - WBS	7 6 PM Brownies 7 PM -Cub Scout Pack Committee	8 Needlepoint, Quilters and Knotty Knotters 7 PM Council	9 6 PM - PG 6:30 PM -SC 7 PM - HTLCB 8 PM - AB	10	11	12 8 AM - Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
Baptism of our Lord 13 9:30 AM - SS 10:40 AM - W 6:15 - YOGB 7 PM - UL 7 PM - MBS	14 Visitor Info Due	15 Needlepoint, Quilters and Knotty Knotters 6:30 Council & Staff Dinner	16 6 PM - PG 6:30 PM -SC 7 PM - HTLCB 8 PM - AB 8 PM - Board of Managers	17	18	19
20 9:30 AM - SS 10:40 AM - W 6:15 - YOGB 7 PM - UL	Martin Luther King Jr. Day 21	22 Needlepoint, Quilters and Knotty Knotters	23 6 PM - PG 6:30 PM -SC 7 PM - HTLCB 8 PM - AB	24	25	26
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Investing in Our Youth

Responding to a request from the youth committee, the council has decided to set up a committee to pursue the goal of hiring a part-time youth director.

Holy Trinity has pursued this idea in past decades, and when Pastor Foster became a half-time assistant, one of his duties was working with youth.

The youth committee and the council has strongly concluded that now is a good time to pursue this goal. Many of us have seen how effective having a staff person whose sole or main focus is working with youth. Our partnership with Berlin Brethren Church has been very rewarding as we work together to reach community youth with Uncommon Life. This ministry will not only continue, but we want to enhance it.

We would like more of our youth to take advantage of this building a Christian youth community. We also want to very strongly seek out other avenues of reaching youth through communication, education, recreation and service opportunities in a variety of times, places and

venues. This part-time youth director would work very closely with me, the Uncommon Life Board, our youth committee and our developing confirmation program to consistently and persistently invite youth to become more involved in Christian living.

Our council believes that our very favorable economic position at the current time, coupled with our strong record of stewardship, should allow us to add this critical component to our ministry together. For the three years that I have been here, we have had a balanced budget and have been able to add to budget reserves. In addition to this, when we decided to replace our aging heating system, we were able to raise the needed \$15,000 investment over and above our budget in just six months. For this investment in the future of our youth and our congregation, we believe at the present time we can and should do no less.

We are pursuing a part-time position because we believe that to be the proper term at the present time and for the foreseeable

future. We are not pursuing a part-time pastor because there are very few pastors currently available in the ELCA and those with youth expertise are even fewer. Also, the mandatory educational credentials of the ELCA require both a bachelor's and master's degree together with counseling experience and a year of internship leading to high college debt loads leads to a minimum standard of compensation commensurate with that training. In the Allegheny Synod for 2008 the starting salary for a pastor fresh out of seminary is \$28,100, which with pensions, benefits and housing would come to a minimum investment of \$62,700, not including mileage. Half of that would be \$31,350. The council believes that a qualified part-time director can and will be secured for a much smaller initial investment.

If you have any thoughts, concerns, or questions, please use the suggestion box, contact me or any member of the youth committee or council. If you would like to serve on such a committee, please contact us.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship to begin Jan. 12

Beginning Saturday, Jan. 12, at 8 a.m. and continuing (we hope) on the second Saturday of each month, a new men's breakfast fellowship will begin.

We will gather for a hearty breakfast followed by a short devotional time devoted to prayer and strengthening our devotional life.

If you would like to help with set-up or cooking,

please call the Church Office or sign up on the yellow sign-up sheet near the envelopes on the Fidelis Class table. Also, please indicate your interest in coming on the same sheet.

All of us need to continue growing in our Christian life. After all, even Martin Luther on his death bed said, "I am only a beggar."

**Council Minutes
November 13, 2007**

Present: Pastor Harmon, Dave Marker, Larry Shober, Jay Berkey, Jim Suder, David Long, Rocky Ohler, Courtney Custer, John Landis, Carol Leydig, Tracey Kiesnowski

Prayer/Devotions: Pastor Harmon

Meeting called to order by Larry Shober.

Minutes approved as presented.

A motion was made by Dave Marker, seconded by Jim Suder and passed to approve the treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

The alarm system upgrade has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Rocky Ohler, seconded by David Long and passed to place a CD that will be due November 20 at First National Bank in a 19-month CD at the APY rate of 4.55.

A motion was made by John Landis, seconded by Carol Leydig and passed to approve the 2008 proposed budget to be presented at the congregational meeting November 18th.

Nominating committee report: Council – Jim Suder, Darlene Hillegass, Jim Mowry, Mike Countryman and Board of Managers – Ron Yoder. A motion was made by Rocky Ohler, seconded by Jim Suder and passed to approve Board of Managers nominee, Ron Yoder.

The winter service schedule to be presented at the congregational meeting will be: January and February there will be no 8 a.m. service, Sunday school and



10:40 a.m. service will stay the same.

PASTOR'S TIME

A response was sent from the National Church on the "Free in Christ" letter.

The 230th Celebration is on hold until UCC finds a Pastor.

Revitalization Committee retreat will be held in April.

The new men and women's groups have started and looking into starting morning groups.

Confirmation Committee is working on the confirmation structure.

Altar Guild would like to use the trunk to keep communion supplies in.

A list of firsts is being put together by the History Committee.

PROPERTY: Obtaining estimates to paint the trim on the outside of the church.

YOUTH: Winter Blaze a one

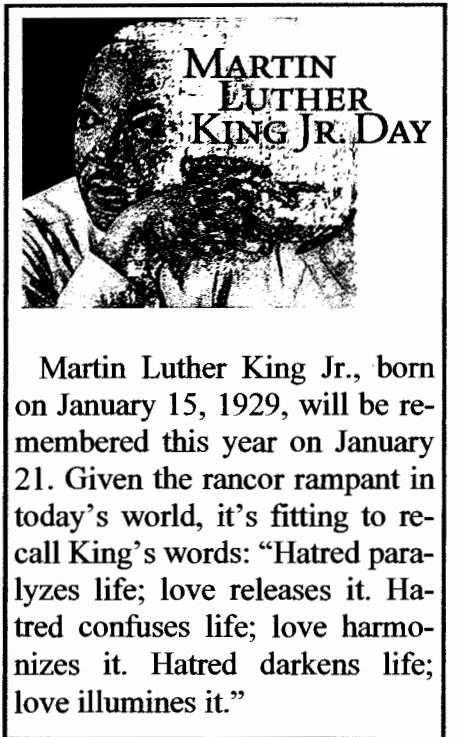
day event at Shippensburg University is coming up.

PUBLICITY: Andrea Kreinbrook's report was reviewed. A motion was made by David Long, seconded by John Landis and passed to approve to spend \$75 on the Christmas Eve ad.

A motion was made by Rocky Ohler, seconded by Dave Marker and passed to adjourn.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and the Sharing of the Peace.

**Faithfully Submitted,
Tracey Kiesnowski**



Martin Luther King Jr., born on January 15, 1929, will be remembered this year on January 21. Given the rancor rampant in today's world, it's fitting to recall King's words: "Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illumines it."

If you have questions, concerns, suggestions, or anything else regarding our church, please contact your council representatives (below). They welcome your input! Our suggestion box is located at the rear of the church, if you'd prefer that.

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| Jay Berkey | 267-3517 | Mike Countryman | 267-3426 |
| Darlene Hillegass | 267-4433 | Alice Hummel | 267-4977 |
| Tracey Kiesnowski | 267-7118 | Shirley Largent | 267-4255 |
| David Long | 279-3014 | Dave Marker | 634-8563 |
| Jim Mowry | 443-3770 | Rocky Ohler | 267-6137 |
| Jim Suder | 267-4825 | Lenora Virtue | 267-6486 |
| Youth Representative: Lisa Froehlich | | | |

**Dear members, family, friends
and neighbors,**

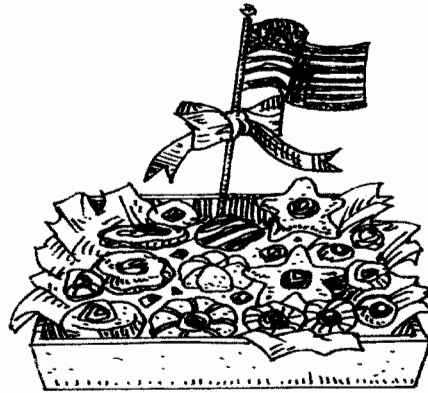
It's hard to believe how fast 2007 went. It will soon be five years that Berlin C.A.R.E.S. has been sending boxes to our military in the war zone.

I am truly grateful to all of the wonderful people who have helped to keep us going. When we started C.A.R.E.S., I never dreamed we'd still be around this long. Guess what? We'll keep doing it until they all come home.

I know when I think about my life and how wonderful God has been to me, this is the least I can do for all that our military does for us.

Our show on Dec. 8 was great. We raised enough money from donations to keep us going in January, February and March. The kindness and generosity from everyone has been wonderful to say the least. I am

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C.A.R.E.S.

very proud to say that I live in Berlin. We might be a small town, but there are more caring people here than any big city. God bless all of you.

We haven't gotten any concrete plans yet for 2008. I know we're going to have a few fund-raisers. Lee Woida and I have to get together and plan some things.

Once again, I am so grateful for all the support we've been

given. It truly takes a lot to keep this going, and with the support and donations we get we are able to keep sending boxes to our troops.

The next mailing day for boxes will be Jan. 12.

Love and Peace to you and your families, and have a healthy and prosperous new year!

**Dorothy Gerber
Berlin C.A.R.E.S.**

Messages for the military

There is a new web site, www.mycommunity.us.com, that highlights each town in Somerset County, and they are planning a special section for our military. If you know of a service member overseas who would like to receive messages from their community, please contact Larry or Pam Custer at 267-4769.

MEMORIALS

Endowment Fund

In Memory of John O. Ream Jr.

Robert & Eleanor Brick

Doug, Kathy & David Bell

In Memory of Joyce Herwig

Doug, Kathy & David Bell

In Memory of Rev. Walter Brandau

Doug, Kathy & David Bell

In Memory of James Scurfield

Doug, Kathy & David Bell

Memorial Fund

In Memory of John O. Ream Jr.

Bruce & Anne Rohrbach

Roy & Mary Bucher

Sandra Barkley

Tim & Sue Clites

Amanda Pence



Bill & Shirley Riley

Paul J. Coleman

John & Candace Burke

Doran & Suzanne Walker

The Scurfield Family

In Memory of Ethel Walker

Konhaus-Robertson Agency

Jeff & Donna Brick

Edwin & Mary Baker

Terry & Patricia Wickham

Harry & Virginia Rhoads

Snyder of Berlin

Bulow, Hottle & Co.

Earl & Audrey Winters

The Conrad Family

Tim & Melissa Holt

Linda, Charles & Steve Foye,

Ronald Dettinger, Susan Brenne-

man and Ruth Dettinger

In Memory of Carl Brant

Todd & Lois Swanson

Sara Smith

Shelby Rhodes

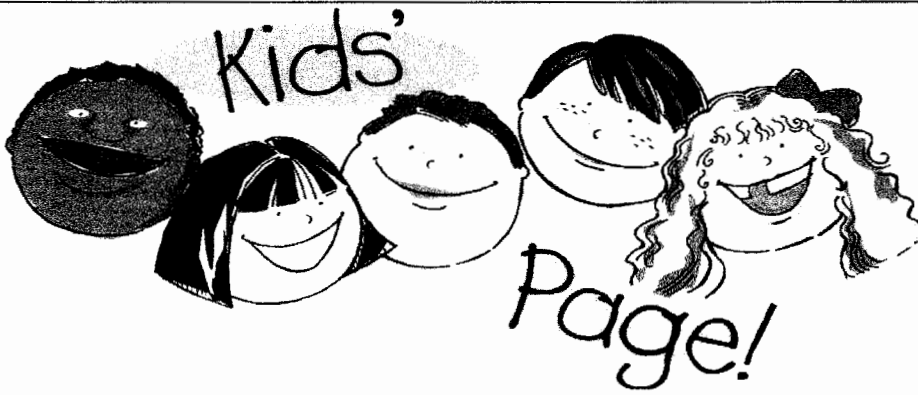
Earl & Gloria Wright

In Memory of James Scurfield

Larry and Brenda Leister, Tara

& Mike Miller

Memorial Donations may be sent to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 507 Main Street, Berlin, PA 15530. Please include your name and address with the donation, along with the name of the person for whom you are donating and the fund in which you want it placed.



Mini m&m fund-raiser

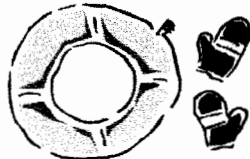
Anyone with mini m&m containers should be turned into Jeff & Pam Moore, Susan Straight, Denise Leydig or Lorrie Shaw by the end of December.

Winter Blaze

Instead of attending Winter-Fest at Liberty University, this year all youth 7th grade and up are invited to go to Winter Blaze at Shippensburg University. This event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 29.

Snow tube Sunday

The youth will be snow tubing at Hidden Valley on Sunday, Jan. 27, with the Uncommon Life youth group. Youth can pay \$5 to HTELC Youth by Jan. 13; adults pay \$10. Permission slips are needed for youth attending without parents.



Youth movie & pizza night

Youth in grades 5 and up are invited to come to a movie and pizza night from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 16. A movie is being planned by the youth with approval from the youth leaders.



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Youth Bells



Youth of God Bells, including kids in grades 1 and up, continue to meet at 6:15 p.m. Sunday nights.

If you haven't tried the bells yet, join us and see if you like it. For more information, call Lorrie Shaw at 267-6541.

This Busy Day

Today is a gift
From God above
With time for our work
And time for love.



When work pushes hard
And haste wants to shove,
That's just when we need
To share more Love.

—Peggy Ferrell

COUNTDOWN TO THE
New Year

Celebrate the blessings of the previous year and the hope of the New Year with this fun party idea and craft.

What you need:

- Brown paper lunch bags or colorful bags
- Construction paper
- Markers
- Glue
- Scissors
- Stickers (optional)
- Inexpensive prizes or treats (see ideas below)



What you do:

1. Before New Year's Eve, assemble a bag for every hour before midnight that you plan to celebrate.
2. Use construction paper and markers to make a clock with a different time for each bag.
3. Glue a clock onto each bag.
4. Decorate the bags with stickers or other designs.
5. Fill the bags with inexpensive prizes or treats, each accompanied by a Bible verse. Here are a few suggestions:

- Plastic party-favor watches ("The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore" Psalm 121:8, NIV.)
- Bookmarks ("Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture" 1 Timothy 4:13, NIV.)
- Small notepads and pencils ("Let love and faithfulness never leave you ... write them on the tablet of your heart" Proverbs 3:3, NIV.)
- Sweet treats ("Taste and see that the LORD is good" Psalm 34:8, NIV.)
- Party noisemaker, in a bag to be opened at midnight ("Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth" Psalm 98:4, NRSV.)
- 6. Open each bag at the time shown on its clock.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

If you are unable to help with worship on the day you are assigned, please try to find someone to trade dates with, or call the Church Office at 267-5014 to let us know you need a replacement. Thanks!

*C = Communion

Head Usher:

Altar Guild: Larry & Sandy Shober

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	CHILDREN'S SERMON	LECTOR/ WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Jan. 6 *C	10:40 AM	*C Caitlin LaBute	Susan Ferguson	*C Dave Marker	*C Tim, Sue & Scott Clites
	4 PM	NA	NA	NA	*C
Jan. 13	10:40 AM	Emily Philip	Dorothy Gerber	Joy Deem	John & Stacey Pribelsky
Jan. 20	10:40 AM	Brianna Leydig	Lee Woida	Katharine Harmon	Mike Countryman and Bruce Landis
Jan. 27	10:40 AM	Katie Vena	Maria Mowry	Jeff Moore	Jim Burcaw & Carol Dickey