



The Visitor

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Special Dates

- **Communion** will be held Sunday, May 7, at 8 a.m., 10:40 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- **Mother & Daughter Banquet** will be held Sunday, May 7, at 5 p.m.
- **Church Office** will be closed on Friday, May 5, and Friday, May 12.
- **Memorial Day** will be observed Monday, May 29. The Church Office will be closed that day.

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Mother Daughter Banquet to be held May 7

Holy Trinity is hosting its annual Mother and Daughter Banquet at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Berlin Community Building.

This year we have switched the meal from lunchtime to 5 p.m. in the evening. We will be serving a turkey dinner, with meals costing \$7.50 for adults, \$3.75 for children under 12,



and free meals for children under the age of 4. A delightful program

is being planned, and we encourage all mothers and daughters to attend this popular annual event.

Tickets are now available and can be purchased from Esther Mowry, or stop by or call the Church Office at 267-5014. Our deadline is May 1, so hurry and reserve your place today!

Concert to aid Compassion International

Cause A Stir, an alternative Christian rock group, will perform at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin. Free will donations will benefit Compassion International.

Plant a seed of hope in the heart of an impoverished boy or girl in a developing country. Sponsor a child through Compassion International. Your sponsorship of \$32 per month provides educational, social and health



HTLC and Trinity UCC are sponsoring the Cause A Stir concert at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Trinity U.C.C. (Photo courtesy www.CauseAStir.com)

benefits through a local church in the community where the child lives. Your child will be involved in Christian training and learn

that Jesus deeply loves him or her. Visit the sign-up table at the concert and you can select a child who needs your help!

The Gospel of Judas

Recently the National Geographic Channel ran a two-hour special entitled "The Gospel of Judas." With a lot of fanfare, the show's producers dragged out a story about the discovery of a long lost Gospel purporting to be from the hand of Judas that "might" bring us closer to the "real" Jesus.

Supposedly, the long lost copy of the original manuscript dating from the third or fourth century A.D. contains the secret revelations given by Jesus to Judas (and Judas alone) of the real nature of his coming. The show's producers allude to the apparent suppression of this "hidden" Gospel by early leaders of the church, most notable Drenaeus of Lyons (c.130-200), who feared challenges to their power and hegemony.

Such an allegation could hardly be further from the truth. The Gospel of Judas and many other Gospels that didn't make it into the Bible were not suppressed (but true) tales of the real Jesus. Rather, they were heretical compositions dating long after the real Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) that purported to represent an entirely different kind of Jesus for communities that wanted nothing to do with the communities of believers Jesus came to save. In fact, the early Christian environment was a hotbed of mixed ideas in which the authentic Gospels and the church communities that read them had to prove themselves by their staying power. Rather than revealing



a "hidden" God and "secret" teachings of Jesus, the early church and its Gospels proclaimed a public Lord and an open invitation to test whether the revelation of Jesus as the long-awaited Hebrew Messiah of Christ did not answer the basic questions of faith. In that hard competition for followers in the early church that's exactly what orthodox Christianity and the public church did. Its Gospels and the faith they safeguarded carried the day because they stood the test of time. They answered people's deepest religious needs, the church responded to their call by reaching out and caring for others, what they produced was a community of faith founded on certain true ideas backed by remembrances of true events witnessed by many individuals and all founded on bedrock -- the Resurrection of Jesus. To find out more -- come to any of our next adult forums.

Pastor John W. Harmon, D. Min., can be reached at the Church Office at 267-5014, or can be emailed at htelc@wpia.net.

Revelations: An Introduction

On Thursday evening, May 18, at 7 p.m., our adult video series will continue with an intriguing look at the Seven Churches of Revelation.

This video presentation will provide a basis and overview for a continuing series to be offered on the most mysterious and misunderstood book of the Bible, The Revelation of St. John the Divine.

If you have wondered about the strange images of Revelations; if you have seen or read one of the "Left Behind" series; this is the place to start. Following the presentation of the video, we will have a discussion of its contents over coffee and cake. Please call the Church Office at 267-5014 to indicate your wish to attend, or if you can help with refreshments.

May 4 Day of Prayer

The first Thursday of May each year is designated as a day for the people of our country to pray. Locally, the public is invited to join in the National Day of Prayer on the steps of the **Somerset County Courthouse from noon to 1 p.m., May 4.** Those attending are asked to bring a lawn chair.

This day is set aside for national prayer -- a day when we can beseech God's guidance regarding our nation's policies and actions, and pray for the general welfare of all citizens, especially for the helpless and those suffering injustices.

Boiler Project Fund approaches goal

At the annual meeting of the congregation in November, the congregation authorized the expenditure of up to \$30,000 for the replacement of our antiquated gas furnace in the sanctuary. Early this winter the council approved a proposal from Lynn Walker to accomplish the replacement of our heating system in the church with an all-volunteer effort led and coordinated by him. This effort would cost \$15,000 to \$16,000, rather than the aforementioned \$30,000 -- a huge savings.

As of Sunday, April 9, a total of \$12,728 has been received in special donations for this effort. As you can see, we are only \$3,000 short of our new goal, or on the other hand, have already funded 80 to 85% of the projected cost. Any amount you can donate now will further reduce this major expenditure and free up other dollars for needed ministries.



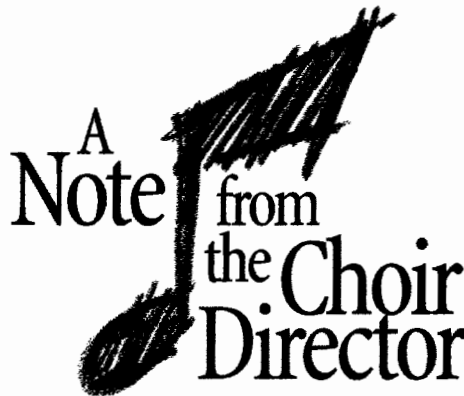
**FUND
RAISER**

We thank you now for your previous donations and support for this project and celebrate any new donations you may be able to offer. And we thank Lynn Walker and his group of skilled volunteers, especially for their magnificent donation of future time and labor. The council expects this work will be completed this summer over a period of about a month.

Donations may be placed in a Special Offering envelope and marked for "Boiler Project."

Dear Members,

Let me begin by saying a big thank you to everyone who provided special music during Lent. Thank you to Debbie and Lorraine and Susan and Lorraine for their duets, to Pastor Harmon, Katie Bowman, Lee Woida, to Youth of God Bells and Kids for Christ Chimers, to Tongues of Praise, the Senior Choir and to the HTLC Band, consisting of: Lorraine Woida, Ilicia Long, Lee Hoffman, Jeff and Pam Moore, Lorrie Shaw, Courtney Custer, Ian Dively, Belinda Hummel, Denise and Brianna Leydig, Edith Rhoads, and Susan and Sara Ferguson. I must give all the credit of the creation of the band to Lorrie Shaw, without her the band would never have made its debut in our church. With saying that, I hope we will see the band again and perhaps find even more members of our congregation with hidden talents and hidden



**A
Note from
the Choir
Director**

instruments making their debut.

Also thank you should be said to Pastor Harmon and the entire congregation for your support of Holy Trinity's musical ministry. The choir as well as all the people who provide special music always appreciate hearing how much you enjoy the music they provide. If I have forgotten anyone in this thank you, I apologize: this past month has been a crazy one as I have just finished moving and I think my brain may have been in one of the boxes that is still left unpacked.

I can't believe that May is al-

ready here, and with saying that I must announce that I am beginning the search for special music during the summer. If you or someone you know would like to provide music over the summer please give me a call and I will find a place for you. I hope that we will get a diverse group of musicians and singers who are willing to share their love of music with the congregation. I will end by saying that I hope we all will continue to remember the true meaning of Easter and what Jesus did for us throughout the year.

God Bless,
Maria Mowry
445-6742

P.S. Senior Choir is back to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, and Adult Bells will be at 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Both kids' bell choirs are done until fall, and Tongues of Praise will still be practicing during Sunday School.

Birthdays - May

2 Ray Adams, Steven Berkey, Dorothy Bittner, Hannah Gerber
 3 Lindsay Baker, Neil Maust
 4 Allan Blubaugh, Kit Kuhlman, Connie Slope, Logan Walker
 5 Adam Ferguson, Mark Gardner, Darlene Knupp
 6 Angi Fullard
 9 Rita Adams
 10 Debbie Fogle, Brian Slope
 11 Jodi Broderick, LaRue Engleka, Pam Gardner, Lindsey Leydig, Andrew Titus
 12 Amanda Konieczny, Kyrsten Yeager
 13 Levi Coleman, Amber Gaudlip, Sally Hoover, Alice Hummel
 14 Sara Ferguson, Esther Mowry
 15 Jacob Coslic, Ella Meese, Lynn Walker
 16 Clyde Miller
 17 Hunter Gerber, Greta Meese, Virginia Rhoads
 18 Rodney Schrock
 20 Miranda Black, Tim Sprowls
 21 Tricia Paul, Jill Slope
 22 Ashley Dull, Martha Lowery
 23 Robert Gindlesperger, Mackenzie Horne
 24 Chance Straight, Michael Waydo
 25 Taylor Crites, Amanda Ferre
 26 Natalie Gabrelcik, Beth Griffith, Alice Trent
 27 Grace Dorcon, Jeff Hummel, Homer Kreinbrook, Irene



Our Church Family

Mowry, Chris Waydo
 29 Charlotte Chonko, Ethan Critchfield
 30 Chris Heiple
 31 Seth Stern

Anniversaries - May

4 Charles & Colleen Maust
 5 John & Darlene Beachley, Tom & Joyce Dively
 7 Jay & Doris Whipkey
 8 Rocky & Patti Oher
 9 Mike & Kelly Gross
 13 Fred & Rhonda Leister
 16 Mike & Sherry Oakes
 20 Calvin & Barb Pyle
 25 Marty & Brenda Riley
 27 Jay & Emily Berkey, Neil & Dorothy Maust
 30 Dave & Darlene Suder
 31 Mike & Tara Miller

Additions/Corrections

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

News in our Congregation

BAPTISM: Owen Keith Miller, the son of Michael and Tara (Leister) Miller, was baptized March 26, 2006.

WEDDING: Parke Kreinbrook and Leah Stackowitz will be married May 13, 2006, at Deep Creek Lake, Md. Ben Meese and

Heather Cigich are scheduled to be married May 27, 2006, at Holy Trinity.

DEATH: Our sympathy to the families of Wayne Suder and Roy Wentz, who passed away in April.

Prayer List

As of April 19, 2006

HOSPITALIZED: Clyde Miller, Cone-maugh, Wanda Lee, Somerset

RECUPERATING AT HOME: Dave Adams, Ray Adams, Burton Baker, Emily Berkey, Douglas Blubaugh, Lillie Brocht, Andrew Chonko, Don Gober, Betty Groner, Christen Fisher, Faye Glessner, Romaine Harkcom, Rosalind Harkcom, Cary Harmon, Gerald Johnson, Florence Long, Mary Nicklow, John Ream, Bill Ringler, Lois Smith

RESIDING IN NURSING/PERSONAL CARE HOMES: Trudy Baker, Pastor Walter Brandau, Fern Brant, Emma Carver, Phyllis Gober, Paul Glaes, Ella Hiltz, Lee Hoppert, Jane Schrock, Betty Smith, Mary Zorn

PRAYERS REQUESTED: SPC Ryan Brant, PFC Chad Boburchock, SGT Allen Buck, Charlotte Chonko, Brandy Darr, Seth Deem, Family of Walter Ebers, Bill Farber, Cpt. Brian Fisher, Faye Flamm, Cyndi Frankel, Chad Goss, Sally Haselbarth, Staff Sgt. Ron Helm, Alec Hillegass, Carolyn Hiltz, Staff Sgt. Scott Hoffman, AIC Travis Hummel, John Kuter, Kalaha, Mary Kreinbrook, Brandon Lape, Kedrick Lapp, The Mack Family, Bobbie Jo Miller, Nevin Miller, Maryssa Nickow, 1st LT John Paxton, Cliff Pile, Ashley Pribelsky, James Ringler, Pat Saylor, Chaplain George W. Shaffer, Private Nathan Shaffer, Rosa Shumaker, Holly Smith, Maryann Smith & Family, Tracy Stahl, PFC Aaron Stockwell, Tim & Family, Tom

PRAYER LIST POLICY

If you or a member of your family are admitted to any hospital, please notify Pastor John or call the Church Office at 267-5014. Please also let us know when a family member or friend wishes to be removed from the prayer list.

We will keep names on the prayer list for one (1) month, unless we know the person is still ill because they are a member of our congregation or whoever put them on the prayer list calls to keep them on.



May 2006

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Office Hours 9 AM to noon, Monday – Friday	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>7 PM -Cub Scout Pack Committee</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>Needlepoint, Quilters and Knotty Knotters</p> <p>7:30 Prop. Use</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>6 PM - PG 6:30 PM - SC 7 PM- YPC 7:30 PM - Deacons 8 PM - AB</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>Noon - National Day of Prayer at Somerset County Court-house</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>4 PM - Anniversary Party in Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>8 AM - C 9:30 AM - SS 10:40 AM - C 4 PM - C 5 PM - Mother Daughter Banquet</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>7:30 PM - History Committee</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>Needlepoint, Quilters and Knotty Knotters</p> <p>7 PM Council</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>6 PM - PG 6:30 PM -SC 8 PM - AB</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>
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<p>8 AM - W 9:30 AM - SS 10:40 AM - W 3 PM - YM 3-5 6:30 PM - Youth Movie Night</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>Memorial Day Office Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>Needlepoint, Quilters and Knotty Knotters</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>6 PM - PG 6:30 PM -SC 8 PM - AB</p>	<p>Event Key SC = Senior Choir AB = Adult Bells PG = Prayer Group TOP = Tongues of Praise YM = Youth Ministry YOGB = Youth Bells YPC = Youth Planning</p> <p>Worship Key W= Worship SS = Sunday School C = Communion UCC = Trinity U.C.C. BBC= Berlin Brethren HTLC = Holy Trinity</p>		

**HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
March 14, 2006**

Prayer/Devotion were given by Pastor Harmon. The meeting was called to order by Larry Shober.

The minutes were approved as read and a motion was passed to approve the treasurer's report.

David Long gave an update on the apartment insulation at a cost of \$342.35.

Pastor Harmon have an update on the pew Bible donation. 250 copies of The Contemporary English Version Bible plus 14 large print Bibles will be purchased with a book plate stating "If you like this Bible this much, please take it home." We will have a two-month transition period and will try to have the new Bibles by Easter.

Focus on the Family insert for the bulletin will be \$10/100. One month will be free.

The boiler fund has \$11,548, not including the \$1,000 from Thrivent.

Pastor's Time: The youth committee would like to invite Youth Encounter back in the fall. We will co-sponsor the group Cause A Stir with the UCC on April 30 at 6:30 p.m. A motion by



Tracey Kiesnowski, seconded by David Marker and passed to donate \$100 to the Cause A Stir concert. The youth will also make a donation from their funds. The youth bowling event has 38 in attendance.

Courtney Custer sent a letter to council expressing interest in teen study Bibles. A motion by Katlin Musser, seconded by David Marker and passed to purchase 10 to 15 teen study Bibles.

There were five children in attendance at each new youth group. We still need adult volunteers.

The First Communion class is to begin on Thursday with 7 to 10 participants.

Pastor Harmon will be attending a conference March 25 at the Allegheny Synod Office on Working with Kids.

Property Use would like to rent the apartment in May.

Ted Shaw of Shaw Steeple Jacks gave an estimate on the inspection from the street. A motion by Doran Walker, seconded by Lenora Virtue and passed to approve the request and the fee for the interior inspection of the steeple.

Alice Hummel gave an update on the choir robe purchase. New robes for the ladies and white shirts and matching ties for the men will cost around \$2,600. A motion by Dave Marker, seconded by Doran Walker and passed to allow \$3,000 for choir robes.

A motion by Dave Marker, seconded by Alice Hummel and passed to adopt the job description for cleaning personnel at the Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We need three delegates to represent us at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona June 8, 9 and 10.

Faithfully Submitted,
Tracey Kiesnowski

**History Committee
to Meet**

Holy Trinity's History Committee will meet Monday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m.

If you are interested in joining the History Committee or would like more information, please call Pastor John at the Church Office at 267-5014. Office hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

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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| Alice Hummel | 267-4977 | Tracey Kiesnowski | 267-7118 |
| John Landis | 267-5374 | Carol Leydig | 267-3889 |
| Dave Marker | 634-8563 | Dave Meese | 267-5131 |
| Larry Shober | 267-4042 | Jim Suder | 267-4825 |
| Doran Walker | 267-3253 | Lenora Virtue | 267-6486 |
| Youth Representative: Katlin Musser | | | |

To the Crusaders Sunday School Class: We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all your help at our surprise 25th wedding anniversary party. From preparing the food, to serving the meal, to helping decorate the church basement, we can't thank you enough. We appreciate everything you did to make this anniversary one we'll always remember. God Bless you all! -- Lynn & Lori Hoppert

I would like to thank Lorrie Shaw, Courtney Custer, Belinda Hummel, Brianna and Jessica Leydig for volunteering their time March 26 at the Pennsyl-



vania Maple Festival. They worked in the children's building that day and did a great job working with the many youth that stopped by to play games and get balloons. As a director for the Maple Festival, it can often be difficult to find volunteers, and our church has now donated their time for the second year in a row. The festival directors and I appreciate their thoughtfulness to help their community. -- Andrea Kreinbrook

Thank you for your congregation's gift for counseling in

Somerset. We are sincerely grateful for your generosity and support of the services we provide.-- Sincerely, Pat Savage, President/CEO ALSM

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the members of our staff team here at Sequanota, I am happy to write this letter of thanks for your recent gift. Please keep the Sequanota ministry at a special place in your daily prayer life. -- Bob Williams, Executive Director

Thank You notes may be sent to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 507 Main St., Berlin, PA 15530, or emailed to htelc@wpia.net.

A grateful man

George Washington had this to say about his mother: "All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."

James & Nancy Gnagey
Tom & Dorothy Gerber
The Dale Leydig Family
Lois Esch

Youth Activity Fund
In Memory of Wayne Suder and Bertha Stahl
Kay Ann Cober & Family

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.

**Our Church
By The Numbers**

Attendance Average

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Worship	166	205
Sunday School	98	122

MEMORIALS

Memorial Fund

In Memory of John Beachley

John & Louise Ream

In Memory of Ronald Fisher

Karen Kimmel-Miltzer & John Miltzer

In Memory of Nancy Froehlich

John & Louise Ream

BBHS Class of 2008

Frances & Hartwell Thompson

In Memory of Wayne Suder

Lawrence Bertino

Bob & Nancy Brant

Thomas Sr. & Jean Sprowls

John & Louise Ream

Hilda & Ray Fink, Bette & Bill



Firl and Bert & Dick Adams
Ernest & Dorothy Suder
Maxine & Rodney Linscott
Dennis & Rose O'Neil, David & Melissa O'Neil and James & Peggy Gaden

Dear members, family, friends and neighbors,

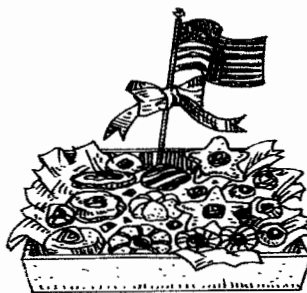
First I want to thank God and my Savior Jesus for getting me through the rough times with Berlin C.A.R.E.S.

We still have eight of our military as far as I know in the war zone. That's still eight too many. Also, all of the others who we don't really know are there still putting their lives on the line for all of us back here. Think about it!!!

I am not going to argue and debate with anyone why we're there. I will always support our military wherever they are. Not just because our son Justin was in or because of our son Jason, who is still in and making a career of it, God willing. I support all of them because it is the right thing to do. I am going to say once again, without our military protecting our way of life and defending all of us, our way of life would be destroyed.

If you truly want some insight about war and what it's like, talk to Bob Landis. I kid with him a

Berlin



C.A.R.E.S.

lot, only because of his personality. Right, Bob? Once a marine, always a marine.

Keep praying for all of our troops, not just your own.

Two of our own are back on American soil. Nathan Richards has been back and Ben Meese. I'm sure if you see Dave or Joyce you can get some of the particulars if you want. Super duper job guys!

Tom and I are leaving for Fort Irwin, California, to see Jason and his family April 24. We'll be gone until May 4. It has been almost three years since we've seen Jason. We can hardly wait. I know I'll be really emotional. Jason has, as you know, three children now, and we have never seen Abigail -- she's 2.

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support. Peace and love to all and your families.

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

Dear Berlin C.A.R.E.S.,

Once again I just want to take the time to say thank you for the package! I sure hope you are getting my thank you letters. I have written back to every package I received, but I am not sure if you have received my thank you letters. I do think that your C.A.R.E. group is doing great things for the soldiers' morale here in Iraq! It is always nice to get a package from the group.

I was just home on a mid-tour leave and it was very nice. My wife and I went to Gatlinburg, Tenn. My wife and I love it there, we have been there many times. It is a great place to rent a cabin in the mountains and relax. It was very nice to be home in the United States where I felt like I could relax and not have to be looking over my shoulder all the time. If you have never been

to Gatlinburg, you may want to consider it; there are plenty of things to do. We have done every show in town. There is a new show coming this spring, it is called "The Miracle." It is in the old building where the Mandrels used to perform. "The Miracle" is about the coming of Christ. I am very excited to get home to go and see that show!

Well, I just wanted to thank you for the package, it is greatly appreciated! It is nice to know that there are people there in the states that still think about us soldiers over here. Thank you for your kind heart! Please enjoy your family every day and pray for those of us who cannot be with our families right now.

SSG Ronald Helm
United States Army,
Serving Operation Iraqi Freedom

Dear Berlin C.A.R.E.S.,

Well, exactly one day after writing my last thank you note, I received another package from the group. Thank you so much! I have to say my favorite thing would have to be the Berlin football shirt. I have not seen a hometown t-shirt like that for so long and it put a huge smile on my face!

I have written so many thank you notes that I'm running out of things to say. I do want you to know that I am very thankful for the care and support you show towards me and my fellow soldiers who are stationed out here in Iraq.

Thank you so much for the support that you and the community bring our way!

SSG Ronald Helm
United States Army,
Serving Operation Iraqi Freedom



Philip, Marah Riley and Mitchell Walker.

First Bibles presented
On Easter Sunday, April 16, 11 third graders were presented with their Fletcher Bible: Kayla Bonus, Hope Brock, Breanna

First Communion

On April 2 during our 9 a.m. worship service several of our youth participated in their First Communion.

The students who took First Communion classes and are now taking communion at Holy Trinity are: Luke Bonus, Taylor Crites, Tyler Crites, Sara Ferguson, Kylie Froehlich, Brianna Leydig, Logan McKenzie, Emily

Fisher, Michael Gross Jr., Jonathan Harmon, Jessica Leydig, Madison Marker, Kane McKenzie, Trevor Moore, Jason Ocker and Tanner Walker.

To this date, our Sunday School has presented 1,509 bibles to females, and 1,278 Bibles to males for a total of 2,789 Bibles over a period of 158 years. This yearly tradition has been going on since 1848!

Family Movie Night

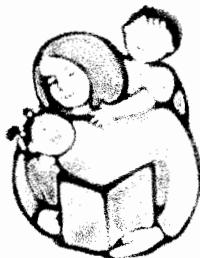
Holy Trinity will present "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 28.

Children and their families are invited to come watch the movie, share in movie refreshments, and even come in their PJs and bring their sleeping bags to make themselves comfortable.

Nursery Schedule

The Nursery schedule for the month of May was not complete by press time.

If you are interested in volunteering to help in the nursery please call Esther Mowry at 443-3770.



Graduating?

If you or someone you know is graduating from high school, technical school or college this spring, please let us know at the Church Office at 267-5014. We will be honoring all of our graduates during our worship service on Sunday, June 11.

Youth Bells



Thanks to all our youth bell musicians for some great performances during the year!

We are now taking a summer break and will resume practice in the fall.

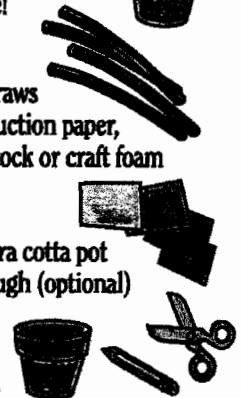
A Cheerful Bouquet for Mother

Make a beautiful bouquet for your mom that will cheer her up for many days — and it doesn't need any water or sunshine!



What you need:

- 12 bendable straws
- colored construction paper, colored card stock or craft foam
- craft glue
- hole punch
- bud vase or terra cotta pot
- clay or play dough (optional)
- scissors
- pencil



What you will do:

1. Cut the colored paper, card stock or foam (or a combination) into 24 or more flower shapes and 24 or more leaf shapes (about 1-2 inches). Make them different sizes and colors.
2. Punch a hole in the center of each flower and one near the base of each leaf.
3. Bend each straw and push the flower shapes (2 or more layered on top of each other) onto the short end of the straw. Do not go past the bend.
4. Put a little glue behind the flower at the hole to hold it in place.
5. From the bottom of the straw, slide 1 or 2 leaf shapes onto the straw and glue them in place from underneath.
6. After the glue has dried, put your flowers in a bud vase or display them in a terra cotta pot.*
7. *If you use a terra cotta pot, place a fist-sized ball of clay or play dough in the bottom of the pot. Push the straw ends into the clay or play dough. When the clay or dough dries out, it keeps the flowers arranged without them falling over.

Your mother will appreciate the time and love you put into making this cheerful bouquet for her.

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!

Head Usher: Larry Shober

Altar Guild: Alice Trent & Lana Clemens

*C = Communion

May 7 *C	8 AM	*C Jackie Kimmel	NA	*C Mike Countryman	*C Jay Engleka, Jim & Lynn Suder
	10:40 AM	Ilicia Long	Susan Straight	*C Tim Konhaus	*C John Beachley II Team
	4 PM	NA	NA	NA	*C Larry Shober
May 14	8 AM	Mackenzie Home	NA	Bruce Landis	Dave Baker, Keith Kimmel
	10:40 AM	Sara Ferguson	Katharine Harmon	Chris Blubaugh	Craig Leydig, Lee Woida
May 21	8 AM	Logan McKenzie	NA	Jeff Moore	Bill & Kay Ann Cober
	10:40 AM	Kylie Froehlich	Maria Mowry	Joyce Meese	Tim & Sue Clites
May 28	8 AM	Ryan Philip	NA	Sandy Shober	Norman Croner, Roger Schrock
	10:40 AM	Josh Riley	Dorothy Gerber	Katharine Harmon	Dave & Mary Ann Marker

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