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Summer 2008

- **Communion** will be held Sunday, June 1, and Sunday, July 6, at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.; and Sunday, July 27, at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. There will NOT be communion on Sunday, Aug. 3.
- **Vacation Bible School** with the Berlin Brethren Church will be held at 7 p.m. July 20-24.
- **5th Quarter** youth gatherings will begin Aug. 29 at 610 10th Ave. after the varsity football game.

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Holy Trinity sets 2008 summer schedule

The summer season is beginning at Holy Trinity with several significant events that we will celebrate.

Worship Hours

Starting June 1, Holy Trinity will begin its summer worship schedule. Worship will be held at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., with Sunday School at 9 a.m.

Honoring Graduates

The annual baccalaureate service held by the Berlin Ministerium is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Berlin Brothersvalley High School Auditorium.

On Sunday, June 1, we will honor our graduates at both services. (See our list of graduates on Page 3)

Summer Worship Schedule



Confirmation

On May 18 two of our members, Lindsey Leydig and Madalyn Walker, were confirmed in their faith. Two more members, Katie Vena and Caitlin LaBute, will also be confirmed at the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, June 8.

Father's Day

On Sunday, June 17,

we will honor the fathers of the congregation during our services. A special breakfast for the entire family will be held that morning at 7:30 a.m.

Guest Pastor

On Sunday, July 27, we will welcome a guest pastor from Food for the Poor at both of our services. Communion will be held this Sunday instead of Aug. 3; however, there will **not** be a 4 p.m. communion service.

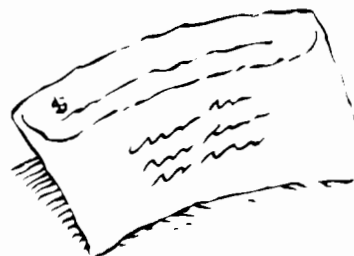
Youth Activities

Our youth are busy this summer -- check Page 13 to find out more.

More events may be scheduled at a later date and will be announced in the bulletin.

Special Offering in June for Camperships

Each summer Holy Trinity helps our youth attend Camp Sequanota. Please consider making an offering to help our youth participate. You can



mark your special offering envelope "Campership" and place it in the offering plate at Sunday worship services.

Keeping hope in a time of anxiety

One of the currents that seems to be cutting across all aspects of American life and indeed life around the world is the feeling we are living in uncertain times. Although Iraq seems to have gotten no worse, the ongoing war seems not appreciably different or better five years into its conduct.

The nationwide housing crisis, although it has mostly bypassed Berlin and Somerset County because we never had the inflated values and deceptive lending practices that led up to it, has certainly led to a much tighter credit situation for all borrowers. The ongoing energy spike and the continuing rise in health care costs affects nearly everybody with no leveling or end in sight. And the news from the political arena does not seem particularly inspiring and shows no signs of abating the long political divide that has now fractured our political will for the last decade. America still seems deeply divided on our national priorities and how to achieve them.

If you looked at only one of these issues or altogether, you might be led to believe that times could hardly get worse or lives less chaotic. Reading the Scriptures would suggest otherwise. Over and over in the Psalms written over a period of hundreds of years we find similar laments:

"My God, my God, why have you deserted me?
Why are you so far away?"



From the Pastor's me..."

Won't you listen to my groans and come to my rescue?...

Don't stay far off when I am in trouble with no one to help me..."

And then the Psalm

goes on:

"The Lord doesn't hate or despise the helpless

in all of their troubles.

When I cried out, he listened and did not turn away...

The poor will eat and be full,

And all who worship you

will be thankful

and live in hope...

All who are rich

and have more than enough

will bow down to you, Lord.

Even those who are dying and almost in the grave

will come and bow down.

In the future, everyone

will worship and learn

about you, our Lord.

People not yet born

will be told,

"The Lord has saved us!" (Psalm 22)

The beginning of this psalm is quoted by Jesus on the cross, but what is often forgotten is the ending of the psalm, which concludes with a sheer confidence in God. This confidence is often in the face of present appearances. It is based rather on remembrances of who God is and what he has done for us in the past. This gives us sheer confidence for help in the present and in the future.

If the present times appear un-

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FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

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Summer Office Hours

Office hours will continue throughout the summer months: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. If there are any changes to my schedule, I will announce it in the Sunday bulletin.

Pastor John will be out of the office from July 23 to Aug. 11. If you require pastoral counsel or a visit to your home or the hospital, please call the office so I can notify our fill-in pastor.

Newsletter Deadline

This issue of *The Visitor* contains information for the months of June, July and August. The deadline for the September newsletter will be Thursday, Aug. 13.

Daily American 5k Walk/Run

Thank you to everyone who joined our team and participated either in the Fitness Challenge or will walk or run in the race June 14. We should have lots of fun!

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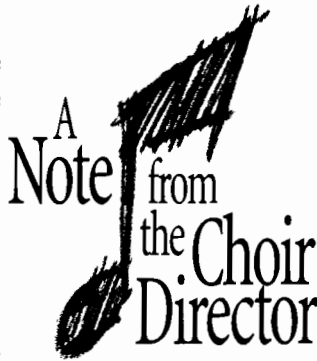
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Dear Members,

Summer is here and hopefully some warm weather.

If you are interested in learning how to play bells, this summer Lorrie Shaw and I will be doing at least one bell clinic for adults and youth to learn bell basics, check the bulletin for the date and time of the clinic.

I want to say thank you to the choirs, bell choirs, organists, special musicians and band for providing music throughout the



year. If you are interested in sharing special music this summer or if you have the names of anyone who would like to do something, please let me know. As always thank you for all your support it means a lot

to me and the people who share their talents throughout the year. I hope you all have a wonderful summer filled with God's blessings.

Maria Mowry
445-6742

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Florence "Dolly" Brant

Charles & Jean Kaufman
John & Joyce Brant
David & Sandie Greene
Bruce & Beverly Stuck
Ruth Whitacre

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.

Recognizing our graduates

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 1.

- Korey Blubaugh graduated from Berlin Brothersvalley High School. He will attend PTI in the fall.
- Candace Croner received her diploma from BBHS. She will attend California University in the fall.
- Nikolas Friedline graduated from Somerset Area High School.
- Lisa Froehlich graduated from BBHS.
- Scott Marker received his Masters of Education at Gannon University.
- Brittany Miller has graduated from Slippery Rock University.
- Emily Moore received a journalism/communications degree from Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky.
- Katlyn Pribelsky received her diploma from BBHS. She will attend Waynesburg College in the fall.
- Nathan Pyle is graduating from Conemaugh School of Nursing as a Registered Nurse. He will attend Penn State Harrisburg for his bachelor's degree.
- Miles Walker graduated from BBHS. He will attend Westminster College in the fall.



Recognizing Graduates

Notes from the Pastor

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certain and cloudy, maybe this is an invitation to turn away from the merely human and predictable -- to the power which is more than human and is entirely beyond ourselves. "My ways are not your ways," our Lord says (Isaiah 55:8), and yet we may and must depend on him. Perhaps the present troubles and uncertainties are signs and invitations from God to turn away from lesser gods -- and to put our faith, invest our lives and all that goes with them in the one true God and His kingdom. As so many of our ancestors in the faith discovered for themselves, He is a God who is indeed our Helper. If all else fails, He invites you and me to connect to Him.

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

Birthdays - June

1 Devan Broderick, Barb Pyle
 2 Donald Clites, Ryan Engleka, Connor Yost
 3 Guy Baer, Charles Baker
 4 Lynne Horne, Danielle Miller, Bryan Nelson, Linda Nelson
 5 Christa Cober, Bill Riley
 6 Pam Moore, Zachary Shuey
 7 Maria Mowry
 8 Jeremy Bittner, Romaine Harkcom, Wade Walker
 10 Dot Dilling, Michelle Farber
 11 Lance Hoppert, Dick Musser
 12 Michael Alvares, Jim Mowry, Katlyn Pribelsky
 13 Christine Blubaugh, Brian Coughenour, Brandon Fisher, Lynn Hoppert
 15 Ashley Pribelsky, Lynn Suder
 16 Craig Mitchell, Cameron Nicklow
 17 Julie Richter, Dean Lichty, Martha Ocker, Shannon Snyder
 18 Cindy Gavel, Dot Landis, Marsha Webreck
 19 Kim Beam, Andrea Kreinbrook
 20 Hayley Noakes, Hayley Oakes, Steven Slope
 21 Stacey Pribelsky
 22 Tess Straight
 23 Doug Bell, Susan Long
 24 Tom Gerber, Sherry Noakes
 25 Mary Meyers

26 Brad Kreinbrook, Ava Walker
 27 Patty LaBute, Brian Waydo
 28 Mike Haer
 29 Brittany Crider, Kaylin Dunn, Terry Griffith
 30 Chris Shaffer

Anniversaries - June

4 Leo & Dorothy Bittner, Jonathan & Kristen Croner
 5 Charles & Joyce Dunn, Jeff & Rhea Leydig
 6 Bill & Kay Ann Cober
 7 Ed & Amy Hankinson
 8 Jeff & Pam Moore
 10 Dwight & Marjorie Maust, Mike & Joyce Waydo
 11 Charles & Molly Baker, Elmer & Bonnie Beeman
 12 Joe & Beth Gillette
 18 Jay & Joy Deem, Sam & Cathy Popovich
 21 Dale & Lindsay Ohler
 22 Dick & Evelyn Musser, Thad & Tracey Kiesnowski
 26 Charles & Debbie Custer, Floyd & Tina Alvares
 28 Lee & Lorraine Woida
 29 Dale & Carol Leydig
 30 George & Susan Walker, Dave & Susan Long

Additions/Corrections

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

***July & August birthdays and anniversaries are on Page 9.**

Prayer List

As of May 19, 2008

HOSPITALIZED: Louise Ream, Erie
RECOVERING AT HOME: Burton Baker, Joyce Beachley, Marie Bender, Gene Blubaugh, Florence Engleka, Faye Glessner, Rosalind Harkcom, Jonathan Harmon, Dwayne Hittie, Landon Hoppert, Ed LaBute, Alice Scheferston, Pat Smiley, George Wisler, Robert Zorn
RESIDING IN NURSING/PERSONAL CARE HOMES: Guy Baer, Trudy Baker, Ferne Brant, Isabelle Gonger, Ella Hittie, Lee Hoppert, Catherine Maust, Ferne Schrock, Jane Schrock, Betty Smith, Robin Walker

PRAYERS REQUESTED: Ann, Jodi Abramowich, Janet Alvares, LCpl. Michael Ashbrook, Rev. Bartholomew, LCpl. Bob Bittner, Cpl. Chad Bittner, SGT Bryan Brant, SGT Allen Brick, Nettie Brown, Lt. Aaron Chonko, Charlotte Chonko, Richard Cober, Bill Coen, SSGT Elmer Contreras, Deborah Dilbon, Bill Farber, SSG Ryan Ferre, Elaine Franklin, David Fullard, Gage, AE 2 Carrie Gardner, SSG Aaron George, Jason Gerber, Jean Gerber, George Gindesperger, Amy Haffling, SSG Ron Helm, Travis Hummel (USAF), Travis Ingrodi (Afghanistan), John, Wanda & Eric Leer, 1st Lt. James Leister, Matthew Leydig, Faye Maust, Cpl. Matthew Maust, SSGT Ben Meese, Betty Jane Moore, Maria Mowry, Lindsay Ohler, Kim Oriole, Betty Petro, SSG Ron Plush, Sandy Richards, Jan Samler, Fred Scheferston, Chaplain George W. Shaffer, Private Nathan Shaffer, Patty Spangler, Matthew Spear, Josh & Heather Sprowls, Carol Wright

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.

News in our Congregation

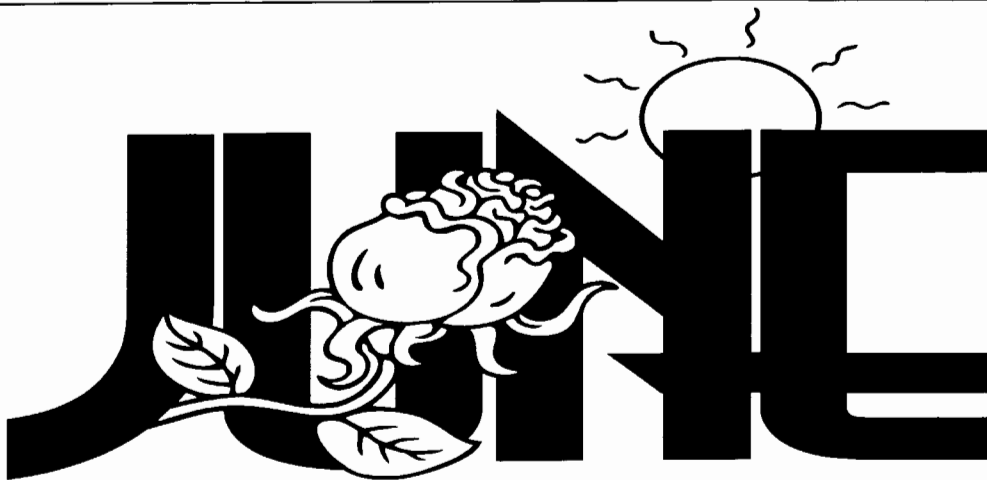
DEATH: Our sympathies to the families of Florence "Dolly" Brant and Barbara Widner.

BAPTISM: Michael Slope, the son of Steven and Arica Slope, May 11; Julianna Emeigh Shorette, the daughter of Stephanie (Noakes) and Chris Shorette, June 8; Saige Elise Boyce, the

daughter of Joshua and Cindy Boyce, June 29.

WEDDING: Christy Croner and Justin Poorbaugh, July 5. Stephanie Landis and Brian Waydo, July 12.

If you or someone you know has had a special milestone and would like to see it in *The Visitor*, please call the Church Office at 267-5014.



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Graduate Sunday 8 AM - C 9 AM - SS 10 AM - C 4 PM - C 7 PM - YPC 7 PM - UL 1	2	Jolly Quilters and Knotty Knotters 7:30 PM - Property Use 3	4	Synod Assembly 7 PM - Block Party Parade 5	Synod Assembly 6	Synod Assembly 7
Berlin Volunteer Fire Department's Block Party						
8 AM - W & Baptism 9 AM - SS 10 AM - W & Confirmation 3:30 - Mission Trip Mtg. 7 PM - UL 8	9	Jolly Quilters and Knotty Knotters 7 PM Council 10	11	12	13	14
Father's Day 7:30 - Family Breakfast 8 AM - W 9 AM - SS 10 AM - W 15	16	Jolly Quilters and Knotty Knotters 17	18	19	20	21
8 AM - W 9 AM - SS 10 AM - W 2 PM - Youth Swim Party 7 PM - Mission Trip Info Mtg. 22	23	Jolly Quilters and Knotty Knotters 24	25	26	27	3 PM - Kurtz graveside service 28
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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!
***Look for June's worship assistant schedule on Page 14.**

Head Usher: Lenora Virtue

Altar Guild: Jim & Lynn Suder

***C = Communion**

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	CHILDREN'S SERMON	LECTOR/ WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
July 6 *C	8 AM	*C Jeremy Brick	NA	*C Dave Marker	*C Jim Suder Team
	10 AM	*C Brianna Leydig	Lee Woida	*C Connie Slope	*C John Beachley II Team
	4 PM	NA	NA	NA	*C Lenora Virtue
July 13	8 AM	Jon Pribelsky	NA	Jeff Moore	John & Stacey Pribelsky
	10 AM	Vincent Pribelsky	Katlin Musser	Nita Swank	Wayne & Nancy Schrock
July 20	8 AM	Emily Philip	NA	Darlene Beachley	Lynn & Lori Hoppert
	10 AM	Rachel Harmon	Maria Mowry	Shirley Adams	Bill & Shirley Riley
July 27	8 AM	*C Mitchell Walker	NA	*C Mike Countryman	*C Larry & Sandy Shoher and Dave Baker
	10 AM	*C Jessica Leydig	Susan Straight	*C Maria Mowry	*C Tim & Sue Clites and Scott Clites

PLEASE NOTE: We may have some schedule changes in the beginning of August due to the Pastor's vacation. The Church Office will notify you if your assignment has been changed.

Head Usher: Shirley Largent

Altar Guild: Tim & Sue Clites

***C = Communion**

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	CHILDREN'S SERMON	LECTOR/ WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Aug. 3	8 AM	Kane McKenzie	NA	Bruce Landis	Jim Burcaw & Carol Dickey
	10 AM	Sara Ferguson	Ashley Pribelsky	Lani Holland	Darlene Beachley & Jean Ferguson
Aug. 10	8 AM	Logan McKenzie	NA	Doran Walker	David & Susan Long
	10 AM	Daria Kiesnowski	Jeff Moore	Tim Clites	Tracey Kiesnowski and Andrea Kreinbrook
Aug. 17	8 AM	Emily Philip	NA	Sandy Shoher	Dave & Mary Ann Marker
	10 AM	Jonathan Harmon	Dorothy Gerber	Katharine Harmon	Bruce Landis & Lee Woida
Aug. 24	8 AM	Jon Pribelsky	NA	Susan Long	Keith Kimmel and Jane Scurfield
	10 AM	Kylie Froehlich	Susan Ferguson	Joyce Meese	Linda Leverknight and Maria Mowry
Aug. 31	8 AM	Jeremy Brick	NA	Deb Cook	Don Gardner and Darlene Hillegass
	10 AM	Marah Riley	Lee Woida	Sue Ferguson	Ron & Kathy Yoder



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8 AM - C 9 AM - SS 10 AM - C 4 PM - C	6	7	8 Needlepoint, Quilters and Knotty Knotters 7 PM - Council	9	10	11 5 PM - Dinner 7 PM - Landis- Waydo Rehearsal	12 2:30 PM - Landis-Waydo Wedding
8 AM - W 9 AM - SS 10 AM - W	13	14	15 Needlepoint, Quilters and Knotty Knotters	16	17	18	19
8 AM - W 9 AM - SS 10 AM - W 7 PM - VBS Begins at BBC - - Jr. & Sr. High at HTLC	20	21 Office Closed 7 PM - VBS	22 Needlepoint, Quilters and Knotty Knotters 7 PM - VBS	23 7 PM - VBS	24 7 PM - VBS 8 PM - Board of Managers	25	26 Pastor Harmon on vacation.
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Summer Birthdays and Anniversaries

***June birthdays and anniversaries are on Page 4**

Birthdays- July

- 1 Matthew Spear
- 2 Chip Landis, Jarod Moore
- 3 Rita Bonus, Ben Meese, Jim LaBute
- 4 Holly McKenzie, Charles Fisher
- 5 William Farber
- 6 Eric Marker, Jim Suder, Dave Suder, John Walker
- 7 Becky Lichty, Emily Philip, Nicholas Gerber, Owen Miller
- 8 Tim Clites, Jay Deem, Becky Dorcon
- 9 Jack Weighley
- 10 Sharon Gindlesperger, Jeremy Ohler
- 11 MaKenzie Maust, Wayne Schrock
- 12 Michael Kirk, Diane Landis, Jonathan Ohler, Jake Zorn
- 13 Nettie Brown, Marvi Farris, John Landis, Carley Pletcher, Jay Whipkey
- 15 Charles LaBute, Isaac Berkey
- 17 Erin Lichty, Fred Leister, Dorothy Maust, Jacob Ott, Edna Wagner, Ronald Walker
- 18 Kay Boyer, Samantha Glessner, Carissa Pletcher
- 20 Lisa Froehlich
- 21 Dave Adams, Keith Kimmel
- 22 Pauline Blubaugh, Patti Ohler, Pat Stone
- 24 Joyce Dunn, Calvin Pyle, Jennifer Countryman
- 26 Jodell Antram, Tylan Shaffer
- 27 Gertrude Baker
- 28 Ray Coleman
- 29 Jacob Fisher, John Pribelsky
- 30 Evan Farris, Roger Schrock, Phil Walker
- 31 Andrea Milburn, Mary Landis



Birthdays-August

- 1 Craig Leydig, Charles Maust, Tmara Shaffer, Kira Milburn
- 3 Jacob Fullard, Ivy Slope, Travis Shaffer, Russell Webreck
- 4 James Croner, Joyce Farrell, Mary Ann Marker, Sherry Oakes
- 5 Hope Cober, Russell Countryman, Beth Gillette, Marianne Lipinski
- 6 Emma May
- 7 Charles Custer
- 9 Jessica Ashbrook, Gina Clites, Carol Countryman, Caleb Antram, Lucinda Sparks
- 10 Robert Brick, Jorja Croner
- 11 Don Gardner, Harold Hauger
- 12 Don Trent
- 13 Jody Berkey, Courtney Custer, Ruth Ann Holland, Jeff Leydig
- 14 Ella Hittie, Dave Marker
- 16 Kylie Froehlich
- 17 Bethany Blubaugh, Logan McKenzie
- 18 Brandon Stone
- 20 Scott Shaw
- 21 Christy Croner, Matthew Pyle, Sue Walker
- 22 Carol Croner, Katharine Harmon
- 23 Ron Gindlesperger, Brian Marker, Dale Makin

- 25 Kevin Berkey, Michele Countryman, Bryan Shober
- 27 Kane McKenzie, Jeff Moore, Nathan Richards
- 28 Schyler McClucas, Crystal Walker
- 29 Kayla Bonus, Debbie Custer, Caitlin Fritzius
- 31 Harold Cober, Nancy Gindlesperger, Brianna Leydig

Anniversaries - July

- 1 Craig & Julie Leydig, Harry & Virginia Rhoads, Jeff & Natalie Gabrelcik, Tim & Sue Clites
- 3 Doug & Lynne Horne
- 8 Brian & Jill Marker
- 12 Doug & Kathy Bell, Jay & LaRue Engleka, Phil & Beth Walker, Jonathan & Nita Swank
- 21 Don & Sherry Noakes
- 22 Travis & Angela Shaffer
- 23 Homer Jr. & Andrea Kreinbrook
- 24 Blaine & Margaret Hittie
- 25 Craig & Carline Mitchell, Jesse & Martha Ocker
- 27 Dave & Angi Fullard, George & Mary Wisler
- 28 Jeremy & Natasha Zorn
- 30 Jeffrey & Donna Brick

Anniversaries - August

- 4 Tim & Edith Rhoads
- 5 Chris & Tmara Shaffer
- 6 Travis & Jeannea Glessner
- 9 Dave & Jodell Antram
- 11 Scott & Lorrie Shaw
- 12 Woody & Christal Marker
- 14 Tom & Kathy Hoffman
- 17 Jay & Susan Ferguson
- 20 William & Winona Farber
- 21 Mel & Mary Jo Kirk
- 27 Michael & Cassey DiBiase
- 28 Mark & Jennifer Gardner

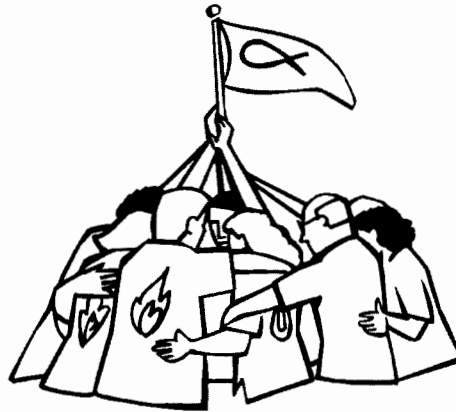
Renewal Retreat produces new ministry groups

One of the main goals of our Mission Renewal Retreat April 4 and 5 was to pinpoint our assets and find areas where we as a church can grow and help the community and unchurched in our area.

The following groups have been formed (or reformed) in an effort to achieve our goals. If you are interested in being a part of any of these groups, please call the contact person listed.

Calendar: This would be a fundraiser for the church. Larry Shober, 267-4042.

Compassionate Visitors: Katie Bell, 267-5020.



Renewal Retreat 2008

Day Care/ Tutoring: This includes possible after school mentoring and child care on snow days. Jeff Moore, 267-5703.

Dinners: We are investigating

the possibility of opening a soup kitchen. Nancy Schrock, 267-3389.

Donations to hospitals: This includes the Knotty Knotters and Jolly Quilters. Eleanor Cober, 634-5191.

Music/Cantata: Maria Mowry, 445-6742

Seminars for Sunday School teachers to inspire youth: Lee Woida, 267-4420

Transportation: In addition to attending church, we may also provide trips to doctor appointments, etc. Sandy Shober, 267-4042.

Council Minutes April 8, 2008

Prayer/Devotions: Pastor Harmon. Meeting called to order by Rocky Ohler.

Motions were made and passed to approve the minutes and the treasurer's report.

Homebound Communion is being revitalized. Deacons will review the idea of a Welcome Committee.

A motion was made and passed to approve the Youth Director Proposal, submitted by the Youth Committee. A motion was then made and passed to accept the application of Jeff Moore and hire him as part time Youth Director according to the proposal guidelines.

Pastor Harmon conducted the First Communion Classes with eight youth participating.

The Retreat was inspirational. Information and ideas from the

Church Council



Retreat were shared by Council members who were in attendance. A motion was made and passed to approve to authorize payment of a bill for \$700 from Christ Lutheran Church for the meals supplied for the Retreat with an additional donation of

\$100.

A motion was made and passed to approve the Stewardship Proposal and purchase the materials including mailing costs at an estimated of \$979. If we have at least a 1% growth in Stewardship the estimate income would be \$1,690.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and the Sharing of the Peace.

**Faithfully submitted,
Tracey Kiesnowski**

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.

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, friends, family and neighbors,

I want to start out my letter for the summer edition of *The Visitor* by giving you a few words of wisdom. My mother is going to be 86 in September; she used to tell us when we were children to pray for everyone and everything. She also used to say sometimes God takes a long time to answer your prayers. Boy, was she right. I'm still praying for some of the things I wanted as a child. That sure gives you something to think about.

Anyway, I want to thank everyone once again for supporting Berlin C.A.R.E.S. I realize money is tight right now for a lot of people. Some more than others. Everything we get goes to our military in the war zone and to pay our postage. We have nine there now and probably more will be going over the summer due to the rotation of troops. Pray for their families and their safe return. God bless all of them and God bless our country.

I'm going to have a table in front of Luther Haus during the Firemen's Block Party. The dates will be Thursday, June 5,

Berlin



C.A.R.E.S.

starting at 6 p.m. until 8:30-9 p.m.; Friday, June 6 from 6 to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, June 7, from 1 to 8 p.m. Please come down and support our cause.

In addition, June 14 is Flag Day, the same day the U.S. Army was founded in 1775. So put your flags out everyone.

On July 4 we will be at the Berlin Community Grove again with our C.A.R.E.S. table. That's a Friday this year, so if the weather is good, it should be a great weekend.

We will be sending our next boxes June 21, July 19 and Au-

gust 23. If you'd like to come to Luther Haus and help pack on those days, do please come. We start around 9 a.m. and are finished by 10:30 a.m.

We still need donations every month to keep going, so don't forget about us over the summer. Prayerfully consider what you can give and do so with a loving heart for our military.

I also don't want to forget Father's Day in my message. A lot of our fathers will be away this year, and a lot of them are in heaven. So pray for your Dad, wherever he is.

I want to leave you with a quote from Thomas Paine: "What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated."

God bless you and your families. Have a safe and peaceful summer.

**Peace and love always,
Dorothy Gerber
Berlin C.A.R.E.S.**

Pastor Harmon named new conference dean

Pastor John Harmon was elected the new dean of the Southern Somerset Conference at its regularly scheduled meeting.

Pastor John succeeds the Rev. Elisa Osman, who has served two terms and is now expectantly waiting her first child.

The dean's job is to coordinate activities of various congregations working in common ministry, orchestrate the monthly meeting of conference pastors and arrange the fall visit of the Bishop to the conference. He also assists and at times presides in the installation of a new con-

ference pastor.

In conjunction with deans of the other conferences of the Synod, he will meet bi-monthly with them and the Bishop to share Synod concerns and the needs of the congregations to the Synod. Please pray for Pastor John in this additional calling.

To Holy Trinity -- Thank you for being able to use the Fellowship Hall to celebrate our Dad's 95th birthday! We had a wonderful celebration enjoyed by family and friends, but most important, we know our Dad/Pap had a great day! -- The Ray Adams Family

Dear Holy Trinity Friends: I would like to thank all of you for the many get well cards, phone calls, flowers and visits during my recent hospital stays. A special thank you to the Rev. Harmon for his visits. Sincerely, Dwayne Hittie

Dear Knotty Knotters: Please know how much I appreciate the



pretty lap quilt that warmed me while I was getting a treatment along with words that warmed my heart and spirit. To all of you, thank you. Warm regards, Linda Peck

The Gideons International would like to thank you for your recent gift. The total amount of your gift will be used to purchase and

place Scriptures. God has promised to bless His Word as it goes forth. -- William J. Kallmann, Gideon Representative

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. You have chosen to be a part of our work in this special way. I sincerely thank you for your tangible presence here with us in what we do to the glory of God. In Christ's service, Pastor George Mason, Interim-Executive Director

Thank You notes may be sent to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 507 Main St., Berlin, PA 15530.

Greetings,

One month down and I've accumulated piles of papers and books. We have a very diverse and interesting library. I have sorted out a lot of material that might be useful for a confirmation program. On one hand it seems wasteful not to use it, but it could be an organizational nightmare. Some items may no longer be available in print. We could check on copying procedures and go from there. Film strips and videos, although of an applicable nature, may be too old technologically...One great thing is...the message remains the same!!

Scheduling is always an ardent task due to our diverse involvement in so many events. I'm interested in doing a time survey to pinpoint by age group when people may have time to attend meetings/events. Keep your eyes



open for this.

The summer is fast approaching and I'd like to have some events planned. Creation Music Festival is June 25-28. Anyone interested, let me know, although it won't fit my personal schedule. I'll put people in touch for any car-pooling, etc. For more info check out www.creationfest.com.

When we get our children baptized, we make a commitment to do certain things. One of these is to open the Scriptures to them. In 3rd grade, our children re-

ceive a Bible from the church. Ask your 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader if they know where it is. The average American household has 3 Bibles. But having a Bible does nothing for you - studying it does. (2 Timothy 2:15) I envision starting an afternoon Bible study, using the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday, for our youth. I need to find a workable time and if I can generate enough interest. Parental attendance/involvement would be graciously accepted. Please give me feedback on this.

Due to lack of interest, I've shelved the community garden idea for this year. We'll try again next year.

I close asking for your continued prayers that I can focus on those things most necessary for the growth of our youth.

Thanks,
Jeff Moore



Dominican Republic trip being planned

Recently we celebrated Compassion Sunday at Holy Trinity and, thankfully, we sponsored all 13 children. At that same time, our Senior High Sunday School Class expressed interest in

traveling to the Dominican Republic to meet their sponsored child, Carlos. The other sponsors of children also expressed an interest in visiting the country and doing a missions project there. Originally the trip was planned through Compassion International, but we recently have found another opportunity that will be much more affordable. Plans are under way to travel to the Dominican Republic in January 2009. We will stay at a camp called Summers Best Two Weeks (SB2W) which is operated by the same administration that operates the two camps in Jennerstown. The camp is in its early stages of development to serve the children of the Dominican Republic with camp/school experiences.

We are hoping to do a missions project for SB2W and also arrange to meet the six children sponsored by members of Holy



Trinity in the Dominican Republic with Compassion International. The cost for the trip is projected to be approximately \$1,000 per person, which includes airfare from

Pittsburgh, transportation in the Dominican Republic and housing and food at SB2W. We are inviting anyone interested in participating in this life-changing mission to join us. We are planning a visit to SB2W in Jennerstown on Sunday, June 8 at 3:30 p.m. so that we may see the operations and set-up of the camp.

On June 22 at 7 p.m. we will again meet here at the church to discuss the particulars of the trip. Anyone interested should try to attend this meeting. We are asking each participant on the trip to invest a personal commitment of \$200 by July 1, which will be non-refundable. The other requirement will be that each person apply for a passport (\$100) as soon as possible since the process takes at least two months. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Uncommon Life Youth Group meets at 7 p.m. Sundays at Berlin Brethren Church.

June 2008

- 1 Jr./Sr. "Uncommon Life" YG
- 8 Jr./Sr. "Uncommon Life" YG
- 15 Father's Day, No YG
- 22 No YG
- 29 No YG

July 2008

- 6 Independence Day Weekend, No YG
- 13 No YG
- 20-24 Vacation Bible School, ALL Youth
- 27 Sr. YG only, Load Baggage on Bus for NC

28-Aug. 1 BYIC Convention, Asheville, NC

August 2008

- 3 Jr./Sr. "Uncommon Life" YG
- 9 NE District BYIC Kennywood Day, Sr. YG
- 10 Jr./Sr. "Uncommon Life" YG
- 17 Jr./Sr. "Uncommon Life" YG
- 24 Back to School Prayer
- 29 5th Quarter (North Star)
- 31 Labor Day Weekend, No YG

September 2008

- 5 5th Quarter (Chestnut Ridge)
- 7 Jr./Sr. "Uncommon Life" YG
- 14 Jr./Sr. "Uncommon Life" YG
- 19 5th Quarter (Meyersdale)
- 21 Fall Kick - Off Picnic, 4PM Murray Home
- 28 "Uncommon Life" YG

For more information, call Rev. Tom Sprowls, Jr., at 267-3863.

5th Quarter gatherings continue

Uncommon Life Youth Ministry will once again host 5th Quarter get-togethers after all home varsity football games beside the Little League field at



610 10th Ave., Berlin.

The first gathering will be held Friday night, Aug. 29, after the Berlin-North Star game until 10 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

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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!

***Look for the July & August worship assistant schedule on Page 6**

Head Usher: Lisa Froehlich

Altar Guild: Shirley Largent & Katie Bell

*C = Communion

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	CHILDREN'S SERMON	LECTOR/ WORSHIP	USHER
June 1 *C	8 AM	*C Madalyn Walker	NA	*C Dave Meese	*C Ron & Kathy Yoder and Jay Engleka
	10 AM	*C Kylie Froehlich	Dorothy Gerber	*C Kathy Bell	*C Katie Bell, Doug & David Bell
	4 PM	NA	NA	NA	*C Lisa Froehlich
June 8	8 AM	Emily Philip	NA	Barbara Pyle	Lorrie Shaw & Courtney Custer
	10 AM	Sara Ferguson	Jeff Moore	Chris Blubaugh	Susan Ferguson and Nita Swank
June 15	8 AM	Logan McKenzie	NA	Carey Brant	John & Elaine Landis
	10 AM	Jason Ocker	Susan Straight	Sue Clites	Tom & Jane Fisher
June 22	8 AM	Mitchell Wallker	NA	Joy Deem	Jay & Emily Berkey
	10 AM	Marah Riley	Ashley Pribelsky	Jean Ferguson	Jim & Esther Mowry
June 29	8 AM	Kane McKenzie	NA	Stephanie Landis	Jay & Joy Deem
	10 AM	Trevor Moore	Susan Ferguson	Dorothy Gerber	Chuck & Thelma Robb