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Special Dates

- **Communion** will be held at 8 & 10:40 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7
- **Fall Worship** hours will return to 8 a.m. & 10:40 a.m. beginning Sept. 7. Sunday School will start at 9:30 a.m.
- **Outdoor Family Movie Night** will be held at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 at Dave & Susan Long's house.
- **Church Office** will be closed Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 1, and Wednesday, Sept. 10.

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Holy Trinity gears up for autumn events

As summer ends and fall activities resume, Holy Trinity returns to its regular Sunday worship times Sept. 7 at 8 and 10:40 a.m., with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

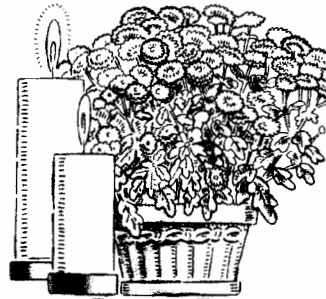
Church Picnic

Holy Trinity will hold its annual church picnic at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Berlin Community Grove. Members and friends are invited, asked to bring place settings and a covered dish to share. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

Entertainment for the picnic is still being scheduled.

Crusaders' Ham Dinner Sept. 27

HTLC will be included in the Berlin Whiskey Rebellion celebration again this year with the annual Crusaders Class Ham Dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. We will need volunteers and donations to make this meal a success (including our Apple



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Dumplin' Gang). A list for volunteers and donations is on the church bulletin board, so please prayerfully consider what you can offer to assist us.

Colonial Service

The annual colonial style service for the community celebrating

the anniversary of the Whiskey Rebellion will be held this year at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, here at Holy Trinity. Community churches will come together to worship with leadership provided this year by the leaders of Holy Trinity. This service will replace the normal 10:40 a.m. service that day, and the healing normally held that day will be moved a week earlier to Sept. 21.

For other upcoming events, make sure to read the announcements in our Sunday bulletins.



During Sunday School Sept. 14 all parents are asked to attend with their children to meet the Sunday

School teachers and see the new curriculum for the year. We will also meet the adult Sunday School teachers and discuss the various curriculums being studied. Refreshments will be served.

Rally Day will be held Sept. 21. Check the Sunday bulletins for more information.

Seeing God's amazing creation

What a wildly wonderful world, God!

You made it all, with wisdom at your side, Made earth overflow with your wonderful creations.

Oh, look -- the deep, wide sea, brimming with fish past counting, Sardines and sharks and salmon. Ships plow those waters, And Leviathan, your pet dragon, romps in them.

(Psalm 104: 24-26) The Message

On our recent vacation in the Boston and Philadelphia areas, we saw many historic sites and famous landmarks. But the highlight was definitely a whale-watching trip off the end of Cape Cod. Extending a good ways into the Atlantic along an under-sea shelf called the Stillwagon Bank, our whale-watching ship found more than a dozen of these delightful "Leviathans" or monsters of the deep. And did they romp! One playful whale, a humpback, I believe, named Cole, swam right beneath the ship and came up to eyeball us



From the Pastortion was most definitely enhanced by this trip of a few hours. Some people can look at the variety of life forms in the sea and see only a mechanistic process of experimentation and success or failure commonly called evolution. Others with, I believe, enhanced vision can see just as remarkably overwhelming evidence of God's amazing design for life. As believers and defenders of God's claim to the title Creator God, I found a whale-watch can only enhance that claim. Coupled with all the other signs found in his majestic work I find it amazing that some can still miss the signs of His presence. I know we didn't. I hope you sense his presence every day in every way.

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



The Next Step Center in Somerset, which provides temporary housing to county residents trying to get back their feet, now has a new problem. It needs to repair and replace its aging and defective sewage system to continue to operate. To date, almost half of the necessary funds have been raised. Anyone wishing to help may call the center at (814) 444-8588 or contact the Church Office for more information.

Seeking people to attend church conference

On Saturday, Oct. 25, the Rev. Dr. Loren B. Mead will speak on going beyond survival for contemporary churches at St. John's Lutheran Church, Lewistown, Pa.



Ostensibly billed as a conference on small churches, much of the material offered will be just as relevant to Holy Trinity as a mid-size church.

As pastor I would love to go, but I am committed to performing a marriage ceremony that day and cannot attend. The council has endorsed the request that several members of the parish might wish to go in my place. This would be especially true for any who were able to attend our retreat in April.

The council would pay the nominal registration fee and reimburse for gas. Anyone interested in more information, please call the Church Office at 267-5014.

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Choir Rehearsals Resume

Our Senior Choir will resume weekly rehearsals at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3.

Our Adult Bell Choir will also return to its 8 p.m. time slot on Wednesdays.

Our children's choir will continue to practice during the Sunday School hour, and Joyful Noise, our own band, will have rehearsals later this fall and will be announced in the Sunday bulletin.

Thanks again to everyone who provided special music during the summer. We have so many talented people in our congregation, and we always appreciate it when they share those talents with us.

Our Music Director is Maria Mowry. She can be reached by phone at 445-6742.

HTLC team competes in Daily American 5k/10k Run/Walk



On June 14 HTLC's race team competed in the Daily American's 5k/10k Run/Walk in Somerset. Our team included (front row, from left) Maeve Kreinbrook, Jessica Leydig, (middle row) Denise Leydig, Brianna Leydig, (back row) Jennifer Baer Hurl, Andrea Kreinbrook, Courtney Custer, Lorrie Shaw and Lindsey Leydig. Team members not pictured are Maria Mowry, Tricia Miller, Mary-Alice Duckett and Lee Woida. Thanks to everyone for participating, and we hope to do it again next year.

MEMORIALS

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Florence "Dolly Brant

Mary Lou & Allison Zimmerman

Michael & Dorothy Brant

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Elwood Brant

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Farber

In Memory of James Scurfield

Mary Lou & Allison Zimmerman

Endowment Fund

In Memory of George Simmons

Doug, Kathleen & David Bell

In Memory of Bob Kuhlman

Doug, Kathleen & David Bell



In Memory of Ferne Schrock

Fidelis Sunday School Class

Paul & Judy Brant

Bob & Tomalee Will

Kitchen Fund

In Memory of Henry & Effie Richards

Gary & Helen Barton & Family

Ramp Fund

In Memory of A. Joyce (Saylor) Kurtz

William Kurtz

In Memory of Carl E. Brant

Ferne Brant

Mission Trip Fund

In Memory of Ferne Schrock

Jim & Jean Ferguson

Jonas & Margaret Klink

Dale & Carol Leydig

Carol Dickey and family and Jim

Burcaw

Wayne & Nancy Schrock's neighbors

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.

News in our Congregation

BIRTH: Isaac Griffin Slope, the son of Brian and Jill Slope, was born June 15.

WEDDINGS: Courtney Richards and Timothy May are scheduled to be married Saturday, Sept. 6, at HTLC.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome Justin Poorbaugh to the HTLC congregation.

DEATH: Our sympathies to the friends and families of Ferne Schrock, Faye Maust, Rick



Slope, Florence Carpenter, Wallace Albright, William Mitchell and Sandy Richards, who passed away this summer.

Have some news? E-mail us at htele@verizon.net or call the Church Office at 267-5014.

New pastor arrives at Trinity U.C.C.



We would like to welcome Rev. Frank Demmy, who is the new pastor at Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin. He began serving his new congregation in August.

At press time we received the sad news of the passing of Paul E. Pritts, a devoted and faithful member of Holy Trinity. Paul died Sunday, Aug. 17.

He is survived by daughters, Mary Jean Pritts; Martha L., married to Kevin Lowery and Ruth E., married to Dennis Gilbert; grandchildren, Justin Gilbert and wife, Jennifer, Ben Gilbert, Chad Lowery and Misty Lowery; great-grandchildren, Jacob and Brady Gilbert; brother-in-law, William S. Flamm. Also survived by very dear friend, Mary McQuade.

Paul was a farmer for many years and a Pennsylvania Turn-



A Loss in Our Church Family

pike toll collector. He was a member of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, serving on church council, librarian secretary and superintendent of Sunday school. Paul served on the Brothersvalley Election Board for 22 years, was a member of Berlin Lodge IOOF for 54 years and later a member of the Somerset Lodge No. 438. He was Trustee of the Berlin Ceme-

tery Association for 48 years and secretary for 44 years. He was a life member of the Berlin Area Historical Society, serving as curator for 15 years. Family received friends Tuesday, Aug. 19, at the Deaner Funeral Home, Berlin, where service was held Wednesday, Aug. 20, with Rev. Dr. John Harmon officiating and Rev. Ralph Landis assisting. Interment Berlin IOOF Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Berlin Area Historical Society endowment fund, 400 Vine St., Berlin, PA 15530.

Altar flowers, Sunday bulletins may be donated

Altar or chancel flowers may be donated in memory of a departed loved one, in honor of someone or to recognize a special milestone. The suggested donation for flowers is \$22.

While Louise Ream is cooperating, our church contact is Tracey Kiesnowski, and she can



be contacted at (814) 267-7118 to order flowers.

Sunday bulletins may also be donated in someone's memory or honor. The suggested donation is \$20. If interested, please call the Church Office at 267-5014.

Register for Fall Marriage Retreats

Have you registered for your fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? Marriage Encounter Weekends are designed to allow you to take time off from daily pressures and responsibilities to search out and discover a warmer, closer, more joyful relationship with each other. All costs are covered by a \$45 per couple registration fee plus a confidential contribution of whatever amount you choose that you are given the opportunity to make at the end of the weekend.

The Sept. 26-28 weekend is planned especially for you as it is located in the Allegheny Synod area at the Lutheran Camp Sequanota motel-style retreat center in Jennerstown. The camp is situated on 400 beautiful wooded acres in the Laurel Highlands--a favorite location (and it is even a non-Steeler football Sunday!)

If this weekend doesn't work for you, the other fall weekend is Oct. 24-26 at the all newly-renovated Quality Inn & Suites just off Highway 90 in Erie.

Please make time for this most important relationship in your life! Registrations are limited, so please request your brochure with registration form by contacting Fred & Julie Schamber, Western PA Chair-couple at: fjschamber@comcast.net or phone 724-325-3166, or you may go to the website: www.ilmeone.org for more information or to register online.

Dominican Republic Mission Update

By Pam Moore
For The Dominican
Republic Mission
Team

The dates are set for Jan 10 - 17, 2009. We will be staying at the new Summers Best Two Weeks camp just outside of Monte Plata.

There we will help build a new dining hall plus various activities to maintain the camp. We are also planning to visit the children who are sponsored by the congregation through Compassion International. So it looks to be a full, exciting and adventurous week.

We currently have 18 people planning to join the Dominican Republic Mission team. They are Brianna Leydig, Lindsey Leydig, Courtney Custer, Lorrie Shaw, Wayne & Nancy Schrock, Devin Stern, Shania Stern, Carol Dickey, Jim Burcaw, Katharine Harmon, Charlotte Chonko, Kirk Dull, Jeff & Pam Moore, Emily Moore, Bill Hazelton, and Susan Long. We have booked group airline tickets with USAirways. This allows us the opportunity to delay final payment until November and also make adjustments of reserved seats if needed. So there is still an option of joining the team if anyone is interested. We ask for a \$200 nonrefundable deposit from each team member and participation in our fund-raising activities for the balance of the \$1,000 we are raising for each member. Each member is also responsible for their own passport and inocula-



tions.

Thus far we have raised \$13,678 including the nonrefundable deposit. This means that we still have \$4,322 to raise. These funds will pay for all expenses plus give an opportunity to give

gifts to our Compassion children and the Camp. We are also going "back to school" to study basic Spanish so we will be able to communicate with those we meet.

If you sponsor a child in the Dominican Republic and would like us to meet him/her, please give the child's name and ID number to Pam Moore and we will make arrangements to meet him/her with Compassion International.

These are some of our upcoming fund-raising events: Aug. 30 -Sept. 1 (Labor day weekend) -- Desserts at the Berlin Grove; Sept. 20 -- Guy Baer auction food stand; Sept. 27-28 -- Whiskey Rebellion food booth; Oct. 18 -- Date/Movie Night with a silent Auction of donated items from the community; Nov. 8 -- Whiskey Rebellion Craft show booth.

We truly appreciate all of the support and encouragement that we have received from each of you. It's been a busy year for us, but we're sure the benefits will be very rewarding. Please continue to pray for us as we prepare physically, mentally and spiritually for this trip. God bless you.

Birthdays - September

- 1 Shirley Adams, Suzanne Walker
 2 David Berkey, John Dunn
 3 Elma Felten, Jamie Makin, Jane Scurfield
 4 Michael Brant
 5 Ferne Brant, Sue Clites, Betty Smith
 6 Scott Coughenour, Keegan Walker
 7 Charles Custer, Alleksi Engleka, Jay Engleka, Madeline Marker, Lois Smith, Robert Stern
 8 Beth Bittner, Lori Klimchak
 10 Abraham Countryman, Faye Glessner, Tracey Kiesnowski
 11 Ken Baker
 12 Burton Baker, Brad Maust
 13 Deborah Berkey, Jana Glotfelty, Devin Stern
 14 Connor Hankinson, Joyce Meese, April Oakes, Ron Yoder
 15 Lani Holland, Ian Hummel
 16 Patrick Broderick, Samuel Hughes, Joseph Pribelsky, Nancy Schrock
 17 W.J. Cober, Sue Landis
 18 Joyce Beachley, Aaron Blubaugh, Mike Bowman, April Carpenter, Robin Walker, Tawnya Zorn
 19 Tina Gindlesperger, Matthew Kirk, Alex Leydig
 20 John Beachley II, Luke Bonus, Mary Kreinbrook
 21 Blake Engleka, Joseph King, Christal Marker
 22 Virginia May, Raeann Weyant
 23 Dave Antram, Vincent Chalk, Aliya Lipinski, Rose Saylor, Braden Shober, Roy Vena
 24 Lucille Maust
 25 Juliana Bonus, John Ferguson, Shane Hummel, Katlin Musser



- 26 Jeremy Brick, Ray Carver
 27 Dale Coslic, Luke Farris, Sarah Gardner, Jody Leverknight
 28 Ryan Ferre, Denail Fisher, Madalyn Walker
 29 Dennis Hainsworth, Beth Walker
 30 Josiah Antram, Kay Ann Cober, Alex Coleman, Gabriel Mostoller-Witkosky

Anniversaries - September

- 6 Mike & Carol Countryman, Ray & Dianne Engleka
 8 Kevin & Lacey Landis
 11 Bruce & Sue Landis
 12 Greg & Sue Walker
 13 Mike & Kim Beam
 15 Dave & Joyce Meese
 16 Wayne & Nancy Schrock
 17 Jim & Patty LaBute, Michael & Michele Shuey
 19 Harmon & Debbie Custer
 20 Steven & Arica Slope
 21 Dale & Jamie Makin
 22 P.J. & Angie Yandora
 24 Jim & Stacey Broderick, Josh & Andrea Milburn
 26 Keith & Denise Leydig, Ray & Linda Coleman
 30 Barry & Carole Holland, Jim & Judy Little

Additions/Corrections

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

Prayer List

As of August 18, 2008

RECUPERATING AT HOME: Joyce Beachley, Gene Blubaugh, Florence Engleka, Faye Glessner, Rosalind Harkcom, Dwayne Hittie, Landon Hoppert, Ed LaBute, Dave Meese, Clyde Miller, Geneva McVicker, Alice Scheferston, George Wisler

RESIDING IN NURSING/PERSONAL CARE HOMES:

Guy Baer, Burton Baker, Trudy Baker, Marie Bender, Ferne Brant, Isabelle Gonger, Ella Hittie, Lee Hoppert, Catherine Maust, Louise Ream (Erie), Jane Schrock, Betty Smith, DeVon Walker

PRAYERS REQUESTED: Ann, Jodi Abramowich, Janet Alvares, LCpl. Michael Ashbrook, Rev. Bartholomew, Peggy Bellmon, LCpl. Bob Bittner, Cpl. Chad Bittner, SGT Bryan Brant, SGT Allen Brick, Nettie Brown, Lt. Aaron Chonko, Charlotte Chonko, Richard Cober, Wesley Coleman, SSGT Elmer Contreras, Deborah Dilbon, Bill Farber, SSG Ryan Ferre, Elaine Franklin, David Fullard, Gage, AE 2 Carrie Gardner, SSG Aaron George, SSG Jason Gerber, Jean Gerber, Amy Haffling, SSG Ron Helm, Jan Hoffman, Travis Hummel (USAF), Ed LaBute, Wanda & Eric Leer, 1st Lt. James Leister, Matthew Leydig, Cpl. Matthew Maust, SSGT Ben Meese, Betty Jane Moore, Maria Mowry, Kim Oriole, Betty Petro, SSG Ron Plush, Nathan Richards, Jan Samler, Fred Scheferston, Chaplain George W. Shaffer, Private Nathan Shaffer, Dick Sines, Patty Spangler, Matthew Spear, Josh & Heather Sprows, Judy & Barry Warren, Scott Woida, Tim Woida, 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.

SEPTEMBER



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Office Hours
 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM,
 Monday – Thursday

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Labor Day Office Closed 1	Jolly Quilters and Knotty Knotters 2 7:30 PM - Prop- erty Use	6:30 PM -SC 3 8 PM - AB	4	5 6 PM - Richards - May Rehearsal 5th Quarter Youth Party (after varsity football game)	6 3 PM - Richards - May Wedding
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8 AM - W 14 9:30 AM - Meet & Greet 10:40 AM - W 12:30 - Church Picnic at Grove	15 Visitor Info Due	Jolly Quilters and Knotty Knotters 16	6:30 PM -SC 17 8 PM - AB	18 7 PM - ALPHA	19 5th Quarter Youth Party (after varsity football game)	20 1 PM - Baby Shower
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8 AM - W 28 9:30 - SS 10:30 - Colo- nial Service 12 PM- Whis- key Rebellion	29	Jolly Quilters and Knotty Knotters 30	Event Key SC = Senior Choir AB = Adult Bells HTLCB= HTLC Band TOP = Tongues of Praise YOGB = Youth Bells		Worship Key W= Worship SS = Sunday School C = Communion PG = Prayer Group	



SUMMER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by
Tracey Kiesnowski and
Mike Countryman
May 13, 2008

A motion was made by Shirley Largent, seconded by Jay Berkey and passed to support Meals on Wheels and donate \$175 to supply dessert for the week of July 21st.

Rocky Ohler attended a dinner held by the Girl Scouts and accepted a Thank You Plaque for our church.

A motion was made by Mike Countryman, seconded by Darlene Hillegass and passed to approve the replacement of the fellowship hall ceiling with 12x12 tiles and replace the lighting with volunteer labor at the estimate cost of \$1,500. with a \$50 rebate.

A motion was made by Dave Long, seconded by Dave Marker

and passed to not support the Allegheny Synod request for financial support for a new full time staff person, to work in the area of stewardship and mission outreach. We will hold this position's ministry in prayer.

Deacons are working on training for home bound communion.

June 10, 2008

John Beachley went over the restricted funds with council and explained how each could be used. A motion was made by Dave Long and seconded by Dave Marker to have council decide on how to split the memorial funds between the endowment and memorial funds each month. Motion passed.

Jeff Moore gave a report on the youth program. He is setting up parent/student classes for Catechism and a class for acolytes. He is also reviewing requirements for confirmation.

It was suggested that Property Use fix the water fountain. Roger Clarke will be contacted to look at the cemetery arch, it needs some attention.

Pastor explained his new position as the Synod Dean of southern Somerset County.

Motion was made by Darlene and seconded by Dave Long to allow Berlin C.A.R.E.S. to store

things in the basement of Luther Haus. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Darlene and seconded by Jim Mowry to pay the cost of getting the kitchen properly licensed for the Safe Serve program. Motion passed.

Discussion was entertained on putting up two screens and projectors in the sanctuary. Rocky will get some prices.

It was reported that the stained glass window has been moved upstairs.

Prison Hope Ministries has requested any devotional material that is not being used for their work. We will put together what we have.

July 8, 2008

Tracey Kiesnowski will be the contact person for the alter flowers until Louise Ream is able to return.

A notice will be placed in the bulletin for a volunteer to be the new contact person for the Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries.

A motion was made by Mike Countryman, seconded by Jim Suder and passed to pursue a combination lock for the fellowship hall door.

The fellowship hall ceiling replacement will begin in the Fall.

Pastor's Time: Pastor Harmon attended a Church Convention Seminar about promotion of Mission Endowment Funds.

In the Fall we will be holding a free informational lecture on Elder Law.

The Gettysburg Seminary is looking for funds. We will hold a Gettysburg Seminary Sunday for support.

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
Darlene Hillegass	267-4433
Tracey Kiesnowski	267-7118
David Long	279-3014
Jim Mowry	443-3770
Jim Suder	267-4825
Youth Representative: Lisa Froehlich	

Mike Countryman	267-3426
Alice Hummel	267-4977
Shirley Largent	267-4255
Dave Marker	634-8563
Rocky Ohler	267-6137
Lenora Virtue	267-6486

We, the Fidelis Sunday School Class, are very appreciative of the Crusaders Class sponsoring the Live Alone Dinner April 27, 2008. Our class has been doing that service for the church for over 30 years. Because we are down to about 10 members, and our health problems and the lack of funds in our class treasury, we are truly thankful for the Crusaders stepping up and serving such a wonderful meal. Again, on the behalf of the Fidelis Class, thank you. -- Paul Pritts, Class President. **[Editor's Note: this letter was received by Paul earlier this summer. He passed away Aug. 17]**

Dear Holy Trinity Family: I'm still in Erie and improving daily. I no longer use a wheel chair, have advanced to a walker, and am walking more each day. Still nothing said as top when I may move out of here. Lots of therapy each day, care is very good and have much for which to be thankful.

Miss Berlin and its people. Thanks to Holy Trinity I've received many cards, prayers, get well wishes, phone calls and visits. Do miss you folks. I'll be home one of these days. Love and thanks, Louise Ream

I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards and well wishes during my recent stay in the hospital. A special thank you to Pastor John for his prayers and visit and to Dwayne & Marian for the flowers. I'm looking forward to warm weather and being able to be out and about again. -- Florence Engleka



Dear Crusaders Class and Holy Trinity Family: Thank you for the beautiful card. I would also like to thank you for the reception and preparing the food for us in honor of our graduation. It is greatly appreciated! Sincerely, Candace Croner

Dear Church Family: Thank you so much for the kindness and concern since my health has been failing. I'm feeling better, but these golden years are not too golden for me! The flowers were beautiful that Mary McQuade delivered, and I enjoyed my visit with her. She is a very special friend! Health and happiness to everyone, Irene Mowry

Jolly Quilters: Thank you so much for the donation. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. With sincere thanks, Trinity U.C.C. Hugs & Kisses Youth Group

Thank you for your generosity. With your help, Birthright of Somerset sold over 4,800 carnation this year. We thank you and God Bless. -- Beth Petrillo

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

Dear Knotty Knotters: We would like to thank you for your generous donation of 40 quilts. The Ronald McDonald House of Morgantown (W.Va.) provides lodging to approximately 1,400 families each year. Your donation helps to create a home-like atmosphere for families in their time of need. The families and staff truly appreciate your support. Best regards, RMHC of Morgantown

Dear Friends: On behalf of Penn State Cooperative Extension in Somerset County and the "Team Up in the Kitchen" program, I want to thank you for sharing your kitchen and social room facilities with us for three Saturday classes.

We had 14 participants of youth and adults teams. Learning to cook with mom or grandma was an important part of the program to promote family interaction. The groups prepared a breakfast, lunch and dinner while learning food safety, nutrition and attractive food presentation. Your facilities worked very well for the program format.

Supplies and food for "Team Up in the Kitchen" were provided by a grant with Birds Eye Foods/Snyder of Berlin. We were happy to be able to first offer this program in the Berlin area thanks to your cooperation.

If Penn State Cooperative Extension in Somerset County can ever be of educational assistance to you, please feel free to contact us at 445-8911 ext. 7. Sincerely,

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



I want to thank everyone who supported us over the summer and C.A.R.E.S. for the last 5 1/2 years. We still have six of our hometown people in the war zone, so Berlin C.A.R.E.S. has to keep going.

In July we were out at the Berlin Grove and we put on our show for our troops. Thanks again for everyone who came out to see us and to all the great talent we had.

We will be part of the Whiskey Rebellion again this year. We will have a table set up outside the church. So please come out and support us.

Right now our monetary funds are low and we need a lot of the thing we send in our boxes.

If you can donate any of these things, please do so. We will be so grateful. Without your help we have a hard time getting enough stuff for their boxes.

I hope you all had a great summer. Keep showing your support of our military

**Peace and Love to Everyone,
Dorothy Gerber
Berlin C.A.R.E.S.**

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

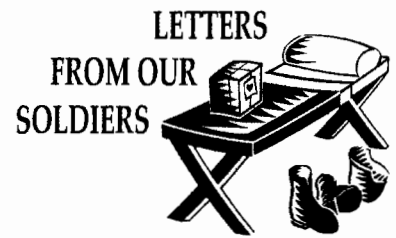
I wanted to take the time earlier to write, but things have been rather busy of late. I want to thank you all very much as the packages have been so great. As you can imagine the food out in the field isn't so grand as some of your sons can contest to! While out on convoys having something to snack on (Of home standards) helps boost you up!

I'm currently in the process of getting things packed up for my trip back home as this will be my last trip overseas. After 10 years of service, plenty of ordeals of getting shot at and the ever loved I.E.D.s that I've dealt with on past trips. I wanted to pull one last tour and now it is time to return home and settle down with my fiancé!

This trip was the first in which I could let the A.F. do a hometown release to the local papers back home, and I was glad they did because of having the blessing of such great folks back there to pull together and such great gifts of support! I truly thank each and every one of you who go to such lengths to give to us serving over here! You all are a blessing to us and the meaning of it coming from home just raises the significance of it all that much more!

A letter to me only holds a certain amount, so once I return to Florida I will be getting ready to take leave for a few weeks and return to New Baltimore and would love the chance to meet you all face to face to thank you! I will include my phone numbers that I can be reached at as I'm going to be home in Florida hopefully around the 20th of June.

Again, thank you all very much as it is great to have each and every one of you supporting us while we're away.



Sincerely,
Ron Plush

Cell (850) 420-3692
Parents in PA (814) 233-9177

Here's how you can help our soldiers in the war zone

Items that can be sent in boxes:

Foodstuff

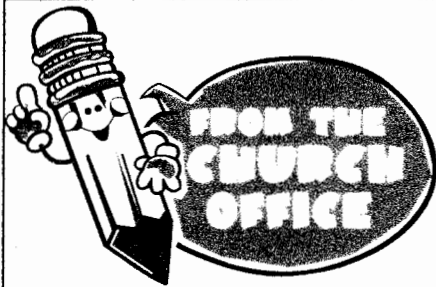
Cookies	Crackers
Drink Mix (cans or boxes)	
Candy	Gum
Snack Cakes	Beef Jerky
Slim Jims	Nuts (cans)
Small jars of peanut butter	
Tea Bags	Trail Mix
Granola or Fruit Bars	

Small cans of fruit, pudding

Misc. Items

Tissues	Wipes
Pens	Pencils
Liquid Soap	Flip Flops
Air fresheners	Vitamin C
Cough drops	Batteries
White crew socks	Lip Balm
Toothpaste and toothbrushes	
Sun screen	

All donations to Berlin C.A.R.E.S. can be dropped off at the Church Office (hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday) or in the Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations can be made out to "Berlin C.A.R.E.S." and can be placed in the offering plate.



Andrea Kreinbrook 267-5014
htlc@verizon.net

Office Hours

The office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1, for Labor Day.

I will not be in the office Wednesday, Sept. 10. I and the other church secretaries in Berlin will be attending a seminar held by the U.S. Post Office in Johnstown regarding changes in bulk mailing, which is how we get the newsletter to you each month!

Visitor Deadline

The deadline for the October newsletter will be Monday, Sept. 15. Information received after that date may be held for the November Visitor. Articles can be dropped off at the office or e-mailed to the address above.

Church seeking new worship helpers

Call-lists being sent out to current helpers

Our church could not operate without the help of our members. We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of people who participate in our worship experience as ushers,



Worship Helpers

lectors, communion assistants, acolytes and those who deliver the Children's Sermon at our 10:40 a.m. service.

To add to our services to the congregation and to welcome visitors to our church, we would like to implement greeters who would assist people who attend worship at Holy Trinity.

To be able to accomplish all of this, we need your help! We are always seeking additional people to hand out bulletins, read the lessons and the other duties our worship helpers do each Sunday.

The next few weeks we will include a survey in the Sunday bulletin asking for volunteers for these essential and important duties. Prayerfully consider what you can do to participate

at Holy Trinity.

Call lists

At the end of the month all of our Worship Helpers will receive a letter in the mail thanking them for their contribution to our worship experience. Enclosed with the letter will be a call list of fellow helpers who can be called to fill in or trade Sundays if a helper has a conflict on a specific Sunday. We hope this will make the process easier for everyone and keep our worship services running smoothly.

THANK YOU

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Dorothy Bromley, County Extension Director

Dear Knotty Knotters: Please let me take a few minutes of your time to say thank you for taking the time to make these walker purses. I was so happy to receive one when I left HealthSouth. You can believe it is being put to good use. Isn't it wonderful how much God loves us all. Sincerely meant, Unknown Author

Dear HTLC Ladies: Thank you

for serving our mother's dinner, and Lois Harris for being such a good cook, as always. Our church family is so great. Thank you, thank you. The Ferne Schrock Family.

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. Your contribution will assist Sequanota in many ways, especially as we prepare for the upcoming summer camping season. Please keep the Sequanota

ministry at a special place in your daily prayer life. In Christ's service, Pastor George Mason, Interim-Executive Director.

Dear Church Members: 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

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

New Alpha course on Revelations

The next Alpha offering of deepening our knowledge of scripture and the heritage and challenges of the faith begins on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. It will be a series of talks on *Revelations*, which has been requested by several Alpha attendees.

The evening will center on a video presentation by Dr. Bruce Metzger, a professor at Princeton and considered the world's leading authority on this strange and fascinating book. Speaking in a kindly, grandfatherly approach, he uses non-technical language to discuss this most mysterious book. The schedule for presentations of "Breaking the Code" and the corresponding Scripture is as follows:

Sept. 18 - (Rev. 1:1-20)



Alpha

Sept. 25 - (Rev. 2:1-3:22)

Oct. 2 - (Rev. 4:1-5:14)

Oct. 9 - (Rev. 6:1-8:4)

Oct. 16 - (Rev. 8:5 - 11:19)

Oct. 23 - (Rev. 12:1-14:20)

Nov. 6 - (Rev. 15:1-18:24)

Nov. 13 - (Rev. 19:1-22:21)

Nov. 20 - The 7 Churches of Revelations - final reflections.

Our evenings will include the visual presentations, overview, questions, brief Biblical study and refreshments. To indicate your plan to attend, please contact the Church Office. As with any Alpha offering, you need not attend every session if unable to, and you need not have taken a previous Alpha offering to benefit from this intriguing course.

ALSM holds Fall Bazaar

ALSM will hold its first Somerset County Bazaar starting at 10 a.m. Oct. 4 at the



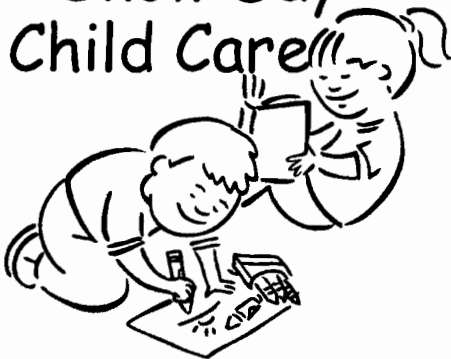
Friedens Lutheran Church. This is replacing the Johnstown Autumn Boutique, and the money raised will be used in Somerset County to support ALSM Adult Daycare, counseling or the new Somerset County Senior Living Facility to be built in 2009.

Individual contributions will be accepted from any church member who would like to donate. Items needed are pies and other bake sale items, as well as objects for a yard sale (good condition only, no adult clothing or shoes) and crafts. Anyone wishing to contribute is asked to bring their items to Friedens Lutheran on the morning of Oct. 3 or before 10 a.m. Oct. 4.

They are also looking for volunteers to help on Oct. 3 to make soup, sloppy joes and help receive crafts and yard sale items. For more information, contact Sarah Ogline at 444-8398.

Financial donations can be sent to Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries, c/o Mary Lou Berkey, P.O. Box 45, Jennerstown, PA 15547 no later than Sept. 20.

Snow Day Child Care

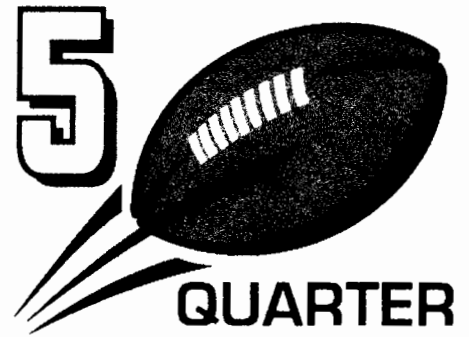
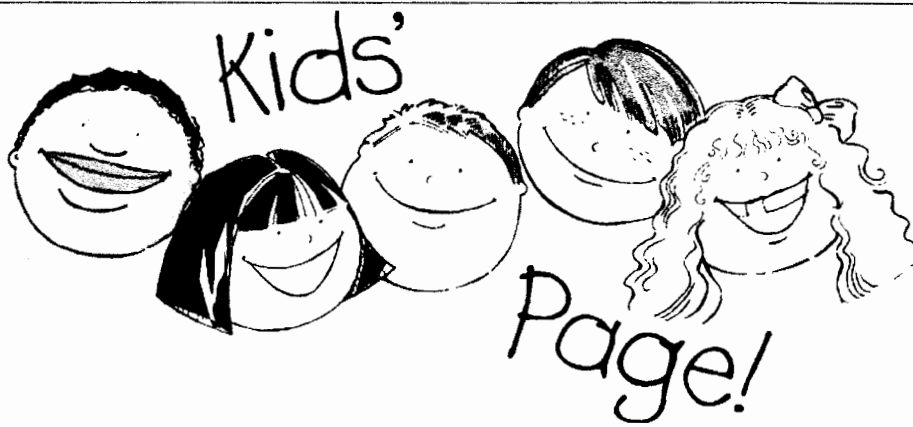


Although summer is not quite over and the new school year is just beginning, it's not too soon to start thinking about winter and the inevitable bad weather and school cancellations that come with it.

During the April Renewal Re-

treat one area that was addressed was providing child care for our members and the community. In particular, the idea was brought up to provide a place for school-age children to go when school is cancelled or dismissed early due to bad weather.

Before beginning this project we want to make sure there is enough interest to pursue it. If you and your family have a need for day care on snow days and would be interested in getting it at the church, please call the Church Office at 267-5014. Please call us, too, if you would like to help supervise the children at the church on snow days.



Greetings,

The summer is quickly slipping by and fall and the new school year is almost upon us.

I really enjoyed the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Sunday, August 10th. Mr. Kimmel is doing a splendid job and I pray for his continued ability to work with the youth and present a positive role model for them.

I also pray for all our students and teachers here in Berlin. In fact, Sunday evening, the 24th at 7 p.m. at the Brethren Church, they are having a pray service for the upcoming school year. Other events on our calendar include, but are not limited to:

August 24 – 11 a.m. Sunday school curriculum meeting

Sept. 6 - 8:30 p.m. outdoor family movie night at Dave & Susan Long's home.

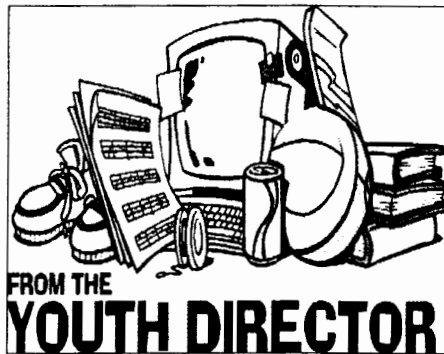
Sept. 7 – Sunday school - attendance pins

Sept. 14 – Meet & Greet in Sunday school for families.

Sept. 21 – Rally day in Sunday school.

Sept. 21 – Uncommon Life Kick-off at 4 p.m. at Charlene Murray's home

Oct. 5 – Hay ride at Broderick's pavilion at 3 pm.



All are welcome at these events.

I still want to get a mentoring/tutoring program set up as an after-school venue. I thank those that expressed interest in this; I still need more people, though. I will be in touch with you soon.


We are putting a calendar together for the reading of the entire Bible in a three-year period. It started out as a confirmation requirement, but the suggestion was made to open it up to the whole congregation. There will be Saturday morning get-togethers where we will discuss what we have read. Keep your eyes open for schedules on this.

JEFF MOORE is our Youth Director. He can be contacted by phone at (814) 267-5703 or by e-mail at lessormores@juno.com

After each Berlin Brothersvalley High School home varsity football game, a 5th Quarter Youth Party will be held at the home of Tim & Martie Sprowls at 610 10th Ave., Berlin.

The first get-together will be held Friday, Aug. 29, after the North Star game, and will continue on Sept. 5, 19 and 26. Refreshments will be available, and all youth are welcome to attend.

Youth Bells



Youth Bells are starting back up in September, and you're invited to join us.

Kids for Christ Chimers will practice on Sundays, at 6 p.m., and Youth of God Bells at 6:30 p.m.

Keep your eyes open for the official starting date in the church bulletin, or call Lorrie Shaw at 267-6541 for more info.

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

Head Usher: Jay Berkey

Altar Guild: Jay & Emily Berkey

*C = Communion

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	CHILDREN'S SERMON	LECTOR/ WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Sept. 7*	8 AM	*C Mitchell Walker	NA	*C Kerrie Broderick	*C Jim Broderick, Jay Engleka and Roger Schrock
	10:40 AM	*C Daria Kiesnowski	Maria Mowry	*C Andrea Kreinbrook	*C Doug, Kathy & David Bell
	4 PM	NA	NA	NA	*C Jay Berkey
Sept. 14	8 AM	Kane McKenzie	NA	Joy Deem	Don & Joy Gardner
	10:40 AM	Jason Ocker	Katlin Musser	Christine Blubaugh	Tom & Jane Fisher
Sept. 21	8 AM	Jon Pribelsky	NA	Stephanie Waydo	Ron & Kathy Yoder
	10:40 AM	Trevor Moore	Susan Straight	Sue Clites	Tracey Kiesnowski & Jim Froehlich
Sept. 28	8 AM	Emily Philip	NA	Sandy Shober	Chip Landis and Charles Maust
	10:30 AM	Jessica Leydig	NA - Colonial Service	Jean Ferguson	Dale Leydig Team