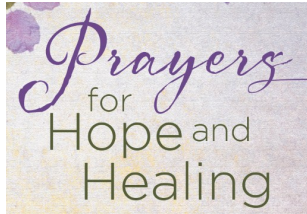


# The Trinity Trumpet

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- Amanda Spahr—Brain issues
- Aiden Snyder—Leukemia returned
- Jerry Higgins—Cancer
- Amber
- Gracee
- Peace in Ukraine & People of Ukraine
- Jody Hesler—Safety
- Jayne Connair—Cancer free
- Brian Connair—Headaches & throat issue
- Bev Zimmer—Health
- Mike Gray—Healing
- Marvin Fourman—Health
- Tyler Morris—Paralyzed from auto accident
- Mary Piel—Health
- Patti Troutwine—Recovery at home
- Mary Lou Lewis—Breast cancer
- Mike Goodwin—Cancer
- Jim Brown—Health
- Chris Mumaw—Cancer remission
- Grayson Naff—Batten, Rare childhood disease
- Brycelin Troutwine—Health issues
- Katherine Jump—Health
- Jeanne Campbell—Cancer
- Jane Baxter—Healing
- Israel fighting
- Paul Cline—Health
- Allison—Seizures
- Trinity Youth—Growing in their faith
- Doug Etter—Colon Cancer
- Melanie Musser—Housing issue
- Dennis & Ellen McDonnell—Health

## Prayer Concerns— Current and ongoing

- Shirley Shouders & Son Tyler—Health
- Steve & Joetta—Emotional strength
- Norma Crawford—Aging issues
- Dale Spahr—Healing
- Marge Warner—Healing
- Brixton—Health
- Lynn Spahr—Heart
- Marlene Dirksen—Sinus/Asthma
- Jan Giraro—Chronic pain/Depression
- Jerry E—Health
- Cary Feitsans—Health
- Michelle—Health
- David Netzley—Diabetes/Surgery
- Brenda Harleman—Cancer
- Niki Angles—Strength
- Jim & Sally Swingley—Health
- Pat Rademachir—Health
- Constance Menke—Health
- Amber Ross
- Brooke Bergman—Car accident
- Sam Porter—Healing
- Sidney Brown—Head injury
- Erick Pelfrey—Knee Surgery
- Miller Weiss—Surgery recovery
- Kelly Fourman—Cancer
- Julie Bourne—Health
- Joanne Carter
- Cory Hocker—Cancer
- Nancy Longo—Heart surgery
- Sophie
- Stephen Angles—Headaches
- Eric Warner—Health
- Julie Volk—Eyes
- California Wildfire Victims
- Jason Schenk—Cancer
- Neil Crawford—Fall
- Linda Emerick—Heart surgery
- Lydia Troutwine—Cancer
- Linda Feitshans—Pneumonia
- Phyllis B—Healing
- Julie Kossler—Sinus surgery
- Ruby Boord—Lung cancer
- Devon Eley—Back surgery
- Lee Crowell
- David Kepler—Health
- Chloe Price—Healing
- Jerome Brown—Heart healing
- Pat Riley
- Kessler Family—Fire
- Jane Olson—Hospice
- Luke Pauley—Headache
- Kip Kistler—Health
- Becky Schultz—Health
- Gary Barnhart—Hospice
- Dale Thomas—Pancreatic cancer
- Lin & Susan Kauffman
- Gene—Health
- Blaze—Brain surgery
- Dewitt
- Nancy Troutwine—Health
- Chris Cassel—Sickness
- Elvin Fourman—Heart problems
- Larry Billenstein—Healing from a fall
- Don & Mary Moyers—Health
- Martha Fleetwood—Health

### *Our sympathy*

**to the families of**

**Tom Fourman  
Marilyn Creager  
Andy Cummings  
David Roberts  
Jane Kendall**

Prayer requests may be emailed at anytime to [trinityprayers@woh.rr.com](mailto:trinityprayers@woh.rr.com) and upon receipt your request will be shared so that many will be praying immediately.

## Youth & Family Ministry



**MAY**



**Youth Sunday School** is aimed at pre-K through 6th grade. Marlene Dirksen is our Sunday School Coordinator. If you would like to make a positive impact on our youth- please see Marlene. I am sure she would love to have you assist with Sunday School.

**Trinity Troops- (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders).** Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 1st. We will be planning for a summertime cookout.

**Confirmation Class**—Confirmation is for those youth in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Confirmation is currently each Sunday starting at 9am. Remember that all confirmands are encouraged to fill out the sermon notes and turn them in to the Pastor. Confirmands are also encouraged to sign up to acolyte- Be sure to sign on the acolyte calendar when you serve.

**Acolyte training**-Any youth who wishes to serve as an acolyte - please contact the Pastor or Ms. PJ.

**Adult Sunday School** Come join us for some fellowship prior to church service. Adult Sunday School is from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. We are currently using Christian Conversation cards to have meaningful discussions.

**Special Sunday School offering.** None scheduled at this time

**Youth and Family Ministry Meeting-** May 1st at 10am. This is an open meeting to anyone interested with our mission here at Trinity.

**Vacation Bible School-** Mark your calendars- July 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2025! YeeHaw is our theme. Now is the time to let PJ know if you will be able to assist with VBS.

**Video/book club-** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 6pm-7:30ish. The Chosen television series. Bible readings, then the video, followed by a discussion. And no meeting is complete unless there are snacks! No meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> as it is Mother's Day.

**Fund Raiser-** Trash Bash. Thank you, Marlene, for organizing this event. Our Youth group raised \$400 by making the roads in Pittsburg a little cleaner.

**Youth Sunday-** April 27<sup>th</sup>. All youth are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the church service.

**Youth Retreat-** Anyone youth wanting to attend the Youth retreat – please let pastor or PJ know.

**Mother/Daughter/Friend Event-** May 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-4. See WELCA article for more detail.

*All things work together for good to them that love God. Romans 8:28*  
PJ Musser, (937-626-3295), Youth and Family Ministry Leader (2023-2024)

## OHIO SUMMER YOUTH RETREAT

FOR YOUTH ENTERING 6th GRADE THROUGH 12th GRADE!

June 29-July 2, 2025 @ Hopewood Pines Lutheran

Memorial Camp in Marengo, Ohio.

Contact Pastor or Ms PJ for more information!



**HopeWood**  
Pines



## MAY 2025

May is a month full of beauty and new beginnings. Trees are in full leaf, flowers are blooming, and the days stretch longer with light. It's a natural reminder of the renewal and life God gives us daily. As we move into warmer days, we also step into a season that invites reflection, gratitude, and fresh purpose.

Mother's Day, right in the heart of May, gives us a moment to honor the women who've shaped our lives. Whether they are mothers by birth, by adoption, or by influence, we give thanks for the nurturing strength they bring. We remember that motherhood, in all its forms, reflects the care and love of God. Proverbs thirty-one reminds us of the woman who "fears the Lord"—a quiet strength worth celebrating. In church life, May is often filled with activity—graduations, confirmation, and preparation for summer events. It's a good time for us as women of faith to think about how we're serving and supporting one another. Is there someone new to invite to church? A neighbor who needs encouragement? A young mom who could use a break?

*Our Mother/Daughter/Friend Event*  
**May 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-4.**  
**Our theme is butterflies and birds.**  
**You may bring a small appetizer to share (not required).**  
**Men will serve and clean up.**  
**Larry Harter will provide our musical entertainment.**

Our next meeting is August 6th at 11:30 am — our planning meeting for the next year. Our hostesses are Pat and Pam.

### Fund Raising Activities:

- ◇ Rada Knife ongoing fund raiser- see Portia.
- ◇ Cleaning Cloths- see Diane Warner
- ◇ Raffle hand towels by Linda

As the month moves forward, let's take time to rest in God's presence, even in the busyness. Let's also look for ways to lift up the women around us—not just with flowers or cards, but with prayer, encouragement, and acts of kindness that last well beyond one Sunday in May.

Jesus loves you and so do I!  
PJ- WELCA president at Pittsburg Trinity Lutheran Church 2024/2025



Layni Ressler will be graduating from Franklin Monroe this year and plans to attend the University of Findlay in the fall to pursue a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.



to her  
**Graduation Party on Saturday, June 14th 5—8 pm at 3108 Schnorf Jones Rd., Arcanum.**

### MEMORIAL DAY POPPY

On Memorial Day, wearing a red poppy is a way to honor those who have died in service to the country. This flower, often in the form of artificial paper or fabric, is worn to honor those who have served in the military, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The poppy's symbolic Association with remembrance stems from World War I, where they were among the first flowers to grow in the soil over the graves of fallen soldiers in Flanders Fields in Belgium. The poem "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae, a Canadian physician and poet, further popularized the poppy as a symbol of remembrance. Organizations like the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) have adopted the poppy as their official memorial flower and continue to distribute them to raise funds and awareness.



# Word from Our Pastor



## Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Dear Friends in Christ, grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the risen Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

As we step into the month of May, the joy of Easter still echoes in our hearts. Though the lilies may be fading and the Easter eggs long since found, the Good News of the Resurrection is not just a one-day celebration—it's a way of life. Christ is risen—risen indeed, and that changes everything.

Here in Darke County, we know that new life doesn't happen all at once. It comes gradually, quietly—seeds germinating beneath the soil, green shoots stretching toward the sun. So also, it is with resurrection life. Easter may be one day on the calendar, but the power of the resurrection is at work every day: in second chances, in healing, in forgiveness, and in hope that refuses to die.

I'm seeing a glimpse of that power at work right here in our community. A local family—longtime members of Arcanum and neighbors to some of you—suffered a devastating house fire. It was a heartbreaking loss. The remnants of Saint Matthew's Church along with their partners at Son Rise Church in Arcanum are putting together a spaghetti supper as a fund raiser to help the family. Those same friends, just last month, helped our congregation with two massive meat and cheese trays for our back to back funerals. Now, it's our turn to help our neighbors with their ministry to this devastated family. It might be a small step toward reconciliation between Trinity and the remnants of Saint Matthew's after all these years. What looked like destruction can become an opportunity for God's grace to shine. The Spaghetti Dinner is Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. More information is available in this Newsletter and in our Sunday Bulletins.



## BENEFIT DINNER

This season, as you watch the fields come to life around us, I invite you to see in the greening of the fields, a living parable of God's promise. The same God who brings corn and beans from the earth also brings life from the tomb. The same God who raised Jesus from the dead is still at work in our lives, our families, and our church—bringing growth, renewal, reconciliation, and hope.

Let us continue to be Easter people—people of joy, people of grace, people who trust in God's power to bring life out of death and light out of darkness. May your days be filled with sunshine, your hearts with peace, and your lives with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Mel



### SPAGHETTI DINNER –

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 – 6 pm at SonRise Church, 750 Arcanum Ithaca Rd., Ithaca to support Steve & Robin Kessler following a devastating fire that destroyed their home. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased at SonRise Church, Arcanum Faith UMC, or Fourman's Variety Store. The dinner includes spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread, salad, drink and a cookie. (A slice of pie is available for \$2.00) There will also be entertainment and a raffle of local business donations and craft persons – tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.



**MAY 2025**

**Blood Pressure screenings after worship service when announced.**

**Finding Hope: Mental Health Awareness in the Light of Faith**



May is recognized across the nation as Mental Health Awareness Month—a time to shine a light on an issue that touches countless lives, including those within our church family. While we often focus on physical health in our prayers and care ministries, mental health is just as vital to our overall well-being. As followers of Christ, we are called to care for the whole person—body, mind, and spirit.

Mental health challenges affect people of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, one in five adults in the U.S. experiences mental illness each year. That statistic includes people in our pews, our Bible study groups, and even our own families. By speaking openly and compassionately about mental health, we help break the stigma and create a safe space for healing.

Jesus often reached out to those who were suffering in silence—those who were overlooked or misunderstood by society. In the same way, we can extend Christ's love and compassion to those who are struggling mentally and emotionally. Whether it's anxiety, depression, grief, or burnout, no one should feel ashamed or alone in their struggle.

Mental illness is not a sign of weak faith. Just as we seek medical help when we break a bone or catch the flu, seeking help for our mental health is wise and responsible. Faith and professional care can go together. God has gifted counselors, therapists, and doctors with knowledge and tools that can bring restoration and hope.

As a church community, we have a unique role to play. We can check in with one another, offer a listening ear, and encourage one another in love. Creating space in our ministries for honest conversations about mental health can be life-giving. Sometimes, the most powerful ministry is simply showing up and saying, "You're not alone."

Let us also remember the importance of self-care. Even Jesus took time away from the crowds to rest and pray. Taking care of our mental health might mean setting boundaries, getting enough sleep, or finding moments of joy in each day. These practices help us better love God and serve others.

If you or someone you know is struggling, please don't hesitate to reach out. Talk to a pastor, a trusted friend, or a professional counselor. Our church is a place of grace, not judgment—a community where healing can begin. We are stronger when we carry one another's burdens and walk together in hope.

This Mental Health Awareness Month, may we be reminded that God's love reaches every corner of our hearts and minds. Let us be a church that reflects that love, offering hope and support to all who are weary. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)



**CHRISTIANS**  
Caring for each other

PJ Musser MSN RN Community Faith Nurse

**PRAYERS & SQUARES QUILTING**  
May 8 & 27 at 10:00 am

**Ladies & Gents Luncheon**  
Thursday, May 15th at 11:30 am  
@ Toll House Tavern,  
128 N. Main St., Union OH  
Please contact Linda Baker at 937-545-8410  
or 937-547-0975 if you plan to attend.



# May Celebrations



## Birthdays

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|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Russ Spalding    | 12 Carol Castello  | 19 Shelly Evans       |
| Yvonne Barga       | Jennifer Baker     | 20 Hayley Harleman    |
| 4 Shannon Ressler  | Sarah Jasinski     | 24 Callie Schmitmeyer |
| 5 Shawn Thompson   | Sharon Archer      | 25 Bradley Harleman   |
| Mendy Archer       | 13 Kurt Baker      | Kyle Ressler          |
| 7 Justin Vanatta   | 15 Miles Baker     | 26 Micah Angles       |
| 9 Cindy Bruner     | 16 Danyelle Cool   | 27 Austin Harleman    |
| David McKibben     | Jennifer Hemmerich | 29 Maya Diceanu       |
| Larkin Ressler     | 17 Jean Cool       |                       |
| 10 Nicolas Daniels | 18 Joshua Snider   |                       |
| Stephanie Tromba   | Zayden Hemmerich   |                       |



## Anniversaries



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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 9 Russ & Jennifer Spalding | 24 Jon & April Zderad    |
| 15 BJ & Bethany Nickol     | 25 Don & Rose Lucas      |
| 16 Paul & Christi Jasinski | 29 Laszlo & Sara Koos    |
| 17 Stephen & Julie Kossler | 31 Mark & Krista Coppess |
| 18 Joe & Kelly Netzley     |                          |



## Baptisms



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|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Julie Kossler     | 12 Diana Hesler      | 22 Melanie Merzke  |
| Shirley Thompson    | Tyler Tauscher       | 23 Shannon Ressler |
| 3 Joyce Hofacker    | 15 Ava Erdmann       | 24 Natalie Snider  |
| Justin Troutwine    | Wesley Harleman      | 26 Kalysta Thobe   |
| 8 Devyn Thobe       | 20 Judy Ulrich       | 27 Noah Harleman   |
| 9 Barbara Gettinger | 21 Isabella Harleman | 28 Ryan Garwood    |
| 10 Pam Barga        | Morgan Custer        | Tony Garwood       |
|                     |                      | 31 Blake Gettinger |

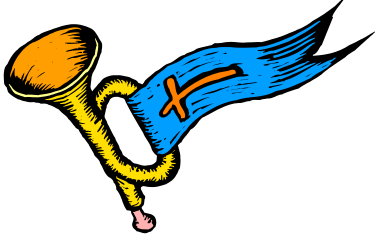
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