



The Lamplighter

Trinity United Church of Christ

May, June, and July 2020



I lift up my eyes to the hills –
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

~Psalm 121:1-3

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity UCC –

Our sense of security is lost, fears and rumors afflict us, and nightmares waken us in the dark of night. Things we never imagined happening in our lifetimes are now happening. Even our beloved church buildings are locked and quiet. So where do we turn? Where do we find comfort in the midst of pandemic? We find comfort in the same place we have always found it – Psalm 121 reminds us we lift our eyes to the hills for our help comes from the one that never leaves us or forsakes us. Our help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

The window in our living room faces to the East. When conditions are right, we are blessed with spectacular sunrises, deep oranges, reds, and yellows filtering through the trees in our side yard welcoming us to a new day. Terri and I have experienced several in the last few months, and it's hard to imagine the current state of our world while seeing the beauty of a sunrise. The sight brings me hope and reminds me that this too will pass. That's not to say these months will leave us without scars. We know people who have experienced great loss due to COVID-19, and it's heartbreaking. For that reason, I find annoying some of the oft-repeated platitudes I hear in the news or on television commercials. The phrase "We're all going to get through this" is particularly hurtful. No, not everyone will "get through this." Already more than 50,000 people have died from the virus in the United States alone. We know that our faith doesn't protect us from pain and suffering, but it does give us hope, hope and assurance of continuous love and life.

Where are you finding hope during this time? For me, I'm finding renewed hope through prayer. I've shared some of the words and thoughts of Father Henri Nouwen before in my sermon messages, and he provides comforting encouragement to me as I read and reread his work. Following is an excerpt on prayer from his book *You Are the Beloved*.

To pray means to open your hands before God. It means slowly relaxing the tension that squeezes your hands together and accepting your existence with an increasing readiness, not as a possession to defend, but as a gift to receive. Above all, prayer is a way of life that allows you to find stillness in the midst of the world where you open your hands to God's promises and find hope for yourself, your neighbor, and your world. In prayer, you encounter God not only in the small voice and the soft breeze, but also in the midst of the turmoil of the world, in the distress and joy of your neighbor, and in the loneliness of your own heart.

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Prayer leads you to see new paths and to hear new melodies in the air. Prayer is the breath of your life that gives you freedom to go and to stay where you wish, to find the many signs that point out the way to a new land. Praying is not simply some necessary compartment in the daily schedule of a Christian or a source of support in a time of need, nor is it restricted to Sunday mornings or mealtimes. Praying is living. It is eating and drinking, acting and resting, teaching and learning, playing and working. Praying pervades every aspect of our lives. It is the unceasing recognition that God is wherever we are, always inviting us to come closer and to celebrate the divine gift of being alive.

In the end, a life of prayer is a life with open hands – a life where we need not be ashamed of our weaknesses but realize that it is more perfect for us to be led by the Other than to try to hold everything in our own hands.

Father Nouwen died in 1996, but his words are timeless and, I think, particularly relevant to today. Praying is living, and God is with each of us. I hope you will find time to share with me how you are finding hope during these difficult days. Please know that you are in my prayers. May the peace of Christ rest and abide in you.

Respectfully Submitted, Pastor Dave

CHURCH RECORD

Births

Karlee Marie Dyke-Vogt was born on January 5, 2020. She is the daughter of Kilee and Mike Vogt.

Addisyn Marie Stover was born on January 17, 2020. She is the daughter of Alia Smith and Colby Stover.

Baptisms

Cleo Jean Wolfgang and Mae Alise Wolfgang were baptized on January 19, 2020. They are daughters of Leanna and Kirk Wolfgang.

CHURCH NEWS

- Graduation Recognition Service – A graduation recognition service will be held on June 7 at TUCC; if you have a student who will be graduating from high school, trade school, college, etc., please contact the church office (814-364-2120) so the graduate's name can be included in the bulletin.
- Vacation Bible School – The Centre Hall Council of Churches is hosting Vacation Bible School for children ages 3 to 5th grade on July 26-30, 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. with a free dinner served at 5:30 p.m. for attendees. Please contact Carol Clark-Baney or Terri Downer for more information or to sign up.
- Summer Schedule – Beginning Sunday, June 7, and continuing through August, Adult Sunday School will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Worship Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. May 24 will be the final Youth/Children's Sunday School and they will reconvene on September 13.
- Lawn Mowing – Your help is needed to mow the church lawn this summer; a sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Mower and gasoline are provided. Youth (under age 18) that sign up to mow will receive \$25 per mowing; youth must be accompanied by an adult.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

...to those who lead the Call to Worship: Rick Arnold, Sally Arnold, Paige Auman, Dorothy Strickler,

...to those who read Scripture: Rick Arnold, Sally Arnold, Angela Auman, Carole Smith, Dorothy Strickler

...to those who conducted Children's Worship: Terri Downer, Ruth Floray, Vickie Fultz, Teri Statham

...to Madelyn Miller, Haley Miller, and Tessa Walter for preparing Valentine's cards for the shut-ins

...to Carol Clark-Baney for being the liturgist on February 16

...to Michele Brown for purchasing a "Boom Box" and CDs for spiritual enlightenment for some of the shut-ins

...to those who participate in the JJPowell Church Program - \$121.39 was credited to the church oil account for the period July 1 to December 31, 019

...to Jackie Stover and her daughters, Jessica and Brianna, for preparing the Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner

...to Cleo and Don Matter for preparing the favors for the Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner, and to all who helped serve the meal














...to all who attended the Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner; \$407 was raised toward the Kid's Club
 ...to all who contributed to the "Souper Bowl" of offering; \$128 and many cans of soup were donated to the Centre Hall Food and Fuel Pantry
 ...to all who contributed to the Hartman Center special offering; \$237 was donated to the Center
 ...to all who contributed to Missionary Speaker Glen Evans' Art for Humanity charity for the poor; \$410 will help to assist families in need
 ...to Pastor Dave, Terri Downer, Katie Auman, Paige Auman, Scott Frazier, Hannah Gooch, Sterling Kocher, Carole Smith, and Jason Smith for their contributions to the virtual weekly worship services
 ...to Steve and Tammy Besecker for installing the Easter cross on the church lawn
 ...to Steve and Tammy Besecker for contacting church members regarding purchasing Easter flowers and arranging for their pickup
 ...to Bob Henry for painting the doors leading in to the church library
 ...to Trinity UCC's chancel choir for their music during Lenten services

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Barry & Glenda Abrams	Lance Arney	Denny Beckenbaugh	Cim Besecker	Jane Boldin
Kaelynn Bressler	Hunter Bristow & Family	Carol Brown	*Betty Burd	Bobbi Chard
T. J. Coursen	Hank Cramer	*Marie Crater	Bonnie Davis	Erin, Austin, Conner Derr
Charles Dreibelbis	*Jean Dunklebarger	Lori Ebert-Tyworth	Kellie Eichler	Gracie Eisenhower
Jim & Tanya Evans	*Trudy Furner	Bonnie Graziouse	*Mary Hardy	Myrtle Harpster
*John & Carol Hayes	Nancy Heaton	Megan Henry	Patricia Hess	Janet Houser
Olivia Lewis	Gina Lucas	Diane Matter	Peter McDevitt	Joshua Miller
Ethel Musick	Tanya Musser	Paige Musser-Gray	Rycen Musser	Larry Myers
*Miriam Myers	Malcolm Obiri	Matthew Renno, Jr.	Jane Rimmey	Tom Runkle
Iain Scoular	Denise Simms	Marilyn Sproule	JR Stoner	Laurie Stover
Lori Stover	Ronald Sweitzer	Jenn & Abbey Tice	Colin & Jaci Tucker	Rebecca Wagner
Jeff Weist	Chris Wert	*Faye Winkelblech	Duane and Wilma Yarger	Sandy Young

[*In personal care residence]

ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND APRIL 2020

Date	Worship Service	Sunday School	Date	Worship Service	Sunday School	Date	Worship Service	Sunday School
Feb. 2	67	28	Mar. 1	76	34	Apr. 5		
Feb. 9	78	32	Mar. 8	73	20	Apr. 12		
Feb. 16	67	16	Mar. 15	41	0	Apr. 19		
Feb. 23	78	35	Mar. 22			Apr. 26		
 Church activities suspended due to coronavirus precautions.			Mar. 29					

Easter Flower Recognition

EASTER FLOWERS PLACED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Roy K. Dunklebarger, Richard and June Arnold,
Alfred and Anna Dunklebarger,
J. Fred and Cora Slack
by Rick and Sally Arnold

Amelia Mae Sharer
by Joyce Barner and Family

Robert and Virginia Bradford,
Robert and Bertha Walker,
Robert (Hat) and Edie Walker
by Linda Barner and Family

Kate Rodriguez, Denise Besecker, Willis Yarnell,
and our Grandparents
by Steve, Tammy, and Tara Besecker

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wiand, Mr. Grant Boozer,
Mr. C. William Boozer,
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Krape,
and Miss Michelle Renee Boozer
by Dennis Wiand and Jane Boozer Family

James and Hazel Swales,
Glenn Bressler, Aaron and Amanda Gutshall
by Denny and Vickie Bressler and Family

Don and Bernice Young,
George and Faye Lyons
by Jeff and Carol Clark-Baney

Gil and Jean Downer, Frank and Doris McClure
by David and Terri Downer

Clarence Rudy, Esther Rudy Taylor,
Emory and Alice Floray, Charles Taylor
by Ben and Ruth Floray

Kenneth and Sara Frazier,
Don and Bernice Seacord
by Mike and Carol Frazier

James and Frances Keller,

John and Bertha Henry
by Robert and Ardranna Henry

Rev. Fred and Etta H. Irwin
by Sid and Polly Hoskins

Paul and Flora Martz,
Glenn, Margaret, and Anna Mary Johnstonbaugh,
Janice and Larry Weber
by John and Lois Martz

Jeannine Matter,
Garman, Renna, and Richard Matter
by Don and Cleo Matter and Family

Bruce and Renna Knarr
by A. Richard and Josephine McNitt

Mr. and Mrs. E. Russell Davis,
Mr. and Mrs. George Moellenbrock, Sr.
by George and Ann Moellenbrock

Linda Dutrow, Clyde Corman, Jr., Fred Pecht,
Claude and Grace Dutrow,
John and Freda Meeker
by Joan Pecht and Nevin Dutrow

Emory and Alice Floray, Samuel and Verna Reed,
George and Leone Lutz
by Robert and Shirley Reed

Pamela Reish
by Gregory and Harrison Reish

Richard Runkle, Wallace and Grace Runkle,
Guyer and Alma Grove
by Hetty Runkle

George and Florence Smith,
Emory and Alice Floray
by Lynn and Carole Smith

Russell, Lois, and Debbie Homan,
Ira and Rose Crozier

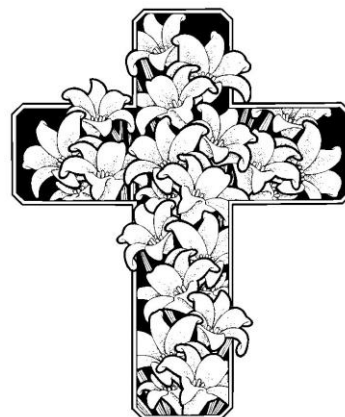
by Ron and Denise Sweitzer and Family

Ed Treaster, Bill and Nannie Breon,
Charles and Carrie Treaster

*by Peggy Treaster, Doug Treaster, and
Erin and Ben Wamboldt*

Bernard Vogt

by Nancy Vogt and Family



EASTER FLOWERS PLACED IN HONOR OF:

Our Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

by Robert and Ruby Bair

Our Church Family

by Jeff and Carol-Clark Baney

Logan, Madison, Garth, Jared, Caleigh,

Kara, Darin, Cheryl, and Sean

by Larry and Dot Strickler

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Responsibility	May	June	July
Head Usher	Sally Arnold	Larry Campbell	Jackie Stover
Alternate Usher	Sara Floray	Carol Readinger	Nancy Wagner
Altar Flowers	Tammy Besecker	Tammy Besecker	Tammy Besecker
Altar Guild	Denise Sweitzer	Joyce Barner	Lois Martz
Caregiver	Carol Frazier	Jane Boozer	Jane Boozer
Chancel Choir Director	Terri Downer	Terri Downer	Terri Downer
Fellowship Coordinator	Ann Moellenbrock	Dorothy Strickler	Volunteer Needed
Nursery Coordinator	Carol Clark-Baney	Carol Clark-Baney	Carol Clark-Baney
Oil in Candles	Tammy Besecker	Cathy Arney	Carol Clark-Baney
Organist	Carole Smith Alyssa Limbaugh	Carole Smith Alyssa Limbaugh	Carole Smith Alyssa Limbaugh
SALT Hostess	Lynnette Breon	Lisa Campbell	Leena Wolfgang

Date	Greeter	Greeter	Call to Worship	Scripture Reader	Children's Message
May 3	Linda Barner	Joyce Barner	Pastor Dave	Sally Arnold	Vickie Fultz
May 10	Tammy & Steve Besecker	Ruth & Ben Floray	Steve Riegel		Terri Downer
May 17	Jane Boozer & Dennis Wiand	Lynnette & Kurt Breon			Teri Statham
May 24	Vickie & Dennis Bressler	Jean & Russell Brooks			Ruth Floray
May 31	Lisa & Larry Campbell	Vickie Creighton			
June 7	Richard Delaney	Joan Pecht & Nevin Dutrow	Pastor Dave		No Children's Message during June, July, and August.
June 14	Scott & Ruth Ann Floray & Family	Carol & Mike Frazier			
June 21	Vickie & Glenn Fultz	Sara & Michael Hanson & Family			
June 28	Ardranna & Robert Henry	Amanda & Jake Heverly & Family			
July 7	Karen Keller	Megan & Patrick Kelly & Delaney	Pastor Dave		
July 14	Cassandra & David King Family	Donna Krebs			
July 21	Lois & John Martz	Cleo & Don Matter			
July 28	Jo McNitt	Eleanor & Bruce Meyer			
August 2	Tricia & Brooks Meyers Family	Ann & George Moellenbrock			
August 9	Carol Musick-Meyer	Dawn & David Nicholas			

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Great
are the
works
of the
Lord.



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY, JUNE, and July 2020

May 3:	Acts 2:42-47	John 10:1-10
May 10:	Acts 7:55-60	John 14:1-14
May 17:	Acts 17:22-31	John 14:15-21
May 24:	Acts 1:6-14	John 17:1-11
May 31:	Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23
June 7:	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Matthew 28:16-20
June 14:	Genesis 18:1-15	Matthew 9:35-10:8
June 21:	Genesis 21:8-21	Matthew 10:24-39
June 28:	Genesis 22:1-14	Matthew 10:40-42
July 5:	Genesis 24:34-38	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 12:	Genesis 25:19-34	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 19:	Genesis 28:10-19a	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 26:	Genesis 29:15-28	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Carter Wolfgang
Gregory Reish
3 DeAnn Martz
4 James Evans
5 Ella Aston
Laney Aston
Glenn Fultz
Mike Frazier
Louise Shope
6 John Smith
7 Carol Hayes
8 Alyssa Boob
9 Nancy Wagner
15 Ronald Napolitan
17 J. Edward Keller
Marieta Smith
18 Julia Lucas
Gary Ream
20 Charles Patschke
Carol Readinger
John Runkle
23 Randy Smith
24 Paxton Williams
Paisley Williams
25 Paige Auman
Elizabeth Reeser
26 Joshua Evans
27 Corby Smith
29 Ruby Bair
Teri Statham

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

16 Tyler and Cassandra Fultz
18 Scott and Emily Martell
21 David and Cassandra King
23 Benjamin and Ruth Floray
27 Kirk and Leena Wolfgang
30 David and Terri Downer

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Erin Derr
4 Toni Witherite
5 Larry Campbell
7 Erin Wamboldt
8 Annissa Nace-Bogan
9 Myles Downer
Jackson Romig
11 Terri Downer
Sydney Heverly
12 Quaid Waltz
15 Katelyn Auman
Samuel Martell
17 Jaxon Williams
Kirk Wolfgang
18 Ben Malone
24 John Aston, Jr.
Eleanor Meyer
25 Nathan Sickler
26 Daniel Readinger
28 Lance Arney
30 Aidan Balsley
Jacob Heverly

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1 Raymond and Janda Hankinson
4 Russell and Jean Brooks
6 Richard and Joanne Heck
8 Sean and Cheryl Grenoble
9 Richard and Brenda Lucas
12 Craig and Martha Weidensaul
19 George and Ann Moellenbrock
22 Lance and Cathy Arney
Robert and Shirley Reed
26 Patrick and Megan Kelly
27 Rodney and Joyce Barner

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Carol Frazier
4 Russell Schleiden
5 Robert Rumbaugh
6 Terry Coulter
Martha Weidensaul
7 Renee Cronin
8 Valerie Barner
Marley Fultz
Sarah Hall
9 John Martz
10 Alyssa Limbaugh
13 Tricia Limbaugh
15 Kurt Breon
Gertrude Furner
Joanne Heck
Haley Miller
Madelyn Miller
John Shope
Kirk Stover
16 Jonathan Downer
Morgan Neese
17 Mila Baney
19 Charlie Romig
Lynn Smith
20 Benjamin Battaglia
Andrew Hankinson
21 Jacqueline Stover
25 Emily Milroy
Benjamin Floray
Nicholas Limbaugh
26 Patricia Battaglia
Colby Sweitzer
28 Braelee Nace-Bogan
H. Bruce Meyer
31 Nevin Wilt
Maude Young

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1 John and Lois Martz
Miguel and Erin Rubio
5 H. Bruce and Eleanor Meyer
8 Larry and Dorothy Strickler
9 Michael and Sara Hanson
Robert and Rhonda Rumbaugh
10 Bradley and Yulia Floray
13 Kevin and Sarah Coulter
14 Lorren and Carol Brown
Mark and Erin Eckley
24 Ben and Sylvia Malone
27 Ryan and Laura Sweitzer
28 Dan and Lori Walter
30 John and Marieta Smith