

Pastor's Ponderings

Pastor David Eisenhuth

I grew up watching cartoons. One of my favorites was *Casper, the Friendly Ghost*. Casper was created in the late 1930s by Seymour Reit and Joe Oriolo, the former devising the idea for the character and later providing illustrations. Intended as the basis for a 1939 children's story book, there was initially little interest in their idea. When Reit was away on military service during the Second World War, Oriolo sold the rights to the book to Paramount Picture's animation division, for which he had previously worked.

The Friendly Ghost, the first Nov-eltoon to feature Casper, was released by Paramount in 1945. Casper is a cute ghost child with a New York accent who prefers making friends rather than scaring them. Casper used to scare people, but apparently got tired of it. He tries to make friends with various animals, but all are terrified of him. He tries to end it all by laying himself down across the railroad tracks in front of an on-coming train, unsuccessfully, of course, since he's already dead!

Casper meets two little children named Bonnie and Johnny, who do become his friends. Their mother is at first frightened of Casper, but later welcomes him into the family and sends him off with her children to town wearing clothes he borrows off a greedy landlord.

Ever since his debut, the Friendly Ghost has appeared in many movies, TV shows, cartoons, comic books, and children's books. Casper is familiar to most of us.

I write about this because, in a simplistic way, perhaps we can learn something from Casper as we think about the Holy Spirit, so intimately tied to the festival of Pentecost. As promised by the Risen Lord, 50 days after his resurrection, and 10 days after his ascension back to the Father, the disciples receive a very special gift—the Comforter. The Spirit, which descends upon the disciples, making them apostles, appears as flames of fire resting on their heads. It gives them true knowledge of the necessity of Jesus's death and resurrection and gives them the ability to speak in languages heretofore unknown to them. They address the

great crowds gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival of Pentecost, which is much like our Memorial Day. The church is born, and its mission is defined by the power of the Spirit.

But what is it?

Originally the Holy Spirit was called the Holy Ghost. It still is in some circles of the church. Its name was changed for two reasons.

First, the Greek word is *pneuma*, which translates as *breath*. It can also mean *pigeon*, which is where our image of the Spirit of a dove comes from. This builds on the Hebrew scriptural image of the Spirit. Here the Hebrew word is *ruach*, which also means *breath*. The Spirit is especially operative, brooding over creation, and causing to come into being what God, the Father, plans for the world.

Second, the word *ghost* was thought to evoke spirits of an evil nature. This was problematic for people, who, in earlier times, were extremely superstitious. The word spirit is somewhat disarming and more neutral.

The problem comes later when the doctrine of the Holy Trinity is defined. God is the Father. His son, Jesus, man and God joined together, is the instrument of redemption for the world. But the Spirit . . . how does it fit into the scheme? Many, including Jews and Muslims, accuse Christians of polytheism, having more than one God. Indeed, the explanation of the Holy Trinity is a part of theology

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The Retreat and Beyond: Using Holy Conversations and Better Arguments Framework to Engage in Planning our Congregation's Future

Tim Higgins

Here we are in our future, two years past COVID shutdown! So many changes in our world and at Trinity. Services in person and remotely, given pandemic-related implementation of technology, broadcasting services on YouTube to be viewed anytime, anywhere. Current in-person attendance on Sundays is at the lowest levels ever; contrast that with the highest participation ever at the Food Pantry. With sustainability in question, where do we go from here? Are we ready to plan prayerfully to accept God's will through us? We have much work to do.

Trinity's legacy, built over the last century and a half, is in the hands of today's congregation. Foremost, we are a faith community of the Evangelical Lutheran Church committed to "Be God's Love in Action," to share the Gospel, to care for our congregation and provide outreach to meet the needs of others in our community.

Our legacy will be determined by actions we take as custodians of our resources as our congregation changes and the needs of our community grow. This challenge is not unique to us—the following may provide a helpful perspective as we consider our sustainability and social impact. Faith Communities Today conducts surveys published by the Cooperative Congregational Studies Partnership, a multi-faith group of religious researchers and faith leaders. Here are just a few results from their 2020 Common Questionnaire ($N=15,278$).¹

Participants—How many (including children) regularly participate (once a month or more) in worship or other religious activities in your congregation? 65 median (average 274).

What was the total amount of **money** your congregation **received** from all sources in your most recent fiscal year? \$120,000 median (average \$446,955).

What was the total amount of **money your congregation spent** in your most recent fiscal year? \$108,000 median (average \$246,292).

Approximately what **percentage** of your congregation's annual income are **from** the following?

- 85%: Participant contributions (e.g., tithes, offerings, dues)
- 4%: Fundraising events
- 4%: Rental income
- 1%: Endowments
- 1%: Investments
- 1%: School tuition
- 1%: Capital campaign income
- 2%: Other income

"Approximately what **percentage** of your congregation's annual expenditures in your most recent fiscal year were **for** the following?"

- 44%: Total staff salaries and benefits (clergy and non-clergy)
- 26%: Buildings and operations (e.g., utilities, mortgage, insurance)
- 11%: Program support and materials (e.g., education, evangelism)

- 13%: Mission and benevolence (include denominational assessment)
- 5%: All other expenditures

No stats are perfect; many more are contained in this report. Perhaps these and other bits of information about faith communities will help us understand where we are. Even Google Maps would have a hard time giving directions if a starting location isn't known.

One voice on the value of outreach programs provided by faith communities such as Trinity, our faith-based sisters, partners, and colleagues is expressed by Bob Smetana, a national reporter for *Religion News Service*, who is the author of *Reorganized Religion: The Reshaping of the American Church and Why It Matters*. Quoted in Faith and Leadership from Leadership Education at Duke Divinity in 2022,² he makes an argument for why churches are vital—"not just for church goers but for society as a whole. His message for Christian leaders: Don't mess things up. It's too important." These concerns are well represented in the media. We are in this dance of fulfilling our scriptural mission and sustaining our inherited legacy: What a gift, what a challenge!

Moving forward successfully will require a combination of prayer and action. At our recent retreat, we took a small but necessary step to prepare us for this journey. We began with a scripture-based holy conversation, facilitated by a framework of productive communication that transcends diverging views. The content of this discussion was based on two sources, alluded to in the title above, merged with the intent to provide a foundation and structure for forthcoming discussions regarding future planning for Trinity. The following is a brief summary of two work sessions presented at our retreat.

"Holy Conversations" comes from a book of that name³ from the Alban Institute to provide a guide for establishing a strategic planning process with significant attention given to Spirit awareness.

Using "Better Arguments" came from a workbook based on the framework of the Better Arguments Project,⁴ a collaboration of the Aspen Institute, Citizenship and American Identity Program, Facing History and Ourselves, and the Allstate Corporation. The workbook was designed to facilitate complex and potentially divisive dialogue through a faith lens.

We started our initial session reviewing "three dimensions of arguing better," the first of two tenets included in the better arguments framework. The goal is not to avoid arguments, but to acknowledge differences of opinion to

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enable *better* arguments. Resources from *Holy Conversations* provided congregation planning and scriptural considerations to be addressed within the better arguments framework. One example of adding a spiritual context was using biblical stories to discern the questions at hand. This introduction was done as a group exercise.

The next day we continued with the second tenet of the better arguments framework by reviewing “five principles of a better argument.” This was completed in breakout groups, followed by feedback from all when we reconvened. Again resources related to spiritual context and strategic planning goals taken from *Holy Conversations* were reviewed to provide some insight into how the planning process may emerge.

This process is harder to explain than to do. It’s similar to learning a new board game—engaging and learning as one goes, then looking back and saying, *Yes! This makes sense!* While preparing to present this, it was apparent that this exercise was not difficult to comprehend, but promises to help us listen to and understand other’s views and context.

It is with hope that our retreat conversation will continue, expand in scope, and include more congregants; those who worship in person or virtually, those with whom we interact who may be interested in adding their prayers and ideas. As we come together to come to know God’s plan for us, difficult conversations will ensue. We need not avoid dialogue, but need to converse better while keeping the Spirit present. All are welcome and encouraged to join this process.

While news about decreased participation in churches and closings can be depressing, the following report on the size of faith-based presence throughout our society makes one wonder how much good can come from this abundance. According to a 2016 study published in the *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion* (originally published in a 2016 article in *The Guardian*⁵) religious institutions and industries in America represent \$1.2 trillion a year in wealth, more than Apple, Amazon, and Google combined.

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Our plans may be much different than we can imagine. Stay tuned!

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Did You Know?

Daniel Watkins

It is now possible to pay your offering or other donations to Trinity on line so if you miss a Sunday service you can still pay your offering! Just go to the tlchag.org website and click **Giving**.

Micah’s Backpack

Carol Brashears



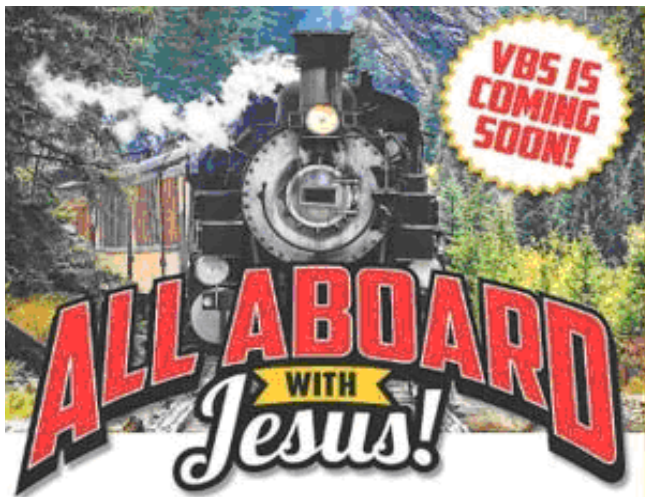
The school year is winding down, and Micah’s Backpack faithfully served the students of Eastern and Bester Elementary schools all year. We ended the year serving 15 students at Bester and 54 at Eastern. We also provided 32 bags to the Pupil Personnel Workers (PPW) at Washington County Public Schools (PPW visit families who live in hotels). This is the second year we have been able to provide bags for them.

This Ministry could not happen without the dedicated volunteers who help monthly set up the food, pack the bags, and deliver them. Many thanks to the following:

Zach Repp and the Boy Scouts of Troop 10	
Margaret Harrison	Sue Fiedler
Sam and Marilyn Young	Judy Wood
Mia Brashears	Kaylee Kline
Sharon and Chuck Poland	Abby Angles
Sharon Hoppes	Krista Repp
Mike and Anne Mowen	Scarlett Michael
Carol Schofield	Kay Melby
Arleen Shuster	Sharon Michael
Pam Bradford	Tina Stowell
Jane Drawbaugh	Rodney Nearchos
Kathy King	Jeff Reed
Mike Brashears	Sunday School students

We look forward to gearing up in the fall when school resumes. Watch for announcements in August about the 2023-2024 school year. The need is great, and we are thankful to all who help, and thank God for giving us the opportunity to serve.

On a county note, 1165 bags were distributed weekly by 47 sponsors to 36 schools.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Vacation Bible School will begin Sunday, 18 June, and run through Friday, 23 July. Please see the flier in this issue of the Trinity Messenger for information.

To register or volunteer for VBS, please fill out the form on the back of the flier and return to church office by 4 June 2023, so that we can be prepared with food, teachers and the materials needed for you and your family!

Summer Worship News

Pastor David Eisenhuth

As we did last summer, we will have one service at 9:45 AM each Sunday. For the entire month of June, we will be in Fellowship Hall. For the months of July and August we will be upstairs in the Sanctuary, because there is concern about the air conditioning in Fellowship Hall. At the beginning of last summer it needed significant work, and it has been functioning at reduced capacity for the last few weeks. It continues to work adequately during the cooler months, but probably can't handle the heat in July and August. Also, the plan for the installation of an elevator places it in the space that the air conditioning system now occupies in Fellowship Hall, so it doesn't make sense to put a lot of money into its repair.

It will be nice to have us all together for one service. Traditionally, we have one service in the summer months when attendance on Sunday is lower, as many of us are away for vacation. The time is a compromise of an hour for both services, and we can be out and about for our Sunday activities before noon. We are thinking of having an activity such as Bible study for 30 minutes or so after the service, if that's of interest.

Please support Trinity by worshipping through the summer months at our weekly Unity Service at 9:45 AM!

Pentecost

Pastor David Eisenhuth



Fifty days after his resurrection and 10 days after Jesus returned to the Father by ascending to heaven on a cloud, the long-promised gift of the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples. They were huddled in a room in Jerusalem, and suddenly, the Spirit came into the room like a rushing wind. Then, flames of fire appeared on each of their heads. They went out into the crowd gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival of Pentecost.

There is divergent opinion as to which Jewish feast was being celebrated. *Pentecost* is the Greek word for 50. Its Hebrew name was *Shavuot*, or "First fruits." This included the waving of the first fruits—specifically, barley, which was the crop of the first of two harvests in Palestine. We can find this decreed in Leviticus 23:15-17. Other scholars say it was a festival to commemorate the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai.

In any case, we are told in Acts 5:5-12 that Jews from all over the known world were there to celebrate the festival. It's a challenge to the lector who gets to read the story of the Pentecost, because it lists the many places from where people had come—some being real tongue-twisters. What is remarkable is that the Holy Spirit's indwelling gift of knowledge and its empowering of witness sends the disciples to the crowd to be messengers of the "good news" of Jesus' death and resurrection. They speak in the heretofore unknown languages of that multitude. Some in the crowd who hear the languages of other visitors think the disciples are drunk, but Peter later reminds them it is only nine in the morning.

The disciples become apostles. No doubt, women and many unnamed men were also given the gift of the Spirit and joined in that chaotic scene. However, with the 12 disciples (Matthias was chosen by lot to replace Judas who had betrayed Jesus—Acts 1:21-26), this is the literal birthday of the Church.

Pentecost this year is Sunday, 28 May. We will have a Unity Service in the sanctuary at 9:45 AM. The color of the day is red for the fire of the Spirit. We will decorate the sanctuary with geraniums, which you can sponsor and take home after the service. More information about this will be announced in the bulletin and the twice-weekly email communique known as *The Daily*. This will be the last Sunday the "upstairs choir" will sing until September. I will preach on a special hymn called "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness," which helps us understand the role the Spirit plays in God's creation.

Come and join in the birthday celebration for Christ's church!

“No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town”

Judy Conrad

These are strong words, and it is probably hard for many of us to believe that lots of kids in Hagerstown do sleep on the floor, the sofa, in a car, in a parent’s bed, anywhere but in their own safe bed that belongs just to them. Just over five years ago, a group from Twin Falls, Idaho came together to change that, and Sleep In Heavenly Peace (SHP) was begun. It is now an international program, and there are multiple chapters in every state of the union, including Hagerstown Maryland.

SHP came to our attention initially at a Civitan meeting. Ernie Giancola spoke about the need for volunteers to help build beds and deliver them, and of the need for donations to cover the cost of supplies.

The beds are made from 2x4 lumber that is cut to size, sanded and stained, and then branded with the SHP logo. New mattresses, pillows, sheets, and a comforter are purchased to go with the bed. Families in need apply for a bed, and give the ages of their children. Once approved, the delivery is set.

The materials are prepped in a warehouse on Lee Street. Why not come and help? There are no skills or tools required! Everything is provided, and you will be taught all you need to know. On a busy day there may be 40 to 50 volunteers—men, women, and teens working to get beds ready. On delivery day, all the materials are organized, stacked, and ready to load. Sheet sets are chosen by the age of the child. Teams are organized by location of the drop offs and the number of beds needed. There is usually one experienced builder with a new volunteer to help with learning. Beds are built onsite, and kids have the thrill of jumping on their own mattress of their own bed!

So far, Hagerstown’s chapter has completed 658 beds, with 595 new beds delivered! That is a wonderful gift to these families!! It is a 100 percent, all-volunteer program! The commitment is usually four hours on a Saturday for deliveries, or a weekday afternoon for builds. Rodney Nearchos and Ralph Conrad have volunteered several times, and are hoping that more Trinity members will join them.

The next delivery is 24 May 2023. You can learn more at shpbeds.org. There is wonderful information about SHP itself, a video, a volunteer form, and donor information.

Thanks so much!



Refugees Welcome Network

Pam Bradford



Welcome Friends Mission, which began one year ago here at Trinity in response to the needs of a local Afghan refugee family, has expanded. It is now a group of more than one dozen community members who meet monthly at the Islamic Center of Hagerstown in an effort to provide support to newly arrived refugees.

Six families are actively being supported now. Our newest family of six arrived one month ago, with an impending delivery of a fifth child on 3 May. Baby supplies have been quickly obtained and will be an ongoing need for some time.

Because three families are undocumented, financial support of them is a vital concern since they do not qualify for any government relief funds. They desperately want to work, but are legally prohibited from doing so until six months after their asylum applications are submitted. A retired immigration attorney from Haven Lutheran Church is assisting them in completing their asylum affidavits.

As you have probably heard, the application process is onerous. Because of this, a seventh immigrant family we supported for months chose to move to Canada. They traveled across Roxham Road, an uncontrolled border crossing between New York and Canada, just hours before the 25 March “Safe Third Country Agreement” that now prohibits refugees from seeking asylum in Canada if they enter from the United States. Canada, unlike the U.S., apparently allows asylum seekers to have work permits right away, and the father of our relocated family now tells me, “My heart is calm.”

If you would like to contribute financially to assist our immigrant families, tax deductible checks may be made out to Hagerstown Area Religious Council, P.O. Box 1158, Hagerstown, Md. 21741-1158. Please specify on the memo line of your check that it is for support of local refugees.

If you would like to become involved in this mission, please join us! Our next meeting is at 2 PM, 16 May, at the Islamic Center of Hagerstown, 122 East Washington Street, Hagerstown, Md. If you have odd jobs to be done around your home or workplace, we have three very able-bodied men who would love to be employed, one of whom is an excellent house painter. If you have questions, don’t hesitate to ask Judy and Ralph Conrad, Peter Murdock, or me, at (301)491-1750 or pfbradford@myactv.net. Most of all, please keep these good and brave people in your daily prayers as they continue their quests for asylum.

Sunday Church School Updates

Jane Drawbaugh



MANY HANDS MAKE A BEAUTIFUL LILY CROSS!

As part of our lessons for Easter, the Sunday Church School classes talked about the symbols of rebirth in Christ. As you see on the bulletin board (in the hallway outside the Parlor), we have the cross, the symbol of Jesus' death covered in lilies—each lily a tracing of one person's hand. Bulb flowers that rebloom each year, eggs, and butterflies are all symbols of rebirth and new life—each one a symbol of Easter.

Alleluia, He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Trinity has three SCS classes for children and youth, and 10 students and friends attending on varying Sundays.

As we prepared to make the hand lilies for the cross, each student and teacher traced their hand, then the hands were stacked and cut out and rolled into a cone. Chenille stems were used for the stamen and stem. The fingers of the hands were curled with scissors to form the petals of the lilies. Each lily, large and small, was then attached to the cross.

Freddie, Maddie, Rose, Branson, Darcy, Khloe, Mikey, Brad, Kaylee (and friends), Keith, and teachers Kathy King, Kim Kline, Jane Drawbaugh, Fred Krieger, and Susan Stull all have multiple hand lilies on the cross and a hand print on the bulletin board. Stop by and see it in person through Pentecost Sunday.

Sunday Church School is held every Sunday at 9:45 AM in the Education Building. If you know of a child or teenager who might like to attend, please bring them. We love to see new faces!

The Lord Is My Shepherd

June Habeck

I write to you as I continue to heal at home and hearth. As Tom and I rushed to Johns Hopkins Hospital at 10 PM after we received the call that there was a kidney waiting for me, I tried to trust in God's care for me with each mile. The surgery began at 1 AM and took six hours. The kidney was from a 50-year-old woman who had died that day. Although the staff has their daily routine, in these very odd hours they were caring, focused on my every need, and highly empathetic. Pastor David shared communion with me several times, and graciously Judy and Ralph Conrad cared for our dog Stella on a moment's notice. I knew those I love at home were concerned, joyful, and so supportive. Good shepherds indeed.

"I shall not want." I truly did not want for anything—constant pain management, wellness checks, staff patiently explaining what was happening to me and offering me remedies for every discomfort. (Except for their offer of a priest or pastor, as I strongly felt held and uplifted by so many praying for me.) There was so much good happening that fear was quieted. Just being alive in a time when kidney transplants are possible filled me with gratitude.

"He restores my soul." There were times that I doubted that I would ever receive a kidney. And each time I became disheartened, God placed one of you beside me to say otherwise, to encourage me and strengthen my resolve. Your wonderful cards and texts wishing me health definitely helped me feel not so isolated and alone.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me." I was gifted with a husband who has been a constant source of comfort and help for me as I travel back and forth to appointments in Baltimore and deal with the many immune suppressant and antibiotic drugs that prevent my body from rejecting the foreign kidney. These medications have side-effects like dizziness, unclear thinking, and extreme fatigue, which are some of the most disruptive. Since they suppress my immune system, I can't be in public places for at least three months, but eventually, masked and gloved, I will be able to come back to church. I am unable to be around any flowering plants. These things and being isolated are my current valley.

"You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." In time I should be able to navigate the world with just a mask and continue to live with much joy and gratitude—especially when able to come to worship, which I miss

Faith Means Service, and Service Means Volunteering:

Volunteering Made Easy

Rich Kittle



Trinity’s Mission Statement is “Be God’s Love in Action.” Being God’s love in action involves church services with Communion and music, but it also involves honoring what Jesus said: “In as much as you have done this to the least of these, you have done it to me.”

We have many ways that we honor and give back to the community and its members. But as our members age, fewer of them volunteer.

But **volunteering isn’t always difficult, or even long term.** There are many ways that we can volunteer while we sit in a chair, or even as a one-time thing. Here are *some* of the opportunities we have. Please call or email Rich in the church office for information at office@tlchag.org or (301)733-2878.

Some examples of Volunteering at Trinity:

- Food Pantry
- Clothing Closet
- The Volunteer Office
- Social activities
- Micah’s Backpack
- Vacation phone coverage
- Church Choirs
- Reading Scripture at worship services
- Altar Guild
- Refugee Welcome Network
- Ralph, Junior, and Peter’s food truck
- Girl Scouts
- Boy Scouts
- Fellowship & Parish Life
- “No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town”

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unto itself. Trinity Sunday is the one day I dislike preaching because I am never sure of what to say. The doctrine of the Trinity defies understanding.

In any case, the Holy Ghost, AKA the Spirit, is the living presence of the Risen and Ascended Jesus. It is in the world to fill the void left when Jesus departed the Earth. It moves among us to inspire us, to lead us into all truth, to give us courage to speak the Good News.

It helps us in difficult situations to live out what we know is to be Christlike. Now, I don’t want to make the character of the Spirit into some cartoon character, but, like my friend Casper, we are told not to be afraid of the Spirit. Its power and authority is impressive, but only in a positive way. Like any ghost, the spirit is all around us, unseen but very much present.

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tremendously. Meanwhile, I feel like I won the lottery—a new chance at a normal life in the Spirit with the love and faith of my friends at Trinity.


And to you prayer warriors out there, I know that God does answer our prayers, in His own time, in ways we aren’t even aware, through people we’ve never met before and with more abundance than imagined.

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Bible Quiz

According to Peter, at what time of day did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples on Pentecost?

A. 9 a.m.
B. Noon
C. 3:30 p.m.
D. 9 p.m.



Answer: A (See Acts 2:15)

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Susan Kreiger
- 3 David Krueger
Mark Deiterich
- 5 Mike Mowen
Caroline Kreiger
- 6 Lois Herchenrother
- 9 Timothy Higgins
- 12 Elias Fowler
- 13 Linda Tantillo
Gary Little
- 15 Breese Dickinson
Sara Oxendine
Julie Kugler-Bentley
Lauren Williams-Rowe
- 17 Carol Schofield
Betsy Warner
- 21 Vicki Harshman
Amanda Rankin
- 22 Wayne Whitmore, III
- 24 Anna Kriechbaum
- 26 Krista Repp
- 31 Cindy Stoner

ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Kathy & Bill Griemsmann
- 16 Christine & Michael Stowell
- 18 Barbara & Larry Pottorff
- 25 Debra & Dave Warner
Sarah & Wayne Whitmore
Tony & Ron Fisher-Howell

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 5 Lisa McCoy
- 7 Deborah Shank
- 8 Willa Kay Bowers
- 16 Virginia Doarnberger
- 18 Michael Gorsuch
- 19 Peggy Hardinge
- 31 Lynn McNamee
Mia Brashears
- 22 Amie Scheer
- 25 June Habeck-Holler
Christine Stowell
- 29 Barbara Winebrenner

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Julie & Gary Hammond
- 7 Sandra & Edward Wiebel
- 8 Lois & Brian Herchenrother
- 10 Cindy & Earl Stoner
- 14 Sarah & Tyler Vogel
- 15 Amie & Keith Scheer
- 22 Anne & Mike Mowen
- 24 Ann & Breese Dickinson

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Rhonda Munson
- 3 Leslie LeBlanc
- 10 Brent Pryor
- 12 Kelsey Reed
- 14 Mattie Stull
- 15 Nancy Krueger
Aaron Little
- 16 Carol Aarsand
- 17 Joshua Repp
- 18 Ron Smith
Debra Warner
- 19 Devon Little
- 23 Casimer Kriechbaum
- 25 Philip Pietro
- 26 Genny Hammond
Tyler Repp
Jordi Repp
- 28 Chad Brashears
John Holden Hershey
- 29 Kelly Pietro
- 30 Sue Kershner
- 31 Kirklyn Kline
Ashleigh McCoy

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Sara & Barry Oxendine
- 6 Kelley & Rick Anthony
- 9 Sharon & Carl Disque
- 13 Ruth & Andy Sasse
- 17 Jane & Ed Drawbaugh
- 18 Barbara & Ron Smith
- 29 Genny & Brian Hammond

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Dana Kriechbaum
- 2 Lisa Kelly
- 4 Doris Teter
Emily Kelso
- 5 Ryan Angles
- 6 Wilma Condo
- 7 Brenda Martin
- 9 Ann Kline
Reaghan Whitmore
- 10 Elizabeth Dagliano
- 12 Sarah Vogel
- 14 Caroline Bradford
- 16 Edward Drawbaugh
- 17 Norman Bradford
- 19 Dorinda Roof
- 22 Judith Wood
Tyler Vogel
Madison Hammond
- 25 Barbara Pottorff
Kathy Griemsmann

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Susan & Doug Stull
- 19 Scarlett & Junior Michael
- 23 Carol & Mike Brashears

Please note: Many of our married members do not have their birthday or an anniversary date listed in our database. If you would like to have your birthday or anniversary listed in the *TLC Messenger* in the future, contact Rich in the church office at 310-733-2878, or email office@tlchag.org.