



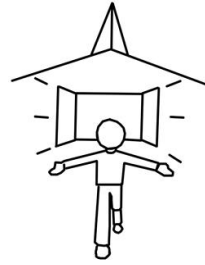
*The Episcopal Church serving  
Hancock County, Ohio...and beyond*

Trinity Episcopal Church  
128 West Hardin Street  
Findlay, Ohio 45840

*October*



*2019*



## OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee is looking to start some new service projects!

We will certainly continue reaching out at Christmas with Cancer Patient Services and the Seamen's Church Institute, and as always, throughout the year we collect non-perishable food and taxable items for local charitable agencies: especially needed are **larger-size diapers, socks, personal hygiene items, laundry detergent, soap, shampoo, and body wash**. Get in the habit of picking something up when you're at the store and bringing it to church on Sundays to place in the designated bins! It's easy!

As for new projects, the committee is currently researching and planning, but meanwhile we will begin with a new series of regular parish "field trips" to volunteer as a group in various local places for a few hours at a time. The first of these will be an afternoon to clean up Trinity's Adopt-a-Highway on October 6 at 2:00. Meet at the church at 1:30 to carpool, or just meet us out at the Liberty-Benton Elementary parking lot on SR 12 W.

And stay tuned for more service opportunities!

Questions or suggestions? Contact Annie Stricklin, 870-307-9058 or stricklina@gmail.com.

## CSG

### *You never know when you might meet...*

Calling all dogs, cats, hamsters, pigs (guinea, potbellied. or regular), horses (pray for sun!), in short, all pets. On Saturday, October 5 at 4:00 p.m. Trinity will once again host the Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis. All pets and their humans are welcome to attend this service to be held on Trinity's lawn (in case of rain, inside in the Parish Hall, hence the especial prayers if horses are involved!). Treats will be provided for all.

Due to the long-awaited, much-anticipated and oh, so needed kitchen renovation, CSG will not host Shocktoberfest this year. However, keep tuned for news of a blessing and gala celebration when the "redo" is complete!

CSG will meet in November to plan both the gala and for the rescheduled Bishop's visit on December 8. Exact date to be announced.

Ginny Lee Pilstl, Chair

*...Christ in a stranger's guise.*

## PRAYER FOR OCTOBER

Open our eyes, Lord, to recognize you in the distressing disguise of the poor,  
Open our ears, Lord, to hear you in the cries of the exploited and the oppressed,  
Open our mouths, Lord, to serve as a voice for the victimized and the voiceless,  
Open our hearts, Lord, and fill them with the love of your Eucharistic heart,  
That we too may become truly present to those who are least among us,  
That we too may be broken and given out to those in need,  
That we too may be poured out so that others may live,  
So that together with them, as members of the one Body that is yours,  
We may experience more and more the joy of a life and a love wholly shared  
And celebrated in the communion of the Body and Blood of Christ. Amen.



## THE RECTOR WRITES...

I write this month's column a few days before the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels, commonly called *Michaelmas*, which is ordinarily observed on September 29<sup>th</sup>, but which this year will be translated to the 30<sup>th</sup>, as the feast is not of a high enough order to take precedence of a Sunday, even during ordinary time. (If you're curious, only a handful of feasts take precedence of a Sunday, and you can find them listed on pages 15 and 16 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.) Though we will celebrate a Eucharist for this major feast at 7:15 on the morning of Monday the 30<sup>th</sup>, I think it's a shame we don't get to properly observe the holiday on Sunday. I did sneak in a hymn for this Sunday by the moderate 17<sup>th</sup> Century Puritan John Baxter, "Ye Holy Angels Bright," so the day doesn't go entirely unacknowledged.

I think it's a shame we can't celebrate Michaelmas on a Sunday because we modern, 21<sup>st</sup> Century people often shrink from discussing things like spiritual beings and forces and I think we need to have that conversation. I remember reading an interview with one of the founders of radical orthodoxy (an intellectual movement within the Church of England with which I share a great number of theological commitments), John Milbank, some years ago lamenting that a planned conversation among diocesan clergy somewhere in England had to be scrapped. It was because this conversation was to focus on the angelic and demonic, and no clergy could be found in that diocese who believed in such things. He proceeded to make the bold, impolitic claim that nobody should be ordained an Anglican priest unless she or he could give at least some account along these lines. Though this might be hugely unpopular, I must admit that I'm generally in agreement with Milbank here.

My contention is that angels and demons are not mere metaphors. They are, rather, spiritual beings with intelligence and will. It strikes me as more than peculiar that we can embrace the existence of a non-corporeal God, pure spirit and perfect in power and glory and will, but we are timid about affirming the existence of any other spiritual beings. Perhaps it is because we don't really believe that God is a personal God - that God really is a being of pure spirit - and instead really believe that God is simply some sort of organizing principle or "Ground of Being." I doubt this is the case for most ordinary believers, but I have no doubt that this is part of the modernist theological agenda, which is now, I believe, going out of fashion (though, in my opinion, not quickly enough.)

More likely, I think, is that the ordinary believer in the contemporary Church has been discouraged, perhaps unintentionally, from thinking overmuch about the spiritual realm due to a lack of emphasis by us clergy or else they have become embarrassed to discuss such matters due to a perceived overemphasis by those Christians whom we might deem less sophisticated or even see as superstitious. This latter possibility is not something to

be applauded, but rather disowned as a function of pride. It is especially problematic if this assumption extends to the biblical material itself. The ideological context of those who wrote the Bible over the course of eight or nine centuries is important, but we make a mistake if we immediately assume these writers, whom we insist were to some degree *inspired*, were simply superstitious or unintelligent.

But why does this matter? For one thing it matters simply because the biblical witness seems so clearly and unequivocally to confirm that there are indeed spiritual forces and persons which seek to help or hinder our relationship with God in Christ. No doubt vain theories and superstitions have abounded around these issues over the course of two millennia, but overreacting by ignoring this theme in scripture and church tradition seems to me to be a perfect example of "throwing the baby out with the bathwater."

Even more importantly, in failing to take this matter seriously we run the risk of missing the aid offered by the heavenly host or the danger posed by the forces of wickedness. Often mistakenly attributed to C.S. Lewis, though in fact a quote of Baudelaire, rings true no matter who said it: "The greatest trick the devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist." How much divine help might we receive if we weren't prepared to receive the help of those whom Monday's collect tells us God "ordained and constituted in a wonderful order" to "help and defend us here on earth?" How great it is to remember that it is these same angels who will ultimately, we are told, lead us into paradise and who continue to rejoice at one lost sinner being saved. Just as the Saints intercede for us before the throne of God, so do the angels help us worship the same divine Lord. Thanks be to God that we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.

Yours in service to the Gospel,

John †



## MUSIC NOTES

from Susan Barker

### Why We Sing the Psalms

When we think of the Psalms, most of us think solely of reading them. But we should also sing them, particularly in the gathering of the church, as we do at Trinity. Indeed, for 3,000 years the Psalter has been the songbook of God's people. They have been an integral part of Jewish worship and early Christian worship, and have remained a part of the Christian Church right up until modern times. As a boy, Jesus would have memorized and learned many if not all of the Psalms. The book of Psalms is the songbook of the Bible. They would become the soundtrack of his life, as they are for so many of us today.

The Psalms give us the full breadth of God's character: his glory, eternity, wrath and judgment, mystery, comfort, love, and forgiveness. When we come together as a worshipping community, nothing unites us or strengthens us more than song. Singing the psalms together, rather than just speaking them, inspires us to the joy of praising Him in Psalm 150 or seeking His comfort in Psalm 23. Singing the Psalms together helps us memorize the words to take with us in our hearts. Singing the Psalms together draws us together as a body of Christ, brothers and sisters, one in His love, strengthened and encouraged in our faith.

The three forms of psalm-singing are metrical-psalm singing (the music is rhythmic, like a hymn); plainchant (medieval, unaccompanied, without meter); and English or Anglican chant (unmetered, words of the psalm are set to 4-part harmony, usually sung by the Choir, in speech cadence). Anglican chant started in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and is very popular in Episcopal churches. This is what we sing mostly at Trinity. It is a long-standing part of the Anglican churches that have a strong choral liturgical tradition.

I hope you will join in our psalm-singing with gusto!

And let me issue another invitation to join us in the choir. We particularly need sopranos this year. Kathy Creighton has moved to Florida, and we need extra voices!!



**THE NEW TRINITY DIRECTORY** in process will include PHOTOS of the Trinity family. Holly Rife will be capturing all the smiles during announced coffee hours. We hope everyone will spend a moment and get a picture taken and to submit or update your family's information on a directory update form. Dress as you wish and smile!

Also included in this directory is a section for 'Friends of Trinity' and will feature members who have relocated and those who visit often or in some way connect with and support Trinity. Any who would like to be included may submit a photo and up-to-date information for your family.

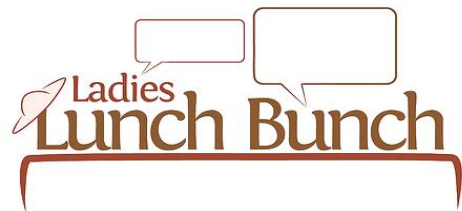
If there are any questions, please contact the office (419-422-3214 or [trinfin@att.net](mailto:trinfin@att.net)). THANKS!!

### TRINITY VESTRY 2019

Ginny Lee Pilstl	Sr. Warden
Sue Ann Sandusky	Jr. Warden
Holly Rife	Clerk
Peg Dailey	Treasurer
Nancy Abbey	
Deborah Bartlett	
Julie Boucher	
Mary Brater	
Mel Proctor	
Will Slater	

### Worship Reminder

*The organ prelude and postlude are acts of prayer through music. Please strive to maintain a holy silence as you enter and exit and consider remaining for the postlude.*



**Trinity's Lunch Bunch will convene at the Findlay Inn at 11:30 am on Friday, October 11. Prepare for appetizing food, warm fellowship and stimulating conversation by making your reservation with Joanne McPherson or Ginny Lee Pilstl by Wednesday, October 9.**

### KROGER REWARDS

Kroger shoppers of Trinity earned \$110.70 from the 29 households participating during the past quarter through the Kroger Community Rewards Program! PLEASE BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP-TO-DATE! OR...if you have not yet signed-up, consider doing so. This program in no way affects your personal Kroger Rewards – sales, fuel points, etc. If you would like assistance to sign up or renew please contact Deborah.

# Trinity Tidings

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The next parish breakfast is at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 12 at Scrambler Marie's, 516 S. Main St. (You may park at the church and walk over.)



BE THE FIRST to host breakfast in the new kitchen. During kitchen renovation, the October and November breakfasts will go on the road to local eateries and the plan is to return to the 'new' kitchen in time for the December 14<sup>th</sup> scheduled meal – which is, by the way, still available to host. The sign-up sheet for 2019 breakfast hosts/cooks is on the bulletin board. No one need do it alone – a group or several families may share!



## WHERE DO YOU FIT??

Everyone has special gifts – share yours with your church! Please consider lending your talents to a committee in an area of interest or skill. Just contact a committee or vestry member to join.



## COFFEE CORNER



OCTOBER

6<sup>th</sup> -

13<sup>th</sup> -

20<sup>th</sup> -

27<sup>th</sup> - Jan Taylor

**NOTE – During kitchen renovations (October & November), hosts should plan to bring everything needed to serve.**

### THERE ARE OPENINGS FOR HOSTS!

Please consider adding your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. You don't have to do it alone – several families or a group may host together and it may be as simple as making the coffee and bringing packaged cookies!

**THANK YOU** for the donations of coffee and decaf!

## WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

We all need a little prayer and Trinity provides a prayer list each week in the bulletin for those who could use some extra. Would you please take a moment to review that prayer list and help us keep it up-to-date?

If there are names which should be removed, let Deborah know. If there is someone on your heart, we can add that person. Thank you!

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

03 – Joe Boucher  
10 – Keli Trudeau  
18 – Michael Romary  
26 – Kent Asher  
28 – Anna Miller, Cindy Whitson



### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY

01 – Gayle Baltzell & Darin Boyles



**If ever there is a name omitted from one of these lists, or if a date is incorrect, please contact the church office with the information. Thanks!**

The sign-up sheet for Sunday flowers is on the bulletin board in the parish hall.



Trinity's Saints will be recognized on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The book of names will be in the back of the Sanctuary beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please PRINT the names of those to be read by October 25<sup>th</sup>.  
(You may also send names in an e-mail to [trinfin@att.net](mailto:trinfin@att.net).)

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# Trinity Tidings

PERSONAL NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AND ABOUT THE TRINITY FAMILY. IF YOU HAVE ITEMS OF INTEREST TO SHARE, (BIRTHS, ENGAGEMENTS, GRADUATIONS, HONORS, AWARDS, WEDDINGS, PERFORMANCES, ACHIEVEMENTS, ACTIVITIES, ETC.) PLEASE SUBMIT THEM BY THE 3<sup>rd</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR THE NEXT PUBLICATION. Thanks

### SERVERS

If you would like to become an usher, gift bearer, greeter, acolyte/server, reader, commentator, and/or chalice bearer for services at Trinity, please let Fr. John or Deborah know. Thank you!

### SUNDAY FLOWERS

Please let Deborah know by noon on Wednesday of that week what you would like printed in the bulletin for your gift of flowers. E-mail to [trinfin@att.net](mailto:trinfin@att.net) or call 419-422-3214. When providing flowers from a florist they should be delivered to the church between 9 a.m. and noon on Friday. Thanks!



**ITEMS FOR THE OCTOBER *TIDINGS* SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup> THANK YOU!**

## Capital Campaign Projects Update

### THE KITCHEN RENOVATION

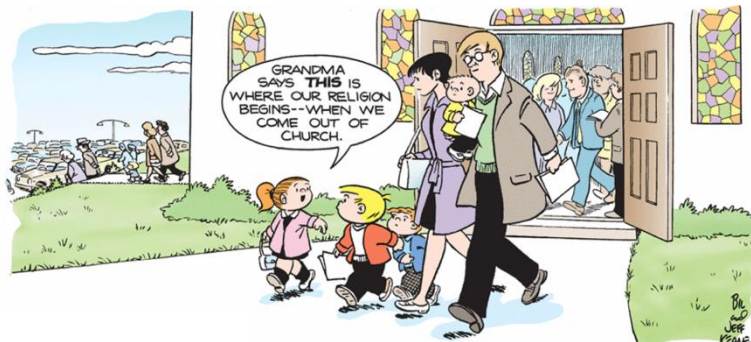
This project will start in mid-October, take an estimated six weeks to complete, and be finished by the Advent season. The parish members had a selection day and chose a blue-based décor for paint, counter-tops, back-splash, and flooring.

Due to the construction, the kitchen will be out of use for approximately six weeks. This means that we will need to get creative about how to do coffee hours and parish breakfasts. If you have already volunteered for a coffee hour during this time, someone will be calling you about it soon.

If you have questions about this project, please see someone from the Kitchen Committee: Nancy Abbey, Karen Eubanks, Ginny Lee Pilstl, or Rita Roberts.

### LIGHTING

The next area to be worked on is updating the lighting in the sanctuary. This will include updating the fixtures to accommodate brighter, eco-friendly bulbs. The date for the lighting project to begin has not been established.



## TRULY KEEPING IN TOUCH...

Some parishioners not able to attend services, or attend regularly, would enjoy calls or cards from the rest of us, and visits especially from people who know them. Others have moved – so this is an update on their contact information:

Marilyn Russell - P.O. Box 061600, Palm Bay, FL 32906-1600

Romelle Aldrich - 83 Harwood Road, Monroe, NJ 08831

John and Paula Wolper - 2248 Dominion Drive, Fort Mitchell, KY 41017

Dave & Peg Bell – 779 Tupper Street, Brockville, Ontario, Canada K6V6A1

Leah Richardson – 2510 Locksley Street, Sun City Center, FL 33573

Mary Parks – 750 W. Eisenhower Parkway, Apt. A5, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Catherine Albrecht & Michael Romary - PO Box 161, Grand Marais, MI 49839

Mark & Kathy Creighton - 7829 Wilton Crescent Circle, University Park, FL 34201

Keli Trudeau – 63319 1710 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene, OR 97403-2264






Chris's information is posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall.



## EVENT CALENDAR



## OCTOBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		OCT 1	OCT 2	OCT 3	OCT 4	OCT 5
	KITCHEN CLOSED FOR ABOUT 6 WEEKS EARLY OCTOBER THRU NOVEMBER ??	8 a.m. Morning Prayer	8 a.m. Morning Prayer  Noon Eucharist	8 a.m. Morning Prayer  6 p.m. Choir		 4 p.m.
OCT 6	OCT 7	OCT 8	OCT 9	OCT 10	OCT 11	OCT 12
8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Holy Eucharist Coffee hour 11:15 Christian Ed.  2 p.m. Adopt-a-highway clean up	8 a.m. Morning Prayer  5:15 Bible study	8 a.m. Morning Prayer	8 a.m. Morning Prayer  Noon Eucharist Lunch Bunch reservations due	8 a.m. Morning Prayer  6 p.m. Choir	 11:30 Lunch Bunch @ Findlay Inn	8:30 a.m. Parish Breakfast  @ Scrambler Marie's
OCT 13	OCT 14	OCT 15	OCT 16	OCT 17	OCT 18	OCT 19
8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Holy Eucharist Coffee hour	8 a.m. Morning Prayer  5:15 Bible study	8 a.m. Morning Prayer	8 a.m. Morning Prayer  Noon Eucharist	8 a.m. Morning Prayer  5 p.m. Feast of St. Luke (10/18) 6 p.m. Choir		
OCT 20	OCT 21	OCT 22	OCT 23	OCT 24	OCT 25	OCT 26
8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Holy Eucharist Coffee hour 11:15 Christian Ed 4 p.m. Birchaven service	8 a.m. Morning Prayer  5:15 Bible study	8 a.m. Morning Prayer	8 a.m. Morning Prayer  Noon Eucharist w/ Feast of St. James	8 a.m. Morning Prayer  6 p.m. Choir		
OCT 27	OCT 28	OCT 29	OCT 30	OCT 31		
8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Holy Eucharist Coffee hour 1 p.m. Vestry	7:15 Feast of Sts Simon & Jude 8 a.m. Morning Prayer  5:15 Bible study	8 a.m. Morning Prayer   7 p.m. Parade	8 a.m. Morning Prayer  Noon Eucharist	8 a.m. Morning Prayer   6 p.m. Choir 6:30 – 8 Trick or Treat		

October flower – Marigold &amp; Cosmos

October birthstone - Opal