

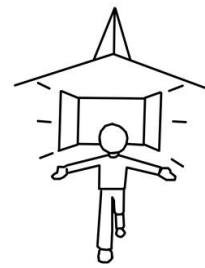


Trinity Episcopal Church
128 West Hardin Street
Findlay, Ohio 45840

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



2020



OUTREACH

In the **six weeks of Lent**, we are highlighting three charities, with two weeks devoted to each; we hope to **collect money or donated goods or both** for each charity by the end of its two-week period. Please prayerfully consider service and charitable giving as a part of your Lenten spiritual discipline, perhaps setting aside a dollar a day for these charities (or a dollar a day for each charity!) through the forty days, and praying as you do so for those they serve.

First two weeks: Open Arms Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services, a forty-year-old Findlay organization with an emergency shelter, advocacy and education services, a crisis hotline, and a facility for safe family visitations. Last year they served well over 14,000 people in these capacities. Donate at openarmsfindlay.com. Wish list includes children's socks and underwear, adult sweatshirts and sweatpants, juice boxes, baby formula, H.A.T.S. tickets, and new (non-violent) toys.

Second two weeks: US Together Inc. of Toledo, a regional branch of a national organization serving refugees fleeing violence around the world. They provide language and citizenship classes, home and job placement, and intensive case management for the most traumatized. Donate at ustogether.us. In-kind wish list includes household goods and furniture.

Third two weeks: Children's Mentoring Connection, another Findlay charity, this one providing free, individualized, professionally monitored mentoring in life skills, problem solving, building confidence, competence, and kindness for children primarily from single-parent homes. Donate at cmchancock.org. Wish list includes craft supplies and art supplies, poster boards, movie passes, and scrapbook paper.

If you have questions about any of these service opportunities or if you want to get involved, contact Annie Stricklin, 870-307-9058, stricklina@gmail.com.

CSG

You never know when you might meet...

First, shout-outs and high fives to stalwart CSGer and our Senior Warden: Sue Ann Sandusky, who successfully defended her doctoral dissertation last month. Congratulations, DR. Sandusky!

CSG will meet on Sunday, March 8, right after the 9:30 service. Grab a cup of coffee and a friend and join us in making plans for Easter and spring!

Ginny Lee Pilstl, Chair

...Christ in a stranger's guise.

PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY

Heavenly Father, This Season of Lent, we are reminded of your greatest gift to mankind, Your Son Jesus. Through Jesus teachings and sacrifices, we learn the value of selflessness and of giving. Through giving we feel more blessed. May you always guide us to be more giving to our brothers and sisters that have less or nothing in life. Please bless us that we can give more to those in need. We pray that you bless those most broken in our world. Provide them with courage and hope to face any adversities they encounter and heal them from all pain and suffering. May they see the beauty of life and find comfort in their distress. We pray Lord, that you bless the hearts of your people, that they may learn to accept, respect and show compassion to our most vulnerable.





I am excited to inform you that an opportunity is in the works for Trinity to both contribute to and be the beneficiary of our connection to the larger church. Many of you will remember Brian Bechtel who served as our seminarian intern two summers ago. Brian, you may know has been a transitional deacon (that is, he has been ordained to the diaconate on the way to being ordained to the priesthood) for the last eight months, serving at St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights. That particular role is coming to its conclusion (will have done, by the time you are reading this), and the bishop is keen on his having a new experience of ministry and of continued education and formation as he, God willing, approaches ordination to the priesthood.

Conversations are now taking place between Deacon Brian, Bishop Hollingsworth, Canon for Ministry Percy Grant, St. John's, Bowling Green Senior Warden Pat Patton and your rector about an opportunity for Brian to continue that process in companionship with both St. John's and Trinity. We are fortunate here to have a fund established by Ruth Helvie some fifteen years ago to support an endeavor such as this, and we are also fortunate that the great majority of this proposition (should all the pieces fall into place, as it were) will be offset by diocesan funds.

Two summers ago Brian's primary role was simply to shadow me to get a more intensive experience of the day-to-day life of a priest. You may express your condolences to him for having been put through that experience. The role this time round would be somewhat different. He would be expected to take initiative, develop and oversee programming, and take his part in the teaching, preaching, and pastoral duties of a clergyperson with more independence (both here and in BG), all while still receiving regular and intentional mentoring from me.

You can tell that I am being intentionally careful and qualificatory in my language about this. There are policies and procedures and processes that must be honored, let the reader understand. However, I believed and the bishop agreed that saying something now would be wise rather than simply surprising everyone with Brian dropping in unannounced potentially very soon. In all events, of your charity, pray for our brother as he continues to prepare for the next season of his life in ministry.

Yours in service to the Gospel,
John†

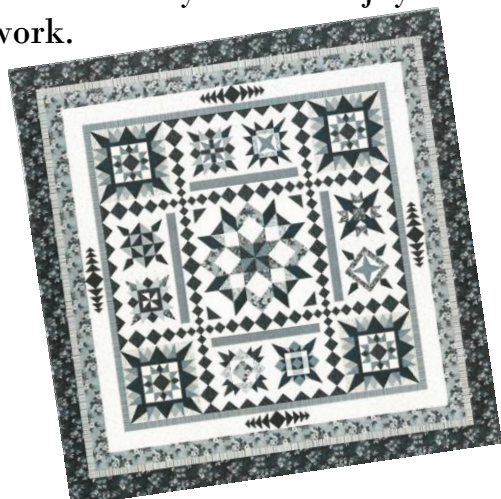


MUSIC NOTES

The second Choral Evensong will take place on March 8 at 5 p.m. Please join us for this beautiful and historic (1549) service.

We'd love to have new voices join the choir. We meet in the choir room each Thursday at 6 p.m.

Another Quilt Raffle is in the works! The new quilt will be available in time for Mother's Day. It is 95"x95" (queen size) and a beautiful blend of blues. We will put the quilt on display in the parish hall so everyone can enjoy the handiwork.



SECOND SUNDAY SERIES

The collection of worship services continues with a Lenten Evensong. The purpose of the Series is to share God's great gifts of music with the congregation and community for inspiration and renewal of the spirit.

We hope you will all want to be a part of this wonderful new undertaking. The events start at 5:00 p.m. are free and open to the public with refreshments and fellowship following.

If you would like to provide refreshments for an event, please sign up!

SECOND SUNDAY SERIES EVENTS

March 8, 2020 - Choral Lenten Evensong

The Organ Recital, previously scheduled for February 9, has been rescheduled for May.

WISH LIST



Personal Items

Feminine hygiene products
Hair brushes
Tooth brushes, tooth paste
Shampoo, conditioner
Shower gel, body lotion

Baby Items

Diapers, wipes
Formula, baby food
Baby bottles

Children's Items

New socks, underwear, pjs
Educational games, art supplies
Backpacks
New (non-violent) toys

Adult Clothing

New socks, underwear
New sweat shirts & pants

Pre-Paid Cards

Gas cards, merchant cards
H.A.T.S. tickets

Kitchen

Canned meats & soups
Boxed meals
Spaghetti sauce
Coffee
Juice
Cereal
Snacks

Miscellaneous/Household Items

Kleenex, toilet tissue, paper towels
Dish soap, hand soap, disinfecting wipes
Cleaning supplies
Paper plates, paper cups
Laundry detergent, laundry baskets
Batteries (all sizes), lightbulbs
Large and small trash bags, storage bags
Twin sheets & pillow cases
Dish cloths, dish towels
Kitchen utensils
Alarm clocks

Open Arms is asking for your help in the form of donations, which will be used to provide a better living environment for those in need of our services. We truly appreciate your help. All donations are tax deductible. For information, call 419-420-9261.

Trinity Tidings

THE NEW TRINITY DIRECTORY in process includes PHOTOS of the Trinity family. Holly Rife and Kim Grove are capturing all the smiles during 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!

Watch for a draft soon that you may check for accuracy. If there are any questions, please contact the office (419-422-3214 or trinfin@att.net).

KROGER REWARDS

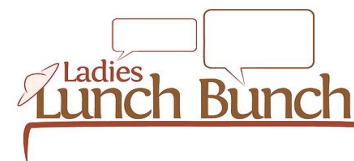
TWENTY-EIGHT TRINITY FAMILIES EARNED \$81.20 THROUGH KROGER'S COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM during the past quarter! PLEASE BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP-TO-DATE! OR...if you have not yet signed-up, consider doing so. This program in no way affects your personal Kroger Rewards – sales, fuel points, etc. If you would like assistance to sign up or renew please contact Deborah. You may go on-line to Kroger.com to enroll.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Lenten tradition of Stations of the Cross is held each Friday during Lent at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at a local eatery following.



As most of you know by now, Joanne McPherson has "retired" from spearheading restaurant choices, making reservations, and keeping us up-to-date. In appreciation for her efforts, we will be celebrating her "swan song" by having High Tea at where else? The Swan House!

Ginny Lee Pilstl has assumed Joanne's role while Nancy O'Sullivan is now her partner. Please join us:

DATE: Friday March 13

TIME: 11:00 a.m. (note: this is earlier than usual due to time High Tea is served; please arrive shortly before 11)

**WHERE: The Swan House Tea Room
225 W. Sandusky**

If anyone wants to meet at church and walk over, please feel free to do so. There's also plenty of parking either on Sandusky or in back of the Swan House.

Please make your reservation with Ginny Lee or Nancy NO LATER than Wednesday, March 11.

Trinity Tidings

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**ITEMS FOR THE APRIL TIDINGS
SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY
FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH.
THANK YOU!**

Trinity is in need of help. You have the opportunity to share your skills by keeping the church in good order. If you are willing to take on custodial duties for a week or more, (doesn't have to be consecutive – you create your own schedule), please sign up! THANKS!



The next parish breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 14th at 8:30 a.m. but so far, no one has signed up to host/cook. No one need do it alone – a group or several families may share!



LOOKING FOR A GIFT OR A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR YOURSELF?

Handmade purses have been donated and are available in the parish hall. They make great gifts.

All are fully lined, washable, with zipper closure and come in a wide variety of colors and patterns for \$10 each. All proceeds benefit Trinity.



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



March
1st - Annie Stricklin
8th - Nancy, Bette, Dave
15th -
22nd - Nancy Abbey
29th - Annie Stricklin

THERE ARE OPENINGS FOR HOSTS!

Please consider adding your name to the 2020 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!

Trinity Tidings

KEEPING IN TOUCH

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

05 – Zachariah Blevins
 09 – Mary Parks, Mel Proctor
 15 – Bill Trudeau
 18 – Phyllis Watkins



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 2020 sign-up sheet for Sunday flowers is on the bulletin board in the parish hall.



TRINITY VESTRY 2020

Sue Ann Sandusky	Sr. Warden
Ginny Lee Pilstl	Jr. Warden
Holly Rife	Clerk
Peg Dailey	Treasurer
Kent Asher	
Deborah Bartlett	
Gail Beebe	
Mary Brater	
Rob Fox	
Mel Proctor	

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 3rd WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR THE NEXT PUBLICATION. Thanks

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 trinfina@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!



*In Sympathy
 David Unkefer's younger
 brother Arthur Unkefer
 passed on February 16th
 at the age of 78.*



Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, everyone gathered, but only one little boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.

*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.*

PI DAY

On Sunday, March 8th, a coffee fellowship in anticipation of PI Day (3.14159265...) will feature home-made pies. If your Lenten discipline precludes eating pie, a designated substitute will be assigned for you!



Lenten Study – *Pilgrim's Progress*

Join us in Lent as we explore the Christian journey through the classic *Pilgrim's Progress*.

Each scheduled Sunday, you can join us as we undertake either a long journey (the full book) or a short tour (selections). The book has modernized spelling and subheadings for contemporary readers. You can use any edition, but the guide below is keyed to the Dover Thrift Edition, priced at \$6-\$7 a copy and is available through Amazon (John Bunyan, *The Pilgrim's Progress*, Dover Thrift Editions, Dover Press 2003, ISBN 978-0-486-426754). A limited number of copies will also be available through Trinity.

Schedule

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Tour Stops</u>	<u>Long Journey</u>
3/8	Challenge and Support	The Eucharist (p. 63) The Valley of the Shadow of Death (p. 65) Encounter with Talkative (p. 81ff)	Pp. 60-90
3/15	The World	Vanity Fair (pp. 92-103) The Worldly Men (pp. 103-116)	Pp. 91-116
3/29	The Celestial City	Giant Despair (pp. 119-122) Encounters with Ignorance (pp. 128-132; 148-149) The City on a Hill (158-168)	Pp. 116-168

LENTEN EVENSONG

As part of our Second Sunday Series, the Lenten Evensong will take place on Sunday, March 8th. Please join us at 5:00 p.m. for the choral service followed by food and fellowship.

Since the late middle ages "evensong" has been the popular name for vespers (from the Latin vesperis, "evening"), the Evening Office of the western church. Cranmer used it in the 1549 BCP. Although in 1552 he replaced it with "Evening Prayer," the common name remains "evensong." In many Anglican cathedrals and other large churches, especially in England, evensong is sung by clergy and choir as a choral liturgy.

If you have been with us in the past, we encourage you to come again; if you have never attended Evensong, come on March 8th and give it a try – we hope you will find the experience most worthwhile.

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. 15th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97403-2264

Richard Willson – 8580 TR 237, Apt. 132, Primrose Village, Findlay, OH 45840

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



EVENT CALENDAR

MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAR 1	MAR 2	MAR 3	MAR 4	MAR 5	MAR 6	MAR 7
1 st Sunday in Lent 8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Holy Eucharist Coffee hour	8 a.m. Morning Prayer NO Bible study	8 a.m. Morning Prayer	8 a.m. Morning Prayer Noon Eucharist	8 a.m. Morning Prayer 6 p.m. Choir	5:30 Stations of the Cross & dinner out 	
MAR 8	MAR 9	MAR 10	MAR 11	MAR 12	MAR 13	MAR 14
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS 2 nd Sunday in Lent 8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Holy Eucharist Coffee hour - PI Day <i>Pilgrim's Progress</i> study 5 p.m. Lenten Evensong	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 a.m. @ Swan House 5:30 Stations of the Cross & dinner out 	8:30 Parish Breakfast 
MAR 15	MAR 16	MAR 17	MAR 18	MAR 19	MAR 20	MAR 21
3 rd Sunday in Lent 8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Holy Eucharist Coffee hour. CSG Meeting <i>Pilgrim's Progress</i> study 4 p.m. Birchen	8 a.m. Morning Prayer 5:15 Bible study	8 a.m. Morning Prayer	8 a.m. Morning Prayer Noon Eucharist	7:15 a.m. Feast of St. Joseph  6 p.m. Choir	5:30 Stations of the Cross & dinner out 	
MAR 22	MAR 23	MAR 24	MAR 25	MAR 26	MAR 27	MAR 28
4 th Sunday in Lent 8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Holy Eucharist Coffee hour 1 p.m. Vestry	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 6 p.m. Choir	5:30 Stations of the Cross & dinner out 	
MAR 29	MAR 30	MAR 31				
5 th Sunday in Lent 8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Holy Eucharist Coffee hour <i>Pilgrim's Progress</i> study	8 a.m. Morning Prayer 5:15 Bible study	8 a.m. Morning Prayer				

March flower - Daffodil

March birthstone - Aquamarine

