

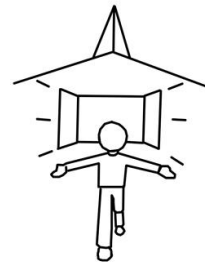
Trinity Tidings

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

Trinity Episcopal Church
128 West Hardin Street
Findlay, Ohio 45840



2021



OUTREACH

Trinity Outreach continues our ongoing collection of non-perishable food and taxable hygiene products. Add these to your grocery list and bring them with you to church!

Our friend, Deacon Paul Scanlan, has asked that we help with providing socks and underwear for children who have to be removed from bad situations in southeast Ohio. Boys and girls sizes include kids in kindergarten through 6th grades, approximately 5 to 12 years of age. Items may be brought to the parish hall.

It's time to start thinking about our three regular Christmas projects: the Seaman's Church (more below), adopting families from Cancer Patient Services, and the Mitten Tree. For the Mitten Tree we collect all sizes of warm hats, gloves, and scarves to share with our neighbors in the cold months. Bring these to church at your convenience. With Cancer Patient Services, we take on the Christmas lists of three families or individuals affected by cancer; to contribute funds or to help with calls, shopping, wrapping, or delivery, please contact Annie S!

We are now volunteering once a month in the kitchen at City Mission, Findlay's general-population homeless shelter and soup kitchen. Each trip includes two or three people from Trinity and involves a few hours of sometimes energetic work. If you are interested in participating please find Annie S. after church or send an email to stricklina@gmail.com

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

CHRIST IN A STRANGER'S GUISE

For you never know when you might meet...

From all reports, a 'grand day for bringing' was indeed grand! Grandchildren and grand adults alike enjoyed the special coffee hour, especially decorating lots and lots of cookies! This could well become an annual event.

Mark your calendars for November's activity: the making of Advent wreaths. Lisa Robeson has graciously again agreed to oversee preparations and wreath making. In order to extend this fun activity to more folk, CSG is moving this event from a Saturday to coffee hour after the 10 a.m. Sunday service. Goodies will be provided to help stimulate creativity!

Date: Sunday, November 21st (after the 10 a.m. service): Advent wreath making

Please note that our next CSG meeting will be immediately following the 10 a.m. service on **Sunday, November 14th** (a change from 11/7). Grab a cuppa and a friend and join us as we put finishing touches on plans for the 21st and for upcoming December activities.

Ginny Lee Pilstl
Chair

...Christ in a stranger's guise.



THE RECTOR WRITES...

Recently I was asked about how I choose between the various options in our Book of Common Prayer for our Sunday celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, and it occurred to me that I've not done much by way of explaining my thought process. It's a very good question. It's one of those areas of "priestcraft" where we clergy sometimes forget that it is not obvious to "people in the pews", even those who have been around a long time. So, here is my first attempt at demystifying the matter.

The Great Thanksgiving - sometimes called "The Eucharistic Prayer" or "The Canon of the Mass" - is the central prayer of our Holy Communion service, in which the bread and wine are offered to God, consecrated with Christ's own words by which he instituted the Sacrament, and sanctified by the invocation of the Holy Spirit. There are eight of them in our Book of Common Prayer. Two of these (found on pages 402 through 405) are only used in special circumstances, like a children's Mass or a service at a nursing home, and never on a Sunday at the principal liturgy of a parish church.

Of the remaining six, two - Prayers 1 and 2 - are in traditional idiom (with 'thees' and 'thous' and the like) and four - Prayers A, B, C, and D - are in a more contemporary idiom. We tend at Trinity to use four with some consistency: Eucharistic Prayers 1, A, B, and D. I tend not to use Eucharistic Prayer 2 simply because it seems to me a rather unnecessary abbreviation of Eucharistic Prayer 1. More controversially, I tend to avoid using Eucharistic Prayer C, because while the other prayers (whether in traditional or contemporary English) seem to have an element of timelessness, this prayer's language and dialogic nature strikes the ear as coming from a very particular time and place, viz. - Mid-Twentieth Century North America. I agree with one bishop who I heard refer to Prayer C as the "leisure suit" of our church's prayers, though I know there are some here who love it, so I try to use it occasionally.

When I arrived here a bit more than five years ago, the congregation was rotating through these six prayers every six weeks, which had the benefit of exposing people to them regularly but which I felt led to some confusion and inconsistency. I changed this to a seasonal approach, largely because I believe the emphases of each of these prayers lend themselves particularly well to one season of the church year or another.

During the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent we use Eucharistic Prayer 1 in the context of the traditional language liturgy. This is not because pseudo-Elizabethan English is by its nature more penitent (though I've heard from a few who feel they're being made to do penance because they're not especially fond of the old idiom!) but because the prayer itself does include more explicit language about penitence ("And although we are unworthy to offer unto thee any sacrifice." "We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.") As an aside, these are also the seasons in which I celebrate from the high altar - which is my preference at all times, for theological rather than aesthetic reasons, though I realize I am in the minority so it's not necessarily tenable to subject you to that preference all the time - because I think it is particularly important during these seasons to emphasize the fact that we are all beseeching God of His mercy and grace, literally facing Him in the same direction.

Eucharistic Prayer A is sort of the "default" Great Thanksgiving for the contemporary language (Rite 2) liturgy, hence its inclusion in the midst of the liturgy-as-a-whole beginning on page 361. It is a solid prayer, though relatively lacking the emphases of some of the others. Thus, we tend to use it during ordinary time - that long "green season" between Trinity Sunday and the end of the liturgical year.

We use Eucharistic Prayer B (page 367) during Christmas and Epiphanytide due to its emphasis on Christ's Incarnation. We are reminded of "the Word made flesh...for in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary" and that Christ is "the firstborn of all creation." We also use this prayer on the feasts of saints due to the prayer's provision for naming the subject of the commemoration - "bring us to that heavenly country where with [____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters."

Eucharistic Prayer D is perhaps the grandest of our prayers with the most fulsome explication of salvation history; thus we use it on the highest of Holy Days and throughout the Easter season. It is also the most ancient in its original form, based on the Fourth Century Apostolic Constitutions and the Fifth Century Anaphora of St. Basil. Furthermore, it is the most ecumenical, versions of this prayer being used both in the Roman Catholic and Eastern Churches, reminding us of our essential unity as Christians in spite of the sad divisions that keep us apart.

I hope this brief outline has shed a bit of light on something you might have wondered about before. Perhaps you have thought "why do we use these different prayers at different times" and forgot to ask; or, maybe, it had not occurred to you before and this will give you a bit more of a connection to the liturgy as we experience it together at Trinity. In any event, never hesitate to ask "why do we do it that way?" There is usually an answer!

Yours in service to the Gospel,

John†

MUSIC NOTES



The choir rehearses on Thursdays in the sanctuary from 6-7 p.m. If you have wanted to sing in choir but you prefer to sit with your family in the pews, you can do that. You need not robe on Sunday, you can sit with your family, and when we sing our anthem come up and join us.

Chime choir rehearsals are on Thursday at 7:15, in the sanctuary after choir rehearsal. We need between 8 and 12 ringers. If you played piano or sang in high school or played an instrument, or are willing to learn, please come. If you have any questions call Deb Bartlett (419.889.2489).

CHRISTMAS AT SEA

Each year members of Trinity support the Seaman's Church Institute with gifts for sailors in their Christmas at Sea program. We offer knit and sewn items and small gifts for the Marathon Petroleum Vessel through its chaplain Father Kempton Baldrige. If anyone would like to knit or crochet caps and scarves, please contact me. We haven't been meeting in person this past year but I will be glad to show you how to get started. Marjorie Weaver

In addition, we provide requested items for those serving aboard the vessel at Christmas. Handmade Christmas Cards (created by children, teens, or adults), decks of playing cards, sealed packages of holiday candies, cookies or treats, individually wrapped protein bars, granola bars, energy bars, brain-teaser or puzzle books like Sudoku, crosswords, word searches, microwave popcorn, writing paper envelopes in re-sealable bags, sugar-free chewing gum/breath mints, DVD's of recent, first-run movies or TV series (new/used), USB flash drives (blank OR w/uploaded music mixes, TV shows/films, books, etc.).

Except for gently used paperbacks & DVDs, we can't accept used/unsealed items.

Trinity will collect items until early December – please watch the bulletin and bulletin board for the date. **THERE IS A BASKET IN THE SANCTUARY FOR ITEMS.**



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:

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

Catherine Albrecht & Michael Romary - 1229 Turner Meadow Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603

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

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

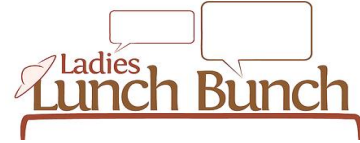
Leah Richardson – 2510 Locksley Street, Sun City Center, FL 33573

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

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



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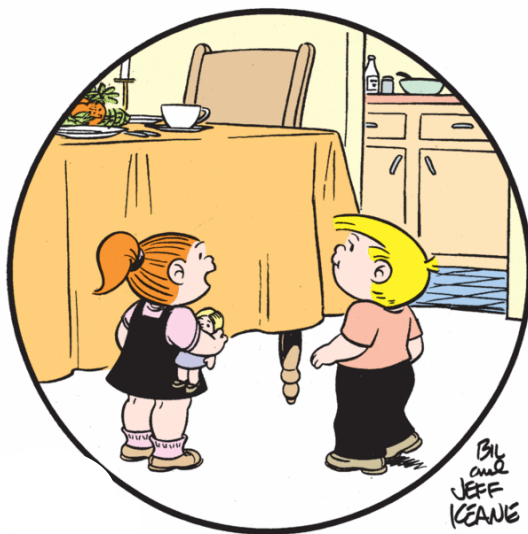


SERVERS

At present, the liturgical schedule includes lectors only – and they are greatly appreciated! As we begin to ‘normalize’, all others in the services will be needed. If you would like to become an usher, gift bearer, greeter, acolyte/server, reader, commentator, and/or chalice bearer for future services at Trinity, please let Fr. John or Deborah know.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st following the 10 a.m. service. Materials provided (donations will not be turned down) and goodies will help stimulate creativity!



“You can tell Thanksgiving isn’t like a regular dinner ‘cause the table gets to be dressed up too.”

TRINITY VESTRY 2021

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| Sue Ann Sandusky | Sr. Warden |
| Mel Proctor | Jr. Warden |
| Holly Rife | Clerk |
| Peg Dailey | Treasurer |
| Kent Asher | |
| Gail Beebe | |
| Mary Brater | |
| Jude Davidson | |
| Rob Fox | |
| Jorgé Rosario-Paris | |

At a fun October outing to Chateau Tebeau, those persons in attendance chose Feasels for our November Lunch Bunch gathering. Good food and a little Christmas shopping in the gift shop were included.

Our annual Christmas Luncheon will be at Mancy’s in the Hancock Hotel on Friday, December 10th at 11:30 a.m.

Please let Ginny Lee or Nancy O’Sullivan know if you can join us by Wednesday, December 8th.

**Ginny Lee Pilstl
Nancy O’Sullivan**

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY AND FALL INGATHERING

On Sunday, November 21st Trinity will celebrate Stewardship/Fall Ingathering.

Pledges for 2022 will be accepted before, during, and after worship. You may also mail them or drop them off at the office prior to then.

If you haven’t received a stewardship packet or need another card, they are available in the parish hall and the office.

Please pray about your gift to your church.

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



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ITEMS FOR DECEMBER TIDINGS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH. 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!



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.



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.

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



WE'RE BACK!

NOVEMBER

14th - Gloria Wolph/Jorgé Rosario-Paris

21ST – Mel Proctor/Ginny Lee Pilstl

28th –

DECEMBER

5th – Barb Masterson

12th – Annie Stricklin

THERE ARE OPENINGS FOR HOSTS!

Please consider adding your name to the 2021 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!

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03 – Asher Boyles
 09 – Jennifer Grant
 13 – Julie Boucher
 25 – Deborah Brumley



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

04 – Phyllis & Jerry Watkins
 12 – Jim & Diane Ellerbe



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.

The thankful heart opens our eyes to a multitude of blessings that continually surround us.



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 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!



PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

O God Our Father, the foundation of all goodness, who has been gracious to us not only in the year that is past but throughout all the years of our lives, we give you thanks for your loving kindness which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place. Let our thanksgiving be expressed not in feasting, but in sharing; not in passive enjoyment, but in participating service; not in an annual act, but in daily attitude.



QUILT RAFFLE

We will hold a raffle for another beautiful handmade quilt. It is in lovely fall colors, twin to double size, with natural prints. The tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. It is on display in the parish hall with tickets and an envelope to submit them. Checks may be made out to Trinity Church and included in the envelope with completed tickets. The quilt would make a terrific Christmas gift!

THERE IS
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something
to be thankful for