

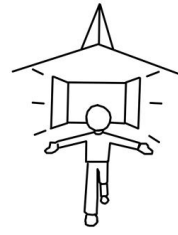
Trinity Tidings

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

Trinity Episcopal Church
128 West Hardin Street
Findlay, Ohio 45840



2022



OUTREACH

Our next trip to serve food at City Mission will be Friday, May 20, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. We will also be going back out to the stretch of highway just outside of town that we adopted years ago as a parish, to pick up trash on June 4. And we are tentatively planning to volunteer at the local Humane Society, to provide an activity for those who need a less intense way to serve than working at the City Mission, on Saturday, May 21. Please consider participating in one of these service opportunities, especially if you haven't before! And thank you to all who volunteer in any of our efforts!

On an unrelated note, the Findlay Courier accepts the rubber bands and plastic sleeves that accompany their delivered papers. Annie Stricklin has started collecting these items to turn in from now on, and encourages any fellow Courier subscriber to save their sleeves and bands as well; she will be glad to add yours to her collection if you bring them to church. Together we can help our local paper save money, and cut down on the trash polluting our local environment!

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

If you would like to be involved or have questions, please contact Annie at stricklina@gmail.com or 870-307-9058.

CHRIST IN A STRANGER'S GUISE

For you never know when you might meet...

In April, CSG hosted a simple but most enjoyable repast following Maundy Thursday services. Included were Nancy Abbey's delicious lentil soup, hummus, pita, dates, olives and baklava. On Easter, the annual Flower Processional in memory of Tom and Sara Bryant returned as did the now traditional Easter brunch of breads and fruits.

Planning for future activities, including a luncheon following the funeral service for R.K. Baltzell (May 14) and a couple of upcoming special coffee hours will be done at the next meeting: Sunday, May 1 following the 10:00 service. Grab a cup of coffee and a friend and join us in the yellow room.

Thanks to Bob Butcher, below is an old Gaelic rune which speaks to CSG and our mission of welcoming guests and newcomers while sustaining parish members.

RUNE OF HOSPITALITY

I saw a stranger yestre'en
I put food in the eating place,
drink in the drinking place,
music in the listening place.
And in the blessed name of the Triune
He blessed myself and my house,
my cattle and my dear ones.
And the lark said in her song
Often, Often, Often,
goes the Christ in the stranger's guise;
Often, Often, Often,
goes the Christ in the stranger's guise.

Ginny Lee Pilstl, Chair

...Christ in a stranger's guise.



ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΙ
ΑΛΙΘΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΙ

CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!

In the early church, Easter would have been an even more joyous celebration than it is today. After forty days of fasting (probably somewhat more intensive fasting than we undertake today), the early Christians were ready to have some fun. Not everybody today knows that Easter is more than a single day of celebration. Rather, the feast extends over fifty days, stretching from Easter Sunday until Whitsunday or Pentecost. We find ourselves in the midst of this joyful period now.

The purpose for feasting was about more than simply making up for an austere Lent. It was not just about having fun as a reward for the Church's faithful observance of Lent. Instead, feasting was a means of embodying the joy of Resurrection life, here-and-now. As Saint Basil wrote, "All of [the Great Fifty Days] reminds us of the resurrection which we await in the other world." It is not that the feast of Easter "makes up for" the fast of Lent, but the converse: the fast prepares us for the feast.

There is a term I have used in sermons here before which get at the great mystery we celebrate over these fifty days. The term is *prolepsis*, and it is a process by which the future is not merely foreshadowed but is *made real* in the present. The reality of the Resurrection is a *proleptic reality*. We await our own bodily resurrection on the last day while still mysteriously enjoying the risen life while we are still amid things which are passing away. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians (2:4-7), pointed to this mystery when he wrote:

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

In other words, we *are* risen and we *shall be* risen. We can experience eternal life in Christ *now* just as we are promised that same life in the world to come.

That being the case, let us set out to observe a joyful Eastertide. Christ our Passover truly is sacrificed for us, rising to new life and bringing us, even now, into that life with him. Therefore let us keep the feast with as much rigor as we kept the fast. May God give us joyful hearts that we may keep the celebration going, and may He bring us at last to that eternal feast where we shall live in the Glorious Light of the Triune God. Consider this Eastertide, the Great Fifty Days, as practice for that celebration which we shall one day enjoy for eternity.

Yours in service to the Gospel,
John†

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MUSIC NOTES

There will be a choir appreciation coffee hour scheduled for early June. Please plan to attend as we pay tribute to those who give of their time and talents throughout the year!

AND THE WINNER IS...

Barb Masterson is the lucky winner of the raffle for the beautiful handmade quilt. Congratulations!

Beginning Sunday, May 1st, you will notice a variety of handmade wreaths (like shown) in the parish hall. These are seasonal, one-of-a-kind, made with recycled materials, and available for a donation to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.



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:

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

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

Leah Richardson – Primrose Apartments, 3500 W. Elm, Apt. 234, Lima, OH 45807

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

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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Ladies Lunch Bunch

SERVERS

At present, the liturgical schedule includes Lectors and Lay Eucharistic Ministers 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, and/or lay Eucharistic ministers for future services at Trinity, please let Fr. John or Deborah know.

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



After a delicious and filling lunch at Circle of Friends in April 1st, Lunch Bunch will take a ‘road trip’ to Bluffton in May. We will eat at Luke’s in Bluffton and for those who want, shop a little in some of Bluffton’s shops. Anyone interested in just eating and/or eating and shopping can meet in Trinity’s parking lot at 11 a.m. to carpool or can join us directly at Luke’s.

DATE: Friday May 13, 11:30 a.m. (11 a.m. if carpooling)

PLACE: Luke's
133 N. Main St.
Bluffton, OH

Please let Ginny Lee know by Wednesday, May 11th if you are planning on going (and how you plan to get there).

Ginny Lee Pilstl
Nancy O'Sullivan

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



COFFEE CORNER



MAY

- 1st – Annie Stricklin
- 8th – Kent Asher
- 15th – Barb Masterson
- 22nd –
- 29th –

THERE ARE OPENINGS FOR HOSTS!

Please consider adding your name to the 2022 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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MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 03 – Bob Brater
- 05 – Ashley Kempher
- 08 – Warren Kahn
- 14 – Pat Hall
- 15 – Cecilia Funke
- 18 – Mary Jo McFarlane
- 23 – Joanne McPherson
- 28 – Darin Boyles
- 29 – Jim Walter
- 30 – Katie Boucher, Fernando Arellano



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 06 – Nancy & Fernando Arellano
- 08 – Jim & Anna Miller



PRAYER FOR MAY

May God the Father bless us in all that we do this day. May Jesus, beloved Son of the Father, bless us, as we go our way. May God the Holy Spirit bless us in every thought, in every deed, in every word we say. May we be blessed by the Light of Christ. May a spark be kindled in each heart, to flicker like a candle flame. May Christ fill us with his light so that we may illuminate a dark place, for his sake. AMEN!



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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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.

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

The funeral service for Ruth Kay (RK) Baltzell will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 14th at Trinity.

There will be no visitation.



ITEMS FOR JUNE TIDINGS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 26TH. THANKS!

Our sympathy to the loved ones of Suzanne (Sue) Bowman who passed on April 27, 2022. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 28th at Trinity. There is no visitation.



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 or attend a meeting to join.

