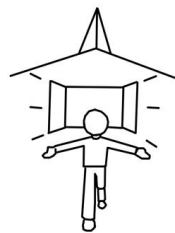


# *Trinity Tidings*

Trinity Episcopal Church  
128 West Hardin Street  
Findlay, Ohio 45840

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





## OUTREACH

Our next monthly trip to help serve dinner at the City Mission had to be pushed back a little and will be on Saturday, March 22, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us!

Our on-going collection for non-perishable food and taxable toiletries (toilet paper, diapers, sanitary items, cleaning and sanitizing products, shampoo, and soap) for area charities also continues. Baskets are in the parish hall or contact Annie, stricklina@gmail.com or 870-307-9058.

Don't throw away cards! Bring any greeting cards you've received that you would otherwise discard to Trinity and we will send them to St. Jude's Ranch for repurposing. They accept the fronts of cards (except for Hallmark, American Greetings, and Disney which are copyrighted) Also accepted are new cards (any occasion) with or without envelopes. (Please - no cards promoting other charitable organizations.)



### ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE, MARCH 5

7 a.m. and 12 noon, Holy Eucharist (said) and Imposition of Ashes

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist (sung) and Imposition of Ashes

### CHRIST IN A STRANGER'S GUISE

*For you never know when you might meet...*

By the time most of us read this article, the Kenyon College Chamber Singers will have sung and gone. Thanks to everyone who made such a wonderful concert happen, especially Annie, those who helped prepare the meal we served the singers before the concert, and all the folk who hosted the kids overnight, bringing them back to the church Sunday morning for departure to their next stop. Special thanks to the Findlay Convention and Visitors Bureau which gave "Welcome to Findlay" bags to each choir member and to Lynnsey Jordan whose son Aiden is a Junior at Kenyon. Although not a choir member, Aiden has several friends in the group and was "thrilled" their Spring Tour was starting here. So thrilled, Lynnsey provided ice cream to serve the singers Saturday evening.

Another event which will have taken place by the time this is read is our wonderful Dimanche Gras celebration. Larry Funke once again put griddle and stove to work, serving eggs, sausage, and pancakes to hungry parishioners at the coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. A delicious treat was the King cake baked by Lisa Robeson. Thank you, Chefs!

CSG will meet on April 6<sup>th</sup>, following coffee hour. We'll be planning for our traditional Maundy Thursday repast and for Easter activities and coffee hour so grab a cuppa and a friend and join us in the yellow room.

Ginny Lee Pilstl, Chair

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

SIGN-UP SHEETS for Maundy Thursday's Agapé meal, the Maundy Thursday Prayer Watch, and the Easter Brunch will soon be available. Please watch the bulletins for information!



## THE RECTOR WRITES

I try to be careful not to pass off ideas as my own when they come from somebody else, even in conversations when I cannot remember to whom said idea should be attributed. Sometimes I slip up, though, my bookcases and my mind being untidily stuffed with texts and ideas! Such is the case with one of my favorite aphorisms: “Original Sin is the one doctrine of Christianity which can be and has been empirically proved.” Annie reminded me after I tried to claim this aphorism for my own that this idea was actually clearly stated by none other than G.K. Chesterton in *Orthodoxy* – a book which I have read more than once, though not for at least a decade. He put it this way:

Modern masters of science are much impressed with the need of beginning all inquiry with a fact. The ancient masters of religion were quite equally impressed with that necessity. They began with the fact of sin – a fact as practical as potatoes. But certain religious leaders in London, not mere materialists, have begun in our day not to deny the highly disputable water, but to deny the indisputable dirt. Certain new theologians dispute original sin which is the only part of Christian theology which can really be proved. (Chesterton, 1909, pg. 24)

My apologies to the great “Prince of Paradox”, as Chesterton was known, for trying to take credit for his idea!

I’ve heard arguments against this view, though none of them compelling. Generally such arguments seem to me based around what people now call “vibes” rather than experience and reason. “I believe in original blessing rather than original sin” seems much less gloomy, though I do not see how one could look at the state of our fallen world and make this argument with a straight face. More importantly, though, such an approach is (perhaps counter-intuitively) wildly inhumane. The implication is that when one errs and strays from God’s way like a lost sheep, the problem is not a fault in human nature but in that one individual, who’d be perfect if he or she just tried harder. Perhaps this would appeal to somebody who never slips up, but I’ve yet to meet such a person. Or I should say I’ve only met one such person, whom I’ve met in prayer and Sacrament as if face to face, but none of us is Him!

Some of you know that while I insist that our public church services adhere to the standards of the Episcopal Church’s current practices in a rather “middle of the road” way for both canonical and principled reasons – in the latter case, because even when the rubrics allow for some variation, I generally don’t want parishioners to be hit over the head with too many of my pedantic and nit-picky liturgical preferences – in my own personal and domestic prayer life I tend toward older forms. As W.H. Auden famously wrote to his Rector during the experimental phase of the last prayer book revision, in my own life I tend to stick to “Cranmer and King James” (i.e., older editions of the Book of Common Prayer and the Coverdale Psalter, along with lessons from the Authorized Version of the Bible).

I bring all that up because there is one clause in the general confession in these older prayer books that I really do wish had not been excised when we moved from the 1928 edition to that of 1979 which I take great, completely unironic comfort in saying in my own prayers: “And there is no health in us.” I understand why they took it out; it sounds harsh. Even so, it reminds me that sin is not just a list of naughty things I do sometimes and need to stop doing. Rather it is a condition, in some ways like a medical condition, which God can *treat palliatively* in me, but which is only *healed* at the Resurrection. As the Rev’d Sam Ashton pithily put it in a blog post from the Latimer Trust (an evangelical Anglican think-tank), “I’m not a sinner because I sin; I sin because I’m a sinner.”

As we approach Lent once again, we would do well to recognize both our need for healing and the promise of forgiveness which is ever near at hand. Believe it or not, we can find great joy in the midst of penitence, because it means that we do not have to be perfect this side of Paradise, that God understands and accepts us anyway. When we are mindful of this reality we can as we approach the festival of Easter “enter into the joy of our Lord,” as St. John Chrysostom put it, to celebrate the victory of our Lord and God with all the more zeal and delight.

Yours in service to the Gospel,

John†

# Trinity Tidings



## MUSIC NOTES

We welcome new choir members as we prepare for Easter. Beginning on March 16<sup>th</sup>, the choir will meet at 9 a.m. each Sunday to choose and rehearse Easter music. Everyone who likes to sing is invited to join us! If you have any questions, please contact Barb Masterson.



## LUNCH BUNCH

February's gathering was at Rossilli's, a local restaurant with a menu full of delicious items. Food and conversation were enjoyed by all.

This month we're going to return to Circle of Friends. Since Lent will have begun, their offerings include several meatless ones. An added advantage is its closeness to Trinity parking. Please let Ginny Lee or Nancy O know by Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> if you can join us.

Friday, March 14, 11:30 a.m. at Circle of Friends, 125 West Sandusky Street, Findlay

Ginny Lee Pilstl  
Nancy O'Sullivan



Remember to *SPRING AHEAD* one hour!  
Daylight Savings time begins March 9<sup>th</sup>.



Sign-up sheets for 2025  
Altar Flowers  
and Coffee Hours  
are on the  
bulletin board.



## CHURCHMAN'S ORDO

- CHURCH YEAR GUIDE -

2025 Kalendars are now available in the parish hall. \$7 each with the proceeds going to the Altar Guild. Please place money in the envelope provided.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you didn't order offering envelopes and would like to have them, contact Deborah for numbered sets.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Lenten tradition of Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays, March 9<sup>th</sup> through April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at a local eatery following.



On Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Stations will be at Noon.

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YOU MAY request to receive *Tidings* by e-mail. Just let Deborah know you would prefer this method rather than picking up your copy or having it sent to you in the mail. Please include your up-to-date e-mail address! You may call, leave a note in the mailbox in the yellow room, e-mail (trinfin128@gmail.com), or just stop in!



It's St. Patrick's Day. Can we have green eggs and ham?

**ITEMS FOR APRIL *TIDINGS* SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY MONDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>. THANKS!**

## 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:

Michael McCoy - 350 E 1st Ave, Ajo, AZ 85321 (winter address)

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

Romelle Aldrich - 83 Harwood Road, Monroe, NJ 08831

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

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

Bob & Mary Brater – 300 Woodhaven Drive, #2309, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Marjorie Weaver – 4931 Nettleton, #7105, Medina, OH 44256

James Marquart - 116 Colle Manuel Domenech #2116, San Juan, PR 00918 USA

## SERVERS

OUR GREETERS ARE BACK! The liturgical schedule now includes Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and Greeters – and they are greatly appreciated! Especially needed are lectors for 8:30 a.m. and LEMs for 10 a.m. If you would like to take part in future services at Trinity, please let Fr. John or Deborah know.

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



## 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!



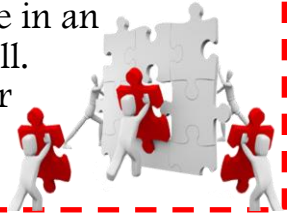
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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

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.

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 info.

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 your interest or skill. Just contact a committee or vestry member or attend a meeting to join.



*Our deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of Anna Miller who passed on Saturday, February 8, 2025.*



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 09 – Mel Proctor
- 18 – Phyllis Watkins, Amy Eisentrager
- 23 – Erica Arthur



## NO ANNIVERSARIES



## COFFEE CORNER



- March**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – CSG, Dimanche Gras
  - 9<sup>th</sup> – Lisa Robeson
  - 16<sup>th</sup> – Annie Stricklin
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ginny Lee Pilstl & Mel Proctor
  - 30<sup>th</sup>

**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!

## 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 [trinfin128@gmail.com](mailto:trinfin128@gmail.com) 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.

If you bring flowers in a vase and would like it returned, please tape your name to the bottom so it doesn't find its way into Trinity's collection and eventual donation. Thanks.



Condolences to the family and friends of Warren Kahn, long-time Trinity member, who died Tuesday, February 4, 2025.



## A Prayer for March

Dear God, direct our steps this month. Lead us to opportunities that fulfill your purpose for our lives. May we walk in your ways and trust in your perfect plan. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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## St. Agnes Altar Guild

Easter will be here on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Altar Guild is seeking someone to design and make our window decorations for Easter. The window decorations will go up on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and stay up for several weeks. They will be used for the next 3 or 4 years for Easter. If you are a regular at Hobby Lobby and enjoy making floral decorations, please talk to Jan Taylor, Sacristan.

We're coming into one of Altar Guild's busy times during the church year - Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> we'll be 'going purple' for Ash Wednesday through Lent until Palm Sunday.

If you've thought about looking into some new ways to get involved at Trinity, check out the Altar Guild! Every month members are assigned to a week when they are responsible for doing the Communion set-up before Sunday and then taking care of the communion set-ups and clears for the 8:30 and 10 a.m. services on that Sunday. If you'd like to see what's involved, just stop in at the Sacristy (the little room on the left at the front of the sanctuary, also accessible through the parlor) on a Sunday at 9:30 or after the 10:00 service. Whichever Altar Guild member is serving that day will be happy to show you what we do.



## SIGN UP FOR KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Money is donated to Trinity for use to support the community. Kroger Community Rewards program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card.

Here's how it works: Create a digital account. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose. Sign into your digital account, select the organization you wish to support, enter the name of the organization, select the organization and click 'save'. (Go to Kroger Community Rewards.com and follow the instructions.)

Trinity earned \$90.87 in the last quarter from a total of 25 households.

You may still complete your 2025 pledge card. If you need one, there are extras in the parish hall or contact Deborah.

## TRINITY VESTRY 2005

Senior Warden – Lisa Robeson  
 Clerk – Gail Beebe  
 Asst. Treasurer – Larry Funke  
 Karen Eubanks  
 Barb Masterson  
 Rick Walter

Junior Warden – Jorgé Rosario-Paris  
 Treasurer – Peg Dailey  
 Jude Davidson  
 Liz Funke  
 Ginny Lee Pilstl

## LENTEN OUTREACH

You are invited to pray and donate to a charity during Lent. Each year Outreach provides a prayer form to use during Lent for donations. If you would like to participate, there are forms in the parish hall or you may contact the office if you didn't receive one in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please check with Annie.

## Christian Clearing House Requests Your Support National Shoe Day

March 15, 2025

Did you know that a new pair of shoes can make a world of difference to a child in need?

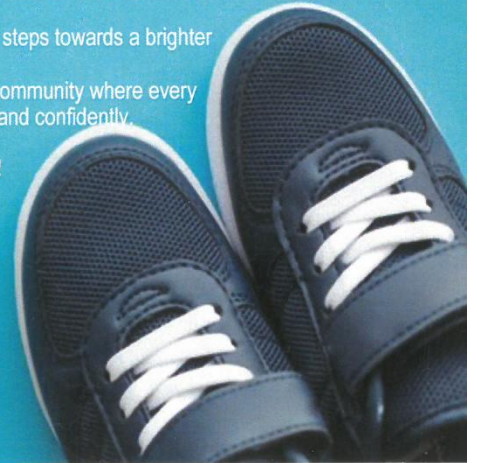
### Project Happy Feet

- Since 2015, Project Happy Feet has provided area children with new shoes as they return to school in the fall.
- Your donation can help a child take confident steps towards a brighter future.
- Together, let's walk hand in hand towards a community where every child has the opportunity to walk comfortably and confidently.

Thank you for your for generosity and support!

Donate at: [cchsupport.org](http://cchsupport.org) or scan the QR Code

By Mail: Christian Clearing House  
1800 N Blanchard St., Suite 107  
Findlay, Ohio 45840



## Holy Week Timeline



**Palm**  
SUNDAY



**Maundy**  
THURSDAY



**Good**  
FRIDAY



**Holy**  
SATURDAY



**Easter**  
SUNDAY

## SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

April 13 – Palm Sunday	8:30 and 10 a.m. Worship
April 16 – Tenebrae	6 p.m. Worship
April 17 – Maundy Thursday	6 p.m. Worship, dinner 8 p.m. – 8 a.m. (April 17-18) prayer watch.
April 18 – Good Friday	8 a.m. prayer watch ends. 12 noon Stations of the Cross, 6 p.m. worship
April 19 – Saturday	6 p.m. The Great Vigil
April 20 – Easter	8:30 and 10 a.m. Worship, Brunch



What does it mean if you find a four-leaf clover?  
It means you have too much time to kill.