

Trinity Tidings

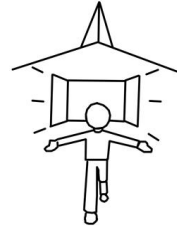
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128 West Hardin Street
Findlay, Ohio 45840

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



2025





OUTREACH

Our next trip to help serve dinner at the City Mission will be Sunday, July 27, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us!

Hope House, the local women's shelter, has reached out to remind us that they have opportunities for individual volunteers (answering the phone and the door, accepting donations, cleaning, and being on-call) in 3-hour shifts, once or twice a month. For more information: 419-425-4673 or lgoedde@findlayhopehouse.org.

We've also been asked to consider hosting a collection barrel for City Mission at Trinity to help them keep their pantry stocked. They will give us updated lists of their needs every month. Please help us decide whether we can meet this challenge as a parish.

Finally, it's time again for Stuff the Bus/Project Happy Feet, an effort by Christian Clearing House to give school supplies and shoes to area children. We as a parish have specifically been asked to collect socks this month for children and teens! The socks and school supplies will be collected at Trinity through July 27. Apart from the socks, backpacks are the greatest need. (For the shoe collection, Project Happy Feet, they prefer monetary donations. Please make checks payable to Christian Clearing House, and add Project Happy Feet in the memo section, or donate via PayPal at cchsupport.org.) Please bring to Trinity:

Backpacks	NEW SOCKS!!	Markers (thick and thin)
Crayons	Highlighters	Dry erase markers
Colored pencils	Sharpies	Pens (blue/black)
Pencils	Calculators T-1-30-X11S	Pencil boxes/bags
Paper (wide and college ruled)	Binders	Spiral notebooks
Ear buds/headphones	Erasers	Hand sanitizer
Tissues	Zip lock bags	Playdoh
Glue sticks	Wipes	

CHRIST IN A STRANGER'S GUISE

For you never know when you might meet...

On Sunday, June 1, CSG hosted a kick off to summer coffee hour, complete with hot dogs, sloppy joes and root beer floats! A good time was had by all. On the last Sunday in June, CSG again hosted coffee hour, this time a very special one with a message from Bishop Jolly. Further details will follow in later *Tidings* editions.

On July 26, CSG will help with a reception following the funeral for Donna Lodico. Please let Ginny Lee or Nancy Abbey know if you can help set up, serve or clean up.

CSG continues to welcome newcomers and 'old timers' each Sunday and gives green bags with a loaf of bread to all visitors and 'first timers'. Our next meeting will be Sunday, August 3, following coffee hour. Please grab a cuppa and a friend and join us in the yellow room as we plan for summer's end and the fall.

Ginny Lee Pilstl, Chair

...Christ in a stranger's guise.



THE RECTOR WRITES

Editor's Note (Like anybody actually edits Father John's ramblings!): The opening paragraphs of the following article may suggest that the Rector is an old crank. This assessment may be accurate, but he wishes the reader to know that this is intended as an exercise in humor. Whether or not that is successful is up to the reader. Sharing an alma mater with the late, great Andy Rooney of Sixty Minutes fame, he sometimes mistakes misanthropy for humor as a matter of school spirit.

I write my column for this edition during a heat wave. One would think that having moved here from the South I would be more resilient in the face of high temperatures than the average Ohioan, but I am not. My "uniform" of black clericals with a black suit doesn't help. (I've never been able to reconcile myself to the trend among some of my colleagues of wearing clergy shirts in other colors, going about in shirt sleeves or – gasp! – wearing short sleeved shirts. I guess I am a sartorial stick-in-the-mud.) In the Rectory we have a couple of window-unit air conditioners, graciously given us years ago by parishioners, and this has helped out tremendously when we just couldn't take the heat. That said, Annie and I are pretty committed to reducing our "carbon footprint" as much as possible. Plus, air conditioners are pretty noisy and I don't have the best hearing in the world. All that said, unless the air temperature gets above ninety degrees, we usually just open the windows and turn on the ceiling fans.

The only problem with this solution is that there is often quite a bit of ambient urban noise. We are fortunate to host a recovery meeting of one sort or another every night of the week – and this will not change if I have anything to say about it – but the "parking lot conversations" sometimes do distract from whatever we're reading or listening to or your Rector's hypnogogic reveries. On Fridays during the summer classic rock music coming in from the "Rally in the Alley" in Latham Courtyard invades the space. This sort of music is not to my taste to begin with, and if I have to hear another rendition of Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" I might throw out my principles, produce a tract suggesting one may as well "stop believin'" and set up a Jehovah's Witness style literature table next to the revelers. Worst of all, over the last couple of years a local establishment has started cruising by with a mobile, open-air bar until pretty late at night. I have considered fetching my monstrance and a Consecrated Host, standing on the front porch, and repelling these invaders by the power of the Blessed Sacrament just as St. Clare fended off the Saracens at the walls of Assisi. I'd already be in my pyjamas, though, and this would be unbecoming for one bearing the Very Body of Christ.

All this may be distracting enough when one is reading or listening to a podcast or sleeping. But what about when one is trying to pray? And if one can't identify with my noise pollution problem, how about trying to pray when the phone is always "dinging" with notifications or the family dog is begging for attention or one's mind is just prone to wander without any external prompt whatsoever? There are some practical coping mechanisms – before my own evening prayers I make sure the cats are fed and the phone is silenced and placed face-down on the coffee table. But sometimes distractions are unavoidable and sometimes the mind does wander whether we like it or not.

I guess my own solution - which is imperfect, but it helps me a bit – which I'd recommend for everyone trying to carve out a few quiet minutes every day to pray (something we should all be doing!) is two-fold. First, we can just acknowledge that everything about us, including our ability to consciously, single-mindedly attend to prayer is imperfect, God understands that, and His Grace has covered even our profoundly distractible minds. Second, we can try to remember that God is still speaking to us in the most chaotic moments of our lives, and we can speak to Him and hear Him if we just take a moment to recenter ourselves on His still, small voice. This is what I think God was getting at when he spoke to the Prophet Elijah on Mount Horeb in 1 Kings 19. I love that story because it reminds me to listen to God even when the world around me is noisy or frightening or confusing. I always think about that in the words of the Quaker poet John Greenleaf Whittier's "The Brewing of Soma", the last five stanzas of which you may know better as the hymn "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind." I will leave you with its last stanza, and pray that it may serve as a reminder for you as it has me:

Breathe through the heats of our desire
 Thy coolness and thy balm;
 Let sense be numb, let flesh retire;
 Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
 O still, small voice of calm.

Yours in service to the Gospel,

John†

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MUSIC NOTES

The choir is on summer break. Watch for information about when they will meet in the fall. All who love to sing are invited to join!



LUNCH BUNCH

In June, the Lunch Bunch group enjoyed going to La Charrita: tacos, tamales, enchiladas oh my! In July we'll return to another Findlay favorite, Rossilli's, while August will take us on a road trip to a new-to-us spot in Tiffin, The Deli Cafe at Frost Village. Please let Ginny Lee or Nancy O'Sullivan know by Wednesday, July 9 if you can join us at Rossilli's. For Tiffin, we'll need to know by Wednesday, August 6. For the Tiffin adventure, we'll carpool, leaving Trinity's parking lot at 11 a.m.

JULY 11, 11:30 - Rossilli's, 217 S. Main, Findlay

AUGUST 8, 11:30 (leaving Trinity by 11 a.m.)

The Deli Cafe at Frost Village, 155 Frost Pkwy. Tiffin

Nancy O'Sullivan
Ginny Lee Pilstl



CHURCHMAN'S ORDO —CHURCH YEAR GUIDE—

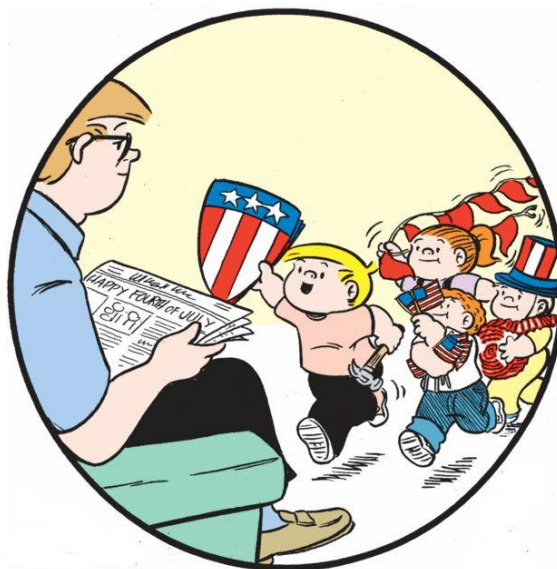
2025 Kalendars are available in the parish hall for \$7 each with the proceeds going to the Altar Guild. Please place money in the envelope provided.



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



Sea shells stay clean because they wash up on the beach!



"C'mon, Daddy! It's time to put up the decorations of independence!"

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you didn't order offering envelopes and would like to have them, please contact Deborah. There are quite a few numbered sets available.

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!

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

A Summer Prayer

Dear God,

At the dawning of a summer day, may your love reawaken in me the desire to humbly seek you. In midday, with the sun overhead, may I be reminded that you sent your Son to be the light of the world. As the sun sets in awesome majesty, may the sky's spectacular hues fill my heart with gratitude. When dusk turns once again to night, may I be comforted that you give blessings as countless as the stars. In Jesus name, Amen.



ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER *TIDINGS* SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY THURSDAY, AUGUST 28TH. 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

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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 JULY BIRTHDAYS

01- Lisa Robeson
02 – Catherine Albrecht
06 - Betty DeVerter
07 – Tom Dailey
08 – Tina Pine
10 – Jimmy Eisentrager, Travis McCurdy
15 – Jude Davidson, Victoria Hansen
16 – Rob Fox
17 – Mike McCoy
18 – Gayle Baltzel
19 – Gail Beebe
24 – Amy Kempher
25 – Jon Klever, Mary Solomon
28 – Anne Butcher



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

02 – Barb Masterson
05 – Jerry Watkins
07 – Cindy Fox, Terri Kempher
16 – Larry Funke, Bette Snyder
26 – Paul O'Sullivan

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

11 – Lisa Robeson & Jim Walter
14 – Greg & Amy Eisentrager
18 – Holly & Mike McConnell
20 – Liz & Larry Funke, Ty & Jodi Shaul



Our condolences to
family and friends on
their loss of
John Masterson
on June 7, 2025.



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.

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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 friends of Donna Lodico who died May 4, 2025 in Annapolis, MD. Her funeral will be held at Trinity on Saturday, July 26th at 2 p.m. with a reception following.



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.

COFFEE CORNER



JULY

6th – Nancy Abbey
13th – Anne & Bob Butcher
20th – Lisa Robeson
27th – Annie Stricklin

AUGUST

3rd – Nancy Arellano
10th –
17th –
24th –

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!



St. Agnes Altar Guild

Just What Does the Altar Guild DO?

Congratulations and Thanks to Anne Butcher and Karen Eubanks –

This summer marks two years since they joined the St. Agnes Altar Guild. Thank you to both for the love and care they bring to their duties.

A parish member recently asked me ‘What exactly does the Altar Guild do?’ You may have that question, too, so here are the basics of what we do every week:

- Set-up for Sunday communion: wipe the silver; set up the ‘chalice stack’ on the Holy Table or High Altar; set out the wine, water, and wafers for communion. Done on Thurs, Fri, or Sat.
- Clear up everything on Sundays: clear things after the 8:30 service, set-up for the 10:00 service and clear afterward, which includes rinsing and drying the crystal, wiping fingerprints off the silver, putting everything away; laundering the linens.
- Other duties include things like changing the hangings according to the liturgical calendar (white, red, green, purple, blue, pink, and black!), cleaning the woodwork from the railing to the high altar, cleaning/ polishing the silver, setting up for weddings and funerals, setting up for additional services like Maundy Thursday during Holy Week.
- Current members currently have duty twice per month, usually one set-up and one Sunday, due to our current membership size. Schedules are very flexible.

If you’re saying, ‘wow, I could do that’, talk to us about the Guild. You are welcome to watch us doing what we do any Sunday and to ask questions – questions are good! We love telling people about the Altar Guild.

If you have a heart to serve in a new way at Trinity, talk to us about the Guild!

Please note that Altar Guild membership is not limited to women – come one, come all!

Jan Taylor, Anne Butcher, Karen Eubanks, Victoria Hanson, Phyllis Watkins

The Aggies of the St. Agnes Altar Guild



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](https://www.kroger.com/rewards) and follow the instructions.)

Trinity earned \$70.15 in the last quarter from a total of 25 households.

Contributions in memory of departed loved ones can be a great gift to the church. We encourage considering the church in one's will. If you are interested in how planned giving and memorial contributions work and how such offerings might best be directed you are encouraged to reach out to the Rector.

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 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.



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



Are you looking for a screen-free summer experience where your child can explore the outdoors, learn new skills, and build lifelong friendships? Bellwether Farm offers a close-knit and supportive community for just that purpose! Our Summer Camp is a place where every child is celebrated, encouraged, and given the space to grow in confidence,

independence, and love for the outdoors. Located in Wakeman, Ohio, less than an hour from downtown Cleveland, your child can get away without being far away. Do you want your child to spend the summer exploring the outdoors, making new friends, and engaging with the Episcopal faith tradition? At Bellwether Farm Summer Camp, campers do all that and more! Small cabins with eight peers and two trained counselors create a small, supportive environment in which campers thrive and learn how to be in sacred community with each other. Give your child a summer of adventure at Bellwether Farm Summer Camp! At Bellwether farm, growth and fun go hand-in-hand. From canoeing on the lake to participating in the camp-wide talent show, campers will have the opportunity to expand their comfort zones in a supportive and safe environment. Bellwether provides a beautiful setting for outdoor summer fun. Learn more at bellwetherfarm.com/camps.