

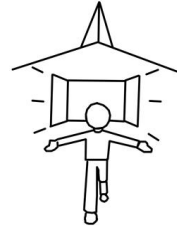


*The Episcopal Church serving
Hancock County, Ohio...and beyond*

Trinity Episcopal Church
128 West Hardin Street
Findlay, Ohio 45840



2025



OUTREACH

The City Mission barrel has one more week of collecting Thanksgiving items before we switch to the November wish list, so for now please keep bringing gravy mixes, instant mashed potatoes, fried onions, cream of mushroom soup, canned green beans, and boxed stuffing! In November they are requesting napkins, paper towels, sandwich bags, dish detergent, plastic forks and spoons.

We are also always collecting other kinds of non-perishable food (including the kinds of things that don't fit the needs of the Mission's soup kitchen, e.g., small or single-serving items, boxed cereal or snacks, taxable cleaning products and toiletries, which we routinely deliver to CHOPIN Hall and Christian Clearing House. A good practice is just to add an item or two from the Mission barrel's list or something for these other charities to your regular shopping list and then pick them up whenever you go to the grocery store!

Our next trip to help serve dinner at the City Mission will be Saturday, November 22, from 4-6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us!

Finally, it will very soon be time for our Advent and Christmas ministries, so please keep an eye open for relevant announcements and start considering how you might like to contribute!

CHRIST IN A STRANGER'S GUISE

For you never know when you might meet...

November is a busy month for CSG and all Trinity. On Saturday, November 1, we hosted a parish wide shower for Holly and her family. Baby boy McConnell is expected in December.

On Sunday, November 9, there will be a special presentation during coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service. Fitting the stewardship theme of time, talent, and treasure, Jim and Sue Freel from St. Andrews will share details about the laundromat services their parish provides for folk in need in our community. Later in the month, CSG will host a special coffee hour in celebration of Trinity's stewardship ingathering. Rumor has it that Chef Funke will be cooking his delicious breakfast on that Sunday, November 30.

Ginny Lee Pilstl, Chair

...Christ in a stranger's guise.



LUNCH BUNCH

October's gathering was at a local establishment on Findlay's East side, City Barbeque. We'll go local again in November, this time closer to Trinity: Baker's Cafe. We'll order our lunches which will be delivered to the back room. Mark your calendars and let Ginny Lee or Nancy O know by Wednesday, November 12 if you can join us.

WHEN: Friday, November 14, 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Baker's Café, 408 S. Main Street

Looking ahead to December, we'll once again celebrate by going to the Hancock Hotel, but the date will be changed to the 3rd Friday, December 19.

Nancy O'Sullivan
Ginny Lee Pilstl



THE RECTOR WRITES

November is a month in which we seem to be asked over and over again to *remember*. On the first day of the month, All Saints' Day, we remember all those heroes of the faith who were "the chosen vessels of [God's] grace, and the lights of the world in their generations." (BCP, 348) On the next day, All Souls', we remember all the faithful departed, as we commend their souls to God in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection. On November 11th we remember all those who served in our nation's armed forces, while in Commonwealth countries they observe Remembrance Day in honor of those who lost their lives in combat. On Thanksgiving we remember our blessings and express gratitude for them all. And across the pond, folks are instructed to "remember, remember the fifth of November" and Guido Fawkes' plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament and assassinate King James I.

Memory is a tricky thing. I don't write here primarily about those suffering from conditions which make it especially hard to remember, though this is a particularly painful experience for them and (perhaps even more so) for those who care for them. That said, those of us with perfectly ordinary cognitive faculties can have trouble remembering accurately and appropriately. We can sometimes have a preternatural ability to forget past mistakes and their consequences, setting the stage for making those mistakes again. We can be bowled over by an experience of some blessing attributable to nothing other than God's special Providence in our lives, and then allow over the course of years for the memory to be twisted into a purely natural occurrence or an outcome of one's own efforts or resourcefulness.

My own generation has been accused of falling victim especially acutely to the spiritual sickness known as *nostalgia*, which is the wistful misremembering of our formative years as having been better than they actually were. I don't doubt that this is a reality for people my age; one need only look at how many cultural products hearken back to the 80's and 90's to see it. I doubt we're that much worse than others, though. We all have a tendency to look at "the good old days" through rose-tinted spectacles.

The Christian life - and particularly the pattern of life enabled by a Sacramental and liturgical sort of Christianity - can help us face the past honestly. We are reminded on Ash Wednesday that we are dust. We are reminded each time we dip our fingers into the holy water at the church entrance that we have been baptized into Christ's Body and are now promised a life less ephemeral than that "dustiness" implies. We are reminded in the confession of our need for forgiveness (and those who avail themselves of sacramental confession are enabled to do so in an even more thorough way). We are reminded every time we gather for the Holy Communion that Christ has given us himself, that through his death and Resurrection we are reconciled. Daily prayer reminds us that all our times are in God's hand and daily meditation on scripture reminds us that all the changes and chances of our lives are reflected in the experience of God's people since time immemorial.

So this season may be a good time to stretch our memory muscles. It's getting colder and darker outside, so we may all have a bit more time for introspection anyway! Let's pray especially that we can remember with gratitude all those times when God was there for us, working his will in subtle and not-so-subtle ways to bring us closer to himself. We may wake up on Thursday the 27th with a long list of things to give thanks for this time round!

Yours in service to the Gospel,

John †

Trinity Tidings



MUSIC NOTES

The choir will meet at 9 a.m. on the Sundays of November 9 and 16 to select music for the Christmas Eve service and to plan a schedule for rehearsals. We welcome all who would like to join in providing special music for Christmas Eve.

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 (trinf128@gmail.com), or just stop in!

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



November Prayer

Compassionate Father, as November ushers in colder days and the beginning of the holiday season, I lift up those who are less fortunate. For those without shelter, provide warmth and protection. For those facing hunger, be their sustenance. I pray for families experiencing challenges, for individuals feeling alone, and for everyone grappling with hardships. Let this month be a time when they experience Your profound love and care. I ask for opportunities to be Your hands and feet. Open my eyes to the needs around me and give me a heart eager to serve and give. Let this November not just be about my blessings but also about being a blessing to others.



SERVERS

The liturgical schedule now includes Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, and Altar Servers – 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.

ITEMS FOR DECEMBER *TIDINGS* SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH. THANKS!

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

We all need a little prayer and Trinity has 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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION for all ages continues on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Adults meet in the parish hall and youngsters upstairs in the annex.

THE FALL 2025 directory is available in the parish hall or you may have it mailed or emailed to you. Please let Deborah know if you'd like one sent to you and how.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03 – Asher Boyles
 05 – Holly McConnell
 12 – Gary Woodruff
 13 – Julie Boucher



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

04 – Phyllis & Jerry Watkins
 12 – Diane & Jim Ellerbe
 18 – Kim & Debbie Grove



STEWARDSHIP AT TRINITY

Stewardship letters will be going out soon and there will be brief 'talks' on Sundays in November with in-gathering and a special coffee hour on Sunday, November 30th to celebrate.

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.



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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.

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.



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.



"This is a HARD way to make pumpkin pie, Grandma. Don't you know how to make the frozen kind?"

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 - 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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St. Agnes Altar Guild

November will be hopping for the Altar Guild! Watch out for four changes in the altar hangings as we move from All Saints to the last weeks of Pentecost, Christ the King

Sunday, and the first Sunday of Advent on November 30th! Twice this month you'll be seeing the Jacobean-style hangings called 'Festal'.

But wait, there's more! After the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 23rd, the Holy Table will be moving to the parlor and communion will be set up on the High Altar for Advent. If you're in church that morning and can help with the move, please stay around to help Father John.

Anna Rider is doing a great job training for the Altar Guild and should 'graduate' out of trainee status in a few months. We are hoping to add one or two more Aggies to the ranks of the Altar Guild, training starting sometime in early 2026. The Altar Guild is open to everyone, singles and couples, no gender restrictions - Altar Guild is not 'The women's club' it used to be years ago. If you'd like to know more, ask us about it. We'd love to answer your questions.

COFFEE CORNER



NOVEMBER

2nd - Anne & Bob Butcher

9th - Jim & Diane Ellerbe

16th - Nancy Arellano

23rd -

30th - CSG

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!

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.

