



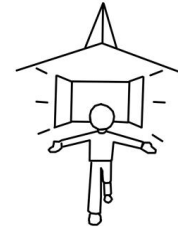
*The Episcopal Church serving
Hancock County, Ohio...and beyond*

Trinity Episcopal Church
128 West Hardin Street
Findlay, Ohio 45840

JULY

2026





OUTREACH

Darrel the Barrel's wish list for July is salt & pepper, chili powder, garlic powder, onion powder, cumin, and paprika. Thank you for helping to fill the barrel!

As a reminder, we always accept non-perishable food and taxable hygiene products and cleaning supplies, which we regularly deliver to CHOPIN Hall and Christian Clearing House. All our local charities could use the help!

We will help serve dinner at City Mission on Saturday, July 18th, 4-6:30 p.m.

CHRIST IN A STRANGER'S GUISE

For you never know when you might meet...

A joyous event occurred on Sunday, June 28 when we gathered to welcome Bishop Jolly and Archdeacon Gillooly and celebrate the newly confirmed, received, and those who renewed their baptismal vows. After the 10 a.m. service, all enjoyed time with Bishop Jolly as we feasted on cake and punch.

Mark your calendars: Root Beer Floats on Sunday, August 9.

Our next CSG meeting will be after coffee hour on Sunday, August 23 when we'll make plans for fall. Grab a cuppa and a friend and join us in the yellow room.

Ginny Lee Pilstl, Chair

...Christ in a stranger's guise.



LUNCH BUNCH

Its summer and often folk are busy or out of town. Such was the case in June when we did not have a gathering. However, not so in July!

Back by popular demand, we will return to The Curry Lounge in Bowling Green. We can carpool, leaving Trinity by 11 a.m. Please let Nancy O' or Ginny Lee know by Wednesday, July 8 if you can attend and if you want to carpool.

Where: The Curry Lounge, 434 E. Wooster St. Suite B, Bowling Green

When: 11:30 a.m., Friday, July 10. (11 a.m. at Trinity to carpool)

Hope to see you all there; everyone who went last time thoroughly enjoyed this delightful restaurant.

Stay tuned for August plans!

Nancy O'Sullivan

Ginny Lee Pilstl



THE RECTOR WRITES

Artificial intelligence has become one of the most controversial, complicated issues of our day. Communities struggle to respond to the possibility of data centers, weighing tax-base and workforce benefits against environmental and infrastructure concerns. Educators are trying to figure out how to assess students who might be using “intelligent” applications to complete their assignments. This has even affected the church. I am not one who frequently signs petitions and pledges, but I did recently add my name to a group who promised not to use “generative AI” for sermon preparation.

There is a larger concern in all this which is greater than whether or not a technology we do not fully understand can be used ethically, as huge as that issue is. There is a metaphysical question here - What is the soul? Two books I have recently read have very different opinions on AI and the metaphysical question. I mentioned Paul Kingsnorth’s latest book in this space a few months ago, and he believes that if there is any “intelligence” or “soul” in AI it may be demonic, that computers may be literally summoning the Antichrist. I wouldn’t go that far myself! That said, John tells us there are “many antichrists”, and some things can separate us from God without being literal demonic forces. Technology has held that power since long before the “AI revolution”, and you don’t need to posit the existence of a mechanical soul - demonic, angelic, or otherwise - to explain it.

The other book, which I just finished, is Douglas Hofstadter’s *Gödel, Escher, Bach*, which is about recursive systems in mathematics, music, and art. In the last hundred pages or so of his book he turns to the topic of AI and consciousness. Hofstadter doesn’t believe in souls, and gives an argument for human consciousness based (if I understood his complicated argument) on interactions between the multiple levels of activity between the physical activity of neurons all the way up to the human mind’s symbolic function. Perhaps that could explain “consciousness”, and if so a machine could gain that ability eventually, but don’t we mean something different? Is our intuitive insistence that there is such a thing as the human soul just a way of explaining something we don’t have the scientific language for, or mustn’t it be something more?

It sometimes seems to me that materialists misapply Occam’s razor (the preference for simpler, empirical explanations) and end up accidentally inventing extremely complicated theories to avoid the possibility that God may exist or humans may have souls. They seem especially eager to want to find some way of preserving the existence of free will without positing any supernatural entity, and as far as I can tell haven’t cracked that code, but they’ve sure spilled a lot of ink trying to convince us (or themselves?) that they have.

As Christians we have an easy out, which is quite a relief. We don’t have to worry overmuch about robots getting souls (I suppose God could miraculously give a robot a soul, but I don’t know why He would); nor do we have to worry that our *personhood* may just be an illusion, a tangle of neurons convincing us we are free agents for some [mal?]adaptive purpose. And we certainly needn’t spend even a moment thinking about whether we should “upload our consciousness” into a machine when the so-called singularity comes - if you attempted to do that you’d still be dead whatever data about your experiences may have been transferred to the cloud.

We don’t have to worry, because the human soul is not just data about sense experiences or the ability to work a logic puzzle. The human soul is a gift from God, united to our bodies, held in God’s nearer presence when we die, eagerly awaiting a new, embodied existence at the end of time and forever. So, I think whatever is happening with artificial “intelligence” presents us with plenty of practical and ethical problems that each of us need to grapple with. I have opinions, but if you really want to know them you can ask. Whether or not computers are going to become people is not one of those problems, though, so I’d discourage getting overly anxious about that.

Yours in service to the Gospel,
John †

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Front row: Holly McConnell, Ginny Lee Pilstl, Bishop Anne Jolly, Bob Miller, Fr. John Drymon. Middle: Liz Funke, Don Iliff. Third row: Archdeacon Bryan Gillooly, Amy Eisentrager, Travis McCurdy, Anna Rider, Bob Butcher.

On June 28, 2026, the Rt. Rev. Anne Jolly, 12th Bishop of Ohio, visited Trinity. During the service, Amy Eisentrager and Don Iliff were confirmed, Elizabeth Funke, Holly McConnell, and Anna Rider were received, and Robert Butcher, Travis McCurdy, Robert Miller, and Ginny Lee Pilstl reaffirmed their baptismal vows.

The children really enjoyed taking part in the Asperges and following a special coffee hour, Bishop Jolly met with the vestry.



The Entrance



Before for the service – Bishop Jolly, Grace McConnell, Lisa Robeson, Archdeacon Gillooly, Anna McConnell, Anna Funke, Bob Butcher, Barb Masterson, Amy Eisentrager, and Nancy Abbey.

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As they always do, CSG provided a wonderful coffee hour with special desserts and service! All their efforts are greatly appreciated!



Bishop Jolly and vestry members Greg Eisentrager, Ginny Lee Pilstl, Lisa Robeson, Liz Funke, Anna Rider, and Karen Eubanks with Fr. John.



All the 'little things' that make the environment perfect for worship are provided by the Altar Guild. Special efforts made by the members for the Bishop's visit were obvious. Many thanks to them.

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

01 – Lisa Robeson
02 – Cathy Albrecht
07 – Tom Dailey
08 – Anna Rider
10 – Travis McCurdy, Jimmy Eisentrager
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
07 – Cindy Fox, Terri Kempher
16 – Larry Funke

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

10 – Lisa Robeson & Jim Walter
14 – Greg & Amy Eisentrager
18 – Holly & Michael McConnell
20 – Liz & Larry Funke, Ty & Jodi Shaull



NO AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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.

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

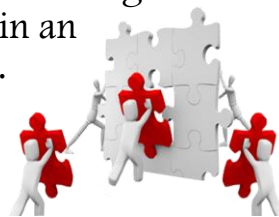


WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

We all need a little prayer and Trinity 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!

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.



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

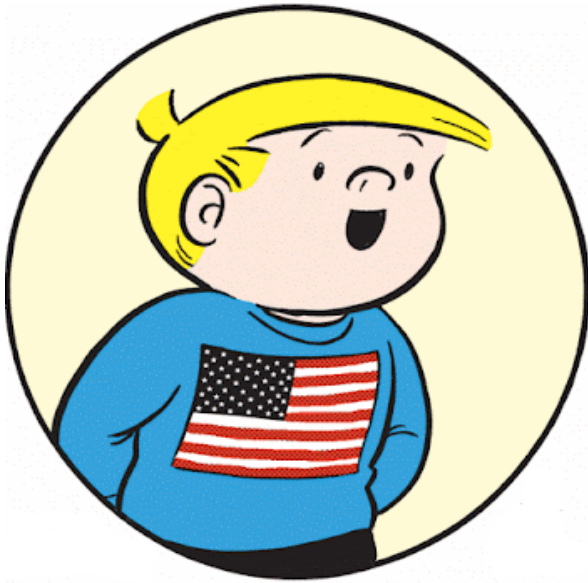
Marjorie Weaver – 4931 Nettleton, #7105, Medina, OH 44256

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



Trinity Tidings

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 at (trinfin128@gmail.com), or stop in!



"This is my favorite shirt 'cause it has our country's logo on it."

COFFEE CORNER



JULY

5th –

12th –

19th – Barb Masterson

26th – Nancy Abbey

AUGUST

OPEN

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!

A Summer Prayer

Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of this summer season - days of light, warmth, and leisure. Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us: the bright blue sky, the vibrant flowers, and the time to gather with family and friends. As we move in a more relaxed pace, grant our minds and bodies true rest. Help us to disconnect from our worries, and fill us with gratitude for the simple joys of the season. Whether we are traveling, spending time outdoors, or enjoying slow moments at home, guide our steps and keep us safe. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence, and let the beauty of your creation remind us of your endless love. Give us the generous spirit to share this warmth and kindness with others. Amen.



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 \$62.60 in the last quarter from a total of 25 households.



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MUSIC NOTES

Please watch for information about choir rehearsals as we look forward to returning in the fall. If you have any questions, see Barb Masterson.

SERVERS

THE LATEST 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.

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.

TRINITY VESTRY 2006

Senior Warden – Lisa Robeson
Clerk – Liz Funke
Asst. Treasurer – Larry Funke
Greg Eisentrager
Ginny Lee Pilstl
Rick Walter

Junior Warden – Jorge Rosario-Paris
Treasurer – Peg Dailey
Jude Davidson
Karen Eubanks
Anna Rider

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.



**ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER *TIDINGS*
SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY
MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST. THANKS!**

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2026 are available in the parish hall. There are still numbered boxes available (see or let Deborah know), and you may help yourself to the unnumbered boxes.



CHURCHMAN'S
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— CHURCH YEAR GUIDE —

2006
AVAILABLE
in the parish hall.
\$6.00 each to benefit the
Altar Guild.

STEWARDSHIP PACKETS

are available in the parish hall or contact the office to have one sent to you. You may still turn in your pledges for 2026!