

Trinity Episcopal Church
128 West Hardin Street
Findlay, Ohio 45840

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OUTREACH

Darrel the Barrel's wish list for September is instant mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing, gravy mixes, cream of mushroom soup, canned green beans, and onion rings. 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!

Our monthly trip to help serve dinner at the City Mission will be on September 27th (a Sunday instead of the usual Saturday), from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us!

CHRIST IN A STRANGER'S GUISE

For you never know when you might meet...

CSG is happy to be able to spearhead a project that grew out of Trinity's participation in the Diocesan's weeklong training by the College of Congregational Development. This endeavor so fits with our mission of welcoming visitors and newcomers while sustaining current members.

Since its inception, CSG has done a pretty good job of welcoming, greeting and giving green bags with bread to all visitors and newcomers. Where there is need for improvement is in helping the newcomer find their way through our many books and even through our halls to coffee hour.

At our last meeting, Fr. John presented a couple of the CCD models, specifically, "Gather, Transform, Send" and "Invite, Greet, Orient, Incorporate". As noted, we're managing the "gathering" and the "greeting"; now let's look at the next steps. To do that, CSG is going to be the lead (in terms of recruiting, training and participating) in starting two parish-wide programs, Liturgy Buddies and Coffee Buddies. Our goal is to have both at both the 8:30 and 10:00 services. A Liturgy Buddy would be hooked up with the newcomer to sit with and help guide them as necessary while the Coffee Buddy would take them to coffee hour, sit with and introduce them to others. Over the next few weeks, we are both looking for volunteers and approaching parishioners asking for their participation. If you are interested in learning more, please let Ginny Lee or any CSG member know. We will be having a mini training about these next steps in late September/early October.

As for "sustaining current members": mark your calendars! Chef Larry is returning and fixing a bountiful breakfast on Sunday, September 27th following the 10 a.m. service.

Ginny Lee Pilstl, Chair

...Christ in a stranger's guise.



THE RECTOR WRITES

This labor day I was reminded of the concept of Christian vocation. From the Latin vocare – “to call” - the term has become, perhaps, a bit too intimidating to the ordinary Christian. We might say “being a teacher for him is more a calling than a job” or “her priesthood is truly a vocation.” Rarely would it occur to us to say “that fellow has a real vocation at the Amazon warehouse” or “she’s called to be a gas station clerk.” There’s a real, insidious elitism in how we use the words “vocation” and “call”. I think that sometimes we assume that most people’s “calling” is accomplished entirely outside their professions, be that in the home or in the church or through some sort of community service.

What if each of us started seeing his or her work as a vocation? What if instead of assuming that we must wait for a call to do something different we find God’s work already present in the quotidian? The chap at the Amazon Warehouse is providing goods for an awful lot of people who can’t get out. The woman working the cash register is providing a necessary service, and if she approaches it with a sense of vocation, she can help others in ways we may not realize, even if it’s just by being friendly to somebody who needs it. Almost all of us, whatever we do, are involved in work which provides something important or can potentially do so. Perhaps we can find vocation, our calling, right in front of us, where it didn’t occur to us to look before.

For most of us, then, the task is not to fret over finding some other line of work, but in doing what we’re already doing with determination and perseverance and intentionality. There is a lovely prayer from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, which I believe gets to the idea I’m trying to convey and with which I’ll leave you:

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who declarest thy glory and showest forth thy handiwork in the heavens and in the earth; Deliver us, we beseech thee, in our several callings, from the service of mammon, that we may do the work which thou givest us to do, in truth, in beauty, and in righteousness, with singleness of heart as thy servants, and to the benefit of our fellow men; for the sake of him who came among us as one that serveth, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Yours in service to the Gospel,
John †



MUSIC NOTES

Choir resumes on the Sunday after Labor Day, September 13th. We welcome everyone who is interested in joining us on Sunday mornings. The choir also prepares an anthem for the Christmas Eve and Easter services with rehearsals on Sunday morning the month before. We would be happy to have new voices join us then as well. Contact any choir member or Barb Masterson if you have any questions.

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!

AS A COST-SAVING measure, we will begin sending financial statements twice annually instead of quarterly. If you need a quarterly statement, please let Deborah know. In addition, Trinity is transitioning to new accounting software which will allow individuals to access their own giving records at any time. While the transition is in progress, it is a good time for updating directory information, including birthdates.

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.

A September Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of a new month. As I step into September, I ask for your grace, strength, and protection over my life and my loved ones.

Lord, let this month be a time of fresh beginnings and breakthroughs. Remove every obstacle in the way of my progress, and open doors of opportunity that no one can shut.

Give me the wisdom to make right choices, the peace to cast away anxiety, and the faith to trust your perfect plan. May my steps be ordered by you all through this season.

In Jesus' name, Amen



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.



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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02 – Jim Miller
08 – Patricia Tremayne
11 – Joanie Horvath, Ali Arthur
16 – Deke Roberts
20 – Liz Funke
21 – Marjorie Weaver
27 – Jennifer Kayser



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

08 – Deb & Neil Bartlett
26 – Bob & Anne Butcher



ITEMS FOR OCTOBER *TIDINGS* SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 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 - 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 (winter)



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.

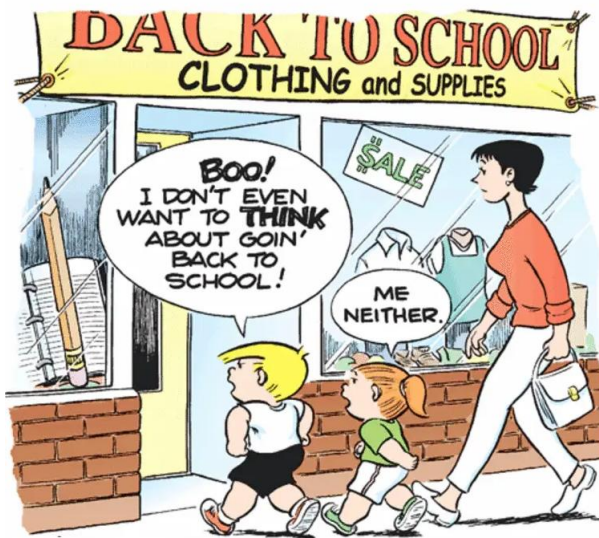


OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2026 are available in the parish hall. There are still numbered boxes available (see or let Deborah know), and you may help yourself to the unnumbered boxes.

TRINITY VESTRY 2006

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

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



COFFEE CORNER



SEPTEMBER
 6th – Annie Stricklin
 13th – Barb Masterson
 20th – Anne & Bob Butcher
 27th – CSG Brunch

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 KrogerCommunityRewards.com and follow the instructions.)

Trinity earned \$68.51 in the last quarter from a total of 26 households.

