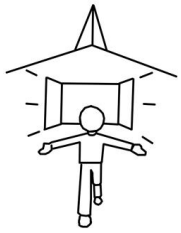
Trinity Tidings

The Episcopal Church serving
Hancock County, Ohio…and beyond

Trinity Episcopal Church
128 West Hardin Street
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2026



OUTREACH

Please see the Mission overview in this issue for details about Trinity's Outreach projects.

Darrel the Barrel's wish list for November includes plastic forks and spoons, napkins, sandwich bags, paper towels, and dish soap. 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!

There are opportunities to take over various Outreach projects, including organizing the monthly trips the parish has made for a number of years to the City Mission, making sure donations brought to the church are distributed to the proper charities around town, and adopting families through Cancer Patient Services at Christmas. Please contact Anne Butcher or Ginny Lee if you are interested in taking over any of these efforts or otherwise helping out with them!

CHRIST IN A STRANGER'S GUISE

For you never know when you might meet…

On Sunday, October 11th CSG hosted a very special and bittersweet coffee hour to say goodbye to Fr. John and Annie. We're happy for them as they move to upper NY state for parishes there, but sad for us as all Trinity has so appreciated their time here. Special treats, gifts, a few speeches, several tears, and, of course, cake (!) highlighted the event which followed the formal leave taking during the 10 a.m. service. Godspeed, Fr. John and Annie; we will miss you!

Our next meeting will be following coffee hour after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, November 22nd. Grab a cuppa and a friend as we plan for Christmas!

Ginny Lee Pilstl, Chair

…Christ in a stranger's guise.

LUNCH BUNCH



In October, the group met at an in-town favorite, Hunan Gardens. This month another longtime establishment: Dark Horse. We'll meet there on Friday, November 13 (yes, I know Friday the 13th!). Please let Nancy O or Ginny Lee know by Wednesday, November 10th if you plan to attend.

WHEN: Friday, November 13, 11:30 a.m. WHERE: The Dark Horse, 4136 N. Main

Nancy O'Sullivan
Ginny Lee Pilstl

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MISSION OUTREACH

This is an overview of Trinity's outreach projects previously led by Annie Stricklin. Vestry member Ginny Lee Pilstl has agreed to help find new people to carry on these projects. Anne Butcher will assist her.

Darrel the Barrel – Deborah will continue to update the wish list each month.

Seaman's Church – Bette Snyder is sewing ditty bags and has collected books to the mailed in November. In addition, we will collect items for a Christmas care package for the Motor Vessel Findlay. A list of suggested items is here and in the bulletin and will be posted on the bulletin board. Packaged snacks, beef jerky, playing cards, crossword and other puzzle books, writing paper and envelopes, DVD movies, western and spy novels.

The Mitten Tree will be placed in the Parish hall the first Sunday of Advent (November 29th) through January for your donations of hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens. Item will go to the Christian Clearing House for distribution.

City Mission – Our monthly trip to serve dinner will resume in November. Four volunteers are needed for 2½ hours each month on a date to be announced.

CHOPIN Hall and Christian Clearing House – Donations of non-perishable foods and taxable hygiene and cleaning supplies will continue.

Cancer Patient Services – We will adopt 3-4 individuals or families for Christmas. There will be opportunities with shopping and collecting gifts.

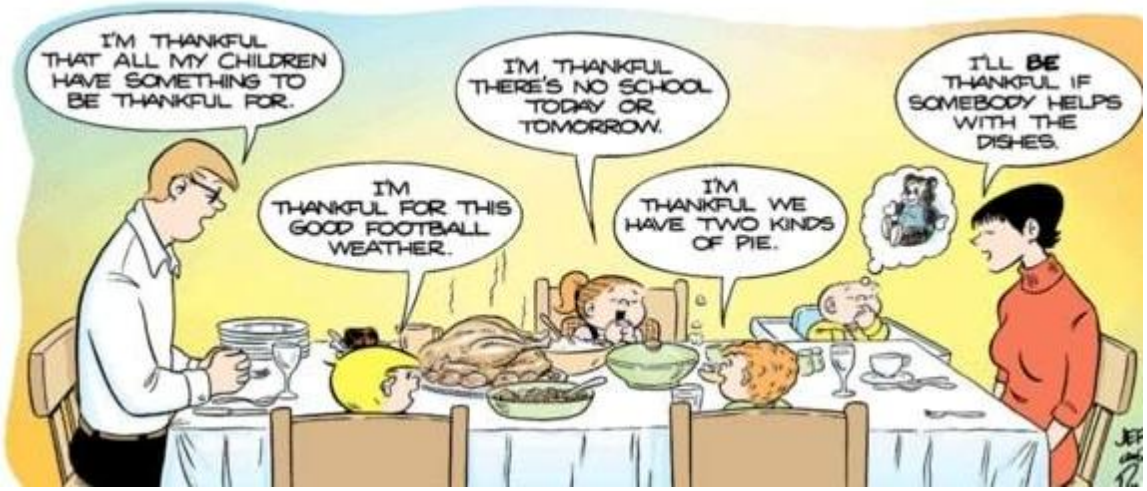
Wrapping Christmas gifts – Deb Bartlett and Nancy O'Sullivan provide wrapping materials and direction for wrapping gifts of adopted individuals and families on a date to be announced.

Vestry has decided we will no longer be responsible for trash pick-up on Ohio Route 12.

Thank you to all who faithfully contribute time and gifts to Mission Outreach at Trinity.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION for children will be held on November 15 and December 6 at 11:30 a.m. upstairs in the annex. Classes are also scheduled for 2027.

FALL CLEANING DAY is Saturday, November 14th beginning at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and breakfast treats. Cleaning is 9 – 11:30 a.m. (or when finished). There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please join us!



MUSIC NOTES



The choir has resumed and 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 Deborah know.

A Prayer for November

Lord, November is a month filled with planning, transitions, and anticipations. As the days unfold, I entrust every endeavor, project, and plan into your capable hands. Guide me in every decision, and may my actions reflect your will. Whether I face challenges or moments of ease, help me to always lean on your wisdom and strength. Father, in all that I pursue this month, may your name be glorified. Let my endeavors not be about personal gain or worldly recognition but centered on bringing honor to you. As I work, study, and interact with others, may my life be a testament to your grace and goodness. 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.



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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 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.



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.

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!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03 – Asher Boyles
05 – Holly McConnell
12 – Dustan Withrow, Gary Woodruff
13 – Julie Boucher
17 – Brittany Brockmann



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12 – Dianne & Jim Ellerbe
18 – Kim & Debbie Grove



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.



ITEMS FOR DECEMBER *TIDINGS* SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH. THANKS!

OFFERING ENVELOPES 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.

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)
Fr. John Drymon & Annie Stricklin – 412 Hugunin Street, Clayton, NY 13624

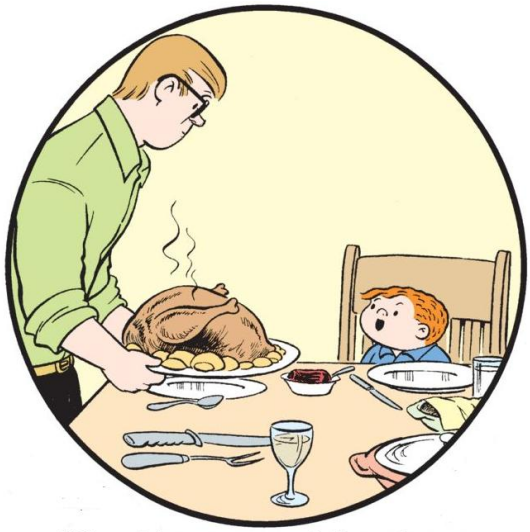


TRINITY VESTRY 2006

Senior Warden – Lisa Robeson
Junior Warden – Jorgé Rosario-Paris
Clerk – Liz Funke
Treasurer – Peg Dailey
Asst. Treasurer – Larry Funke
Jude Davidson
Greg Eisentrager
Karen Eubanks
Ginny Lee Pilstl
Anna Rider
Rick Walter

DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

PLEASE take a moment and update your Trinity directory information. With changes and new accounting software system, it is important to have accurate communication opportunities. There are forms by the front door and in the parish hall and/or we will be glad to send one to you - snail mail or email - if you prefer. If the current information is correct, please write your name and indicate 'no changes' so no-one bugs you to return a form. (Remember to check the back for prayer list and *Tidings* info.) Any questions or comments, please contact the office. The goal is to have a new directory out in the fall. Thank you!



"Can I have one of the pieces that have a handle?"

COFFEE CORNER



November

1st – Joanie Horvath
8th – Butchers
15th – Rebecca Fromherz
22nd –
29th - Barb Masterson

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 and follow the instructions.)

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

FALL INGATHERING IS NOVEMBER 15th.

Dear Trinity Episcopal Church family,

At this time of transition, it is especially important for us to maintain the physical structure of our church and the spiritual strength of our congregation and our wider community while we proceed towards the future.

As we approach the upcoming stewardship season, we invite you to reflect on your personal connection with Trinity and your pledge's impact on our church and its ministries. Stewardship is not merely about financial contributions; it encompasses the gifts of time, talent, and service that each of you brings to our community. Your pledge enables us to serve our congregation, support outreach programs, and maintain our facilities ensuring that our church remains a welcoming place for all.

In the last few years we had the kitchen remodeled, a new roof installed, the altar ceilings and walls repainted, some of the walls and stained glass windows repaired, and broken gutters replaced as well as adding the elegant black stone in the front of the church. It is hard to list all the things that our Trinity family have done to maintain this church, and all of it has been possible thanks to your contributions.

Many other projects will need to be addressed as we continue, and as long as we have your support we will get them done!

As you consider your pledge for the upcoming year with the enclosed pledge card, we encourage you to reflect on how you have been blessed and how you can continue to bless others through your generosity. Every contribution, no matter the size, is important and makes a difference in our collective mission. Thank you for your faithfulness and your support. Together, let us continue to grow in faith and service, building a community that reflects God's love.

Within the next few days, everyone should receive their pledge card for 2027 in the mail. These can be completed and returned anytime in the offering bring them with you to the annual Fall Ingathering on Sunday, November 15.

> *Gratitude and Thanksgiving for life begin with the person who greet in the mirror each morning. Stewardship is everything that you do to bring that inner voice to life. Why not believe that God has entrusted you with a great commission: to do his work in the world?*
>
> Rev. Peter Larsen 1998

God bless and thank you on behalf of your Vestry,

Jorge Rosario-Paris, Junior Warden

Lisa Robeson, Senior Warden

THERE ARE PLEDGE CARDS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH HALL.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

October 2026

Dear Trinity Family,

Now that we have sent Fr. John and Annie off with our blessings (and some tears), I wanted to update you on the transition process, which has begun.

Interim Rector

The Diocese has recommended a part-time Interim Rector. Jorge Rosario-Paris (junior warden) and I (senior warden) have met with him, and he will be meeting with the full Vestry on Nov. 1. Since the position would be part-time, Jorge and I have also met with a priest who can help us with long-term supply so that we have some consistency in our services. Currently we have a schedule of supply priests through January so our worship should not be interrupted.

Transition Process

Fr. Aaron Gerlach, who celebrated last Sunday's services, will be our Faith Community Facilitator, appointed by the Diocese to be our guide and liaison through our parish's transition process. Fr. Aaron met with our Vestry on Sunday to orient us on the transition process laid out by the Diocese. He will be by our side as we move through each step.

Here are the steps we anticipate taking in the next few months:

First step - Budget. Our first step is to get a good handle on our finances so we can make healthy and realistic decisions about our future. A Property Assessment committee with Greg Eisentrager, Larry Funke, and Treasurer Peg Daily has been formed and will be reporting to the Vestry in November. We will also be developing a five-year financial plan.

Second Step - Discernment. Discernment is the process of studying information about our parish, budget, and community; engaging in discussion with our parishioners, community, and diocese; and determining the direction God is calling our parish to at this time. Through this discernment process, we will make decisions on what kind of parish we want to be and how we envision our relationship with a priest – whether we have 1) a shared ministry with other parishes and missions, 2) a full-time rector, or 3) a priest in charge (these options will be explained fully as the process begins).

By January, Vestry will charge a "Discernment Committee" to undertake this task. In conversation with Vestry, parishioners, community, and the Diocese, engaging in prayer, bible study, data study, and feedback, they will recommend a path forward for Trinity Parish. The Committee will include parishioners not on Vestry who represent our current congregation as well as Vestry.

Third Step - Actions on Discernment Committee Recommendations. Next steps (engaging with other parishes/ missions or searching for a full-time rector or priest-in-charge) will depend on the recommendations of the Discernment Committee.

What You Can Do Now

PRAY for Trinity Findlay - Change can bring uncertainty but also excitement. Continue to pray for our parish so we can make decisions grounded in who we are now and what kind of parish God is calling us to be! Watch for a prayer in your bulletin that we can all say together in this time of transition.

HELP where you can – As our situation changes, we may be asking for help in things large and small. Prayerfully consider what you can do so we can maintain the vibrant life of our church!

BE ASSURED that we have good guidance and help - The Diocese has been wonderful in giving us a solid decision-making structure for transition and the help of an experienced Facilitator who will be guiding us through each step of our process.

Trinity family members, knowing our commitment to our parish and our faith in God's grace I am confident we will discern well what God is calling us to be while still maintaining the traditions of our church. I pray for all of you daily, and wish you

God's Blessings,

Lisa Robeson
Senior Warden