

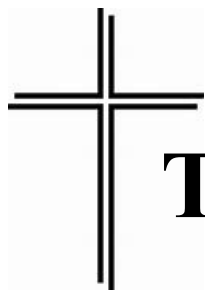
**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1342 WEST PROSPECT ROAD  
ASHTABULA OH 44004**

**AUGUST 2022  
NEWSLETTER**



*For many years the church committees have not met in July. With no committee updates we decided to have each chair person share with you information about their group. We hope you enjoy this newsletter.*

**Worship Time Change  
August – October  
11:00 AM**



# Trinity Times



## Sunday, August 14

Lake Shore Park  
Overlook Pavilion  
(East on 1<sup>st</sup> street)  
Worship at 10:30  
Potluck at 11:30

- \*Hot dogs furnished by Trinity
- \*Bring a dish to share
- \*Don't forget your place settings

**Aspire**

1 night – 3 hours  
Just for Women  
An evening full of laughter,  
learning, stories & music

**SATURDAY  
SEPT. 24, 2022**

**NEW LEAF  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**  
110 GATEWAY AVE.  
CONNEAUT, OH 44030

**6:00PM SHOW**  
5:30PM GA DOORS OPEN  
5:00PM VIP DOORS OPEN

**ADVANCE TICKETS**  
\$25 Gen. Admission | \$35 VIP  
\$20 Groups of 10 or more.  
Group sales call 480-812-1100

VIP ticket includes early entry for  
preferred seating and Q&A session  
with all the speakers and artists.

Purchase tickets at **480-812-1100**  
or online at:  
**ASPIREWOMENSEVENTS.com**

Abingdon Women Compassion EFF Extreme Faith Productions

Ladies- Contact the church office by September 4 if  
interested in going.



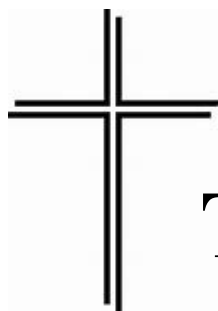
## Rummage Sale

Saturday August 13

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Bake Sale

Lunch



# Trinity Times

## **Session**

In the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), that is, the Book of Order, the index has six pages listing the responsibilities of session. They include managing all aspects of worship and governing the business of the church.

Book of Order G-3.02 "The session is the council for the congregation. ... The session shall have responsibility for governing the congregation and guiding the witness to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that the congregation is and becomes a community of faith, hope, love, and witness."

"In light of this charge, the session has responsibility and power to:

- provide that the Word of God may be truly preached and heard.
- provide that the Sacraments may be rightly administered and received.
- nurture the covenant community of disciples of Christ.

Session is to keep minutes of session meetings, congregational meetings and joint meetings with deacons.

Session is to maintain Membership Rolls and registers of baptisms, ruling elders and deacons, and installed pastors. .

The session shall prepare and adopt a budget and determine the distribution of the congregation's benevolences. It shall provide full information to the congregation concerning its decisions in such matters.

We have committees to take care of those responsibilities. Each seated Elder is to be a leader or active participant in at least one committee. Our session is currently composed of 9 elders, three classes of three, each serving three-year terms.

The elders currently serving are:

Class of 2022: Richard Fassett, Peg LaDu., Nancy Sabo

Class of 2023: Mary Belding, Josh Hall, Craig Reiter

Class of 2024: Pam Bloom, Beth Dougherty, Kathy Fassett

Session works to take care of our church, our community and to share the love of God.

Mary Belding, Clerk of session

## **Ministerial Relations Committee**

The Ministerial Relations Committee meets regularly with Mark to discuss any concerns he has and also bring to him any concerns from Church members. We will also be advocates for Mark's leadership in the church and facilitate communication between Mark and the congregation. One of our primary objectives of the committee is to promote healthy dialogue with all involved. While the committee seeks to foster understanding and prevent unnecessary conflict, it may arise. This committee will serve as a reconciler for conflict.

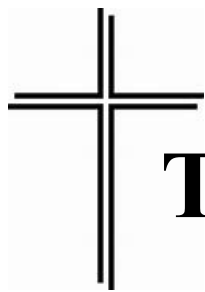
Members are Mary Belding, Pam Bloom, Dale Fassett, and Beth Dougherty

## **Personnel Committee**

The Personnel Committee consists of three active Session members, one from each class.

The committee is responsible for recruitment and management of all church personnel (with the exception of the Minister) including developing a job description and employment policies for Session approval. The committee also completes the annual performance reviews of staff, recommends any salary changes to session for approval, and address employee concerns.

Current members are Rich Fassett, Craig Reiter, Kathy Fassett, and alternate Beth Dougherty (Kathy Fassett will be replaced due to her recent employment with the church)



# Trinity Times

## **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee is elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting in February.

Responsibilities:

Seeking out and appointing members in good standing to serve as Ruling Elders and Deacons of the Trinity Presbyterian Church

The committee will make every effort to fill vacancies and present them to the Session for approval no later than the regularly scheduled October Session meeting in preparation for election of officers which is held on the final Sunday of October.

A member serving on the Nominating Committee cannot be nominated for a position while serving on the committee. A retiring elder will serve a chairperson of the committee.

The committee will consist of:

One Second term elder

One second term deacon

Two Active members in good standing within the congregation

This year the committee consists of:

Second term elder – Mary Belding

Second term deacon – David Adams

Two Active Members – Dale Fassett and Pauline Headman

## **Scrip Fund**

The Trinity Scrip Program was begun by Jill Huggins. Since then, Sue Karvonen, and Donna Shiflet have been administrators. At this time, Dee Fassett and Mary Belding hold the responsibility of administration.

The Scrip Program provides gift cards through Raise Right (previously Shop with Scrip).

We have a stock of cards most often requested available Sunday morning and by special request. There are over 550 brands available. When cards are requested, they are ordered and delivered within a week. Folks have used gift cards when purchasing large items (lawn mowers, carpet) when able to plan those purchases. In November folks, giving us a long list, purchase gift cards for Christmas gifts.

The rebate that Trinity earns ranges from 1.5%-18%. You purchase a gift card, Trinity gets the rebate. The funds earned are donated to the Trinity Operating budget at the end of the year. Donations from earnings in 2018: \$1200, 2019: \$1800, 2020: \$1000, and 2021: \$1200.

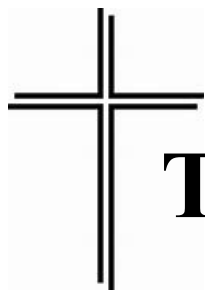
Thank you for supporting this mission. It is a way to share with Trinity every time you shop!

Mary Belding and Dee Fassett

## **Memorial Committee**

The Memorial Committee is responsible for receiving all monies donated to the Church in memory of a deceased member. I will then send a Thank You card to the donor on behalf of the Church [after Reverend Mark signs them] I will also record where the family would like for the monies to go to. The Committee with the assistance of the Fellowship Committee will also prepare a meal if the family so wishes.

Nancy Sabo



# Trinity Times

## **Property and Finance**

### **Oversight and maintenance of all buildings and grounds**

- Addresses maintenance needs of the building and grounds
- Proposes improvements of building to the Session
- Schedules and conducts "work days"
- Plans for the continued beautification of the grounds
- Proposes improvements of the grounds to the Session
- Schedules work to be done by professionals
- Consideration of future building & grounds needs

### **Keeping the congregational family apprised of the church's financial status**

- Monitoring and administering the cash flow of the General Fund
- Reviews and approves a monthly income/spending report and balance sheet to report for Session
- Review quarterly and annual receipts and spending
- Generally overseeing the activities of the Treasurer/Accountant in the maintenance of complete and accurate records relative to all income and expenditures of day-to-day church operations
- Monitoring and administering the General Fund Savings/Investments
- Recommending modification in investment strategy for Session approval as conditions warrant
- Keeping the congregation apprised of the church's financial status
- Recommend to Session appropriation of funds for other committees
- Responsible for organizing and carrying out end of year audit
- Prepare future yearly budget for approval of session and church congregation
- Manages the investments of the church

Your committee members: Beth Dougherty, Craig Reiter, Rich Fassett, Josh Hall, Hobart Shiflet, Terry Karvonen, Norm Jepson,

## **Community Outreach**

The Committee currently consists of active members:

Ruth Allen, Barb Beatty, Mary Belding, Pam Bloom, Dee Fassett, Kathy Fassett, Joyce Kren and Nancy Sabo

The Committee oversees and hosts the mission programs of the church during each calendar year some of which may include the following:

Baby Shower for G.O. Ministries (Helping Independent Parent Program) and Children Services

Youth Opportunities for young adults

Stacy's House (New home for 18-year-old homeless individuals)

Homesafe collecting needed items or gift cards for their use as needed

Brown Bag program

Masks were made and distributed during the pandemic

Mitten, sock, Hat tree for school age children

School supply drive for local schools

Food Pantry with Plymouth United Methodist Church

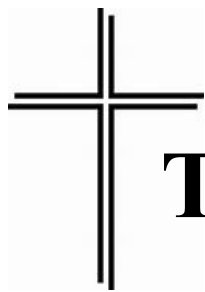
Food Pantry Catholic Charities

Bike and Build cyclists for Affordable Housing

Fall Harvest/Halloween Party or Participate in local Trick or Treat Night

Children Services Christmas for children within their program

The Committee recommends budget allocations to the appropriate programs which is then approved by Session. The Committee seeks to evolve with the community and its current needs, thereby promoting Trinity in the community.



# Trinity Times

## **Deacons of Trinity Presbyterian Church**

Over the course of many, many, years, the responsibility of a church Deacon has remained the same. Our church has had changes over those years, but our role as a Deacon remains the same. The only difference is as time goes on, our membership has declined, and so has the number of Deacons in our church.

The ministry of a Deacon, as set forth in Scripture, is one of Compassion, Witness, and Service...sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures...in other words, anyone in distress. We also have the responsibility of preparing the Communion table.

Deacons are the chief relationship builders in a congregation. But wait....we are ALL relationship builders of the Church !! Whether you are an ordained Deacon or not, every one of us can call others, or send a note, or a get-well card, or take a few cookies to someone who needs a lift or pray for (or with) others. That's what the Christian Faith is all about! God has blessed us, so that we can be a blessing to others!

One of our Deacons, Kathy Depp, is organizing a Rummage Sale at the Church on Saturday, August 13. We all can help with this endeavor! The day of the sale, baked goods are needed, items for the lunch that will be served, help in the sales area and with pricing items, help in the kitchen will be needed! Contact the office or Kathy Depp.

Abiding Love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. (Psalm 32:10)

Jane Planisek, Moderator

## **It's Time to Reignite our Youth!**

We are extremely excited to announce that Josh Hall and Dee Fassett will be reigniting our youth program! And-

### **WE NEED YOU!**

It's time to "refresh" and "connect" with youth of all ages of our church families, friends, and community.

It's time to build relationships and engage in spiritual conversations that can foster and encourage spiritual growth in youth of all ages.

We need any help you can give.

- "Connectors" to help with the youth-even if it's just one time,
- Ideas for exciting things to help "connect" with the youth,
- Food,
- Your prayers

Kick-off Sunday, September 4, 2022

Breakfast at 10:00 AM

The real fun begins at 11:00 AM



Share God's Word

Contact Dee Fassett, 440-992-5004 or Josh Hall, 216-952-6290 for more information and to share how you are able to help.



## **Eden Project**

### **We are the Eden Project – Growing food-growing faith.**

Trinity Presbyterian Church is in the tenth year of being stewards of a community garden. The idea of a garden was seeded by a sermon eleven years ago. Melanie Todd was the prime mover in getting the Eden Project started.

The first year with the able assistance of Rees and Meghan Davis, the garden plan was drawn up. The second year we received the gift of eight 4'X16' raised beds. With the help of the Stowell family, Dick LaDu, Brad Luce, Todd McGill, Mary Belding, and Warren Truesdell the beds were moved to our garden site. Todd McGill used his tractor to pull out the hedge on the south line and dug and moved soil to a raised mound on the south west corner.

Paul Savol and two co-workers from Aqua dug a 60' trench and installed a water line and water hydrant. Aqua allowed them to use their equipment. Tools were donated by many. Denny and Carol Rich constructed a compost bin. We purchased soil for the raised beds. Bob Belding brought us more soil to extend our beds. Tony Campbell, Brad Luce, and Terry Karvonen helped with that project.

The work and material contributed saved our fund at least \$5000.

The Eden Project in its first year received financial and advisory support from congregation members, the Presbytery of the Western Reserve, Trinity Womens Association, Card- making Ministry and the Fellowship Committee as well as the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Sunday school students planted seeds for the first three years that eventually became a bountiful harvest.

Plants have been contributed from ATech and Saybrook Feed. One year Becca Stowell had kids from After School Discovery starting seedlings for us.

Many have contributed time and energy in the garden. In past years, Todd McGill, Brad Luce, Dick and Peg LaDu and Mary Belding have mowed the grass.

Over the years, many people have adopted a bed to plant, weed, and water. They include: Dave and Beth Adams, Nan Adams-Case and Gary Case, Betty Lou and Al Cherry, Dee Fasset, Sue and Terry Karvonen, Dick and Peg LaDu, Ray and Megan Laylin, Brad and Marion Luce, Denny and Carol Rich, Jessie Smith, Becca Stowell, Dee Fasset, Kathy and Dale Fasset, Ruth Allen, Ruth Ann Ayers, Joyce Kren and Mary Belding. Some of our neighbors have also helped out. Many stop to talk to us and express their delight in having a garden in the neighborhood.

We have had gardening and cooking training sessions with After-School Discovery summer programs.

In 2016, we received a donation from Beth and David Adams of two wonderful benches which were installed on the north east corner of the garden. A flower bed was added near the benches to enhance the joy of being able to peacefully enjoy the garden. The benches are still there and still as nice as new. Our Ashtabula neighbors respectfully use them.

For ten summers we have produced a bounty of healthful food which has been made available both to our congregation on Sunday mornings and to the Dream Center. The Dream Center has a soup kitchen at 57<sup>th</sup> and Washington, supported by Harvest International Church. They supply lunches four days a week throughout the year. They have reported that they use all the food we give them. What isn't used immediately is frozen for later use.

There are many opportunities to assist with this project. Anyone interested in sharing in the stewardship of the Eden Project can Contact Joyce Kren or Mary Belding. If you have a home garden and want to share some of your produce, we will be happy to accept that.

It is a blessing for us to be able to share with our neighbors. Thanks to all who have been and are part of this project.

Joyce Kren

Mary Belding

# Trinity Times

## **Worship and Music Ministry**

The Worship and Music committee plans and coordinates ushers and communion servers for worship services. They are also responsible for temporary pulpit supply when the minister is unable to fulfill his obligations and/or there is a need for temporary music replacement.

There is currently no member leading this committee. Session is managing the responsibilities.

## **Yoke Committee**

The Yoke Committee oversee the relationship with East Side Presbyterian and Trinity regarding shared Pastoral Leadership. Members are Beth Dougherty, Mary Belding, and Craig Reiter.

Responsibilities:

- Maintain a working relationship with the Yoke Committee from East Side Presbyterian
- Oversee alternating worship times
- Oversee alternating office hours
- Oversee the special worship schedule
- Oversee the arrangements with the Board of Pensions
- Resolve conflicts with the congregation concerning the Yoke

The Yoke committee will remain a committee with the intent to oversee the continued yoke of both congregations.

## **Cards**

The Cards group meets the first Wednesday and the third Monday of the month.

We are always looking for more to join the group. It is a fun night, seeing what everyone has done and just visiting. Also we are putting together card kits. So, you don't have to make up your own cards. There is also a stamp scrap book, and if you see anything you want stamped just write down the number on the pad and when you need it.

Thanks you for your support and this year we donated to Rainbow and Special Olympics Ohio.

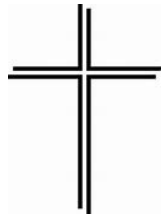
Card members; Beth, Lisa, Megan, Marla, Elsie, and Dee

### **Left Handed People Facts**

- Make Up Roughly 12% of the Population
- More Likely to Have Allergies
- More Prone to Migraines
- More Likely to Suffer Sleep Deprivation
- Use the Right Side of the Brain the Most
- More Likely to Be Male
- Better at Multi-Tasking
- Live on Average 9 Years Less than Righties
- 6 Of the 9 Most Recent U.S Presidents, 5 Were Left Handed







# AUGUST 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Al-Anon 7pm	3 Bible Study 10am East Side Card Club	4 Bible Study 7pm	5	6
7 <b>Face-Face Worship 11:00am Video Worship</b>	8 International Cat Day	9 Romeos 9 AM Debs Diner Al-Anon 7pm	10 Bible Study 10am East Side Property and Finance 6:30pm N/A 7pm	11 Bible Study 7pm	12 Brown Bag Lunch pack- ing 10 am	13 International Left handers Day
14 <b>2¢ A Meal Collection Church Picnic Lakeshore Park Worship 10:30am Video Worship</b>	15 Card Club	16 Al-Anon 7pm	17 Bible Study 10am East Side Community Outreach 6:00 pm Book Club 7pm Session-7:00pm N/A 7pm	18 Bible Study 7pm	19	20
21 <b>Face-Face Worship 11:00am Video Worship</b>	22	23 Al-Anon 7pm	24 Bible Study 10am East Side Book Club 7pm N/A 7pm	25 Bible Study 7pm	26 National Dog Day	27
28 <b>Face-Face Worship 11:00am Video Worship</b>	29	30 Al-Anon 7pm	31 Bible Study 10am East Side	<b>Trinity-Mark</b> Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am-11:30 am 12:00pm-2:30pm	<b>East Side-Mark</b> Monday and Wednesday 8:30am-11:30 am 12:00pm-2:30pm	<b>Church Office Hours</b> Monday and Friday 10am-12pm Wednesday 9:30am-11:30am