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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My grandmother and my mother crocheted. I was presented as a young man with a queen-sized quilt that my grandmother spent much time and labor knitting with many bolts of multi-colored yarn. When I was first married and had a queen-sized bed, I was quite proud to put my quilt on my bed in remembrance of my grandmother who had passed away. But, little did I know that my cat appreciated my quilt just as much as I did, but in a much different way: she ate it. Much to my surprise, I come home one day only to find an enormous hole chewed into the corner of the quilt and a huge hairball of yarn in the living room. But, after telling the story of my “chewed quilt” to my mom, I was pleased to find out that she could repair the hole in the quilt, by simply re-crocheting new yarn into the hole and making it look whole.

In many ways, every human being is a “chewed quilt.” We were all created whole and good, and then something happens in the course of our lives, always by the choices we make, and we end up damaged and broken. In our brokenness, we continue to fall short of our creation, we might be broken in body, resulting in sickness or injury. We might be broken in mind, resulting in derangement or illness. We might be broken in spirit, resulting in depression, and despair. We all, some more than others, know quite well what to think and feel about the experience of being “the chewed quilt.”

But, just as my “chewed quilt” could be remade and was, so too does broken flesh become remade. In the prologue to the Gospel of John, we are told that *the Word became flesh, and lived among us*. While much has been said about this verse, the meaning of it continues to be all important. As the man Jesus of Nazareth, God has made or perhaps better stated, God has re-made flesh. Just as the same “chewed quilt” can be made new, all broken flesh can be made new. Since the Word became *flesh* in Jesus Christ, no longer does flesh decay and fragile tissue break, no longer do minds tear and succumb to psychosis and lunacy, no longer do spirits collapse under sadness and apathy. In Jesus Christ, new whole Flesh swallows broken flesh in life without end, glory without corruption, might without end. Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

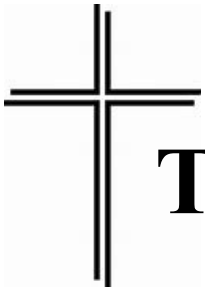
But as astounding as this new flesh is, the more astounding piece of the news, is that this New Flesh is none other than the Word, the Creator to begin with. The *Word* became Flesh and dwelt among us. The Creator, the Sustainer, the Lord became this new flesh, to restore, to remake, and to recreate. This more important piece is not only the recreation of all things, but because the author of this work is God, all creation can never be torn asunder again; because this flesh will die on Good Friday, this flesh will be raised on Easter Sunday this flesh will be seated on the Kingdom’s throne on Ascension Day, never to die again. Not only is Flesh re-created, because of God’s gracious choice this new Flesh is kept from ever breaking again. Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

We are reminded by these words from John of the all-important choice of God, that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us to recreate flesh to its original state and to keep it there. God has made this choice to give life and power graciously to us in Jesus Christ, but as John also writes, *but to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God*. God’s choice to graciously save, must be followed by the human choice to allow that salvation. God’s choice must be followed by our choice to surrender ourselves unto the God who wants to and can help us. God’s choice must be followed by our choice to acknowledge God’s Lordship and Sovereignty. God’s choice to be a Faithful and Gracious God, must be followed by the creaturely choice to trust and obey our Creator. The Word became Flesh, but God’s Word must be believed if the Word’s Flesh becomes *our* flesh through the Holy Spirit.

So, my friends, in this new year of discipleship, let us be reminded that we might be “the chewed quilt,” but that is okay. Because in Jesus Christ, the Word who became flesh, all things have been made new. Let us therefore surrender ourselves into the tender ministrations of the one re-crocheting us and let us become “the *new* quilt.” Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

In Christ,

Rev. Mark



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A Note From Session

A Happy and Blessed New Year to all!

Your session will be electing new officers and committee chairs in January. This will enable us to move forward with the work of Trinity in 2020.

Those serving as elders this year are: Mary Belding, Pam Bloom, Beth Dougherty, Richard Fassett, Peg LaDu, Craig Reiter, Nancy Sabo, Ken Vanyo, and Sarah Williams.

The Book of Order states: "The session shall have responsibility for governing the congregation and guiding its 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."

Please keep your Elders in your prayers so that we may work to fulfill this obligation.

Mary Belding

Clerk of Session

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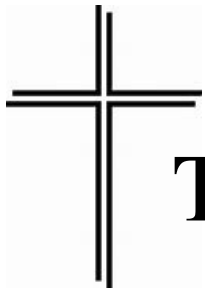


Script cards are available for purchase before and after
Worship service each Sunday.

Thank you for your support,

Mary Belding

Dee Fassett



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The Trinity Card Group has rescheduled the “**Make and Take Your Card**” event to Saturday, April 4th from 9am until 11:30am.

This will be a time of fun, fellowship and also a time to share your creativity!



MAKE NEW FRIENDS



Getting to Know You!

We have new friends in church!

In effort to get to know others, a bulletin board in the fellowship hall will hold photos of family & friends, places we love or anything dear. Slip a photo in the clear plastic envelope provided and put your name on the plastic. Photos can be great conversation starters.

A friend loves at all times.

-Proverbs 17:17



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PROPERTY AND FINANCE

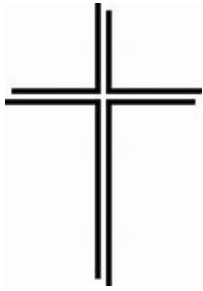
The project to replace the floodlights in our Sanctuary is underway and should be completed soon. We are currently in the process of securing the addition of the electrical outlet in the nursery and the rewiring. The current balance of the Capital Improvement account is \$14,730.83!

A door alarm for the rear entrance door to the church has been installed. We are also looking into enhancing the lighting in the parking lot. More lighting will offer better safety and security. We have started planning for the next phase of improvements. Stay tuned and stay ignited!
Our future... Our faith... Our time...

Blessings to all,

Beth Dougherty





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Have A Big Heart And Join Us For A



SUNDAY

February 16, 2020

DURING

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

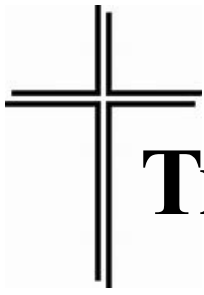
FOR: G.O. MINISTRIES

H.I.P PROGRAM & CHILDREN SERVICES

Please bring a gift to help in caring for babies such as:

DIAPERS, WIPES, GALLON STORAGE BAGS

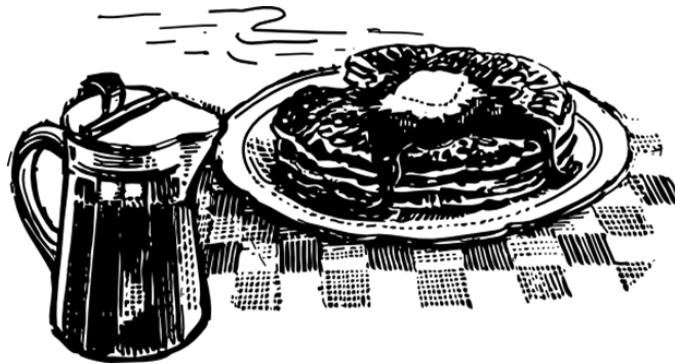
BABY CLOTHES, FOOD & BLANKETS



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Trinity Presbyterian Church
1342 West Prospect....Ashtabula

INVITES YOU !!



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit,

Coffee, apple juice, milk

Diet syrup available !

FREE WILL OFFERING.....



PLEASE JOIN US !! Everyone is WELCOME !!

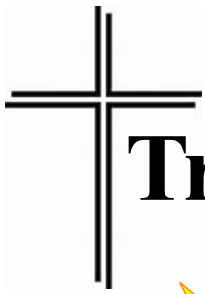
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Christian Education

Christian Education had a busy and productive 2019. We had celebrations and gave our kids small gifts for Easter, Christmas, and Graduation Sunday. We also helped with our yearly Pentecost celebration. 2019 saw our second VBS, where we had the privilege of teaching our kids that when life is good, or scary, or changes, or is hard, God is there for us, something that we could all probably do to remember more often. Christian Education also hosted all the kids for our first trip to see the Lake County Captains minor league baseball team. We're definitely hoping to make that an annual event. We also provided several coffee hours to help promote the relationships between our adult members and our kids. All of this was in addition to the weekly Faithbuilders classes that we lead and the Adult Bible study lead tirelessly by Reverend Mark.



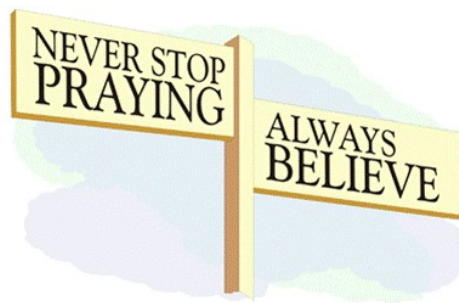
As hard as it is to believe looking outside, we will begin planning for our 3rd Vacation Bible School in the very near future. This year's theme is Rocky Railway Express, Jesus' Power will pull us through! We hope that you'll consider joining us this year!!



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If you have someone that you would like a card sent to with the congregation signing, please let Dee Fassett know.



United States Armed Forces, Kip Adkins, Lynda Bennett, Faye Brockway, M.J. Carlton, Hilda Cook, Jim Corbett, Charlene Curtis, Kathy Fassett, The Hiles Family, Hunter, Joann, Jerry Jeffries, Family of Mark Maloy, Damaris Mollick, Bruce Prohaska, Schwartzman Family, Karen Scott, Brittany Strong, Christi Stroud, Trinity Shut-Ins, Jean Waldron, Hayden Williams and Family, Fran Wilson



Check out the Book Exchange which is located in the parlor. Feel free to browse and enjoy reading a book. More book donations are always welcome.

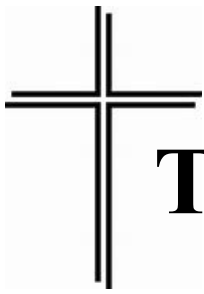


Elder on call for February: Craig Reiter 992-8658

Liturgist for February: Nancy Sabo

Ushers for February: The Fassett Family

Email for Trinity: trinitypres04@gmail.com Website: www.trinityashtabula.org



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The poinsettias that adorned the sanctuary during December were given to the glory of God in the memory of or in honor of family and friends of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

We thank all of you for sharing the beauty of Christmas

Margaret Barb

In honor of:

Martha Strong, Jan Stanquist, Hobart & Donna Shiflet,
Trinity Presbyterian Church

David, Beth, AJ, and Alison

In loving memory of:

Loved ones

Barb and Dwight Beatty

In loving memory of:

Cotton-Beatty Families

Joyce Kren and Mary Belding

In loving memory of:

Kevin Reed

Donald Berg

In loving memory of:

Lois Berg

Cheryle Chiaramonte

In loving memory:

Parents, Ed & Norma Chiaramonte

Grandparents, Chiaramonte & Jokinen

The Davis Family

In loving memory of:

Robert Davis

Allen & Lucille Larson

Laura Lue Dougherty and Family

In loving memory of:

Loved Ones

Rev Joseph and Debi Thorpe Fields

In loving memory of:

Our parents and grandparents

In honor of:

Our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Pauline Headman

In loving memory of:

Alan Headman

Loved Ones



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Jack and Susan Hogle

In loving memory of:

Loved Ones

Trish Hurley

In loving memory of:

Frank and Mabel Mullen

Ada McLenagan

Ken, Cindy, Sue, Terry

In loving memory of:

Millie

Joe Savel

Mike and Marj Kenny

In loving memory of:

Our parents, Frank and Mildred Kenny

Lloyd and Fannie Folmer

Dick and Peggy LaDu

In loving memory of:

Fran Apltauer

Loved Ones

Marj Landfried

In loving memory of:

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dishong

Mr. and Mrs. H.K. Byers

Jeffery Miracle

Brad and Marion

In loving memory of:

Marie Lewis, Bill Lewis, Nancy Luce, Dale Luce

Nancy Maginnis

In loving memory of:

Donald Maginnis

Cathy Elizabeth Miller

In loving memory of:

Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Miller

Rich and Jane Planisek

In loving memory of:

Glenavon and Mildred Weir

John and Rose Planisek

Ron Planisek

Craig and Karen Reiter

In loving memory of:

Dave and Jean Metcalf

Bill and Mary Reiter



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Wanda Schwentker

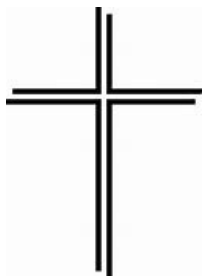
In loving memory of:
Grace Whitney

Bill Swanson

In loving memory of:
Joyce Swanson

**The Christmas Wreaths on the front doors were given by:
Trish Hurley and family**





February 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Cluster Mtg. 10am
2 Communion Choir 9am Adult Study 9:15am Worship/Faithbuilders 10:30am C.E. Mtg after Worship	3	4 Al-Anon 7pm	5 Adult Study 10am Deacons Mtg 6:30pm	6 Bell Choir 6:30pm Card Ministry 6:30pm	7	8
9 2¢ A Meal Collection Choir 9am Adult Study 9:15am Worship/Faithbuilders 10:30am Congregational Mtg. Following Worship	10	11 Romeos 8am Game Day 11:30am Al-Anon 7pm	12 Adult Study 10am	13 Property & Finance Mtg. 6:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Card Ministry 6:30pm	14 Brown Bag Lunches 10am	15
16 Choir 9am Adult Study 9:15am Worship/Faithbuilders 10:30am Baby Shower - During Fellowship Hour	17 MRC Mtg. 6:30pm	18 Al-Anon 7pm	19 Adult Study 10am Community Outreach 6pm Session 7pm	20 Bell Choir 6:30pm Card Ministry 6:30pm	21	22
23 Choir 9am Adult Study 9:15am Worship/Faithbuilders 10:30am	24	25 Game Day 11:30am Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 4:30-6:30pm	26 Ash Wednesday Adult Study 10am Worship Service 7pm	27 Bell Choir 6:30pm Card Ministry 6:30pm	28	29