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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Neighbors often borrow things from each other. Whether those things are small, like a hammer or cordless drill, or those things are large like a tractor or a lawnmower, neighbors are always lending things to their neighbors out of compassion and affection. But just because things are lent and borrowed doesn't necessarily imply that those things are always returned. We lend out the hammer or drill only to remember we've done so when we need it and don't have it. We borrow the truck when we are moving, or the costume to wear when we are trick-or-treating. But we don't always remember to give it back.

Just as we forget to return the sweater or the socket set, so too do we forget to give back to God. I am not talking about returning the rake, or the video game; but when it comes to God, we don't always remember to return thanks. We are all too eager to ask for blessings and needs, but all too forgetful when it comes to giving thanks and appreciation. We are quick to borrow, and God is quick to give, (thanks be to God), but we are all too slow in rendering to God thanks and praise for his Gracious and Loving Giving.

In the First Letter to the Thessalonians, the Apostle penned a list of commands to his Church he wanted to ensure they remembered. One of them bears special meaning to us, *in everything give thanks, because this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you*. To give thanks is to show appreciation for a blessing or a benefit given over, or more profoundly a giving back to the source, who first has given to us. God chooses to give to us as only a loving and gracious Father can, but God also wants us to say thank you, like Jesus says thank you: to be grateful and to treasure everything that comes from the Father's hand, to recognize the value of the Father's outpouring of the Spirit into us, to understand what the Father gives over to us daily, and to give back thanks and praise in admiration. This is what giving thanks means, it is giving thanks like Jesus gives thanks.

I find that remembering to say thank you is difficult enough, but the text also has the words *in everything* added. To give thanks *in everything*, is not only to say thank you in times of prosperity and health, but also to say thank you in appreciation of the times of difficulty and trial. Perhaps this why the Apostle wrote these words to the *Thessalonians*, precisely because they had no physical prosperity nor material abundance. But since God had poured out the Spirit of Jesus Christ upon them, they had much to be thankful for. They should appreciate the value and worth of the presence of the Spirit of Jesus of Christ even in the absence of abundant possessions, and a solid reputation.

We should think no differently. For many of us struggle daily with trials and temptations. Some are well acquainted with the absence of the American Dream and some enjoy the fruits of a lifetime of hard work. But whether we have the absence or presence of material abundance, we all possess one thing in ample richness. God has poured out himself through the Spirit of His Son Jesus. To that end, we all have reason to give thanks to God, to value and appreciate the gift of Jesus Christ.

My friends, as we enter the season of Thanksgiving, no doubt some will find themselves full of feasts and football and some will hunger and thirst for righteousness. For some the times will be one of friends and family and for some a time of loneliness and anguish. Whether we eat until our belts must be loosened or taste only frustration and heartache, we all have reason to be thankful, to be appreciative. Will we remember to give thanks in our circumstances? Will we remember God's gift to us, and will we remember to give back God's just desserts; not pumpkin pie, but our thanks?

In Christ,
Rev. Mark

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A Note From Session

What a joy to be part of a loving, growing church!

We just had a busy weekend with a Halloween Party that was attended by nearly 100 folks from our church and neighborhood. There was a Halloween celebration with our Spys during Fellowship Hour. Thank you so much to all who contributed time, talent, candy and other treats for reaching out to our young members and neighbors.

We had election of Deacons and Elders for the upcoming years. Deacons elected for the Class of 2022, are David Adams, Gail Frenz, and Jane Planisek. Elders elected for the Class of 2022, are Richard Fassett, Peggy LaDu and Nancy Sabo. Ken Vanyo was elected to fill out the Class of 2021. Thanks to those members who, after prayerful consideration, stepped up to be leaders here at Trinity. Thanks to the Nominating committee headed by Susan Hogle for all their hard work in filling these positions.

At our October Session meeting we met with three new member candidates who had studied with Rev. Mong. Jeff and Lisa Montgomery and Dorrene Turner will be joining Trinity in the near future.

The Property and Finance Committee is moving ahead with the Property Improvement Fund. This project will help us keep a better-balanced budget as well as help us move forward with much needed improvements to our church building and property. Thanks to the committee for helping create a safer, more pleasant place to worship.

Please keep in your prayers the folks who have accepted the challenges of leadership...your Deacons, your Elders, your Christian Ed. Saints, and all who serve on the committees of the church. Together we can do God's work here in Ashtabula.

If you have any questions or concerns about Trinity, our Elder-on-Call for November is Susan Hogle. She can be reached at 993-8422, or jshogle@roadrunner.com.

Blessings,
Mary Belding, Clerk of Session

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Trinity Scrip

Holidays are quickly coming up!

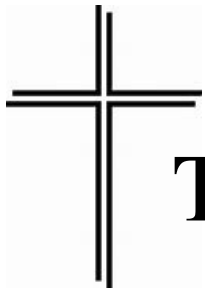
So who knows what to get for nieces, nephews, grandkids, or adult kids?? Make shopping nearly painless!! Plan ahead and order gift cards through Trinity's Scrip Program.

Thank you for supporting this mission.

Dee Fassett

Mary Belding





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Community Outreach

Our Community Outreach works with both Faith Lutheran Church and Plymouth United Methodist Church assisting with food pantry, produce distribution, and dinners.

Thank you to Trinity members for your contributions that help us help them.

We collected over 100 cans of fruit cocktail that will be added to Christmas dinner bags that will be distributed from Faith Lutheran's Food Pantry.

Your continued gifts in our Soup Can are additional help for Faith Lutheran's food pantry.

Blessings,

Joyce Kren

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

— Proverbs 11:25

MAKE NEW FRIENDS



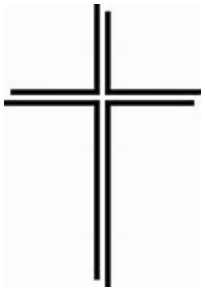
Getting to Know You!

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

Some of you may find it odd that I am at a loss for words..... How do I describe our Church family? Amazing, faithful, blessed, mission driven, vibrant, grateful, empowered, and the list can go on and on.

The kick off of our new Capital Improvement Fund campaign has ignited our faith!

Drum roll please..... Current balance in the Capital Improvement account- \$12,780.83!

This fund has been established for repairs and renovations of existing buildings and grounds. We began by sharing the first phase and in a few short weeks have secured enough donations to complete everything on the list. Removal of landscaping has already been completed. The flood lights and additional electrical outlet in the nursery should be done by the end of the year. That leaves the rewiring, which is scheduled to take place in the Spring.

We are nearing the end of our outside work as the weather will soon be cold and snowy. Special thanks to all who continue to give up their time to work on our building and grounds.

As we enter into 2020, plans will begin for our next phase of improvements. Stay tuned and stay ignited!

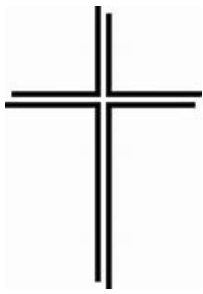
Our future... Our faith... Our time...

Please see Beth Dougherty with any questions.

Blessings to all,

Beth Dougherty





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Bethlehem Project

Once again this year Trinity Presbyterian Church is one of about 21 area churches bringing the Christ story to life.

This event is scheduled for **Friday, December 6th from 5pm to 9pm** and **Saturday, December 7th from 2pm until 6pm** at the Town Square Mall.

Trinity is responsible for the scene where Elizabeth and Mary are talking. The parts require you to wear a costume but you do not speak. We need older women to play the part of Elizabeth and younger women to play the part of Mary.

Aside from our scene many are needed to be greeters, readers, musicians, choirs, singers, parking lost attendants, hostesses among other jobs.

You may learn more about this project at [Facebook.com/followthetartobethlehem](https://www.facebook.com/followthetartobethlehem)

You can also see Mary Belding or Joyce Kren for information or call Bridget at 998-6835 or Pat at 998-3891

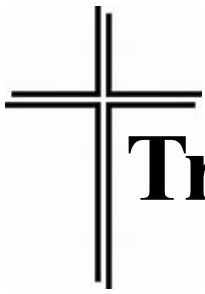


Community Outreach

The Community Outreach committee will be adopting 2 families for Christmas this year through Children Services. As soon as we receive their wish lists we will share them with you.

Also, since we have started building a relationship with Youth Opportunities, we are looking forward to providing a Christmas Dinner/Gifts for the young adults there.

Stay tuned for further information on extending Trinity's Christmas joy this holiday season.



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Orders will be taken until December 12th for either Red or White Poinsettias.

\$5.50 for 6" Potted Poinsettia and \$20.00 for 10" Potted Poinsettia

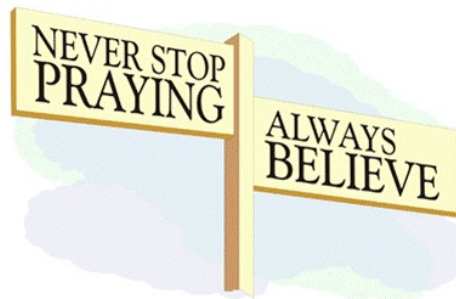
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In Memory of: _____

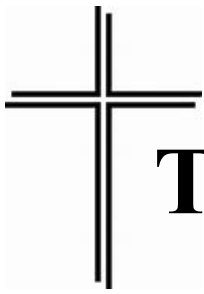
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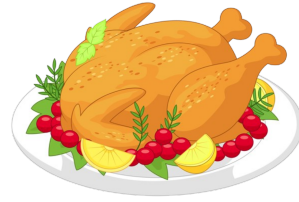
Please make your check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church. Checks or Cash along the order form can be dropped off to the church office.



United States Armed Forces, Fran Apltauer, Mary Lou Askey, Lynda Bennett, Shirley Bogner, Donnie Brunnell, Hilda Cook, Gail Frenz, Judah, The Hiles Family, Barb Licate, Paul Miller, The Northrup Family, Bruce Prohaska, Ryan Scarcella, Karen Scott, Donna Shiflet, Christi Stroud, Jess Sterbutzel, Missy Tobias, Trinity Shut-Ins, Family and Friends of Sgt. Thomas Cole Walker, Fran Wilson, Ken Zaebst



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Trinity Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday November 24 after Worship

Please plan to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner here at Trinity!

The men will be cooking the turkeys and also making the mashed potatoes with gravy.

If you are able, please bring a dish to share and your own table service.

This will be a great time for food and fellowship!

*Rejoice always,
Pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all
circumstances.*
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Thank you Jerry Jeffries for putting together the awesome toolbox!

Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

The toolbox is located in the maintenance room area.



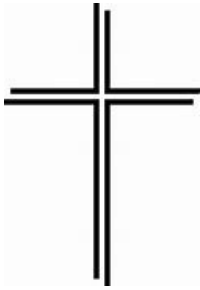
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Deacon on call for November: Pauline Headman 998-1923

Liturgist for November: Mary Ann Jordon

Ushers for November: The Karvonens

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Cluster Mtg. 10am
3 Communion Choir 9am Adult Study 9:15am Worship/Faithbuilders 10:30am CE Mtg. After Worship	4 Fellowship Hall in use Noon-4pm	5 Game Day 11:30am Al-Anon 8pm	6 Adult Study 10am Cro-Knit Club 11am Deacons Mtg. 6:30pm	7 Card Ministry 6:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm	8 Brown Bag Lunches 10am	9 Officers Training 9am Lion's Club Spaghetti Dinner 4-7:30pm
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