

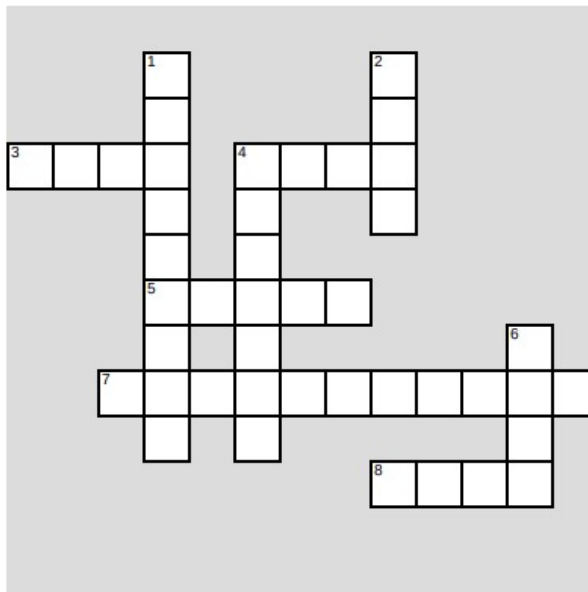
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NEWSLETTER



## Do you know your Bible?

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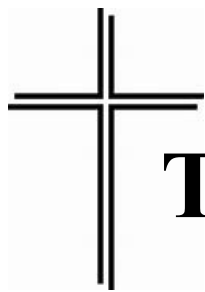


### Across

- 3 The fifth book of the new testament
- 4 The second book of the new testament
- 5 Great story of a changed life
- 7 Last day event
- 8 Known as the book of saint-----

### Down

- 1 There are 12 of these
- 2 Physician
- 4 A roman tax collector
- 6 He is referred to as ----- the baptist



# Trinity Times

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a boy, one of my chores this time of year was the harvesting of the garden and the various trees in the back yard. When my parents felt the produce was ripe, I was sent out with baskets to collect and harvest everything I was told to harvest. I dug up the potatoes and put them in a crock. I picked the apples and the tomatoes and put them in bushel baskets. I broke off the pea pods and placed them in a metal colander. When the time came to harvest, I was sent out with an empty container and told to get everything I could, while the time was right and the produce ripe.

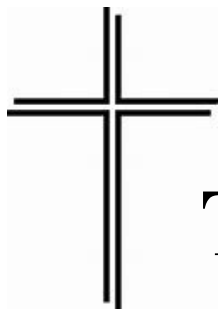
Just as I was sent out to harvest by my parents, so too are we sent out to harvest by God. But while I was sent for vegetables and fruit, *the Lord of the harvest sends out laborers* into all his creation. Just as I was the only child at home to do the enormous task of harvesting a large garden and orchard, so too is God's *harvest plentiful but the laborers are few*. God sends us out not for the corn, but sends us out for lost children of God.

Are we all to go out or only some whose specific purpose is to do so? While this may or may not be the question on many Christian's hearts and minds, I wish not to answer it, but ask maybe a different question. Did Jesus go out for us **all**? Then why don't we **all** go out for Jesus? Jesus' obedience was not just to obey the will of his Father to go out, but Jesus' love was that he went out for everyone. Instead of some obnoxious rule of what is right or wrong for all Christians when it comes to mission, let us replace it with a knowledge of God who is mission incarnate in Christ Jesus. Since he came for us **all**, then let us **all** go out for him.

Are we to go out into our community or some other one? While this may or may not be yet another question on many hearts and minds, I again wish not to answer it, but ask maybe a different question. Did Jesus go only to Nazareth? Then why don't we go everywhere for Jesus? Jesus didn't just stay in his home town, he went to others as well. Instead of some rule of what is right or wrong for all Christians when it comes to their mission field, (if we have one at all), let us replace it with a knowledge of God whose field to harvest is all of creation. Since Jesus went into all creation, let us all go everywhere for him.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, while I share with you all no small amount of trepidation or anxiety when it comes to mission work, we all share the common purpose given to us in Jesus Christ, to be laborers sent out into the harvest field to collect the Lord of the Harvest's bounty. While I might want to hide behind the ready-made excuse of "I am not called to go out," in Christ Jesus we see God coming to us all, so that we all might go out. While I might want to take shelter in the pretext of "I am not called to go there," in Christ Jesus we see God going every place we are, so that we might go everywhere he is. Therefore, let us not dwell in our apprehensions and hesitations about being sent out and being sent out where we do not want to go, let us dwell in Christ Jesus through faith and we will find ourselves being Children of God having already gone out.

In Christ,  
Rev. Mark



# Trinity Times

## A Note From Session

Session will be listening to reports and suggestions/mandates regarding safe covid procedures. As things change, so will we. For now, we will continue the procedures we have in place.

Our committees are working diligently.

The Worship and Music Committee (Peg LaDu) is searching for a new organist/ music director.

The Fellowship Committee (Nancy Sabo) has a sign-up list in the kitchen for any who want to set up coffee hours.

The Ministerial Relations committee meets on the third Monday. Please address any comments regarding the pastor with them. (Beth Dougherty, Dale Fassett, Pam bloom, Mary Belding).

The Christian Ed Committee is considering how to move forward. Anyone interested in being part of that please talk with Rev. Mark.

Property and Finance, Community Outreach and Scrip have notes in this newsletter.

Session has appointed three elders to work with three elders from East Side Presbyterian Church in moving toward a yoking of our churches.

The ROMEOS will be in charge of Thanksgiving Potluck dinner on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Session is grateful to David Adams for accepting the responsibility of Treasurer.

Session reviewed the active and in-active membership rolls. Our Active Membership is now at 88.

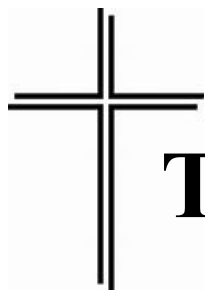
We look forward to continuing to worship and work together to strive to discern where God would have Trinity move. Please keep us in your prayers.

Blessings,

Mary Belding, Clerk

## Did You Know?

The first book of the Bible is Genesis and the first words are "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." The last book in the Bible is Revelation and the last words read " **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.**"



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## **A Note from Property and Finance**

*As a congregation we are grounded in faith and hope. Hope grows here. Ignite the faith. Let your light shine.*

We have a new Treasurer! We are so thankful for Dave Adams who has graciously accepted the duties.

We are hoping to have the new sanctuary doors installed by the end of this year. We continue to work on quotes to replace or stretching the chancel carpet. There are various ripples in the carpet from it stretching which is a safety issue that needs to be corrected.

An enormous thank you goes out to all who continue to donate to the Capital Improvement fund. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We will be reviewing and voting on Mark's 2022 Terms of Call in the October Congregational meeting.

Current balance in the Capital Improvement fund: \$7,237.38

Per Capita for 2021 is \$32.41.

We continue to work on the 2022 budget. This has been a tedious task as we look for ways to reduce the operating costs.

The committee met with Ryan Vencil who proposed an overview of the needed repairs to the brick and mortar. Ryan will be preparing a project portfolio and sending it on for our review. Stay tuned for more information.

God's blessings to all,  
Beth Dougherty



## **A Note From Scrip**

The Card Makers have made gift-card-holding greeting cards for those gifts you purchase from Scrip.

Gift cards are always welcome gifts for children, grandchildren and great grandchildren!

Get your Christmas shopping done early!

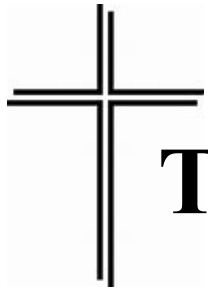
Scrip is back to normal. Cards are available in the parlor before and after church service on Sunday.

Call or text 440.862.6786, call 964.6073, or e-mail at [mbelding237@gmail.com](mailto:mbelding237@gmail.com) if you miss us there.

Thank you for all the support you are giving to the Scrip program.

Blessings from Co-coordinators of Trinity's Scrip Program,  
Dee Fassett and Mary Belding





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## A Note from Community Outreach

Trinity, through the Community Outreach Committee, continues to share the love of Christ through many endeavors.

November will be a busy month for donations!

Please support as much as you feel is possible, but do not feel that you have to donate to all the projects we are taking on.

- We will have a **scarf/hat/mitten/socks tree** for donations that will be donated to AACCS for distribution.
- We will also be collecting new or gently used **bed linens** for Catholic Charities.
- We have offered to supply **Christmas gifts** for 10 children through Children and Family Services, as we have done in the past. Gift tags will be available for your choosing in the sanctuary as soon as we get them.
- We continue to support the Faith Lutheran Food Pantry with your contributions. We asked them if there are specific needs. They gave us this list:
  - Bars of soap, Pudding cups, Fruit cups, Jelly- small jars, Canned meat, Anything shelf-stable – boxed and canned, Personal hygiene items – shampoo, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brushes.
  - Linda Crawford from Faith Lutheran has sent a heartfelt Thank You note to Trinity for our assistance.
- We also continue to support Youth Opportunities with Giant Eagle Scrip cards. We will be serving dinner to the young folks at YO on November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- We assist Plymouth United Methodist Church food pantry with cash for meal boxes and have received a Thank You from them.
- We continue to support the Ashtabula Area City Schools (AACCS). We have donated funds to the Band Boosters Uniform Fund and to the Drama Dept. to assist with their musical production.
- We have resumed packing brown bag lunches on the second Friday of each month with folks from East Side and First Pres. These are taken to GOCDC for distribution.

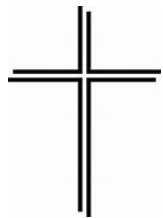
Thank you for your contributions throughout the year.

If you have any suggestions for where we can reach out, please let us know.

**All are welcome to join this committee!!**

Barb, Dee, Joyce, Kathy, Mark, Mary, Nancy, Pam, Ruth Ann and Ruth





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Personnel 6:30pm	2  Al-Anon 7pm	3 Bible Study 10am  N/A 7pm	4  Bible Study 7pm	5	6
7 Communion Face-Face Worship 10:30am  Video Worship	8  Dinner at yO 4:00pm Community Outreach	9  Al-Anon 7pm	10 Bible Study 10am  Property and Finance 6:30pm N/A 7pm	11  Lion's Club Dinner 2:00-7:00pm Bible Study 7pm	12  Pack Brown Bag Lunches 10am	13
14 2 <del>4</del> A Meal Collection Face-Face Worship 10:30am  Video Worship	15  MRC 6:30pm	16  Al-Anon 7pm	17 Bible Study 10am Community Outreach 6pm Session 7pm N/A 7pm	18  Bible Study 7pm	19	20
21 Face-Face Worship 10:30am Thanksgiving Dinner  Video Worship	22	23  Al-Anon 7pm	24 Bible Study 10am  N/A 7pm	25 	26	27
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