

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

**NOVEMBER 2022  
NEWSLETTER**



## **It's Thanksgiving Dinner Time!**

You have been invited to celebrate Thanksgiving with the East Side congregation!

**When:** Sunday, November 13

**Time:** Worship at 10:30 am

Dinner at 11:30 am

**Where:** East Side Presbyterian Church

3440 Edgewood Dr

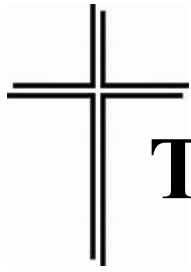
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Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, and beverages will be furnished. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish to share.

Disposable plates, cups, and silverware will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own table service if you prefer.

East Side would like an idea of how many people to expect in order to plan accordingly. Please call Kathy at our church office, 440-993-7111 or the East Side church office at 440-993-7546 by Sunday, November 6, if you are planning on attending. Reservations are not required, just helpful.

Let's make this a joyous, thankful occasion, make new friends, and greet long time acquaintances in this special gathering as we count the Lord's blessings!



# Trinity Times

## My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Driving in the city is challenging enough, but then when the water company starts digging up streets to replace the lines and connections, driving becomes impossible. Day after day it seems, a new detour springs up taking you the long way around or a new closed road sign forces you to have to find a new route around. If I didn't have an application on my phone that would give me directions to where I wanted to go, I would have even more difficulty trying to get to work or school.

Just as it is with road construction signs, so too is it with the direction of the Holy Spirit. In the book of Acts, Paul and company are directed where to go by the Holy Spirit. But, like the detours, they were forbidden to enter Asia and Bithynia. The Holy Spirit was steering them to a specific time and place and that meant a do not enter command to those places which were not. What if the Holy Spirit is steering us to specific places and people? What if we are being directed to a conversation or interaction under the purpose and plan of God?

The Apostles must have been discouraged because they literally ran out of road. After coming to Troas, they could not go anywhere. The only place was across the sea. But that was always the plan and after a vision, the Apostles become convinced this was the direction to go. Have we ever had a dead end on our journey? Have we been told not to go here or there, and we are facing a cul-de-sac with no way to move forward? Even when we cannot see the way forward, the Spirit of Jesus Christ still has a journey in mind, just as Paul was told the way forward and he went.



The results of following the steering of the Holy Spirit are the interaction of Paul and Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth and the founding of the first church in Europe and the one dearest to Paul's heart. This was the plan, but Paul was never shown it until he obeyed and followed. What if it's the same with us? What if we are only shown the plan in stages and the stage right in front of us? We might be kept in the dark as to the whole process and result until we follow and obey, and then the purpose of God is made known. What if the plan of God is hidden from us until we follow in faith?

Friends, might God be steering us through the Holy Spirit? Avoid here. Go there. Tell Lydia. Plant a Church. Speak the Gospel to them. Like the Apostles the Spirit is still leading and guiding us, keeping us from going there, but steering us to go here. But the Spirit is also hiding the entire plan and process from us as a test of our faith. Will we follow in faith instead of seeing the results? Are we yet like Paul with the faith to trust the lead of the Spirit, and to follow the signs trusting God knows the way and the path and the result? Maybe we need to entrust our roads and our journeys more into the hands of God and just follow wherever we are led. Amen.

In Christ,  
Rev. Mark

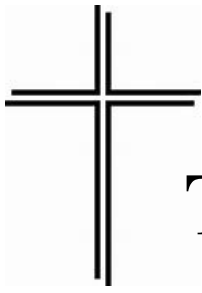
## Prayers

Beverly Cigani, Marion Shipman, Meghan Davis, Dale Fassett,

Dick LaDu, Susan Hogle, Barb Jeffries, Bob Niemi, Mary, Adam Burkhart,

Mike and Marj Kenny, Kurt Meyer, Pete and Fran Wilson, and Wanda Schwentker





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## A Note From Session

Trinity's committees have been busy.

**Community Outreach**, with Pam Bloom as chair, continues, with your help, touching our community.

We donated our \$1000 from the PWR Committee on Vitality to East Side toward their project of assisting Kid's Only for which East Side expressed their gratitude.

We will have distributed the candy you donated to our neighbors at Halloween.

We will collect bedding in November for Catholic Charities.

Our annual gift giving for Children and Family Services is coming soon.

Through Community Outreach, you continue to donate to Faith Lutheran Food Pantry which is filling a great need in our community and for which they express their gratitude.

**Property and Finance**, with Beth Dougherty as Chair, has replaced a broken window on the east side of the building.

The committee is always busy providing needed care for our building as well as our finances.

**Safety and Emergency**, with Craig Reiter as chair, is researching means to provide safety to our church.

**Fellowship**, with Nancy Sabo as Chair, has received an invitation from East Side to join them for worship and a potluck Thanksgiving dinner on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Worship and Music** – Peg LaDu and Nancy Sabo are sharing this responsibility.

Looking toward Advent, they will be looking for assistance in decorating the church.

We will have a worship service on Christmas Eve. There will be joint services with East Side on Christmas Day (at Trinity) and New Year's Day (at East Side).

Your assistance with worship by serving as ushers and liturgists is appreciated.

**Ministerial Relations Committee**, Mary Belding, Pam Bloom, Beth Dougherty, and Dale Fassett are available for any questions or concerns of the congregation and the pastor.

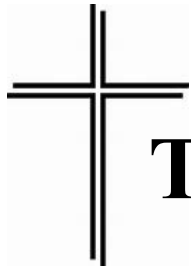
This group worked with East Side's session in September to complete the pastor's evaluation.

**Yoke**, Craig Reiter, Beth Dougherty, and Mary Belding will meet as needed with East Side (Cathy Burnham, Doug Gill, and Jim Booth). Please continue to pray with us for success in this endeavor.

If you have any questions or concerns for any of these committees, or want to join them in their work, please contact the chair of the committee.

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



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## Community Outreach

COMMUNITY COUNCIL WILL BE ORGANIZING THE FOLLOWING COLLECTIONS:

- NOVEMBER:** Blanket/Bedding collection to go to Catholic Charities.  
The bedding will be taken to East Side Presbyterian Church on November 13<sup>th</sup> to be dedicated before being delivered.
- DECEMBER:** Children Services Christmas Adoption  
We will be adopting 3 boys and 3 girls with any additional gift cards for teenagers.
- DECEMBER/JANUARY:** The Hat and Mitten Tree will be proudly displayed for donations.

- School supplies donated were delivered to the Dragon Empowerment Center which included some gloves and mittens from last year.
- Bag lunches are still being provided to assist G.O. Ministries in conjunction with East Side Presbyterian Church.
- \$700 in gift cards, \$20 in cash and multiple spices and cooking supplies were delivered to G.O. Ministries for which they are always extremely grateful.
- A thank you letter was received from East Side Presbyterian Church for the donation of the Vitality Grant Money that will be used to assist underprivileged children attending Kids Only Daycare as the needs arise. More information regarding this joint project will be provided as we move forward.
- \$100 Giant Eagle gift card is given monthly to Youth Opportunity to purchase food for young adults attending the program.
- Furniture left from the rummage sale was donated to a special need person moving out on her own. She and her family were very appreciative for the donations to help her get started on her new journey!

We appreciate all you do to help this Committee help the community!

Nancy Sabo, Ruth Allen, Ruth Ann Ayers, Kathy Fassett, Barb Beatty, Dee Fassett, Mary Belding, Rev. Mong, Joyce Kren, Pam Bloom

## Scrip

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

Cards are available in the parlor before and after church service on Sunday.

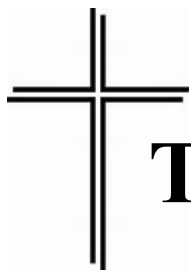
Call or text 440.862.6786, call 964.6073, or e-mail at [mbelding237@gmail.com](mailto:mbelding237@gmail.com) if you miss us there.

Please think about ordering Christmas gift cards early! Besides our sales to our "regulars", the sales at Christmas time help make this a viable mission for Trinity.

Blessings from Co-coordinators of Trinity's Scrip Program,

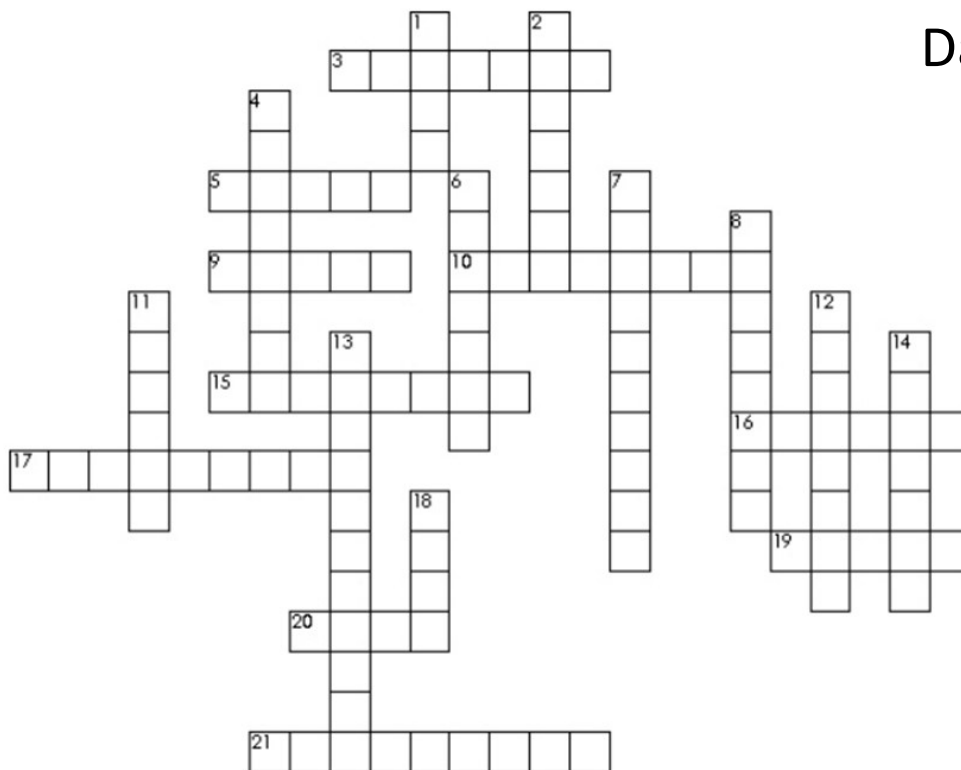
Dee Fassett and Mary Belding





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## Veterans Day



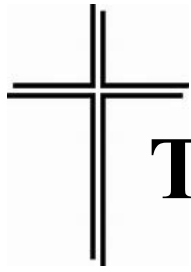
### Across:

3. They have fought "from the halls of Montezuma / to the shores of Tripoli."
5. A group of soldiers.
9. This flower is closely associated with Veterans Day.
10. A member of a highly-trained military unit who participates in offensive military actions beyond the skill of regular units.
15. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is located in Arlington National \_\_\_\_\_.
16. A fight between two opposing forces.
17. Veterans Day was originally called \_\_\_\_\_ Day.
19. U.S. troops fought in this country from 1950-1953.
20. Soldiers trained to fight primarily at sea.
21. Who is the Commander-in-chief of all the United States Armed Forces?

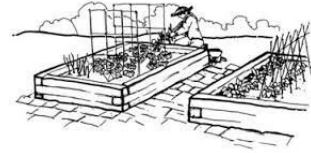
### Down:

1. "First to fight for the right, and to build the nation's might, and the \_\_\_\_\_ goes rolling along."
2. The poem "In Flanders Field" was written in the midst of intense fighting in this European country.
4. Off they go, into the wild blue yonder ...
6. Defeat of an enemy.
7. Their motto is "Semper Paratus" (Always Ready).
8. Veterans Day is observed on \_\_\_\_\_ 11.
11. The U.S. officially entered World War II following a bloody attack on Pearl Harbor in this state.
12. This command branch of the U.S. military is housed in this huge complex in Washington, D.C.
13. A man or woman in military service.
14. Veterans Day is observed as \_\_\_\_\_ Day in many parts of Europe.

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|--------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Army      | 6. Victory     | 11. Hawaii      | 16. Battle    |
| 2. Belgium   | 7. Coast Guard | 12. Pentagon    | 17. Armistice |
| 3. Marines   | 8. November    | 13. Remembrance | 18. Navy      |
| 4. Air Force | 9. Poppy       | 14. Soldier     | 19. Korea     |
| 5. Troops    | 10. Commando   | 15. Cemetery    | 20. Navy      |



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## The Eden Project

Our motto is "Growing Food, Growing Faith".

The garden is resting with a new coat of cow manure! Thanks to Ruth Allen and Mary Belding for hauling and shoveling.

Thanks to Ruth Allen, Dee Fassett, Dale and Kathy Fassett, and Joyce Kren for all their work this year.

The benches that were provided as a memorial to the Hoffmans by Beth and David Adams are a wonderful addition to our garden and neighborhood and are often in use by passers-by.

The garden reaches into the neighborhood helping us share the love of Christ with our neighbors.

Blessings,

Dee, Ruth, Kathy, Dale, Joyce, and Mary

## Property and Finance



2022 per capita is \$34.91

Bids are in process for sealing the parking lot and painting lines.

We have presented a bid to Session for sealing and lining the Church parking lot. This bid will be presented to the congregation at the October 30 congregation meeting. It is our hopes that it will be approved and we can begin the campaign to raise the funds with the plans on having the work done next Spring.

We have a new community group meeting at the church! Crystal Meth Anonymous meets every Friday at 6:30 pm.

We are currently working on the 2023 budget.

Please keep the committee in your prayers God continues to lead us to do amazing things.

Thank you for your support!

Beth Dougherty, Rich Fassett, Craig Reiter, Norm Jepson, Josh Hall, Terry Karvonen, Mark Mong, Hobart Shiflet

## Nominating Committee

Thank you to the Nominating Committee: David Adams, Dale Fassett, and Pauline Headman. Much time and prayer are required for the task of discerning those who may fill the positions of leadership in our church.

Trinity's Nominating Committee, after much time and effort, was able to present the following slate of candidates for election at the October 30, 2022 Congregational Meeting:

ELDER: Class of 2025

Richard Fassett (second term)

Ruth Allen

Hobart Shiflet

Deacon:

Pat Strock (to fill a 1-year position) Class of 2023

Barb Beatty - Class of 2025

Karen Reiter-Class of 2025

Blessings,

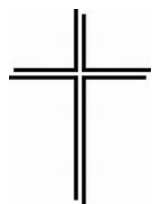
Mary Belding





## Fun Facts About Thanksgiving

- Each Thanksgiving, Americans eat about 45 million turkeys
- The gobble sound turkeys are famous for is how they got their nickname. However, only male turkeys make this sound. Both male and female turkeys will cackle, purr, and yell when the situation calls for it.
- Hosting Thanksgiving dinner can cost a lot of money. If you choose to host, you could be spending between \$300 and \$500, depending on how many people dine with you.
- Cranberry sauce is a staple at Thanksgiving. However, these crisp, tart berries have many more uses than a topping for turkey. Native Americans used cranberries to heal injuries and ailments, and to dye fabric.
- After all the cooking and eating, the pipes in your home have a big job. The day after Thanksgiving is traditionally the busiest day of the year for plumbers.
- The first Thanksgiving took place in October 1621. William Bradford, the governor of Massachusetts, organized the event to celebrate a successful corn harvest. While the meal looked quite different than the feasts we serve today, the idea was the same. And, that first celebration lasted an entire three days! This fact about Thanksgiving makes us full!
- Cooking a turkey is hard, especially if you don't cook it throughout the rest of the year. That's why it's natural to have a lot of questions on what you're doing during the holidays. Thankful, Butterball opens up a turkey hotline in November and December to answer all your turkey questions. The line fields more than 100,000 questions each year.
- Sarah Hale is known as the author of "Mary had a Little Lamb." But a lesser-known fact about this lady is she is also the "Mother of Thanksgiving." Originally, the holiday was only celebrated in the Northeast. Mrs. Hale spent 40 years campaigning for a national day of thanks. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln finally instated the holiday nationwide. So we've also got to be thankful to Sarah Hale!
- TV dinners are a staple in America. These easy meals are go-tos for many busy families. And we can thank Thanksgiving for this invention. In 1953, Swanson miscalculated how many turkeys they would sell and ended up with an extra 260 tons of birds. A salesman, Gerry Thomas, came up with the idea of packaging the excess poultry in trays next to traditional sides.
- President George Washington gave the "Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1789," which declared a national day of thanks to God for protecting Americans and helping them achieve independence.
- The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is one of the most popular events of the holiday season. The parade started in the 1920s. If you can't be one of the 3 million people in attendance at the parade, then set your television to watch it live. Around 44 million people tune in each year.
- Legend has it that Benjamin Franklin preferred the turkey to the bald eagle. In a letter to his daughter, he complained the bald eagle had no moral character, unlike the more respectable turkey.
- Though, there is no evidence he pushed for this delicious bird to be the national symbol.
- Pumpkin pies are synonymous with Thanksgiving. So much so that an entire town delayed the holiday because of ingredient shortages.
- The correct way to prepare a pumpkin pie is a hotly debated topic. But, it doesn't change the fact this pie is a favorite each Thanksgiving. Americans eat more than 50 million pumpkin pies during the holiday.
- Each year, around 55 million people fly during the Thanksgiving holiday making it one of the most heavily traveled times of the year. The most popular destinations are Orlando, Florida, Anaheim, California, and New York City.
- The first Thanksgiving in 1621 in Plymouth featured a variety of birds, none of which were the turkey, though. Pilgrims and Native Americans enjoyed swan, duck, and goose along with venison. There was also a good bit of seafood, including lobster, oysters, and even eel. This is an unsettling Thanksgiving fact.
- There are a few things you can count on watching on Thanksgiving. Namely, the Macy's parade and football. And one team has played a game every Thanksgiving since 1934. The Detroit Lions played the Chicago Bears in 1934 in an attempt to attract more viewers. The Lions lost that game, and many since. But the tradition continues, and you can still watch them play on Thanksgiving to this day.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Church Office Hours</b> Monday and Friday 10 am-12 pm Wednesday 9:30 am-11:30 am		1	2	3  Bible Study 7pm	4  Crystal Meth Anon 6:30 pm	5  Saturday Night Delight 7pm One Addict Helping Another 10 pm
6 Daylight Savings time ends  <b>Face-Face Worship 9:30 am Video Worship Communion</b>	7	8 Election Day  Romeos 9 am Debs Diner Knitting Group - East Side 10-12 noon Al-Anon 7 pm	9  Bible Study 10 am East Side Property and Finance 6:30 pm Clean and Free 7 pm	10  Brown Bag Lunch packing 10 am  Bible Study 7pm	11   Crystal Meth Anon 6:30 pm	12  Saturday Night Delight 7pm One Addict Helping Another 10 pm
13 <b>2¢ A Meal Collection</b> <b>Face-Face Worship <u>at</u></b> <b>East Side 10:30 am</b> <b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b> <b>East Side 11:30 am</b>	14   National Pickle Day	15  Al-Anon 7 pm	16  Bible Study 10am East Side Community Outreach 6 pm Session-7 pm Clean and Free 7 pm	17  Bible Study 7pm	18  Crystal Meth Anon 6:30 pm	19  Saturday Night Delight 7pm One Addict Helping Another 10 pm
20  <b>Face-Face Worship 9:30 am Video Worship Youth class 10:00 am</b>	21  	22  Knitting Group - East Side 10-12 noon  Al-Anon 7 pm	23  Bible Study 10 am East Side Clean and Free 7 pm	24   	25  Black Friday  Crystal Meth Anon 6:30 pm	26  Small Business Saturday  Saturday Night Delight 7pm One Addict Helping Another 10 pm
27 Advent begins  <b>Face-Face Worship 9:30 am Video Worship Youth class 10:00 am</b>	28  MRC 6:30 pm	29  Al-Anon 7 pm	30  Bible Study 10 am East Side- Trinity Book Group 6 pm Clean and Free 7 pm			