



# Trinity Times

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Robert Frost once wrote, *Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both.* Such is the daily struggle for a believer in Jesus Christ. Every believer, each and every day stands at the crossroads where two roads diverge into the world. For the Christian, the two which diverge into the yellow wood are on one hand the way of God, and the other the way of the world. And sorry us cannot travel both.

Choices must be made, decisions must be thought out, lots must be cast, tasks must be completed; these are the substance of our everyday lives. Each choice, each decision, each task results in us standing where the two roads diverge into the yellow wood and sorry us cannot travel both. Each road takes us to a different place. Each road takes us by a different route. Each road takes us with different traveling companions. Each road takes us on a different walking surface. Each road takes us for different purposes. Therefore, we cannot walk both roads, because both paths diverge.

Such is the way of God and the way of the world. The two ways diverge. The two ways take us to two different places; one to life, one to death. The two ways take us by a different route; one by cross, one by stuff. The two ways take us with different traveling companions; one with Christ, one with ourselves. The two ways take us on different surfaces; one with hardship, one with ease. The two ways take us for different purposes; one for others, one for self. The two ways diverge and sorry us cannot travel both.

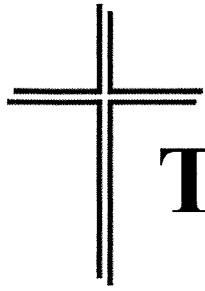
We must chose every moment which path to take, the way of God or the way of the world, because we cannot walk upon both. To leave the way of God is to take the way of the world; to leave the way of the world is to take the way of God. Those who take the path of God are *like trees planted by streams of water for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.* We must chose every moment which path to take, because we cannot tread upon them both.

Which one are we taking? To where are we going? By which route are we taking? With whom do we go? On what are we walking? Why are we going? If we were to consider these things and not find Christ in any of the answers, then maybe, just maybe we are on the wrong path. The good news for you and for me, is that because of Christ we can turn around and get on the right path. Because of Jesus Christ, anyone can repent and be restored. Such is the love and power of Jesus Christ. Love to take us back and power to ensure it happens.

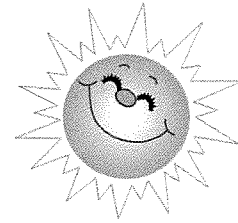
My brothers and sisters in Christ, we constantly are standing at the crossroads where the two ways of life diverge into the yellow wood the path of the world and the path of the Kingdom of God; sorry us cannot tread upon them both. One might be well-worn by the feet of many others. One might be easier and less demanding. One might be more pleasurable. One might be smooth and freshly paved. But only one leads to God and therefore to life. To quote Frost:

*I shall be telling this with a sigh,  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.*

In Christ,  
Rev. Mark



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## A Note From Session

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

Life at Trinity is busy with celebrations, work days, planning for Fall events (be on the look-out for notices of ways you can help), folks attending New Member Training Classes, the Nominating Committee filling the officers' slate for elections at the end of October, and the Transformation Group looking for ways to move toward following God's call.

The Property and Finance Committee was given approval by Session to begin a Property Improvement Account Fundraiser. 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 October is Nancy Sabo. She can be reached at 992-4632, or [nansabo@windstream.net](mailto:nansabo@windstream.net).

Blessings,

*Mary Belding*

Clerk of Session

## Trinity Scrip Fund

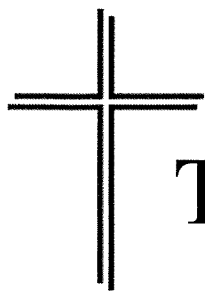
Thank you for all the support you are giving to the Scrip program. Our sales since January through the end of August this year are averaging about \$965.00 per week. The rebate we receive from Shop with Scrip averages about \$31.00 per week.

Dee and Mary greatly appreciate our "regular" customers and thank all who participate.

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

*Dee Fassett and Mary Belding*





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**Reminder!**



## **Feeding the Community**

Faith Lutheran Church is providing 100 families with a Christmas meal. They are planning to give out bags of ham, scalloped potatoes, corn souffle, fruited jello and green beans.

Linda Crawford, director of the food pantry is asking churches who support the pantry to donate food items. As we support the pantry with our 2¢ A Meal collection each month, she has asked Trinity Presbyterian Church to donate 100 cans of fruit cocktail. She would like the donations by the beginning of November. Please bring 14.5oz(about) cans to church and put them in the Campbell soup container.

Last year many families came to the give away and took home enough food to make a holiday meal.

Thank you Trinity for your continued support of providing area families in this holiday season.

In Jesus' name we joyfully support our neighbor this holiday season.

*Joyce Kren*

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

***— Proverbs 11:25***



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## PROPERTY AND FINANCE

We have been busy again!

Thanks to all who came out September 7 for another beautification day! Have you noticed those bright shiny red doors? Dale and Kathy Fassett have been hard at work. And-how about those windows! Dee Fassett has been busy too! THANK YOU!

Property and Finance would like to announce the “Trinity Presbyterian Church Capital Improvement Account” Campaign. This fundraiser will be for repairs and renovations of existing buildings and grounds. The first phase of our campaign will include raising funds for:

- Removal of landscaping around the church-\$1200
- Replace flood lights in Sanctuary-\$3950
- Kitchen rewiring & additional electrical outlet in nursery (for TV)-\$5000

Ignite the faith! **With your help**, all these amazing things will happen. A donation container will be placed at the back of the Sanctuary for donations. The donations will be removed from the container and deposited into the newly formed Capital Improvement account after each Sunday church service. You may also drop your donation off at the church office.

You can follow our progress on the bulletin board outside the church office. I am excited to say we are off to a great start! Session has made a \$1500 donation from the Morrison grant.

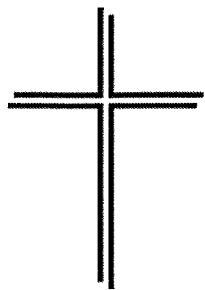
Our future... Our faith... Our time...

Please see Beth Dougherty with any questions.

Blessings to all,

*Beth Dougherty*





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## **FROM THE CLASSROOMS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

This fall is just flying by! Here we are talking about pumpkins and Harvest Parties and it seems like we were just wearing shorts and going swimming. Wait...that is literally what I was just doing, I mean I still have sand in my shoe. Well, whether Mother Nature is aware or not, fall is upon us again and the Community Outreach Harvest Party is just a few weeks away. This is an awesome opportunity for our older kids and their awesome SPY buddies to spend an afternoon together doing something to serve our community. There are games to run, food and prizes to help with, and other activities that we always need help with. Who knows, maybe you have a special talent you can share and teach to your SPY kiddo like face painting or balloon art! And for the adults paired with our younger kiddos, this is a great time to meet them on their level and play some fun games, eat a little candy, and make some special memories!

On Sunday, October 27th, Christian Ed will be hosting another Adopt A SPY coffee hour after worship. The kids will be invited to attend church in all their Halloween finery and I hear a rumor that some of the adults may even join in! This is an awesome chance to really engage and get to know your kiddos.

Hope to see you all there!!



# HALLOWEEN PARTY

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019**

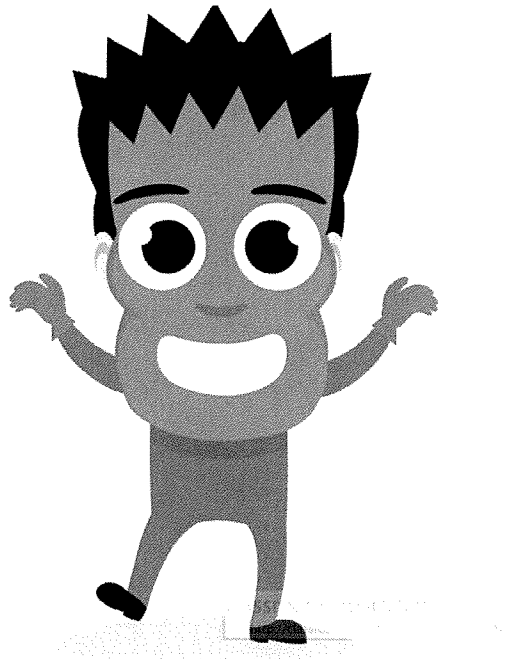
**12 P.M. TO 2P.M.**

**RAIN OR SHINE**

**HOSTED BY**

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FOR  
CHILDREN 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AND UNDER**

**GAMES , PRIZES AND LUNCH**



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To Friends of Trinity Presbyterian Church,

Originally I agreed to come to this church for 6 weeks while you searched for an organist. As more and more weeks went by I realized that you had stopped hunting.

Since I was baptized and raised in the Presbyterian Church, I have always felt comfortable here. It has been a wonderful way to use my music degree.

The luncheon was spectacular with table settings, teapots, and musical notes. The decorations and food were outstanding.

All the cards and gifts are very much appreciated.

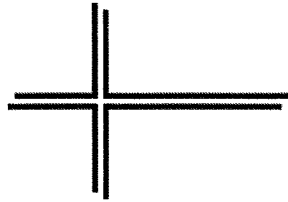
Thank you very much.

In Christian Love,

*Marjorie*



United States Armed Forces, Mary Lou Askey, Jan Barbian, Lynda Bennett, Wiley Burkhart, Chelsea, Hilda Cook, Bruce Drohaskon, Pauline Headman, Maryann Jordan, Karen Karily, Mark, Kerry Mason, Hannah Mercer, Nathan, Tina Nikoli, Dayton Ohio, Pam, Karen Scott, Donna Shiflet, Brian Smith, Norma Strock, Christi Stroud, Jess Sterbutzel, El Paso Texas, Family of Norma Tenney, Trinity Shut-Ins, Genny Wallace, Fran Wilson, Family of John Yokosuk, Ken Zaebst



# October 2019

Elder on Call: Nancy Sabo 440-992-4632  
Deacon on Call: Karen Reiter 440-992-8658

USHERS: The Strocks  
LITURGIST: Peggy LaDu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Al-Anon 8pm	2 Adult Study 10am Cro-Knit Club 11am Deacons Mtg. 6:30pm	3 Card Ministry 6:30pm	4 Cluster Mtg. 10am	5
6 Communion Choir 9am Adult Study 9:15am Worship/Faithbuilders 10:30am CE Mtg. After Worship New Members Class 2pm	7	8 Romeos 8am Game Day 11:30am Al-Anon 8pm	9 Adult Study 10am Cro-Knit Club 11am	10 Property & Finance 6:30pm Card Ministry 6:30pm	11 Brown Bag Lunches 10am	12
13 2nd A Meal Collection Choir 9am Adult Study 9:15am Worship/Faithbuilders 10:30am	14	15 Fellowship Hall in Use 8am—9pm	16 Adult Study 10am Cro-Knit Club 11am Community Outreach 6pm Session 7pm	17 Card Ministry 6:30pm	18	19
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