



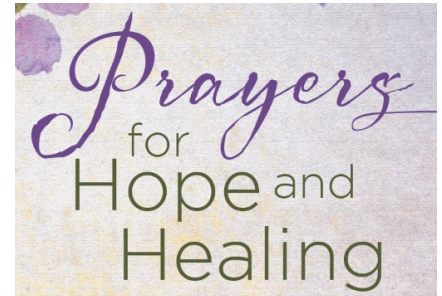
The Trinity Trumpet

A Monthly Newsletter Published by
Trinity Lutheran Church, Pittsburg, OH
January, 2020



Prayer Concerns— Current and ongoing

- Chet & Sharon Wirrig—Health
- Mike Hangen—Health
- Patty Sackett—Health
- Jr Koos—Health
- Jody Burns—Cancer
- Mindy Brandon—Awaiting kidney transplant
- John & Karen Davis & family
- David Allen Brumbaugh
- Jerry Higgins—Cancer
- Ronda Hanes—Health
- Maxine Didier—Healing
- Kerry Young—Coma & for wife, Julia
- JR Alltop
- Holly McEldowney—Cancer
- Sarah Wolfe—In Hospice, kidney failure
- Kenny Hesler—Stroke
- Frank Trimble—Illness
- Greg Perry—Heart problems
- Ev Kaiser—Heart problems
- Kenny Johnson—Heart and health issues
- Jacob Riffle—Heart issues
- Connie Rowland—Cancer
- Aubree Myers—Lupus and MS
- Marvin Brumbaugh—Cancer
- Amanda Spahr—Brain issues
- Joe Spahr—Heart issues
- Reese Addington—10 year old with auto-immune disease
- John Young—Cancer
- Mary Philpot—Cancer
- Tracy & Bob—Help through a difficult time
- Aiden Snyder—Leukemia
- Miranda Nolley (Katherine's granddaughter)—Deployed to Kuwait
- Crystal Proffitt—Health
- Ray Chester
- Zane Rhodehamel—Leukemia
- Kelly VanDeGrift—Cancer
- Dennis Riffle
- Jason Couvutsakis—Medical issues
- Ronnie Brumbaugh—Cancer & Alzheimers
- Tony Matamoras—Health
- Barry Ulrich—Vision
- Michelle Lawrence—Baby
- David Netzley—Health
- Bill Mahaffey—Chemo treatments
- Bob & Rochelle Sadowski—House fire
- Bobby Jagelski—Cancer
- Auzzy Monroe—Diagnostic tests
- Janice Rosenberger—Stroke
- All families suffering with addiction
- Tommy Scarlis—Brain tumor
- Jason—Brain tumor
- Dawn Oswalt—Cancer
- Stephen Angles—Tourettes
- Dave Sroufe—Back surgery
- Brian Henderson
- Jaimie Campbell
- Shirley Hensel
- Mary Ann Shellhaus—recovering from a stroke
- Bill—Diabetes
- Helena Proffitt
- Jack Myers—Heart issues
- Jeannie Myers—Health
- Pat Ferguson—Spinal surgery
- Bob Harter
- Lowell Unger
- Ruth Baker
- Kevin Henninger—Cancer
- Jeanne Cassel—Alzheimers
- Ed Obringer—Hospice
- Pray for the Kurds and an end to ethnic cleansing & genocide
- Kevin Henninger—Cancer
- Susie Weisenbarger—Cancer
- Pat Netzley—Asthma, cold
- Ruth Baker
- Gary Obringer—Pneumonia
- Julie Erk—Health
- Jim Neitzelt—Heart issues
- Jack Rademachir—Hospitalized with sepsis/dialysis
- Carolyn Fourman—Heart issues
- Crew Baker—RSV
- Lois Baughman
- Nancy Longo—Heart surgery



Former Pastor of Trinity and St. Matthew, Jim Castello, has been diagnosed with early stage 2 lymphoma. The prognosis is good although he will be receiving 4-6 months of chemotherapy. Continued prayers will be appreciated.

—Information From
Carol Castello's
Facebook Page

Our sympathy
to the families of
Lianna Powers
Kimra Skelton
Jill Witters
Marcy Landenburg

Prayer requests may be
emailed at anytime to
trinityprayers@woh.rr.com
and upon receipt your request
will be shared so that many
will be praying immediately.



To my church family

Thank you for the expressions of sympathy upon the passing of my daughter, Jill Witters. The cards, food, visits and prayers mean so much.

Love,

Shirley Rhoades

Did you know ...

- Logan Ressler has graduated from Wright State Lake Campus with a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture.
 - Belle Harleman was named Student of the Month at Arcanum Middle School.
 - Colton Groff was named Patriot of the Month at Tri Village Kindergarten.
 - We have several other students who were named to Honor Roll and Merit Roll -
 - ♦ Stephen and Lexie Angles made Honor Roll and Helena Proffitt made Merit Roll at Greenville Schools
 - ♦ Belle Harleman made Honor Roll at Arcanum Schools
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Ladies LUNCHEON

January 15 — 11:30 am
At the Pittsburg Pizza & Grill

*We're staying close to home and
also moving forward one week due
to WELCA meeting on January 8.*

WELCA PROJECT **JANUARY thru MARCH**

Personal Care Kits

- 1 Adult Tooth Brush
- 2 Bath Size Bars of Soap
- 1 Wide Tooth Comb
- 1 Bath Towel (Dark in color &
no larger than 52X27)
- 1 Nail Clippers (w/ optional nail file)



PRAYERS & SQUARES **QUILTING**

January 10 & 27
9:00 am

***DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY
ISSUE OF THE TRINITY TRUMPET
IS JANUARY 21st.***

From your **outgoing** Council President, Dean Thompson:

My dear friends,

What a great feeling to be officially welcoming into our church family Chad and Stephanie Kemp and Caleb Custer and Morgan McKinney. What a wonderful group of people to unite with.

Welcome to the incoming church council. Please make every effort possible to attend meetings so the business of the church moves ahead.

Thanks to Marge for heading up, with lots of volunteers, the fantastic children's Christmas program. It was certainly in honor of our Heavenly Father.

Thanks to Rick and Nonnie Myers for your many years of faithfully being custodians of our church home.

Thanks to any outgoing council members for your service.

Thank you, Pastor Mel.

Finally, thanks to each of you. Your ministry and service to our Lord are beyond compare. We are just a little church with a big GOD. Our FAITH rules our lives.

Because we have present and past school personnel in our midst:

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God". The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like". Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

Thanks to each of you for being a part of my life.

Dean



From your **New** Council President, Bev Erdmann:

President's Perspective 2020

Happy New Year!

I'm hoping that your holiday season was filled with love, laughter, joy, praise, and thankfulness. As we begin this new year, I find myself with something new to do for Trinity. Please know that I'm always open to talk with anyone about praises and concerns, but don't forget that we have a committee to help with that also. One of my goals is to improve attendance at Trinity Council meetings, the second Tuesday of the Month, so that we can actually conduct business. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to the Church as a council member and make room for us in your schedule.

Let us all share the love that continues to grow within us in our community as well as in our Church family. As we get deeper into cold and flu season, please take care of yourselves and your family.

God's blessings be with you and yours.

Bev Erdmann



Sign up on the chart outside the church office to serve as an acolyte or to provide flowers for our worship services!

Please learn more about Helena Proffitt, our Confirmand for January.



Confirmand Spotlight

Helena is a first year Confirmation Student, 12 years old, and in the 7th grade at Greenville School. She received the Merit award at school for her excellent grades and recently had a choir concert where she performed her first solo. She enjoys softball, Girl Scouts and spending time with her five brothers and sisters and her little cousin, Emery.



After many faithful years as custodians of Trinity, Rick & Nonnie Myers and family have chosen to move on into other phases of their life. We thank them sincerely and wish them the best.

Therefore, the position of custodian is now open and we would welcome any applications as an individual or a family. A complete job description is available upon request.

Please contact Dean Thompson at 937-459-2791 or dean.t@earthlink.net with any questions or to be considered for the position.

WELCA News for January

A wonderful Christmas party was held on December 4 with the theme, "Comfort and Care". Thanks so much to Judy, Linda, and Portia for planning the party and our special treats. Our group is great at caring about and comforting others!

Join us for the New Year at the January 8, 2020 meeting at 6:30 pm. Bev Erdmann will be hostess.

Our meetings are pretty flexible with a devotion, a short lesson, food, and a business meeting. Women of all ages are welcome to join for some wonderful fellowship. Learn about the many ways WELCA impacts Trinity and can improve your spiritual life, too. Hope to see you January 8.

Marge Warner - WELCA President 937-623-2544



2019-2020 WELCA OFFICERS

Pres. - Marge Warner
Secretary - PJ Musser
Wernle Rep. - Judy Ulrich
Dinner Chair - Katherine Jump
Sunshine Cards - Julie Kossler
Giving Tree - Pat Netzley and Pam Oswalt
Devotions—Marge Warner

Vice President—Katherine Jump
Treasurer—Portia Boord
Quilting - Judy Ulrich and Linda Baker
Christmas Party Committee - Portia Boord and Linda Baker
Luncheon Chair - Linda Baker
Mother-Daughter-Friend Committee - Vacant

Word from Our Pastor

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John. 1:14)

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and from Jesus Christ, the newborn King!

Trinity Family and Friends,

Another Christmas is behind us and another year lies ahead. My January Pastor's article usually looks back to see where we, as a congregation, have come and toward the new year to cast a vision where we might go. This year I'd like for all of us to put a slightly different spin on our new year's reflections. Can we see where we've been and where we're headed through the lens of God's Word being in the flesh and living among us? Can the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ illuminate our path just a little brighter?

Last year I clearly saw God's glory working in and through this congregation. ~~We accomplished~~ God accomplished so much through Trinity Lutheran Church! Thank you and praise to you, O Lord, for choosing us to help make your Word come alive! And come alive it did! From the way you all provide compassionate care for grieving families to the massive turnout for events like the musical at LaComedia to the joyful Fall Festival and the resurrection of the King of Rock, Elvis, to the yearend climax, Children's Christmas Program, Trinity Lutheran Church in Pittsburg Ohio is God's love in action!



Can it get any better than this? May I suggest, yes we can... This year I look forward to even more opportunities to get together as a Church Family. I believe we can improve our fellowship bonds even more by breaking bread together more often. We've started meeting for supper after the Fish Pantry on Friday evenings and I'm certain there are many other opportunities for small groups to gather. Let's figure that out together! Not every week, but as often as we can. We can plan more outings like the LaConedia event or maybe a trip to see the Reds or a Dragons this summer. The stronger our bonds of fellowship are the stronger our witness to God's Word living among us will be.

One more comment before I wish you all a Happy New Year. This one is directed to our leaders and potential leaders. Two months in a row (November and December) we did not have a quorum to conduct the business of Trinity Lutheran Church. Can you operate any organization successfully when the Board of Directors doesn't make the time to regularly attend the Board Meetings? Pretty soon the rank and file members get the message that this organization can't be taken seriously. None of us wants that for Trinity. So, my challenge to all the leaders in this congregation is to hold one another accountable for being present for Worship every week and for Council and other meetings when scheduled. Now, enough about that...



May this New Year bring you many blessings and more joy than you can stand! May the Lord Jesus Christ lead you and guide you so that your life reflects His Glory and brings honor to His Name. Amen!

Happy New Year!

Pastor Mel



If you would like to help with the FISH Choice Food Pantry on Friday afternoons, our new contact person is Pat Netzley and she can be reached at 937-564-2999. There have been many changes for our regular workers and we find ourselves in need of volunteers who can come regularly or will agree to fill in for those who cannot make it every week. This is a very rewarding way to reach out with grace and help those in need. Trinity staffs the pantry on Friday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. The time between 3:30 and 4:00 is spent stocking shelves as needed. If you can help at all, please let Pat know. Also — if you are currently a helper at the

pantry but cannot make it to serve, please contact Pat so we can be sure there are enough folks on our days.



to Pat for taking over the position previously held by Jr Koos.

Change of Address

Sharon Grice
173 Royal Oak Dr.
Greenville OH 45331



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

...News for
Pre-K through
6th Grade



"Peace on Earth to Everyone", our children's Christmas program, was spectacular this year. With a nice turnout of spectators, weren't the kids wonderful? Great singing, acting, costumes, narrating, etc. Too many helpers were involved to name all. Thanks so much to Andy and Roxanne for helping to provide a music cd for the kids. The soloists, Larry and Katherine, were enjoyed by all. Thrivent Action Team monies provided 3 meals for the kids.

The Action Teams have helped out Christian Education so much this year! With the 2020 New Year, let's all who are able really get on it and use our Thrivent Action Team ability to benefit our church!

If anyone has an idea for Christian Education, let me know. The kids are so important to the life of our church. Speaking of kids, we really need people to sign up to teach a Sunday or 2 in 2020!!!

Thanks for the support!

Call Marge Warner 937-623-2544 with any questions.

The Team - Pam Oswalt, Linda Baker, Stephanie Kemp, Michelle Groff, Bev Erdmann, and Pastor Mel



Dartball News

Going into week 9 we are currently in 5th place. The trail up the mountain of a championship is hard with many slippery slopes but the men of Pittsburg Trinity Lutheran Church continue

to pull themselves up by their boot straps and forge ahead.

But seriously, we do have a great time and if any other man is interested in playing baseball with darts, there is still time for this season so contact me.

Dean

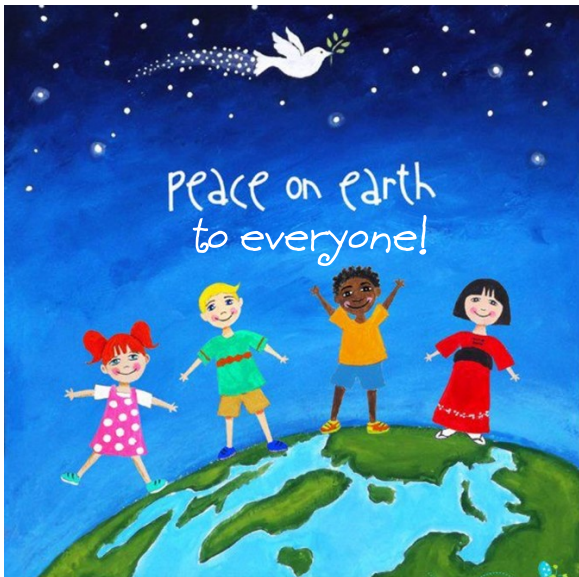
Schedule

Games begin at 7:30 pm

Join us at any game to
be our cheerleaders!

1/6	Trinity at Ansonia First Church of God
1/13	Frist Presbyterian at Trinity
1/20	Trinity at Ft. Jefferson UMC
1/27	Oakland #2 at Trinity

*Children's Christmas Program
December 15, 2019*





This year, we will publicize the birthdays of the Wernle residents for each month and you are invited to send a birthday card to one or more to help them celebrate their special day. However, there are some instructions to follow:

Sign your first name only and Trinity Lutheran Church if you want. Place your card in the envelope unsealed, and write the recipient's name on the outside. Place this envelope in another envelope and address it to:

Attn: Resident's Greeting Card Inside!
Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center
2000 Wernle Rd., P O Box 1386
Richmond IN 47375-1386



Use the church's return address:

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
8520 Oakes Rd.
Arcanum OH 45304

If you would like to include a gift card (\$15-\$25) for food or shopping, place it in the outer envelope. Staff will need to monitor it and make plans for them to use it.

Birthdays this month:

Sam D.	1/8/07
Harmony M.	1/14/03
Donovan B.	1/24/02

Thank you for spreading "Good cheer throughout the year!"

Your Wernle Representatives: Judy Ulrich and Eldon & Bev Erdmann

We have also been providing fleece tied blankets for the girls at Wernle and they love them. We have purchased enough fleece for several and the catechism students have been making them. If you would like to make a tied blanket, contact Bev Erdmann or Judy Ulrich and we'll get you started. There's no sewing — just tying knots to make a fringe.



Bev Erdmann	937-621-6748	erdfam3@gmail.com
Judy Ulrich	937-417-5590	jbulrich2000@yahoo.com



TRINITY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AUCTION

Trinity's Annual Christmas Auction took place on Sunday, November 17 at the home of Eldon & Bev Erdmann. About 30 people attended for a fun-filled, friendly time enjoying many lovely items to bid on and delicious snacks! Some of the goods available were Peanut Brittle by Barb Sease, Caramel Corn by Linda Baker, Walleye by Mark Brumbaugh, Pies by Shannon Ressler and Donna Thompson. Eldon modelled a beautiful scarf and there was a Candy Cane Reindeer Head Door Decoration. The proceeds of over \$2,000 was used for needy families in our area.

Mark your calendars for November 15, 2020 and be part of this joyful afternoon with your Trinity family.



SPECIAL TEAMS OF TRINITY CHURCH

MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM:

Julie Kossler	417-7789 juliek@embarqmail.com
Linda Baker	545-8410 twobakers@roadrunner.com
Joe Netzley	423-3747 netzleyj@gmail.com

FINANCE TEAM:

Trent Groff	423-3010 grofftm@gmail.com
Tony Baker	564-9526 tony@djroserealty.com
Julie Kossler	417-7789 juliek@embarqmail.com



Celebrating *Epiphany* *January 6, 2020*

The Epiphany of our Lord is the wonderful liturgical festival observed on the Sunday near January 6 that celebrates the many ways through signs, miracles, and preaching that Jesus revealed Himself to the world as Christ, God Incarnate, and King of kings. The season of Epiphany lasts until the beginning of Lent and is the oldest of the Christmas festivals.

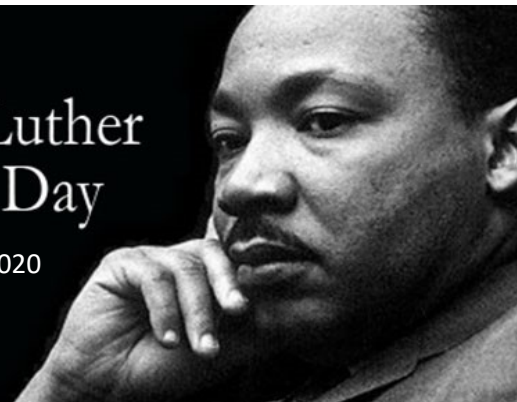


January 12, 2020

"IF YOU CAN'T FLY THEN RUN,
IF YOU CAN'T RUN THEN WALK,
IF YOU CAN'T WALK THEN
CRAWL, BUT WHATEVER YOU
DO YOU HAVE TO KEEP
MOVING FORWARD."

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 20, 2020





JANUARY CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays

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|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Beth Thompson | 12 Barbara Gettinger | 24 Elainah Nickol |
| David Warner | 13 Courtney Jasinski | 26 Elizabeth Martin |
| 2 Joshua Long | Matthew Dornbusch | Eric Campbell |
| 3 Roxanne Groff | 16 Kevin Ressler | 27 Harold Harleman |
| 4 Pastor Mel Musser | 18 April Zderad | 30 Claire Wilt |
| Jack Rademachir | Mark Brumbaugh | 31 Jim Payne |
| Pat Netzley | Theresa Sarver | Michael Long |
| Terry Warner | Zachary Gettinger | Steven Vanatta |
| 5 Gabriel Angles | 20 Ava Erdmann | Tess Tauscher |
| 6 Nonnie Myers | Jay Merzke | |
| 7 Josiah Zderad | Nick Morelli | |
| 8 Marie Beard | Olivia Martin | |
| Melanie Merzke | 21 Betsy Clauss | |
| Sara Moberly | Justin Troutwine | |
| 9 Emery Musser | 22 Lee Stanley | |
| 10 Pam Myers | 23 Ashton Myers | |



Anniversaries

- 17 Dean & Donna Thompson 30 Lowell & Nina Unger



Baptisms



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| 1 Rhonda Rich | 12 Wyatt Tauscher | 28 John Erdmann |
| 3 Parker Hesler | 23 Barbara Sease | 29 Theresa Sarver |
| Patty Sackett | 24 Tyler Hofacker | |
| Shirley Rhoades | 26 Jack Mehaffie | |

JANUARY

DATE	GREETERS	READERS	ACOLYTES	FLOWERS
5	Brad & Miranda Harleman	Mark Oswalt		
12	Peggy Didier & Caleena Hesler	Peggy Didier		
19	David & Marge Warner	Jennifer Arling		
26	Mark & Pam Oswalt	Teresa Neitzelt		

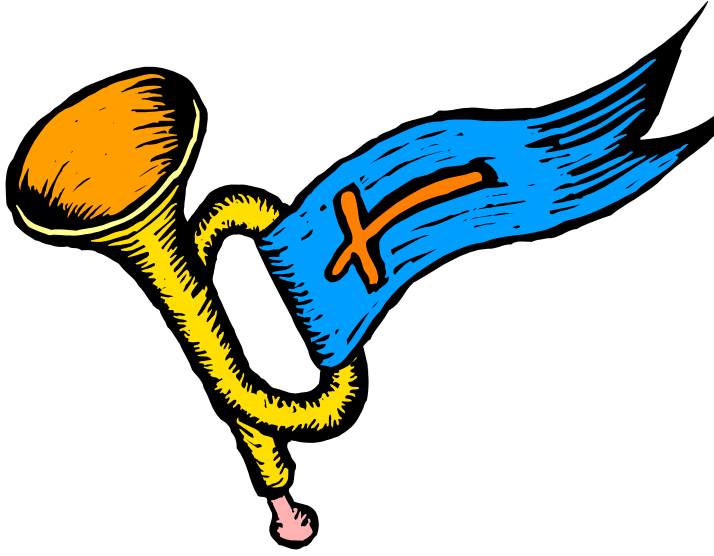


JANUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 	2	3 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry	4
5 9:15 am Confirmation Class 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship & Kid's Sunday School Epiphany Sunday	6 7:30 pm Dartball at Ansonia First Church of God	7	8 11:20 am FM Core Club 11:30 am Ladies Luncheon	9	10 9:00 am Prayers & Squares Quilting 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry	11 9:00 am Mutual Ministry Team
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To—

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