

LOOKING FORWARD

Sunday, November 4—Samaritan's Purse--Operation Christmas Child—Shoebox Project—Shoebox Collection Day

November 4-25—Our Thanksgiving Offering for Transitions, the shelter for victims of domestic abuse, will be collected. See the Mission News for more information.

Wednesday, November 14—Simple Soup and Bread Supper and Thanksgiving Service—Supper will begin at 6:15 p.m., and the Thanksgiving service will follow in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 18—The annual **Handbell Festival** will be held at Grace UMC at 7:00 p.m. Trinity's Bells of Praise will be participating.

Sunday, November 25— "Hanging of the Greens" will follow the worship service.

December 2-30—"Stocking Tree" Collection and PC(USA) Christmas Joy Offering—See Mission News for more information.

December 9—The **Christmas Potluck and Program** will follow the worship service. Details can be found in the Christian Education and Youth News.

December 9—The annual performance of **Handel's Messiah** will be held at Central Trinity UMC at 6:00 p.m.

December 24—Christmas Eve Service— Music begins at 7:00 p.m., with the service following at 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Triumph

November/December 2018

CHENOA'S CORNER

Trinity Partnership with Chenoa Stock—PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker in Bolivia



Chenoa and Jose' with Leandro

Hello, Trinity United Presbyterian Church!

I hope this finds you all well and in the swing of the new church year and enjoying Ohio's autumn. I firstly would like to thank you for your recent contribution in support of my mission service in Bolivia. Please know how grateful I am for your continuous and generous support. Your financial gifts and accompaniment are what allow me to continue to serve here. Thank you and mil gracias!

As we continue on in our discernment as UMAVIDA and how we want to serve the Bolivian people in the future, there are also other alliances and projects in which we work that I would like to share. One project on which we have worked for the past three years is with Bread for the World. The project, "Promoting Sustainable Community Work and Living Through Ecumenical Dialogue and Environmental Education," is carried out with rural communities of the Lutheran and Methodist Bolivian churches, who are UMAVIDA partner organizations. This project was submitted in order to address the negative impacts of the increasingly extreme, climatic events that these communities have experienced in the past years. The objective is to strengthen community survival by learning about the long-term, sustainable use of natural resources through reflection and action.

Chenoa's Column continues in the Mission and Church Life News.

"On Our Way" Dr. Jim Schumacher October 1, 2018

As I write, it seems to me that in the church we're somewhere between last year's celebration of the Protestant Reformation and World Communion Sunday.

Last year, Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, and Knox reminded us of our roots. As Americans, we're tempted to believe "now" is what matters. Today's news, tomorrow's prospects — those really are important! History, on the other hand — what happened back there— is discussed in ivy-covered halls. "History," commented Henry Ford, "is bunk!" But the 500th anniversary of Luther's 95 Theses is altogether different. We may forget what happened long ago in Wittenberg, but we live with the results. John Calvin and Huldrich Zwingli shaped the very first Reformed — or "Presbyterian"— Church. Because of them, we became a group of Protestants led by teaching and ruling elders elected by the people. In the process, we helped to develop democratic government which — given time and a new world — created the United States. The scriptures that we read, the hymns that we sing, the faith we proclaim — all of these have a history, and they rest back on what happened in 16th century Europe.

Even as we celebrated Luther's God-given insight, we also remembered those things that keep us apart. It's fascinating to see what happens on those rare occasions when we try explaining who we are as followers of Christ. On the one hand, we're "Christians." We follow Jesus. Moving on, we add we're "Protestant" Christians. That's when Luther and the other reformers become important. In the process, we're reminded the Church is divided three ways, between Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox Christians. At this point, we've come full circle. Once again, we're back to history to explain who we are and how we got here.

On the other hand, however, we're quickly moving toward what's called World Communion Sunday.

How wonderful it is for me to be able to preach and celebrate the Lord's Supper with our congregation! Ministry of Word and Sacrament has been my life for nearly sixty years. While retirement's great, the call to serve Jesus in the church is something that never goes away.

Here's what catches my attention as we find ourselves between Reformation Sunday and World Communion: Jesus, in the 14th chapter of John's Gospel, prays for his disciples "that they all might be one." Ironically, the church — from her beginnings — has never been united. Luke, writing in The Book of Acts, reminds us those first disciples were divided between Jews and Gentiles, slave and free. Nor can it be said that the earliest church was of one mind. If the Epistle of James would insist "Faith, if it has no works is dead," Paul would write, "We are saved by grace through faith." Our national cathedral in Washington D.C. has always been one of my favorite places. The soaring, Gothic spires and arches of that great church speak for untold Christian generations in this country and abroad. Irony, however, also is part of the National Cathedral's story! I was intrigued to see the church's official name, "The Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul." Truth-be-told, Peter and Paul didn't always get along very well! Peter would write of Paul, "Some of the things he writes are hard to understand and lead those who are immature astray!" Paul, on the other hand, was more than ready to accuse Peter of trying to turn Christianity back into Judaism. All of that being said, however, I still find myself awed by the mighty stone arches and rich church symbolism that mark this beautiful structure.

So here we are, betwixt and between! We're caught between Reformation Sunday and World Communion! Yet, Jesus called us to "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

For all of us, the table of our Lord bears witness to the unity Jesus wanted for His Church. At Communion, we're reminded of just how central the risen Christ is for his body, the Church. As we come to receive the elements of bread and wine, all divisions fade. It's not what we have, or even what we achieve that matters. Communion reminds us that — in Calvin's words — "all of us are beggars!" Eternal life is God's free gift to those who — through faith —will receive it.

Honesty requires me to admit communion has been a bone of contention in the church. The question of who could preside divided Christians between clergy and laity. The question of who can receive communion divides churches and church members. Because Presbyterians do not believe the elements of bread and wine literally become the body and blood of Jesus, we're denied communion in Roman Catholic congregations. By way of contrast, we believe that Christ is truly present in communion in the hearts of believers through faith. But the end result is that what ought to bring us together still keeps us apart.

Sally and I supported the decision of our older boy to become a Roman Catholic with the rest of his family. We've been there as each child received first communion and became confirmed. One of our most precious photos shows Sally and me, Chris and his family, with the bishop of Cleveland at our most recent confirmation celebration. What made all of this not only possible for us, but even joyful? It was Calvin's ancient teaching, "Wherever the Word is preached and the sacraments are administered and received in faith, there is the Church." For half a century, I've taught those words to those seeking admission to our church. Just so long as we remember those words, we'll have insight into the unity of Christ's disciples.

Going back to Reformation history, Calvin also taught that the Church of Jesus Christ exists in two different forms. On the one hand is the "Visible Church." The Church Visible is the church we know. Seeking perfection, it constantly falls short of God's original design. Yet, there's also the "Church Invisible." Here we find the church as it appears before God in all its final glory. True enough, we may not see the perfection Jesus wanted. But — as we behold the Invisible Church — we are reminded that the final glory never did belong to us. It belongs to the God who loves us and who gave his life for us. And to that God belongs all the glory there can ever be. Amen

Staying Connected at Trinity

Sermons and Special Music: The sermons and special music from each Sunday's worship service can be found on the church website – <u>www.trinityup.org</u>.

Newsletter Information: If you have information for the newsletter, please e-mail Maggie Nussbaum at <u>nussmargan27@gmail.com</u>, phone her at 740-455-2004, or place a note in her mail slot in the office.

Bulletin Information, Concerns, Comments, or Questions: If you have information for the church bulletin, or if you wish to contact Pastor Allison, please call the church office at 740-452-8482, e-mail him at <u>d.allison.trinityupc.pastor@gmail.com</u>, or call him at 567-274-5133 (Cell) or 740-487-4561 (Home).

Trinity Website

The Trinity website contains information about our church, sermons and special music from each Sunday's worship service, newsletters, photos, and other items of interest. You will also find a short profile of Chenoa Stock, the mission co-worker in Bolivia whom we support, as well as pictures and additional newsletters she sends us on a regular basis. Check out the website at <u>www.trinityup.org</u>.

News and Notes

Social Media and TUPC ---Trinity has a social media presence with an official Facebook page. If you are a Facebook user please like and follow us.

Jen Ardrey, Anna Johnson, and Kasey MacLaine are the three administrators for this page, and you may direct questions to any of them. There are certain guidelines that must be followed when posting anything on the website. This also applies to any comments that are posted.

Photo release forms are required to be completed before postings including your pictures may be used. These forms can be found in the narthex in the paper holder on the wall by the credenza.

This link will take you directly to Trinity's Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-United-Presbyterian-Church-117185184968159/?ref=br_rs

We hope the Facebook page will be of interest and useful for our Trinity family members. Scripture readings and sermon topics are currently posted two or three days before each Sunday's worship service. News of upcoming events and other timely news items are posted, as well.

Thank You from Jane Reed—

To All my Friends at Trinity,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, thoughts, and kind offers of support for me during my recent cancer diagnosis and surgeries. I was truly humbled by everyone's kindness and the many cards I received from my church family. And my thanks for the hospital visits by Pastor Dennis and Becky, Rev. Schumacher and Sally, and Bill Miska, and for the altar flowers. I am grateful to all of you for the blessings of friendship.

Sincerely, Jane

Thank You from Chenoa Stock-

Dear Trinity United Presbyterian Church,

Greetings from Bolivian spring! This is just a note of great thanks for your generous and continued support of my mission service in Bolivia. As our work of accompanying communities in their struggle for environmental justice and speaking out for the care of God's Creation continues to evolve, we are so very grateful for your support and prayers. Your faithful commitment to God's work, both locally and globally, is a motivating factor in our call and mission, especially as we go through this time of discernment as a network. Thank you for your prayers for that.

We are doing well. Leandro is now 9.5 months (!!) and growing well. He's about to crawl, but doesn't quite have it. I wouldn't be surprised if he just gets up and starts walking first! He's an active and curious little guy who definitely keeps us on our toes. But what a joy!

You all remain in my prayers. Thank you for yours. Your support is what allows me to continue serving in my ministry with our brothers and sisters here and around the globe.

Peace and blessings, Chenoa

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance---Are you interested in helping victims of the recent hurricanes or typhoons? You can donate online through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Visit pcusa.org/give-hurricanestyphoons or by phone at 800-872-3283. There are many giving opportunities through the PDA, or you might discover a variety of other ways to help our neighbors in need.

Mission and Church Life News

Maggie Nussbaum

Tri-Giving Offering---Our Tri-Giving Offering recipient for September through December will once again be Bethel Community Center, an outreach program of Rolling Plains UMC. The center has offered after-school and mentoring programs, 4-H and Girl Scout groups, and classes to help families with cooking and other skills. This summer neighborhood residents near the center planted and tended gardens and harvested a variety of produce items. Relationships continue to be built among volunteers and all who participate in the projects and activities.

Hygiene Kits---Thank you to all who donated items or money for the hygiene kits. This was a project of the Learning for Life Class of The Fellowship of Christ's Community and the local Parish of Presbyterian Churches. The kits will be assembled by the LFL Class on November 4th. More than 100 hygiene kits are expected to be assembled.

SOUPer Bowl—The 22nd Annual SOUPer Bowl Luncheon was held Sunday, October 21st. Proceeds of the SOUPer Bowl helped to support the 4 hot meal programs in Muskingum County and Eastside Community Ministry. A very sincere thank you goes to all who donated cookies, volunteered, attended the SOUPer Bowl Luncheon, or purchased Pay-It-Forward Tickets so that others who would not be able to afford a ticket could attend. Trinity members purchased 63 Pay-It-Forward Tickets. The generosity of our members continues to be overwhelming and heart-warming.

Operation Christmas Child—Thank you for your participation in this year's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project. If you donated your postage online and you received a notification of the destination of your shoebox, please let Maggie know where your shoebox was sent.

Thanksgiving Offering and Collection—The Mission and Church Life Committee agreed to collect a Thanksgiving offering again this year. The money from this offering will be given to **Transitions** in their effort to help the local victims of domestic violence and abuse. We have chosen to donate directly to Transitions in lieu of collecting the PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness special offering. This offering will be collected from **November 4th through November 25th.** You may use the white envelopes, and please indicate "Thanksgiving Offering" on the front of the envelope. Any checks should be made out to Trinity United Presbyterian Church, with "Thanksgiving Offering" in the memo line.

Stocking Tree—The "Stocking Tree" will be ready to accept the decorations of socks, hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves on **December 2nd**. Items may be added to the tree **through December 30th**. They will then be taken to the Salvation Army for distribution.

Christmas Joy PC (USA) Offering—December 2nd-December 30th—This offering provides assistance to current and former church workers and their families, and it enables deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools. Envelopes will be available in the pew holders during the collection time.

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Throughout these years, the churches and their communities have established an ongoing, ecumenical dialogue about climate change, focusing on faith, the sustainability of God's Creation and the responsibility as Christians to address these issues. These dialogues encourage the communities to work together to reflect and act on how to improve their lives through prevention and adaptation to climate change. Workshops on climate change mitigation and adaptation and on the sustainable use and management of water and other natural resources are also carried out, in order to focus on the technical aspect of the issue.

This project has affected more than 250 families in the altiplano (high plain) region of La Paz, Bolivia. It has supported these conscientious Bolivian citizens in not just suffering from climate change in so many aspects of their lives; but, has empowered them to take action to work together for long-term change in order to protect and care for God's Creation.

May we all be so called to care for God's Creation in our communities like our Bolivian brothers and sisters. Thank you for what you do in your call for God's mission, both locally and globally, especially accompanying us through your support and prayers.

Peace, Chenoa

Christian Education and Youth News

Kris Beebe

The 2018 **Crop Walk** was held at Zane's Landing on October 14th. It was a great time of fellowship and exercise as we walked to help feed the hungry. Trinity raised \$225 including the \$95 from the donation jar going to the youth envelope. Thanks to everyone donating to this worthy cause.



Adult Walkers (left to right): Marsha Mortimer, Kris Beebe, Maggie Nussbaum, Bev LeMaster, Lou LeMaster



Youth Walkers (left to right): Mark Patterson, Jonathan Patterson

The **Christmas Potluck and Program** will be held on December 9th. Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, along with beverages and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to round out our meal. We will eat following the worship service and enjoy a short program.

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Maggie Nussbaum

Since our previous newsletter update, the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee have continued to work together in our search for a new pastor. In this period of time, we have read and evaluated over fifty additional Pastor Information Forms (PIFs). We have also sent job descriptions and postings to a number of Presbyterian seminaries. Matt Skolnik, General Presbyter of the Muskingum Valley Presbytery, has been consulted numerous times for advice throughout this search process.

We recently conducted interviews with two more candidates. The candidate we were actively pursuing informed us after a second interview that a different church would be the focus of this person's job search. The committee agreed that the second candidate we interviewed was not a good match for our congregation at this time.

We continue to receive and review PIFs which have been matched with Trinity's Ministry Information Form. At the time of this writing, we have reached out to additional candidates with whom we would like to begin initial conversations. We ask that our church members remember to pray for this committee, for the future of Trinity, and for God to help lead the right person to accept our call to be Trinity's next pastor



November Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1: Dedi Spargrove Aaron & Emily Spragg
- 3: Katherine Allison
- 5: Terri Sidwell
- 7: Joe Johnson Tim Patterson
- 8: Emily Ferry Dick Keys* Lou LeMaster
- 9: Jim & Dedi Spargrove
- 10: Doug Pollock
- 13: Natalie Van Horn
- 18: Zack Garber
- 19: Elva Frick
- 20: Denise Bunker Diane Bunker Danelle Murphy Ann Nicholas*

- 21: Jake McLoughlin Fred & Nancy Killian** 22: Mindy Patterson 24: Joan Miska 26: Zachary Pollock 29: Jacqueline Kolometz* 30: Joseph Pollock * 80 years or older ** Over 50 Years of Marriage *** Golden Anniversary If you notice a missing birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office. **Unable to Attend:**
- Helen Purcell: Ann Nicholas
 Primrose: Kate Saunders
 The Oaks at Northpointe: Gretchen Bennett
 Home: John & Helen Dixon
 Home: Russ & Clara Mae Hansen
 Home: Dorbie Littick



December Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 7: Donna Foley
- 8: Gigi Monath
- 9: Teresa Baldwin Tracie Hill Steve & Jane Reed
- 10: Jeffrey & Lisa Bates
- 13: Arlene Crooks*
- 15: Amanda Allison Doug & Julie Vandenbark
- 17: Alicia Pollock
- 18: Donna Steinman*
- 19: Krista Starkey
- 20: John Dixon*
- 21: Emily Monath
- 22: Jane Reed Merle & Dora Taylor
- 24: Mary Pollock* Emily Spragg

25: Katie Brown Marshall Hightower Jim & Pat Frederick 26: Mary Flanagan* 27: Devin Ardrey John Ferry 28: Brian & Tracie Hill 30: Peggy Ware 31: **Taylor Ferry** * 80 years or older ** Over 50 Years of Marriage *** Golden Anniversary If you notice a missing birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office. **Unable to Attend:** Helen Purcell: Ann Nicholas Primrose: Kate Saunders The Oaks at Northpointe: Gretchen Bennett *Home*: John & Helen Dixon

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November Worship Leaders

Head Usher: Marshall Hightower

	Acolytes *	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
4	Volunteers	Lou & Bev LeMaster	Marshall & Barb Hightower, Lew & Terri Sidwell	Hinda Ardrey
11	Volunteers	The MacLaine Family	Larry Good, Bill Miska, Raymond Murphy, Richard Patterson	Jan Jenkins
18	Volunteers	Bill & Joan Miska	Nancy Killian, Ray Mennega, Tim Patterson, Dedi Spargrove	Bob Jenkins
25	Volunteers	Jeaneen Morland & Marsha Mortimer	Bob & Jan Jenkins, Julie Maneely, Charlene Noland	Richard Patterson

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Head Usher: Richard Patterson

	Acolytes *	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
2	Volunteers	Dorothy Allison & Arlene	John & Donna Myers, Richard Patterson,	Tim Patterson
		Crooks	Marilyn Royer	
9	Volunteers Marsha Mortimer & Donna Larry C		Larry Good, Raymond Murphy, Richard	Karen Cox
		Steinman	Patterson, Frank Walburg	
16	L6 Volunteers Larry & Linda Good		Nancy Killian, Ray Mennega, Bill Miska,	Lew Sidwell
			Marsha Mortimer	
23	Volunteers Darell & Barb Smith		Bob & Jan Jenkins, Julie Maneely,	Marshall
			Charlene Noland	Hightower
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30	Volunteers	Raymond & Danelle Murphy	John & Donna Myers, Tim Patterson,	Hinda Ardrey
			Marilyn Royer	

Note to All: If you are unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please team up with someone to trade and notify the church office of that change for the bulletin.

*Volunteer Acolytes: The <u>acolytes have the responsibility</u> to volunteer on any Sunday and to tell the head usher he/she will be the acolyte for the service.

***Christmas Eve Service: Volunteers are requested to please help as greeters and ushers. The liturgist will be appointed later.

Our Acolytes: Connor Allison, Katherine Allison, Aaron Johnson, Jonathan Patterson, Mark Patterson

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.



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