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“In the heart of the city, sharing the heart of Christ.”

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1/17/25 - The Lonely Hearts Book Club

By: Lucy Gilmore

2/21/25 - I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

By: Maya Angelou

Anyone can attend! Join us in Conference Room 2
at 10am

Trinity Family News & Notes . . .

Highlights from the November SLB Meeting

FINANCE REPORT

1. Giving was up in October (due in part to funds from some stocks that were donated to Trinity), and the end of month balance was better than at this point in 2023, but close attention and care is still needed regarding expenditures.
2. The Audit by E.S. Evans has been completed, and the Finance Committee will be meeting with Jennifer Birkemeier in December to go over the findings of the audit.
3. Regarding "Do Unto Others" Yard Signs:
 - A. Trinity paid \$1608.75 for the signs. \$900 was collected from individuals and other churches and entities along with \$700 from Trinity's advertising budget to offset the cost of the signs.
4. Regarding the recent stewardship campaign:
 - A. 54 pledge cards have been received so far totaling \$286,040, which is a \$26,090 increase over last year.
 - B. Six pledge cards indicated those people/families are still considering their pledge, and 11 people/families who pledged last year have not yet responded.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was proposed to utilize Good Neighbor Funds to help one of Trinity's families in need.
2. The United Methodist Church is in the process of merging Ohio's two conference—East and West—into one Ohio Conference of the UMC.
3. On June 8, 2025, there will be one, big UMC Pentecost Service bringing together all the UM churches of Allen and Auglaize counties. Details are yet to be determined.
4. In light of changes to the UM Discipline, Trinity's wedding policy needs to be discussed. This is to happen at the January SLB meeting.

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Jan. & Feb. Anniversary 50+

James and Donna Frederick,
Feb. 12th, 59 yrs.

C.U.P. has asked for member churches to donate hygiene items. There is a box in the narthex area to place donations.
January - Deodorant
December - Toothbrush/
Toothpaste



Jan. & Feb. 90+



Paul Shin
Jan. 30th, 94 yrs.

Margaretha Timmerman
Feb. 22, 100 yrs.

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Free Store We are now accepting Fall clothing for men, women and kids. We also are in need of linens, towels, blankets, and personal care items. Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. and taken down to Fellowship Hall. Please hold on to Spring and Summer clothes.

- Thank you



Valentines Day Care Packages:

I am looking for someone to take over as the coordinator of planning and shipping out the Valentine Care Packages (treats) to our congregations college students and active military. Please contact me for details if interested.

Penny Apkarian @ 419-303-4748

Please give the church office the name and address of your military, or college student by Monday, February 3rd to be included in this Care Package.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the Christmas basket, very much appreciated, also Jeff and Kim Wright for delivering and visiting.

Thank you to the carolers for coming to sing Christmas carols, enjoyed greatly by myself and a few of my family members were here too.

Love and Prayers,
Shirley Wolford

Dear Trinity Church Family,

I want to thank you so much for the Christmas gift basket. It was filled with all kinds of snacks, body lotion, and a crossword puzzle book.

Barb Cheney delivered it and we had a very pleasant conversation about our children, etc.

Also, I appreciated the members that came to sing carols.

Many thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Shirley Brause

Dear Trinity Family,

I was very happy when you visited me very recently with wonderful Christmas gifts one day from the Trinity members. But the best thing was that Janice Reed and her daughters came bearing the gifts! I haven't seen them for years!

Then, came Sharon and Mike Wildermuth and 2 other members (I am sorry, I didn't get their names) from the Trinity Choir members. They sang the Christmas Carols for me! What a memorable day it was!

I also appreciate the cards you have sent mw in the past. I was really impressed even Elwood Keller and Bill Cooley signed the cards among many other Trinity friends!

I am very blessed to have friends like you for all these years. I came to Trinity in 1951. Dr. Ira Jones was the pastor then. You have been very dears friends to me ever since. Thank you!

Merry Christmas to you all,
Keiko Hahn

Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - January 2025

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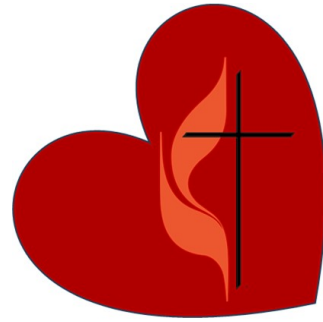
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In other words....

2025.... We are 25 years into the new millennium, and it is one of those places that we pause and consider what all has happened in that span of time. In the year 2000, we thought Y2K would end the world. The concept was that as our lives had become more and more dependent upon personal computers, that everything would fail over the transition of years being formatted as 1981, 1982, 1983 to 2001, 2002, 2003. Of course, computers proved to be smart enough to transition. Cell phones did not exist, even so Jami and I actually did have a car phone. She was working up in a remote community about 45 miles outside our community, and so we had made the investment that she would have phone access in driving back and forth. We thought we were pretty advanced for that time! It would still be another year before 9/11 changed everything. It is not that we had not faced the issues of terrorism, but they had never been a threat right in our own home. The internet was a thing, but cable TV was the dominate media of most households (even though the best thing to do on a Friday night was to rent a movie from Blockbuster...)

Things have changed a lot, and not all for the better. But that is the way of the world. As we look back over the various spans of 25 years; the leaps can be pretty incredible.

Then again, some things (the important things) do not change. Love is still love. Faith is still faith. The Communion liturgy we use is pretty much unchanged since the formation of the United Methodist Church in 1968. Scripture, though we have new versions being published most every year of late, still holds relative translation to the original texts. And of course God is, was and ever will be, God.

I believe the thing that Scripture does point to the most – God’s approach to dealing with creation changed within the story of the Scriptures. God started by making one-on-one relationship; Adam, Noah, Abraham. With Abraham, that relationship developed through a string of relationships throughout a family and then throughout a people. Even as the circle widened, there was some effort to utilize specific spokespersons, priests, prophets, writers of the stories to text. All this evolved to the eventuality of the person of Jesus: fully human, fully Divine, fully Christ. And from the person of Jesus, we are given the opportunity for a fuller, more individualized relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Change happens; for the good, for the bad, for the purposes of God... We cannot stop change from happening. We have to help in determining for what purpose any given change will be.

See ya in church! *Pastor Jim*