

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am not afraid of heights. But, I am afraid of heights when dangling by a harness attached to a zip-line. Needless to say, as a youth worker, I found myself in such a position. With a helmet on my head and a safety harness wrapped around me, I found myself dangling from a wire and jumping out into oblivion. I of course knew that the zip-line and harness were safe, but in my mind and heart jumping off a perfectly good platform was still a risky maneuver. With heart and stomach in hand I jumped off... And the rope and harness caught me and I was able to enjoy the ride on the zip-line.

Faith involves a similar risk. In our minds and hearts, to surrender and give ourselves over to God is still a risky maneuver. Oh we know that God is gracious and kind and loving and safe, much like I knew the rope and harness were safe. But we know that submitting to God is still a risky maneuver, because in our minds we can imagine jumping off into God, and God not being there to catch us.

In the story of Elijah and the widow, the widow also faces great risk. She has only a little flour and a little oil, and Elijah asks for a morsel of food. What should she do? Take the risk that there will be enough as God says through Elijah? Or not take the risk and keep the food for herself and her son. The widow's choice is faith or control; risk or safety? She takes the risk and gives what little she has to Elijah and God comes through as God promised, the jars of flour and oil never run out.

Our faith then in God involves great risks on our part if we truly intend to surrender ourselves and our lives unto the gracious care of Almighty God. Our faith involves great danger when we hand over the little resources we have into the hands of God. Faith places our lives in great jeopardy, when we give over everything we do or do not have into the control of God.

Is it no wonder then that we hesitate to do so? This is where the questions start to creep into our thoughts. Our imaginations begin to run wild, imagining situation after situation where instead of God fulfilling his promises to us, we imagine scarcity and drought. When we begin to wonder about the "What if's" in life, this is the moment when we hesitate to believe in God, because the risks are more palpable than the possible rewards. This is the moment when we become fearful instead of faithful.

This is also the moment that Jesus Christ begins to work on us. The good news of the gospel is that our faith has the help of Jesus through the Holy Spirit. It is precisely when we are at our weakest, that he is at our strongest. When our faith begins to waver, his faith takes over and supports ours. He surrounds us and supports us when we falter and teeter on the edge of doubts and control. He approaches us when we fail to approach God. He comes near when we are overwhelmed by the dangers and risks of faith.

So my friends, our faith has help; help to overcome the risks. Since we have such help, let us then dare to take a chance on God and surrender ourselves to God and to God's will. Let us take the risk and jump, because he after all promised to catch. All together on the count of 3: 1, 2, 3...

you said it!

In Christ,
Rev. Mark

SESSION:

We have an active church with committees being led by your elders.

Your Session is leading prayerfully and with guidance from Rev. Mark. Session will be working with Rev. Mark on creating guidelines and policies for baptisms, funerals, and marriages.

A policy concerning Expectations for Moderators and Committee Chairs was adopted by session and presented to all concerned.

It is a joy to see so many committees working together to plan our Pentecost Sunday celebration.

There is an Elder on Call for each month, as named in the weekly bulletin. That person will gladly listen to any questions, concerns, and joys you may have concerning Trinity.

Blessings,

Mary Belding, Clerk

DEACONS:

The Board of Deacons continues to reach out to the home bound members of our church family.

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner was a success this year due to the hard work of current Deacons as well as volunteers.

We continue to visit with home bound members and serve communion to those requesting it. It is our mission to increase our outreach to members.

A Deacon is on-call each month and the individual is always listed in our bulletin as well as our newsletter. Should anyone have any need for visitation, home communion or other needs that we may be able to assist with, please call the Deacon who is on call or the church office.

We look forward to continue serving our congregation.

Mary Ann Jordan

Jane Wallace

Co-Moderators

The Deacons have been visiting and sending well wishes to our homebound church members. They were remembered with plants/flowers for Easter and something special for Mother's Day. The college students were remembered with gift cards for completing another successful year of college. We will not be taking the summer off, our homebound members need us!!

Lashell Gehring, Deacons Secretary

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

As we come to the end of the 2017 Sunday School year, I would like to reflect on the amazing time we have had getting to know the children of this church and teaching them so many things about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

They are excited and interested and they give us, the teachers, an opportunity to refresh our commitment to Christ and the church. From the Young Disciples sermons to teaching them about Communion, baptism and the stories of the bible, these children are like sponges soaking up all the knowledge we can share with them.

There was a time, not so long ago, when there were no young people in our church. And now, on some Sundays, we have had upwards of 30 children. How EXCITING for the life blood of our church ! It is our Christian responsibility to welcome these children into the loving arms of our church. These little Presbyterians are the future of this church !

So thank you to our congregation for welcoming our youth and accepting them with their youthful chatter and sometimes unbridled energy. They are still learning, as I hope we all are. God isn't finished with us yet !

p.s. We would like to continue to provide child care throughout the summer. Please volunteer to man the nursery a Sunday or two. We would appreciate having two people per Sunday.

Thank you for your assistance !

Respectfully,

Jessie Smith Christian, Education Chairperson

COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

Community council has been actively pursuing new mission work and projects which we feel Trinity may be able and interested to participate.

We will be providing lunches for the interim period between school ending and the government lunch program beginning.

We will be posting soon sign-up sheets for Bike and Build riders that will be arriving on July 1, 2017. Trinity will be providing dinner and showers to approximately 35 riders. The riders also give an interesting presentation regarding their mission and journey across the states.

Pam Bloom , Chairperson



STEWARDSHIP:

Stewardship is always here---not just during pledge season. We are called to be Stewards everyday and in every way. Each of us has a time and talent to give for the Glory of God. Stewardship is telling God "thank you" for giving us His Son.

The most important aspect of stewardship is not the raising of money for the church, but the development of devoted Christians.

The Pentecost offering will be received on June 4, 2017. 40% of this offering remains in our church to be used for a youth need in our community. The Stewardship Committee selected the Autism Support

group of Ashtabula County to receive this gift. Several friends and families of our church are autistic. Speakers will be used to further explain this program and how it can benefit autistic children.

May we all enjoy the beauty of summer and thank God each day for all He has done for us.

With Christian love,
Susan Hogle

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

May the Lord richly bless all those who have served and have volunteered to serve in the future as Liturgists and Ushers. We thank God for your willingness to serve in these capacities. We still have openings for Ushers during the months of July, November and December; may the Spirit move some more of our people to serve the Lord in this manner.

We are also currently looking for people who are musically inclined to donate their time and talent by providing special music for our Sunday Services during the summer while the choir is taking time off. If you, your children, your grandchildren or anyone you know has musical talent and would be willing to give praise to God in this capacity please let us know. The performance can be singing or playing musical instruments. The Choir will be vacationing from June 11, 2017 until Sunday Sept.10, 2017. That gives you 11 Sundays to choose from. We would deeply appreciate any and all assistance you could give us in this area.

Shalom,
Diana Adams, Ruth Ann Ayers, Peggy LaDu, Jane Wallace

What would you like to sing? Please let us know.



TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Trinity Book Club doesn't just read books. This year we participated in three projects to increase access to books. With the Fortnightly Book Club we helped stock two little libraries that they established in Ashtabula. There's a cute little box at Tony's Dog House in the harbor and a table with a library box at the Y. Both locations have books and magazines for adults and children to borrow or to keep. The Y always needs teen books and magazines.

In May we partnered with the Jefferson United Methodist book club to provide books to Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland. Because of the requirement for new books, we received a generous donation from The Ashtabula Foundation. Club member and teacher Connie Grugel selected \$75 of children's books for our donation.

Also, again this summer, books will be available to children coming to Trinity for free lunches in June and August. Along with the lack of food at home is a lack of books. The kids love getting books of their own to keep.

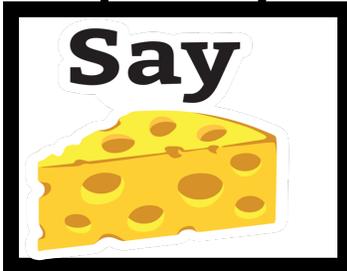
Please help get adult, teen, and children's books by stopping at yard sales and library sales. Often sellers will donate books if they're told about our programs. Books can be given to Beth Adams.

Thank you.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Our scheduling process has begun. You can schedule your family for their portrait time on Sunday's or call the church office 993-7111.

Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm.



JUNE 27TH

2:00 pm
until
8:30 pm

JUNE 28TH

2:00 pm
until
8:30 pm

Members and friends of TPC are all welcome to be apart of the new directory.

RUMMAGE SALE:

BAKE SALE —PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

WE NEED YOUR STUFF.....WE KNOW YOU HAVE IT!

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR A PICK UP!

If you are able to help with the rummage sale set up will be June 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Questions call Kathy Depp 466-2267.

WE ARE ON THE
WEB:
trinityashtabula.org



CONGRATULATIONS

Class of 2017!
TO OUR TRINITY
GRADUATES:

COLLEGE:

Troy Bloom
Rebekah Depp
Sarah Depp
Emmy Stowell

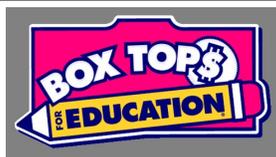
HIGH SCHOOL

Carly Aponte

*Be the change you
want to see in this
world!*



Lynda Bennett, The family of Charlotte Burkhart (Shirley Best's sister), Bess Dibble, Dee Fassett, Don Maginnis, Wanda Schwentker
Our Service Men and Women



It's hip to clip.
Please save your Box Tops.
Container is in the fellowship hall.



JUNE 11, 2017

**THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FOLLOWING WORSHIP.**

**The meeting is being called to receive the report from
Property and Finance concerning the replacement of the
Sanctuary Roof.**

Have you signed up for One Call Now?

Effective communication plays a big role in building a strong sense of community within our congregation, but keeping everyone informed and up-to-date takes a lot of time. **One Call Now** makes it easy to reach you, and easy for you to be more active and engaged. Using this system saves time, reduces costs and ensures everyone get correct information.

Any committee can use this system. Please call Lynne or Mark if a message needs to get out to our congregation and friends.

If you haven't given Lynne your contact information to be included, please do so.

June 2017

DEACON ON CALL- JANE WALLACE 992-0888

ELDER ON CALL-NORM JEPSON 993-8401

LITURGIST- JESSIE SMITH

USHERS- JEPSON TEAM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 Prayer Group Thursday Ladies 11:30/12:00 HERE COMMUNITY LUNCH	2 11:30/12:00 HERE COMMUNITY LUNCH	3
4 PENTECOST COMMUNION 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship/SS Recognition Sunday PENTESCOST CELEBRATION	5 11:30/12:00 HERE COMMUNITY LUNCH 12:00 NOMINATING COMMITTEE MTG.	6 11:30/12:00 HERE COMMUNITY LUNCH 8:00 Al-Anon	7 11:30/12:00 HERE COMMUNITY LUNCH 6:30 Card Ministry 6:30 Deacons Mtg.	8 10:00 Prayer Group Thursday Ladies 11:30/12:00 HERE COMMUNITY LUNCH 6:30 Prop./Fin Mtg.	9 10:00 Brown Bag Ladies 11:30/12:00 HERE COMMUNITY LUNCH	10
11 Trinity Sunday 2¢ A Meal collection 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship Fellowship Mtg. AW	12	13 8:00 ROMEOS@ Deb's 11:30 Game Day 8:00 Al-Anon	14 6:30 Card Ministry	15 10:00 Prayer Group Thursday Ladies 2:00 Worship/Music	16	17 9:00 am/12:00 pm Transformation Group STROCK/OPEN HOUSE
18 FATHER'S DAY 10:30 Worship Stewardship Mtg. After Worship	19	20 6:00 Book Club 8:00 Al-Anon	21 Garage Sale Set Up	22 Garage Sale Set Up 10:00 Prayer Group Thursday Ladies	23 Garage Sale Set Up	24 GARAGE SALE 9:00 3:00 PM Lunch and bake sale
25 10:30 Worship	26 6:30 CE Meeting	27 11:30 Game Day 2:00/8:30 Church Pictures 8:00 Al-Anon	28 2:00/8:30 Church Pictures 6:30 Card Ministry	29 10:00 Prayer Group Thursday Ladies	30	