

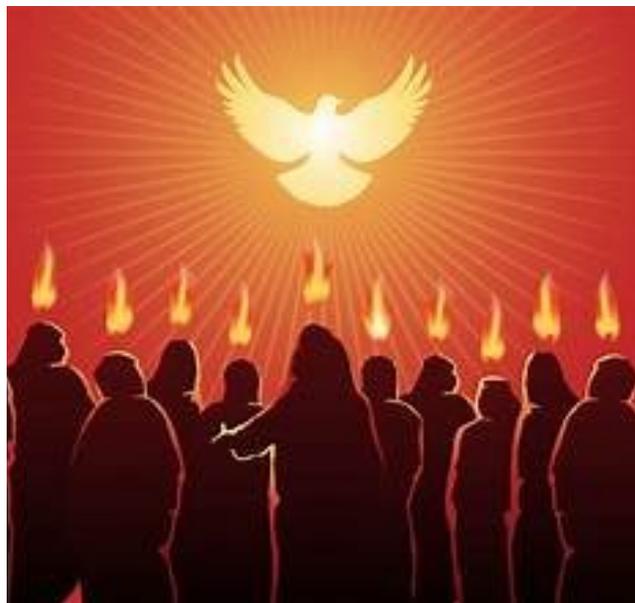
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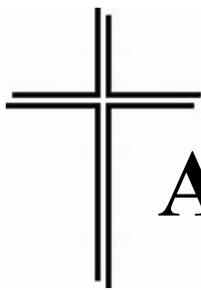
**JUNE-JULY 2025**  
**NEWSLETTER**



“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;”

Acts 2:17





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## TOWN HALL MEETING



On Wednesday, June 4th at 6:30pm, we will be having a Town Hall Meeting in Trinity's Sanctuary to discern the New Name of the congregation formed from the merger of Trinity and East Side Presbyterian. We will discuss and vote upon the desired new name. All are invited to attend and to offer their voice and vote on this matter. Here are the names that have been put forth so far:

\* United Presbyterian

\* Ashtabula Presbyterian

\* Grace Presbyterian

\* New Hope Presbyterian

\* Togetherness Presbyterian

\* Prospect Presbyterian

\* Unity Presbyterian

\* Third Presbyterian

\* Faith Presbyterian

\* New Beginnings Presbyterian

\* New Vision Presbyterian

\* God's People Presbyterian

## CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Peleg Park will once again host the annual Concerts in the Park Tuesdays, from 7-9pm. Here is the schedule:

June 10, 2025—Dennis Ford

June 17, 2025—Sherry Cornell 7-8 p.m. Danny Pugliese 8-9 p.m.

June 24, 2025—Take II

July 1, 2025—Back When

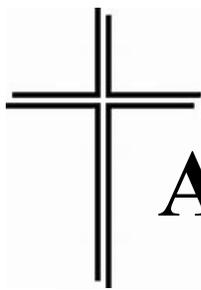
July 8, 2025—Blues Project

July 15, 2025—The Frank Moravcik Band

July 22, 2025—Nicely Done

July 29, 2025—Remember Then





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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Liturgical Day</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Anthem</u>  |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 6/1/2025    | Ascension Sunday      | Trinity         | 3 Church Choir |
| 6/8/2025    | Pentecost Sunday      | Trinity         | 3 Church Choir |
| 6/15/2025   | Trinity Sunday        | Trinity         | Special Music  |
| 6/22/2025   | 12th Sunday in O.T.   | Trinity         | Special Music  |
| 6/29/2025   | 13th Sunday in O.T.   | Trinity         | Special Music  |
| 7/6/2025    | 14th Sunday in O.T.   | Trinity         | Special Music  |
| 7/13/2025   | 15th Sunday in O.T.   | Trinity         | Special Music  |
| 7/20/2025   | 16th Sunday in O.T.   | Trinity         | Special Music  |
| 7/27/2025   | 17th Sunday in O.T.   | Trinity         | Special Music  |
| 8/3/2025    | 18th Sunday in O.T.   | First Pres.     | Special Music  |
| 8/10/2025   | 19th Sunday in O.T.   | First Pres.     | Special Music  |
| 8/17/2025   | Tri-Church Picnic     | Lakeshore Park  |                |
| 8/24/2025   | 21st Sunday in O.T.   | First Pres.     | Special Music  |
| 8/31/2025   | 22nd Sunday in O.T.   | First Pres.     | Special Music  |



All Services are at  
10am

## TRINITY NOTICES

- \$1,000.00 from the sale of the cookbooks has been donated to Faith Lutheran Food Pantry.
- Trinity's Deacons donated the geraniums placed around the church.



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## JOINT COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**Our next meeting is currently scheduled for June 8, 2025.**

### **MISSION RESULTS FOR MAY 2025:**

**The committee extends a HUGE thank you to all of those who made generous donations of baby items for the H.I.P. shower. It took two vehicles to transport all the gifts to G.O. Ministries where the organization is housed. We appreciate those who helped host the Baby Shower on May 4th. It is truly heart-warming to witness the outpouring of God's love and blessings being shared with our community.**



**We also appreciate the help of those who showed up on Saturday, May 17th, to pick up trash for the Ashtabula City Clean-up event. A truck load of garbage bags was filled and taken to be disposed of by the city.**

### 2025 AGENDA

*Please retain so you can choose how you wish to share your blessings with these mission projects throughout the year.*

**June:** June 8th will be the final day of collecting the Pentecost Offering.

**July:** SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION we will collect school supplies that will be donated to G.O. Ministries for the Back-to-School giveaway that is held at the beginning of August. Donations may be dropped off at the church any time before the end of July.



**August:**

**September:** Raffle Baskets for HOMESAFE will be created by the committee. PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING (Peacemaking and Reconciliation) for PCUSA begins. Envelopes will be in the pews. The 25% kept locally will be donated to HOMESAFE.



**October:** PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING final collection date is October 8. CATHOLIC CHARITIES BLANKET AND LINEN COLLECTION begins.

**November:** CATHOLIC CHARITIES BLANKET AND LINEN COLLECTION continues. ADOPTION OF CHILDREN FOR CHRISTMAS

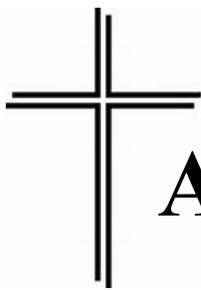
**December:** CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING  
HAT, GLOVE AND MITTEN TREE



### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

- RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program)  
For information visit [ashtabulagiveback.org](http://ashtabulagiveback.org) or contact Stephanie Blessing – Americore – 440-670-9125 to volunteer
- G.O. Ministries
- Breakfast at First Baptist Church M-F – Feeding homeless 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Pam Bloom and Edie Makynen: co-chairpersons



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## MEETING SCHEDULE

Town Hall Meeting—Wednesday, June 4th, 6:30pm at Trinity

Joint Ministerial Relations Committee—Tuesday, June 10th, 6:30pm at Trinity

ROMEOS—Tuesday, June 10th, 9am at Deb's Diner

Game Day—Tuesday, June 10th, 11:30am at Trinity

Merging Committee—Wednesday, June 11th, 6:30pm at Trinity

Tri-Church Lunch Packing—Thursday, June 12th 10am at Trinity

East Side Session—Monday, June 16th, 6:30pm at East Side

Game Day—Tuesday, June 17th, 11:30am at Trinity

Trinity Property/Finance—Wednesday, June 18th, 6pm at Trinity

Trinity Session—Wednesday, June 18th, 7pm at Trinity

Merging Committee—Wednesday, June 25th, 6:30pm at Trinity

July—No Meetings



## EASTSIDE'S BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd Robert Wetzel
- 3rd Courtney Wetzel
- 11th Rosemary Peck
- 25th Russ Makynen
- 25th Bonnie Pocza
- 27th Sandra Brown



## EASTSIDE'S ANNIVERSARIES

- 8th Ed & Ruth Best



## PRAYER LIST

Genny Wallace, Berniece Boggs, Jim & Rose Booth, Jim Johnston, Courtney Wetzel, Bob Meyers, Jack Hogle, Elaine Naddra, Randy Cotton, Gerald Turner, Sandra Brown, Cliff Titus, Lynda Potts, Dale Fassett, Family of Marion Shipman, Family of Father David, Denise, and Joanna Fisher



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## REPORT FROM EAST SIDE'S SESSION

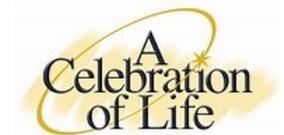
- The meeting opened with prayer.
- The Minutes were reviewed and approved.
- The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.
- Pastor's Report:
  1. Next Presbytery meeting will be June 2, 2025, Hybrid and via Zoom.. This will be Marek's last meeting as Moderator.
  2. Reviewed Mark's visitations with shut ins.
  3. Town Hall Meeting is June 4, 2025, at 6:30 pm, Trinity Presbyterian Church.
  4. Bible Studies are resuming this week. Wednesday at 10:00 AM and Thursday at 7:00 PM at Trinity.
  5. Concerts in the Park start June 10, 2025. Volunteers are needed.
  6. Roselind Woodburn passed away May 14, 2025. A Celebration of Life Service will be held in September.
  7. Annual Rummage Sale is planned for September.
- Buildings and Grounds: Session approved the estimate for the roof replacement of the church.
- Outreach: Two carloads of baby items were donated at the Baby Shower.
- Worship and Music: Liturgists are scheduled for June and July.
- The meeting closed with prayer.



Cathy Burnham  
Clerk of Session

## CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

The Merging Committee has begun to plan and to prepare to time for Trinity and East Side to Celebrate their communities in August. Each Church will have pictures, memorabilia, food, music and a time for telling stories in their sanctuaries. Please contact the members of the committee if you would like to contribute with old pictures, items or a story, written or spoken. The committee members are:



Craig Reiter

Mary Belding

Pam Bloom

Beth Dougherty

Cathy Burnham

Rosemary Peck

Edie Makynen

Ellen Jacobs



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2025 per capita is \$40.00

## REPORT FROM TRINITY'S SESSION

Session met May 21st and the normal business was carried out including:

- Approval of minutes from April session meeting.
- Approval of financial report through April 2025
- The clerk's report included reading a thank you from RAM for our contribution of \$1000 to Ashtabula RAM Clinic. 451 patients received free care valued at \$336,906.
- The Minister's report included:
  - ◊ A spreadsheet of his calls and visits.
  - ◊ Report of Presbytery duties.
  - ◊ Discussion on Town Hall meetings
  - ◊ Vacation request for June 30th - July 13th.
- Committee reports
  - ◊ Property and Finance:
    - \* The HVAC system has been installed.
    - \* Bids for total repair of the flat roof are being sought.
    - \* Parking lines to be painted in the east parking lot.
  - ◊ Fellowship
    - \* \$1000 from the sale of the cookbook will be donated to Faith Lutheran Food Pantry.
  - ◊ Ruth Allen will be the Elder on Call for June.



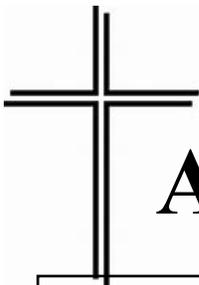
Mary Belding, Clerk

## ROOFS UPDATE

The pitched roof on East Side's building will be replaced once school has been let out for the summer.

The flat roof on Trinity's education and fellowship wing has begun to leak from deterioration. We have a bid from the same roofer who has repaired our roofs and gutters in the past and who is putting on the new roof at East Side. We have reached out to other roofers for bids and have received no reply. Session is continuing to work on repairing the roof.





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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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