

HIGHLIGHTS

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**We bid farewell to
Pastor David & Karen Nevergall**

... see a special tribute beginning on page 11

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Hoy Trinity Lutheran Church presents this FREE full-day training!



Invite • Welcome • Connect[®]

We invite you to join us for an introduction to ministry that we believe can equip your congregation for the exciting and revitalizing work of reaching its community more effectively with and for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Saturday, June 4

This event has been postponed!

New information with the rescheduled date will be announced in the future.

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*Lunch & beverages provided.

Guided by the gospel imperative to “Go and make disciples of all nations,” the ministry of Invite Welcome Connect equips and empowers individuals and congregations to practice evangelism, hospitality, and connectedness. Invite Welcome Connect’s founder, Mary Parmer joins us for this **FREE** all-day training to share the deep truths of this ministry as well as practical steps to assess your faith community and begin implementation. This is not a one-size-fits-all plan. It is tailored to the culture of your congregation, thereby assuring your members will feel comfortable with the program and process.



ABOUT THE TRAINER ... Born and raised in the deep South (Natchez, Mississippi), **Mary Foster Parmer** is the Creator & Founder of **INVITE WELCOME CONNECT**, a transformational ministry of evangelism, hospitality and belonging. Mary is the author of the award-winning book, **Invite Welcome Connect: Stories & Tools to Transform your Church**.

Mary Parmer’s personal call to work with congregations in evangelism and congregational development is borne out of her spiritual gift of exhortation (encouragement), her love of people, and her passion for welcoming the newcomer and empowering the laity. Mary’s passion is helping congregational leadership understand the importance of personal invitation, welcoming folks, hearing their story, recognizing their gifts, and then connecting them to ministry. Mary believes that the ministry of the laity is best carried out when individuals discern their own spiritual giftedness and then are empowered and equipped to live into their baptismal covenant by offering their individual gifts and talents to God.

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Peace I Leave With You

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you...

John 14:28a



Pastor David

It is a group of anxious, confused, frightened disciples around the table in an upper room on the night before Jesus' death. They have shared a meal. Their master has (of all the strange things) washed their feet. One of their own, Judas Iscariot, has gone mysteriously into the night. They have been given a new commandment about love. And Jesus has been talking on and on about leaving them and returning for them and encouraging them with some sort of advocate or guide. None of it makes sense...yet.

Friday's cross will not help matters. Saturday's profound sense of abandonment won't either. Even Sunday, with the Magdalene's strange news about Jesus risen from the dead will come as a tale too tall for believing.

But then, in spite of doors and hearts locked by fear, Jesus will stand again in their midst. He bears the scars of his struggle, to be sure. But he is again among them. And the first word out of his mouth? "Peace. Peace be with you."

Perhaps we need to hear that word, too.

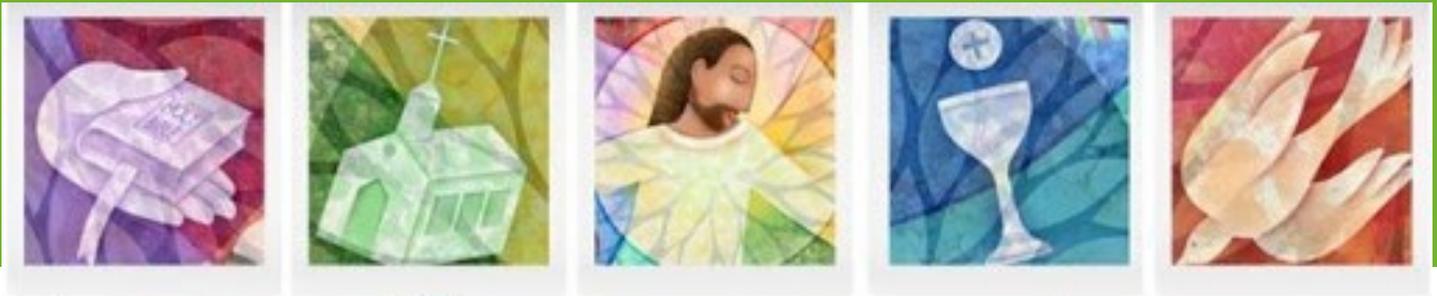
Seasons of change are hard, but (as the disciples come to realize) they are also opportunities for being pointed in new directions toward new possibilities. That is especially true when the One who leads the adventure is not just another fellow mortal traveler but the Christ...the One in whose peace we discover the great depths of mercy and hope and possibility which God has in store for us.

It is with that and into that peace that I leave you, dear friends. For the past nine years, it has been our privilege to share Christ's mission. We've bumped our noses a few times, to be sure. But we have also been blessed to be a blessing to our neighbors and to one another in some new and significant ways. I hope we can look back on this sojourn as a time of faithful endeavor for Christ's sake.

And so...peace I leave with you. Christ's peace and continued blessing I pray for you. The future, already bright with God's destiny for us, awaits your continued discernment and steady work. I commend you to it with thanksgiving and love.

And peace.

Pr. David



Faith Formation

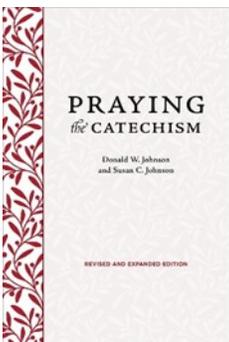


New Mid-Week Offering beginning June 1 Devotion, Fellowship & Lunch Together

Praying the Catechism

by Donald W. Johnson and Susan C. Johnson

Wednesdays @ 11 a.m. June 1 – August 10
(our first meeting will be in the Chapel Lounge)



Martin Luther's Small Catechism was written to help people gather in their homes to learn about their faith and to deepen their relationship with God. The catechism still works as a solid framework for that purpose. This devotional book is an attempt to restore the Small Catechism to the prayer room. It invites you to experience the catechism through a journey of prayer and meditation.

Holy Trinity will be praying and mediating The Ten Commandments throughout the summer months. We will begin our time together with Scripture Readings, Time to Pause & Reflect, and Prayer. Following this 30 minute devotional gathering we will continue fellowship and discussion around the table while enjoying a salad lunch. †



Join Us This Month!

June 11, 9 a.m. – Furnace Run Trail
Summit County Metro Park

June 25, 9 a.m. – Liberty Park & Nature Center
Summit County Metro Park

We will gather at the entrance of the park for a short devotional reading before walking the trail(s) at your own pace. We regather after 35 minutes for a brief discussion and blessing. Questions? Contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation, email rmunez@holytrinityakron.org or call/text (330) 634-6597.

Looking ahead - We've added more opportunities to gather for a short devotion, hike/walk together, prayer & blessing. Please join us & bring a friend! †

July 9 – Beaver Marsh Trail
(Cuyahoga Valley National Park)

July 23 – Brandywine Falls Trail
(Cuyahoga Valley National Park)

August 13 – F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm
(Summit County Metro Park)

August 27 – Cascade Valley Oxbow Trail
(Summit County Metro Park)



**Weekly Check-in
during COVID-19**
Fridays @ 9 a.m. via Zoom

We gather via Zoom for a time of sharing, scripture reading, talking, prayer, and blessing. Email Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation, for a copy of the text and Zoom link at rnunez@holytrinityakron.org †



Men's Bible Study

During this period of transition with Pastor David retiring, the members of Men's Bible Study are determining the next steps for this group. Information on future gatherings will be forthcoming ... please be sure to check here in the newsletter or in the Midweek Word. If you have questions, please contact the church office at (330) 376-5154. †

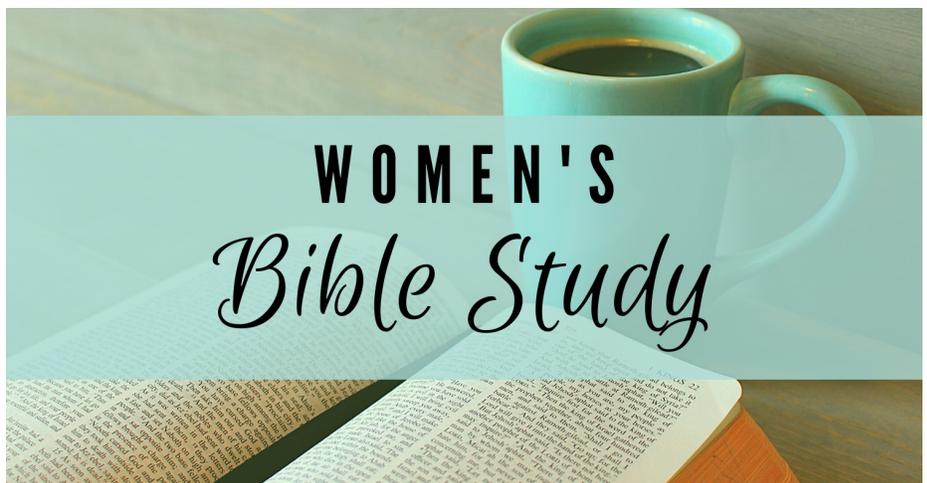


Holy Trinity Book Club

The next meeting is

**Sunday, June 5
following worship
Picnic Area, Rockynol**

We will discuss *Barnstorming Ohio: To Understand America* by David Giffels. All are invited to join us for the discussion. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the Scharf Library at the Church. Contact Diane Chambers or Amy Indorf with any questions. †



Saturday, June 18 @ 9 a.m.

Crafted in Christ – A Summer of Rest and Renewal
(Gather Magazine) by the Rev. Katie Hines-Shah

For summer 2022, participants will enjoy a three-session Bible study that uses the concept of quilting to explore rest, renewal and Christian community. We'll discuss Old and New Testament readings as we consider the patterns we follow and how the pieces of our lives and communities are bound together in Christ. While no actual sewing experience is required to complete the study, participants can opt to create a quilting project as a lasting reminder of their time together.

Session 1: "A summer of rest and renewal," focuses on choosing patterns and re-assessing the shape of our lives. We find life-giving patterns in worship, sabbath and service.

We will gather in the Memorial Garden at the church (Park Street/Cloister Entrance). Breakfast will be served followed by our study. If you have any questions or need a copy of the study, call/text Rachel Núñez at (330) 634-6597. In case of rain, we will meet in the Chapel Lounge. †



We Celebrated Three Baptisms

Holy Trinity welcomed three new members on May 15 through the rite of holy baptism. In baptism, we grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God. On this day, these three little ones became children of God, sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Let's meet the newly baptized members. The parents were presented with the baptismal candles and special gifts. †

Asher Paul Perrine

Son of Donald & Stephanie Perrine

Dawson Christopher Perrine

Son of Donald & Stephanie Perrine

Judith Roes Miller

Daughter of Matt & Hannah Miller



DLM by the Numbers

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, DLM Food & Resources has continued to operate and provide food boxes, personal care items along with cleaning supplies, and laundry items to those families involved with Project RISE and others who are in need. Clothing is given to those who inquire.

During the month of May, DLM Food & Resources served the following ...



169 Families



637 Individuals



253 Children



DLM

FOOD AND RESOURCES



If you can't work, then volunteer! While their store is being renovated, some of the staff from the Chapel Hill Chick-fil-A volunteered with DLM the week of May 16. They helped unload and move all the boxes, cartons and crates of food into the building. They were a huge help!! †

ABOVE (from left): Aaliyah Aquirre and Timothy Greer.

BELOW (from left): D'onjai White, Gia Dimceli and TraShawn Dortch.

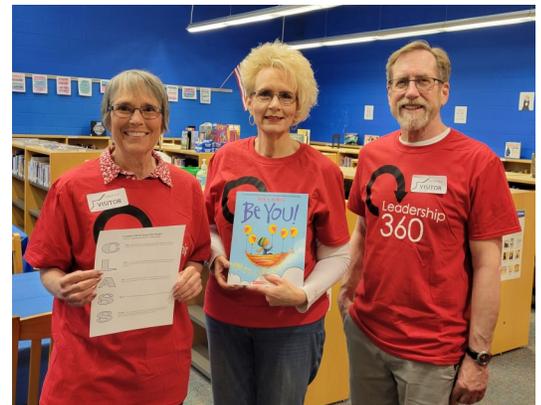




Leadership 360 Conference at Robinson

What an incredible day of learning! It was the third all-day leadership conference for the 23 members of Leadership 360 and Student Council at Robinson CLC. Holy Trinity was a co-sponsor of the event. The overall theme for the day focused on the importance of being a leader and what that means. The day began with a special keynote from Christopher Milo who shared his personal story and how it led him to create and share his 13 messages of leadership. From there, the students divided into three groups and rotated amongst three breakout sessions, one of which was led by Holy Trinity. Following lunch, school counselor Cheryl Watkins talked about the need for leaders to always be aware, present and mindful of those around us. The day concluded with a special visit by

Kofi B, a professional musician and graduate from Akron Early College. †



*Pictured at top:
The full group of
participating students
with Kofi B.*

*Above right (pictured
from left): Lor Breyley,
Sandy DeLuca and
Gregg Loesch.*

*Pictured right: Kofi B
played the piano.*

*Pictured left:
Christopher Milo talks
to the students.*

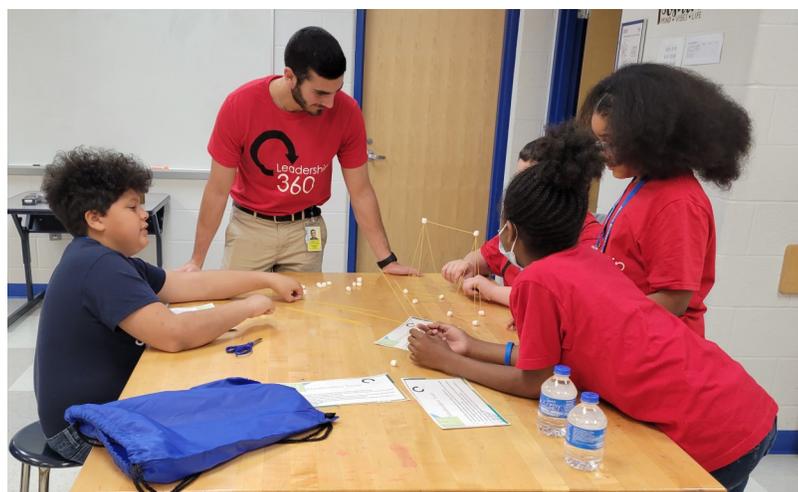
*Above left: School
counselor Cheryl
Watkins.*





ABOVE & LEFT: Students made cards with special messages for the DLM food boxes.

RIGHT: Lor Breyley watches Owen make his special card.



RIGHT & BELOW RIGHT: The students worked as a team to build a free-standing structure out of toothpicks, spaghetti and marshmallows. BELOW: Students participated in an activity led by staff from the Weathervane Playhouse.





What a Great Group of Ladies!

It was the monthly gathering of Trinity Book Club. Standing from left: Velma Pomrenke, Betty Oberdorfer, Amy Indorf and Nan Riemenschneider. Sitting from left: Diane Chambers, Sylvia Leddon and Linda Vowles. †



CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

James Eckert who received Naval Chaplain Corps retirement recognition from ELCA Churchwide Federal Chaplaincy Ministry at the Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly on May 12.



Pictured from left: Marshall Thomas, Karen and Pastor Nevergall, Vince Simmons, Rachel and Jacinto Nunez, Darlene Katz, Mary Wideman and Jim Minisall, Regina Graphenreed, Bruce Mansour, Sandy DeLuca and Deacon Ruth Anderson.



Celebrating with Church Staff

It was a special dinner celebration for church staff and their spouses. The occasion was in honor of Pastor and Karen Nevergall. A delicious meal, fond memories and wonderful fellowship was shared by everyone. Staff presented the Nevergalls with special gifts including a Don Drumm cross. †

A Photographic Tribute



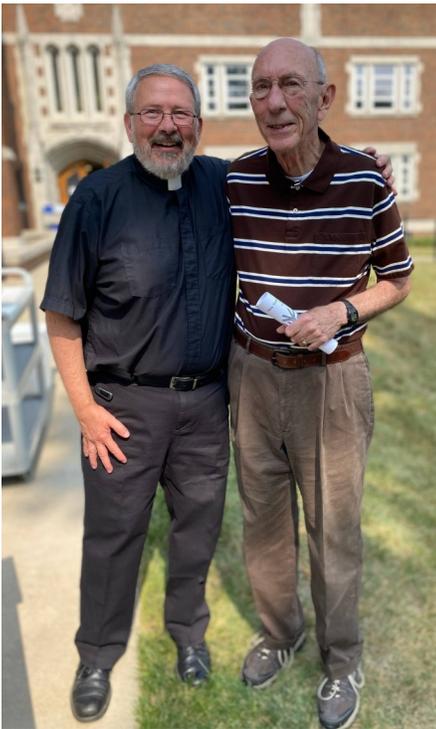
Pastor David Nevergall

Pastor David Nevergall was called to Holy Trinity in September 2013. His nine-year journey with us has helped to guide, lead, grow and transform this congregation. He touched the lives of so many in ways that will have an everlasting impact ... directly and indirectly. On the next several pages, we look back at Pastor David's years of dedicated service and will always be reminded of his love for Holy Trinity, of his deep faith in Jesus Christ, and of the ministries and relationships we will forever remember.



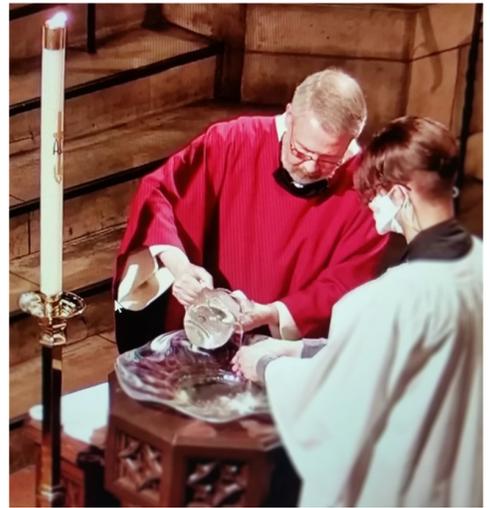
Always in service with others!





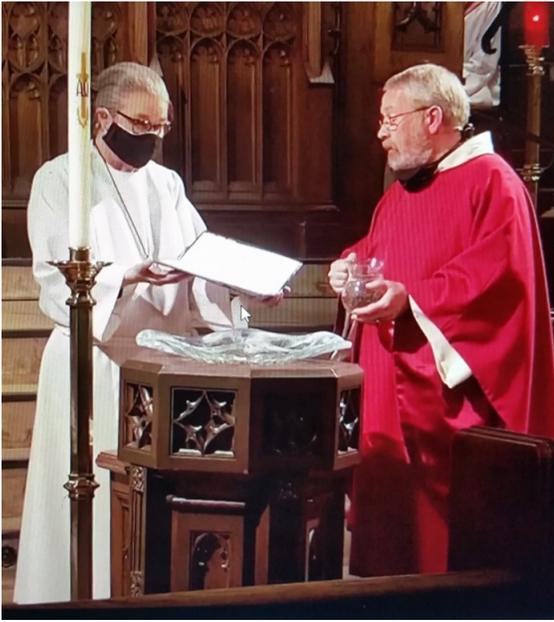
So many wonderful memories!

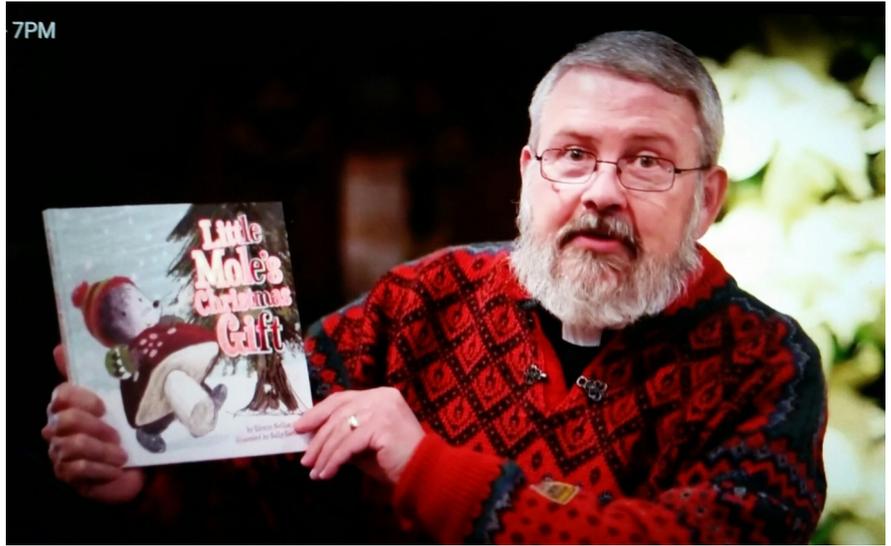




**Pastor was all about
the music and teaching
and preaching the
Word of God!**







He was all about the children ...





... and the babies! Here are but a few of the baptisms he's done during his time at Holy Trinity!



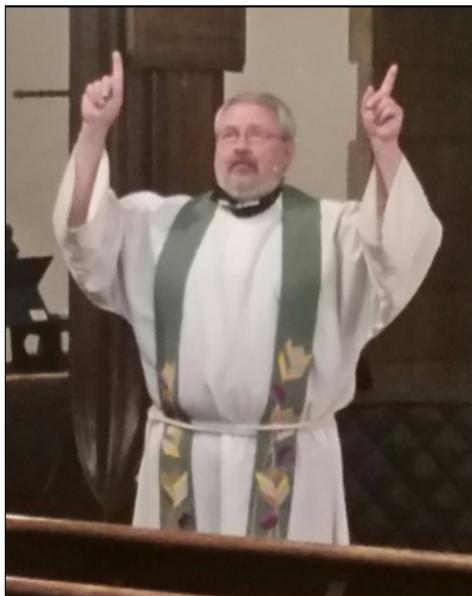


Let's not forget about the youth and ...





... the mission trips!





And the students and staff at Robinson CLC.





He touched the lives of so many people inside Holy Trinity and throughout the community.





'Happy Birthday' to the following members who are celebrating birthdays this month!!

- June 2 – Ben Ruhlin
- June 3 – Alison Radanof
- June 3 – Pete Seltzer
- June 4 – Christine Hinman
- June 4 – Evan Stefanik
- June 5 – Ryan Heckel
- June 5 – Michael Perrine
- June 6 – Jessica Foutty
- June 10 – Jacob Sattely
- June 11 – Velma Pomrenke
- June 11 – Jacqueline Wert
- June 12 – Charles Schmidt
- June 13 – Elizabeth Anacki
- June 13 – Joe Moxon
- June 18 – Alexandra Anacki
- June 18 – Fletcher Carroll
- June 18 – Sylvia Hackbarth
- June 18 – David Tiemann
- June 23 – Gene Thrall
- June 24 – Madeline Mormino
- June 25 – Eric Rieman
- June 26 – Susan Spannbauer
- June 27 – Stephen Campbell
- June 28 – Richard DeBerry
- June 30 – Janise Parry

*If you want to include your birthday in a future issue of the Highlights, please contact Anmmarie Demko at (330) 376-5154.
NOTE: This list only includes known birthdays.*



Way To Go, Katie!

Congratulations to Katie Archbold! For the second year, she has supported DLM Food & Resources with a donation of Girl Scout cookies, and this year, thanks to everyone's support, she was able to donate 155 boxes!! Additionally, cookie sales support troop activities, and a portion of the money raised was donated to Akron and Cleveland Zoos.

Worship Stewards

Date	Readers	Livestream
Sunday, June 5 9:30 a.m.	Amy Indorf	Lorin Sickafoose
Sunday, June 12 9:30 a.m.	John Stefanik	Lorin Sickafoose
Sunday, June 19 9:30 a.m.	Deb Ickes	Lorin Sickafoose
Sunday, June 26 9:30 a.m.	Frederica Cohen	Lorin Sickfoose



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Video Devotions!

Calling Now, a video devotional experience from Vibrant Faith to explore your calling in daily life, discern God's calling in the process of transition, make connections between Scripture and God's calling, find new ways to express or live out calling in and beyond the church, and build community around calling themes. This is calling as it is meant to be explored, through the stories of our lives.

Each *Calling Now* devotional includes a brief video, Scripture passage or story, prayer, and reflection questions. **You will receive a new devotional video clip and reflection questions every Sunday afternoon.** You are encouraged to use them in your personal study or as a no-prep family devotion. You can also ask friends and family to partner for conversations around the theme as you gather for summer activities. The experiences were developed to be flexible.

Please register with an email address to receive a weekly *Calling Now* devotion. To register, please send your email to Rachel Nunez, Director of Faith Formation, at rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org. You may also access the link via social media with the password provided to you when you register.

Calling Now Video Devotions will continue through the end of the church year.

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Parish Nurse Ministry - Sally Richenbacher
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Readers - Nan Riemenschneider
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Stream Team - Bob Foutty
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Women's Bible Study - Velma Pomrenke

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