

HIGHLIGHTS

THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE *of* HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2022



Annual Ushers Picnic

Great food and fellowship ... photos on page 14

September 11

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



JOIN US

 for a day of service

Serving others is one of the greatest things we have the privilege of doing! Join us in Room 202 for fellowship, food and service! We are preparing Birthday Bags for DLM and writing cards and notes for church members and friends. †

The Season After Pentecost

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” – Psalm 118:24



Pastor Becki Verbridge

The Season After Pentecost – which spans a bit of the spring, all of the summer, and most of the fall - is often referred to as “ordinary time.” While it is not lifted up like Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter, I don’t think there is anything ordinary about this season that accounts for almost half of the Christian year.

That is why I have chosen for us to use the words *“This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and give thanks in it!”* in our worship these last several weeks and will use as we continue to move through this Season After Pentecost. I don’t want us to lose sight of how precious each and every day is!

Author and theologian, Frederick Buechner, emphasizes this in his book *Beyond Words*:

It is a moment of light surrounded on all sides by darkness and oblivion. In the entire history of the universe, let alone in your own history, there has never been another just like it and there will never be another just like it again. It is the point to which all your yesterdays have been leading since the hour of your birth. It is the point from which all your tomorrows will proceed until the hour of your death. If you were aware of how precious it is, you could hardly live through it. Unless you are aware of how precious it is, you can hardly be said to be living at all.

“This is the day which the Lord has made,” says Psalm 118. “Let us rejoice and be glad in it” (vs. 24). Or weep and be sad in it for that matter. The point is to see it for what it is, because it will be gone before you know it. If you waste it, it is your life and you’re wasting. If you look the other way, it may be the moment you’ve been waiting for always that you’re missing.

All other days have either disappeared into darkness and oblivion or not yet emerged from it. Today is the only day there is.

I hope you will make a habit of worshipping regularly this Season After Pentecost, in-person or on-line, as we celebrate the wonder and uniqueness of this far more than ordinary time of year! †



A Word About Online Holy Communion

We have been fortunate to offer online worship for persons who have not been able to join us for in-person worship at Holy Trinity. We want to be certain you can participate in Holy Communion when you worship at home as we are confident that Christ is present with you in a uniquely powerful way when you do.

The Spirit unites us with the Communion of Saints — those whose strong witness has shaped our ministry of love to each other and the communities we find ourselves in. Whether in the sanctuary or in your own home you receive, through this powerful meal, gifts of grace, forgiveness and eternal life from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We hope you will be touched and blessed by preparing for and celebrating this meal. However, if you choose not to participate, we support you in your decision, too. While others are receiving the bread and wine, you may feel free to reflect on God's presence in your life and spend a few moments in prayer.

PREPARING FOR COMMUNION AT HOME. Create your own worship space, have bread and wine/grape juice available. Any bread/crackers can be used for the meal and any juice or wine is appropriate as well. Take the bread and wine in your hands when the Pastor begins to speak the words of institution ("On the night on which Jesus was betrayed...do this for the remembrance of me.") during the latter part of The Great Thanksgiving. You might want to pour a small portion into small glasses ahead of time for each person who will be worshipping with you.

CELEBRATING THE MEAL. Following the Lord's Prayer, the Pastor will address those worshipping at home saying "The body of Christ, broken for you. Take and eat. The blood of Christ poured out for you. Take and drink." At that time you are invited to share bread and wine. If there are others with you, you may gather in a circle and pass the bread from one person to another saying, "The body of Christ, given for you." And then the wine, saying, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

AFTER WORSHIP. Traditionally, leftover communion elements — the bread and the wine (or juice) — are either eaten or returned to the earth. If you do not consume them, please take them outside and place them in your garden or on your lawn. It isn't appropriate to throw them in the trash or down the drain.

Whenever we worship – in person or online – we are the gathered people of God! Join us on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. as you are able. †



We Look Forward to Seeing You Again!

We are preparing for a new season of worship at Holy Trinity this September. We encourage those who are able – and not restricted by health or travel issues - join us again for in-person worship in the sacred space of our beautiful sanctuary. Our gathering is all the better when you are with us in-person, adding your voice to all the other voices – human and instrumental – that are assembled and being lifted to God! Please know how much we look forward to seeing you again and worshipping with you in-person! †



Book Club Field Trip! Members attended the interview with Judy Orr James about her book, *Akron Family Recipes* on August 14. Pictured (from l): Amy Indorf, Velma Pomrenke, Betty Oberdorfer and Sylvia Leddin. Not pictured is Diane Chambers. †

ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY



Sunday, September 18, 2022, 4 p.m.

Jessica Tong, violinist & Michael Sheppard, pianist

Canadian violinist Jessica Tong has garnered international acclaim, having been a top prizewinner at the Eckhardt-Gramatté Competition, the Toronto Symphony, Canadian Music and Yellow Springs International Chamber Music Competitions. She has previously served as first violinist of both Vinca and Larchmere String Quartets, and is currently the Violin Professor at the State University of New York at Fredonia and Chamber Music Director of the Composers Conference at Brandeis University.

Pianist Michael Sheppard was the winner of the prestigious American Pianists Association Classical Fellow Award — a designation that led to the release of a critically acclaimed solo recording by Harmonia Mundi in 2007. He gives masterclasses, teaches regularly and plays with some of the top singers and instrumentalists around the US, working at both the Peabody Institute of Music and the Baltimore School for the Arts, sharing his love and understanding of music and the artistic process with future generations. Sheppard is also a conductor and burgeoning actor.

This program explores opposing pairs of French and German composers of the romantic 19th and early impressionistic 20th centuries.

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ATTEND IN-PERSON
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
50 N. Prospect Street, Akron

Doors open 30 minutes prior.

For details and updated safety guidelines, please visit artsholytrinity.org.



A ticketed (\$25) Meet-the-Artist Meal is served at 6 p.m. following the concert. For further details, visit artsholytrinity.org or call the church at (330) 376-5154.

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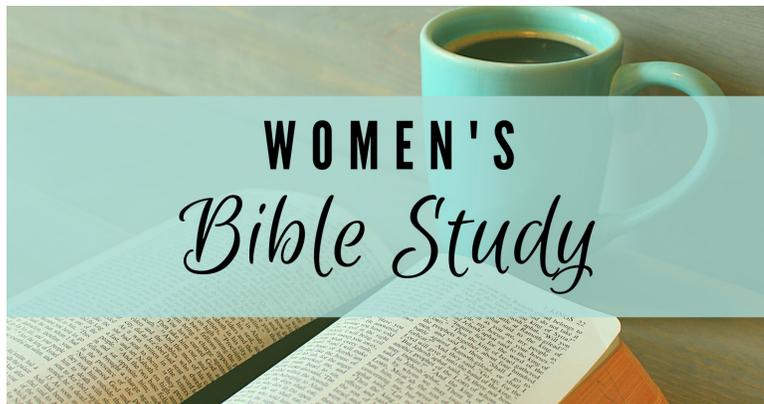
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Faith Formation



WOMEN'S Bible Study

Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith

Jesus often turned to the natural world in teaching, opening our eyes to see creation not just as something to be cared for, but as our teacher and kindred. It is no mistake that Jesus, who lovingly spoke of soil and plants, was thought to be a gardener that first Easter morning. This three-session Bible study will shift our perspectives and allow nature to be our teacher, through the words of Jesus and other parts of Scripture. The trees, the soil and the creatures will offer us new perspectives on the character of God and challenge us to deepen our stewardship of God's precious creation.

- **September 17, Session 1: "Trees,"** will tap into Biblical images of trees and explore why planting and protecting trees is important, while rooting us in models of interdependence and mutuality.
- **October 15, Session 2: "Soil,"** will dig deeply into the parable of the soil (otherwise known as the parable of the seed, Matthew 13) and other Biblical accounts that relate to care for this part of creation, while looking at models of growth that involve wholeness and wellness.
- **November 19, Session 3: "Creatures,"** offers us an opportunity to observe and learn about God from birds, foxes, sheep, dogs and other animals, while considering habitat protection, food justice and the model of trust.

We will gather at 9 a.m. , locations will vary each month. 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. †



**God's work.
Our hands.**

We will be assembling 100 bags as one of our service projects on Sunday, September 11 following worship in Room 202. Bags include cake mix, frosting, candles, plates, napkins, and cards. And afterward, everyone will enjoy a light lunch.

Donations received through the Love Offering this past and next Sunday will be used to purchase supplies for this project. Additionally, funds from a Thrivent Action Grant were received and will be used to support this activity as well.

NOTE: Thrivent members are able to apply for and receive Thrivent Action Grants to support service projects and outreach activities hosted by Holy Trinity. If you are a Thrivent member and want to learn how to apply for a Thrivent Action Grant, please contact Rachel Núñez. †



Sunday LIFT (Living In Faith Together)

Join us following worship ...

- **September 11** *God's Work. Our Hands.* Room 202 & the Chapel Lounge, a light lunch will be served as we engage in several service projects.
- **September 18** *Baptized Servants: Rediscovering Others and Ourselves in Service* facilitated by Pastor Tom Baumgardner, Room 202
- **September 25** Holy Trinity Goes to Breakfast @ Akron Family Restaurant. Sign-Up Sheet at the Welcome Center Counter. †

FAITH 5



Weekly Check-In & Prayer

Fridays @ 9 a.m. via Zoom

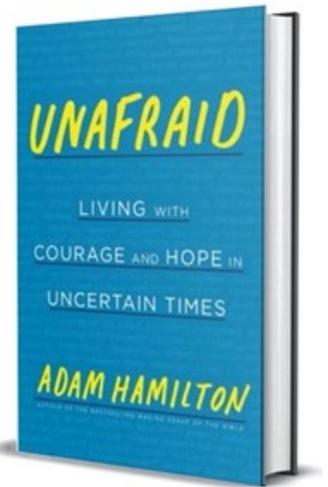
We gather via Zoom for a time of sharing, scripture reading, talking, prayer, and blessing.

Contact Rachel Núñez,
Director of Faith Formation
for meeting instructions,
rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org,
call/text (330) 634-6597. †

Unafraid Study/ Discussion Group

"You'd be hard-pressed to overstate the extent to which fear, anxiety, and worry permeate our lives today. Making matters worse, not a week goes by when some new threat or calamity isn't dominating the headlines. Why are there so many tragedies? What will happen next." (excerpt from book jacket)

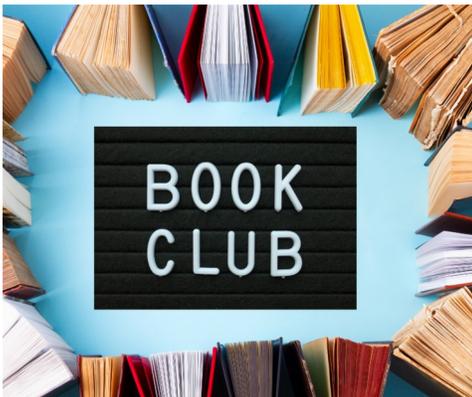
Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times by Adam Hamilton takes an up close look at the fears that many people of faith live with and shows how to understand, untangle, and counter those fears using spiritual practices.



Pastor Becki will facilitate a five-week study/discussion based on **Unafraid** on Wednesdays beginning September 28th. An in-person group will be held in the Chapel Lounge on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and, if there is enough interest (at least six participants), an on-line group will be held via zoom on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Each 90-minute session will include an opening, video segment, discussion, and a closing prayer. Although those wishing to participate do not need to purchase book, they are available from multiple sellers – including Amazon – in various formats for approximately \$17.50.

Those wishing to participate should email contact Pastor Becki at bverbridge@holyltrinityakron.org to register and specify which group (in-person/day or zoom/evening) they would like to attend. †



Sunday, September 11

After the activities for God's work. Our hands. Sunday, Trinity Book Club will meet in the Scharf Library. The group will discuss *Akron Family Recipes*, a book about the history and traditions of Akron's different ethnic groups and their foods by Judy Orr James. All are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and join us for the discussion. Please contact Diane Chambers or Amy Indorf with any questions. †

Hike & Seek

Saturday, September 10 @ 9 a.m.

Cascade Valley Metro Park –
Overlook Trail 354 Sackett Ave., Akron



We gather at the entrance of the park for a short devotional reading before walking the trail at your own pace. We regather after 30 minutes for a brief discussion and blessing. Questions? Contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation, call/text (330) 634-6597 or email rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org †

Coffee & Conversations Returns!

Wednesdays @ 11 a.m.

September 07

Panera Bread, 2855 W Market St., Fairlawn

September 14

Porchlight Coffee Co, 798 Grant St., Akron

September 21

Mustard Seed Market & Café, 867 W Market St., Akron †



About a Favorite Communion Hymn

*Let us break bread together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*



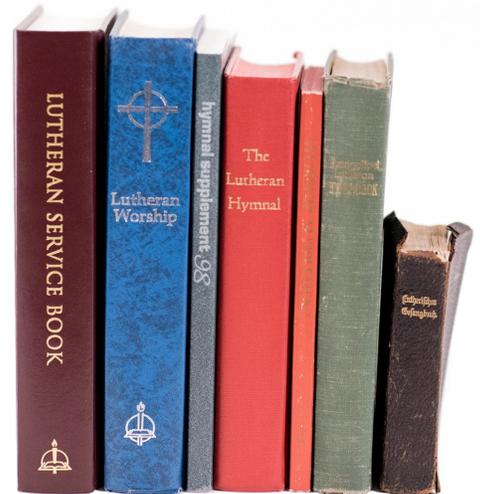
Some say that this spiritual was the password used to call slaves to secret, forbidden worship meetings in Virginia. Whether secret or not, the song calls Christians to gather and celebrate the Lord's Supper.

The posture is significant. Some

churches have participants kneel to take the elements of the sacrament, others have them sit or stand. Whatever posture the body takes, the attitude of the heart is worship. We come in reverence before our Lord, the host of this dinner party.

"The rising sun" could refer to an ancient custom of worshipping toward the east. Most cathedrals are built with the nave facing east, as if that is where God lives. God doesn't, of course, but the rising sun has often been a symbol for God. It brings new life and light, a source of energy and hope. Malachi prophesied that the "sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings" (Malachi 4:2), which many take as a reference to the coming Christ.

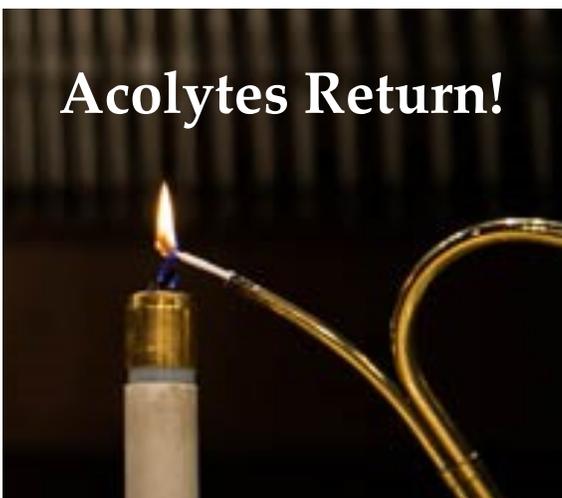
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Beloved Hymns Enrich Our Worship

What is your favorite hymn? Each of us is moved by certain texts and/or tunes that transport, unite, enliven, challenge, strengthen. Some speak our heart's desire and longing better than we ourselves.

Holy Trinity has a growing list of hymns its members call 'favorites,' including a great variety of styles and messages. We sing them weekly, as they fit the appointed lessons and liturgical seasons/actions. If you have a hymn you dearly love and want to include it among our list of favorites, please contact Deacon Ruth at the church office at (330) 376-5154. †



The time has come for Holy Trinity to have Acolytes return to worship. How do we do that? We need YOU!

We need women, men, young, old, girls and boys anyone who ever wanted to be an Acolyte to say "Here I am, train me." Or if you have been an Acolyte to return. The requirements are a willingness to serve and the ability to hold the candle lighter and reach the candles on the altar.

There is training for anyone who has never been an Acolyte. There will be a refresher for all returning Acolytes. Please contact Holy Trinity at (330) 376-5154 and leave your name, phone and email.

And, we are looking for an Acolyte Coordinator to oversee this ministry. If you are interested, please contact Frederica Cohen at flcvvc@yahoo.com. †

CPR / AED Training

Holy Trinity has scheduled a class on CPR/AED for staff, lay leaders, volunteers, and interested members. This free 3-hour course will be conducted by First Choice CPR from Canton, and will be held Monday, September 26, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity. A light lunch will be served following the class.

Information will be provided on the most current accepted practices for CPR and



the use of an AED. An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help individuals experiencing

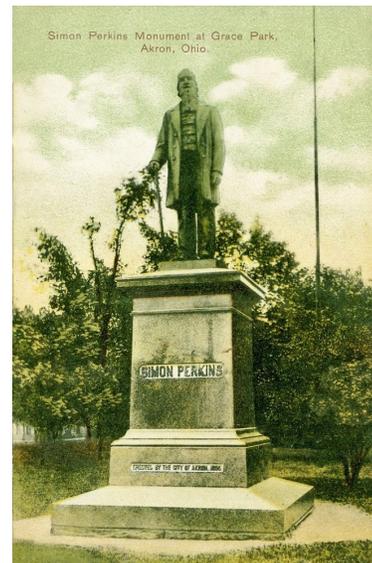
sudden cardiac arrest. This is a medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. Classes are taught by experienced clinical instructors who utilize a 1:1 student/manikin ratio for maximum hands-on practice and minimal "standing around time". Please wear comfortable clothing. This class is ODJFS approved, and each participant will receive ODJFS certification and a certification card following the course.

The class is being offered to adults, ages 18 and older. If you would like to participate in this free course, please contact Annmarie Demko, Parish Secretary, at 330-376-5154 to register for the class. Space is limited - registration is on a first come, first served basis. Call as soon as possible to reserve a spot for this important training. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, September 21. For more information, please contact John Stefanik at 330-666-3579, or email at jrstef@roadrunner.com. †

What's Been Missing from the Neighborhood?

Something has been missing from our neighborhood across the street for quite a while. There is movement in the City of Akron to bring this 'something' back. What is it, you ask? The return of the statue of Simon Perkins, Jr. to Grace Park.

Grace Park, one of the oldest public parks in the City of Akron, is approximately seven acres in size. Prior to the property becoming a public park, the land was used for cattle grazing for the public, also known as a "public common." According to the Cleveland Plain Dealer (1900), the park was donated by Colonel Simon Perkins Jr. to the city of Akron in 1846, and by 1848 a fence had been erected around the park. The park is named after Simon Perkins' wife, Grace Tod Perkins. In 1895, a statue of Simon Perkins Jr.'s likeness was erected in his honor in the southwest corner of Grace Park. The statue



unveiling ceremony was "the largest parade ever held in Akron." By 1898 a pavilion stood in the center of the park in addition to a small fountain.

The park's location near Union depot made it prime real estate for political campaigns and "whistle stop" speeches. In 1916, Grace Park was the sending-off point of the Akronites who were heading off to fight in the First World War. The very same location would become the starting and ending point for several Memorial Day parades. Grace Park was the focal point of several community parades, including the Boy Scouts (1923) and pageants. Grace Park continued to serve as a hotbed of social gatherings in the 1920s, even during the Great Depression. In 1936, the May Day parade, which ended in Grace Park, had between 10,000 and 20,000 attendees from various labor unions.

Despite how Grace Park has changed over the past several decades, many folks strongly believe that the Simon Perkins statue should be returned to its rightful place ... back in Grace Park. The Summit County Historical Society is helping with this effort and seeks support from the community. If you would like to join this effort, please feel free to write/send letters to the Mayor and members of Akron City Council urging their support and/or passage of legislation relating to the return of the statue. For email addresses, visit akroncitycouncil.org. †

- Email Ward 5 Council Representative Tara Mosley Samples
- Email Council-at-Large Representative / Vice President Jeff Fusco
- Email Council-at-Large Representative Linda Omobien
- Email Council-at-Large Representative Ginger Baylor
- Email Ward 3 Council Representative / President Margo Sommerville

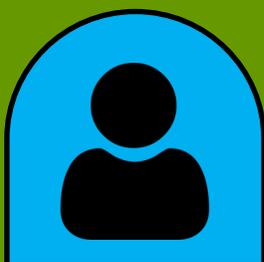
DLM by the Numbers

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 August, DLM Food & Resources served the following ...



198 Families



621 Individuals



299 Children



DLM Food & Resources is Celebrating Five Years!!

WOW! Where has the time gone?! DLM Food & Resources opened its doors five years ago in October and has never looked back. It was created to meet a specific need and has transformed into so much more!

DLM is an outreach ministry of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Akron that provides individuals, children and families experiencing homelessness and hardships with food, clothing, and other vital resources. Through these efforts, we recognize the dignity of everyone, respect the challenges people face, and are open to the gifts everyone has to offer.

DLM is 'genuine people delivering heartfelt service.'

The DLM Food and Resources was inspired by the life and work of Debra L. Manteghi (1951-2017), a life-long member of Holy Trinity. For more than 20 years, Debra directed Project Rise, a program of Akron Public Schools for students experiencing homelessness. DLM Food and Resources is a collaborative project of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Project RISE, In One Piece Ministries, and other partners.



Debra Manteghi

In the Beginning

After many months of planning, construction, cleaning, and organizing space within the church building, DLM Food & Resources opened its doors on October 17, 2017 as a two-room, food choice pantry to primarily serve the students and families involved with Project Rise. Families were welcomed and received snacks and drinks while they waited to shop for food. Word quickly spread throughout the community, and DLM began serving families from all over Summit County.

Today, DLM has expanded well beyond those two original rooms in order to provide families with what they need. Items such as meat, dairy and fresh produce; clothing and personal care items for adults, teens and children; and diapers and wipes for infants. All families are greeted and welcomed, treated with respect and shown love. And instead of snacks and drinks, everyone is able to enjoy a home-cooked meal while they wait to shop.

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Volunteers & Partners from Around NE Ohio

As with any new or growing ministry, you rely not only on your church members for help, but you seek the support of community partners and volunteers. And what a blessing it has been to see the partnerships grow and expand over these past five years!! Some of the current partners include Akron Public Schools, Project Rise, Shelter Care, Inc., SOS, The Highlands Pregnancy Center, Akron Canton Regional Food Bank, OhioGuidestone, Peter Maurin Center, OASIS, Project MKC, The Homeless Charity & Village, IBH Addiction Recovery Center & Reach, Hope Behavioral Health, Molina Health Care, Hudson High School, Faith Lutheran Church, Fairlawn, Cornerstone Market, Munroe Falls, Acme Fresh Markets, Dollar Tree and U-Haul.

COVID-19 & The DLM Box Experience

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic forced businesses, schools, churches ... just about everything to close, including DLM. But that didn't last long. DLM staff and its dedicated volunteers swiftly changed its processes from an in-person, food choice pantry to a food box delivery system. It was the only food pantry to do so in Summit County. Families in need were able to register to have a food box delivered to their home. Food boxes were prepared and delivered twice each month and included non-perishable items, fresh produce, dairy, and meat. In addition, personal care items and infant care boxes were also prepared and delivered as needed. Clothing was made available upon request.

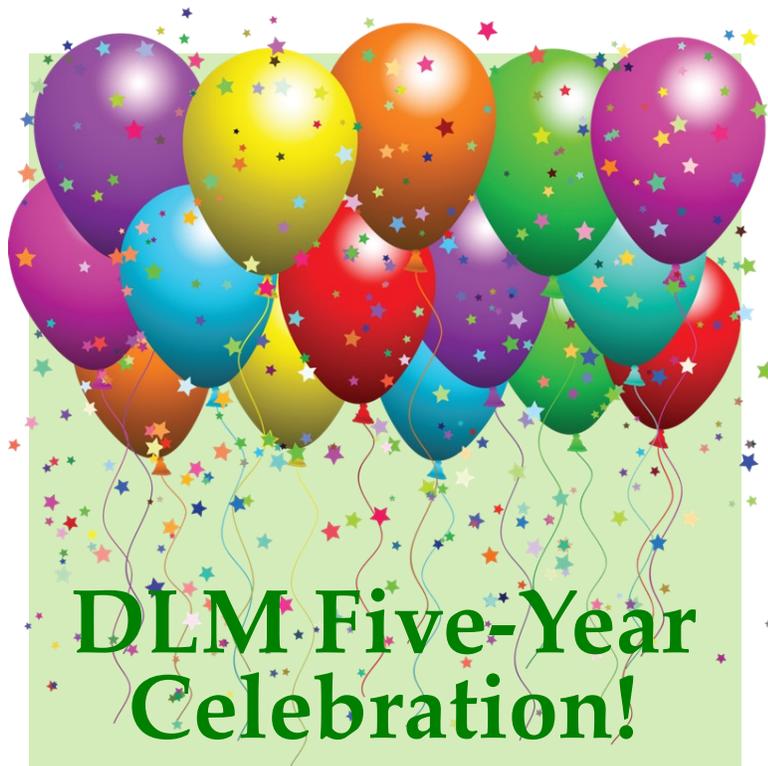
Fast forward two years, and the DLM Box Experience is still going strong! In-person shopping has returned one weekend each month.

Who Has DLM Served?

The need for food, clothing, personal care items and community resources is increasing. Over the past five years, DLM Food & Resources has served families from 72 zip codes in 11 Ohio counties.

- 6,260 – the number of families served
- 22,632 – the number of individuals served
- 10,421 – the number of children served
- 1,881 – the number of seniors served
- 203,670 – the poundage of food provided to families

DLM began as and continues to be a gathering place for individuals and families to receive the love, support and help they need. For more information about DLM Food & Resources, visit dlmakron.org. †



DLM is celebrating five years ... can you believe it?! For this milestone, we are devoting the entire month of October for this celebration. DLM Food & Resources opened its doors October 17, 2017 as a food choice pantry and the rest, as they say, is history ... and you can read about it on the previous pages. We invite you to celebrate with us all month-long!

DLM Celebration Kick-Off & Photographic Exhibition

Chapel Lounge & Room 202, following worship

This special exhibition is a tribute to DLM Food & Resources and captures how much this ministry has changed, grown and evolved over these past five years. Join us for a special Celebration Kick-Off & Exhibition Opening on Sunday, October 2, following worship, lunch is provided.

DLM Anniversary Sunday & Open House

Sunday, October 16, following worship

If you haven't been to the lower level, or the DLM Rooms, you're in for a real treat!! Join us for a special Open House to commemorate DLM's five years of ministry. DLM Director Darlene Katz and DLM Operations Manager Stefan Katz will take you on a tour and show you how it all comes together. Enjoy hors' d'ouvres while you look around.

Donations of Fives

To ensure DLM continues to serve the community and in honor of DLM's 5th year, you are encouraged to make a donation of five's ... \$5, \$15, \$25, \$50, \$250, \$500 and so on. Special collection boxes will be placed at the Welcome Center and in the Narthex. Thank you for giving generously!!

Minute for Mission

Several Holy Trinity members will share their volunteer experiences and what DLM means to them during worship. We invite you to serve alongside them! For information, please contact Stefan Katz at skatz@holyltrinityakron.org. †



DLM Offers Clothing and Personal Care Kits

When DLM opened its doors in 2017, only food was available. Over time, the need grew to also offer personal care kits and clothing for adults, teens and children. And just like that, the DLM Clothing Rooms were created.

Families in need of clothing can schedule appointments any Wednesday or Thursday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. to shop. Or, families can get clothing the second Saturday of the month when DLM is open for food distribution (no appointment needed).

To make clothing available to families, your donations are needed. **BUT WAIT!** Please do not drop off clothing donations. You are asked to schedule an appointment, so your donation can be properly received and the items sorted in a timely fashion. To schedule a time to drop off your clothing donations, please call DLM at (234) 334-4700. †

Pictured at top: A volunteer packs personal care kits.

Pictured top and middle right: Racks filled with women's and men's clothing.

Pictured bottom right: A separate room for children's clothing. Not pictured: The separate room for teen clothing.





Arts @ Holy Trinity Patron Preview

The Arts @ Holy Trinity kicks-off its 39th season this month with a line-up of outstanding award-winning and award-nominated musical artists. In seeking support for this vital ministry, a special hybrid Patron Preview event was held for select patrons and past supporters of the series. Hosted by Paul and Liz Anacki at Portage Country Club August 21, it was an afternoon of delightful fellowship, delicious food and drink and engaging conversations with some of the presenting artists from this concert season. More than two dozen in-person and online guests were joined by four of this season's artists.

Pianist Michael Sheppard (who joins violinist Jessica Tong on Sunday, September 18) spoke to the gathered from a Baltimore hiking trail, thanks to the wonders of technology. Violinist Bengisu Gokce and guitarist Nacho Gonzalez (part of a scheduled Mardi Gras quartet) played a duet and answered questions from the group. In addition, a pre-recorded video message was prepared by soprano Alice McAllister Tillman, specially for this event. †



Pictured at top: Guests at Portage Country Club. **Pictured middle right:** Frederica Cohen speaks to the audience. **Pictured bottom right (from left):** Bob & Polly Keener, John Guran and his guest, Mary Kay. **Pictured above (from left):** Liz & Paul Anacki with Deacon Ruth Anderson.



Teacher Supplies Packing Day

How exciting it is to have new school supplies! So you can imagine how thrilled the teachers at Robinson CLC are to receive new supplies for their classrooms. It was another successful packing event held August 14 and completed in about 30 minutes. We were joined by several teachers from Robinson as well as Principal Anthony Lane. Thank you to everyone who helped ... many hands make for fast work! †



***Pictured at top:** Holy Trinity folks about with teachers from Robinson CLC.*

***Pictured above right:** Mandy and Isla Mormino work together to count packs of notebook paper.*

***Pictured right:** All the supplies are set up assembly-line style for easy packing.*

***Pictured left:** Bob Keener and Jan Parry work together to gather markers. Gregg Loesch is in the background.*

***Pictured above left:** Marsha Asente (l) and Pam Marko doublecheck they have everything.*





Delivery Day to Robinson CLC

August 22 was delivery day of the teacher supplies to Robinson CLC, and it was all hands on deck!! First, a HUGE THANK YOU goes to Bruce Mansour and Gary Radanof for moving all the boxes and bins from the Fellowship Hall, loading them into the truck and helping to unload the boxes at the school. This project would not be a success without your help! Once at the school, teachers and staff helped to move everything into the school where they quickly began to sort the bins and extra items for the various classrooms.

What a wonderful feeling to know that the teachers - and ultimately the students - have the necessary supplies for a successful start to the school year ... which begins the week of August 29. †



***Pictured at top:**
Staff at Robinson
CLC.*

***Pictured right:**
Bruce Mansour and
Gary Radanof unload
the truck of supplies.*

***Pictured left:** Staff
have carts ready for
the unloading of the
boxes and bins.*

***Pictured above left:**
A teacher pulls a cart
into the school.*





An Annual Event with Delicious Food!

It was a beautiful evening July 27 for the Annual Ushers Picnic! And no Ushers Picnic would be complete without steaks grilled by none other than Dave Vowles (pictured on cover). **Pictured above left:** Frederica Cohen with Bob Hoskins and Ron Nockengost in the background. **Pictured above right (from left):** Alexa Sandmann, Sylvia Leddon, LJ Kimble and Velma Pomrenke. **Pictured below middle:** Becky Adkins with John Hamilton. **Pictured below right:** Our wonderful hosts ... the ushers! †



Angela & Kevin Heckel



Pictured right: Velma Pomrenke and Dave Erickson.

Pictured left (from left): Pat McRowe, Gloria Woodford and Donna Caroll. JoAnne & Duane Aller are in the background.





HIKE & SEEK SELFIES!! Pictured above left: Hikers on August 27 (from l): Amy Indorf, JoAnne Aller, LJ Kimble, Diane Chambers, Rich Williams and Rachel Núñez in the foreground. Pictured above right: Hikers on August 13 (from l): Deborah Mars, Jacinto Núñez, Amy Indorf, Rick Kimble, Don Parsisson, Diane Chambers, Rich Williams and Rachel Núñez in the foreground. Pictured below: Hikers on June 25 (from l): Rachel Núñez, Frederica Cohen, Rich Williams, Amy Indorf and Deborah Marks. Pictured right:



Hikers on July 23 (from l): Rachel Núñez, Rich Williams Jacinto Núñez, Amy Indorf, Manny Núñez, LJ Kimble Don Parsisson and Diane Chambers. †



A NEW PLAY AREA FOR CHILDREN ...
Thanks to the Faith Formation Ministry Team, a new children's area has been set up in the former Library. How cute!! †



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ...
Together at Porchlight Coffee on August 20. Pictured from front (clockwise): Rachel Núñez, Marie, Diane Chambers, LJ Kimble, Ruth Anderson, Molly Phelps, Amy Indorf, Linda Vowles, Velma Pomrenke, Pastor Becki Verbridge, and Teresa. †



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

September 1 – Andrew Anacki

September 7 – Bob Keener

September 7 – John Riemenschneider

September 8 – LaVerne Mansour

September 10 – Joseph Heckel

September 14 – Amanda Mormino

September 14 – Judy Samuelson

September 16 – Andrew Numbers

September 16 – Marshall Thomas

September 19 – Michael Jones

September 20 – Taylor Kane

September 21 – Gary Radanof

September 22 – Tom Baumgardner

September 23 – Donna Darlak

September 25 – Fred Spencer

September 26 – Penelope Esworthy

September 27 – Logan Hunter

September 29 – Wanda Clark

September 29 – Elaina Oberdorfer

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

Holy Trinity is looking for a **Production Technology Coordinator** (part-time). The primary duties include coordinating and executing video/streaming production for Sunday worship services, Arts @Holy Trinity concerts, and other HTLC services, events, and programs, as scheduled. These duties are performed on-site and involve all related prep work for live streams, including equipment pre-check, camera or blocking, sound checks, etc. For a position description or for more information, please contact John Stefanik call (330) 666-3579. Resumes can be sent to personnel@holyltrinityakron.org. †



It is with sadness that we share the passing of longtime Holy Trinity member **LibbyAnn Dick** on Friday, August 19 after an eight-year struggle with Alzheimer's. LibbyAnn was very active in the life of Holy Trinity, serving as one of the first female ushers for many years. She participated in women's groups and Bible studies and served on Council. She enjoyed quilting and spending time with her family and friends, especially her three grandchildren. She lived in Ashville North Carolina for 18 years before moving to

Michigan in the last year. LibbyAnn was married to Dennis Dick. Their children, Kelly, Kyle, and David, grew up at Holy Trinity and were active in many children's activities. A memorial service will be held in October at her home church in North Carolina. The family has requested memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association. †

Worship Stewards

Date	Readers	Livestream
Sunday, September 4 9:30 a.m.	Amy Indorf	Lorin Sickafoose
Sunday, September 11 9:30 a.m.	Frederica Cohen	Alex DeLuca
Sunday, September 18 9:30 a.m.	Dick Willett	Lorin Sickafoose
Sunday, September 25 9:30 a.m.	Gregg Loesch	Lorin Sickafoose



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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, November 12

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

50 N. Prospect Street, Akron

Advance registration required.

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*Lunch & beverages provided.



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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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Family Promise & OPEN M - Gregg Loesch
LINKS - Elizabeth Liska
Memorial Garden - Sonya Nagle
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Parish Nurse Ministry - Sally Richenbacher
Prayer Chain - Sally Richenbacher/Wanda Clark
Renaissance Team - Bob Keener
Readers - Nan Riemenschneider
Robinson CLC - Sandy DeLuca
Stream Team - Bob Foutty
Ushers - Gregg Loesch
Women's Bible Study - Velma Pomrenke

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