

HIGHLIGHTS



THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE *of* HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2022

DLM Food & Resources

Celebrating five years of serving families & the community

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ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY



Sunday, 4 p.m.
October 23, 2022

Bálint Karosi, Organ

Since winning the International Bach Competition in Leipzig in 2008, Dr. Karosi has been recognized as one of the leading interpreters of the music of J. S. Bach worldwide. He is one of the few organists in North America to improvise regularly in recitals in authentic Baroque style, which is informed by his research in Baroque improvisation techniques of the 17th & 18th centuries. His opera, *Lonely Hearts*, won the “Most Dramatic Opera” award and audience vote at the 2020 Contemporary Opera Showcase at the Hungarian State Opera. Karosi is also an acclaimed conductor.

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The Passing of Time

There's a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens: a time for giving birth and a time for dying, a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted, a time for killing and a time for healing, a time for tearing down and a time for building up, a time for crying and a time for laughing, a time for mourning and a time for dancing, a time for throwing stones and a time for gathering stones, a time for embracing and a time for avoiding embraces, a time for searching and a time for losing, a time for keeping and a time for throwing away, a time for tearing and a time for repairing, a time for keeping silent and a time for speaking, a time for loving and a time for hating, a time for war and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 CEB)



Pastor Becki Verbridge

The past several weeks have been full of “ups and downs” for me. I know it's been the same for some of you as well.

Time is a funny thing. One moment we can feel the bottom has dropped from under us and the next moment we can be on top of the world. Life can seem full of problems today but tomorrow can appear full of promise. Our experience is always changing and life is constantly moving on. In some ways, that is a sobering reality as it reminds us of the passing of our own lives.

Yet, where would we be without the variety that the passing of time brings? The birth and growth of our children or grandchildren, the change of seasons, the anticipation of special events, and the like? The secret with time is knowing how to respond to it, understanding what is appropriate at any given point. For example, should we put the past behind us or hold on to it? Should we attempt to overcome an obstacle or give up? Do we continue to look at things the way we have been looking at them or do we change our perspective? Do we hang on to something that had been of value to us or let go?

We face a myriad of questions like this every day and no one response is ever uniformly correct. We need always to seek God's guidance, for God is the One who holds time itself in his hands, the One who - in all the changes and chances of this life - will never change.

God of past, present and future,
the same yesterday, today and tomorrow,
teach us to use each moment wisely,
always open to your guidance,
always awake to your will.
Teach us to see time not as a threat but as your gift,
and so may we live life to the fullest,
and to the glory of your name. Amen. †

LEADERSHIP

Candidates for Church Council



Valerie Clark



Lesli Eisenhart



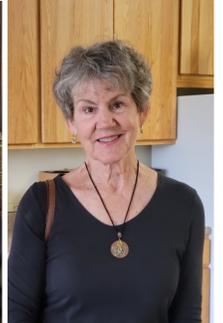
Laurel Heath



Kevin Heckel



Gary Radanof



Linda Vowles

Valerie Clark

Valerie is a life-long Lutheran. She first became a member of Holy Trinity with her husband and infant son in 1967. Her three children grew up and were confirmed at Trinity.

She has been active on all the Teams and volunteer aspects of the congregation. She is currently a member of Personnel, Usher, and Lesson Reader. She has been a Council Member for 25+ years of her membership.

She is a graduate of Kent State University with a degree in Secondary Education. She has taught English and Journalism, substituted, taught Transition Programs, GED classes, proctored GED tests at the Medina County Career Center, and ran High School Drop Out Programs in Summit and Medina Counties.

She is retired from Mature Services as Compliance Manager for the Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), part of the Older American Act of 1965, for 20 years. In addition to monitoring the 41 counties served in OH and 5 counties in PA, she trained all new staff, annually recertified all program participants, and supervised payroll, records, and data entry for the program; filled in at all offices when staff vacancies occurred; worked with both the Agency and Federal Data Bases, as well as coordinated efforts with our funders: the Department of Labor and the Ohio Department of Aging to keep the Agency in compliance with Federal Regulations. Retired June 30, 2017. †

Lesli Eisenhart

It is with joy that I was asked again to run for church council. It is a very rewarding experience and really provides an opportunity to envision the future of Holy Trinity. The Ministry team activities, their projects, and involvement really showcase how God has engaged us to live out our Mission Statement.

As a member of Music & Worship, the Bell Choir, A@HT and the Current Chair of the Finance Team, my passion is to work with other members to ensure that your worship experience is meaningful and equips you for your week ahead and beyond.

I also participate with the Renaissance committee and am very excited about the November workshop of Invite, Welcome and Connect, and I am looking forward to seeing you for this presentation. I also look forward to our monthly women's bible study and I am the voice on the phone Sunday mornings if you have trouble connecting to our Live stream.

While I am not currently on council, I am the Treasurer and if reelected, I will continue to serve to the best of my abilities.

Blessings to each of you as you pray about the future of Holy Trinity and its elected leadership. †

Laurel Heath

Laurel Oberdorfer Heath has only been a member of Holy Trinity since November 2021, but she grew up in the Lutheran Church as the daughter of The Late Rev. Luther Oberdorfer and Holy Trinity member Betty Oberdorfer. She watched and

learned from the struggles her father faced dealing with declining membership and other issues with the church.

She currently serves Holy Trinity by counting the offering each week, as a member of the Finance Committee, and as the substitute Parish Secretary. She lives in Uniontown, Ohio with her husband Ken, a dog and two cats. She owns Heath Business Solutions where she is a virtual administrative assistant and virtual non-profit administrative and fundraising specialist. She has several years of experience in bookkeeping, marketing and public relations, event planning, and grant writing among other administrative tasks.

She is a proud member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis (Belden Village), and Women's Impact.

Her hobbies and interests include following the IndyCar series, Titanic historian, Holocaust historian, reading, photography, gardening, swimming, travel, needlecrafts, painting, puzzles and so much more. She also babysits a very active almost four-year-old, Hope, a few days each week.

Fun fact: she is a shareholder of the Green Bay Packers! †

Kevin Heckel

Angela and I take pride that our boys are the fifth generation of her family to be members of Holy Trinity. I married into two great families over 16 years ago, the Calvins and yours at Holy Trinity. Although I had officially joined HTLC prior to our wedding, I began attending as we dated and have developed a deep passion for our membership, our traditions and our future together.



I enjoy the opportunity to serve our community; specifically at Holy Trinity, I currently serve as Property Team lead. I have also served in various other capacities over the years including Council President (4 years), Vice President, communion assistant, endowment committee chair, stewardship campaign, Every Other Month club member, greeter, laborer and cook at various functions.

As mentioned above, I am the proud father of Adam, Ryan and Joseph. We are raising them to continue not only our personal family traditions, but those of the church as well. If elected, I commit to a personal focus on working to attract and retain more families. I look forward to the journey for us all and I look forward to welcoming those yet to join us.

I am proud Ohio University alumni, Go Bobcats!!! I am a

Managing Director for Deloitte where I have been employed for more than 24 years and serve as our US Commercial - Cyber Application solution offering leader.

I appreciate your consideration in this election and thank you for the opportunity. †

Gary Radanof

I am a lifelong member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and my granddaughters are fifth generation of my family to be members. I am a graduate of Ohio University and the University of Akron College of Law. I am a retired attorney having practiced law for forty-two years and for thirty-five and one-half years I was a law director, police advisor and criminal prosecutor. I am the father of two daughters and four grandchildren. During my time at HTLC I have served on Church Council for seventeen years; served on the Personnel Ministry Team for ten years; served on the Finance and Property Committee for two years; served on the Finance Ministry for one and a half years; was a lay reader; for nine years I volunteered in the church office; volunteered as an assistance to the Maintenance Supervisor; and I have been an usher for fifty-seven years. I believe that I have a good working knowledge of HTLC and know what needs to be done to make our church grow and thrive. †

Linda Vowles

I have been married to my best friend Dave for almost 54 years, and am blessed to be the mother of Jennifer, Cathy and Matt... AND proud to be "Nana" to Sarah, Emily, Jake, Logan, Olivia and Ella. In my life before retirement, I enjoyed being a teacher, and then was fortunate to serve as Gift-Based Minister at Holy Trinity. I have served on Church Council, sung in the choir, directed Vacation Bible School, and worked with Wesley Temple AME Zion, as well as Lutheran Urban Ministry in Akron. Currently I serve in Altar Guild and as an assistant minister in worship, and also as a visitation Communion minister. Monthly I look forward to being with friends in Women's Bible study and Trinity Book Club. †

CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Sunday, October 23, after worship
Attend in person or via Zoom

Details on the next page ...

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Continuing Resolution Change

by Lesli Eisenhart, Chair
2022 Nominating Committee

Greetings to you all! It is that time of year again when we are asked to prayerfully consider the leadership of our congregation. As chair of the Nominating committee, I am pleased to tell you that we have six members interested in being elected to church Council. Each member brings unique gifts and talents to the council, and we are excited to have these volunteers to serve.

I want to personally thank Bob Hoskins, Debbie Ickes and Molly Phelps for all of their efforts and success in securing a good slate of candidates for the 2023 Church Council. It was my pleasure working with them on this project.

I also want to share with you that despite all our efforts, we were not able to secure a slate of candidates to be on the Nominating committee. As I was discussing this disappointment with Pr. Becki, she shared with me what another local ELCA congregation adopted, and it has been working very well.

Each year, there are four members of council whose terms are expiring. Since they have firsthand knowledge of the experience of serving on council, they will become the nominating committee for the following year. They can share their experience and answer any questions for a member who is interested in running for council. Also, since we always have a representative from Council on the nominating committee, if they were to run again and become elected, they would continue to serve as that Council representative.

We feel that this will also allow for a smoother process and hope that hearing directly from a former council member it will spark an interest in running for council.

At the September Council meeting, this process was voted on and passed as a continuing resolution. The four members of the 2023 nominating committee will be Paul Anacki, Connie Archbold, Valerie Clark & Fred Reiman.

We will still take nominations from the floor for both the Church Council and the Nominating Committee.

Please join me in thanking them, and the entire council, for their consideration and adoption of this new process. We all think it will make things easier moving forward. †

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting

Sunday, October 23, 11 a.m.
Sanctuary - In-Person Attendance
Virtual - via Zoom Meeting

The congregation will be presented with the 2023 draft budget and vote to elect Council members.

NOTE: Candidates for Council are on the previous page.

For Council, congregation members will elect four (4) to each serve a two-year term commencing January 2023 through December 2025.

To Participate via Zoom Meeting

Beginning October 1, you can register on the church's website, holytrinityakron.org under the Events tab.

Once registered, the Zoom Meeting link will be sent to you along with a meeting reminder.

IMPORTANT!

Each individual household member must register and must login to the Congregation Meeting separately in order to cast a vote.

If this is your first time using Zoom, you will need to download it to your computer or mobile device.

NOTE: Registering through the church's website is the only way you can receive the Zoom access link. †

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

The Congregation Picnic that was canceled in August has been rescheduled, not as an outdoor picnic but as a **fellowship lunch following the Congregation Meeting!** Join us Sunday, October 23 in the Fellowship Hall for a lunch of hot dogs, chips and cookies. This lunch is hosted and provided by the Worship & Music Ministry Team. †



**LES
DÉLICES**
DEBRA NAGY, DIRECTOR

Debra Nagy, Artistic Director & Founder of Les Délices, Awarded Cleveland Arts Prize 2022

Founder and Artistic Director of Les Délices (Holy Trinity's artists-in-residence) Debra Nagy was awarded the 2022 Cleveland Arts Prize in the Mid-Career Artist category. This prestigious award is given annually to two artists who reside in Northeast Ohio and whose work has received both regional acclaim and national recognition. The Cleveland Arts Prize (CAP) is the oldest municipal arts award of its kind in the United States. Each \$10,000 prize furthers CAP's commitment to enhancing the quality of life in the region by supporting, cultivating, and honoring artistic excellence which can be accessed by all. Nagy will receive her 2022 Cleveland Arts Prize at formal ceremony held at the Cleveland Museum of Art on November 2, 2022.



Says Nagy, "I am deeply honored to be named a Cleveland Arts Prize winner and feel that I'm in extraordinary company. Music is an ephemeral art form and applause is a fleeting form of recognition, so it's incredibly meaningful to receive this sort of recognition from the Cleveland community that I've called home since 2003. As an oboist, I travel and gig all over the country, but the performances and outreach programs I create here in Ohio with my ensemble Les Délices are at the heart of my artistic life. Thank you, CAP, for this significant recognition of the work I do."

About Cleveland Arts Prize

The Cleveland Arts Prize (CAP), founded by the Women's City Club of Cleveland in 1960, is the oldest award of its kind in the United States. The Prize is a testament to the standard of excellence and quality of artists in Northeast Ohio. In addition to artists, Cleveland Arts Prize honors individuals and organizations that have expanded the role of the arts in the community. Since its inception, CAP has honored over 400 artists and art leaders. Today, CAP continues as a trusted, peer-directed arbiter and guardian of the city's creative history. Through its prize winners, CAP is the nucleus of Northeast Ohio's arts and culture legacy and the living archive of our

Looking Ahead

DLM Five-Year Celebration Month of October

Join us throughout this month for various events and activities all to celebrate the five-year anniversary of DLM Food & Resources.
See page 14 for details.

Reformation Sunday October 30

Don't forget to wear **red!** Join us for worship and Sunday LIFT! We're heading to Akron Family Restaurant again for food and fellowship. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center.

All Saints Sunday & Affirmation of Baptism November 6

Join us for worship and the Affirmation of Baptism for our confirmands, Logan Hunter and Maddie Mormino! A special reception will follow in the Chapel Lounge, hosted by the Faith Formation Ministry Team.

Invite / Welcome / Connect Training - November 12

IWC 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. *See details on page 23. †*



ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY

What an amazing kick-off to the 39th season of the Arts @ Holy Trinity Concert Series! On September 18, we welcomed internationally acclaimed violinist Jessica Tong and award-winning pianist Michael Sheppard who performed *From Elegance to Extravagance*, a musical exploration of contrasting pairs of French and German composers of the romantic 19th and early impressionistic 20th centuries. This was followed by a special reception where concert goers met with our guest musicians and enjoyed light appetizers. Next came the ticketed Meet-the-

Artists Meal where more than 30 people enjoyed an intimate dinner and conversation with Jessica and Michael as well as an in-depth Q&A session where they both shared stories about their personal lives and how they started in their respective careers. The following day, both artists hosted a masterclass for music students at The University of Akron. What a wonderful ministry that includes such beautiful music and impactful learning opportunities in the community. †



Pictured at top: Violinist Jessica Tong with pianist Michael Sheppard.

Pictured at right and left: Both guest musicians talk with folks at the Reception that followed the concert.





Pictured above, above right and left: More than 30 people enjoyed an intimate dinner and conversation with Jessica Tong and Michael Sheppard. Both shared stories about their personal lives and careers as well.



Pictured left: Michael coached a freshman piano student to improve her technique and musicality.

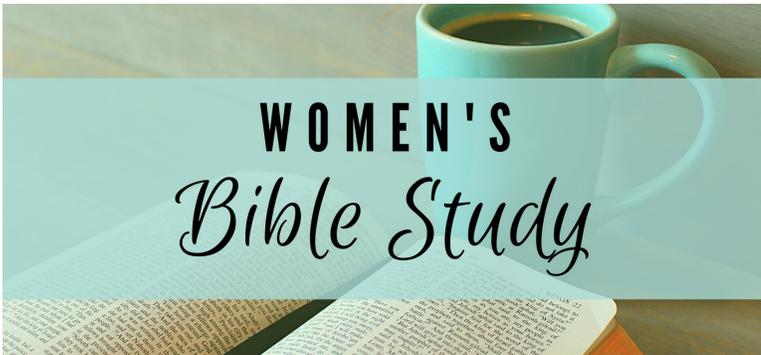
Pictured above: Jessica taught string and piano students how to be more aware of their bodies and how they help or hinder musical performance.

Pictured right: Michael, Jessica and Deacon Ruth Anderson shared lunch together after the UA masterclass.





Faith Formation



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 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.

- **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 while looking at models of growth that involve wholeness and wellness.

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



Women's Bible Study met September 20 at the home of Linda Vowles.



Sunday LIFT (Living In Faith Together)

Join us following worship ...

- **October 2 DLM Food & Resources Kick-Off Celebration,** Chapel Lounge & Room 202. A light lunch will be served followed by a presentation by DLM Director Darlene Katz.
- **October 9 DLM Partners Fair,** Chapel Lounge. Meet some of DLM's partners and supporters; light refreshments will be available.
- **October 16 DLM Open House & Tour,** lower level. Come see DLM for yourself and take a tour! Refreshments will be offered in the Memorial Garden.
- **October 23 Congregational Meeting,** Sanctuary. See page 6 for details.
- **October 30 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

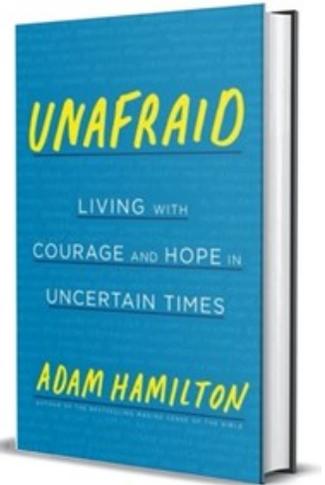
We gather via Zoom for a time of sharing, scripture reading, talking, prayer, and blessing.

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 is facilitating a five-week study/discussion based each Wednesday through October 26. We gather in person at 11 a.m. and meet virtually via Zoom at 7 p.m. There is no need to purchase the book, but if you would like, it's available from multiple sellers – including Amazon – in various formats for approximately \$17.50.

If there are questions, contact Pastor Becki at bverbridge@holyltrinityakron.org. †

Saturday October 22 @ 9 a.m.

Memorial Parkway
Trailhead, 499 Memorial
Pkwy - 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 †

Trinity Book Club

Sunday, October 23

following the Congregational
Meeting in the Scharf Library

We are discussing ...

The Good Left Undone
by Adriana Trigiani

All are invited to join us for the
discussion. Please contact Diane
Chambers or Amy Indorf
with any questions. †

*Hikers & Seekers from
the September 11 hike.*

Pictured from left:
LJ Kimble, Rick
Kimble, Jacinto Nunez,
Amy Indorf, JoAnne
Aller, Rich Williams,
and Rachel Nunez in
the foreground.





Annual Father's Walk @ Robinson

It's was all about dads and father figures in children's lives! September 22 was the Annual Fathers Walk, and Holy Trinity partnered with the Robinson Family Resource Center for the occasion. Everyone enjoyed donuts and coffee before hearing from several guest speakers. †

Pictured above & left: Rachel Nunez serves up donuts and coffee to dads and their children.



Open House @ Robinson

Another school year has begun! And Holy Trinity helped kicked it off by providing a hot dog meal at the Open House for families. In addition, Holy Trinity provided gift card door prizes for a special drawing. *Helping serve the meal (from left): Gregg Loesch, Sandy DeLuca, Rachel Nunez, Rev. Lor Breyley, Deacon Ruth Anderson and Marshall Thomas. †*





"God's work. Our hands." Sunday

Sept. 11 2022

'Many hands make might work.' That was definitely the case on September 11 for God's work. Our hands. Sunday. About a dozen people helped prepare more than 70 birthday bags for DLM Food & Resources as well as help write message cards to those members who are home bound. Thank you for your serving!! †



Pictured at top (from left): Deacon Ruth Anderson, LJ Kimble, confirmand Logan Hunter—this was his required service project, Marshall Thomas, Rick Kimble, Sylvia Leddon, Gregg Loesch, Frederica Cohen, Rachel Nunez, Velma Pomrenke and Amy Indorf. **Pictured above left:** Logan Hunter holding a birthday bag kit. **Pictured above right (from left):** Deacon Ruth Anderson, Velma Pomrenke and LJ Kimble.



Five-Year Celebration!

DLM is celebrating five years of ministry ... 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 in the September Highlights. We invite you to celebrate with us all month long!

DLM Celebration Kick-Off & Photographic Exhibition

*Sunday, October 2, following worship
Chapel Lounge & Room 202*

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 Luncheon & Exhibition Opening on Sunday, October 2, following worship. DLM Director Darlene Katz and DLM Operations Manager Stefan Katz will give a presentation.

DLM Partners Fair

*Sunday, October 9, following worship
Chapel Lounge*

DLM provides food, clothing, and personal care items to hundreds of families and individuals each month, but not without the support of many local partners. Join us for a Partners Fair so you can learn more about how these organizations and DLM support each other. And, attendees will have an opportunity to win a prize! Light refreshments are provided.

DLM Anniversary Sunday & Open House

*Sunday, October 16, following worship
Lower Level*

If you haven't been to the lower level or seen all 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'oeuvres while you look around.

Special Collection Drives

Some of the most needed items for the families served by DLM are hygiene products. On each Sunday in October, donations of personal care items are being collected. Your donated items can be placed in the marked bins in the Chapel Lounge. Thank you for the Thrivent Action Grants given to support this effort.

- October 9 - hygiene products for infants and children up to age 11 (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.)
- October 16 - hygiene products for teens and adults (body wash/soap, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.)
- October 23 - underwear for children, size 4T to child x-large
- October 30 - underwear for teens and adults, size small to 3x-large

Minute for Mission

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

Donations of Fives

To ensure DLM is able to continue to serve the community, you are invited to make a donation of five's ... \$5, \$15, \$25, \$50, \$250, \$500, or more if you so choose! Special collection boxes will be placed at the Welcome Center and in the Narthex. You may also give securely online using the link below. Thank you for giving generously!! †



Five years ago this month, DLM Food & Resources opened its doors as a food choice pantry. It occupied two rooms on the lower level, one that served as a waiting area and the other a food shopping area. Initially, the program served the families involved with Project Rise. Word quickly spread, and it began serving families all over Summit County and beyond.

Fast forward five years, and the DLM Food & Resources that served the community over these past five years has transformed into a multi-faceted serving ministry that helps to provide the basic needs for families and so much more ... food, clothing, personal care items along with a hot meal and connections to community resources.

It's been an amazing journey! On the next several pages, we look back to how DLM began, how it is today and many of the volunteers, partners and supportive organizations that have joined this ministry along the way. †

Enjoy!















Thank you to our DLM Drivers!



These two pages recognize some very important volunteers for DLM ... the delivery drivers! Just like mail carriers, they too live by a similar motto ... *"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of day stays these drivers from the swift completion of their appointed deliveries."*

For more than two years, twice each month (and now once a month), drivers came to Holy Trinity to pick up the boxes to deliver. Some have delivered hundreds of food boxes and

personal care kits to families in need throughout Summit County. They are truly the 'face of DLM,' and this ministry would not be possible without their passion and dedication. We appreciate and value each one of you!





Thank you to our DLM Drivers!



DLM has returned to in-person shopping with limited appointment times one day each month. And, food boxes and personal care kits continue to be delivered one time each month.

The drivers pull up on the Park Street side of the church where other volunteers help to load the boxes into their vehicles. Then they're off!! Thanks DLM Operations Manager Stefan Katz, each driver is provided with delivery routes and driving directions that get them from one location to the next. Families are so appreciative and grateful! Our DLM drivers are the epitome of 'genuine people delivering heartfelt service.' Thank you for all you've done for DLM!! †







Wild' Women's Retreat

From the photo above, it was truly a 'wild women's retreat' that included lots of fun, food and fellowship. Held at Luther Memorial Camp September 23-25, the weekend retreat was an opportunity for women of faith to come together to and spend time with one another and grow a deeper relationship with God.

Those who went from Holy Trinity included (pictured at right from left): Rachel Nunez, LJ Kimble, Diane Chambers, Amanda Archbold and Amy Indorf. †



Pictured at top: All the women who attended the retreat.

Pictured left: Diane, Amy, LJ and Rachel enjoying the outdoors at the camp.

Pictured right: Amy and LJ climbed the rock wall (in the background). Did they make it to the top or fall down? You'll have to ask them!



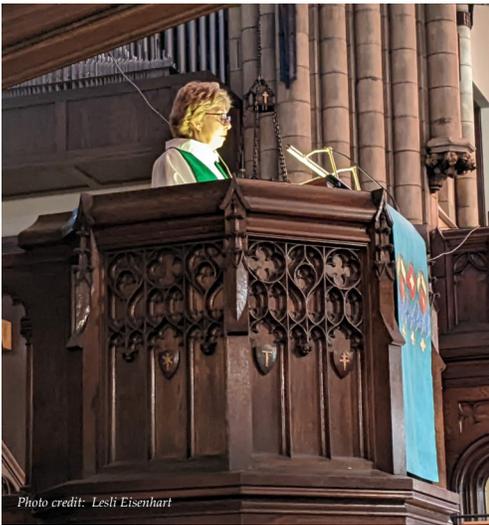


Photo credit: Lesli Eisenhart

Pastor Becki preaches her message on Luke 16: 19-31 from the pulpit on September 25. †



Fellowship Time Together at Akron Family Restaurant ...

More than 15 people gathered for food, fellowship and fun on September 25 at Akron Family Restaurant. *Pictured around the table (from left):* Pastor Becki, Sophia Mortion, Judy Coffman, Darcel Zuller, Gloria Woodford, Donna & Fletcher Carroll, JoAnne & Duane Aller, Rick Kimble, Marcy Nagy, Deb Ickes, Gregg Loesch, Sylvia Leddon and Joan Derrig. Behind the camera is Sandy DeLuca. †

HAPPY BIRTHDAY October Birthdays

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

- October 2 – Cathy Snelson
- October 3 – Luke Jones
- October 5 – Anderson Lauf
- October 8 – Madison Lakins
- October 8 – Craig Marko
- October 10 – Sandy DeLuca
- October 12 – Kristin Forbes
- October 12 – Dorothea Wise
- October 17 – Bob Foutty
- October 17 – Thomas McCahan
- October 18 – Ricki Ethington
- October 18 – Jacob Raymond
- October 23 – Steven Mitchhart
- October 23 – Marion Spannbauer
- October 23 – Kathleen Walsh
- October 25 – Keara Mitchhart
- October 26 – Rick Kimble
- October 30 – Mary McCauley
- October 31 – Linda Berthold

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.

Worship Stewards

Date	Readers	Livestream
Sunday, October 2 9:30 a.m.	Linda Vowles	Lorin Sickafoose
Sunday, October 9 9:30 a.m.	Frederica Cohen	Lorin Sickafoose
Sunday, October 16 9:30 a.m.	Ben Mormino	Alex DeLuca
Sunday, October 23 9:30 a.m.	Mike Ameling	Alex DeLuca
Reformation Sunday Sunday, October 30 9:30 a.m.	Tom Baumgardner	Alex DeLuca



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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.

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50 N. Prospect Street, Akron

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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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Vision Statement:

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Memorial Garden - Sonya Nagle
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