

150 HIGHLIGHTS

1868 2018 HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH *Praising. Loving. Serving in Jesus' name.*

December 2018

GO OUT & SERVE



Opportunities
in December!

Help for Hospice

We will be staffing a table at Summit Mall on two Saturday mornings (Dec. 1 & 8) from 10 a.m. to noon. We will collect donations from shoppers. In exchange for their donation, they will be able to put a star on a Christmas Tree in memory of a loved one.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

We will have opportunities to ring the Salvation Army bell for their Red Kettle campaign. Watch Yellow Pages and Mid-Week Word for more information.

Collection Tree

A Christmas Tree will be located in the lobby between the Sanctuary and Chapel Lounge, to collect donations of new underwear and socks for the DLM clothing ministry. Please donate New underwear and socks, for children, teens, men or women, by placing your items on the tree between now and January 6, 2019.

Muffins for Moms

Women are invited to join us at Robinson CLC on Wednesday, December 19 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. We will bring muffins and visit with mothers as they drop their children off for school. Talk with Sandy DeLuca for more information.

To sign-up to help with any of these projects, or if you have questions, please talk with Karen Nevergall. There will also be sign-up sheets in the church lobby. †



Season of
Advent

The Season of Advent 2018

Inter-generational Middle Hour for all ages

We gather in the Chapel Lounge at 9:45 a.m. for seasonal refreshments & fellowship. At 10 a.m. a bell will sound as we move to Room 202 for Scripture, Song, & Advent Activities.

Sunday, December 2nd

Isaiah's Words – PEACE (Isaiah 11: 1-9)

God is ultimately the one who brings about peace, and we help work toward peace when we share God's love with others. We can share that love better when we get to know one another.

Sunday, December 9th

The Annunciation – POSSIBILITIES (Luke 1: 26-38)

Trust in God helps us see things that seem impossible as possible.

Sunday, December 16th

Mary Visits Elizabeth – MAGNIFICAT (Luke 1: 39-55)

God is worth rejoicing over, because God comes into the world to bring wholeness. Mary's song reminds us that God's wholeness is worked out over centuries-millennia!

Sunday, December 23rd

Jesus Is Born – HOPE (Luke 2: 1-20)

Jesus. Immanuel. God with us. This is a story so full of hope that we can know we are never alone. God is with us – on Christmas and always – through Jesus, who came to us as a little baby.

Reverse Advent Offering

Each week we will be collecting full size toiletry items for **Rahab Ministries** (Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Toothpaste, and Deodorant) as well as new packages of socks, underwear and baby clothes for **DLM**.

Items will be collected as part of the Children's Sermon at each worship service during the season. †

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Discipleship Ministries
rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org, 330-376-5154

Reach ...



Pastor David

Carey Nieuwhof is the pastor of a large, multi-location, non-denominational megachurch in Toronto. He's also a blogger with excellent instincts for what makes the church work faithfully and well. So even though we don't have much in common as the places we serve, I've found his work helpful as we consider what's going on here at Holy Trinity. Recently, he shared the following about reaching out to our community during these December days.

"As our culture becomes more and more post-Christian, we're seeing far fewer times when the holidays of the church and the holidays of culture sync. I remember about a decade ago

hearing a Toronto DJ refer to Easter as "the first long weekend of summer" (in Canada Good Friday is a holiday and schools still take Easter Monday off...a relic from Colonial days). Good Friday and Easter were completely lost on him. It was simply time off.

"Christmas is completely different. Our culture still loves Christmas. Sure, the motives are commercial. But Christmas is the only time of year when you'll hear malls belt out explicitly Christian songs.

"If you follow a lot of Christians on social media leading up to Christmas, you probably have noticed how many people lament over the culture's disregard of Christ. Well, you can see the obstacle. Or you can see the opportunity. I choose to see the opportunity. There are so many connection points with our culture you'll miss if you only see the glass as half empty. This is no time for the church to be more cynical than the world, which still remembers something is different at Christmas, even if they're not exactly sure what it is. Stop complaining about the world. Reach it instead."

The research says that 82% of folks would be open to an invitation to a church event if they were invited. That seems like a high number. But experience says that number may well be true, especially during the holidays when even the most skeptical seem more open to the possibility that something grand is afoot in this broken and bleeding world. So I urge you to take advantage of the opportunity. Bring a friend along to Lessons and Carols. There are mid-week opportunities for study and worship. Invite a neighbor to join you for Sunday worship. Be sure to stay around (or come early) for the weekly Advent Middle Hour that offers an intergenerational opportunity to celebrate these days together. And there is beautiful worship to be celebrated on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, complete with the carols and readings, the communion and the candlelight that anchor these days with a special place in our memory. Bring your friends and neighbors along. They'll love it. If you think about it, all this "reach" talk makes perfect sense. After all, the only reason for our hospitality is the invitation to grace which we have already received from God. And the only reason for our serving is to make our lives an imitation of the unfathomable mercy of the God who dares to take on our human lot. Just think: God chooses to come among us, to love us in spite

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Women's Bible Study	Velma Pomrenke

Mission Statement:

The mission of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is to bring Jesus to people through love and the word of God.

Vision Statement:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a faith community grounded in God's word, called to worship and committed to serve as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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December Happenings



Holy Trinity Book Club

Sunday, December 2, after the 11 a.m. service

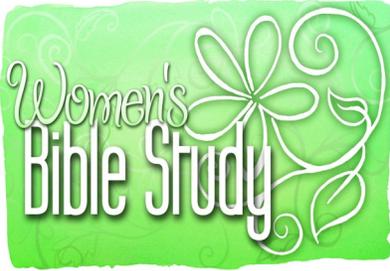
The group will meet at the home of Alexa Sandmann in Kent for a potluck lunch and discussion of the book, Pachinko by Min Jin Lee. Please contact Diane Chambers or Amy Indorf with any questions. †



Men on a Mission

Saturday, December 8 & 22, 8:30 a.m. | Chapel Lounge

If you're a guy, you are welcome to join us. We're reading First Kings, eating donuts, drinking coffee and praying together ... generally figuring out what it means to be a man of faith. We meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month. This is good stuff ... come and be a part of it! †



Women's Bible Study

Saturday, December 15, 9 a.m. | Rockynol Ohio Living

Women's Bible Study will in the Stonebridge Dining Room , Rockynol Ohio Living, 1150 W. Market Street, Akron, hosted by Velma Pomrenke. The discussion will be based on the devotional, "Fear Not" in the December issue of Gather magazine. Come and join us as we reflect this Advent season on what it means to "Fear Not" in a world consumed by fear. †



Men's Lutheran Loafers will resume in January 2019. Look for more information in the Highlights.



Trinity Stamps will resume in January 2019. Look for more information in the Highlights.



Altar Guild will resume in January 2019. Look for more information in the Highlights.



Environmental Tip: Confused about what to recycle? Here are some recent tips from Marcie Cress, Executive Director of Reworks, SASWD. However, talk to your own hauler as rules are changing frequently. Plastic bags of any kind are not welcome in the curbside recycling. Even if they are marketed as such, take them to the grocery store. Check with your newspaper carrier to see if they would like their plastic bags back. Glass is now an item that should be put in the trash. †

Thursday, December 6, Noon
Crystal Room, The University of Akron

Tickets: \$15 per person, available for purchase December 2

Everyone's invited to this annual luncheon! Enjoy a delicious meal and great fellowship with each other. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to benefit OPEN M.

55th Annual Metro Parks Fall Hiking Spree
You have this month to complete the required trails to earn your shield. Getting a bit nippy out , but, we are still hoping for some decent hiking days for hardy souls. Those who have completed the spree so far are : Ann Lawson, Pat McRowe, Vicar Debbie Pinnegar, Brian Pinnegar and Alexa Sandman Congratulations!!!! †



Special performance by Kanga Blue!

Started in 2010, Kanga Blue is The University of Akron's student-led female a cappella group, sponsored by the School of Music. †

Prayer of the Month: Pray for those in the California fires who are grieving the loss of family and friends and for those have lost their homes and other property. †
Let's Pray!

Blood Pressures will be taken on Sunday, December 2 in Rm. 201, from 9:45- 10:30 a.m. Be sure and pick up your "Medicines" booklet. †

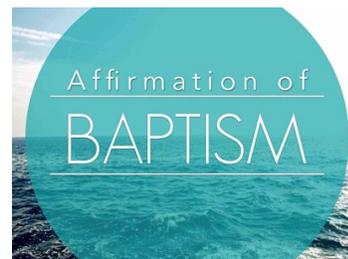
The Youth Connect

YOUTH EVENTS

- ◆ Sunday, December 2, 12:15-1:30 p.m. **AGAPE CLUB** (K-12th Grade), Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ Sunday, December 16, 12:15-1:30 p.m. **LUNCH/ DEVOS**, (6th-12th Grade), Room 202.
- ◆ Friday, December 28, **YOUTH CHRISTMAS DINNER & A MOVIE**, 6-11 p.m., 460 West Avenue, Tallmadge. Please bring blanket, pillow, beverage, snack and a 'White Elephant' gift (for gift exchange).
- ◆ Sunday, December 30, **HIGH SCHOOL HANG-OUT**, 12:15-1:30 p.m., Youth Room followed by lunch at Luigi's ... bring \$5.



Congratulations to (from left) Greg Mitchhart, Mia Nagle and Manny Nunez on their Affirmation of Baptism which was celebrated on Sunday, November 4. Pictured below are family members and friends with their hands on the confirmands as Pastor David Nevergall, with assistance from Brian Pinnegar, lead them through the affirmation.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (9th-12th Grade), 10 a.m., Room 103

This Changes Everything - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2: 8

GRACE is a foundational and distinctive piece of the Lutheran faith. This gift, undeserved and freely given, changes lives and perspectives as people realize they are enough because of what Christ has done and are called into the world to serve their neighbor and share the good news.

The cross is the focus—it is God's grace, through Christ's life, death and resurrection, that changes everything for all people. +

Just hanging out ... are (from left) David Lupo, Samantha Lupo and Justin Bader. They came to help stock food and other items for DLM Food & Resources. Thank you!!





Special Christmas Tree in Honor of a Special Group of Girls

This Christmas tree was prepared by Girl Scout Troop 11 and on display as part of the Holiday Tree Festival. Why you ask? It is in honor of this troop meeting at Holy Trinity for 100 years. Unbelievable!!

To commemorate this milestone, Holy Trinity purchased this tree, and it will be on display in the Chapel Lounge throughout the season.

Congratulations!!



Festive Services Planned Christmas Eve

Many members of Holy Trinity, from the very young to the older, will share their gifts of time, talent, and energy to lead us in worship Christmas Eve. The prelude for our early liturgy begins at 6:45 p.m. This service of Lessons and Carols begins at 7 p.m.

The later liturgy begins with a prelude at 9:30 p.m.; processional hymn at 10 p.m. Musical leadership includes the Trinity Bell Choir, a trumpet trio, harp, and Trinity Choir. Both services incorporate a host of favorite Christmas hymns along with a few new expressions of the season's message of joy, hope, praise, and wonder.

**Come to celebrate the Incarnation.
A blessed Christmastide to all!**

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Order a Christmas poinsettia to help decorate Holy Trinity's altar this Christmas Eve! Fill out this form and place in the offering plate or bring to the Church Office. Make your check out to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* and mark "poinsettia" on the memo line. **All orders must be placed by noon on Monday, December 18.** Thank you for this offering! You may pickup your poinsettia immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service on Monday, December 25. The remaining poinsettias will be delivered by our Friendly Visitors to Trinity Members who are shut-in, hospitalized or recovering in their homes from a hospital stay.



I would like to order _____ poinsettias @ \$15.00 each.

Please check one of the following and print clearly. 

Given by _____ Env. # _____

Telephone _____ Amt. Enclosed _____

I give my poinsettia(s):

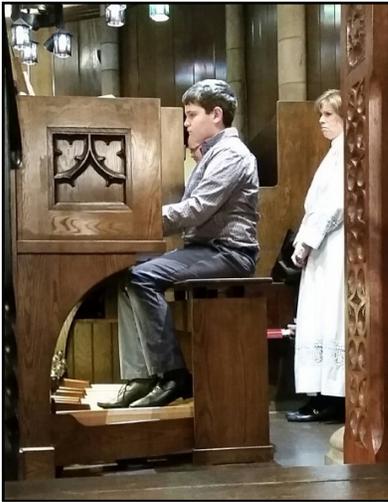
_____ in memory of _____

_____ in honor of _____

_____ to the Glory of God.

Complete this form and place it with your check in the offering plate.

Special Happenings Around Holy Trinity!



Guran Organ Scholar, Christopher Meyer, played the organ on Sunday, November 25, as part of worship. He is the first recipient of the Guran Organ Scholarship, and is being instructed by Deacon Ruth. †



Thanksgiving Worship

The members of Holy Trinity and Wesley Temple came together for a Thanksgiving Worship Service held November 21 at Wesley Temple.

Pictured (clockwise) are Pastor David Nevergall, Pastor Charles Tyler, Sr. of Wesley Temple and other members from Wesley Temple. †



Visiting Group Served at Holy Trinity

A group of youth and adults from Zion Lutheran Church in Valley City, who were doing a 30-hour famine, made the trek to Holy Trinity to serve in a variety of ways ... they helped organize Family Promise closets, sort through clothing, stock food and served families for DLM and they carried down Christmas decorations. †



Holy Trinity is doing another ...

Mission Mob at the Laundromat

Monday, January 21

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Holland's 24-Hour Laundromat
1506 S. Arlington Street, Akron

Holy Trinity will bring the quarters, laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets as well as pizza, drinks and activity kits for children ... area residents will bring the laundry!

Please consider helping with this important outreach activity. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.

If you have questions, please see Sandy DeLuca.

NOTE: This laundromat serves the Robinson CLC area. †

The Season of Advent Mid-Week Study

Mary Had a Baby: An Advent Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals

Written by Cheryl Kirk-Duggan & Marilyn E. Thornton

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in Chapel Lounge

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Scharf Library

(a light soup supper will be served)

Facilitated by Pastor David Nevergall

November 28/29

December 05/06

December 12/13

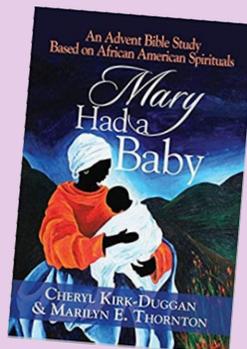
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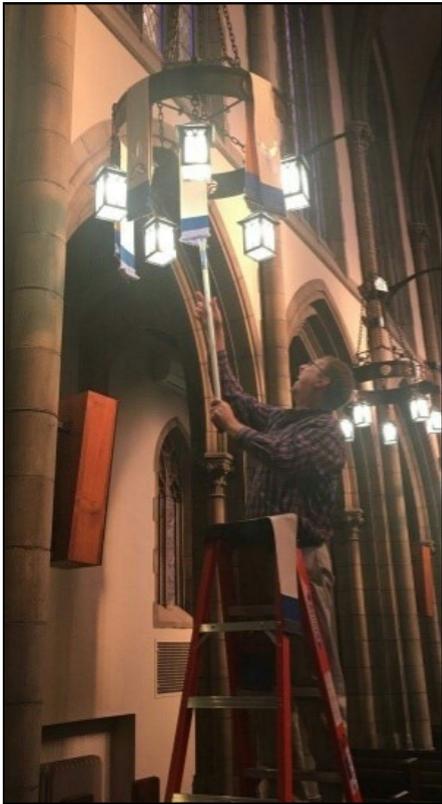
Mary Had a Baby

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow

Children, Go Where I Send Thee

Go, Tell It on the Mountain





Deck the Halls ... Check!

Holy Trinity is completely decorated for the Advent and Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who assisted with this important task ... many hands make quick and easy work! When all the work was done, everyone gathered for fellowship and lunch. †

Pictured (left): Steve Kay; (above center) Kazia Bethel and Camdynn Stevens; and (above right) Susan and Dan Detweiler.



Let Your Light Shine

Everyone's invited to ...

An Epiphany Party

hosted by the Youth & Education Ministry Team

Sunday, January 6
10 a.m.
Chapel Lounge

Enjoy King Cake and other goodies while we have devotions together and make stars to light up the room!



Pictured (from left): Alex DeLuca, Meleah Woodford, Anna Scheck, Ethan Scheck, Alannah Woodford and Kristine Johnson.

The gang's all here!!



Ethan Scheck



Meleah Woodford



Alex DeLuca



Kristine Johnson



Stained Glass Windows and Love

In 1994, as part of the effort to improve race relations in Akron, the Beacon Journal invited people to write about what they thought could improve the situation. Here is Trinity member Natalie Marko Giffels' column published February 23, 1994.

On the 125th anniversary of my church last fall, I sat in my pew and stared at the large stained glass windows. I was noticing how nice the purple glass looked as my pastor, who was retiring, began to thank many people for their help in the anniversary celebration.

Someone in the congregation caught my pastor's eye. This person was asked to stand while my minister welcomed him and showed him his heartfelt gratitude for attending on this special day.

A sea of white faces turned to see in the back of the church this visitor, a black pastor from the African American church next door, Wesley Temple A.M.E. Church. The Rev. Curtis Walker stood with folded hands as my minister spoke kind words of thanks to him.

Then something unexpected occurred. My minister, the Rev. Jan Walker, left the lectern and walked down the center aisle of the church. When he stood before the black minister, he smiled warmly and the men shook hands. With appreciation and love, they hugged each other tightly.

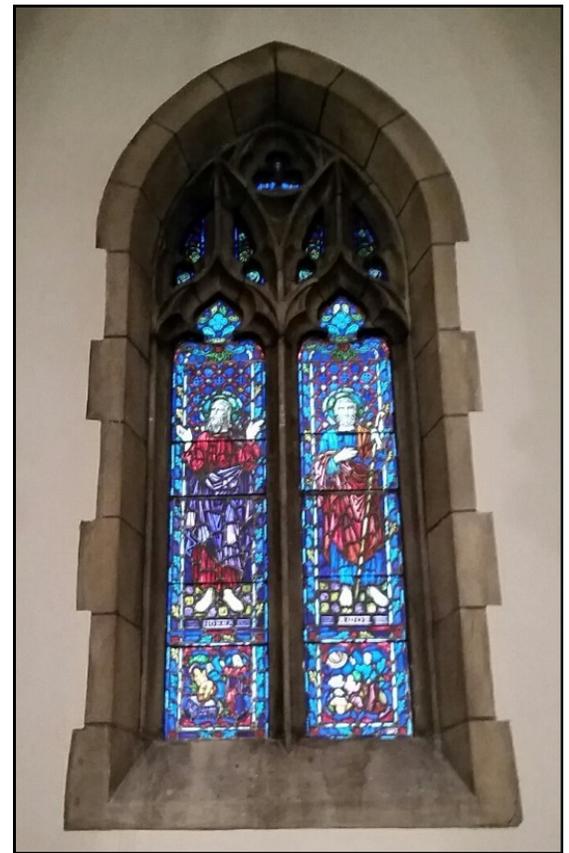
They had worked together in a dialogue program involving their congregations, and they both served in the Akron Area Association of Churches.

For one glorious moment, black and white embraced each other and from them shone a beautiful, loving light.

I didn't realize why at the moment, but tears sprung to my eyes. I am quite convinced that the love of God was smiling down on them at that moment. It was the love of God that kindled that beautiful light and sparkled in the eyes of all in its presence.

It was the beautiful, comforting warmth of it that touched my heart so, and brought tears to my eyes.

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Stained Glass Windows and Love

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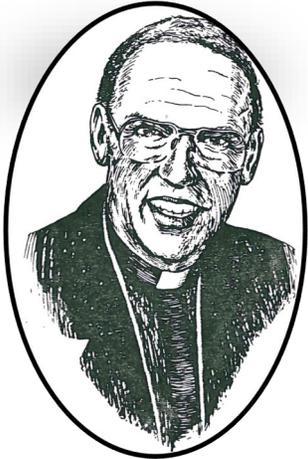
Black and white parted but the power of the light could still be felt.

Something caught my attention as I began to look around. I noticed that the stained-glass windows looked more brilliant to me than they ever had before.

I was used to looking at them and admiring a few of my favorite colors. But now, with the embers of God's love still burning in my heart and his light still sparkling in my eyes, I appreciated these windows in a very different way.

There was no denying that all of the same colors were there that had always been present, each separate and unique. And I knew that no matter the length of time that passes, all of these different colors could never possibly blend to emit one single hue.

But for this I am thankful, for nothing could possibly be as wonderful as the breathtaking sight of each unique color hand in hand with all the others, shining brilliantly in the beautiful light of God's love. †



150th Anniversary Celebration Upcoming Events

The 150th Anniversary celebration is nearly half over!! As you know, we are in the middle of completing 150 service projects ... if you haven't already participated or supported at least one in some way, there are plenty of upcoming opportunities to serve! Here are a few upcoming activities to help celebrate this historic milestone:

Daughters of Holy Trinity Banquet Friday, May 10, 2019

**This will be a ticketed event and include a delicious meal and a period fashion show.*

150th Anniversary Gala Celebration Friday, June 21, 2019

St. George Family Center

**This will be a ticketed event and will include a scrumptious meal, entertainment, swag bags ... a wonderful culmination to our celebration year!*

Party in the Park

Sunday, June 23, 2019 at Grace Park

**Come one and come all for the final event of our celebration! Food, activities and lots of fun!*

Special Activities During the 150th Celebration Year

Fourth Sunday Focus

**The fourth Sunday each month will focus on a different aspect of the celebration. Additionally, former senior pastors, associate pastors and vicars have been invited to be guest preachers on these Sundays. Below is the schedule (to date).*

January 27—Rev. Byron Arledge

February 24—Pastor Paul Santmire

March—OPEN

April—Pastor Bill Hauser

May—OPEN

Rotating Archival Displays

There will be archival exhibits on display for the 150th Anniversary in the Chapel Lounge Gallery throughout this year and next. The displays will feature special items from the archives. Be sure to stop by and see the congregation's history.

*In addition, there will be a 'Family Legacy' exhibit in the display cases in the office hallway. The second exhibit features the five generations of the **Burgner-Parry-Anacki Family**.*

We also want to feature other families whose legacy at Holy Trinity spans several generations. Please contact Sandy DeLuca if you are interested in having your family featured. †



150 Service Projects

In honor of its 150th Anniversary, Holy Trinity will complete 150 service projects over the next year, and we have already completed more than 50! A list of upcoming service projects will be included in each issue of the Highlights. The goal over the next year is to have every person participate in at least one service project. And, to track our progress and showcase all the wonderful service and outreach activities we complete, photos will be displayed on the large '150' sign that is displayed in the Room 202 hallway.

We are looking for new projects as well. So, if you have ideas, please contact Karen Nevergall. †



Robinson CLC Awards Assembly ...

Students with perfect attendance and those who were on the Honor Roll and Merit Roll during the first grading period were recently recognized at an Awards Assembly. To help recognize these students for their hard work, Holy Trinity again purchased

reading books for all grade levels. So, in addition to a certificate of recognition, each student was able to select a book of their own. Deacon Ruth Anderson represented Holy Trinity at the Awards Assembly and helped students select the perfect book. †



From left: John Stefanik, Pastor David, Dave Tiemann, Gregg Loesch, Sandy DeLuca, Kathy Tiemann and Velma Pomrenke ... Karen Nevergall took the photo.



Velma Pomrenke hands out Thanksgiving books.



Sandy DeLuca and Kathy Tiemann serve the pie.

Thanksgiving Meal Served at Robinson CLC ... "This is the best Thanksgiving meal I've ever had!" was the statement from one of the students. Holy Trinity members helped serve a delicious Thanksgiving meal on November 20 to K-2nd graders which included turkey, stuffing mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, applesauce, rolls with butter and pumpkin pie ... yum yum! In addition, each student received a Thanksgiving book, courtesy of Holy Trinity and handed out by Velma Pomrenke. †



John Stefanik served the stuffing and Gregg Loesch served the green beans and corn.



Adult Mission Trip for Lutheran World Relief

In November, eight members of Holy Trinity traveled to New Windsor, Maryland and volunteered for 2 ½ days at the Brethren Service Center. Those who made the trip were Connie Archbold, Tom Baumgardner, Frederica Cohen, Lesli Eisenhart, Sylvia Hackbarth, Kathy Walsh, David Nevergall and Karen Nevergall.

The Brethren Service Center is the warehouse which receives many of the Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, School Supply kits and handmade quilts which are prepared at Lutheran churches across the county for Lutheran World Relief. At the warehouse they are sorted and repackaged for final distribution by LWR. The warehouse also receives donations of Health Kits from other Christian denominations

which are packaged for distribution by Church World Service. Our group worked on both types of kits during their time at the warehouse. And they took with them the 76 Personal Care kits that Holy Trinity prepared in September, and packaged them as well.

The trip was a very special experience. Those who made the trip appreciated being able to do meaningful work that would make a difference to people in difficult situations. They had fun opening boxes of donations from lots of different churches, many of which were actually in Ohio, and feeling a connection to those who had lovingly prepared the kits and sent them to New Windsor. And they enjoyed traveling, dining and worshiping together. A common reaction from the group was "can we go back next year?" Therefore, it is very likely that this trip will become an annual event and others should consider making the trip next year. †

The group from Holy Trinity in front of the stacks of LWR boxes they had been packing.



God's work, our hands.

BELOW: Sylvia Hackbarth and Karen Nevergall pack up School Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

FAR LEFT: Lesli Eisenhart breaks down the boxes that the kits arrived in and prepares them for recycling.



LEFT: Kathy Walsh and Tom Baumgardner pack up Personal Care Kits for distribution by Lutheran World Relief.

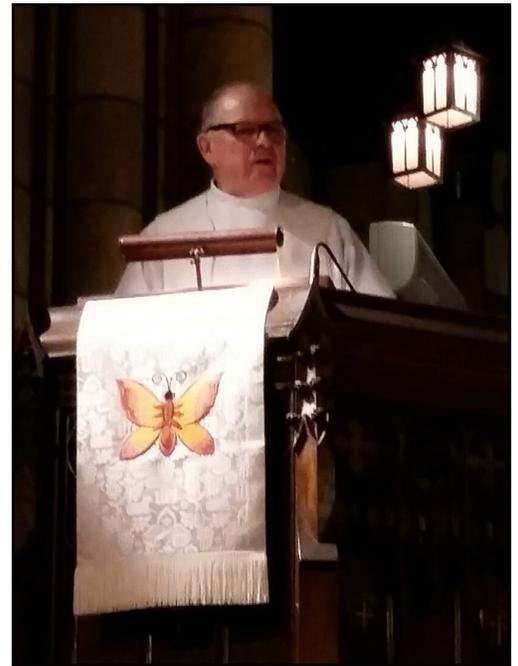


LEFT: Frederica Cohen and Connie Archbold inspect and re-pack Health Kits for Church World Service. RIGHT: Pastor David with the boxes that have arrived from churches across the country. He opened them and then took them to the proper packing station.



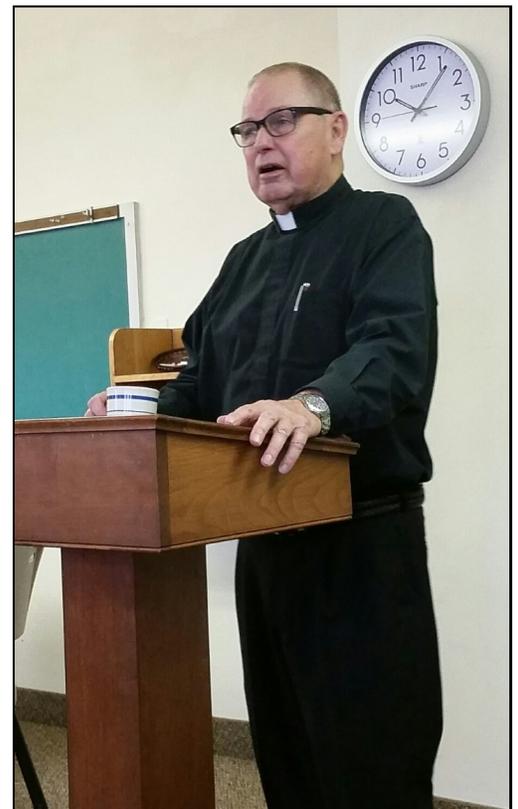


Susan and David Cherwien with Pastor David.



Fourth Sunday Focus

Joining us on November 25 for Fourth Sunday Focus was Pastor Rod Funk who served as Interim Senior Pastor at Holy Trinity from 2012-2013. Pastor Funk gave the sermon (pictured above) and was also the guest speaker during Adult Forum (pictured below). †



Hymn Festival a Huge Success!

Over 120 people attended the Hymn Festival on November 16, held as part of the Arts @ Holy Trinity Concert Series and held to commemorate the congregation's 150th Anniversary. The performance featured musicians Susan and David Cherwien. The reception that followed the concert was hosted by the 150th Anniversary Committee. †



The reception following the concert.



Susan and David Cherwien talk with people following the Hymn Festival concert on November 16. The concert was part of Arts @ Holy Trinity.





Baltimore Consort Visits Firestone CLC

On October 29, members of the Consort demonstrated various instruments, shared a bit about their history, and answered questions posed by the audience of nearly 70 students and staff. We are grateful to our Arts @ Holy Trinity series contributors who help make these educational outreach opportunities possible. †



Meet-the-Artist Scottish Dinner

Nearly 50 members and friends dined on Scottish fare, enjoying the company of musicians from Baltimore Consort following their program of early Scottish music. †



AT RIGHT: Caterer Emily Schurr prepares a Scottish dessert.



Choir Members Support Wesley Temple

Six Holy Trinity members sang with other community congregation members in Wesley Temple's production of "Glory Train." This was a fundraiser for the Temple's building fund.



St. Sebastian Parish

Advent Adoration and Organ Recital

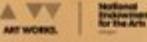
TUESDAYS OF DECEMBER, 2018
Beginning at Noon

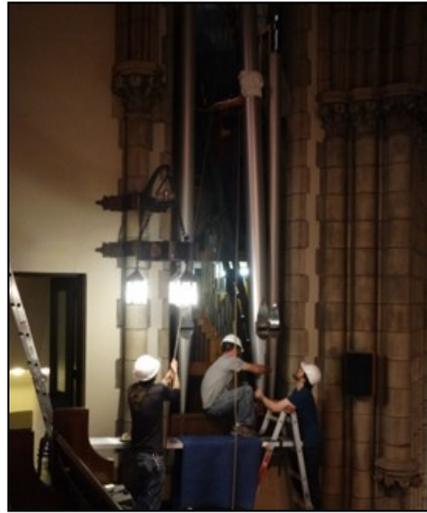
St. Sebastian Parish Church • 476 Mull Avenue

Tuesday, December 4 – Mason Meyer
 Tuesday, December 11 – Ruth Anderson
 Tuesday, December 18 – Brian Eble

Guests are encouraged to come to adoration during the noon hour, visit with our Lord and enjoy some beautiful organ music.




 NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
 ARTS WORKS



The Organ Renovation Nears Completion

Technicians from Leek Pipe Organ Company in Berea painstakingly work to install new and renovated pipes in the organ's façade. This is laborious, time-consuming and dangerous. We are grateful for their fine, careful work and look forward to enjoying great organ music for decades to come. †

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Volunteers Needed for Lessons & Carols

The musicians of Holy Trinity and St. Sebastian Catholic Church are busy preparing for this year's Procession of Lessons & Carols event to be held Friday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. The evening also includes great food and fellowship ... and we are looking for folks to assist. Help is needed with the following:

- ◆ **Decorating**—Thursday, December 6 at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided.
- ◆ **Cookie Bakers**—please bring your goodies no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 6. They can be placed in Room 202 ... please mark them as being for Lessons & Carols.
- ◆ **Cookie Tray Preparation**—Friday, December 7 at 10 a.m.
- ◆ **Clean-Up**—Saturday, December 8 at 9 a.m.

Got questions? See Deacon Ruth Anderson or Dan Seiberling. Or if you're ready to volunteer, please sign-up in the office lobby. Thank you for your assistance with this treasured holiday tradition! †

A blessing to so many families!!

To make this ministry happen, volunteers are needed each month. Just a few hours of your time can have a tremendous impact not only on the families but also YOU! Teams and groups within the church are encouraged to volunteer together. See Deacon Marla with questions. †

Saturday, December 8, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 13, 7-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 22, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.





December Birthdays

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

December 1 – Kurt Seiberling
 December 2 – Justin Bader
 December 2 – Vivian Fenske
 December 3 – Tina Laybourne
 December 4 – Joan Amon
 December 4 – Nancy Chancey
 December 5 – Tom Bouton
 December 5 – Dorothy Creed
 December 8 – Julie Sanders
 December 9 – Dennis Dick
 December 9 – Logan Seiberling
 December 10 – Winifred Aikey
 December 11 – Dorothy Shoemaker
 December 12 – Kenneth Burkins
 December 12 – Greg Mitchhart
 December 14 – Valerie Clark
 December 16 – Gilliam Godding
 December 16 – Ella Izenour
 December 16 – Samantha Lupo
 December 16 – Marcy Nagy
 December 18 – Deborah Ickes
 December 18 – Joan Radabaugh
 December 18 – Andrew Snowball
 December 19 – Paul Anacki
 December 19 – Carole Bader
 December 19 – Bob Nagle
 December 21 – Jennifer Bennage
 December 21 – Alex DeLuca
 December 21 – Ryan Giffels
 December 22 – Natalie Spencer
 December 24 – Lor Breyley
 December 25 – Jacob Isenhart
 December 25 – LJ Kimble
 December 26 – Jordyn Rogers
 December 27 – Heather Kubiak
 December 27 – Jacob Padget
 December 28 – Matthew Vowles
 December 29 – Jim Feeman
 December 29 – Samuel Forbes
 December 29 – Delaney Kubiak
 December 29 – Debbie Schramm
 December 30 – Dan Detwiler
 December 30 – Marla Wood Kay
 December 30 – Sandra Plummer
 December 31 – Grace Kay

Communion Bread Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1½ cups whole wheat flour
- ½ cup regular white or bread flour
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda
- 3 tablespoons butter (unsalted is best; may substitute margarine)
- ¾ cup warm water
- 3 tablespoons honey
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- Combine the water and honey. Stir this into the flour/butter mixture, and combine until you have a sticky dough.
- Turn out onto a board/counter, adding flour until you can knead it. Knead until smooth.
- Divide the flour into four equal parts. Roll or press each part into a 6" flat circle.
- Lightly score a cross into the top of each circle. Brush with vegetable oil. Place onto a lightly-greased baking sheet.
- Bake at 350 for no more than 12 minutes. (Over baking makes the bread crumbly.)

Directions:

- Combine the first four ingredients well. Cut in the butter, and work in thoroughly.
- Remove and allow to cool completely.
- When cool it can be bagged for use later in the week or bagged and frozen for use up to three weeks later.



Members of Holy Trinity,

Allowing time for conversations, games, hikes, peaceful moments, laughter, food, worship, sleep and time with family and friends to become a source of joy, blessing and thanksgiving is ministry at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio. This is the ministry supported by your faithful support. Thank you.

Your LOMO Friends

Dear Holy Trinity,

Thank you for providing a safe space for our Project RISE students and families to trick-or-treat. It means a lot to us and our families! Your time is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to working together again in the future. Thanks again!

The Academic Advocates

Members of Holy Trinity,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$375.46 collected from a love offering.

We are continuing our work toward reunification of families as well as providing for the necessities of all our guests, including transportation and legal aid.

After 40 years of continuous presence on the border, the work of Annunciation House has come to be known nationally because of its categorical option for the poor in migration. It is a presence that has been sustained and made possible by individuals, churches and organizations throughout the country. Your commitment to our cause speaks loudly through your monetary donation.

Again thank you so much. I hope you and all those you love are well and happy.

Terry Baldwin, Volunteer Bookkeeper

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of our unloveliness, and to reconcile us to Himself and each other. God chooses, first of all, to reach out to us. To be honest: this is way bigger than we can truly comprehend. What we can do is to offer ourselves in humility and joy and awe before the manger that becomes a cross that gives way to an empty tomb. Dear sisters and brothers, I invite you to reach...confident that these days of prayer and preparation will bring us peace and encouragement and joy enough to share with a waiting world. Advent blessings! †

If you want to include your birthday in a future issue of the Highlights, please contact Annmarie Demko at (330) 376-5154.

NOTE: This list only includes known birthdays.



By Gregg Loesch, Team Lead, Outreach & Social Concerns Ministry

Family Promise[®] of Summit County

Our sixty-seventh week of Family Promise hosting since 2004 began Sunday, October 14th. We had the privilege of serving four very nice families consisting of 5 adults and 10 children, ages 1 to 11 years old. Everyone was up and out of the church by 7:30 am each morning to transport children to two schools and then drop families off at the family center on Voris Street. On Saturdays, the families have one morning during the week to sleep in and enjoy a nice hot breakfast prepared for them.

Prior to the past two hosting weeks, the staff of the Akron Fire Department has inspected our church premises for fire hazards, particularly in the guest hallways and stairwells. Our custodian made some emergency lighting and signage improvements, and we were good to go. The local police and fire departments are informed every time we host that guests are staying overnight in our building in case we have an emergency.

Moving the roll-away beds upstairs during hosting week were **Bruce Mansour** and **Vince Simmons**.

Through the week the drivers transported the families in the 15-passenger van. They were **Sandy Deluca**, **Dennis Ingram**, and **Ernie Liska**. Our cooks prepared wonderful and delicious meals for our guests every evening. They were **Doris and Don Santangelo**; **Debbie Schramm** and **Sandy and John Hamilton**; **Marla Wood Kay**; **Linda Vowles** and her daughter **Cathy Wolverton** and her daughter **Emily**; **Pat and Dean Keller** and **Sally and Norm Richenbacher**; **Sonya Nagle**. Thanks goes to our evening hosts **Velma Pomrenke**; **Donna and Fletcher Carroll**; **Sylvia and Bob Leddon**; **Ruth Anderson and Marshall Thomas**; and **Bob Nagle**. Overnight hosts were **Karen and Pr. Dave Nevergall**; **Elizabeth and Ernie Liska**; and **Peter Calvin**. At the end of the week the beds were delivered to the next host church, Grace UCC in Norton, by **Dennis Dick** and **Mike Ameling**. Our grocery shoppers were **Jan Parry** and **Sandy Loesch**. Thanks also to our sextons for keeping the bathrooms, hallways, and dining areas clean.



2019 will mark 11 years Holy Trinity has been serving as a host site for Family Promise. Let's keep the tradition of this important outreach ministry going strong!! If you have any questions about Family Promise of Summit County or its mission to help homeless families, please see Gregg Loesch. †

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Holy Trinity will host Family Promise the week starting Sunday, January 6th through the 13th.

Please consider helping families in need by being a grocery shopper, evening host, cook, launderer, or van driver, please sign up on our bulletin board in the office hallway. Our volunteering really makes a difference by helping these families get through hard times. Thank you in advance for your service!! †

*By Gregg Loesch, Team Lead,
Outreach & Social Concerns Ministry*



At the last meeting of the Outreach/Social Concerns Team on October 30th, the following benevolences were approved:

- DLM Food and Resources
- ELCA Lutheran Disaster Relief
- LINKS after-school program
- Family Promise of Summit County Box City Event (10/6/18)
- OPEN M 50th Anniversary Sponsorship
- Goalgetta Motivational Academy
- Gennesaret Food Program
- The Well Akron Community Development Corporation
- Harvest Home Future Story Program
- Victim Assistance Program
- Legacy III
- Freedom House for Women
- FI Community
- Truly Reaching You
- Fallen Fathers Foundation
- Summit County Children Services' Caregivers Holiday Party
- Summit County Children Services' Holiday Toy Room
- St. Bernard's Hot Meal Program
- GASP Child Advocacy

Benevolences totaled \$34,800, funded by the TLC Endowment Fund. †

Our Pastoral Visitation Team

The Pastoral Visitation Team visits members of our congregation that are no longer able to attend church on Sunday mornings due to physical limitations. Vicar Debbie Pinnegar is coordinating this team. The team includes Deacon Ruth Anderson, Frederica Cohen, Joan Derrig, Deborah Ickes, Deacon Marla Wood Kay, David and Le Linder, Rachel Nunez, Sally Richenbacher, and Linda Vowles. Each month the congregation prays for the ministry of this team as they take Jesus to people through sharing the love our congregation and the Word of God with those they visit. If you would like to join this team or know of a need, please contact Vicar Debbie. †

A Look at the Numbers

It is a privilege to worship, to serve, and to give of ourselves as we share God's Good News with our neighbors and friends. We do that as individuals by the choices we make in everyday life. And we do that together by our work as a congregation. That's what good stewardship is all about.

For that reason, we monitor statistics on attendance and giving to the church. They offer a glimpse into the health of our congregation. Through the first forty-six weeks of the year, average weekly worship attendance at Holy Trinity (Sunday morning and midweek services) was 162. That's down about 5% when compared to the same number of weeks last year.

Through the end of October, our financial support to Holy Trinity's ministry is below our budget target by about 8%. Our expenditures are about 1% below expectation. We ask for your faithfulness and generosity during these final weeks of 2018. Yes...your offerings pay the day-to-day bills here. But more: because of your regular attention to those needs, your gifts are the vehicle by which we extend God's love and grace through our mission work in this area and around the world.

Regular, weekly participation in worship and regular giving are significant ways of returning thanks to God as well as receiving spiritual refreshment for ourselves. So join us... this and every week...as the work of Christ's Church goes on here at Holy Trinity. †

December 2018 Worship Stewards

DATE	ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	SOUND
December 2 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED <u>11 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED (C) Kazia Bethel, Camdynn Stevens	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Tom Bouton <u>11 a.m.</u> Debbie Pinnegar	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Alice Bouton <u>11 a.m.</u> Dan Seiberling, Ann Lawson	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Fred Spencer <u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon
December 9 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED <u>11 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED (C) Carole Bader, Meleah Woodford	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Tom Baumgardner <u>11 a.m.</u> Jacquie Wert	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED <u>11 a.m.</u> Alexa Sandmann	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mike Ameling <u>11 a.m.</u> Bob Ethington
December 16 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED <u>11 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED (C) Kazia Bethel, Brycen Mitchell	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Tom Baumgardner <u>11 a.m.</u> Bob Foutty	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED <u>11 a.m.</u> Alexa Sandmann	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Dennis Dick <u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson
December 23 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED <u>11 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mike Ameling <u>11 a.m.</u> Dian Jenkins	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED <u>11 a.m.</u> Alexa Sandmann	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose <u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon
Christmas Eve December 24 7 & 10 p.m.	<u>7 p.m.</u> Abby Mormino, Maddie Mormino <u>10 p.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED	<u>7 p.m.</u> TBA <u>10 p.m.</u> Rachel Núñez	<u>7 p.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED <u>10 p.m.</u> Liz & Paul Anacki Debbie Ickes	<u>7 p.m.</u> TBA <u>10 p.m.</u> Mike Ameling
Christmas Day December 25 9:30 a.m.	<u>9:30 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED	<u>9:30 a.m.</u> TBA	<u>9:30 a.m.</u> TBA	<u>9:30 a.m.</u> TBA
December 30 9:30 a.m.	Dan Seiberling	Marsha Asente OR Deborah Ickes	Dan Seiberling	Lorin Sickafoose

USHERS

<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Bill Bulgrin Fletcher Carroll Donna Carroll <u>Ron Nockengost</u> Gary Radanof Dave Tiemann Kathy Tiemann Kathy Walsh Gloria Woodford	<u>11 a.m.</u> Gregg Loesch Pat McRowe Fred Rieman <u>Rich Williams</u>
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Underlined name indicates head usher.

altar CARE

Candles: Sonya Nagle & Marcy Nagy
Flowers: Susan Detwiler
Altar Care: Marcy Nagy & Lesli Eisenhart

Communion:
 Dec. 2, 8:30 a.m. Stephanie Black; 11 a.m. Alexa Sandmann/Susan Detwiler
 Dec. 9, 8:30 a.m. Stephanie Black; 11 a.m. Alexa Sandmann/Susan Detwiler
 Dec. 16, 8:30 a.m. Marsha Asent/Lynn Kane; 11 a.m. Alexa Sandmann/Susan Detwiler
 Dec. 23, 8:30 a.m. Marsha Asente; 11 a.m. Susan Detwiler/Joan Derrig
 Dec. 24, 7 p.m. TBA; 10 p.m. Joan Derrig
 Dec. 25, 9:30 a.m. Sally & Norm Richenbacher
 Dec. 30, 8:30 a.m. Linda Vowles/Cathy Wolverton; 11 a.m. Joan Derrig/Carol Seiberling



Communion Bread

Thank you to
KAREN NEVERGALL
PAT KELLER
CONNIE ARCHBOLD

for baking the communion bread throughout this month.

If you love baking, why not bake the Communion Bread to use during Sunday worship? The sign-up sheet and recipe can be found at the Welcome Center.

December 2018 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><i>Mission @ Work and 150th Anniversary activities appear in bold. For more information, please contact the Church office at (330) 376-5154. Thank you!</i></p>						<p>1 10 a.m. Stewardship Meeting (CL)</p>
<p>2 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10 a.m. Fellowship & Discipleship Classes 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks (PNO) 12:15 p.m. Agape Club (FH)</p>	<p>3 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (3rd floor)</p>	<p>4 8:30 a.m. Organ Tuning (Sanc). 3 p.m. LINKS (3rd floor) 5:00 p.m. Family Promise Event (FH) 5:30 p.m. Renaissance Team Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>5 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (3rd floor)</p>	<p>6 3 p.m. LINKS (3rd floor) 5 p.m. Girl Scouts (Rm. 202) 6 p.m. Mid-Week Worship (Sanc.) 6:20 p.m. Trinity Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. Dress Rehearsal for Lessons & Carols 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Study (SL)</p>	<p>7 7:30 p.m. Advent Procession of Lessons & Carols (Sanc.)</p>	<p>8 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 9 a.m. Lessons & Carols clean-up (FH) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open (Rm. 100 & FH)</p>
<p>9 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10 a.m. Fellowship & Discipleship Classes 12:15 p.m. Children's Choir (Rm. 106) 3 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)</p>	<p>10 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (3rd floor) 6:30 p.m. Youth & Education Team Meeting (SL)</p>	<p>11 12:00 p.m. Deacon Ruth in recital, St. Sebastian Parish 3 p.m. LINKS (3rd floor) 6 p.m. Personnel Team Meeting (CL) 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Team Meeting (SL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p>12 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (3rd floor)</p>	<p>13 3 p.m. LINKS (3rd floor) 5 p.m. Girl Scouts (Rm. 202) 6 p.m. Mid-Week Worship (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Study & Meal (SL) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bell Choir 7 p.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for Project RISE (Rm. 100 & FH) 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir</p>	<p>14 3:30 p.m. Property Team Meeting (SL)</p>	<p>15 9 a.m. Women's Bible Study (home of Velma Pomrenke) 6:00 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Christmas Dinner & meeting (FH)</p>
<p>16 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10 a.m. Fellowship & Discipleship Classes 12:15 p.m. Lunch & Devo's (Room 202) 12:15 p.m. Children's Choir (Rm. 106)</p>	<p>17 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (3rd floor)</p>	<p>18 3 p.m. LINKS (3rd floor) 6 p.m. Council (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p>19 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship w/ Eucharist (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (3rd floor) 6 p.m. Internship Meeting (SL)</p>	<p>20 3 p.m. LINKS (3rd floor); last day for the year 5 p.m. Girl Scouts (Rm. 202) 6 p.m. Mid-Week Worship (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Study & Meal (SL) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bell Choir 7 p.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for Project RISE (Rm. 100 & FH) 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir</p>	<p>21 7:30 p.m. Arts @ Holy Trinity — Les Délices (Sanc.)</p>	<p>22 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open (Rm. 100 & FH)</p>
<p>23 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10 a.m. Fellowship & Discipleship Classes 12:15 p.m. Children's Choir (Rm. 106) 3 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)</p>	<p>24 CHRISTMAS EVE 6:45 p.m. Christmas Prelude 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service 9:30 p.m. Christmas Prelude 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</p>	<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY Church Office Closed 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Worship w/Eucharist</p>	<p>26 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 6-11 p.m. Youth Christmas Dinner & Movie @ Tallmadge Dance Studio</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10 a.m. Fellowship & Discipleship Classes 12:15 p.m. Children's Choir (Rm. 106) 12:30 p.m. High School Hangout (Room 103)</p>	<p>31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 1 p.m. Church office closes</p>					

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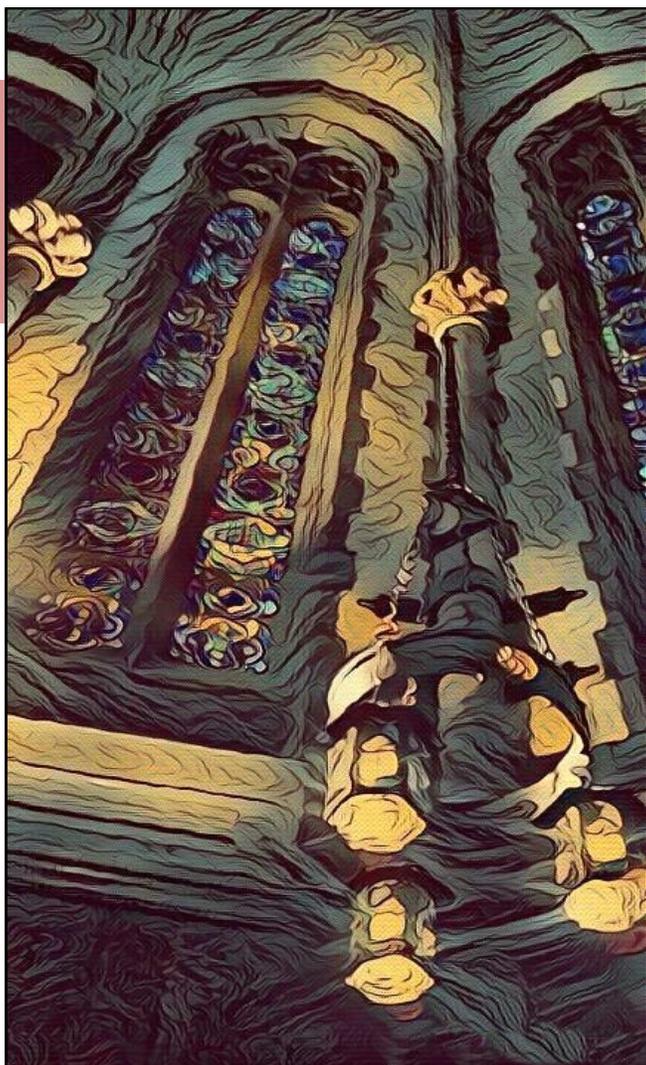
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2018-2019 Concert Series
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Advent Procession of Lessons & Carols

with St. Sebastian Parish Choir
Friday, December 7, 7:30 p.m.

Hear the story of salvation from Bible readings, choral anthems and congregational hymns that move us from darkness to light, Advent to Christmas. Music leaders include adult and youth vocal choirs, a brass ensemble, combined handbell choirs and instrumentalists.

**A freewill offering will benefit OPEN M in Akron.*

NOTE: Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

A festive reception follows in Fellowship Hall. †