



Trinity Trumpeter—Fall 2022

One Community—United in Jesus' Name

It seems that summer was too short this year. I don't know if it was our local weather, all the things going on or if autumn just seemed to take over on short notice. I am seeing pumpkins and mums everywhere and the stores are clearing shelves and displays for Halloween and even Christmas items. Most of us here at Trinity already know that the time flies by like Steven King's, "My Pretty Pony." Let's not add to that loss of precious time by winding ourselves into a twist. Summer may be ending but so is the hard work of mulching, gardening, and weeding. All that hard work is beginning to pay off with delicious fresh fruits and veggies.

Summer may be slipping away, but the world is getting ready to take a rest ... and so should we as we look toward the season of Advent, which begins on November 27th this year and requires us to slow down and meditate on the mercy of God and Incarnation of our Lord.

You will notice the Chicken Barbeque fund raiser, the Food Pantry & Undie Sundie, The Fall Youth Ministry will be in full swing, but all these things are to help celebrate the coming of our Lord and not to cause the congregation stress. We also hope to have a Bible Study beginning in early November. I also will be doing a book study the Fellowship community has a full calendar of activities. So there will be plenty to choose to partake in.

Several years ago I read a book called *The Solace of Fierce Landscapes*. It was aimed primarily at desert landscapes where I found spiritual wholeness easier to achieve with so little to distract from prayer and meditation. It occurs to me that there is no fiercer landscape than one with dormant plants, deciduous trees and a smooth blanket of snow and ice. Both landscapes are Fierce, both are devoid of distractions, both are silent and both will easily kill you if you don't respect their power.

"Geography can be a simple form of theology---Jon Levenson." We can only see God in the world around us, so our perception of God can be influenced by place. God never spoke to the Prophets in the busy streets or market places. He always approached them in the wilderness. I suggest the wilderness can be your own small balcony or snow filled back yard. You only have to sit and listen, watch the leaves fall, but worry about raking them latter. Take in the beauty as the God begins to renew the world after a long sleep. What does this mean to us as Christians?

It is a time of reflection as I mentioned above, but we can also reflect on our own lives and let the Holy Spirit speak to us through our memories both sad and joyful. Let the Spirit retell the story as of our own lives as we see the world changing around us. Realize this is our fate as well, to be made new again through the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May God bless you in this season of transition.

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October 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9 am–11 Boy Scout Advancement
*2 Animal Blessing 9 am HE Rite II 10 am coffee hr 7 pm AA Meeting	3 10-2 Rev. Shannon's office hrs 10 am knitting 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	4 10-2 Rev. Shannon's office 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	5 7 pm Boy Scouts	6 8:30 pm AA Meeting	7	8
9 9 am HE Rite II 10 am coffee hr 7 pm AA Meeting	10 10-2 Rev. Shannon's office hrs 10 am knitting 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	11 10-2 Rev. Shannon's office 7 pm Red, White & Bluegrass Jam	12 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Circle of Discussion	13 8:30 pm AA Meeting	14	*15 11 am Chicken BBQ
*16 Family Sunday 9 am HE Rite II 10 am coffee hr 11 am Vestry Meet- ing 7 pm AA Meeting	17 10-2 Rev. Shannon's office hrs 10 am knitting 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	18 10-2 Rev. Shannon's office 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	19 7 pm Boy Scouts	20 8:30 pm AA Meeting	21	*22 5 pm Octoberfest
23 9 am HE Rite II 10 am coffee hr 7 pm AA Meeting	24 10-2 Rev. Shannon's office hrs 10 am knitting 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	25 10-2 Rev. Shannon's office 7 pm Red, White & Bluegrass Jam	26 7 pm Boy Scouts	27 8:30 pm AA Meeting	28 Diocesan Convention 9:30 am Warden Registra- tion	29 Convention Reconvenes @ 9 am
30 All Saints Day 9 am HE Rite II 10 am coffee hr 7 pm AA Meeting	31 Halloween 10-2 Rev. Shannon's office hrs 10 am knitting 6:30 pm Cub Scouts					

*October 02, Blessing of the animals @ Noon

*October 15, Chicken BBQ 11 am–4 pm

*October 16, Family Sunday @ 9 am

*October 22, Beef on Weck dinner @ 5 pm

Warden's Corner



Summer has passed the torch onto Fall and left many great memories behind; a very successful new program 'Fun with Friends' engaged local youth in a wide variety of activities, Trinity's 10th Annual Golf Tournament was a huge success with close to \$6000 raised for on-going outreach programs, and we were all kept comfortable thanks to Trinity's first air conditioning system!

It was a busy summer but we're not done yet! Please join us for The Blessing of the Animals celebrating Saint Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 2, 2022 at noon under the picnic shelter. Following the Blessing of the Animals is the Trinity Chicken BBQ on October 15th. Volunteers are welcome! Please ensure you have returned your sold and unsold tickets (money) as soon as possible. We decided to have two back-to-back fundraisers as very few places are offering Chicken BBQs right now and the weather is still in our favor.

Then mark your calendar for a Beef on Weck dinner (free will offering) provided by the Fellowship Committee on October 22nd. The committee is also planning a game night, turkey dinner (or game day, turkey luncheon) for late in November - more information to come. Every third Sunday going forward will be designated as Family Sunday and will involve children of school age in the Sunday service.

As we enter into this period of giving thanks we also ask you to consider donating some of your **TIME**, **TALENT** and **TREASURE** to thank Our Lord for his love and grace. There are many opportunities to get involved in the Trinity experience. Being an Usher, Greeter, Lector or Acolyte involves a small amount of **TIME**. Working with Youth programs, Christian Education, or any related worship groups such as the Altar Guild or Worship Committee and volunteering for activities such as the Cookie Exchange are all excellent ways to demonstrate your **TALENTS**, and of course we can all evaluate our **TREASURE** as we start our annual stewardship campaign. Please pray on your current giving and consider increasing your pledge for 2023 on Pledge Sunday, November 06, 2022.

Yours in faith,

Cami and Maggie, Trinity Wardens

Fall Youth Ministry Program

Our summer program and Labyrinth event was highly successful and yes, fun! There was a lot of interest in continuing a program for school-aged children in grades 1 and up. We thought it would be easiest to do so by designating ONE Sunday a month for "Fall Fun with Friends" coinciding with the start of the regular church service time. This is the Third Sunday of each month.

Sunday, September 18th

Sunday, October 16th

Sunday, November 20th

Sunday, December 18th

Family Christmas eve service on Saturday, December 24th.

We begin at 9:00 a.m. in the undercroft with a snack and conversation. Our typical activities will include music & movement, team-oriented problem-solving games, and crafts that can be completed in our short lessons. During the announcements part of the worship service, all students will come upstairs to participate in Holy Communion. This will help prepare the students for the tableau for Christmas eve. Of course, there is no cost for this program for families participating.



Logo Design by: Mike Place

Our fall theme is "understanding our worship practices" which includes what do we mean by "Holy", what happens during Holy Communion, and our personal connections to God. We hope to have students attend all of these dates. Regular attendance on these Sundays will be necessary to prepare a Christmas eve tableau of the nativity scene.



The Children's Talk

by Susan Ciminelli

This new column features ways to have a conversation with our children to help them grow in spirit and in their understanding of God. For several years prior to the pandemic, we have been disheartened by news of the mental health of our youth, gun violence, and lack of compassion and hope. Our children need God in their lives and we need to know how to help them grow stronger spiritually.

When I prepare a five-minute children's talk, I start planning by identifying the message. The message, is about sharing from God's Word, by using plain language and making it relevant to the child's experience. In this example, my message is "God Loves You". So my next step is to think about what the child or children will wonder about or what they already know about my message. I come up with a list of questions that the children might ask.

Why does God love me?
How does God know me?
How do I know God loves me?
Is God like a parent?
How do I talk to God?
Does God hear me?

The children's talk is about conversation. So I am looking for questions that get kids to talk, to share their ideas and ask questions themselves. Questions are great ways to keep the thinking going even after your talk is over. Our worry as the adult is often "What do I do if I don't know the answer?" Actually this is what often prevents us from having these spiritual conversations to begin with.

So here's my advice.

Be honest: It's okay to say "I'm not sure." "I'll have to - think, pray or read more - about that." Or "That's a great question and one I didn't think of until you said that." Acknowledging that you too are learning is a real answer. After all, isn't that part of having faith? Sometimes we have to have faith because we don't know all the answers. When we model that thinking, it gives children the reassurance that we can trust God, we don't have to have all the answers, and as part of our faith we continue to seek answers from God.

Remember your mission: It's not about having all the answers. Its about stimulating curiosity and a desire to know more about God and His message for all of us. Perhaps you can add a question you have that you don't have an answer for too. "You know what I always wondered..." is a great way to fuel thinking.

Keep it short: When I said "5-minute talk" I meant it. To do this, keep it simple and keep the child's age and experience in mind. This is the start for a great, open, two-way conversation. The hard part is when we get bogged down in words WE know that they don't. One of the biggest caveats I have when planning a children's talk is to watch out for the vocabulary. If you are going to use a word they won't know, be prepared to provide a simple explanation. For example, the word "scripture" is not usually a common word in the daily life of a child. Weeding out all unfamiliar words not only prevents the child from getting "cognitive overload", but also helps you stay on track with your message.

The Recap: 1) Decide on a simple message, 2) Think of good questions to stimulate thinking, 3) Avoid vocabulary or answers that will derail your conversation, 4) Keep it short.

Winners Announced from The 10th Annual Trinity Church Golf Tournament

Our golf tournament at Eden Valley Golf Course was picture perfect on Saturday, Sept 10th. Seventeen foursomes enjoyed the great weather, a well-maintained course, and delicious dinner. It is our pleasure to announce the top golfers who participated and won in the various categories. The 1st Place Mixed Team was Leanna Twoguns, Lisa Brosius, Chris Brosius, and Angel Cortes. The 1st Place Ladies Team was Nancy Galanis, Cynthia Hopkins, Sandy Luder- man, and Barbara Baker. 3rd Place Mens Team was Bob Ryan, Jack Ford, Mike Ryan, and Bill Morse. 2nd Place Mens Team was Mick Schamberger, John Schamberger, Jim Schamberger and Woody Benzin. 1st Place Mens Team was Mike Fleming, Jacob Thompson, Kevin Maggard, and Paul Augustine. Ron Bucki won the “Closest to the Pin” category. Lisa Brosius won the Women’s Longest Drive and Jim Hessel won Longest Drive for the Men.

Mike Place was the Master of Ceremonies for the awards program. This was followed by over 47 gift basket raffle prizes. Among the raffle prizes was a framed and autographed Peerless Price numbered Buffalo Bills jersey. Another high-value prize in the raffle was donated by Pietrocarlos’ Eden Wine & Liquor. Corporate Sponsors for this event were West Herr Auto and Nu Waste, LLC, The UPS Stores of Hamburg and Cheektowaga, Town Automotive Group, and Loomis, Offers, & Loomis, Inc. There were also many businesses and personal donations for Hole Sponsors including Campbell & Associates, Urban Valet, Hunt Real Estate, Eden Shurfine, T&A Tree Service, Fences by Precision, 716 Tax Prep, and Service Tech Eden. Our thanks go out to all our golfers, corporate and business sponsors, those who contributed to our basket raffles and to all the volunteers who took part in making this year’s tournament a great success!

1st Place foursome



2nd Place mens foursome



3rd Place mens foursome



Top ladies foursome



Top Mixed foursome



Golf Total Intake	Total Counted Sales Closed	Reserved for Cash PRIZES	Category SubTotal	Final Total Cash and PrePaid
Sponsors - Corporate			\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Hole Sponsors			\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
Golfers Registration			\$ 5,669.00	\$5,669.00
Dinner Only			\$630.00	\$630.00
Mulligans	\$295.00		\$295.00	\$295.00
Baskets	\$740.00	\$190.00	\$930.00	\$930.00
50/50 Raffle	\$670.00		\$335.00	\$335.00
Jersey & Booze Basket	\$345.00		\$345.00	\$345.00
Longest Putt Contest	skipped this activity	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Checks for raffles	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
			Grand Total Intake	\$12,814.00
			Total Expenditures	\$6,884.14
			Total Profit After Expenditures	\$5,929.86

2022 Golf Tournament Expenses	Amt	Amt to Deduct from Profits
Expense		
Printing & Corp Signs - UPS receipt)	\$ 274.00	\$274.00
Advertising through Facebook	\$ 50.00	\$50.00
Water bottles - 4 cases	donation	\$0.00
Advertisement in Hamburg Sun	\$ 223.56	\$ 223.56
Golf Balls for gift bags	\$ 226.58	\$ 226.58
Tournament(72@75.00)	\$ 5,400.00	
Dinners (26 @\$20)	\$ 520.00	
Total paid to Eden Valley Golf Course	\$ 5,920.00	\$5,920.00
Early Bird Drawing	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00
Email/ Name Drawing	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00
Total Expenditures for Tournament		\$6,884.14

To our Trinity Church Family (and anyone who wishes to come!)

Come and join our Circle of Discussion to see what fresh perspectives emerge from our reading and study of John's Gospel. In this study by Anglican theologian N. T. Wright, "we discover the clues John gives that we might see even more clearly the reality of who Jesus is, the new creation He inaugurates, and the difference that all makes." The first of four gospel Circles of Discussion, John for Everyone, will begin on Wednesday evening, October 12th, from 7 – 8:30 pm. The end date for completion of our study has yet to be determined. A Study Guide will be provided. Come and See!

The Gospel of John Learning More About Jesus – "Come and See" **An Invitation**

Anglican theologian and author, Tom Wright believes that Western Christianity has misunderstood the Gospels. Wright, one of today's premier Bible Scholars and bestselling authors, believes that for many Christians the foundational Christian belief is that Jesus died on the Cross for our sins, and the most important result of that action is that believers go to heaven when we die. But, according to Wright, the good news is not just about going to Heaven.

The Gospel, he claims, is about a "loving God who fulfilled his promise to Israel and sent a Messiah – God's rescue operation to put into effect once and for all time: the finding, the saving, the giving of new life in Jesus." According to Wright, Heaven is actually a restoration of our physical universe, one which includes a new, resurrected Earth.

Whether one is familiar with the Gospels or is discovering for the first time how Jesus reveals the power of God, the Gospel of John offers a perspective on Jesus that is very different from the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. John tells us in his gospel that he was inspired to write so "that we might believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name." John 20:30,31. As Christ followers, we are to see everlasting and abundant life as immediately relevant: at school, playing sports, in the workplace, working through social and family pressures, in our church communities, in our politics, and in our relationships with those around us.

We often think of the 'Gospel' as the part that brings the forgiveness of sins (and of course, that is part of the idea), but the Gospel is "the announcement that everything has changed in the coming of Jesus, and it leads us to a new kind of living. It is a Kingdom of God lifestyle with allegiance to a King as the ultimate restorer who rescued the world from corruption, death, and decay. We are his workers and are to reflect that good news of a new way of life in a world that is seeking answers in profoundly short-sighted ways, rather than in the Way of Jesus." According to Tom Wright, "When you announce that Jesus Christ is the Lord of the world, crucified and risen, you are simultaneously saying, "You need to believe in Him for your own present and eternal justification and salvation, BUT this also means that he is claiming the whole creation as his own and wants to renew and restore it, and flood it with justice and his love - and if you're signing on to believe in Him, you've got to be part of that project."

So, what does it mean "to be part of this project?" Initial faith, trust in who He is and what His death and resurrection mean personally and corporately, certainly is important. However, "John's Gospel also helps us to see Christianity beyond the scope of a 'one-time' decision. The Gospel of John encourages us to allow the faith we have placed in Christ to penetrate below the surface of our hearts and minds. He invites us to truly encounter the person and work of Jesus Christ – to allow Him to renew us, convict us, and ultimately change us to the core."

Being part of the project also means that the church is an alternate society, not simply a collection of individuals who are forgiven. "It is a 'holy (distinct and set apart) nation, I Peter 2:9, a counterculture, a new society in which the world can see what family dynamics, business practices, race relations, and all of life can look like when the Spirit begins to heal all the effects of sin: psychological, social, and physical."

So now that summer is officially over, this might be a good time for us all to gather, take a step back, and see what emerges from John's way of telling us the story of God in the world. For this reason, beginning on Wednesday evening, October 12th, at 7 – 8:30 pm, we invite you to come and join in what we hope to be the first of four gospel Circles of Discussion. The end date for our first study is yet to be determined. Our topic will include fresh perspectives from our study of N. T. Wright's, *John for Everyone*. A Study Guide will be provided. Come and See!

Your Facilitator: *Linda Barber*

Amusing “musings”

I find the upcoming lesson for All Saints' Day interesting. Common folk like me (in other words, *NOT* Saints) struggle with praying for our enemies. We really have a hard time with forgiveness, let alone praying for someone who continues to irritate us. LOL!

So I took my cue from Rev'd Shannon and out of curiosity, looked in the Prayer section of the BCP and lo and behold - if we struggle with forming the words for such a prayer, there on page 816 is the perfect solution in prayer #6. I continued hunting for more and sure enough there are several prayers also that serve to “pray for our enemies” - #14, #27, #26 which is quite unique! and #28. (I leave it to you to be curious enough to examine these prayers and to discover why I found #26 unique.)

So what I learned from my adventure through The Prayers section is that we have no excuse for not praying for our enemies - there are plenty of ways for one to do so if one just looks. Of course, one must first have the *desire* to look. I thought about the words I had fashioned into a prayer and have used up to now. It seems these words, "to help my enemies reflect on their deeds and change their hearts" - isn't really cutting the mustard. My less than saintly sentiment was just wish fulfillment and still wanting to get my own way. *sigh* Sainthood is so far away! I'm still learning how to pray!



Wonderful things happen when we work together!!!

Churches in Action, a group of 17 churches, had their annual Undie Sunday, 9/25 and the results were amazing. 17 organizations are being given generous supply of new undergarments to pass out to their clients. Some clients don't have or have never owned new undergarments but now they will because of everyone's generosity.

Trinity was honored to host the sorting, packaging and distribution in our shelter. Even though it was raining cats and dogs, we stayed nice and dry under the shelter.

A special thank you to Marie Lavis and Cheryl Lesch for all their help.

This is an annual event so it's never too early to start stocking up for next year!

God Bless,

Linda Campbell



October Birthdays

Edward Embler
Brad Hafner
Frank Julian III
Leslie Kintner

Happy Birthday!

November Birthdays

Sue Ciminelli
Marie Lavis
Shannon Collis
Sarah Saunders
Carol Foster
Christina Gervase
Gary Gotsch



October 15, 11 am till 4 pm or sold out—Chicken BBQ

October 22, 5 pm —Octoberfest Beef on Weck

November 12, 5 pm— Turkey Dinner & Game Nite

December 11—Stir up Sunday Cookie Sale

December 24 -Wassail 1/2 hour prior to service



Erie County Cancer Services

- Cancer Services Program covers the cost of a screening mammogram for those age 40-74 with little or no health insurance, as well as a provider visit for a Clinical Breast Exam if needed.
- Anyone under age 40 with concerning symptoms or considered to be at increased risk may also qualify.
- We partner with more than 20 imaging centers throughout Erie County and over 25 physician offices to provide a high quality and convenient location for everyone.
- Call us today for more information and to schedule an appointment at the location of your choice. Call us today and #JustScreenIt! 716-858-7376.

IN-CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES 9:00AM

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