



Trinity Topics

"Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths" ~Psalm 25:3

To the Beloved People of Trinity:

Happy Church New Year and a blessed Advent to you! This time of the church year, more than others, is in stark contrast to the general atmosphere around us. In our readings we will hear the call to "prepare" and to "keep awake", but we are not called to prepare meals or Christmas gifts. Instead we are called to prepare for the coming of Christ. But even this call is not just in reference to the coming of the baby Jesus at Christmas, but a deeper calling to prepare for the second-coming of Jesus. As the Rev. Julia Gatta writes, "the spirituality of Advent is marked by an urgent longing...Advent allows us to acknowledge the incompleteness of things, since the world as we know it is plainly far from perfect." (Life in Christ, p111) The season of Advent calls us to look toward the future, and to prepare.

On a parish level, I know that you all have been doing the work of preparation for a while. You have prayerfully considered the path that you want for this church, and what that meant in calling me as your priest. And I believe that the Holy Spirit was with us both in that process. But, our work of preparation as a parish is not done. As we settle into this new phase of the church's life, it is time for us to now together envision what we are called to do as the disciples of Christ in this specific church, in this specific location. And I am deeply looking forward to doing this visioning with you. So, let us all keep awake to the movement of the Holy Spirit around us.

On a deeper level, Advent is my favorite season, but also one that I have to wrestle with. If you're like me, then the thought of the "end of times" might make you feel uncomfortable. But, what I have learned over the years is that this discomfort around the eschatology (the end of times) falls solely with those of privilege. Those who have been marginalized and oppressed find great hope in the idea that "every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low." (Isaiah 40:4) If you, too, feel discomfort around the idea of the hills being made low, then I would invite you to reflect on several questions this Advent: What about the end of times makes you uncomfortable? What would you lose/gain if all were made even? What are you afraid of?

Be gentle with yourself as you ask these questions, and do not judge yourself. Instead use them as a means of preparing your heart so that there is space to invite Christ in without hesitation!

Peace and All Good,
Mtr. Alane+

WARDEN'S WORLD

The 150th Diocesan Convention was held in Wilmington, Ohio on November 22 and 23 with the theme of "Gather, Transform, and Send". It is somewhat like our Mission of "Invite, Include and Inspire". Bishop White was joined by her friend and colleague, the Most Rev. Melissa Skelton, retired archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster in the Anglican Church of Canada. Representing Trinity were Mother Alane, Susan and myself.

The two Bishops offered a joint plenary on Friday afternoon, followed by three sets of in-person-only workshops, each set of workshops focused on a segment of theme. Their presentations were excellent, informative, and fun. The workshops were likewise worthwhile. They allowed for much input and sharing from the attending congregations.

Saturday was the usual business day. Elections were held for a cleric to the Budget Committee, two clerics and three laypersons to the Diocesan Council, one cleric and one layperson to the Standing Committee, two laypersons and one cleric to the Trustees of the Diocese, and one cleric and one layperson to the Trustees of the Church Foundation. Several Resolutions were passed, the most exciting would be the change of designation for Church of Our Saviour, Mechanicsburg and Church of the Epiphany, Urbana from mission statues to parish. The Budget was presented and approved.

The 2025 Convention will be held in Hamilton on November 14 and 15.

Be Safe, Be Well, We Love You

Jim

"Beloved, God has gathered us together as the Body of Christ from 71 congregations across Southern Ohio for this particular time. Remember who you are, as disciples of Jesus. Remember that we belong to one another, and that together, we belong to God.

-Bishop Kristin Uffelman White



NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

TRINITY YOUTH FOOD DRIVE



The Trinity youth held a food drive on November 3. With your help, 200lbs of food were collected and given to First Place Food Pantry. Thank you!

INGATHERING SUNDAY



Thanks to your generosity, our numbers this year are up!

Totals will be announced at the Parish Meeting in January.



KIRKING OF THE TARTANS — NOVEMBER 17, 2024



"We thank you for the Kirk of Christ, and the pattern of living to which we have been called in Him."

DECEMBER WORSHIP

ADVENT

10:30: Sundays Dec. 8, 15, and 22

GREENING OF THE CHURCH

DECEMBER 22

Following 10:30 service.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

4:00 pm: Tuesday, December 24

Holy Eucharist and Candlelight



CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

10:30 am



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Joanne Howell (12/2), Joan Swank (12/5),
Susan Beerbower (12/6), Benjamin Anticoli ((12/8), Jennie Ambrosio (12/16),
Kevin Pfeiler (12/19, Samuel K. Pfeiler (12/28)
Patrick and Elizabeth Jacobs (12/14)

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



If you would like to donate towards Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, sign-up sheets are at the table at the east entrance of the church and in the Parish Hall. You can also call or email the church office at 335-7747 or email to trinitychurch@trinitytroyohio.org by December 20.



Christmas Gathering at the home of The Cobb's 6655 Kessler Frederick Road Tipp City, Ohio

Date: December 20, 2024 Time: 5:30 p.m.

Bring a dish to share and beverage of choice. Non Alcoholic beverages will be provided along with a spiral turkey breast.

RSVP to Carole Cobb Wabasso12@aol.com or 937-477-7370

Car pooling will be available

PARTNERS IN HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOP

The Church will be receiving donations through Dec 8th.

Items that can be donated include NEW toys (no clothing), toiletry item, Walmart, Amazon, Kohl's, Kroger, and Meijer gift cards (up to \$50), cash, checks, wrapping paper, and tape.

Gifts for seniors could include lotion gift sets, electric razors, twin bedding/blankets/pillows/skillets/ pots and pans/ hats and gloves/ and large print books.

A wish list will be created on Amazon for specific items that are needed.

Please see the Partners in Hope website for a link to the wish list.

www.partnersinhopeinc.org

Items can also be donated directly to Partners in Hope

December Calendar

Monthly Calendar:

Friday	12/6	1:00 pm	Fellowship Committee
Monday	12/9	7:00 pm	Vestry
Tuesday	12/17	11:00 am	Social Ministry
Sunday	12/22	After the Service	Greening of the Church

Weekly:

Sundays:	9:15 am	Advent Book Study	Workman Lounge
Sundays:	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Sanctuary
Mondays:	9:15 am	Contemplative Prayer	Zoom Meeting ID: 386 343 8215
Wednesdays:	7:00 pm	Celtic Compline	Workman Lounge

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