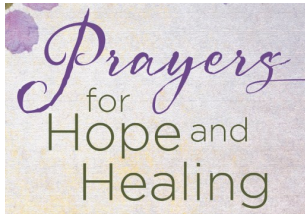


The Trinity Trumpet

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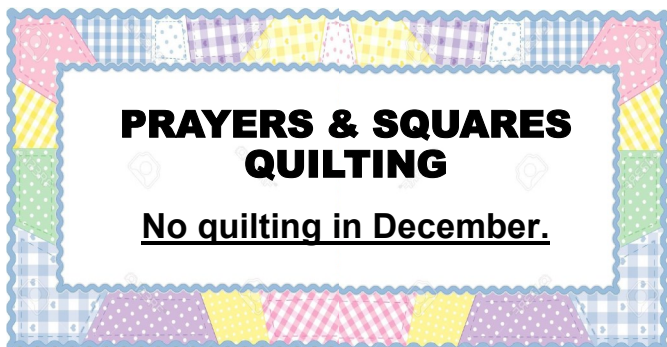
- Holly McEldowney—Cancer
- Kenny Hesler—General health
- Amanda Spahr—Brain issues
- Aiden Snyder—Leukemia returned
- Jerry Higgins—Cancer
- Janet—Hospice
- Amber
- Gracee
- Peace in Ukraine & People of Ukraine
- Karen Cline—Kidney
- Jody Hesler—Safety
- Jayne Connair—Cancer free
- Brian Connair—Headaches & throat issue
- Bev Zimmer—Health
- Mike Gray—Healing
- Marvin Fourman—Health
- Tyler Morris—Paralyzed from auto accident
- Mary Piel—Health
- Patti Troutwine—Recovery at home
- Paul Schmitmeyer—Health
- Mary Lou Lewis—Breast cancer
- Mike Goodwin—Cancer
- Jim Brown—Health
- Earlene Morris—Health
- Chris Mumaw—Cancer remission
- Grayson Naff—Batten, Rare childhood disease
- Mary Beth Printz—Health

Prayer Concerns— Current and ongoing

- Brycelin Troutwine—Health issues
- Eric Snyder—Hospice
- Katherine Jump—Health
- Scott Troutwine—Cancer
- Jeanne Campbell—Cancer
- Jane Baxter—Healing
- Jr. Koos—Health
- Israel fighting
- Lowell Rhoades—Heart
- Paul Cline—Health
- Allison—Seizures
- Trinity Youth—Growing in their faith
- Jack Bechtol —Health
- Doug Etter—Colon Cancer
- Melanie Musser—Kidney function
- Dennis & Ellen McDonnell—Health
- Jerry E—Health
- Jeff Sebring—Health
- John Lawhorn—Glaucoma
- Shirley Shouders & Son Tyler—Health
- Steve & Joetta—Emotional strength
- Norma Crawford—Aging issues
- Dale Spahr—Healing
- Glenda Case—Health
- Marge Warner—Healing
- Jim Tappen—Cancer
- Linda Darlage—Health
- Lilly Cleveland—Rehab
- Brixton—Health
- Bob Harter—Health
- Lynn Spahr—Heart
- Marlene Dirksen—Leg & foot pain
- Jan Giraro—Chronic pain/Depression
- Anders Family
- Cary Feitsans—Health
- Shirley Hensel—Cancer returned
- Michelle—Health
- David Netzley—Diabetes/Surgery
- Brenda Harleman—Cancer
- Glen Wolf—Healing
- Niki Angles—Strength
- Jim & Sally Swingley—Health
- Pat Rademachir—Health
- Constance Menke—Health
- Amber Ross
- Brooke Bergman—Car accident
- Tim Geeding—Health
- Ronnie Bridenbaugh—ICU
- Jason Schenck—Cancer
- Hurricane Victims, Survivors & Disaster Relief Teams
- Sam Porter—Healing
- Sidney Brown—Head injury
- Erick Pelfrey—Knee Surgery
- Brenda Strader
- Todd Troutwine—Accidental fall
- Jack Myers—Surgery recovery
- Miller Weiss—Surgery recovery
- Lowell Rhoades—Health
- Jason Kistler—Knee surgery

Our sympathy

**to the family of
Todd McMullen**



PRAYERS & SQUARES QUILTING

No quilting in December.

Prayer requests may be emailed at anytime to trinityprayers@woh.rr.com and upon receipt your request will be shared so that many will be praying immediately.

Ladies & Gents Luncheon

No Luncheon in December

Youth & Family Ministry



As you Teach...
Don't become weary
in doing good, for at
the proper time you
will reap a harvest...

Galatians 6:9



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Youth Sunday School is aimed at pre-K through 6th grade. Marlene Dirksen is our Sunday School Coordinator. If you would like to make a positive impact on our youth- please see Marlene. I am sure she would love to have you assist with Sunday School.

Trinity Troops - (4th, 5th, and 6th graders). We will be working on the comfort kids' blankets. Watch for an updated meeting day.

Confirmation Class - Confirmation is for those youth in 7th and 8th grade. Confirmation is currently each Sunday starting at 9 am.

Acolyte training - Any youth who wishes to serve as an acolyte - please contact the Pastor or Ms. PJ. Be sure to sign on the acolyte calendar when you serve.

Adult Sunday School - Come join us for some fellowship prior to church service. Adult Sunday School is from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. PJ will currently be leading this group.

Advent Soup Suppers - 4th, 11th, and 18th. "Not a Silent Night" by Adam Hamilton. Imagine Jesus from Mary's point-of-view—proud of her son, in awe of his gifts and mission, guided by love for him as a person

Special Sunday School offering. No special guest speakers in November or December.

Youth and Family Ministry Meeting - Meeting on December 5th at 10am. We will be planning for the Christmas program. This meeting is open to all members of Trinity.

Youth Quake - January 3rd-5th. Help support our youth by purchasing candy bars after church.

Christmas Program - Every Knee Shall Bow - December 8th.

Practice will be December 7th at 10 am.

Vacation Bible School- Mark your calendars- July 8th and 10th 2025!

Video/book club- No meetings in December.

All things work together for good to them that love God. Romans 8:28
PJ Musser, (937-626-3295), Youth and Family Ministry Leader (2023-2024)

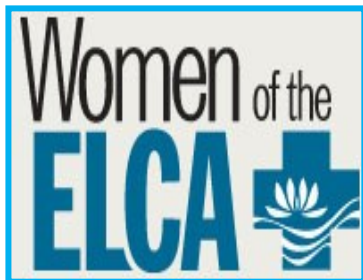


At Trinity
February 1 --- 6-9 pm

BORED BY WINTER? We have the perfect solution! Join us for Trinity's Euchre Tournament on Saturday, February 1, 6-9PM. Not only are we having a Euchre Tournament, but also a make your favorite soup to share contest. We need at least 20 euchre players or more. The cost to enter the euchre tournament is \$5.00 per player. Prizes will be distributed at the end to 4 euchre competitors. Prizes will be given for top 3 soup winners. Please bring quarters because quarters go in a jar if you are euchred. Don't know how to play Euchre? Marge Warner will teach you. You can always come to watch, too. Have a Question? Call Marge at 937-623-2544.

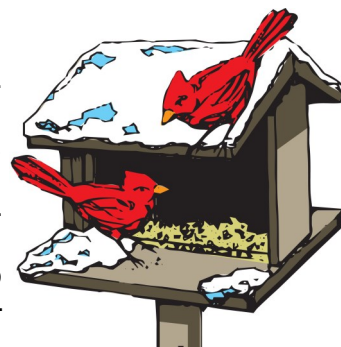
DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY TRINITY TRUMPET IS DECEMBER 17th.

DECEMBER 2024



Did you know that December was one of the original months in the ancient Roman calendar, which was in use from around 750 BC until 45 BC. In this original Roman calendar, December was the tenth month. December means “tenth month.” When Julius Caesar changed the calendar in 45 BC to the Julian calendar, he added two

months, January and February, which were inserted at the beginning of the calendar year. These changes have forever cursed December to be a month with the wrong name.



December’s birth flowers are the holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) and the paperwhite Narcissus (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*)—a relative of the daffodil with lovely white blooms.

December’s traditional birthstone is turquoise. It is considered a symbol of good fortune and success. Zircon and Tanzanite are also considered to be December birthstones.

“Just for Fun” Holidays:

- Dec. 11: International Mountain Day
- Dec. 13: National Violin Day
- Dec. 13: National Day of the Horse
- Dec. 16: Underdog Day
- Dec. 26: National Candy Cane Day



Important Days in December:

- December 1 is the First Sunday of Advent, marking the beginning of the Advent season.
- December 6 is Saint Nicholas Day. The patron saint of children is the model for Santa Claus and gift-giving.
- December 7 is National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.
- December 13 is St. Lucia’s Day, which has long been associated with festivals of light. Before the Gregorian calendar reform in 1752, her feast day occurred on the shortest day of the year (hence the saying “Lucy light, Lucy light, shortest day and longest night”).
- December 15 is Bill of Rights Day.
- December 17 is Wright Brothers Day.
- December 21 is the Winter Solstice—the astronomical day when the Earth is farthest away from the Sun.
- December 25 is Christmas Day, commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ.
- December 25 also marks the beginning of Hanukkah this year, the eight-day Jewish festival of lights.
- December 26 is Boxing Day (Canada, UK) and the first day of Kwanzaa.
- On the last evening of the year, December 31, kiss the person you hope to keep kissing!

Our next meeting is December 4th at 11:30. This will be our Christmas Celebration.

Games! Laughter! Food!

Bring an appetizer or small dessert to share.

Bring a \$15 dollar wrapped gift for gift exchange-if you want to participate in the exchange.

Thank you to Portia for heading up the decorations!!

Fund Raising Activities:

Rada Knife ongoing fund raiser- see Portia. Cleaning Cloths- see Diane Warner
Raffle Hand Towels by Linda

Jesus loves you and so do !!

PJ- WELCA president at Pittsburg Trinity Lutheran Church 2024/2025

Word from Our Pastor

⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (John 15:7)

My Dear Siblings in Christ - Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, amen.

It's that time of year again. My older grandchildren have been instructed to make out their Christmas lists and submit them to me for consideration. For those who still believe in Santa Clause, and they all still "Officially" believe, I promise to forward their requests to the jolly old elf. We all know the drill. He's making a list, checking it twice, and always knows who's been naughty or nice... For the little ones, I make sure 'Santa' writes them back, letting them know he indeed has received their letter and their wish list is under consideration. The letter always contains a reminder that Santa is watching and will know if and when they misbehave...



The verse I quoted above is one of many Bible verses on the subject of making a wish or a Wishlist.



When I asked my BibleWorks software to search the entire Bible for the word "Wish" it found 63 occurrences. As I read through each and every one of those verses, I quickly realized the verse I quoted above is the only place in the entire Bible where we are told to ask for whatever we wish and it will be granted. I wish for more stuff and, poof, God makes me rich beyond my wildest dreams! Not! Many heresies have been committed by only reading the second half of John 15:7. We like to hear, "ask, and it will be given unto you", but we forget about the part where we first have to abide in Christ and allow God's Word to abide in us.

I'm glad we don't have to make a list of our wants and needs for God. Even when we pray, God already knows what we need. We pray to help tame our selfish desires and allow God to reshape us into the person God can use in the world. When I make my list known to God, I try to remember to add, "not my will, but your will be done." Even so, my lists hardly ever include items of eternal consequences. Thanks be to God that God's answers to my shortsighted requests are almost always eternally consequential.

My list this year includes less hatred and fighting. That includes in my own family, between those of different political parties here in the USA, and globally, where warfare seems to be the first tool of diplomacy rather than the last resort. So, what's on your wish list this year?

May the promised Son of God give you hope for this life and what lies afterward. May you abide in Christ Jesus and may God's Word live in your heart this Advent Season and always!

Making My List,
Pastor Mel



YOUTH QUAKE

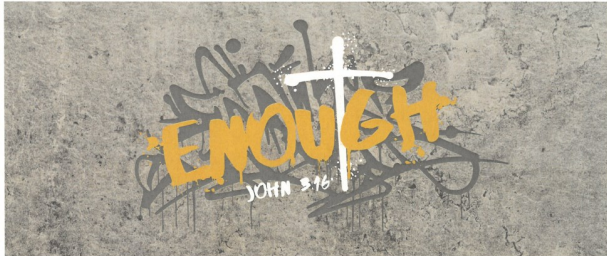
In Cincinnati January 3-5, 2025

For youth in 7-12th grades

\$129 + Room + Food

Price increase after December 5

Contact Pr Mel or PJ



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THE SCALLY BROTHERS

SPEAKER



BILL YONKER

YOUTH ARE SELLING CANDY BARS TO FINANCE THEIR TRIP TO "YOUTH QUAKE" IN CINCINNATI!

\$2.00 each — Wide selection!

DECORATE the Church

Saturday, November 30 at 10:00 am

Donuts, Juice & Coffee will be available!



Envelopes will be distributed in December. If you would like your name added — or taken off the distribution list, please contact the Financial Secretary, Linda Baker.

TRINITY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Sunday, December 8 @ 10:30 am

Children will practice on Saturday, December 7 @ 10:00 am.



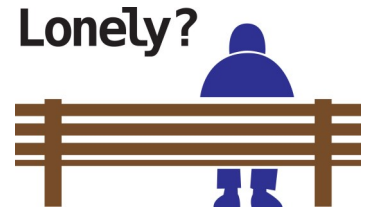
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**Blood Pressure screenings after
worship service when announced.**

Combatting Loneliness

Advocate Faith and Health Bulletin

In an advisory report, U.S. Surgeon General Vice Admiral Vivek H. Murthy warned we are in a loneliness epidemic, and society's lack of social connection will have dire implications on our collective health and well-being. "We need each other," says Julie Offutt at Aurora Psychiatric Hospital, psychotherapist Wauwatosa, Wis. "Symptoms of anxiety and depression are more prevalent in those with a severe lack of social interaction, and the risk of developing dementia is greater." Offutt recommends the following tips to help offset feelings of being alone and improve your socializing skills:



1. Follow the 15-minute rule. Spend 15 minutes each day connecting with someone. Whether you're in-person, video chatting or talking on the phone, it's hard to feel lonely when you're interacting with others.
2. Volunteer. Do a good deed. Being of service not only helps others and gets you socializing, it's also good for your mental health, too. It can reduce stress, combat depression and keep you mentally stimulated.
3. Exercise. Discover the art of yoga with friends, grab a buddy and meander around the neighborhood or bike to work with a co-worker to do some physical activity. You feel less separated from the world when you're experiencing it.
4. Connect with people from your past. Sometimes it's easier to connect with old friends than it is to make new ones. Reach out to an old roommate, former classmate or a relocated loved one to reconnect.

How to make friends as an adult:

Friendships can help stave off loneliness and decrease symptoms of depression. Having social support improves your cognitive health. "It's easy to put friendships on the backburner due to all our obligations as an adult. But it's important to be open to making new friends as we get older, says Dr. Jennette Berry, a family medicine physician at Health Care.

Here are some tips:

1. Find an accountability buddy Advocate "Don't be afraid to take initiative and invite people you interact with to make plans. It might take a few tries, but eventually you'll find someone you connect with," says Dr. Berry. If you're looking to make a lifestyle change such as starting to exercise, put out feelers to find a friend with the same interest.
2. Start or join a book club. Check with your local library to see if they offer book clubs. Or start your own book club by inviting your neighbors or existing friends who also enjoy reading.
3. Volunteer your time. Make connections with people who share similar interests while supporting a worthy cause.
4. Join a faith community. Many churches offer gatherings for new members as well as events and programming for a variety of ages.
5. Strengthening existing friendships. Make time to connect with family members and friends whether it's a quick text to check in or finally make those lunch plans

PJ Musser MSN RN Community Faith Nurse



**TRINITY WILL “BELL RING” ON
DECEMBER 13th AND 14th
10 am to 8 pm**

At Walmart—South Door

Greater Greenville Ministerial Association
Community Christmas Drive

A sign up sheet is available on the bulletin table — sign up for any segment of time—1 hour, 2 hours, 3 hours, etc. Your participation will help support the good work of the Salvation Army, Grace Resurrection Community Center, Community Unity, the Faith United Methodist Food Bank in Arcanum, Ansonia Community Food Bank and the Castine Area Food Bank.

Advent meanings

During Advent, which begins this year on December 1, many churches and families use wreaths to symbolize watchfulness and increasing joy as Christmas approaches. Colors for the candles vary, with some traditions using blue (for hope or creation) and others preferring purple (for royalty, humility or penitence).



The four candles that each represent a week in Advent also signify hope, peace, joy and love. (The third candle is often pink.) In the center is the white Christ candle, representing Jesus as the light of the world. That candle is lit on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The round, green Advent wreath has special meaning of its own. It symbolizes eternal life and the unending love of God, who sent his only Son to earth to die in our place.

QUILTERS POEM



'Twas the night before Christmas,
And the quilts were not made.
The threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.
The stocking weren't hung, the pantry was bare.
The poor weary Quilter, was tearing her hair.
Stacks of fat quarters, tipped over in streams.
Visions of Log Cabins, had turned into dreams.
When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
But a bus full of quilters with all of their gear.
They went straight to work with just a few mutters,
Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters.
The patterns emerged from all of the clutter,
Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter.
Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese & Bear Tracks
Each quilt was a beauty-even the backs.
Her house how it twinkled, her quilts how they glowed.
The cookies were baking, the stockings were sewed.
Their work was all done, so they folded their frames,
And packed up their needles, without giving their names.
They boarded the bus, and checked the next address.
More quilts to be made, another quilter in distress.
She heard one voice echo, as they drove out of sight,
Happy quilting to all and to all a good night!

~Author Unknown

Merry Merry, Happy Happy, Quilty Quilty Y'all!!!



December Celebrations



Birthdays

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|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Kara Hofacker | 10 Colton Groff | 19 Cole Sagan |
| 4 Lana Merzke | Scarlett Kemper | Asher Musser |
| Tyler Hofacker | 12 Dalton Bruner | 20 Johna Eller |
| 6 Judy Ulrich | Jeffrey Creech | 21 Patti Troutwine |
| 7 Ruby Baker | Kristin Besecker | 22 Danny Diceanu |
| 8 Braxtyn Cool | Lori Mattox | Shirley Rhoades |
| 9 Aaron Merzke | 13 Carolyn Blocher | 26 John Erdmann |
| Jerry McMullen | 16 Jackson Baker | Stephen Kossler |
| Lowell Unger | 18 Jennifer Arling | 29 David Hofacker |
| Pamela Oswald | Sarah Sarver | 30 Brenda Vanatta |
| Trevor Groff | Shai Eller | |
| | Wyatt Tauscher | |



Anniversaries



6 David & Michelle Dornbusch

30 Eric & Dana Heckman



Baptisms





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| 1 Emily Spalding | 14 Melissa Sagan | 25 Brenda Vanatta |
| 2 Michael Mehaffie | 15 Dalton Bruner | Sanny Schneider |
| 3 Sherri Shelley | 16 B. J. Nickol | 25 Kristen Garwood |
| 10 Aiden Myers | 18 Holly Cotner | 28 Emily Campbell |
| 13 Joseph Newnam | Richard Vanatta | 29 Colton Troutwine |
| Trent Groff | 20 Steve Mehaffie | |



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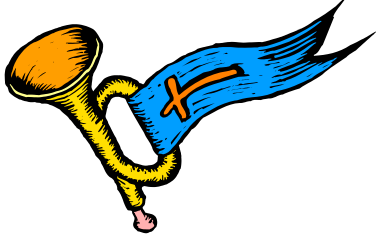
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TRINITY TRUMPET

December, 2024



SAVE THE DATE

- Wednesday, December 4, 11, 18 @ 6:30 pm—Advent Soup Supper/Video Bible Study
- Saturday, December 7—Children's Christmas Program Practice @ 10:00 am
- Sunday, December 8—Children's Christmas Program during worship
- December 13 & 14—Bell ringing at Walmart, South Door
- Wednesday, December 18 @ 9:30 am GRCC Soup Kitchen
- Tuesday, December 24 @ 4 & 10 pm—Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
- Sunday, December 29—Wear your ugly Christmas sweater!

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