

The Trumpet

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Guided by
the Holy Spirit,
Trinity Shows & Tells
God's Love in Word & Deed
with ALL!

Pilgrimage Ponderings

10 years ago, when I came to be Trinity's pastor, I shared that this faith of which we are a part, and this community in which Christ gathers us consists of a journey together, holding one another accountable, bearing together in faith through life's challenges and celebrations. It is a pilgrimage and it takes all we have and as long as we have, even into eternity with Christ. I still believe that, perhaps more fully today than 10 years ago.

By the time you read this rendition of Pilgrimage Ponderings, we will be ready to embark upon our Williams County ELCA Parish ministry. There will be more changes, more leadership and servant responsibilities, and more opportunities to nurture connections with our sisters and brothers at First, Bryan and St. Peter's, Edon. It is a process which will call forth some resilience and some risk, some trial and error, and much prayer.

To start with, my office hours at Trinity will now be Tuesday mornings, and Wednesday afternoons weekly, plus a couple of Wednesday mornings (the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month) and the 3rd Thursday afternoon each month. Mondays I will be at St. Peter's in the morning, and I will be at First on Thursday mornings. These times may vary dependent upon pre-surgery visits at the hospitals or other crises as the need arises - that is true of all of the congregations, so flexibility is key. If you need to reach me my phone number is 419-799-0169 and I check messages regularly and am willing to receive text messages on that number. Additionally, Rhonda is always aware of my schedule and whereabouts and can share that information with you.

It will be interesting to see how the next several months unfold, and how we journey into this parish ministry together. That's the important part - that we are together, Jesus - through the Holy Spirit's presence, you and me, and our friends at St Peter's and First. Together is good. God models it, and we reflect it to God's glory.

Peace be with you-

Pastor Mary Beth

Pastor Mary Beth Smith-Gunn



Fall Worship Schedule
No Saturday Service Sept 1st
Saturdays 6:00pm
Sundays 10:00am
beginning Sept 23rd
Sunday School 9:00am

September 9th
Installation of
Rostered Leaders



September 16th
5th Annual
God's Work Our Hands



September 23rd
Parish Ed Sunday
Rally Day

DARTBALL
Sept 18th
7:00pm



Worship Focus for September

September 2nd

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

September 8th & 9th

Sixteenth weekend after Pentecost

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

September 15th & 16th

Seventeenth weekend after Pentecost

Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3): so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

September 22nd & 23rd

Eighteenth weekend after Pentecost

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

September 29th & 30th

Nineteenth weekend after Pentecost

Someone is casting out demons in Jesus' name who isn't part of Jesus' own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.



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WHO'S NEW IN PINK & BLUE

Congratulations to Grandma Sue Crawford with the birth of Andrew Jon Crawford Perri who was born July 5th to Jaclyn & Mike Perri.



Congratulations to Anthony Missler and Karie Crandall with the birth of their daughter, Emberlea Jayms born on July 25th.. Congratulations to grandparents Rodney & Diana Missler and Great-Grandma, Esther Lanus.

Midweek Manna

September Menu Wednesday 5:30-6:30pm

Sept 19 ham/scalloped potatoes, veggie, fruit & dessert

Sept 26 casserole night, veggie, fruit & dessert



God's Work
Our Hands

Maumee Valley Conference Retreat
October 6, 2018

St. Martin's, Archbold
203 S. Defiance Street

Registration & Set-up Displays 8:30
Our Retreat Begins 9:30
Opening Worship with Communion
Bible Study "The Parable of the Good Samaritan"
from Luke 10:25-37—Bring your Bibles
Pastor Paul Reichert, Bible Study Leader

God's Work! Our Hands!
A Time of Sharing
Luncheon

Registration \$8.00

Come! Hear how Our Hand's
are sharing God's Work
in the Maumee Valley Conference!



Chime Choir



Chime choir practice will start on September 23rd, at 8:30am. Any first through fifth graders that might be interested in playing chimes, please contact Lynnette Diaz at 419-636-5352.



BELL CHOIR

If anyone is interested in playing in the bell choir, please contact Lynnette Diaz at 419-636-5352.



SUNDAY SCHOOL - RALLY DAY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 @ 9:00AM

Gather in the Lighthouse Room for a brief welcome and get acquainted with your classmates and teachers. If you have questions, please contact Julie Taylor at 419-551-8021.



Trinity Lutheran Church
Dartball League

It's time for Trinity Lutheran Dartball League. Our first game is on September 18th at 7:00pm. Anyone 14 years of age or older, interested in playing, contact Rob Goodlive at 419-553-0652. We can always use more players.

September is birthday month **Happy Birthday** for a few special Trinity folks.

First, on the 19th, Altha Dooley, Hillside Country Living, 09876 Co. Rd. 16, becomes a nonagenarian as she celebrates her 90th. Then on the 30th, Geraldine Richardson, 10355 St. Rt. 249, Farmer, OH 43520 celebrates her 97th birthday. Also, on the 30th, Arlene Dahl, 255 Townline Road, will be 83. To these special ladies we extend best wishes and ask that God bless them.



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, Sept. 5th at 7:00pm in preparation for an anthem that we will sing on Sunday, September 9th at the installation of Pastor Mary Beth and Deacon Jean Wise

to begin the shared ministry. Hope to see everyone. **NEW CHOIR MEMBERS WELCOME** - Come join the fun and fellowship as we lift our voices in song!

CRUX - "Christ Readies Us for X!" is a new collaboration of rostered leaders in the Maumee Valley Conference NWOS-ELCA, seeking to equip the laity by expanding how ministry is done and who is responsible for various forms and functions of ministry. This program will kick-off for the Williams County ELCA Parish beginning on Sunday, September 16, when interested members of the congregations will gather at Trinity, Bryan at 5 p.m. for a time of conversation, fellowship, and discernment through a Spiritual Gifts Assessment. The results will be available that day.

Following the Gifts Assessment each participant will be encouraged to consider engaging in the program through one or more of the following Tracks which will specifically utilize the gifts and equip the participants for utilizing those gifts in congregational settings.

Tracks include:

Serve - "It's More Than a Casserole." A course entitled, Christian Caregiving as a Way of Life, facilitated by Pastor Vicky Coombs.

Study - "It's Not Your Parents Sunday School Anymore" A course entitled, Making Sense of Scripture, facilitated by Pastor Don Leckrone and Pastor Tim Reynolds.

Speak - "What Would God Have Me Say?" A course in listening to and crafting a Gospel message and sharing it through preaching or public witness, facilitated by Pastor Mary Beth Smith-Gunn and Pastor Tim Pollitz

Seek - "When Sighs and Groans Become Prayer and Pleading" A course in seeking God through prayer and meditation facilitated by Deacon Jean Wise and a yet to be chosen co-facilitator.

This endeavor is in response to the increasing reality of the shortage of rostered leaders in the ELCA, and an awareness that the gifts are present, awaiting opportunities to share in and beyond current congregational contexts.

For questions, please contact Pastor Mary Beth or attend the first gathering.



"We Love to Tell the Story"
A day to explore how we embody Christ's Good News daily & faithfully!

When: Saturday, October 13, 2018 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Where: Zion's Lutheran Church, 1801 E. 2nd St., Defiance, OH

Who: sponsored by CRUX for Maumee Valley Conference Congregations

What: Worship, Fellowship, Learning

Special guest presenter, Pastor Denny Maurer, will present his method to equip proclaimers of the Good News through the 4 Questions of the Text. We will also have various workshop opportunities and times of worship. Morning refreshments and lunch will be included. Cost: \$10.00 per person. Register with your church or by completing the form below:

Name _____ Phone _____

Congregation _____ City _____

I am most interested in the following workshop "track"

- Seek - spiritual growth in prayer and meditation
- Study- spiritual growth through learning
- Serve - learning how to best walk with others through life's events

Sue Bever Stem Cell/Bone Marrow Transport Benefit a HUGE SUCCESS!!

Thank you to all who were involved in any capacity to make the event successful - diners, pie bakers, raffle ticket buyers, silent auction bidders, servers, set-up and clean-up crews. The effort was shared by Bryan Moose lodge, Laureate Delta Beta sorority and Trinity Lutheran Church, and we were aided by Sue's former co-workers at Newcomer, Shaffer, Spangler & Breineger Law Offices, and the Great Banquet Community. It was a wild ride, with 6 short weeks of planning, and a goal of \$10,000 which is equal to the un-insured portion of the stem cell transplant out of pocket cost for Sue's life-saving procedure. Thrivent Action Teams were formed and funding cards received. Raffle tickets were printed and sold. A menu was developed, shopping done, prep and cooking completed. Auction items were secured and readied for silent bids or ticket selection. More than 300 people gathered in love and support to dine and bid and pray for their ticket to be drawn - all with the common purpose of caring for one of our own, and showing her and Mike how much love this community has for them. Final tally, nearly \$12,000 raised, exclusive of a few outstanding expenses. WOW - Thank you & God's continued blessings one and all!



Pictured above are the 2018 Joseph Yekisa Scholarship recipients, together with scholarship committee representatives. The committee consisted of Pastor David Proctor, Chris Staup, Barb & Gene Schubert. They reviewed 4 applications and determined that Allie Darrow and Josh Webb would each receive a \$500 scholarship to continue their educations. Both are enrolled in their second year at the University of Toledo, pursuing their Doctorate of Pharmacy degree. Congratulations Josh & Allie, and thank you Trinity members who make this scholarship possible through your generous contributions.

Thank you

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church Family, Thank you all so much for the wonderful cards, notes, and even a phone call on the occasion of Dorothy Hootman's 100th Birthday!!! The outpouring of love was quite remarkable and made a milestone birthday just that much more precious. Mom can't see as well anymore, but enjoyed having all of the cards read to her and the lovely pictures described for her. Blessings and thanks to all. In His Love, Andrea Hootman for Dorothy Hootman

Thank you all so much for the many cards, phone calls, words of encouragement, thoughts and prayers as I struggled with my pain and finally had back surgery. Thank you also to Pastor Mary Beth for her visit on surgery day. These acts of kindness are truly appreciated. Mary Ann

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church, Thank you for your gift of \$320 to ELCA World Hunger. With your generosity to ELCA World Hunger, you stand full of the Spirit and of wisdom in the church's 2000 year tradition of caring for neighbors in need. Thank you for your strong commitment to this signature ministry of the church. Receive in return our prayers for your ministry and our hands stretched out to you in blessing. Together we can go farther; together we will be transformed in the Spirit and in relationship with each other, our partners and communities around the world. Until all are fed, The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal.



Fifth Annual God's Work Our Hands Sunday to be held Sept 16, 2018

A day of Christian service will be on Sunday, September 16. We will gather at Rotary pavilion at Garver Park for commissioning and choosing of teams for work assignments. Lunch will be served at Trinity at noon. If you know someone who could use some assistance in yardwork, window washing, gutter cleaning, or painting, please be in touch with Pastor Mary Beth, Gary or Barb Arnos (419-270-2591), Jan or Steve Mantel (419-769-6575) or Mindy or Steve Hess (419-553-0910).

SEPTEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	ACOLYTE	PROJECTION	SOUND	USHERS	LAY LEADERS
September 2		Mike Bever	Jim Helbig	Team 1 Doug Johnson	Lynnette Diaz
September 9		Rob Goodlive	Tom Smith	Team 2 Henry Burklo	Deacon Krieger
September 16	GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS				
September 23	Sarah Vollmer	Joe Whisler	Paul Vargo	Team 3 Floyd Taylor	Chris Staup
September 30	Molly Hess	Paul Vargo	Rick Taylor	Team 4 Rob Goodlive	Steve Mantel

<u>July Attendance & Offerings</u>		
Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$4,823.25		
6/30 Saturday Worship	29	
7/1 Sunday Worship	63	\$3,492.00
7/7 Saturday Worship	22	
7/8 Sunday Worship	54	\$2,922.00
7/14 Saturday Worship	27	
7/15 Sunday Worship	64	\$5,884.00
7/21 Saturday Worship	30	
7/22 Sunday Worship	68	\$5,230.40
7/28 Saturday Worship	36	
7/29 Sunday Worship	62	\$4,549.00
<i>Avg Attendance July 2018</i>	91	
<u>Other Income for July</u>		
Media	25.00	
Pay for Ed Clinker Music	45.00	
parking lot fund	25.00	
initial offering	1.00	
world hunger	500.00	
foundation	68.33	
confirmation camp	200.00	
workers comp refund	725.90	
post master check	350.00	
building use	300.00	

<u>August Attendance & Offerings</u>		
Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$4,823.25		
8/4 Saturday Worship	39	
8/5 Sunday Worship	62	\$5,597.00
8/11 Saturday Worship	46	
8/12 Sunday Worship	70	\$5,666.12
8/18 Saturday Worship	35	
8/19 Sunday Worship	72	\$3,334.00
8/25 Saturday Worship	40	
8/26 Sunday Worship	74	n/a
<i>Avg Attendance August 2018</i>	110	
<u>Other Income for August</u>		
Media	15.00	
Pay for Ed Clinker Music	15.00	
parking lot fund	15.00	
Sue Bever benefit	10.00	
world hunger	1000.00	
cc reimburse youth gathering	335.79	

SEPTEMBER BIBLE VERSE
 How very good and pleasant it is when
 kindred live together in unity!
 Psalm 133:1

ALTAR GUILD
 Mary Lou Schnitz
 Lana Kelley
 Jane Whisler

SEPTEMBER BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS			
1 Deborah Snow	15 Brooke Vollmer	24 Evan Morr	
1 Shay Pursel	15 Paige Vollmer	25 Dolores Franzdorf	
1 Tiffany Baird	19 Amanda Langham	25 Betty Griffis	
6 Fran Schlachter	19 Bonnie Staup	26 Allison Darrow	
8 Robert Goodlive	19 John Wolf	26 Matthew Grube	
8 Katelyn Darrow	20 Jenelle Kuehne	26 Morgan Tinkel	
8 Heather Vollmer	20 Michael Wieland	26 Heather Andrews	
10 Molly Hess	21 Alek Hastedt	28 Mallorie Staup	
10 Sharon Witte	22 Denyse Johnson	28 Nadia Moore	
13 Megan Baird	24 Ian Morr	29 Maci Tinkel	
14 Mandy Slabaugh			

September 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:00am Worship w/ HC	3 LABOR DAY	4 Pastor at Trinity 8:30am - 12:30pm	5 Pastor at Trinity 8:30am - 12:30pm 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Sr. Choir 8:00pm Bell Choir	6	7 Pastor's Day Off	1 NO SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 8 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
9 10:00am Worship w/ HC Installation of Rostered Leaders 12:30pm Potluck at First	10 7:00pm Council	11 Pastor at Trinity 8:30am - 12:30pm 12:30pm Mission Quilters	12 Pastor at Trinity 8:30am - 12:30pm 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Sr. Choir 8:00pm Bell Choir	13	14 Pastor's Day Off	15 6:00pm Worship w/ HC supper club
16 10:00am God's Work Our Hands	17	18 Pastor at Trinity 8:30am - 12:30pm 7:00pm Dartball	19 Happy Birthday Altha Dooley 90 5:30pm Midweek Manna 6:30pm Catechism 7:00p Sr. Choir	20 Pastor at Trinity 1:00pm - 4:00pm	21 Pastor's Day Off	22 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
23 8:30am Chime Choir 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC Rally Day	24 Deadline for October Trumpet	25 Pastor at Trinity 8:30am - 12:30pm	26 Pastor at Trinity 8:30am - 12:30pm 5:30pm Midweek Manna 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Sr. Choir	27	28 Pastor's Day Off	29 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
30 Happy Birthday Geraldine Richardson (97) Happy Birthday Arlene Dahl (83) 8:30am Chime Choir 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC						

Wise Words

Thank you to all of you for a warm welcome here. I am so honored to serve you as we enter this exciting time of shared ministry as the Williams County ELCA Parish.

A good place to start is to introduce myself. Bill and I live in Edon, arriving here in 1981 when he was hired as elementary principal. Some of you may know me from the health department where I worked for 26 years. Both of us are retired from these callings but have discovered new areas to serve. Bill gets up early five days a week to work at Menard's in Angola.

I wish someone had told me earlier about how fun the second half of life is. What an adventure. In retirement, I began a writing and speaking ministry, writing Christian non-fiction books, a blog, (check out my blog: healthyspirituality.org) and speaking at retreats. In 2006 I finished a three-year program to be a spiritual director. In 2013 I was commissioned as an Associate in Ministry, now called Deacon.

A Deacon is rostered position with the ELCA, also called a minister of word and service. We have the same entrance requirements as the ordained pastor but take less rigorous academic courses in many of the same topics, like Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, and Theology. I love to learn and am presently working on my Masters in Theology.

Deacons also serve a year internship and be approved by the candidacy committee before being commissioned. Our focus is service such as teaching or music. My focus is faith formation.

Bill and I have three adult children. Valerie is a veterinarian and lives in Michigan (But she is an OSU graduate and a big Buckeye fan). Katie is married to Austin, teaches at Edon and they have given us three beautiful grandchildren, Kyla age 9 and identical twin boys, Korbin and Kastin, age 7. Brian is an ordained Lutheran pastor serving in Naperville, Il. He is married to Mandy and they have a delightful almost 2-year-old boy named Wesley.

For fun Bill and I love to travel, read, work in our garden, are Reds, Bengals and Buckeye fans, and enjoy music and plays.

Please say your name to me more than once as I put names and faces together. I look forward to getting to know you. Let's honor and serve God together!

Jeanie



Rostered Team Installation Service and Luncheon Reception



Trinity will share in the installation of Deacon Jean Wise and Pastor Mary Beth Smith-Gunn at 10 a.m. on Sunday,

September 9, 2018. Bishop Daniel Beaudoin will be joined by Assistant to the Bishop Deacon Sherry Kreiger, Director of Leadership Development and Congregational Care, to lead the worship services and install the rostered team. To celebrate the installation and the beginning of the Williams County ELCA Parish, all 3 congregations are invited to a Luncheon Reception hosted by First Lutheran, Bryan at 12:30 p.m. Trinity members are asked to bring a dish to share - meat, beverage and table service will be provided.



Seeking Nursery Staff Volunteers



Let's try this again - sometimes kiddos get fidgety in worship and need a place to move and chatter.

So, we are seeking a few folks who would be willing to staff the nursery as a volunteer on an as-needed basis. The nursery will be open, and staffed if children are interested in being in the nursery. Confirmation and high school age youth will be assisting adults in providing good supervision for children up to age 5. A sign-up sheet/schedule is on the kiosk in the narthex.

Sept 1 - John 18:18-32
Sept 2 - Psalm 15
Sept 3 - 1 Timothy 4:6-16
Sept 4 - 1 Peter 2:19-25
Sept 5 - Mark 7:9-23
Sept 6 - Romans 2:1-11
Sept 7 - Romans 2:12-16
Sept 8 - Matthew 15:21-31
Sept 9 - Psalm 146
Sept 10 - Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Sept 11 - Hebrews 12:3-13
Sept 12 - Matthew 17:14-21
Sept 13 - Hebrews 11:17-22
Sept 14 - James 2:17-26

Take 5 for Faith 5 Minutes - 5 Steps - Everyday!

Think about and share your Ups & Downs of the day.
Read the suggested Bible Passage.
Reflect on its meaning for you and our world.
Pray for Family, Friends, the Church & World.
Bless your self & others.

Sept 15 - Matthew 21:23-32
Sept 16 - Psalm 116:1-9
Sept 17 - Romans 3:9-20
Sept 18 - Colossians 3:1-11
Sept 19 - John 7:25-36
Sept 20 - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Sept 21 - Romans 11:25-32

Sept 22 - Matthew 23:29-39
Sept 23 - Psalm 54
Sept 24 - James 4:8-17
Sept 25 - James 5:1-6
Sept 26 - John 8:21-38
Sept 27 - Acts 4:13-31
Sept 28 - Acts 12:20-25
Sept 29 - Matthew 5:13-20
Sept 30 - Psalm 19:7-14
Oct 1 - 1 Peter 1:3-9
Oct 2 - 1 John 2:18-25
Oct 3 - Matthew 18:6-9
Oct 4 - Galatians 3:23-29
Oct 5 - Romans 8:1-11