

The Trumpet

Trinity Lutheran Church
509 Center Street, Bryan, OH
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Guided by
the Holy Spirit,
Trinity Shows & Tells
God's Love in Word & Deed
with ALL!

Pastor Mary Beth Smith-Gunn
Deacon Jean Wise

Pilgrimage Ponderings

Every November, for the past couple of decades, I have made it a practice to develop an Alphabet of Thanks...and this year is no different. As we turn our minds and hearts to the season of gratitude, celebrated nationally and personally, here's my 2022 version:

- A - Awareness, especially of my limitations
- B - Books, I've read some significant books this year - if you wonder about the titles, please ask me.
- C - Camping, especially in the autumn when the fire keeps us warm and lights the site
- D - Devoted friends, especially when the going gets tough and their encouragement lifts me up
- E - Education, and the opportunity it has afforded me and the futures it prepares my children for
- F - Fridays because that's my Sabbath day, most weeks
- G - Guardian Baseball - what fun that youngest team in the MLB has been watch play this season!
- H - Honesty, even when the truth is difficult to hear
- I - Imagination
- J - Jesus! 'nuf said!
- K - Kindness - a character trait I strive to embody and which I think could change society.
- L - Laughter until I weep with joy
- M - My mom, who at age 85 and with many health concerns, including dementia, continues to model kindness and devotion.
- N - No, because sometimes it is the best response
- O - Open - doors, windows, hearts, minds...
- P - Prayer, a thought turned toward God
- Q - Queen Elizabeth, a model of service to God and country.
- R - Respect, another character trait which could change society
- S - Sleep
- T - Time, the only non-renewable resource we have, a reason to use it wisely
- U - Understanding, yep, another character trait that could change society
- V - Vision, not just eyesight, but heart-sight and mind-sight and hind-sight
- W - Water, from the tap, the aquifer, rivers, lakes, oceans, rain, snow...
- X - xenotransplants, the exchange of tissue between living organisms, science & medicine exploring new frontiers
- Y - Yes, especially God's continuing "Yes" to you and to me as the beloved
- Z - Zippers, on warm jackets and hoodies and trousers - what genius way to join two parts!



Worship Schedule
Sundays 10:00am
Sunday School 9:00am
Saturdays 6:00pm



TIME CHANGE
Fall Back One (1) Hour
Nov 6, 2022 @ 2:00am



November 5 & 6, 2021



November 24, 2022
Happy Thanksgiving



Hanging of the Greens
a.k.a. Deck the Halls
November 27, 2022

cont...

Worship Focus for November

November 5 & 6 All Saints Weekend

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

November 12 & 13 Twenty-Third Weekend after Pentecost

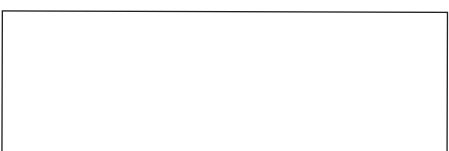
The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

November 19 & 20 Christ the King Weekend

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

November 27 First Sunday of Advent

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.



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If you had to come up with an alphabet of thanksgiving, what would you include? I'd really like to know. Also, please know, that one of my favorite Bible texts which express gratitude is "Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of Thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God's message, from the day you heard it right up to the present. There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears. Philippians 1:3-6, The Message.

Peace be with you all, always!

Pastor Mary Beth

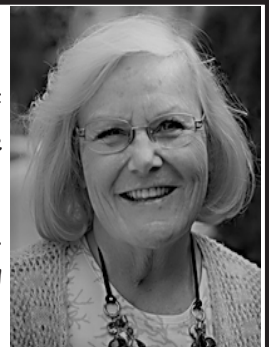
Pastor Mary Beth Smith-Gunn



Wise Words

November is the month focusing on gratitude. What a wonderful time to nurture the practice of thankfulness in our lives. God gives us so many blessings and often we take them for granted. Let's be grateful this month and always.

Be a blessing, share our blessings and count our blessings all power up gratitude in our lives. Thankfulness isn't an "ego-stroking, let me feel better because it is all about me" action - being grateful opens our hearts to realize all we do have and then share these gifts from God with others.



The challenge I am doing this month and I invite you to join me is this: Make a list of as many of your blessings as you can think of - then intentionally share them with others.

- We could donate to a cause we care about out of our financial blessings. Or surprise someone by anonymously paying for their coffee in the drive through.
- How about visiting someone we have meant to see but have put off, based on the love and support we have gotten from others in our lives.
- I have two hands and postage stamps readily available in a drawer - I plan to handwrite some notes of appreciation.
- Make a list of what you don't have that you can be grateful for: no ants in the kitchen, how I can walk without pain (I have a back injury a number of years ago that made it difficult to walk for at least 6 months so am grateful walking now without pain), and no flat tires.
- Who else could we invite/include at our Thanksgiving table this year?
- Can I be a blessing by NOT having the final word in a conversation? Or intentionally keep my mouth shut, refraining from trying to fix someone or stress my opinion?
- Give a compliment. Share a smile.
- Check my attitude, leaving the negative and choosing the positive.






My experience with intentionally practicing gratitude has been transformational. This spiritual discipline helps me focus on what I have - not the vapor wishes I think I need. Being thankful helps me step out of the way, thanking God for all things, not relying on my own self-centered strength. Gratitude has taught me the fun in discovering hidden blessings, treasures I may have missed if I hadn't been paying attention. God gives the blessings and we give thanks for the blessings - a cycle of giving and thanks - true thanksgiving.

Practice gratitude now and every day!

Jeanie



November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 4:00pm Bell Practice	3	4	5 11:00-3:00pm Filling Fall Fling  6:00pm Worship w/ HC
2:00am Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC 	6	7	8	9	10 Loaves & Fishes 5:00-7:00pm Nami Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser	11 Happy Birthday Sandy Kraemer (81) 
13 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	14 6:30pm Finance 7:00pm Council	15  Happy Birthday Leroy Feather (81) 4:00pm Bell Practice 7:00pm Catechism	16	17	18	19 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
20 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC Hanging of the Greens	21 Deadline for December/January Trumpet	22 7:00pm Dartball home vs Wauseon	23	24  Happy Thanksgiving	25	26 NO SATURDAY SERVICE
 Happy Birthday Barb Roan (86) 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	27	28	29  Happy Birthday Keith Day (80)	30		

Parish Worship Services on Saturday, November 5 & Sunday, November 6 will include a time of remembrance of the Saints' who have received the joy of eternal peace and are now at rest in God's gracious embrace.



Those folks include: Keith Langham, Ralph Gallagher, Sue Staup, Lorene Wieland, Gwendolyn McCord, Thelma Coolman, Luella Weller and Lloyd Bryant.

"Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord." (taken from the Prayer of the Day for All Saints' Sunday, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.)

A bell will be tolled and a candle lit in memory of the promises of baptism fulfilled and in recognition of the communion of the saints.



In November we celebrate four Trinity birthdays. We have Sandy Kraemer, 313 S Cherry Street turning 81 on the 12th. Leroy Feather, 830 Rivers Edge Lane, Painesville, OH 44077 also

turning 81 on the 16th. On the 27th Barb Roan, 1509 Spring Meadow Lane, celebrates her 86th birthday and on the 30th Keith Day, 1003 Stonehedge Drive, joins our group of octogenarians as he celebrates his 80th. We wish you all a very happy birthday and God's blessings.

NAMI SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

November 10, 2022

Buffalo Road Hall

5:00-7:00pm



**Free Will
Donation**

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.

Nov 1 - Ezekiel 32	Nov 19 - Daniel 2
Nov 2 - Ezekiel 33	Nov 20 - Daniel 3
Nov 3 - Ezekiel 34	Nov 21 - Daniel 4
Nov 4 - Ezekiel 35	Nov 22 - Daniel 5
Nov 5 - Ezekiel 36	Nov 23 - Daniel 6
Nov 6 - Ezekiel 37	Nov 24 - Daniel 7
Nov 7 - Ezekiel 38	Nov 25 - Daniel 8
Nov 8 - Ezekiel 39	Nov 26 - Daniel 9
Nov 9 - Ezekiel 40	Nov 27 - Daniel 10
Nov 10 - Ezekiel 41	Nov 28 - Daniel 11
Nov 11 - Ezekiel 42	Nov 29 - Daniel 12
Nov 12 - Ezekiel 43	Nov 30 - Revelation 1
Nov 13 - Ezekiel 44	Dec 1 - Revelation 2
Nov 14 - Ezekiel 45	Dec 2 - Revelation 3
Nov 15 - Ezekiel 46	Dec 3 - Revelation 4
Nov 16 - Ezekiel 47	Dec 4 - Revelation 5
Nov 17 - Ezekiel 48	Dec 5 - Revelation 6
Nov 18 - Daniel 1	



REMINDER: Trinity's Weather

Cancellation/Closure Policy is that

if Williams County or the City of

Bryan are on a Level 1 Travel

Advisory, programing at the church

will continue as planned with the

exception of the Saturday evening worship service.

Those who are expected to attend committee

meetings, catechism classes, rehearsals, etc. should do

so at their discretion. **Saturday evening worship, for**

the sake of the general congregation which usually

attends, will be cancelled under a Level 1 Travel

Advisory. Level 2 Travel Advisory acknowledges road

conditions that could be hazardous to all travelers, so

at a Level 2, ALL ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH are

CANCELLED INCLUDING SUNDAY MORNING

WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL. Level 3 Travel

Advisory allows only emergency personnel to be on the

roads, therefore, the church will be closed.

To see or hear about closures, watch any of the major

Toledo television stations, (Channel 11, 13 and 24,) Fort

Wayne's Channel 15, or listen to WBCL, WBNO, WLZZ

radio stations. Pastor Mary Beth tries to get that

information posted and broadcast as soon as a decision

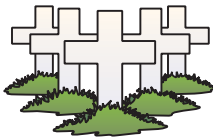
is made regarding weather related church

cancellations or closure.



**Hanging of the Green a.k.a.
"Deck the Halls!"**

Advent Begins on November 27. Our Annual Hanging of the Greens Worship Service will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, November 20, 2022. This family friendly, physically active service, features Advent hymns, blessing of the decorations, and the preparing of the sanctuary for the upcoming Christmas season.



**Sincere Christian sympathy
and prayerful support to
the following...**



Barb Roan with the passing of her sister-in-law, Dorothy Sines on October 9th. She was 88.

The Doris Peak family with the passing of Doris', son-in-law, Jim Restemeyer on October 19th. Jim was from Tennessee.

*"Rest eternal, grant them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them"*

**Please remember our shut-ins with prayers,
notes, cards, etc. They really enjoy hearing
from you.**

Jim Helbig Hillside Country Living 09876 Co. Rd. 16 #607B Bryan, OH 43506	Altha Dooley Hillside Country Living 09876 Co. Rd. 16, #806 Bryan, OH 43506
Arlene Goshia Hillside Country Living 09876 Co. Rd. 16 #502 Bryan, OH 43506	Doris Geren 01690 St. Rt. 576 Bryan, OH 43506
	Marion Rickenberg 812 Pleasantwood Avenue Bryan, OH 43506





*The Essence of Advent:
Preparing Our Souls for the Savior*


The Essence of Advent: Patient Preparation, an Advent Women's Retreat, will be presented on December 3, 2022 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bryan. This is a joint project of our parish and all are encouraged to attend. Carol Kurivial & Kristen (Kurivial) Hug will, once again, put on an amazing presentation for us and we are excited to have them back this year.

Registration begins at 9:30am, followed by opening worship, the program, an activity and lunch. We should be done by 1:00pm. Tickets are only \$10.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Special Offerings



Church council has designated Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings to Hurricane Fiona relief.



*Giving is Great...
...by giving in return.*

Your donation may be made in the specifically marked Thanksgiving and Christmas envelope which is in the box of offering envelopes.



DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK

TIME CHANGE

Fall Back One Hour Nov 6, 2022 @ 2:00am

The Women's Guild of Filling Homes presents

Filling Fall Fling

**Saturday, November 5
11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

N160 St Rte 108, Napoleon

*Free Admission!
Proceeds go toward
the transportation
needs of the
Residents!*

-  Free-will Offering Lunch
Hot Chicken, Brats & Homemade Pie
-  Live Entertainment
-  Auctions
Live (begins a 1:00), Online & Silent
-  Raffle
1st-Quarter of Beef
2nd-Recliner
3rd-\$300
-  Bake Sale



Join us in the Therapy Center behind the Base Facility!

 **Filling Homes**

419.592.6451
fillinghome.org



We are so thankful...

...to and for Rich & Kim Reed who trimmed the shrubs around the church building, and hauled away the clippings!

...to and for Marsha Kirkpatrick who served the church faithfully as the janitor for the past few years, and who continues to encourage and assist behind the scenes as needed.

...to and for the Mission Quilters, coordinated by MaryAnn Taylor, and including Kathy Foster, Karen Hopkins, Jackie Uran, Arlene Dahl, Patti Balbontin, Greta Crilley, and.....whose recent efforts resulted inquilts sent to Lutheran World Relief

...to and for the Mum team, Rhonda Fackler transporter and Steve Krill planter, and all the members who funded the beautification project - Tom & Lisa Smith, Goldie Wieland, Arlene Dahl, Keith & Trudy Day, Tom & Sandy Kraemer, Joe & Jane Whisler, Mike & Sue Bever, Jeff & Lisa Whitman and David & Duane Proctor.

...to and for Trudy Day for adorning the church building with fall decorations to improve the aesthetics.

... Council Nominating Committee members Rob Goodlive, Sue Bever, Renae Queen, Goldie Wieland and Pastor Mary Beth, and to those who have agreed to have their names placed in nomination.

Congregational Meeting By-law's Change and Council Elections / Nominating Committee

Please plan to vote for the council recommended By Laws changes regarding our Annual Meeting and Church Council nominees. The actual vote will be conducted via ballot on the weekend of November 5 & 6, 2022. The By Laws changes are below:

Nominating Committee/Council Elections:

P8.02

Current - In addition to the candidates submitted by the nominating committee, nominations may be made from the floor when the ballot is presented to the congregation on a Sunday in October. The congregation is to be informed of which Sunday that will be at least one (1) week ahead of time by announcement at a worship service or by written notice.

Change to - "In addition to the candidates submitted by the nominating committee, nominations may be made from the floor when the ballot is presented to the congregation on a *Saturday and Sunday* in October. The congregation is to be informed of which *Saturday and Sunday* that will be at least one (1) week ahead of time by announcement at a worship service or by written notice.

Annual Meeting

P5.03

Current - The annual meeting of the congregation shall be held on a Sunday in January. Notice of the meeting shall be given as in P5.01

Change to - *The annual meeting of the congregation shall be convened in 2 parts, with Part 1 convening and acting on the reports and budget on a Saturday in January, and Part 2 convening and acting on reports and budget on a Sunday in January, after which the meeting will be formally adjourned. All ballots submitted at either meeting (Part 1 or Part 2) will be taken into account for the final determination of any decisions by the whole congregation. A roster of those voting will be recorded to prevent any accidental casting of more than one ballot by any member. Notice of the meeting shall be given as in P5.01*

Nominees for church council are: Jackie Uran, Mary Lou Schnitz and....

Members agreeing to serve on the 2023 Nominating Committee are: Bob Snyder and Karen Gallagher.



NOVEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

DATE PROJECTION SOUND
WORSHIP ASSISTANT

November 6	Rhonda Fackler	Steve Fireovid	Paul Vargo
November 13	Mike Bever	Martha Eickhoff	Tom Smith
November 20	Jeff Gunn	Jason Johnston	Rick Taylor
November 27	Buddy Rossow	Joe Whisler	Henry Burklo

November Baptism Birthdays

1	Diana Missler	15	Mallory Blosser
3	Gina Baird	15	Lindsay Dietsch
4	Sue Motter	18	James Salisbury
4	Danny Gallagher	19	Sandy Kraemer
7	Jeffery Schlosser	19	Tom Kraemer
9	Haylee Wheeler	19	Trinity Slabaugh
9	Olivia Johnston	21	Jane Whisler
13	Britany Salisbury	22	Maggie Johnston
13	Michelle McCartney	23	Leroy Feather
14	Pastor R. Buchsteiner	26	Duane Proctor
14	Gordon Underwood	27	Reva Goshia
14	Nicholas Underwood	27	Elijah Schlade
		29	Rhonda Fackler



September Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$3,848.00		
9/4/2022 Sun Worship	26	\$4,126.00
9/10/2022 Sat Worship	22	
9/11/2022 Sun Worship	51	\$1,689.00
9/17/2022 Sat Worship	30	
9/18/2022 Sun Worship	29	\$7,126.00
9/24/2022 Sat Worship	23	
9/25/2022 Sun Worship	45	\$2,130.00
Avg Attendance September 2022		57
building use - kitchen	240.00	
roof fund	1125.00	
Joint Parish - First	3368.40	
Joint Parish - St. Peters	6633.49	
flower pots	100.00	



November Scripture Verse

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Psalm 98:4



October Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$3,848.00		
10/1/2022 Sat Worship	24	
10/2/2022 Sun Worship	42	\$3,780.00
10/8/2022 Sat Worship	16	
10/9/2022 Sun Worship	54	\$2,060.00
10/15/2022 Sat Worship	22	
10/16/2022 Sun Worship	52	\$2,842.00
10/22/2022 Sat Worship	22	
10/23/2022 Sun Worship	45	\$4,248.70
10/29/2022 Sat Worship	n/a	
10/30/2022 Sun Worship	n/a	n/a
Avg Attendance October 2022		
building use - kitchen	240.00	
US Treasury	345.89	
roof fund	1210.00	
foundation	0.47	

November Altar Guild

Sue Crawford
419-636-4457

Rhonda Fackler
419-799-9738

November Prayer Quote

To pray is to listen, to move through my own chattering to God, to that place where I can be silent and listen to what God may have to say. Madeleine L'Engle