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All Saints Day 2023

We will be remembering:

Lvera Sprague	Clyde Neinas
James Booth	James Pace
Franklin Cooley	John Mason
Martha Morrisey	Patricia Morris

Pastor

Rev. Jim Nathan

Associate Pastor

Lori Wright

Director of Student and Family Ministries

Kyle Ley

Director of Music

David Schneider

Church Accompanist

Dean Altstaetter

Director of The Center for Creative Child Care

Christina Vorhes

Church Secretary

Crystal Hunnaman

Come Worship Online or In Person @10:30 am

November 5th

Thessalonians 2:9-13 & 17-20

Salvation

*All Saints Day *Communion

November 12th

Rev. John Hitzeroth

*Consecration Sunday

November 19

Malachi 4:1-2

The Day is Coming

November 26th

Luke 23:14-20

Until The Kingdom of God Comes

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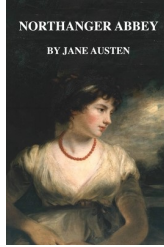
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Trinity Family News & Notes . . .

Trinity's book club, Literary Ladies, meets monthly from September to May, on the 3rd Friday from 10-11:30am in Conference Room 1.

November 17th is their next meeting where they will be discussing Jane Austin's "Northanger Abby". Please feel welcomed to join as they enjoy seeing new faces and comments!



Notes of Thanks

Sorry to be so late, but I wanted to let you know how much I appreciated all of the prayers during my recent surgery at OSU Wexner Medical Center. Again, I appreciated all of your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely, John Johnson



Poinsettia Order Form: They will be placed on the altar for Sunday morning, December 17th, and will remain for Christmas Eve service. You can take your plant after that service. They are \$9.00 each and must be **paid in full by time of order. Deadline is Monday, November 13th by noon.** Mail or drop off this form with payment to the church office or place in the offering plate.

Name: _____ X \$9.00 = _____.

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Pastor's Bible Study ~ Tuesday's at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Join us as we ask questions, learn and discuss the scriptures for the upcoming week's worship. Attend weekly, or once in awhile - all are welcome.

C.U.P.

The C.U.P. Board has created a calendar for member churches to donate hygiene items. In November, we are asked to donate deodorant. There is a box in the narthex area to place donations in.



Free Store

Beginning first of November, we will be collecting new & used winter gloves and hats for men and women. A Donation Box has been set up in the entryway. We are also in need of your grocery bags. You can drop them off in front of Free Store doors in Fellowship Hall.



On November 12th and 19th a Succoth Booth will adorn the front of the sanctuary. Framed with small tree branches and draped with tapestries over an altar of cornucopia, this ancient Hebrew image calls us to an "attitude of gratitude".

Also on November 19th, we will take an offering for the Churches United Pantry (CUP). You are invited to bring non-perishable food items and/or financial contributions.



On November 26th, we will be decorating the church for Christmas following the morning worship service. We call it "Hanging of the Greens". A light lunch will be served for those who can stay and help.

Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - November 2023

All events and activities listed are subject to change.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Radio Broadcast 1:00pm Hispanic Worship	30 6:30am MMMen~Zoom 10:00am MMWomen	31 2:30pm Lima Music Academy 6:00pm Pastor Bible Study 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study	1 7:00am Men's Bible Study 11:30am Soup Kitchen 4:00pm TOPS 5:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Nominations Meet-	2 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study 7:45pm Choir Practice	3 7:00pm Hispanic Worship	4
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October Attendance

October 1st - 68 October 8th - 70
October 15th - 65 October 22nd - 65

November Church Schedule

Liturgists

November 5th - Matthew Boutin
November 12th - Linda Fox-Miller
November 19th - Randy Bartels
November 26th - John Mulder
Usher Randy Bartels

Greeters Vickye Laules and Polly McConnell

Attendance Takers

Brian Clymer and Linda Fox-Miller

Communion Servers (1st Sunday)

Diana Heath and Beth Bartels

November Altar Flowers

November 5th ~
Pam and Vickye Laules

I am starting 2024 schedule, there is a sign up sheet in Narthex or feel free to call our office.



ALTAR FLOWERS



United
Women
in Faith

Fall UMCOR Kit Collection to Benefit Midwest Mission

After a year that saw record-breaking disasters occurring around the world, Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) – our North Central Jurisdiction UMCOR supply depot – needs our help replenishing their stock of hygiene and menstrual hygiene kits. From October 16 through November 10, hygiene and menstrual hygiene kits can be dropped off at Trinity UMC, to then be picked up by MMDC. Kit instructions can be found in the Narthex at the Welcome Center.

For more information, contact Sharon Wildermuth at 419-999-6461.

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"In the heart of the city, sharing the heart of Christ."



In other words....

Jami and I recently took a long weekend to Hocking Hills for a quick getaway. It was not our first choice, but Jami was able to add in a speaking stop for All In Community, which gave us some extra money to add to our fun time together.

Our cabin was in the small town of Somerset, Ohio; birthplace of Civil War General Phillip Sheridan. We took a wrong turn at the four-way stop at the town square, which took us by the Methodist Church in town. They had taken white packing tape to their front sign to cover just the flame of the United Methodist cross and flame as well as "United." So, it was the Somerset ===== Methodist Church (Oh my!). We knew at that moment that we could feel uncomfortable the entire weekend.

When we arrived at the cabin, we were greeted by our host, Dan. Dan was really friendly; made more so when he heard that I was a Methodist pastor. It turns out that Dan was Pentecostal (always fun until they pull out the snakes!), but his wife was Methodist ("Why are there so many Methodist churches?" he asks... Yeah, we didn't go far down that line of questions!). But what Dan really wanted to talk to me about was how he had found Christmas trees in the Bible (Jeremiah 10:3-4). I looked it up. Yes, I get how he thought it pointed to the idea of Christmas trees; but (in context of the customs of the time) it is talking about a pagan ritual of cutting down a tree (usually a palm tree) and erecting the bared trunk in a similar fashion as a May pole, which was a custom of Baal worship. "Nah, a Christmas tree!" said Dan. Then he wanted to delve into whether Moses had been in the Promised Land. To which the standard answer is no. Then Dan wanted to suggest the story of the Transfiguration (Where Jesus communicates with Moses and Elijah (Matthew 17, Mark 9 and Luke 9)). So, then the answer might turn to yes. BUT, Dan points out, Moses hovered over the ground so would the answer be back to no? Well, that all gets into how you want to interpret that story. Was Moses on the ground, hovering above it, communicating in a bodily form or a spiritual form. All subject to how you choose to interpret the text, and not explicitly stated in any real knowable way at all.

Thus, ended the deep Biblical study with Dan, the Pentecostal.

The moral of the story: it is our responsibility to know the Bible for ourselves; to have read the stories and to know our truth from them. To be open to the fact that our truth does not have to align 100% with someone else's understanding of truth to get along. But, that there are some truths that matter more than others (and what those are and how we make those distinctions). We need to be connected to a community of believers, to be in Sunday school, a Bible study, a small group to hone our understanding of Scripture against the understanding of others. And, to always seek to be better tomorrow than we were today.

See ya in church!

Pastor Jim

Current Readings of the Pastor

You Lost Me, by David Kinneman and Aly Hawkins, Baker Books, (Grand Rapids, MI), 2011
Bridges Out of Poverty, by Ruby K. Payne, Philip E DeVol, Terie Dreussi-Smith, Aha Process Inc. Highland TX, 2022

