

# The Chimes

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

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*from Pastor Megan*

As we transition from our fall worship series "Our Stories Matter" to Advent this year, I am mindful that we can never stop hearing and sharing our stories. That if our faith is a living faith that we must continue to weave our stories together so that we can continue to learn from and grow in our faith as we embrace the divine love in each and all of God's children. I hope that you will continue to find ways to share your faith stories with one another and with our neighbors whether it is in worship, through Bible studies or over coffee. It is in these conversations, these interactions with our neighbors that we can begin to plant seeds. Please know that I welcome and am energized by your stories and would welcome the opportunity to hear from you.

In hearing the stories in our community, it has become increasingly apparent that the ongoing pandemic has widened economic, political and spiritual disparity both locally and globally. Many people are struggling with questions of security, with loss of connection, with a sense of purpose... and yet, the Christian faith journey is one that points us toward hope, peace, joy and love. The message of Christ reminds us that we are always at home with God.

As we enter the Advent season, it is important that we explore both how our own hearts can be a home for Christ's love and how through the community of faith, the Church can become a place where the Holy will be born anew—offering respite, sustenance and care, opening the doors ever wider to each and all of God's children. As we study the biblical prophets that call us to care for our neighbors and "make room in the inn," the lonely and frightened spaces within us are filled with the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. We hope that you will join us this season of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas that we all may grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, God with us, Emmanuel.



## **Worship Plan for November and December**

November 14 ~ Baptism: A Community Covenant

November 21 ~ Thanks Be to God

November 28 ~ Advent 1 ~ "Making Room"

December 5 ~ Advent 2 ~ "A Place at the Table"

December 12 ~ Advent 3 ~ "How Much is Enough?"

December 19 ~ Advent 4 ~ "A Room with a View"

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Intergenerational Candlelight Service ~ "The Inn"

December 26 ~ "Dwelling"



Come and join in decorating the church for the Advent Season on November 21, immediately after the Worship Service. Pizza lunch will be provided.

The **Church Office** will be closed on November 25 and 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

**New Address...**

Judy Shrider  
2850 Riverwalk Blvd.  
Lima, OH 45806

*Trinity Family News & Notes . . .*

*November & December Anniversaries 50 years +*

Bruce & Suzanne Plumb ~ December 18 ~ 66 years

*November & December Birthdays 90 +*

Gene Buettner ~ November 6 ~ 91 years  
Pat Morris ~ November 10 ~ 93 years  
Budd Harrod ~ November 16 ~ 96 years  
Keiko Hahn ~ December 2 ~ 91 years  
Jo Chafin ~ December 16 ~ 94 years  
Pat Harrod ~ December 21 ~ 92 years  
Ruth Werling ~ December 24 ~ 94 years

*Trinity expresses our deepest sympathy to...*

To the family and friends of Jack Sawmiller. Jack died on October 2. Among his survivors are his daughters, Jenna and Bree.

To the family and friends of Raymond Swenar. Ray died on October 25.

*Hospitalized since last Chimes*

Frank Cooley, Ron Davis, Cheryl Mueller, Jack Pugh, Pam Radulovich, Lvera Sprague

*Note of Thanks*

Dear Trinity Church Family,  
Thank you very much for the gift card for Pastor's Appreciation. I appreciate all of you as well. I have enjoyed the many connections made with you throughout my years at Trinity.

Yours in Christ,  
*John*

Dear Trinity,  
Thank you for allowing us to use your beautiful church for our concert. It was a blessing to the students and their families. I appreciate all you do for our community!

Sincerely,  
*Amy Phillips*, LSH Choir Teacher

Thank you to my church family for prayers, phone calls, food and cards. Thank you to Pastor John and Bev for the beautiful flowers, visits and prayers.

Thank you,  
*Carol Wilkerson*

Dear Trinity Family,  
The flowers Pastor John brought to me were beautiful. We had a lovely visit. Thank you for remembering me.

Sincerely,  
*Mary June Reams*

# Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - November 2021

**All events and activities listed are subject to change.**

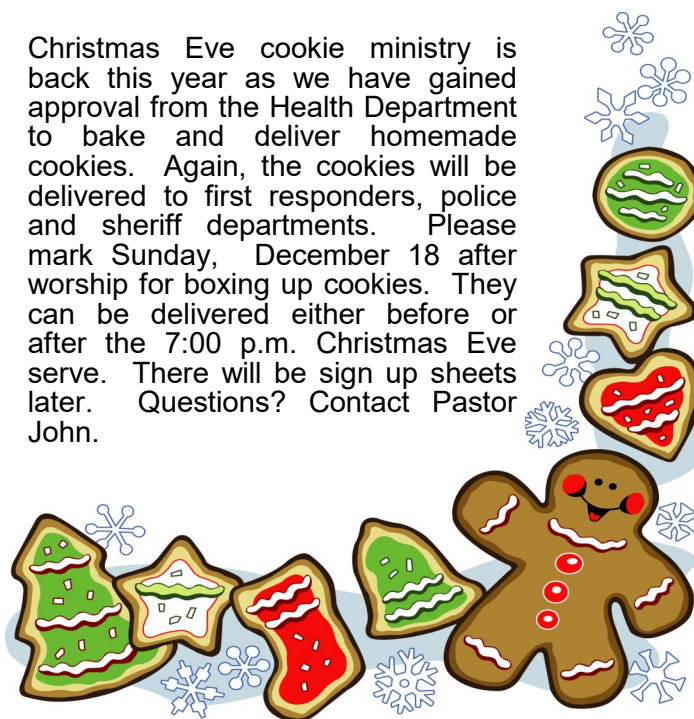
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>14</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> To Go Breakfast <b>9:00 AM</b> Youth Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service <b>12:00 PM</b> Radio Broadcast <b>1:00 PM</b> Hispanic Worship <b>4:30 PM</b> Middle School Youth Group	<b>15</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Monday Morning Men ~ Zoom <b>10:00 AM</b> Monday Morning Women <b>5:30 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>16</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> CCCC Board	<b>17</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Wednesday Bible Study <b>4:00 PM</b> TOPS	<b>18</b> <b>7:45 PM</b> Choir	<b>19</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Literary Ladies <b>7:00 PM</b> Hispanic Worship	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> To Go Breakfast <b>9:00 AM</b> Youth Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service <b>11:30 AM</b> Hanging of the Green <b>12:00 PM</b> Radio Broadcast <b>1:00 PM</b> Hispanic Worship <b>4:30 PM</b> Youth Group	<b>22</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Monday Morning Men ~ Zoom <b>5:30 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Wednesday Bible Study <b>4:00 PM</b> TOPS <b>7:00 PM</b> Japan Committee	<b>25</b> Church Office Closed	<b>26</b> Church Office Closed <b>7:00 PM</b> Hispanic Worship	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> To Go Breakfast <b>9:00 AM</b> Youth Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service <b>12:00 PM</b> Radio Broadcast <b>1:00 PM</b> Hispanic Worship	<b>29</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Monday Morning Men ~ Zoom <b>10:00 AM</b> Monday Morning Women <b>5:30 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Wednesday Bible Study <b>11:30 AM</b> Soup Kitchen <b>4:00 PM</b> TOPS	<b>2</b> <b>7:45 PM</b> Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

## Christmas Party

The Trinity family is invited to a Christmas Party on Thursday, December 16. Join us and bring a friend for a Christmas celebration from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. We will have opportunities to celebrate together with music, games, and more. More details to come soon. If you would like to help make this a special night, please contact the church office.

**2022 Offering Envelopes** will be available to be picked up beginning on Sunday, November 28. The boxes will be on a table outside the parlor.

Christmas Eve cookie ministry is back this year as we have gained approval from the Health Department to bake and deliver homemade cookies. Again, the cookies will be delivered to first responders, police and sheriff departments. Please mark Sunday, December 18 after worship for boxing up cookies. They can be delivered either before or after the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. There will be sign up sheets later. Questions? Contact Pastor John.



## Church Budget Status

	Monthly		Year to Date	
October 2021	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income	\$ 26,794.17	\$ 17,230.46	\$ 267,934.00	\$ 301,295.75
Expenses	\$ 30,447.67	\$ 28,558.69	\$ 321,130.00	\$ 291,743.51
Difference +/-	- \$ 3,653.50	- \$ 11,328.23	- \$ 53,196.00	\$ 9,552.24



## POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

This year Poinsettias will be placed on the altar for Sunday morning, December 19th and will remain for the Christmas Eve services. The plants may be taken after the 11:00 p.m. service.

You can purchase a 6 <sup>1/2</sup>" poinsettia for \$8.00. The deadline for ordering is **Friday, November 19th**. (No orders will be accepted without full payment in advance.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s) at \$8.00 each.

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You may mail this form to the church (301 West Market Street, Lima, 45801) or place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

## ***Succoth Booth/Thanksgiving Offering***

Sunday, November 21 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 that Sunday, we will take an offering for the Churches United Pantry (CUP). You are invited to bring non –perishable food items and/or financial contributions.

An offering envelope for the Thanksgiving Offering is enclosed in this issue of the Chimes.



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<b>5</b> 7:30 AM To Go Breakfast 9:00 AM Youth Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Radio Broadcast 1:00 PM Hispanic Worship 4:30 PM Youth Group	<b>6</b> 6:30 AM Monday Morning Men ~ Zoom 10:00 AM Monday Morning Women 5:30 PM Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:30 AM Wednesday Bible Study 4:00 PM TOPS	<b>9</b> 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:45 PM Choir	<b>10</b> 10:00 AM Literary Ladies	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 7:30 AM To Go Breakfast 9:00 AM Youth Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Radio Broadcast 1:00 PM Hispanic Worship 2:00 PM Caroling 4:30 PM Youth Group	<b>13</b> 6:30 AM Monday Morning Men ~ Zoom 10:00 AM Monday Morning Women 3:00 PM Primrose Worship 5:30 PM Bible Study	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM CCCC Program	<b>15</b> 6:30 AM Wednesday Bible Study 4:00 PM TOPS 6:30 PM Servant Leadership Board	<b>16</b> 7:00 PM Christmas Party 7:45 PM Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 7:30 AM To Go Breakfast 9:00 AM Youth Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Box Cookies 12:00 PM Radio Broadcast 1:00 PM Hispanic Worship 4:30 PM Youth Group	<b>20</b> 6:30 AM Monday Morning Men ~ Zoom 10:00 AM Monday Morning Women 5:30 PM Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30 AM Wednesday Bible Study 4:00 PM TOPS	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM Candlelight Service 8:00 PM Deliver Cookies	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 7:30 AM To Go Breakfast 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Radio Broadcast 1:00 PM Hispanic Worship	<b>27</b> 5:30 PM Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>



November 14 ~ Youth Group  
 November 21 ~ Thanksgiving Party  
 November 28 ~ No Youth Group  
 December 5 ~ Youth Group

Youth Group is currently meeting at Shawnee U.M.C.

## Free Store News...

We are now accepting the following items...MENS jeans, sweatshirts, sweaters, shoes, boots and winter coats. Also, blankets, sleeping bags and towels. Items may be left in front of the Free Store doors. Men's winter hats and gloves are greatly needed, there is a designated box for them in the entry way.

## Christmas Caroling

Mark your calendars. We plan to go Christmas Caroling to our homebound and those in nursing facilities on Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. We were unable to participate last year and we know our homebound church family members were disappointed. The number of places we are able to go depends on the number of people signed up to sing. Usually we attempt to have at least 5 to 6 in a group. The more groups, the more people we can reach. After caroling we will meet at Pastor Megan's house for a little dessert. Let's help bring the Christmas spirit this year by singing our favorite carols. Questions? Contact Pastor John.







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**An update from Servant Leadership Board and Staff...** Greetings. It has been a busy summer and fall and we wanted to take a few moments to share a few things that have been happening. First of all, we thank you for your continued commitment in supporting the church through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness. The church is strongest when we all commit to growing in love of God. We appreciate the many who have helped us to do that in new ways this year.

It has certainly been a year of change and we have some other changes on the horizon. Some of you may not know this, but we have been without an evening custodian for over 4 months now. Please show appreciation to our full time custodian, Rob Stidham, who has been responsible for cleaning the entire building since that time. Like many other organizations, we have found that hiring is difficult right now which has caused us to reexamine and reorganize the way some of our processes and partnerships are working. As part of that reorganization we have been working with the day care center to adjust both the custodial and front door responsibilities. At the same time, we discovered that our front desk receptionist, Mary Trinko, will be relocating with her husband and her last day will be this week. We have been looking in to various possibilities for realigning both of these positions and will have information soon about what that will look like moving forward. If you are here during the week, there may be times when a volunteer is at the desk or when you might need to ring the bell to be let in. Please be patient with us through this transition. In the meantime, if you know anyone interested in a part time custodial position, we are currently taking applications.

Finally, you have probably noticed the outside work that has caused our parking lot to be closed the past week. This is a pretty extensive project meant to correct a few ongoing concerns at the church. The approach had extensive damage that needed repaired before winter. In addition due to growing problems with moisture and leaking in the basement of the church that had caused damage to both the ceiling and walls, it became apparent that we needed to do something to protect the building from the water. Unfortunately, the best solution involves removing the flower beds and sign from the north and east sides of the building, reinforcing the walls and replacing with concrete. Once the project is completed we will look into ways to redesign an aesthetically appealing look to those areas.

As we look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas this year we are so grateful to be able to be in ministry together and look forward to the new and exciting ways that we can partner with God and one another to grow into a Micah 6:8 congregation committed to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.