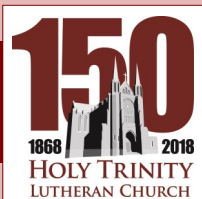


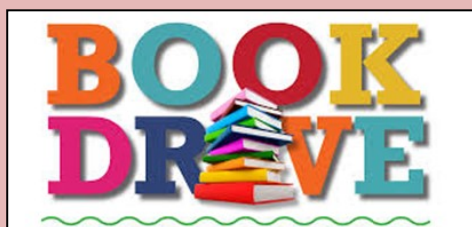
# 150 HIGHLIGHTS

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## GO OUT & SERVE



Upcoming  
Opportunities



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is partnering with community organizations, schools, and churches serving the East Akron Arlington Street Corridor, including Robinson CLC, by hosting a book drive during the month of February. We will be collecting books targeting ages Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. These books will be donated to “Reach to Read” Akron in collaboration with the little free library. The little free library is a national initiative, see

[www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org) for more details.

“Reach to Read” is re-purposing old newspaper stands in the East Akron area to use as little free libraries. A launch will take place in April 2019 so the libraries are ready for children during the summer months. A book collection bin will be in the Room 202 hallway. We will also take a “Love Offering” for this initiative on Sunday, February 3 and Sunday, February 10.

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Discipleship Ministries by calling the church office, 330-376-5154. Thank you! †



## FOOD AND RESOURCES

DLM (Dare to Love More) Food and Resources experienced incredible growth in 2018. First, some 2018 Food Bank statistics:

- 66,927 lbs. of food were picked up from the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank.
- 11,529 lbs. of the total food was produce (the Food Bank reports that 17% is very good).
- 911 households received food; 4,528 people were served.
- Just over \$16,000 was spent purchasing food, with an average cost of \$0.24/lb.
- Using the Food Bank’s measure that 1.2 lbs. = 1 meal, Holy Trinity provided 55,773 meals.
- Holy Trinity received other non-food resources including a laptop, seven moveable wire shelving units, and three teams of volunteers for a day of service in the fall.

The partnership with Project RISE has brought many resources to Holy Trinity:

- In 2018, we worked with five interns from The University of Akron over three semesters, all childhood development majors in their final semester. Three of the interns have remained involved after completing their internships.
- Last fall, we began working with Zips on the Rise, a University of Akron student organization who coordinates volunteers for Project RISE events. At every DLM opening during the semester, a handful of UA students are present.
- We began a partnership with Hudson School’s service learning program. Several Hudson High School groups came at the end of 2018.

We received money, food, and clothing donations through various Project RISE partners. These included a \$1,000 grant from the Italian American Council; shoes, clothing, and food donations from various Akron Public Schools collections; a food collection from the Girl Scouts of the Western Reserve Council at their 2018 World Thinking Day event; and a warm clothing donation from the Andrea Rose Teodosio Foundation. Over 500 winter coats have been distributed through DLM

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*The shelves are full stocked.*



*Deacon Marla trains a group of people from Faith Lutheran Church.*

FOOD AND RESOURCES

Holy Trinity is living out its mission of 'bringing Jesus to people through love and the word of God' each month by working alongside others and serving others. **There's a place just for YOU to help with this important and vital ministry!! †**



*Students help out.*



*Michael Wilson helps prepare the meal.*



*Ernie Liska dresses up as Santa.*



*A group from Goalgetta Academy.*



## DLM Annual Report ... continued from front page

that were purchased through a corporate donation. Project RISE paid for shopping carts and \$500 worth of toiletries through their federal grant.

From July-November, volunteer groups from Oriana House regularly came and volunteered to unload and stock food at DLM. They also moved furniture, books, and other items up and down the many levels of the building. They were instrumental in reorganizing and cleaning out many rooms in church. Beginning in December, DLM began a relationship with volunteers from IBH Reach, a well-respected volunteer recovery group under the leadership of Mark Salchak. Their excellent work unloading and stocking allows more food to be delivered and distributed.



Student from Hudson High School.

Beyond IBH and Oriana House, over 150 people have volunteered throughout the year at DLM openings and stocking days. Around 35 of those people are Holy Trinity members. Around 25 additional people came to volunteer because they were invited by a Holy Trinity member. Two partnerships were developed with two Northeast Ohio ELCA churches, Faith Lutheran in Fairlawn, and Zion Lutheran in Valley City. They will be providing

donations, meals, and volunteers on a regular basis in 2019. Other partnerships with volunteer groups were established from the Fallen Fathers Foundation and Goal Getta Academy. In One Piece ministries, under the leadership of Darlene Bass, continues to be an important partner.

School-age students from Wadsworth, Highland, Woodridge, and Revere regularly come to volunteer in addition to Hudson. Outreach will be made to more suburban schools in 2019.

A 16-foot trailer was purchased from a Mission Initiative grant for food delivery. This enables the pallets of food to be directly loaded and unloaded. Currently, a typical delivery load ranges from 2500lbs-4,000lbs. A special thank you to Tom Baumgardner for driving the trailer, and we are in need of a back-up trailer driver or drivers who can be available in the daytime on Th-Fri.

The clothing room, which kicked off in August, is now named Agape Closet to honor the work of the Holy Trinity youth and young adults who began and have maintained a



teen clothing room for many years. Thanks to Tom Lawson who built shoe shelving and to Bruce and Vince for all their hard work setting up the room. The donations from the church have been excellent.

Thank you to all who have donated both food and clothing. The donated food fills gaps that the Foodbank has. Canned fruit is a constant need, and this last year we needed cereal. Toiletries, diapers and feminine hygiene products are items that we cannot generally get at the Foodbank.

Overall, because of Holy Trinity's DLM Food and Resources ministry, hundreds of people who otherwise would not have a connection to Holy Trinity are coming into the building to both volunteer and to receive needed resources. There seems to be a leveling out of numbers of families we serve—we do not serve over 50 families on any given opening. About half of the people we serve are ages 17 and younger. And a sizeable number of families we serve are Project RISE families, families who are experiencing homelessness.

For 2019, we need congregational leaders to represent Holy Trinity on the planning team. "Holy Trinity Ambassadors" are needed who can be present when volunteers are working to get to know them, welcome them, and possibly invite them to other congregational activities. The families we serve also have assets that Holy Trinity could benefit from if connections are made. DLM Food and Resources could be an excellent vehicle for congregational growth if more Holy Trinity members could be present alongside our volunteer teams listening to them, encouraging them, and inviting them to experience more of what the church has to offer. †

### A blessing to so many families!!



To make this ministry happen, volunteers are needed each month. Just a few hours of your time can have a tremendous impact not only on the families but also YOU! See Deacon Marla with questions. †

Saturday, February 9, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 14, 7-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 23, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

# Mission First



*Pastor David*

I am writing this article just days before the annual meeting of the congregation. You'll be reading it a week or so after, and will know the result of our conversations that morning. It's a bit difficult to connect the two experiences...mine prior to the meeting and your experience at the meeting. But I wanted to take this opportunity to reinforce what I hope you heard clearly that morning: For the church of Jesus Christ in this day and age, there can be nothing more important than the mission we are given.

That seems pretty obvious. But it isn't always. It's easy to get distracted into thinking that our job is to keep the building

looking good or managing our finances well or getting enough new members in the pews that it will be easier to recruit the volunteers to do the jobs we've been doing for a long time. Of course, we have a responsibility to the good stewardship of our physical assets and human resources. But all those efforts are not ends in themselves. When they become ends (rather than the means that they are), our work becomes more and more internally focused...one of maintaining the institution rather than growing the mission. And that will eventually kill a congregation.

Thanks be to God, we have excellent lay leadership in this congregation and a hard-working staff and many generous folks who have taken to heart the mission we say every Sunday. We take seriously that our call is to bring Jesus...to bear Jesus...to discover God at work in the world around us...and to engage that world by the sharing of God's love and by participating in the healing and redemptive work of God's Word. This focus on the mission compels us to measure all that we do against the call of God to take up Christ's own efforts in the world, trusting that such work is faithful and productive. We're seeing the results of this "mission first" focus already. Consider the growth of our DLM Food and Resources ministry in its first full year. We've met so many new neighbors, and have been blessed with volunteers, donors, and community partners. And we're only beginning to really capitalize on that opportunity. (If you haven't read the DLM annual report, it is the feature story on the front page of this issue of the Highlights.) Consider the impact we are permitted to have with the beautiful children and families of Robinson CLC. Consider the many Arts @ Holy Trinity artists who, at our request, take their inspiring work into our city's schools and shelters. And consider that these efforts are happening alongside our on-going involvement with other local partners like Family Promise, Open-M, LINKS, and so many others.

So what?

Something else to consider: The latest research on Christian congregations offers an interesting nuance to a long standing way of thinking about church life. Used to be that all the focus was simply on increasing worship attendance, inferring that attendance was the measure of congregational health. Because of

## Holy Trinity's Staff

Senior Pastor, David Nevergall  
 Director of Discipleship Ministries, Rachel Núñez  
 Dir. of Congregational Ministries, Marla Wood Kay  
 Director of Music Ministries, Ruth Anderson  
 Vicar, Debbie Pinnegar  
 Parish Secretary, Annmarie Demko  
 Financial Secretary, Rick Kimble  
 Communications Coordinator, La'Var Howell  
 Youth Leader, Carole Bader  
 Maintenance Coordinator, Bruce Mansour  
 Sextons, Vince Simmons & Tony Carreker

## Groups & Activities

Acolyte Coordinator	VACANT
Altar Guild	Sophia Morton
Archives	Ricki Ethington
150-Year Celebration	Sandy DeLuca
Communion Assistants	Deborah Ickes & Marcy Nagy
Council President	Sonya Nagle
Either Side of 40 Gang	Rotating Leaders
Friendly Visitors	Peter Lisius & Michael Wilson
HTLC Praise Troupe	Carole Bader
Family Promise	Gregg Loesch
LINKS	Elizabeth Liska
Memorial Garden	Judy Samuelson
Parish Nurse Ministry	Sally Richenbacher
Prayer Chain	Sally Richenbacher Wanda Clark
Renaissance Team	Bob Keener
Readers	Nan Riemenschneider
St. Bernard Hot Meals	Michael Wilson
Ushers	Gregg Loesch
Volunteers	Marla Wood Kay
Women's Bible Study	Velma Pomrenke
Young Adults	Marla Wood Kay

### Mission Statement:

The mission of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is to bring Jesus to people through love and the word of God.

### Vision Statement:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a faith community grounded in God's word, called to worship and committed to serve as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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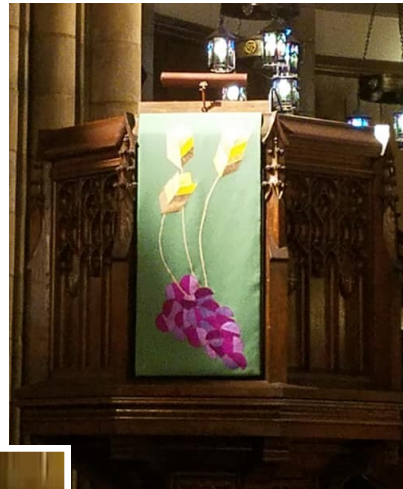
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## New Paraments and Vestments Given to Holy Trinity

Thank you to the Burkins family for commissioning this beautiful new set of green paraments and vestments in memory of Evelyn. And thanks be to God for artists who share such joy and beauty...especially Alyson Annette Eshelman who designed and created these amazing items which will grace our worship for many years.

*Photos and content provided by Karen Nevergall.*



## SPECIAL MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

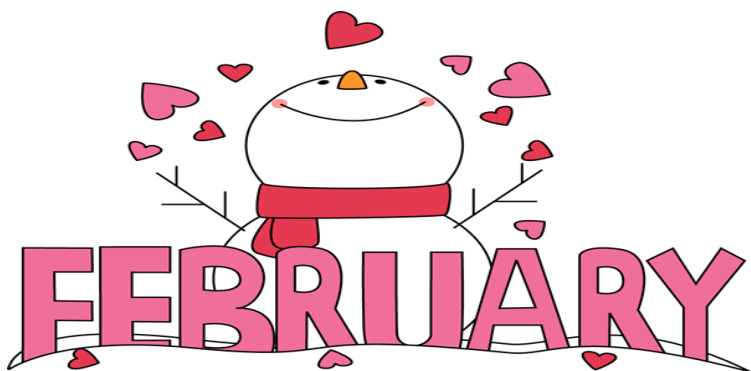


Les Délices members presented holiday music to clients, volunteers and staff members at the Haven of Rest during two lunch hours on December 21.



February Events

# The Youth Connect



Sunday, February 3, 12:15-1:15 p.m.  
AGAPE Club (K-12th Grades), Youth Room

Sunday, February 24, 12:15-1:30 p.m.  
Lunch and Devo's (6th-12th Grades), RM 202.  
(Build a burger, Bring you favorite Burger topping)

Sunday Middle Hour in the Youth Room  
High School (9th-12th Grades)

*Its February ! So, let's talk about love*

Feb. 3, Eros

Feb. 10. Philia

Feb. 17. Storge

Feb. 24, Agape

*"This Changes Everything"*

Carole Bader, Youth Leader

330.256.3749

Cbader@holyltrinityakron.org

## Cupcakes, Birthday Celebrations and All-Around Fun!



LEFT: Camdynn Steven shows off her tongue that's covered in black frosting.



RIGHT: Gracie Kay gets ready for some Nerf Gun action!

BELOW: Everyone enjoying youth hang-out fun!!



### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (9th-12th Grade), 10 a.m., in the Youth Room

*This Changes Everything* - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2: 8

GRACE is a foundational and distinctive piece of the Lutheran faith. This gift, undeserved and freely given, changes lives and perspectives as people realize they are enough because of what Christ has done and are called into the world to serve their neighbor and share the good news. The cross is the focus—it is God's grace, through Christ's life, death and resurrection, that changes everything for all people. †

# ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY

2018-2019 Concert Series

35th Season



## New Black Eagle Jazz Band

*Mardi Gras* — March 5, 2019, 7 p.m.

Widely-recognized as one of the premier traditional New Orleans-style jazz bands in the world, the Black Eagles enjoy performing in a variety of settings, from intimate pubs to huge concert halls. Featured in numerous prestigious jazz festivals (including the Newport, Kool, JVC, Tanglewood, Edinburgh, and New Orleans Jazz and Heritage festivals), the band also appears in concerts accompanied by symphony orchestras (the Scottish National Symphony, the Delaware Symphony, the Baltimore Symphony and the Boston Pops, to name a few). †

## Attend a Special Music Workshop and Meet-the-Artist Dinner

If you are jazz-lover or musician, then you're in for a real treat! Holy Trinity is excited to present a free workshop led by The New Black Eagle Jazz Band. It is a opportunity for local musicians to receive tips and learn how to improve their musician skills from the band. The workshop will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Tuesday, March 5, 4– 5:30 p.m. Advance registration is required; the deadline to register is February 15. You can register at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

Following the workshop, Holy Trinity will host a special 'meet-the-artist' dinner. Guests will enjoy a Mardi Gras inspired meal that includes: French Onion Soup and large Croutons with Shredded Cheese; Jambalaya; Cajun Chicken Tenders with Ranch Dip; Muffuletta Olive Salad; Blackeyed Peas and Ham; Cornbread; Mardi Gras Slaw along with Beignets and King Cake for dessert.

The cost to attend the 'Meet-the-Artist' Dinner is \$25. You can register at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com). Those who attend the dinner will also receive preferred seating for the free New Black Eagle Jazz Band concert afterwards. The concert is held as part of the Arts @ Holy Trinity Concert Series.

You are welcome to attend both of these special events or one or the other. Registration is required for both of these events, please visit [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com). If you have questions, please call the Church office. †



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## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Fast Forward to 2043 - Trinity's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

All aboard the Time Machine. Next stop – 2043 – the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The historian browses copies of the Trinity Highlights now archived digitally. She spies an article written in 2018 that she will use for the updated history. Pictures accompany the article.

*“On Thursday night, October 18, 2018, I was on my way to my job as Evening Host with Family Promise. As I pulled into the parking lot I found only one vacant spot at the far end. What was going on?”*

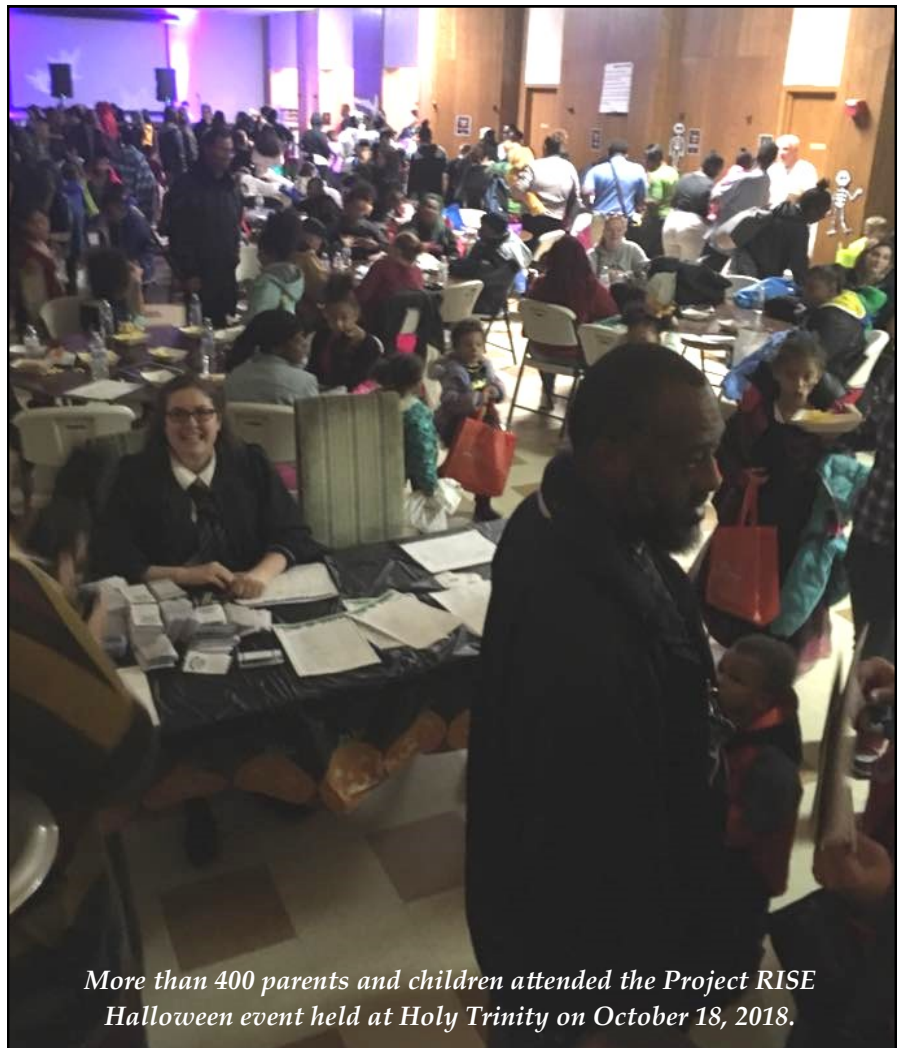
*As I entered Room 202 cooks were cleaning up after a delicious dinner. They had fed 4 homeless families – five adults and 10 children ages 1 – 11. Now the guests had retired to the third floor to spend the night.*

*Since 2004 Trinity has hosted homeless families every 12 weeks or so. About 30 volunteers have set up cots, grocery shopped, driven the van, cooked meals, stayed overnight, and cleaned up afterwards. Before assuming my duties I decided to see where all those people were whose cars filled the parking lot.*

*In the Scharf Library, a group of 10 people was studying Luther's Catechism. They had had Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary, a light supper and now their study.*

*The Chapel Lounge held the Akron Society of Quilters. Twenty five years ago this group had helped create the commemorative 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary quilt*

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*More than 400 parents and children attended the Project RISE Halloween event held at Holy Trinity on October 18, 2018.*



## Fast Forward to 2043

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designed by one of our members. The quilt now hung in the sanctuary in honor of the Reformation season.

In the Office Lobby stood a decorated Christmas tree. Beneath the tree were many packages of toilet tissue! We were asked to bring them to church where they would be given to Rehab Ministries, an organization that serves women and girls caught in human trafficking.

The crowded lower floor was filled by an open-to-the-public evening for the Food Pantry, called DLM. This joint effort between Trinity and the Akron Public Schools' Project RISE serves homeless students and their families with food, clothing, other necessities, helpful information and support. Room 102 was filled with clothing for the taking. Volunteers were helping families choose what they needed.

From a rather frazzled Director of Congregational Ministries I learned that Project RISE was sponsoring a Halloween Party in the Fellowship Hall. Children were entertained, a D.J. played music, a Park Ranger told nature stories, and a Food Truck served hot dogs, popcorn and donuts to more than 400 people. In addition to all this hubbub, Trinity Bells had rehearsed in Room 103. At 7:30 p.m.,



The Toilet Paper tree for RAHAB Ministries.

Trinity Choir wisely moved their rehearsal to the Sanctuary. As I finished my stint in Room 202 the Overnight Hosts arrived clutching their pillows.

**What an evening!** People, most of them not members of Trinity, occupied almost every space, but they were our neighbors. One hundred and fifty years ago this congregation built a sacred space. It still is."

The 2043 historian goes on to write, "The decades leading to 2018 brought serious challenges. Begun as a neighborhood church it was now an inner city church. Membership was but a shadow of what it had been. The beautiful "little cathedral" required endless money for upkeep. But face the challenges they did! Although the future was unknown, as it is for us too, they moved forward in faith, clinging to their mission to bring Jesus to people through love and the Word of God and trusting that God would do the rest." †



Preparing a meal for Family Promise families are (from l): Sandy Hamilton, Debbie Schramm, Gregg Loesch and John Hamilton.

## 4th Sunday Focus

Special guest was Pastor Byron Arledge

Pastor Arledge gave the sermon emphasizing the need for us to 'find our mission and live out our mission in Jesus Christ ... every day.'

The next 4th Sunday Focus will be February 24 with Pastor Paul Santmire as the guest preacher. Pastor Santmire served at Holy Trinity 1993-2001.



## 150th Anniversary Celebration Upcoming Events

The 150th Anniversary celebration is nearly half over!! As you know, we are in the middle of completing 150 service projects ... if you haven't already participated or supported at least one in some way, there are plenty of upcoming opportunities to serve! Here are a few upcoming activities to help celebrate this historic milestone:

### Daughters of Holy Trinity Banquet Friday, May 10, 2019

*\*This will be a ticketed event and include a delicious meal and a period fashion show.*

### 150th Anniversary Gala Celebration Friday, June 21, 2019 St. George Family Center

*\*This will be a ticketed event and will include a scrumptious meal, entertainment, swag bags ... a wonderful culmination to our celebration year!*

### Party in the Park

**Sunday, June 23, 2019 at Grace Park**

*\*Come one and come all for the final event of our celebration! Food, activities and lots of fun!*

## Limited Edition Anniversary Polo & T-Shirts

Dress for this special occasion with these 150th Anniversary shirts!! The polo shirts are embroidered and the t-shirts are imprinted with the 150th Anniversary logo on the front in the pocket position. Both shirts are available in white, grey and burgundy and come in adult small through adult xxx-large sizes.

### POLO SHIRTS:

**\$25 for S-XL | \$30 for XXL-XXXL**

### T-SHIRTS:

**\$10 for S-XL | \$15 for XXL-XXXL**

**The shirts are available for purchase every Sunday in the Chapel Lounge during the middle hour.**

If the color/size you want is not in stock, it can be ordered. Payment is due when shirt is purchased or ordered.



## Special Activities During the 150th Celebration Year

### Fourth Sunday Focus

*\*The fourth Sunday each month will focus on a different aspect of the celebration. Additionally, former senior pastors, associate pastors and vicars have been invited to be guest preachers on these Sundays. Below is the schedule (to date).*

**January 27—Rev. Byron Arledge**

**February 24—Pastor Paul Santmire**

**March—OPEN**

**April—Pastor Bill Hauser**

**May—OPEN**

### Rotating Archival Displays

*There will be archival exhibits on display for the 150th Anniversary in the Chapel Lounge Gallery throughout this year and next. The displays will feature special items from the archives. Be sure to stop by and see the congregation's history.*

*In addition, there will be a 'Family Legacy' exhibit in the display cases in the office hallway. The second exhibit features the five generations of the **Burgner-Parry-Anacki Family**.*

*We also want to feature other families whose legacy at Holy Trinity spans several generations. Please contact Sandy DeLuca if you are interested in having your family featured. †*

# 150

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## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# 150 Service Projects

In honor of its 150th Anniversary, Holy Trinity will complete 150 service projects over the next year, and we have already completed more than 50! A list of upcoming service projects will be included in each issue of the Highlights. The goal through June 2019 is to have every person participate in at least one service project. And, to track our progress and showcase all the wonderful service and outreach activities we complete, photos will be displayed on the large '150' sign that is displayed in the Room 202 hallway.

We are looking for new projects as well. So, if you have ideas, please contact Karen Nevergall. †



Dave Tiemann



Kathy Tiemann

### ROBINSON CLC AWARDS CEREMONY

Holy Trinity provided books to those students who were recognized with Perfect Attendance, Merit Roll and Honor Roll for the second grading period. Pictured (at right) is Sandy DeLuca with a table filled with books. †



**MISSION MOB @ HOLLAND'S LAUNDROMAT ...** It was a blistering cold day outside on January 21, yet a day filled with lots of love and blessings inside Holland's Laundromat on S. Arlington Street. Holy Trinity hosted the 2nd Annual Mission Mob @ the Laundromat and oh what a day it was! At times, all washers and dryers were in use and parents patiently waited their turns. Quarters were being put into machines ... top loaders, front loaders, 4-load, 8-load, extruders and dryers ... all to help families. Parents repeatedly commented, "Thank you! This is such a blessing! You have no idea how much this helps!" In addition, families enjoyed

pizza and muffins. In the end, **more than 700 loads of laundry were done** within the 4-hour period!! What a great way to serve and help the children and families of the Robinson neighborhood! †



Pictured (from l): Child, Lor Breyley, Sandy DeLuca and Gregg Loesch.



Parent doing laundry.

# The Annual Congregation Meeting



*Council President Sonya Nagle opens the Annual Congregation Meeting held January 27.*



*A delicious fellowship meal was enjoyed by everyone.*

Thank you to everyone who helped plan, run and attend the Annual Congregation Meeting. The congregation passed the 2019 mission budget and approved and ratified several amendments and bylaws to the Constitution as well. †



*Council members (from L): Ann Lawson, Stephen White and Alexa Sandmann.*



*The Annual Congregation Meeting was held January 27.*

# Stewardship is Discipleship

*Remarks shared by Alexa Sandmann at the Congregational Meeting*

Yes, stewardship is discipleship. It is the way we live our lives.

At congregational meetings in the past, we have focused on only one aspect of stewardship—financial. We have become used to linking the word “stewardship” with “campaign,” as if stewardship were wholly about money and only when we know exactly when the “campaign” begins and ends, do we know how much of our wealth to share.

Stewardship is so much more. It is a defining perspective on the relationship between us (as individuals and as a community of faith accountable to one another) and the material goods, talents, and time which God daily and abundantly provides.

We understand that we are called, therefore, to lives of joyful gratitude to God whose grace always surrounds us, so that we then, in grateful response, employ the gifts we have been given for the benefit of all.

A missional budget, as explained by Bob Keener, enacts HTLC’s mission: “To bring Jesus to people through love and the Word of God.” Very soon, a letter will be sent to all households reiterating the missional budget and requesting your support, both financially and by supporting specific ministries, such as volunteering at DLM, teaching Sunday School, or singing in the choir—or any one of 100 or more different opportunities here at the church and within the community.

Gratitude is an action word, and so with that letter will be a response card that you will be asked to return to the church indicating the ways you intend to support the mission’s financial needs, as well as ways you intend to share your time and talents.

The missional budget is HTLC’s answer to the stewardship question of how we will live our lives as a faith community, a proposal of how in 2019, members of HTLC will faithfully respond to God’s gifts. +



**Amanda Archbold**  
*Youth & Education*



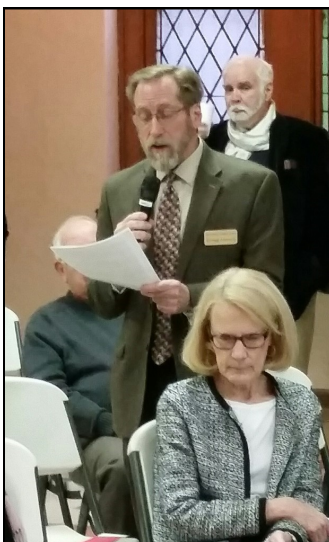
**Bob Foutty**  
*Welcome*



**John Stefanik**  
*Personnel*



**Michael Wilson**  
*Care & Fellowship*



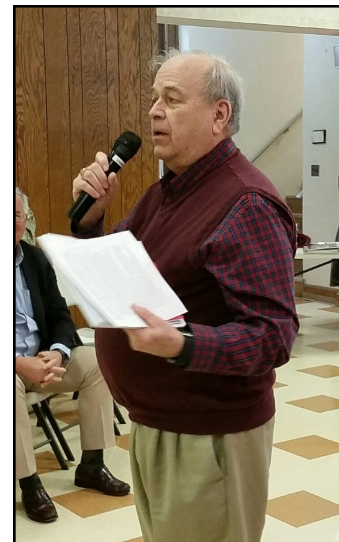
**Gregg Loesch**  
*Outreach & Social Concerns*



**Jack Harig**  
*Finance*



**Dale Bader**  
*Property*



**Dan Seiberling**  
*Worship & Music*



**PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN**  
**10 a.m. in Room 111 (lower level)**

Frolic Preschool/Kindergarten is a play-based curriculum that helps children experience Bible stories and faith-based storybooks in meaningful, memorable ways. Frolic also encourages young children to form relationships with their peers and teachers, creating a thriving early childhood community in the church. Through play, games, stories, songs, and prayers, Frolic invites children to take little steps toward big faith. †



**WHIRL ALL KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
**10 a.m. in Room 116 (lower level)**

- February 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Jesus Blesses Children** (Belong)  
*Teacher: Mandy Mormino*
- February 10<sup>th</sup>: **Jesus Teaches about Prayer** (Prayer)  
*Teacher: Meghann Stevens*
- February 17<sup>th</sup>: **Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man** (Friends)  
*Teacher: Mandy Mormino*
- February 24<sup>th</sup>: **Jesus Calms the Storm** (Calm)  
*Teacher: Mandy Mormino*



**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**  
**(7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

**10 a.m. in the Scharf Resource Library (main level)**

*Pastor David Nevergall, Instructor*

# Adult Forum

**10 a.m. in Room 202**

**Sunday, February 3**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Megan Kleidon, Pastoral Counseling Service**

Pastoral Counseling Service (PCS) is a non-profit mental health agency serving the greater Akron community since 1963. We



are advocates for children, youth, families and older adults, continually exploring innovative ways of providing professional therapeutic and community support services.

Megan Kleidon is only the second President & CEO to sit at the helm of PCS. With a BA from Wittenberg University and an MA in Counseling from Towson University, Megan brings nearly 20 years of experience in non-profit leadership and healthcare to the PCS team. With a passion for building and developing people and the world they live in, Megan regularly leverages new ideas and talent, and empowers systems and the people within them to achieve the impossible. Megan sits on the Emerging Leaders Board for Akron Children's Hospital and is a long-time resident of Summit County.

**Sunday, February 10**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Stephanie Johnson**

**Director of Church Relations, RAHAB Ministries**

RAHAB offers [concrete solutions](#) to human trafficking by putting Truth and Love into action.

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What we do.

Mentoring, Outreach, Drop-in Centers, Jail Ministries, Safe Housing, Education, Training, and Inspiration

Why we do it.

Reaching Above Hopelessness and Brokenness Inc., (RAHAB) is unapologetically Christian. We strive to go the places Jesus went and to let His love live through us.



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# MIDWEEK

## BIBLE STUDY



**Wednesday – 11 a.m.**

### Chapel Lounge

Facilitated by Rachel Núñez,  
Director of Discipleship Ministries

February 6

#### *Dwelling in the Word: Mission*

(Genesis 12: 1-3, Isaiah 55: 3-5, Luke 10: 1-7)

February 13

#### *Dwelling in the Word: Prayer*

(Mark 5: 24-34, Romans 8: 26-27, Philippians 4: 4-6)

February 20

#### *Dwelling in the Word: Hope*

(Romans 5: 1-5, Philippians 3: 12-14, Revelation 21: 1-4)

February 27

#### *Dwelling in the Word: Forgiveness*

(Psalm 31: 1-5, Psalm 51: 10-12, Luke 11: 1-4)



**Thursday – 6:30 p.m.**

### Scharf Library and Resource Center

Facilitated by Rachel Núñez,  
Director of Discipleship Ministries

February 7—**Follow Jesus!** (Luke 5: 1-11)

February 14—**Be Blessed! Part 1** (Luke 6: 17-26)

February 21—**Be Blessed! Part 2** (Luke 6: 17-26)

February 28—**Listen!** (Luke 9: 28-43)

## Altar Guild Officers Installed



**CONGRATULATIONS ...** The 2019 Altar Guild officers were installed in January by Rachel Nunez. Pictured (from l): Secretary Susan Detwiler; Treasurer Stephanie Hilton; Rachel Núñez; President Sophia Morton; and Vice President Deborah Ickes. †

## Adult Forum ... continued from page 10

### Sunday, February 17

**Guest Speaker: Vicar Debbie Pinnegar**

#### Holy Land Reflections

Vicar Debbie will share about her recent trip to the Holy Land.

### Sunday, February 24

**150th Anniversary—Fourth Sunday Focus**

**Special Guest: Pastor Paul Santimire**



## Men on a Mission

**Saturday, February 9 & 23, 8:30 a.m. | Chapel Lounge**

If you're a guy, you are welcome to join us. We're reading First Kings, eating donuts, drinking coffee and praying together ... generally figuring out what it means to be a man of faith. We meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month. This is good stuff ... come and be a part of it! †



## Trinity Stampers

**Friday, February 15, 10:30 a.m. | Scharf Library**

If you are a stamper, a scrapbooker, or someone who enjoys doing crafts ... please join us!! The Trinity Stampers gather each month (*September through May*) to hand-make greeting cards for those members who are home bound. Come be a part of the fun and fellowship! †



## Men's Lutheran Loafers

**Friday, February 15, 11:30 a.m. @ Panera Bread at Chapel Hill**

Calling all men ... or anyone who wants to join the group! No experience necessary, you just must enjoy meeting with other members of our Holy Trinity family. If you would like any further information just call Fletcher Carroll @ (330) 923-6310 or e-mail peegee@neo.rr.com. Panera Bread—689 Howe Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls. †



## Women's Bible Study

**Saturday, February 16, 9 a.m. | Home of Diane Chambers**

Women's Bible Study at the home of host Diane Chambers, 591 Palisades, Akron. Co-host is L.J.Kimble. The discussion will be based on "Meetings With Jesus", Session Two of the Bible Study in the January/February issue of Gather magazine. Join us for good food, fellowship and study. †



## Holy Trinity Book Club

**Sunday, February 24, after the 11 a.m. service | Scharf Library**

Bring a brown bag lunch and join us in the Scharf Library for a discussion of *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us. Please contact Diane Chambers or Amy Indorf with any questions. †



## Altar Guild

There will be no meeting of Altar Guild in March so members can attend the Women's Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 16. See the back page for more details. †

### Environmental Tip:

Rules are changing from time to time so continue to check with your Recycle collector. Remember that we receive payment for the paper we collect in our bins in the Park St parking lot. Bring your newspapers and office paper to those bins. We also have a blue bin in the 201/202 hallway for glass and plastic bottles and cans only, NOT for plastic bags or cardboard. †



### Prayer of the Month:

Please pray that the children of immigrants may soon be reunited with their parents or previous caregivers. †



Blood Pressures will be taken on Sunday, Feb. 3 in Rm. 201, from 9:45-10:30 a.m. †



# Communion Bread Recipe

## Ingredients:

- 1½ cups whole wheat flour
- ½ cup regular white or bread flour
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda
- 3 tablespoons butter  
*(unsalted is best; may substitute margarine)*
- ¾ cup warm water
- 3 tablespoons honey
- ¾ teaspoon salt

- Combine the water and honey. Stir this into the flour/butter mixture, and combine until you have a sticky dough.
- Turn out onto a board/counter, adding flour until you can knead it. Knead until smooth.
- Divide the flour into four equal parts. Roll or press each part into a 6" flat circle.
- Lightly score a cross into the top of each circle. Brush with vegetable oil. Place onto a lightly-greased baking sheet.
- Bake at 350 for no more than 12 minutes. (Over baking makes the bread crumbly.)
- Remove and allow to cool completely.
- When cool it can be bagged for use later in the week or bagged and frozen for use up to three weeks later.

## Directions:

- Combine the first four ingredients well. Cut in the butter, and work in thoroughly.

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Words are not enough to tell you all how much we appreciate the help you have given us while I recuperated from my knee replacement surgery. You are a blessing to Fletch and me. We want to thank each and every one of you for all the prayers, yummy food, flowers, cards, telephone calls, e-mails and special the words of encouragement...the list seems endless . We can't thank you enough. We are so grateful.



In Christian Love, Donna and Fletcher

## Mission First ... continued from page 2

that, lots of churches tried lots of different gimmicks just to get folks in the door. This emphasis yielded a retail understanding of what it meant to be church. Build the best program or hire the coolest band, and you win.

Over the past ten years, however, those methods don't seem to be working as effectively. Instead, the research now shows that it is engagement in the mission of Christ that seems to make a difference...even for folks who aren't sure they're Christian. In a world full of options and distractions, we don't need one more thing to do. But persons of every tradition and faith persuasion are looking for ways to plug into meaningful relationships and work that makes the world a better place.

What that means for Holy Trinity is that we will continue to look for ways to get our hands and feet busy being Christ in the world. And we will invite others to work alongside us, forging new partnerships and meeting new neighbors. Together we will lean into God's promise of a new, whole, and healthy creation that is marked by mutual respect, and shared dignity, and Christ's own sacrificial love. And we will give thanks to God together because we get to be part of such important work.

You'll be asked very soon to think about your own support for the mission we share...both in terms of finances and in the gifts of your time and talents. I pray that you will respond generously and hopefully, ready to invest yourself in the work to which Christ calls us...keeping the mission first as we move together into God's future. †



## February Birthdays

'Happy Birthday' to the following members who are celebrating birthdays this month!!

- February 1 – Leslie Snowball
- February 2 – Joan Baumgardner
- February 2 – James Wilson
- February 3 – Harriet Moxon
- February 4 – Ella Haas
- February 5 – Andy Ethington
- February 5 – Kirk Johnson
- February 5 – Bryce Lakins
- February 6 – Ava Izenour
- February 6 – Rachel Núñez
- February 9 – Michelle Izenour
- February 9 – Abigail Mormino
- February 10 – Bonita Boatwright
- February 11 – Jacki Hancock
- February 11 – Mary Ann Sholtis
- February 12 – Suzanne Mann
- February 13 – Logan Black
- February 14 – Harrison Lauf
- February 14 – Benjamin Ruhlin
- February 17 – Jennifer Keller
- February 17 – John Weygandt
- February 18 – Susan Detwiler
- February 18 – Kristopher Jones
- February 19 – Sally Richenbacher
- February 19 – Mark Stefanik
- February 22 – Iva Johnson
- February 23 – Kurtis Stevens
- February 23 – Beverly Trevathan
- February 26 – Emma Seltzer
- February 27 – Jennifer Bush
- February 28 – Amanda Archbold
- February 28 – Stefanie Sattely

If you want to include your birthday in a future issue of the Highlights, please contact Anmarie Demko at (330) 376-5154.  
NOTE: This list only includes known birthdays.

# February 2019 Worship Stewards

DATE	ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	SOUND
<b>February 3</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Jennifer Keller Linda Vowles (C)  <u>11 a.m.</u> Abby Mormino Maddie Mormino	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mike Ameling  <u>11 a.m.</u> Dan Seiberling	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Pat Keller, Jack Harig  <u>11 a.m.</u> Alexa Sandmann, Ann Lawson, Diane Chambers, Amy Indorf	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Fred Spencer  <u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson
<b>February 10</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Stephen White  <u>11 a.m.</u> Kazia Bethel Camdynn Stevens Michael Wilson (C)	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Wanda Clark  <u>11 a.m.</u> Valerie Clark	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Jack Harig, Sandy DeLuca  <u>11 a.m.</u> Alexa Sandmann, Ann Lawson	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mike Ameling  <u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon
<b>February 17</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Stephen White  <u>11 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Bob Leddon  <u>11 a.m.</u> Elizabeth Liska	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Pat Keller, Jack Harig  <u>11 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Dennis Dick  <u>11 a.m.</u> Bob Ethington
<b>February 24</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Stephen White  <u>11 a.m.</u> Bob Foutty (C) Abby Mormino, Maddie Mormino	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED  <u>11 a.m.</u> Gregg Loesch	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Jack Harig  <u>11 a.m.</u> TO BE ANNOUNCED	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose  <u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson

## USHERS

### 8:30 a.m.

Bill Bulgrin  
Fletcher Carroll  
Donna Carroll  
Bob Leddon  
Ron Nockengost  
Gary Radanof  
Dave Tiemann  
Kathy Tiemann  
Kathy Walsh  
Gloria Woodford

### 11 a.m.

Gregg Loesch  
Pat McRowe  
Fred Rieman  
Rich Williams

Underlined name  
indicates head usher.

## altar CARE

**Candles:** TO BE ANNOUNCED

**Flowers:** TO BE ANNOUNCED

**Altar Care:** TO BE ANNOUNCED

## Communion Bread

Thank you to

**CONNIE ARCHBOLD**  
**PAT KELLER**  
**KAREN NEVERGALL**

for baking the communion bread  
throughout this month.

*If you love baking, why not bake the Communion  
Bread to use during Sunday worship? The sign-up  
sheet and recipe can be found at the Welcome Center.*

# February 2019 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 12:15 p.m. Agape Club (YR)	<b>4</b> 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	<b>5</b> 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 5:30 p.m. Renaissance Meeting (SL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	<b>6</b> 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship w/ Eucharist (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	<b>7</b> 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Rm. 202) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Mid-week Bible Study (SL) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 10 a.m. Stewardship Meeting (CL) <b>11 a.m. DLM Food &amp; Resources Open (Rm. 100 &amp; FH)</b>
<b>10</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist + Baptism 10 a.m. Fellowship & Discipleship Classes 12:15 p.m. Children's Choir (CR) <b>3 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)</b>	<b>11</b> 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Mutual Ministry meeting (SL)	<b>12</b> 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Team Meeting (Rm. 202) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	<b>13</b> <b>7:30 a.m. Pastries for Parents (Robinson CLC)</b> 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship w/ Eucharist (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Personnel meeting (SL)	<b>14</b> 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Rm. 202) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Mid-week Bible Study (SL) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bell Choir <b>7 p.m. DLM Food &amp; Resources Open for Project RISE (Rm. 100 &amp; FH)</b> 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	<b>15</b> 10:30 a.m. Trinity Stampers (SL) 12 p.m. Men's Lutheran Loafers (Panera, Chapel Hill)	<b>16</b> 9 a.m. Women's Bible Study (home of Diane Chambers)
<b>17</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10 a.m. Fellowship & Discipleship Classes 12:15 p.m. Children's Choir (CR)	<b>18</b> PRESIDENT'S DAY 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	<b>19</b> 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Council (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	<b>20</b> 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship w/ Eucharist (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	<b>21</b> 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Rm. 202) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6 p.m. Quilters (CL) 6:30 p.m. Mid-week Bible Study (SL) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) <b>11 a.m. DLM Food &amp; Resources Open (Rm. 100 &amp; FH)</b>
<b>24</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY FOCUS</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10 a.m. Fellowship & Discipleship Classes 12:15 p.m. Children's Choir (CR) 12:15 p.m. Holy Trinity Book Club (SL) 12:15 p.m. Lunch & Devo's (Rm. 202)	<b>25</b> 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	<b>26</b> 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	<b>27</b> 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship w/ Eucharist (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Intern Committee Meeting (SL)	<b>28</b> 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Rm. 202) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Mid-week Bible Study (SL) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	 <p><i>Mission @ Work and 150th Anniversary activities appear in bold. For more information, please contact the Church office at (330) 376-5154. Thank you!</i></p>	

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**Saturday, March 16, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Cost: \$10 per person**

*(continental breakfast & lunch served)*

***A Graceful Life - Spiritual Practices for Lent***

*hosted by the Youth & Education Ministry Team*

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