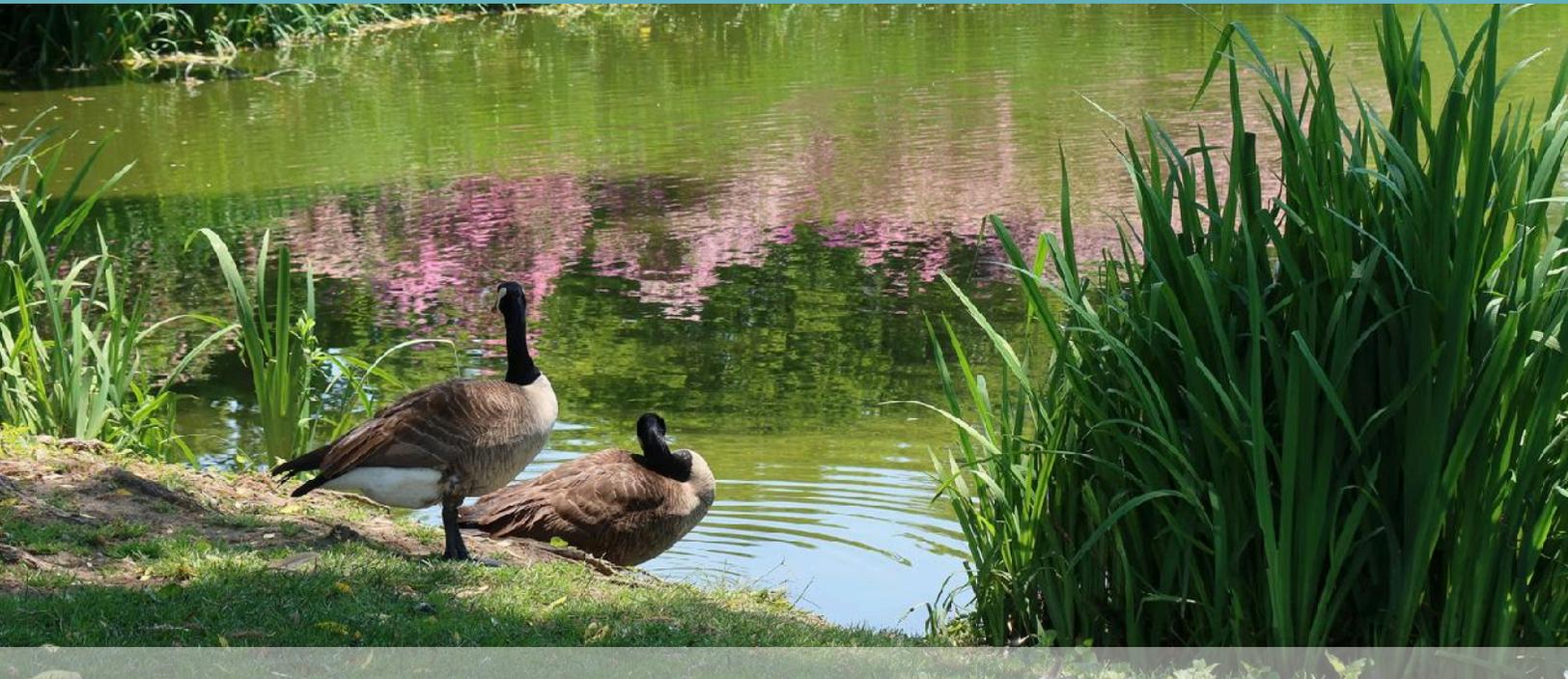


TRINITY MONTHLY

ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY WITH GOD'S TRUTH THROUGH CHRIST'S LOVE



The Light

A NOTE FROM PASTOR BEN

Summer is here! The weather is warmer, the sun is shining, and the days are longer. We have more daylight in the month of June than we do during any other month of the year. Every night when it's time to put my children to bed, they are adamant that it can't be bedtime yet because the sun is still up. There are still games to play, snacks to eat, and fun things to do. And if the sun is still shining, well, why waste an opportunity?

I can hardly blame them; I appreciate the longer days too. I personally much prefer driving home with the sun still in the sky to driving home in the dark. The sun shining seems to hold implicit promise regarding all that the day might yet hold. All the good that might be done. All the joy that might lay ahead.

In the same way, there are things in our lives that seem to bring them life and light. That summer vacation, success at work, the people we love. Things that give us joy and hope. Things that bring
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light to our lives. But the sun still always sets. There is a limitation to the alleged promises offered by these longer days; my children know they can only stall bedtime for so long. The vacation ends. People let us down. No matter the length of the day, there's always a point when the light fades and the day ends.

And yet there is one light for which this doesn't hold true. The Apostle John tells us that there is a light that "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (1:5). There is a light that does not die, but instead overcomes darkness. While the apparent promises of these June days are themselves limited by the amount of time the sun is in the sky, this light has no such limitation.

And this light makes promises, too. Elsewhere in John's Gospel, Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (8:12). Jesus makes a promise to you. A promise regarding what living in the light of Christ means: life in Him for you.

This light is always found where Jesus is. And even when other sources of light in our lives grow dim, Christ will never fail. And so, my prayer for you is that we would follow Christ together, walking in the light. That we as His church would follow Christ into all the good we might accomplish together and all the joy that is up ahead. And, as we together follow Him, may we be filled with confidence knowing that the promise will never be broken. The light of Christ will never end and it shines for you.

In Christ,



Pastor Ben

Pastor Ben Mollohan

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welcome to stop by
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Monday - Thursday
9am-5pm



SUMMER ROSE GARDEN SERVICES

Beginning Sunday, June 22nd | 8:45am Service | Trinity Rose Garden

We invite you and your friends to an outdoor garden service on Sunday morning, June 22nd, at 8:45am in the Church Home Rose Garden, the first of three planned for this Summer. The Sonrise Singers and the Trinity Brass will provide special music. Those attending the garden service should park in the lots on Walnut and Chestnut streets and use the sidewalk to the Rose Garden. In case of rain, the service will be held inside. The Rose Garden and the church sanctuary are ground-level accessible. Other Rose Garden services this summer will take place on July 27th and August 10th.

RUMMAGE SALE SUCCESS

Thank you for supporting the Operation Christmas Child ministry

The Rummage Sale was a great success! A special thanks to all of you who donated and bought items, but especially to all the volunteers who helped to set up the tables, sort, and arrange the many items—and all those who helped clean up and pack the truck! This is a huge project and it takes many hands to complete. Thanks to all!

For the month of June we would like to concentrate donations on hygiene items such as wash cloths, tooth brushes and holders. Please no soap because too many countries will not let soap go through customs.

Remember the Gospel of Jesus Christ is being spread one shoebox at a time. We would love for you to be part of this ministry!



CELEBRATING JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Let's shower our cherished members 85 and over with lots of love and well-wishes as they celebrate their birthdays this month!

Mary Lou Mackenzie | 97 years | 06/05/1928 **Nancy DeLong** | 90 years | 06/15/1935

Christine Carver | 91 years | 06/28/1934

KIDS MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays, 10 - 10:45am | Grades 3 - Grade 5 | Assembly Rooms A, B, C, & D

Join us for weekly Sunday School classes, as we continue the focus we have enjoyed this school year (with a few Funday-Sundays mixed in!). Preschoolers report to the Nursery.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPEN

Weekdays, July 7th - 18th | 8:45am - Noon | Jack's Place

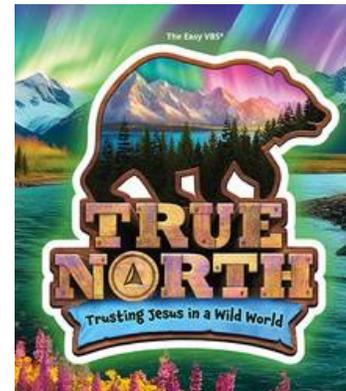
Join us for our annual summer reading program! This program will be open to all kids in the community who have completed grades K-4. We are a Christian-based program staffed with certified teachers and offering fun-filled hands on projects, lots of reading, and special guests! Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity. Registration is now open and early registration and sibling discounts apply.



VBS IS FINALLY HERE!

June 9th - 12th | 9am - 12pm | Ages 4 - 5th Grade

Can you believe VBS is here!? Kids get to explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today, and they will learn that JESUS is our true north. Join us for a week full of faith discoveries, music, and epic adventures that help kids grow in friendship with Jesus! How can you help with this vital ministry as we kick things off on June 9th?



- **Become a Crew Leader:** (The folks who take kids from station to station) We are still in need of adults who can step in to sub with short-notice!
- **Pray for the kids and volunteers:** We lift up the children and the volunteers who will be attending Vacation Bible School at Trinity. We pray that their hearts and minds will be open to receive Your Word and Your love. May they learn and grow in their understanding of You, and may the seeds of faith be planted deeply within them.
- **Purchase needed snacks/supplies:** There will be a "giving tree" in the hallway outside Jack's Place beginning May 18th. At this table you can get a tag for snacks and supplies. Simply remove the tag and bring the item back to Dawn's office by the date on the tag.
- **Sponsor a VBS child:** Because of your support, we are able to purchase the extra supplies that make VBS special and memorable, without adding a burden to families. Cost of a sponsorship is \$12 this year due to rising costs of supplies. Contact Dawn Forbes if you are interested in helping financially.
- **Help with kids before VBS:** As the crew leaders & station leaders join together in prayer, we need a team of people to watch those leaders' children before VBS begins.

If you are willing to be a volunteer for the week, contact one of the VBS directors: Amy Atterholt, Angela Baker, Kari Emmons, Kristen McClain or Dawn Forbes for more info. Reach out and get involved!



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 10-10:50am | Youth Rooms

Middle School and High School students can join for a time of casual summer Sunday school! We'll connect, learn, and grow together during the Sunday School hour throughout the summer.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

PLAN AHEAD FOR FALL 2025: BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP

Thursdays beginning Sep 11th | 9 - 10:30am

This year's study, *Exile & Return*, invites you on a powerful journey through the Old Testament, where God's people were called to build His kingdom in a foreign land. Their story is our story—we, too, are strangers in a broken world, called to build for His glory. As we explore how God equips and positions His people, we're challenged to ask: Am I building my life for Christ? *Exile & Return* reminds us that our time to build is now.

Books included in this year's study: Ezekiel, Daniel, Ezra, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah, Nehemiah, and Malachi.

Scan the QR code to watch a preview of the study! Sign up at www.bsfinternational.org or contact Michelle Vanderzyden for more information.





LUTHER CLUB

Thursday, June 5th | Noon | Jack's Place

All seniors are invited to join us for a delicious lunch and some great fellowship! On the menu is meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, and apple pie. After lunch, we'll hear from speaker Detective Lieutenant Curt Dorsey, with the Ashland Police Department, as he shares on the topic of Internet security. The cost is \$7, and an RSVP to the church office at (419) 289-2126 is required. We hope to see you there!

MNM'S: MAKING NEW MEMORIES

Tuesday, June 17th | Noon | Jack's Place

Women on their own are invited to join us for the next MNM's (Making New Memories) lunch! On the menu is lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and banana split fluff. Please RSVP by contacting the church office. We hope you'll join us for this wonderful opportunity to share good food and great company!

EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH: FELLOWSHIP & CARD-MAKING

Friday, June 20th | Noon | Lower Level Elevator Hallway

Do you enjoy making greeting cards? Join us for Expressions of Faith, a creative time for anyone interested in crafting cards. Bring your lunch and any ideas you'd like to share—we'd love to see your creativity in action! No sign up needed.



EUCHRE NIGHT

Thursday, June 26th | 6:30pm | Jack's Place

If you enjoy playing Euchre, join us for a fun evening of cards! You don't need a partner to register—just bring your enthusiasm and we'll pair you up. Be sure to RSVP by contacting the church office at (419) 289-2126. We look forward to a great time together; all skill levels welcome!



KIDS' CHOIR CAMP 2025

July 28th - July 31st | 9am - Noon | Ages 4 - Completed Grade 6

At Trinity's choir camp, kids will learn about God and worship through singing, moving, and playing instruments! Crafts and snacks will be provided and a final presentation and lunch provided for families on the last day. Camp is for kids ages 4 (potty trained) through completed Grade 6. Kids' Choir Camp is free for participants, and registration is now open! Register by July 14th to guarantee a shirt!

The theme for the week is *"As for Me and My House, We will Serve the Lord,"* based on Joshua 24:15. Our theme song will be the Keith and Kristyn Getty song, *As for Me and My House, We will Serve the Lord.*

Students (grade 7 and above) and adults can volunteer as helpers (shepherds, snacks, crafts, games, etc.). Join the fun!



BROADWAY REVUE

Friday, Jul 11th | 7pm | Jack's Place

Join us as we celebrate the gift of Broadway Shows and those who bring them to life as an outreach to our community. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kim Wolbert!



FINDING HOPE: GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP WITH KARIN SCHWAN

Group Beginning June 8th | 10am (Sunday School Hour)

Navigating grief can be a challenging journey, and you don't have to walk it alone. Join us for a 4-week grief support group led by Karin Schwan, offering a safe and compassionate space to share, listen, and find comfort.



This group will meet during the Sunday School hour in the North Patio Room beginning on June 8th. The focus of the group will be on the feelings of loss and confusion after the death of a loved one, how to begin to move forward, and how to adjust to the "new normal". We will use the book *Grief Walk* written by Gary Roe as a reference. It is available on Amazon in paperback for \$15.29. Purchase of the book is not required. All are welcome to attend.

Please register using the QR code, or on the sign-ups page of our website. Or, call the church office at (419) 289-2126. We look forward to supporting you.

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT AT THE OLIVE TREE CAFÉ

Schedule Information Below | 10-10:50am | Olive Tree Café

Have you ever wondered what some of our local Christian non-profit agencies do in Ashland? Trinity will be having representatives from a number of them available for an informal meeting and question time at the Olive Tree Café this summer between the worship services on Sunday. The agencies participating are listed below. We hope to see you there!

June 15th | *Advocates for Families*, Gregg Ashbrook

July 13th | *Pathfinders*, Jon Burkholder

July 20th | *Associated Charities*, Chris Box

July 27th | *Ashland Christian Health Center*, Cheryl Benway **In the Rose Garden*

August 3rd | *Operation Christmas Child*, Ruth Ann Linder



ADULT SUMMER OPPORTUNITY: *MYERS & MILLERS & CLARKS, OH MY!*

June 22nd & 29th | 10am | Sanctuary

Myers & Millers & Clarks, Oh My! is a two-part presentation by Ron Marenchin on 125 years of music philanthropy in Ashland, as witnessed by Trinity's pianos and keyboards. The leading families of Ashland (who also happened to be members of Trinity) left a legacy we still enjoy today. This is a repeat of the presentation Ron gave for the Ashland County Historical Society back in March, in case you missed it or want to explore it again in greater detail.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful Sunday School teachers for our youngest through our most experienced learners! It has been a great year of learning and growth. A special thanks goes out to Diane and Andy Yeaste as they retire from a long volunteer career shepherding our littlest lambs in Sunday school (Preschool class). The number of Bible stories, prayers, songs, games, hands held, and noses wiped goes beyond count as do the seeds of God's love that have been sown that will continue to grow for many years to come. **Thank you Diane and Andy for your dedicated service and blessings as you move forward into your next chapter.**

Also many thanks to the rest of our teachers for the 2024-2025 school year: Amy Atterholt, Angela Baker, Adrianna Anderson, Jenny Pence, Aaron Wolfe, Pastor Kevin, Adam Kime, Ryane Briggs, Tom Gaus, Wendy Shreffler, Doug Clark, Dan Forbes, Carl and Mary Ann Nestor, Chuck Benway, Michelle and Chris Vanderzyden, and Paul Keske.

Stay tuned for information about the exciting new classes that will be available for next year!

No Kids Sunday School on Sunday, June 8th



ALPHA AT THE MARTIN HOUSE

Thursdays, June 5th - 17th | 2:30-3:30pm

St. Martin House Assisted Living

Join us for this special Alpha Course where we will join with residents of the Martin House to discuss the big questions of faith. Anyone who would like to learn and grow in faith is welcomed to join in the conversation for those who are just exploring the faith to those who have had a lifelong relationship with Jesus. All are welcome! Please contact Michelle Vanderzyden if you have any questions or would like to participate.

ARE YOU A GOOD LISTENER?

If you are a good listener or would like to become one, you may be well suited to become a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministry is a lay ministry of well trained volunteers who are excellent listeners to those who need a little extra support through the challenges of regular life. We are looking for people who would like to serve God in this way. We will train and support you through your service. In becoming a Stephen Minister you will find great fellowship, learning opportunities, and encouragement as you live out the life of a disciple of Christ. To learn more about Stephen Ministry and how you can become one, contact Michelle Vanderzyden at the church office.



The Outreach Fund: Impact on Youth Bible Study (YBS)

This past year, the Outreach Fund's generous \$3,000 grant enabled the Youth Bible Study (YBS) to offer an interdenominational program to students from 2nd through 12th grade, free of charge. Meeting weekly at Park Street Brethren Church, YBS provided a space where over 1,700 student interactions occurred across 27 weeks of study. We read through the entire book of Revelation—a journey that began with hesitation but ended in joy, spiritual growth, and deeper faith.

YBS's mission is to equip the next generation to live Christ-like lives, preparing them for the adventures ahead with hope and truth. The program fosters a community where students engage with Scripture, ask bold questions, and build lasting friendships. One 5th grader reflected on the enduring message that God "was and is and is to come," while an 8th grader appreciated the fellowship and learning with friends. One of the high school leaders said, "YBS stretched me in ways I didn't expect... but I saw God at work in our students and in myself every week."

The Outreach Fund's support was instrumental in covering all program costs, ensuring that financial barriers did not hinder any student's participation. This generosity allowed YBS to focus on its core mission: nurturing faith and community among youth. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity and support of the Outreach Fund. *For more information about YBS and its upcoming programs, please visit youthbiblestudy.co.*



Scan here to view a video featuring YBS' mission and work.

April 2025 Church Services		
DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	CHURCH SERVICES
VESPERS: April 3 rd , 2025	N/A	39
WEEKEND: April 5th- 6th, 2025	106	337
VESPERS: April 14 th , 2025	N/A	34
PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND: April 12th - 13th, 2025	118	470
MAUNDY THURSDAY (11am): April 17 th , 2025	N/A	74
MAUNDY THURSDAY (7pm): April 17 th , 2025	N/A	86
GOOD FRIDAY (12pm): April 18 th , 2025	N/A	193
GOOD FRIDAY (8pm): April 18 th , 2025	N/A	106
EASTER WEEKEND: April 19th - 20th, 2025	Easter (No Sunday School)	709
WEEKEND: April 26th - 27th, 2025	90	385

April 2025 Receipts	
DATE	AMOUNT
April 5-6, 2025	\$15,698
April 12-13, 2025	\$22,301
April 19-20, 2025	\$21,568
April 26-27, 2025	\$22,397

Operating Fund YTD	
INCOME	\$316,706
DISBURSEMENTS	\$467,747
DEFICIT	-\$149,411
WEEKLY INCOME NEEDED FOR OPERATION BUDGET	\$27,515

**Newsletter receipt and operating fund amounts reflect information from two months prior, as approved and available at the time of newsletter composition.*

COUNCIL REPORT: MAY 2025 MEETING

Opening & Pastor's Report

- Pastor Kevin welcomed new council members Rob Ward, Paul Keske, Fred Gottfried, and Robert Birkes. He reminded all council members of their call to godly leadership and the responsibilities that come with serving the church in this capacity.

Key Updates & Reports

Pastoral & Staff

- Council officer selection:
 - Lay Leader: Rob Hendrix
 - Secretary: Sara Paddags
- Committee responsibilities assigned (see "Trinity Council Members 2025" in the Council Google Drive).
- Emergency phone access discussed.
- Fire Marshal reminder: no storage allowed under stairwells.
- Pretzel Truck requested weekly Tuesday use of Center Street lot, 8am–2pm.
- Pastors requested approval to attend:
 - Pastor Conference (June 30th –July 3rd) – \$300/person for registration & lodging.
 - NALC National Convocation (August 3rd–8th) – \$1,390/person for registration & lodging.
 - Motion passed to approve up to \$5,000/person from the Bequests & Memorials Fund, with any excess to come from the staff development budget.

Christian Education

- Last Sunday School class: May 25th.
- Summer Sunday School: Begins June 15 with 4-week sessions and two "Funday Sundays" (July 13th, Aug. 17th).
- Rally Day: August 24th.

Finance

- Mid-year giving statements to be sent first week of July.
- Committee discussed 2025 deficit concerns and will brief Council.
- A stewardship team will be formed to support long-term financial health.

Grounds

- No report.

Kitchen

- No report

COUNCIL REPORT: MAY 2025 MEETING

Missions

- No report.

Montessori

- New director search underway (job posted on Indeed & Ashland Source).
- 19 children already registered for next year.

Nurture

- Met to discuss photo directory.
- Supported Confirmation and Mother's Day events; assisting with graduation breakfast.

Outreach

- Next meeting: June 19th.

Personnel/Lay Leader

- Staff reviews scheduled for July 14th - 24th.
- Pastor Charles departing in July; replacement search in progress.

Property

- Roof repairs complete; awaiting infrared assessment.
- New sacristy sink and countertop installed.
- TLC Properties balance: May start - \$25,004.70; May end - \$25,016.70; \$6,200 dispersed.
- Ohio ProClean walk-through was positive; cost adjustments discussed.

Safety

- No report

Senior Ministries

- Planning June Columbus bus trip.
- Lunches continue successfully.
- Senior fall celebration planning underway.

Women and Children

- Preschool director search ongoing.
- VBS planning continues; snack donations needed.
- Rummage sale raised over \$8,400; remaining items donated to Savers.

COUNCIL REPORT: MAY 2025 MEETING

Worship and Music

- High Praise traveled to Buffalo, NY to perform at local churches.
- Choir Camp (July 28th–31st) planning underway. Theme: *“As for me and my house...”*. Service project: Ronald McDonald House donations.
- Broadway Revue rehearsals started; supported by grant from Ashland County Community Foundation.
- Kim & Ron to attend ALMA Conference in Durham, NC in August.
- Garden services scheduled: June 22nd, July 27th, August 10th.

Young Adult

- Sunday School and home groups planned for fall.

Youth

- Confirmation and Senior Recognition underway.

Adjournment

- Meeting concluded with the Lord’s Prayer.