



22 No. 11 Newsletter

November 2022

Trinity United Church of Christ
8919 S. St. Rt. 53, PO Box 126
McCutchenville, OH 44844-0126

Phone: 419-981-5808
Website: www.thetrinityucc.com
Church Email: trinityucc@bright.net
Pastor: Pastor Elyse Cramer



Thank You

To the Trinity UCC family,
Thank you so much for your support of Fairhaven Community. You have supported us both financially and through your time as volunteers. May you continue to be blessed in all you do as the hands, feet, and heart of Christ in the world.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Darla Metz,
Chaplain

Dear Trinity UCC of McCutchenville,
Thank you all so very much for the generous donation towards past due lunch accounts. The staff and students greatly appreciate it.

Brooke Bowlin

Special Thanks!

To ... those who donated Halloween candy for Trick or Treat. Your generosity toward the children in the community is very much appreciated.

To ...those who took the time to write notes to our Ohio Veterans this year through our card challenge. Thank you for touching the hearts of so many who have served our country.

To ...Jaceyk Sherwood for lighting the altar candles for the October 2 worship service.

To ...Linda Gottfried and Gina Dutcher for decorating the sanctuary for fall. It looks beautiful.

To ... Gina Dutcher for her October interactive bulletin board idea for Pastor Appreciation Month. If anyone has ideas for the hall bulletin board throughout the year, be sure to let Jan know.

To ... Patti Palmer and crew for donating a themed breakfast basket from Trinity for Fairhaven Community's Fall Online Auction Fundraiser.



Dan Gucker
(extended care), Jim
Rinehart (extended
care), Lonnie

Dutcher (recovery), Mike Inbody (waiting on kidney transplant), Tracy Frankhart Brown (extended care), and to our Homebound: Phyll Barth, Alice Earl, Donna Warnecke, and Cora Bour. And those known and those unknown only to God who are homebound... hospitalized... those who are undergoing treatments... surgeries... and those with illnesses... and hurting spirits... and to all others who struggle and suffer in our world.

JOYS!

Congratulations to Tammy Lane for passing her Medical Billing test!



Mikayla Clifton and Josh Vanichek exchanged wedding vows Saturday, October 22, 2022. Pastor Elyse Cramer performed the outdoor ceremony held at the

Trillium Event Center in Bucyrus, Ohio.

Mikayla is the daughter of Mandi and Andy Clifton and the granddaughter of Barb and Bob Plott.

The happy couple honeymooned at the Poconos and are residing in Bucyrus.

Our congratulations and God's blessings to Mikayla and Josh!

While Pastor Elyse is on Maternity Leave



Pastor Darrin Harvey from Sycamore UCC will be on call for any pastoral emergencies during Pastor Elyse's maternity leave. He

may be reached at either the church, 419-927-9707, or his cell 419-560-6579.

We are very fortunate to have Marty Everhart, Rev. Paul Stark, Rev. Rick Dorsch and Rev. Kathryn Helleman as our worship leaders during Pastor Elyse's maternity leave. (As of the writing of this newsletter, Baby Myles has not yet made his appearance.) We will do our best to let you know ahead of time what Sunday each guest will be with us through bulletin announcements.

Election Day Lunch/Dinner Fundraiser

Be sure to stop by the church for either lunch, dinner, or a mid-day snack on Tuesday, November 8 for soup and a sandwich, as well as

dessert. We are serving a variety of sandwiches and soups such as Hot Dogs, Coney Dogs, Bratwurst, Sloppy Joe, and Chicken sandwiches. Available soups include Chicken Noodle, Ham and Bean, Chili, and Rivel Soups. Homemade pies will be available as well as a Cookies Sale. Serving time is from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. You may dine in or take out. If you live locally, we will even deliver your food order to your doorstep. You may call in your orders at 419-981-5808. Thanks for your faithful support of Trinity.

Fairhaven Community On-line Auction November 7 - 20

Fairhaven Community's Fall Online Auction to raise funds for Fairhaven Community is November 7 – 20. Bids on themed baskets, bags, and bundles will be accepted through Castle Auctions at www.castleauctionappraisal.com. Persons with the winning bids may pick up their items at St. John's UCC, 120 South Lane St., Bucyrus from 9:00 am – 1:00 p.m., or call 419-562-8271 to arrange another time to pick up your items.

Harvest Home



During the November 20 worship service, time will be set aside to share our bounties with those who are less fortunate through our Caring Community Christmas Totes.

According to the initial of your last name, if it begins with the letter **A - M**, please bring any of the following food items to worship on November 20:

Canned meats (beef, chicken, pork, tuna, ham)
Canned broth
Canned fruits (Continued on page 3)

Canned vegetable
 Canned Ravioli or spaghetti
 Canned soups
 Crackers (any variety)
 Instant mashed or scalloped potatoes
 Cereals
 Pancake mix
 Syrup
 Spaghetti noodles
 Spaghetti sauce
 Parmesan cheese
 Mac & Cheese
 Peanut Butter
 Bottled juice
 Hot chocolate mix
 Tea
 Coffee
 Baking supplies-flour sugar, baking soda, baking powder, salt, pepper
 Cake mix & frosting
 Brownie mix
 Puddings
 Dollar Tree Gift Cards

THOSE WITH LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH the letter N - Z, please bring any of the following Paper or Personal Hygiene products to worship on November 20:

Paper products - paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper.

Personal hygiene products - toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, deodorant, razor, comb, brush, soap/bodywash, hand sanitizers.

Dollar Tree Gift Cards

If you would know of someone who may benefit from receiving a Christmas tote, please contact anyone on the Caring Community Committee: Erin Sherwood, Susan Parker, Char Carrick, or Dale Pennington.

Let us give thanks and praise to God as we share our bounties with others.

Advent begins Sunday, November 27



Prepare your heart as we begin the Advent Season with the Sacrament of Holy Communion of the first Sunday of Advent, November 27. As always, Trinity believes in the practice of Open Communion. Everyone is invited to share in the Bread and Juice of the Holy Communion service, regardless of membership. Rev. Kathryn Helleman will be our guest pastor that Sunday. Please give her a warm welcome.

Advent Devotional Books

Like in previous years, we are again offering a free Advent Daily Devotional Book to you provided through the Society of St. Andrew. We encourage you to pick up a copy of this season's devotional booklet, *Prepare the Way of the Lord*, which will be made available November 13 in each of the vestibules. We hope you will use the daily readings, reflections, and prayers it provides to prepare your heart for the coming of the Christ-child.

The Society of St. Andrew provides the devotional booklets to us free of charge. But they do ask us to make a commitment to help others by giving back to the Society of St. Andrew which is a nationwide faith-based nonprofit entity that focuses on providing healthy food to the hungry. According to the Society of St. Andrew, "40% of food grown goes to waste". This entity collaborates with farmers, volunteers, hunger relief agencies, congregations, and individual supporters to get fresh fruits and vegetables to those in need by simply salvaging and sharing fresh food that would otherwise go to waste.

If you are able, we ask that you consider making a small daily donation throughout Advent to the Society of St. Andrew to help provide food for the hungry. Like last year, we have coin boxes

available for you to take home for your daily donations this Advent season. Please return any donations or coin boxes to the church by January 1, 2023, and we will collectively send our donation from Trinity to Society of St. Andrew.

December 18th



Trinity needs your talents. Can you sing, play the piano, organ or any other musical instrument? Maybe you dance, do gymnastics, or read poetry? If you have a talent that you are willing to share with us, then Trinity needs you for our Christmas Talent Show on Sunday, December 18 during the worship hour. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the trophy case beginning November 20 for those who are willing to participate in our Christmas talent show. Please consider sharing your talents with us on December 18.

Trinity Card Challenge

Christmas Cards for Ohio Prisoners

Sunday, December 4 is the last day to turn in Christmas cards for Ohio prisoners. There are over 50,000 prisoners in the state of Ohio, and for many of them, these cards are all they receive for Christmas. The cards are put on their beds while they are at breakfast Christmas morning. Many break down in tears after reading their card. We hope you will help spread some Christmas cheer to these inmates. Cards and instruction sheets with examples are found on the table in the back overflow room of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please talk to Char Carrick.

McCutchenville Christmas & Christmas Parade



Join in on the holiday fun and participate in McCutchenville's Community Christmas and Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 10. Join the 1:00 parade with a possibility of winning a generous gift basket raffle that includes a \$75 gift certificate to Scutch Drive Thru II, compliments of the McCutchenville Branch of First National Bank of Sycamore. To be eligible for the gift basket raffle, all you need to do is join the parade. Gather your friends or employees and drive or walk in the parade. Please do let the bank know by December 4 that you will be participating so you are placed in the parade lineup. Please call 419-981-5555 or call/ text 567-207-8582, so you can be added to the parade line up. Trinity's choir will again ride the church float singing Christmas songs along the way. Anyone is welcome to join us on the float to help spread Christmas cheer; the more, the merrier. The parade line up begins at 12:15 in the parking lot of Heritage Co-op and at 1:00 p.m., it will travel down St. Rt. 53 for a quarter of a mile to County Highway 35.

Following the parade, all kids are invited to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the "Scutch Tree Lot" on the corner of County Highway 35 and State Route 53. Santa will pass out "goodie bags", compliments of First National Bank, as well as cookies. Beautify McCutchenville will provide hot chocolate to help warm you from the winter chill. There will also be some pop-up vendors for last minute Christmas shopping as well as food trucks! Live Christmas trees will also be for sale with profits going to spread Christmas cheer throughout the Scutch community.

Please join in on the fun December 10 for a very wonderful time of the year for McCutchenville!

News & Notes

Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.
All are welcome!

Secretary's Office Hours
Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Choir Practice every Wednesday evening at
6:30. Note: there will be no choir practice on
November 23. All are welcome to join!

Consistory will hold its monthly meeting
November 2 at 7:00 p.m.

~ **To help protect and respect the privacy** of those sick/hospitalized/care facilities, be sure to obtain the family's permission first before announcing or requesting prayers. Be sure to let Jan know if their name may be added to the prayer list.

~ **Please help the office** stay up to date with your have current contact information. If your email address, phone numbers or address has changed, please let Jan know so she may update the records. Thank you!

November Ushers

Jeff Watson and Erin Sherwood

November Stewardship Project

The Caring Community

The Upper Room Daily Devotional

Please help yourself to these free daily devotional booklets found in both the front and back vestibules.

Daylight Savings Time ends 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 6, 2022. Turn your clocks BACK one hour before bedtime Saturday, November 5, and enjoy that extra hour of sleep!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO



November

- 1 Ashley DeVaughn
- 7 Melissa Morton, Mylie Clifton, Gage Swartz
- 8 Reid Jacoby
- 9 Dave Hoerig, Tori Stansbery, Colton Tiell
- 10 Barton Ludwig
- 12 Teresa Taylor, Kate Tiell
- 13 Jim Karg, Wendy Shellhouse, Walker Karg, Sandy Beis
- 15 Brynn Plouck
- 18 Robin Hough
- 19 Joan Davidson
- 20 Caleb Heilman
- 21 Jason Romanko, Laura Parsell
- 22 Dave Lane
- 26 Darrin Morehart, Brent Parker
- 24 River Carrick
- 28 Patti Palmer, Rick Weininger,
- 29 Mindy Hough
- 30 Ryan Wollett

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...



November

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 4 Steve and Kathy Tanner | 34 years |
| 6 Kyle and Mandy Frederick | 23 years |
| 7 Devin and Kate Tiell | 13 years |
| 12 Donald & Wendy Shellhouse | 34 years |
| 13 Philip & Charlene Thornton | 12 years |
| 14 Todd and Kathy Russell | 24 years |
| 27 Alan and Sue DeVaughn | 41 years |

TREASURY REPORT - August 31, 2022

INCOME:

Tithes/Offerings	\$	3,583.00
Other Income	\$	12.12
Special Events	\$	<u>206.00</u>
Total Income/Gross Profit	\$	3,801.12

PASTORAL EXPENSES:

Salary	\$	960.50
Housing	\$	1,988.38
Life Insurance/Disability	\$	44.26
Health & Dental	\$	250.00
Pension	\$	425.58
Car mileage	\$	<u>36.58</u>

Total Pastoral Expenses **\$** **3,705.30**

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES:

Secretary	\$	903.50
Custodian	\$	298.15
Organist	\$	124.72
Columbia Gas	\$	224.35
Electric AEP	\$	477.14
Telephone	\$	84.21
Insurance	\$	1,091.00
Copier/Duplicator	\$	98.73
Supply/Postage	\$	28.62
Maintenance Inspect/service	\$	99.99
Miscellaneous	\$	<u>34.00</u>

Total Administration **\$** **3,464.41**

Total Expenses **\$** **7,169.71**

NET ORDINARY INCOME **\$** **- 3,368.59**

CHECK BOOK BALANCE: **\$** **25,618.84**

Average September worship attendance = 29
--

CONSISTORY NOTES - August 31, 2022

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Elyse's mileage was 62 with 4 home visits.
- Gina and Leigh will work on recording the worship services while Pastor Elyse is on maternity leave.

- We are covered for the 6 Sundays the Pastor will be out on maternity leave. Dr. Helleman will serve Holy Communion on November 27, the first Sunday of Advent.

- October 2 is World Communion Sunday.
- Fall Bible Study begins September 8.

Committee Reports:

Faith Formation Committee: Trick or Treat is set for Sunday, October 30 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

Maintenance: An application for the elevette variance was sent to the state.

Received a quote of \$7,150 from Gary Keller for the new furnace/AC. A motion was passed to go forward with Gary's services and use the Colleen Schaffer memorial monies towards the cost.

Old Business

-Discussed Wyandot County Fair and electronic ticket training to begin September 6 & 7th.

-Preliminary report on the BBQ Pork Chop dinner was \$649.00.

New Business

-Discussed information received from Habitat for Humanity and Fairhaven Community; the Fairhaven Community Silent Auction information will be placed on the trophy case for anyone interested.

-Discussed the need to update the church's first aid kits. Dave will follow up.

-Discussed a possible Christmas event such as the children's bell choir or program, or possibly a joint event with Sycamore UCC.

-Pastor Darrin from Sycamore UCC will be on call for pastoral emergencies while Pastor Elyse is on maternity leave.

-Next Consistory meeting is set for October 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina L. Dutcher, Secretary

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints Day	2 Choir 6:30 Consistory 7:00	3	4	5 Set clocks BACK one hour before bedtime
6 Worship – 10:00  Ball Assoc. - 6:30	7	8 Election Day Lunch/Supper 11am – 7pm Cub Scouts 6:30	9 Choir 6:30	10	11 Veterans Day	12
13 Worship – 10:00	14	15	16 Choir 6:30 Budget Meeting 2:00	17	18	19
20 Worship – 10:00 Harvest Home	21	22 Newsletter deadline - Noon	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving!	25 Office Closed	26
27 1 st Sunday of Advent Worship – 10:00 Holy Communion Rev. Kathryn Helleman	28	29	30 Choir 6:30	December 1	December 2	December 3 Recycling 8:30am - 10:30am