



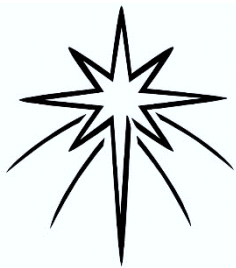
Trinity News

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Thank You

Dear Members of McCutchenville Trinity UCC,
We are very thankful for your recent donation to Wyandot Cares. During school time, students are learning songs, verses, and Bible stories.

With God's blessings from our Teachers, Officers, Board Members, and Volunteers at Wyandot Cares.

Dear Trinity UCC,
I just wanted to send a note of thanks to all who supported the Mohawk Giving Tree this past year. Due to your generosity, 63 children had a nicer Christmas.

Thank you so very much!
Michelle Snay
Mohawk School Counselor

To all of those at our church,
I'm sending my prayers and love. Thank you for all the love you have shown to me while I cannot join you in Sunday services. Miss you all. May God bless us in the New Year with His love and goodness.

As ever,
Clarabelle Clark

To My Loving Church family,
Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year! Thank you for the delicious cookies. I do enjoy your phone calls and letters.
Love and friendship,
Alice Earl

To the Choir,
Thank you so much for the Christmas gift certificate. I'm sure I will enjoy it!
Harry Traxler

Dear Church family,
Thank you so much for your Christian love and support shown to me while I was on maternity leave. I appreciated all the cards, gifts, and well wishes!

Blessings,
Pastor Elyse

Special Thanks

To ... those who decorated the sanctuary for Christmas, and to those who put up the outdoor nativity.

To ...those who so generously gave to our Christmas mission project providing 5 Mohawk students with gifts this past Christmas.

To... Gina Dutcher, Linda Gottfried, Dave and Lynda Weininger, Kara, John, and Tori Stansbery, and Leigh and Carleigh Beidelschies for participating as liturgists for the lighting of the Advent Wreath. It was much appreciated!

Tothe choir, including Patti and Harry, for participating and representing Trinity UCC in the Scutch Community Christmas parade.

To ... Dan Cleland for the use of his trailer for the church float used in the Scutch Christmas Parade and pulling it with his truck.

To ...Susan and Gary Parker for providing straw bales for our Christmas float.

To ... Kenneth and Emma Arter - piano, Gina Dutcher-singing, and Carleigh Beidelschies-devotional reading, for sharing their talents with us during our first ever Christmas Talent Show on December 18.

To ... Kathy and Todd Russell for donating tealights for the Christmas Eve luminaries.

To... those who contributed Advent monies to the Society of St. Andrew to put nourishing food on the tables of people in need.

To ...those who contribute items for the community Blessing Box to help those in need.

To ... Nira and Arin Beaschler for their care setting up the Advent Wreath and candelabras, and the indoor nativity.

To ...Roger McGuire for faithfully serving on the Consistory and guiding us the past 3 years.

To ...Robin Tong, Treasurer, and Harry Traxler, Financial Secretary, for their outstanding bookkeeping of our church records and the paying of bills.

To ... Bob Plott for his faithfulness keeping the outdoor sign updated with our church activities, even under harsh weather conditions.

To ... Andrew Plott for keeping our church web page up-to-date.



Jim Beidelschies (surgery recovery), Emily Danner (surgery recovery), Dan Gucker (extended care), Mike Inbody (waiting on kidney transplant), and to our Homebound: Phyll Barth (company welcomed), Donna Warnecke, Cora Bour, Clarabelle Clark, and Ruth Pennington. 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.



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to:

- The Kyle Beidelschies family and friends;
- To the Daniel Kin family and friends;
- To the Jim Rinehart family and friends;
- To the Alice Earl family and friends.

JOYS!

Bob Plott was on the winning team for the Wyandot County 4-man Dartball Tournament.

Ruth Weininger is an 8-time great grandmother!

Our church was the winner of this year's gift basket for participating in the Scutch community Christmas Parade.

Thank you, choir, for your participation!
Enjoy your special treats!

Trinity Church Committees

It's time to update our Trinity Church Committees for 2023. Various church committees are Altar, Graduations &

Weddings, Memorials, Roses for Newborns, Homebound/Shut-ins, Christmas & Easter Flowers, Spiritual/Communion, Hospital Flowers, Easter Breakfast, Stand-by for Funeral Dinners, Church Decorating and Church landscaping-spring & fall.

The committees' list is posted on the church trophy case for you to make your changes, or let the office know if you would like to be added or removed from any of the church committees for 2023. **Please make any changes by Sunday, January 15, 2023.**



Poinsettias were placed in the sanctuary given in memory of:

Loved Ones	Harry & Cindy Traxler
Loved Ones	Dale & Jan Pennington
Milton & Geraldine Gucker	Judy Gucker
Verl & Helen Price	Judy Gucker
Sara Price	Judy Gucker
Bob Gucker	Judy Gucker
Loved Ones	Connie Heimrick
Family and Friends	Roger & Sharon McGuire
Loved Ones	Anna Carr
Warren & Bea Weininger	Weininger Family
Bob Pennington	Ruth Pennington Family
Walter & Mary Alice Tanner	Tanner Family
Family & Loved Ones	Steve & Gina Dutcher
Gary Gottfried & Family	Linda Gottfried
Jerry B. Weininger	Ruth Weininger Family
Loved Ones	Ruth Weininger Family
Loved Ones	Jeff & Tracy Watson
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Dave & Sue Rice	Lance & Andra Meyer Family

White poinsettias were given in memory of those who passed away in 2022:

Elaine Kern	March 21 st
George Stine	April 21 st
Colleen Shaffer	May 22 nd
Dave Rice	August 8 th

Community Blessing Box

Non-perishable dry foods for the winter months (noodles, mac & cheese, pastas, oatmeal, cereals, cereals, hot chocolate, crackers, pancake mixes, etc.), toiletries, and cleaning items are needed on a continued basis for our Community Blessing Box to help those in need this winter. There is a collection box under the trophy case for your donations. Thank you!

Let's play Dartball



Our Dartball team will now participate in both Wyandot and Seneca County Church Dartball Leagues. Seneca League plays at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays while the Wyandot County League continues to play Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. If anyone is interested playing dartball in the Seneca league, please see Dale Pennington.

Annual Reports

Annual reports are due from all Consistory Reps or Standing Committee Chairpersons by Wednesday, January 18, 2023.



January 29, 2023

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on January 29. Please support Trinity with your presence as we review this past year and make plans for 2023.



Ash
Wednesday
Service

Our 40-day journey of the Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. A special

worship service will be offered beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the imposition of ashes offered. Mark your calendar for this special Lenten worship service.

“From dust you came and from dust you will return.”

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.

~ **Consistory organized itself for the new year.**
Dave Weinger continues as President, Leigh Beidelschies as Vice President, and Gina Dutcher as Secretary.

~ **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 bulletin and newsletter prayer lists.

~ **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!

The Upper Room Daily Devotional

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

Altar Flowers

A 2023 altar flower chart has been posted in the back vestibule for anyone who would like to provide altar flowers for this year.

January Ushers

Leigh Beidelschies and Jeff Watson

January Stewardship Project

OCWM – Our Church’s Wider Mission

This supports ministries of the Association, Conferences, and National setting of the UCC (Wider Church Ministries, Local Church Ministries, Justice & Witness Ministries, General Ministries, and Pension Boards, and is one of our 5 for 5 special UCC offerings.

What is a 5 for 5 Special UCC Offering?

Congregations who fully support not only Our Church’s Wider Mission (OCWM), but also all four of the special mission offerings that sponsor vital ministries that bring hope to people in the United States and around the world. Those 4 special missions are Neighbors in Need (NIN), One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), The Christmas Fund, and Strengthen the Church.

Trinity is proud to say we are a 5 for 5 Church!
Let’s continue doing so.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO ...

January

- 2 Dawn Fitch, Lukas Jacoby
- 3 Donna Warnecke, Jannie Snyder
- 4 Micah Morton, Colleen Halm
- 5 Brian Dunlap, Jim Beidelschies,
Brian Halm, Holden Parker
- 6 Talonn Haller, Brantley Stine

- 7 Malcolm Morehart
- 8 Linda Wilkins, Jasmine Balduf
- 9 Carolyn Cray, Kase Williamson
- 11 Terri Weininger, Chad Romanko
- 13 Leigh Beidelschies
- 14 Ginnie Palmer
- 15 Joshua Hilborn, Char Carrick
- 16 Sherry Balduf, Renee Barth
- 18 Charles Clark
- 19 Summer Rhoad
- 20 Nira Beaschler, Kara Jacoby
- 22 Jenna Karg
- 23 Dana Plouck, Ava Kingseed
- 26 Judy Gucker, Madison Troha
- 27 Michael Karg
- 28 Jacob Bishop, Tina Morehart,
Tammy Lane
- 29 David Keller
- 30 Jaclyn Kutscher, Jessica Luhning
- 31 Jaxon Fatzinger



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY TO ...**

January

- 2 Bob and Barb Plott 47 years
- 14 Don and Sue Dunlap 64 years

**TREASURY REPORT
November 2022**

INCOME:

Tithes/Offerings	\$	8,146.00
Other Income	\$	10.00
Special Events	\$	<u>3,009.17</u>
Total Income/Gross Profit	\$	11,165.17

PASTORAL EXPENSES:

Salary	\$	960.50
Housing	\$	1,988.38
Life Insurance/Disability	\$	44.26
Health & Dental	\$	250.00
Pension	\$	425.58
Pulpit Supplies	\$	<u>300.00</u>
Total Pastoral Expenses	\$	3,968.72

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES:

Secretary	\$	903.50
Custodian	\$	298.15
Organist	\$	166.24
Columbia Gas	\$	359.59
Electric AEP	\$	378.57
Telephone	\$	77.58
Worker's Comp	\$	25.99
Copier/Duplicator	\$	98.73
Supply/Postage	\$	282.88
Special Event Expenses	\$	<u>175.08</u>
Total Administration	\$	2,766.31

Total Expenses \$ 6,735.03

NET ORDINARY INCOME \$ 4,430.14

CHECK BOOK BALANCE: \$ 28,989.42

Church Attendance
Average November worship attendance = 37

CONSISTORY NOTES
November 2, 2022

Dave indicated he will be the liturgist during Pastor Elyse's maternity leave. Rev. Paul Stark will fill the pulpit on November 6 and December 4, Rev. Rick Dorsch November 13, and Kathryn Helleman on November 27, 2022. For the November 20 worship, Dave will do a meditation or a hymn sing.

Committee Reports:

Maintenance: Jeff reported parts for the new furnace are in and will be installed by Keller's Heating. Still waiting to receive awning bill from Ted Waldock. Clouse to quote the front steps.

Pastor-Parish: Gift cards are to be purchased for Pastor Elyse to various restaurants while she is on maternity leave.

Stewardship: Decided against using the Pony Express for pledge cards and will mail letters with the pledge cards instead. There was discussion about sending out a year-end letter.

Worship Music: Gina is working on uploading the sermons to YouTube and the church Facebook page.

Old Business

- \$467.75 balance for Mohawk School Milk program. (Wyandot Cares monthly project has passed).

- \$1,416.67 check received for the church from working the Wyandot County Fair gates for 2 days. It was indicated we may have a third day to work the gates for the 2023 fair.

-Dave Weininger replaced outdated items in the church's first aid kit.

- Additional workers are needed for the Election Day Dinner Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

-Elders will meet to work on the 2023 budget on November 16 at 2:00 p.m.

-Discussion held on a Christmas Joint Talent show and the Christmas parade on Dec. 10.

-Jeff to review the church's gas bills to see if there is anything we can do to reduce the amount of the gas bills. Jeff adjusted the thermostat on the second boiler and asked that we let him know if it's too cold.

New Business

-January Ushers are Leigh Beidelschies and Jeff Watson. February Usher will be Char Carrick and Gina Dutcher.

-Next Consistory meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina L. Dutcher, Secretary

After Christmas:
Poem by Howard Thurman

*"When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their
flocks,*

the work of Christmas begins:

*to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart."*

JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion	2	3	4 -Pastor's Office Hours 4:00 -6:00 -Consistory – 6 -Choir – 6:30	5 Wyandot Dartball 7:30 at Mud Church	6  EPIPHANY	7 Fellowship Hall in use
8 Worship – 10:00	9 Seneca Dartball 7:30 Home	10 Cub Scouts – 6:00	11 -Pastor's Office Hours 4:00 -6:00 -Choir 6:30	12 Wyandot Dartball 7:30 at Trinity A	13	14
15 Worship – 10:00	16 Seneca Dartball 7:30 Away	17	18 - Pastor's Office Hours 4-6 - Faith Form - 5:30 - Choir 6:30 - Annual Reports due	19 Wyandot Dartball 7:30 - Home	20	21
22 Worship – 10:00 Fellowship Hall in use	23 Seneca Dartball 7:30 Away	24 Cub Scouts 6:30	25 -Pastor's Office Hours 4-6 - Choir 6:30	26 Wyandot Dartball 7:30 - Home	27	28
29 Worship – 10:00 Followed by Annual Meeting	30 Seneca Dartball 7:30 Away	31	February 1 - Pastor's Office Hours 4-6 -Choir 6:30	February 2 Wyandot Dartball– 7:30 at Sycamore	February 3	February 4 Recycling 8:30 – 10:30 am