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Trinity Topics

November 1st, 2017

Merciful God,
Jesus Christ, Lord of the living and dead;
with each generation your body of believers grows and grows.
Thank you for all who have gone before us,
for what they achieved and what they learned.
Give us strength to do your will,
to be your body now.
-The New Zealand Prayer Book

Beloved Friends,

Sunday we will join together to commemorate and combine the Feast Days of All Saints and All Souls. Together they offer a wonderful way to honor those who have died; both those who have garnered the moniker of "saint" in our tradition as well as what we might call more "ordinary saints" the lives of those we have loved and no longer have here with us. Both feast days, celebrated back to back on November 1 & 2 are often combined, as we will do, to help us remember all who will forever be a part of us as the Body of Christ in profound ways.



Also, All Saints/Souls Day is one of our denomination's "officially designated" days for baptism and whenever there is not a baptism scheduled, the faithful gathered are encouraged to remember our baptism by renewing our baptismal vows, so that will be our practice this Sunday.

As we begin this season of remembrance I find myself thinking about the proximity between two seemingly opposite spectrums of our faith journey- baptism and death. For those of us baptized as infants nothing could seem further away in our lives at that moment then the distance of death, and yet our faith life calls us to a new awareness.

Through Christ we are called to the nearly impossible task of rejecting the notion that death is the end; instead we proclaim that dying to self we are born to newness of life. It is a paradox of such magnitude that at times I am left to rely on the faith of others. It is not possible to avoid the grief incurred with the death of someone we have loved; embracing our grief is integral to learning to live, and denying that task is to our own determent. What I continue to learn through community is that there is in fact an added depth to our grief when we can weave our loss into the fabric of our lives, trusting it will find a tender place of purpose and meaning day by day. I yearn for us to be a community that embraces that mystery with courage and love. We are at our best when we can stand next to each other with no need to fade or fix each other's pain, but rather show up with unmitigated love. Perhaps that is what it means to be an everyday saint.

So come "home" Sunday to the community that needs and wants you. Come home to remember those who have died and to look into each other's faces as we offer peace. Come home to renew our baptismal vows; to come to the table Christ makes ready for us to be fed and made whole. Come home to be seen, and heard and fed, and then sent back out into the world with love, strength and courage to be the saints we

are called to be day by day.

And may you never forget that you are loved,

Lisa

Upcoming Events



One Service - Sunday November 5th

Reminder there is one service only this Sunday at 9:30am as we celebrate the feast days of All Saints and All Souls.

Men's Saturday Bible Study Saturday November 11th, 9am

Men's Group is open to all men of the Trinity Community and their guests! Rick's City Diner, 5333 Monroe Street, Toledo, OH 43623

Trinity Game Night Sunday November 12th, 7pm

We're meeting up on the second Sunday night of each month at 7pm at the Black Cloister Brewing Company (619 Monroe St. at Erie St.) for game night. Bring your friends, family, and favorite tabletop games for an evening of fun and fellowship. If you're not a big fan of games, that's fine - come join us for the conversation.



Parish News

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Next to New Needs

This month NTN could most use: Men's shoes, men's slacks, socks and jewelry.

Remember our sales through Next to New directly fund our Outreach Missions. Clean out your closets and help Trinity Outreach at the same time!

Outreach

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the families! Please bring in your wrapped gifts, with the card firmly attached, on **Sunday December 3rd** for distribution during the week of Monday December 4th.

Collections of Hats, Scarves, Gloves and Mittens

During October we will be collecting hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for the students at the schools we support and will gather them in for blessing on **Sunday**, **November 12th**. Next To New will hold its sale of hats, gloves, scarves and mittens during Meet in The Middle that Sunday.



Arts & Music

Performing Artist Series: Toledo School for the Arts Chamber Concert Sunday November 12th, 1:30pm

Because we know that music can inspire people and change lives, Trinity is proud to host another musical performance featuring the amazing talent of Toledo's downtown School for the Arts. Join these



developing musicians as they take center stage under the stars to share the fruit of their studies with their peers and the wider community. *The recital is free and open to the public.*

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September Financials

Treasurer's Update: September 2017

Income

Church actual income is \$336,653.

Compared to budget, church income is \$24,574 (less) than budget.

29% is from pledge payments

The balance is from investments, building use, etc.

Expense

Church actual expenses are \$444,845.

Compared to budget, church expenses are \$4,689 (less) than budget

Buildings and Grounds are \$41,944 (more) than budget -All other categories combined (Personnel, Finance, Parking, Outreach, Worship, Evangelism, Formation and Pastoral Care) are \$37,255 (less) than budget.

Bottom Line

YTD, the church has an actual operating loss of \$108,192.

We began the year with a postive \$77,646.23 cash balance.

2017 Outlook

The 2017 budget for the Church expenses is \$615,478.

The outlook is for a balanced budget, because of the cash carry forward.

Please feel free to contact Jane Bueche, Greg Shumaker or Gary Franklin with questions or comments.

	2017	2017	
	September YTD	September YTD	
	Budget	Actual	Difference
Revenue			
Plate Offering	5,625	5,170	(455)
Pledge Payments	112,750	100,082	(12,668)
Combined Investment Income	242,702	231,250	(11,452)
Other Operating Income	150	151	1
Nave Principal Income	0	0	0
Total Revenues	361,227	336,653	(24,574)
Expenditures			
Personnel	222,088	180,143	(41,944)
Buildings & Grounds	105,737	144,028	38,291
Operations	26,050	25,670	(380)
Diocesan Assessment	37,500	48,000	10,500
Outreach Local	3,750	4,059	309
Program	44,959	33,842	(11,117)
Loan Interest Payment	9,450	9,102	(348)
Loan Principal Payment	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	449,534	444,845	(4,689)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(88,307)	(108,192)	(19,884)

Mission Area

The Chains of Institutional Racism



The West Mission Area Chapter of the Commission of Racial Understanding will host a program on The Chains of Institutional Racism on **Sunday, November 19 from 4-6pm** at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 871 E. Boundary St. in Perrysburg.

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Trinty's 175th Anniversary Weekend Celebration



















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Trinity Topics

November 15th, 2017

Geese appear high over us, pass, and the sky closes. Abandon, as in love or sleep, holds them to their way, clear in the ancient faith: what we need is here. And we pray, not for new earth or heaven, but to be quiet in heart, and in eye, clear. What we need is here.

-Wendell Berry



Beloved Friends,

It will be good to be home with you this Sunday. Last week I was in Alabama with my CREDO faculty team teaching and coaching, praying and worshiping with priests in our denomination offering a time to remember who they are as children of God, leaders and disciples, and that indeed "what we need is here."

Since 1997, CREDO clergy conferences have been offered by our pension program to provide clergy (active and retired), a week-long wellness experience exploring four component areas - Spiritual, Vocational, Financial, and Physical/Psychological health. Hundreds of clergy each year participate and are guided through the week by 7 faculty teams made up of clergy and lay leaders from around the country. For four years it has been my honor and deep joy to serve as a CREDO faculty member.

I am responsible for "vocation" which translates into plenaries, workshops and consultations about the process of living into the role of a clergy person, remembering how to balance our call to serve in the church while also maintaining our primary identity as a child of God. It is my role to ask questions such as:

Is the life you are living, the same as the life that God wants to live in you? Are you finding a way to remember that you are a beloved child of God? What, where and how are you taking time to remember that you have limitations and that you are in this for the long haul?

And each time I step into this role I am reminded that these are not only questions for clergy but for all of us as followers of Christ. Regardless of our vocations, ordained or lay, in the church or in the world, we all benefit from intentional and reflective time to remember the gifts we have been given and to seek out ways to articulate and then share those gifts.

Nothing helps remind me more of the importance of recognizing our gifts and responding with generosity than returning home in the midst of our 3-week Annual Giving Campaign. Making a financial pledge for the year ahead allows us to join hands and say that even in the context of an unknown future, we are confident in a God that loves us and is encouraging us to move forward together in faith, hope and love. Remember that it is your participation that we long for- a pledge card is simply (and profoundly) your "yes" to God as a member of this community.

Please plan on either staying after the 8:15 or coming before the 10:45 services to join us again at **9:30 in My Brother's Place** for the second gathering to watch and continue the conversation about *Everyday Creativity*. Together we will explore what it means to live into the reality that indeed, what we need is here.

Come home to the table that is always ready for you and where you are known by name and loved just as you are.

May you never forget you are loved, Lisa

Upcoming Events

Saturday Bible Study

Men's- 9am Saturday November 18th, Rick's City Diner

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All Trinity members and their guests are invited to attend!



Journey to Generosity

Sunday November 19th we will continue our Journey to Generosity with another video on Everyday Creativity in My Brother's Place at 9:30am. Please join us! We will also be welcoming the Rev. David Montgomery and students from <u>Toledo Campus Ministry</u> at both services. Our final Sunday, **November 26th**, will be our in gathering. We will be blessing all the pledges received during the 8:15 & 10:45 services and celebrating together with a full breakfast in My Brother's Place at 9:30am.

If you did not receive the Annual Giving Campaign packet mailing at your home that means we do not have your current address! Please email trinity@trinitytoledo.org with your updated information or fill out a "Get Connected" card located on the curved wall in the sanctuary. There are additional giving



packets available on the curved wall as well. We want all to participate in helping to form this community of generosity at Trinity!

Parish News

West Mission Area gives funds for the Promise House Project



The Promise House Project (PHP) is a local services/advocacy organization that works to promote the dignity and safety of all 14-to-24-year old homeless and housing insecure youth, with a specific focus on lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender youth. Lilian Ann Briggs, the executive director and co-founder of the Promise House Project, spoke at an adult formation program at Trinity in July.

As a result of that presentation, our Outreach Committee recently sent PHP a \$400 donation. The vestry also submitted a grant request to the West Mission Area Council (representing all of the Episcopal churches in northwest Ohio) on behalf of PHP, asking for \$1,000.

The Council met on Nov. 5th, and was so moved by the work of PHP that it awarded it every penny in its account, which was \$1,450. It also asked to hear more about PHP and its proposed drop-in center. The goal is to begin building genuine relationships with PHP and the kids that it serves, something that looks like kinship, or like the kingdom of God.

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Arts & Music

Performing Artist Series Events:

Toledo International Youth Orchestra Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 4:00pm



Ring in the holidays with international cheer! Come enjoy a variety of international and holiday selections sure to start the season off right! Toledo International Youth Orchestra is comprised of youth ages 12-21. They represent the best of musical talent in Northwest Ohio. Their mission is "bridging cultures through music". To accomplish this mission, their students perform at multi-cultural charitable and community events all over Northwest Ohio seeking to unify our community through music. The

students love the performance experience, gain passion for bridging cultural differences, and become powerful and positive ambassadors for Northwest Ohio.

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Moises Salazar, Junior Voice Recital Saturday December 9th, 5pm

Join Moises Salazar and pianist Heidi Clausius for an early evening concert featuring various art songs, and concluding with Robert Schumann's "Dichterliebe." Salazar currently studies voice at the University of Toledo and is one of Trinity's Choral Scholars. He recently placed as one of three singers to advance to regionals for the Metropolitan Council Competition in Detroit. MI. He also took first place in the National Association for



Teachers of Singing (NATS) competition this October. This is a free event open to the public and one that you won't want to miss!



Toledo School for the Arts Chorus Concert: "Past & Present" Tuesday, December 12th, 2017 7:00pm

This holiday season brings the past and the present together with an evening of beautiful music presented by the current TSA Choruses and a debut performance of the TSA Alumni Choir. These forces will join their talents in an unforgettable performance you won't want to miss!



For more information on their concert, visit their website at <u>www.ts4arts.org</u> or call their box office 419-246-8732 x226. Tickets will be sold at the door.

October Financials

Treasurer's Update: October 2017

Income

Church actual income is \$381,303.

Compared to budget, church income is \$13,764 (less) than budget.

31% is from pledge payments

The balance is from investments, building use, etc.

Expense

Church actual expenses are \$492,843.

Compared to budget, church expenses are \$5,151 (less) than budget

Buildings and Grounds are \$39,108 (more) than budget -All other categories combined (Personnel, Finance, Parking, Outreach, Worship, Evangelism, Formation and Pastoral Care) are \$44,260 (less) than budget.

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Revenue			
Plate Offering	6,083	5,658	(425)
Pledge Payments	125,250	119,007	(6,243)
Combined Investment Income	263,567	256,459	(7,108)
Other Operating Income	167	179	12
Nave Principal Income	0	0	0
Total Revenues	395,067	381,303	(13,764)
Expenditures			
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Personnel	246,436	208,060	(38,377)
Buildings & Grounds	117,237	156,346	39,108
Operations	28,450	26,867	(1,583)
Diocesan Assessment	41,667	48,000	6,333
Outreach Local	3,750	4,205	455
Program	49,954	39,160	(10,794)
Loan Interest Payment	10,500	10,206	(294)
Loan Principal Payment	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	497,994	492,843	(5,151)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(102,928)	(111,540)	(8,612)

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Diocesan Convention



Most of the Trinity contingent at the Bicentennial Convention Eucharist! We're only missing Peggy Heider and Pat Squire who are in the choir.



Hugh and Kyle Grefe standing in front of what will be the dining and meeting center at Bellwether Farm.



Pictured: Bishop William Persell, Bishop Mark Hollingsworth, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Bishop Arthur Willams



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