



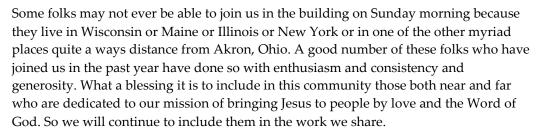
Still the Community

At their May meeting, the Congregation Council voted unanimously to begin a return to in-person activities at Holy Trinity on Sunday, June 6. You'll see more details about that return in another article in this month's issue (page 4).

That article can describe the logistics of this process. But it can't really explain how we will need to be attentive to re-building community in the process. That's for us to learn as we go. For example:

Some folks may choose to attend worship in person, but will stay apart from other worshipers. After more than a year of being told that physical distance is important and preventative, that's perfectly understandable. So we will respect one another's need for physical distance.

Some folks may choose not to attend worship in person, but will stay with our on-line, live-stream gathering. This may be especially true for those whose age or medical condition makes them especially vulnerable. It may also be true for families with young children who cannot yet be vaccinated. Again...perfectly understandable. So we will reach out to those folks by other means to make sure they know that they are a vital part of this community of faith.



And there are other considerations, too. Who is ready for a hug and who is not? Who is aching to sing while in this transitional time we do not sing? Who is tired of wearing a mask but, for the sake of others gathered in a room with no real air flow or exchange, will wear a mask anyhow?

It occurs to me that a significant part of our return to more in-person activities is simply about paying attention to one another...to communicating clearly and honestly our concern for one another's physical and emotional safety. It means learning and exercising some personal humility before the needs of others. And it means expressing our gratitude to God for making it possible through this past year to actually expand this community in ways that we would never have discovered without the changes forced upon us by the pandemic.

Dear friends, the process ahead of us will be one of growth and discovery as we learn how God will use this newly-constituted congregation in a changed environment. You can expect that our methods for being church will continue to change and evolve with the circumstances in which we find ourselves. But our mission? That does not change... and neither does our message. Regardless of how it is expressed, we are still called to live out the good news of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the sake of this world that God loves so much. So we will love, too. We will love one another and our neighbors. And most of all, we will love the God who has gathered us (by whatever means) to be a people of joy and hope. We are and will continue to be God's people...together. †



Pastor David



At their May 18 Meeting, Church Council approved the following recommendations for a return to more in-person activities in the wake of significant shifts in policy and guidance from the State of Ohio and the CDC. These recommendations will go into effect beginning Sunday, June 6.

And as policy and guidance from the State and the CDC continue to change, so too will our plan and guidelines. If and when changes are made, they will be communicated to the congregation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of Church Council.

Church Council members: President Valerie Clark, Vice President Ann Lawson, Secretary Marsha Asente, Treasurer Lesli Eisenhart, Paul Anacki, Connie Archbold, Bob Hoskins, Fred Rieman and Pastor David Nevergall.



Changes Related to Worship...

- Persons who are ill in any way are asked not to attend worship in person.
- Because we do not know who has been vaccinated and who has not been vaccinated, all in-person attendees are asked to wear a mask. Please bring your own mask. Only limited supplies will be available at each entry door.
- Physical distancing will be determined by individual attendees. Those who are not vaccinated or who are hesitant are welcome to sit so as to be apart from other worshipers.
- Attendees are encouraged to gather and greet one another outside prior to worship (weather permitting) rather than in the less-well-ventilated narthex or office lobby.
- Bulletins will be available on paper and by download from the website (www.holytrinityakron.org).
- Due to an inability to achieve effective air exchange in the sanctuary, attendees are
 asked not to sing until the percent vaccinated in Summit County reaches 75%[1] as
 recommended by the Center for Congregational Song, the American Choir Directors
 Association and other experts.[2] Spoken responses are encouraged and welcome.
- Worship on Sunday, June 13, July 11, August 8, and September 12 will be held outdoors, weather permitting. We will sing at these services.
- Holy Communion will be celebrated. Individual glasses will be used for wine; these

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must be picked up at the sanctuary entrance. Instructions for receiving the sacrament will be included in worship bulletins.

- There will be no nursery available at this time.
- Your tithes, gifts, and offerings may be placed in the offering plates near the sanctuary
 entrance doors; offering plates will not be passed during worship. They may also be
 mailed to the church or given on-line at www.holytrinityakron.org/giving.
- The sanctuary will be thoroughly cleaned before and after each worship service.
- Live-streaming of worship services will continue.
- Post-worship fellowship will be celebrated each Sunday on the north lawn or in another suitable outdoor space, weather permitting. Individually wrapped snacks, fruits, and beverages will be available.



Changes Related to Meetings...

- Meeting attendees who are not vaccinated are asked to mask. Those who wish to be cautious are also permitted to mask.
- Meeting rooms must be scheduled at least two days in advance with the Parish Secretary so that spaces can be set up and thoroughly cleaned. This can be done by email (ademko@holytrinityakron.org).
- As in worship, physical distancing is at the discretion of the attendees.
- Windows and doors in meeting rooms are to be opened (weather permitting) to encourage cross ventilation.
- Virtual meeting technology is still available. Team/committee/group leaders are asked
 to consider choosing either in-person or virtual gatherings as appropriate. (We do not
 currently have the technology to conduct hybrid meetings.)



Changes Related to Office and Other Building Use...

- "Open to the public" office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. 2 p.m.
- Staff will be available at other times by appointment and at their discretion, and may continue to work remotely as appropriate.
- Current office cleaning protocols (surface wipe-downs, etc.) will remain in effect.
- Only two persons are permitted in the restrooms at the same time.



To Get Ready...

- Staff is inspecting the building to ensure that all public areas are cleaned and ready for increased use.
- New signage will be displayed throughout the church regarding these changes.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all entrances and in meeting rooms. †

^[1] As of May 16, 46.2% of Summit County residents have received at least one dose of an approved vaccine, according to the data assembled by covidactnow.org.

^[2] https://congregationalsong.org/covid-updates-congregational-song/



Sunday LIFT (Living In Faith Together) Summer 2021 – Journey Together June Meetings will be via Zoom @ 11 a.m.

Contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation for meeting instructions, rnunez@holytrintyakron.org, call/text (330) 634-6597



Our theme for this summer is Journey Together. We will follow a path to learn about how we can trust God, grow in our faith, and be a community together. On our journey we will learn more about the books of the bible, we will learn what we call the fruit of the Spirit, we will learn more about the disciples who followed Jesus, we will learn what it means to be the church, and we will focus on how we can pray for those in the world around us! †

- June 6
- Summer Journey Kickoff We journey together, learn new things, build community, and grow in faith.
- June 13
- The Bible = 66 Books The Bible is like a library of books to share God's Word with us.
- June 20
- God's Word Is for Everyone The Bible is a book for everyone for every part of our lives.
- June 27
- Five-A-Day to Grow God's Way & Four More for Growth Galore The fruit of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, help us live faithful lives.

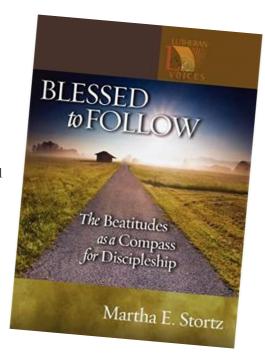
Mid-Week Class - Wednesday, 11 a.m. via Zoom

Facilitated by Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation

In Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount inaugurates Jesus' public ministry, and the first word out of Jesus' mouth is 'blessed'. He repeats this word throughout his first sermon. Jesus calls his disciples by blessing them, and as he speaks, Jesus introduces himself to us but also introduces disciples to themselves, for the Beatitudes offer a character sketch of who disciples will become if they follow him. †

June 2	Chapter 7: Pure in Heart; Rich in Vision	
June 9	Chapter 8: Making Peace and Being Peace	
June 16	Chapter 9: Blessings in the Midst of Suffering	
June 23	Topic TBA	
June 30	No gathering	

NOTE: A new Midweek Study will begin Wednesday, July 7. Details coming soon!



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Weekly Check-in during COVID-19

Fridays @ 9 a.m. via Zoom

We gather via Zoom for a time of sharing, scripture reading, talking, prayer, and blessing.

Email Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation, for a copy of the text and Zoom access instructions at rnunez@holytrintyakron.org or call/text (330) 634-6597. †



Holy Trinity Book Club Sunday, June 13 @ 1 p.m. via Zoom

The Holy Trinity Book Club continues in 2021! All meetings are the second Sunday of the month at 1 p.m.
Contact Amy Indorf or Diane Chambers if you would like to be added to the group. For Zoom access, please email Rachel Núñez at rnunez@holytrinityakron.org. †

This month's book discussion ...

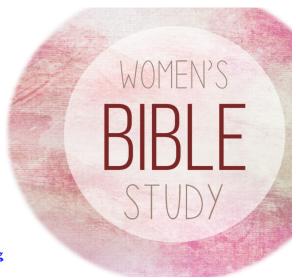
Such a Fun Age

by Kiley Reid

Saturday, June 19 @ 10 a.m. via Zoom

Contact Rachel Nuñez, Director of Faith Formation for meeting instructions, rnunez@holytrintyakron (

rnunez@holytrintyakron.org call/text (330) 634-6597



Just Love part 2: Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation Is For Everyone!)"

Gather Bible study by Angela Khabeb.

This three-session summer Bible study series is inspired, in part, by Jesus' proclamations: "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36) and "I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

Session 1, "Just Wisdom," delves into how God can open our hearts and minds to a spiritual understanding that is not bound by our human comprehension. Just Wisdom comes to us through reverence for our awesome God. Our key verse for the first session informs us: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 9:10). Together we will consider our faithful response to Wisdom's invitation. †



Bedtime Stories & Prayers is Back!

Sunday Evening @ 7 p.m. via Facebook LIVE

(All books read are published beamingbooks.com)

June 6 You Are So Wonderful by Jacqueline J. Lewis

June 13 When Day Is Done by Natalee Creech

June 20 Maybe God Is Like That Too by Jennifer Grant

June 27 Maybe I Can Love My Neighbor Too by Jennifer Grant

The Luther & Lager Hour will return later this summer!

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DLM by the Numbers

Throughout the COVID19 pandemic, DLM Food
& Resources has
continued to operate and
provide food boxes,
personal care items along
with cleaning supplies,
and laundry items to those
families involved with
Project RISE and others
who are in need. Clothing
is given to those who
inquire.

In May, DLM served the following ...



136 Families



528 Individuals



264 Children





Mother's Day Gifts!

Thank you to Faith Lutheran Church for donating items used to prepare special gift packages for Mother's Day. These gifts were delivered with the food boxes on May 7 in time for Mother's Day. †

LEFT: Pastor Jean Hansen from Faith Lutheran stands next to a cart filled with all the items their members collected and donated.



RIGHT: A student volunteers packs a Mother's Day gift bag.

BELOW: A table filled with all the Mother's Day gift packages.

LEFT: Pastor Jean a Faith member carries in a box filled with gift items.







Student volunteers from Hudson High School are vital to DLM. Above is Juliet Lamb and below is Maddie Colluck.





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Everyone helps to get the food unloaded from the truck.

Partnerships are Vital to DLM

DLM Food & Resources is not certainly a vital and important ministry that is far-reaching in the community. To have that kind of an impact, DLM relies on its partnerships with various groups and organizations. Here are a few.

Faith Lutheran Church has been a faithful partner with DLM since 2018. Most recently, they collected and donated items to make special gift packages for the moms for Mother's Day.

Hudson High School students are regular volunteers with DLM. Throughout this school year, students are

here every week to help receive, sort, organize and pack the food boxes for the families.

Project MKC and the Diaper Bank are new partners of DLM. Diapers, wipes, infant formula and other infant care items will be donated each month to include in the personal care packages for families who need these items.

What a blessing these partnerships are to DLM! †



ABOVE: DLM will now receive diapers and infant formula each month from Project MKC. BELOW: A representative from Project MKC and DLM Coordinator Darlene Katz.







Our heartfelt thanks extends to these four singers who dedicated themselves to leading our online worship service music this season.



Remembering Randall Procter

Holy Trinity hosted a special service of remembrance and lament on May 15 attended by some 40 staff from Haven of Rest who knew Randall and by individuals



from the Park and the homeless encampment nearby. Pastor David led everyone in prayer that included praying for the 21 murder victims already recorded this year in the City of Akron, for those who perpetrate violence on others, for community leaders and police, for the Haven of Rest and for Holy Trinity and other area congregations. †



Dear Friends,

Holy Trinity has collaborated with Robinson for a number of years to help our children meet artists from around the country. These groups are talented musicians and have included Grammy Award winners/nominees.

In so many ways, we have been blessed to be beneficiaries of this wonderful program. Through the in-school concert series and this year's online program, I see the music fill my students' spirits. Arts @ Holy Trinity's program allows them to see music from behind the scenes - to learn more about how and why the music was created. They are able to speak to artists in a small setting and find out what it takes to play an instrument and write music. It helps them to dream of opportunities. It calms them and engages them and allows us to expand on how and what the music means to them. I wish you could see how they smile, are full of questions, and dance as they listen. It is truly priceless!

For teachers, it allows us to take something that our children connect with to open other doors of learning. Some areas of study that are included with this program are social studies, writing, and math. We look at where the composers and musicians are from. We explore where the style of music generated from and how the instruments are made. We work on math skills as we figure out how many years ago a piece was created and how long a group has traveled to visit us. In our ELA classes we write about what we saw, how we felt, and share thank you notes. As you can see this is much more than a one-time concert. Holy Trinity provides us with the information and the access to artists and musical genres that our children may not otherwise have had access to.

I remember during one of our concerts sitting behind a student who whispered to a classmate, "This is beautiful." This seven-year-old child had made a connection in that moment that no one could ever take away. This program is making a difference in our community. †

Sincerely, Karen Pruitt, Robinson CLC Teacher



Do you delight in the pipe organ and the ways it enhances your worship experience? Do you find organ concerts exhilarating? Consider supporting a young organist through the Akron AGO's (American Guild of Organists) scholarship fund. Give a budding organist the financial backing to thrive. Donate online today by visiting https://akronago.org/! †



Holy Trinity Provides Family Meals

It was Holy Trinity's turn to cook, pack and prepare the family meals for Robinson students and their families. We packed hot dogs, chips, applesauce and cookies for nearly 90 individuals. These meals are a wonderful support to families who may be hurting or struggling. Holy Trinity has worked alongside the Robinson teachers and the Family Resource Center all year to provide meals ... what a privilege! †





TOP: Selfie-time! Thank you to (from l): Sandy DeLuca, Pastor David, Gregg Loesch, Pastor Lor Breyley and Rachel Nunez.

TOP RIGHT: Rachel Nunez, Pastor Lor and Pastor David prepare the hot dogs.

RIGHT: Gregg Loesch puts labels on the to-go containers.

LEFT: Robinson teachers Shirley Holiday (l) and Karen Pruitt place spoons in bags.





Summit Metro Parks began the "18th Spring Spree for All on May 1st and ends on June 30th. Forms are available at the various parks, the Acme Markets and on line. Complete five of the same or different parks and hike any length for credit. Mile markers are provided. Trails are easy and flat, suitable for strollers, wheelchairs, walkers and canes. A lanyard and pin are given, (for first year hikers and a pin for veterans), once you have completed the hikes and turn your forms in to the Metro Parks. There is a charge for out of county hikers who would like to receive the awards. See Summit Metro Parks/Spree for All or call (330) 865-8065 for more information.

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Joining Hands, Joining Voices:

Facing Our Hungers Together



Distribution Day helpers (L to R): Rev. Lor Breyley, Deacon Ruth Anderson, Lesli Eisenhart, Louisa Meinecke Margolis, and Rev. David Nevergall.



Members of the planning team (pictured from left): Rev. Yolanda Parker & Rev. Francel Parker (Open Door Church), Julie Lehman (First Congregational Church), Dr. Jan Kraybill (guest organist), Carolyn Curtis (First United Methodist Church), Deacon Ruth Anderson (Holy Trinity). Not pictured: Patricia Lee (Wesley Temple AME Zion Church).



Lesli Eisenhart and Lor Breyley prepare to distribute outdoor bags.

Joining Hands, Joining Voices was a huge success! Our thanks to the dozens of people - members of the Akron community and of five partner churches - who helped make a difference in the lives of those around us. We collected:

- 65 outdoor bags for our homeless neighbors
- 128 bus passes
- 575 meals for First United Methodist Church's weekly meal program with a HUGE thanks to Burger King for donating 250 hamburger coupons
- 172 toothbrushes & 152 tubes of toothpaste for First Congregational Church's Feeding Hope Food Pantry
- 125 health kits for Haven of Rest clients

The majority of these items were distributed on Saturday, May 15. Open Door gave away the bus passes, Holy Trinity distributed the outdoor bags, and Wesley Temple along with the Haven of Rest gave away the health kits. This was a fine example of five congregations collectively working together to be the hands and feet of God. †



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

June 2 – Ben Ruhlin

June 2 – David Shanafelt

June 3 – Alison Radanof

June 3 – Pete Seltzer

June 4 – Christine Hinman

Iune 4 – Evan Stefanik

June 5 – Ryan Heckel

June 5 – Michael Perrine

June 6 – Jessica Foutty

June 10 – Jacob Sattely

June 11 – Velma Pomrenke

June 12 – Charles Schmidt

June 13 – Elizabeth Anacki

June 13 – Joe Moxon

June 18 – Alexandra Anacki

June 18 – Fletcher Carroll

June 18 – Sylvia Hacbarth

June 18 – David Tiemann

June 23 – Gene Thrall

June 24 – Madeline Mormino

June 25 – Eric Rieman

June 26 – Susan Spannbauer

June 27 – Stephen Campbell

June 28 – Richard DeBerry

June 29 – John Asente

June 30 – William Bulgrin

June 30 – Janise Parry

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



Memorial Service for Chuck Bond

The congregation is invited to join the family of Chuck Bond for a memorial service at Lakeside, Ohio, on Saturday, July 10, at 11 a.m. The service will be held outdoors at the Lakeside Memorial Garden, and will include lunch following. Please park at the main parking lot and gate off Ohio Route 163. Tell the gate attendant that you are there for the Charles Bond Memorial Service. There will be no fee for the pass. There are shuttles just inside the gate for transport to the garden, or you can walk. Plan to arrive half an hour prior to the service to allow for time to get to the garden. Please RSVP by July 2 for lunch reservations by calling Annmarie Demko at Holy Trinity, (330) 376-5154 or email ademko@holytrinityakron.org. †

Planting Season — This is the time of year we look at gardens and thank God for his glorious world. The garden book I have is from 1937, small and full of pictures of flowers. In it is a poem by Edgar A. Guest from "The Light of Faith" titled 'The Package of Seeds.' It was written in 1926 and the fourth verse is "You've a dime's worth of power which no man can create, You've a dime's worth of life in your hand! You've a dime's worth of mystery, destiny, fate, Which the wisest cannot understand. In this bright little package, now isn't it odd? You've a dime's worth of something known only to God?" † ~ submitted by Sally Richenbacher

Worship Stewards

Date	Readers	Livestream
Sunday, June 6 9:30 a.m.	Tom Baumgardner	Bob Foutty
Sunday, June 13 9:30 a.m.	Frederica Cohen	Bob Foutty
Sunday, June 20 9:30 a.m.	Karen Nevergall	Bob Foutty
Sunday, June 27 9:30 a.m.	Amy Indorf	Ann Lawson

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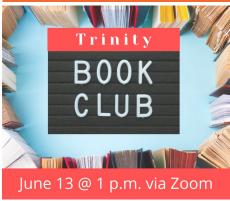
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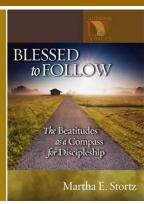


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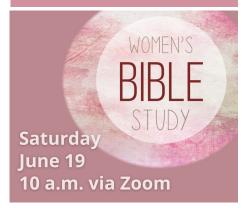
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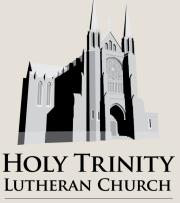
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