



## Trinity Topics May, 2017

### Warden's World

The 2017 Vestry conducted our annual retreat last February. Following that weekend, I indicated that we had more to share with the Parish. Basically, our major focus was to determine how Trinity Parish was going to carry out God's mission for us? How could we become salt and light to our community?

We realized that initially we needed to be more visible in our community. The parable of hiding one's candle under a bushel basket seems apropos for Trinity. Our Bishop charged each of us at the last convention to "be the hands and feet of Jesus." We need to determine what we do well and take it out into the world.

Upon reflection, we determined that Jesus was about teaching, Jesus was about healing, Jesus was about wholeness. Perhaps we, Trinity, should also be about teaching, healing, and wholeness.

With that in mind, we decided to try to be just that to ourselves and the community.

We are also aware of our size and limitations. Our approach will be to adopt programs that already exist with canned presentations and existing experts that are willing to share. We will identify areas of interest or concern, within the Parish and throughout our Community. Trinity will provide the space and facilities to bring educational events that deal with Healing and Wholeness.

Our initial endeavor will be this coming month. On May 21, Trinity will host Thom Grim, the Executive Director of the Miami County Recovery Council located here in Troy. The event is being presented by Trinity's own Torrence Medical Fund, which is currently partnering with the Recovery Council to assist in aiding those individuals seeking to free themselves of heroin/opioid addiction. The event will occur in the Parish Hall from noon until 1:00 P.M. We encourage the whole Parish to learn about this local crisis and will open the event to the interested community.

In late summer or early fall, we intend to present a series developed by Hospice concerning end of life issues. Please feel free to discuss other topics of interest with any Vestry Person. We acknowledge that our efforts will be limited in the beginning until we can determine the needs and concerns of our community. The intent, however, is to not only view what we can do in 2017 but where it could be in 2020.

Our efforts may or may not bring in more parishioners. However, we are providing a venue for Learning, Healing and Wholeness and thus furnishing more than just space. We are offering Jesus to all, through us, with a chance for each person to become whole.

Peace,

Jim



**PRAYERS SHARED BY REV. NANCY**



*Blessed Jesus, Living Water, Solid Rock:*

Your heart overflows with compassion for your whole creation.  
Pour out your Spirit on all persons living with illness,  
as well as their families and loved ones.  
Help them to know that you claim them as your own,  
deliver them from fear and pain.  
In the loving heart of Jesus. AMEN.



*Keep watch, dear Lord,*

with those who work, or watch,  
or weep this night,  
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

*Tend the sick, Lord Christ;*

give rest to the weary, bless the dying,  
soothe the suffering, shield the joyous;  
and all for your love's sake. Amen.

*Lord Christ,*

you came into the world as one of us,  
and suffered as we do.

As we go through the trials of life,  
help us to realize that you are with us  
at all times and in all things;  
that we have no secrets from you;  
and that your loving grace enfolds us.  
In the security of your embrace we pray. AMEN.





## NEWS TO KNOW



### MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Gay (5/4), Casie Duchak (5/6), Mike Anticoli, (5/12), Jo Stull (5/25), Dick and Gail Jordan (5/7), Jim and Susan Beerbower (5/27), and Nathan and Jill Kraynek (5/27).



### **Congratulations to our high school graduates: Joshua Kraynek and Nathanel Cade!**

Josh will be attending Capital University in Columbus studying something with art and history (but not art-history).

Nate will attend Wright State University where he will study education with an emphasis on mathematics. He will be working this summer at Proctor Camp as a camp counselor.

Both boys will graduate on May 27th.

Please join us on May 14, as we recognize and bless the graduates. May 14 is also Mothers' Day. The coffee hour following the service will recognize both our graduates and all ladies of the church. A Mothers' Day Brunch is also being served on May 14th . . . . .

**MOTHERS' DAY BRUNCH - MAY 14**

A brunch will be served from 9:00 am -10:00 am by the men of the church for all.

The tradition of the ladies of the church receiving a rose will continue in memory of Dale and Marjorie Benedict, thanks to special donors.

Men -- help is needed!  
Contact: Dave Cobb (698-4708) or Jim Beerbower



### **MAY 21: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**

As our Jim has reported in Warden's World, The Robert E. Torrence Medical Fund has invited Thom Grim, Executive Director of the Miami County Recovery Council, to speak at Trinity on the heroin and opiate crisis and how it is impacting Miami County. (Please see his article for more information).

### **Please RSVP by May 17.**

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A time for questions and discussion will follow this informative presentation. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.



## TRINITY OUTREACH UPDATES



### **February Project “Sock It To Me:”**

Church Donations of Socks exceeded last year’s goal. Collected were the following: 60 pairs children’s socks, 20 pairs women’s socks, and 47 pairs men’s socks. Items were taken to the appropriate shelters. Since the committee was pleased with the result, no extra budgeted church monies were used this year.

### **Family Abuse Shelter Donations:**

Rev. Nancy received hand- made hats, scarves, and other knitted and crocheted children’s apparel from the Lebanon Correctional Facility. She will donate them to the Family Abuse Shelter in Troy. These items were received thanks to a program at the Facility which helps inmates “Change their Focus” to others” in need” in the community.

**A donation of \$100 was give for the MS Walk, held April 8 in Troy from Trinity Church.**

### **In Honor of Our Graduates:**

**Nate Cade and Josh Kraynek** are graduating from High School this year. The Outreach Committee will honor each with a \$100 donation to the Partners in Ministry in Liberia, an Orphan School dealing with children having no parents because of the Ebola Epidemic in Liberia. This is in conjunction with Rev. Abby Fleminster, St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in Westerville, Ohio.

### **Bagged Lunches for Circles Groups of Partners in Hope**

On May 2, the Outreach Committee will join with the Fellowship Committee in a joint project providing Bagged meals for the Circles Group at Partners in Hope.

**The Outreach Committee will meet on  
May 2 at 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall.  
We welcome anyone who would like to be a part  
of this important ministry!**





## Trinity Pollinator Garden



Trinity's pollinator garden began in the spring of 2016. Ten by four beds were dug on each side of the entrance to the mediation labyrinth. Trinity congregants donated time, plants, and mulch to make the garden a reality. Seeds were also donated from the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative and other groups. Plants included day lilies, lavender, sun flowers, bee balm, and herbs.

The purpose of the garden is to provide a resource for pollinators, enhance the labyrinth and Trinity grounds, and provide enjoyment to Trinity members and the community. We received frequent positive feedback from members as well as visitors to Trinity for meetings. The Vestry endorsed the pollinator garden by purchasing two garden benches placed near the garden so members and visitors could relax and view the site.

In October of 2016, we received a donation of seeds from the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative. These seeds were for fall sowing, so Vestry permitted extending the two beds an additional four feet. As winter approached, some of the plants were cut back, but most were left in place to provide winter shelter for birds and insects. A bird feeder and suet feeder were hung by the garden for the birds.

Now, spring is here and the warmer weather has coaxed new growth to emerge. We hope Trinity's pollinator garden will again encourage visits from pollinators and nature lovers.

~~ Joanie and George Gutermuth

### Want To Know How To Make Your Garden Pollinator Friendly?

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION



### Coffee with the MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS



**AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**

**JUNE 2, 2017  
10 AM TO 11:30 AM**

**PARISH HALL**

\$10 per person, includes  
beverages, refreshments,  
and handouts.

Contact: 937-440-3945 or  
bennet.709@osu.edu

Or visit: [go.osu.edu/miamicoffee](http://go.osu.edu/miamicoffee)

#### Hummingbirds and Butterflies in the Garden

Join us for a fun session on strategies to attract hummingbirds, butterflies and other pollinators to your garden. MGV Kathy Wilkey will discuss plants, practices and other ways to attract these desirable insects and birds to your garden.



Copies are also available on the table at east side of the ambulatory and in the Parish Hall.

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**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** due to space limitations. Please make checks payable to OSU Extension. Mail form and payment to: OSU Extension, 201 W Main St, Troy, Ohio 45373. Cash or credit card accepted in the office. **Deadline to register for "Hummingbirds" is Wednesday, May 31, 2017.**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_



## ON THE CALENDAR WEEKLY



### SUNDAYS:

- 8:15 am**      **HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I**    **First and Third Sundays: May 7th & 21st**
- 10:30 am**    **HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**
- 9:15 am**      **SUNDAY FORUM IN THE WORKMAN LOUNGE**

### WEDNESDAYS:

- 7:00 pm**      **CELTIC EVENING PRAYER**  
A quiet time of reflection is just what you need in the middle of the week. Following the service we gather in fellowship for conversation, wine, and cheese in the Parish Hall.

## ON THE CALENDAR MONTHLY

- May 2**            **3:00 pm -- OUTREACH COMMITTEE** in the Parish Hall
- May 3**            (*First **Wednesday** of the month*)  
**6-9:00 pm – PRANIC HEALING CLINIC** in the Education Building. Call Marina Shaw (937-492-0407) for more information.
- May 7**            **Loose Plate Offering designated for the Discretionary Fund.** Donations accepted any time: *CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO: TRINITY CLERGY DISCRETIONARY FUND. (There is a separate account in which the funds are deposited.)*  
**Healing Prayers** - first Sunday of each month. Both services.
- May 8**            **7:00 pm - VESTRY MEETING** (Second **Monday** of each month in the WL)  
  
**NO WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING THIS MONTH**
- May 15**          (*Third **Tuesday** of each month in the Parish Hall*)  
**5:00 pm Twilight Quilters – open to all.**

**NOTE: The Parish Hall is rented:      Saturday, May 27, 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm**  
**Friday, June 2, 10:00 am -- 11:30 am**

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