



Trinity Tidings 2020

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From the Pastor's Pen



Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are disorderly. Comfort the discouraged. Help the weak. Be patient with everyone. Make sure no one repays a wrong with a wrong, but always pursue the good for each other and everyone else. Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

~I Thessalonians 5:14-18

The sunrises and sunsets have been particularly beautiful lately – I say “particularly” because of the particulates of smoke hanging in the air. With fires continuing to burn throughout the West, from California to Colorado, it’s not a huge surprise that smoke has clouded the atmosphere. Yet, just this week, we received some amazing news: heavy snowfall in Colorado effectively stopped the wildfires in that state, the two largest in its history. Despite thousands of person-hours dedicated to stopping the fires, it was ultimately the power of God’s natural creation that brought an end to the dangerous disaster in the state.

If we’ve learned anything during this pandemic, it’s that we do not do well when it is obvious that things are out of our control. But the truth is, it’s never really been in our control in the first place. Sure, we can do things that help mitigate a bit of our troubles – and we can likewise do things that make our troubles worse. *Cont’d.....*

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Pastor's Pen cont.

But, ultimately, it is “God’s will for us in Christ Jesus.” As difficult as things are, we know that God is good, and God’s love for humanity is greater than we can imagine. We will get through these challenges, “praying continually” for the Spirit’s guidance on our way forward. Even though we do not have ultimate control, we are encouraged to act nobly and righteously – “pursuing the good for each other and everyone else.” We’re called to do what we can, knowing that God’s love can and will flow through us into the world.

When Paul wrote his first letter to the church at Thessalonica, he encouraged the church to “rejoice always... [and] give thanks in every situation.” When times are good, that advice is easy to take – but when times are difficult, it becomes even more important. Paul’s leaving of Thessalonica was not under good circumstances – the civil authorities thought he was a rabble-rouser, and kicked him out of the city after just several weeks of preaching and teaching there.

In the midst of all of the troubles that Paul faced, he still advised the church to “rejoice always” and “give thanks in every situation.” Because, ultimately, it is our hope in Jesus that allows us to rejoice and give thanks. That hope doesn’t go away because of the circumstances we face on earth – far from it. Instead, our hope in Jesus lends us the strength to rejoice in the midst of troubles, to give thanks for what God has blessed us with – knowing that everything in our life is a gift of God.

And so, I thank God for you – for your faith, for your love, for your patience, and for your hope. I am grateful to God for you, and I am grateful to each one of you for how I see God working in each of your lives.

~ Pastor Lucas



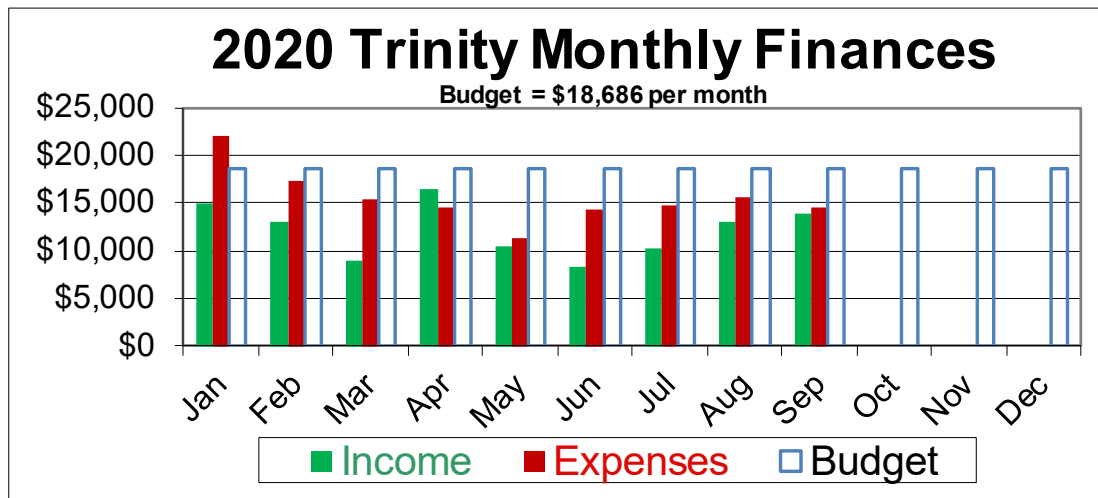
All Saints Day is Sunday, Nov. 1st.

We are compiling a list of names of deceased loved ones and words honoring their memory that will be read during the service.

As this year has been especially difficult in light of Covid 19, we are opening this up to anyone in our congregation who may be grieving for no matter how long ago the death of a loved one was, rather than just during the last year. Please call the church office or contact Pastor Lucas or Pastor Elana to have your loved one added to the service.

Stewardship & Finance

Grant Kessler



2020 YTD

Income

\$109,901

Expenses

\$139,669

Budget

\$224,226



David Sellen	11/3
Valerie Wagner	11/6
David Burns	11/13
Zane Adams	11/16
Beth Nelson	11/20
Jonathan Wigton	11/20
Deanna Jolly	11/22
Lisette Wigton	11/24
Ron Carver	11/25



FUN FACTS ABOUT

NOVEMBER



November Birthdays

- Birthstone: Topaz
- Flower: Chrysanthemum
- Zodiac Signs: Scorpio & Sagittarius

How to Celebrate November

- No-Shave November (Men's Health Awareness)
- National Adoption Awareness Month
- National Pepper Month
- Aviation History Month
- Peanut Butter Lovers Month

Important Dates

- Daylight Savings Time Ends November 1st
- Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd
- Veteran's Day is Wednesday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 26th
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Did You Know?

President Abraham Lincoln declared the final Thursday in November as the national day of Thanksgiving. Congress made Thanksgiving Day an official national holiday in 1941. Sources: grablists.com | history.com | nationaldaycalendar.com

Just So You Know.....

If you are asked for a password for a Zoom meeting, it is 3690.

All zoom activities can be accessed by calling (346) 248-7799, or by clicking the links.

Book study meets at 11:00 a.m. on Wed. We will be choosing a new selection soon!

[Wednesday Book Study](#)

- Zoom ID: 574 918 100

[Sunday School](#) @ 9:15am

- Zoom ID: 949 009 659

[Sunday In-person Worship Service](#)

@ 10:30am—please join us!

- Zoom ID: 461 099 161

Also good to know.....

- ◆ **Indoor worship continues on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.**, *(contingent on COVID cases continuing to fall or remain flat in Tulsa County)* We'll keep pre-recording the online service for those who don't feel comfortable coming in person.
- ◆ **Ringing Praise Bell Choir** performance dates for fall!:

Nov 8, 2020 - Ringing Praise Choir
(greatly reduced in size)

Nov 22, 2020 - Trio -
Ben Haughey, Lucus Keppel,
Chuck Keppel

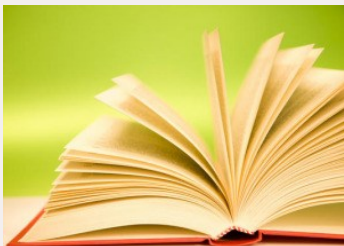
[Election Day Prayer Service](#)

On Nov. 3 at 7:30 pm, there will be an on-line only prayer service focused on peace and unity. It will not be partisan; it will not tell you who to vote for or against. It will focus on being faithful and being united in Christ. Please join us!

If you are ever asked for a passcode, it is 3690

Prayer Service ([via zoom](#)) @ 7:30 pm – Meeting ID 949-009-659

Also at – [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [Zoom](#) Meeting ID 461-099-161



[Midweek Book Study](#)

Mid-week book study meets at 11:00 a.m. each Wednesday morning via Zoom (for now). [Wednesday Book Study](#) -

Zoom ID: 574 918 100

Please join us whenever you can! We are currently reading **“Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers”** by Michael G. Long. Books can be ordered for \$13 by contacting the church office or Pastor Lucus.

Building & Grounds

Nancy Cain

Time to have a Fall Housecleaning.

Nov. 6th and 7th!

That includes the light fixtures in the area of the Pastors Offices and our Administrative Assistant's work space.

Word has it that giant spiders have been spied in those quarters, eek!



This could be in part because we didn't have a clean-up in Spring. Little did we know at that time that we would be leaving it to the creatures for this Covid period.



In addition, it's time to start the garden clean-up. Farmers, oops that's gardeners, have to think year-round. We put the land to bed in late fall or early winter (almost here). That means we're ready for planting in the Spring. I believe I had the most delicious tomato I've ever put in my mouth last summer from the church garden.

When will we be attacking these challenging activities? We must consider our priorities. Light cleaning on **Friday, November 6th starting at 8:30 a.m.** Donuts first, of course!

Garden cleaning on **Saturday, November 7th at 8:30 a.m.** that day also. No doubt we will be able to finish before Football starts. I plan to bring my handy-dandy kneeler and be ready to dig, pull, and otherwise clear debris from the garden.

If you can only work an hour, that's OK. If you're not especially speedy at these kinds of activities, that's OK too. Come join the gang either day or both. Distancing and masking keep us safe.



**Trinity Presbyterian
Women
meet the
2nd Wednesday of each
month at 9:45 am in
Via Zoom
(Click link below)
[Presbyterian Women](#)**

Mission

John Clawson

Backpacks 4 Bixby (B4B):

Our Backpacks 4 Bixby program is back and we are delivering 36 food bags each week to four Bixby schools. We started this Mission in 2009 and during these trying times, we are following CDC guidelines to keep everyone safe as we serve others.

Donations of food are always welcome. The goal of the program is to provide healthy breakfast and lunch items to help feed children in need over the weekend. Please continue to donate food items or you can make a financial donation to the church. We can always use:

Peanut butter & Jelly

Canned Tuna

Spaghetti/Ravioli

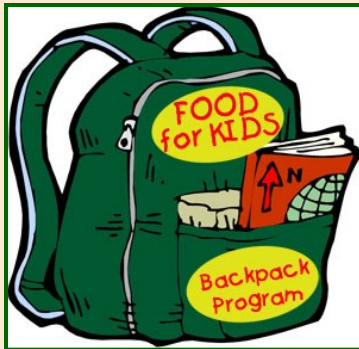
Canned chicken

Juice boxes

Fruit cups, individually wrapped snack packs

Small cereal boxes

Thank you for your continued support!!



Submitted by John Clawson



Don't forget to turn your clocks BACK 1 hour this Saturday night, 11/1/2020!!



Monthly Liturgy

All Saints' Day—Nov. 1

Rev. 7:9-17;
Psalm 34:1-10, 22;
Thess. 2:9-13;
Matthew 23:1-12.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Nov. 15

Judges 4:1-7;
Psalm 123;
1 Thess. 5:1-11;
Matthew 25:14-30.

1st Sunday in Advent—Nov. 29

Isaiah 64:1-9;
Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9;
Mark 13:24-37.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Nov. 8

Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25;
Psalm 78:1-7;
1 Thess. 4:13-18;
Matthew 25:1-13.

Reign of Christ—Nov. 22

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24;
Psalm 100;
Eph. 1:15-23;
Matthew 25:31-46



Worship

Liz Powell

We are continuing to worship both via zoom and in person. Both worship services are at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning.

November 1st – All Saints' Sunday*

November 8th – Communion Sunday

November 22nd – Reign of Christ Sunday (and the end of the church year)

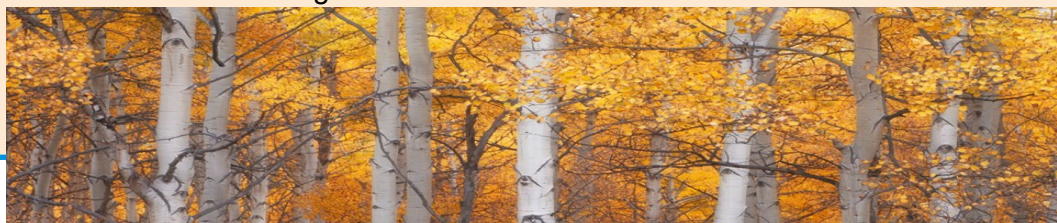
November 29th – The first Sunday of Advent (and the beginning of the new church year)

December 6th – Communion Sunday

* If there is a special person that you have lost, and you would like to have them recognized during the service please call the church office with the name of this person.

Prayer Service – There will be an on-line prayer service November 3rd at 7:30 p.m. This service will be held after the polls close on election day and will be a service seeking calm and unity.

In person worship has been growing in attendance. We are doing everything we can think of to keep people safe and healthy. In order to enter the church, you must be wearing your mask. If you do not have one, there are masks available for you to use. After you enter the church your temperature is taken, and an usher will escort you to your seat. Worshippers are asked to remain in their seat until the end of the service. Worshippers are placed in seats at least 6 feet away from others. Only every other row of chairs in the sanctuary is available for use. At the end of the service ushers will dismiss each row allowing time for others to leave the sanctuary. Sadly, at this time the choir has not been able to rejoin the worship service and no hymns are sung. However, Erik Collins has provided us with a beautiful musical interlude during the service every week. The Bell Choir has also gifted us with their music on several occasions.





John Clawson

Trinity Young Adult

This month we are featuring Beth Nelson as our former Trinity Youth, who is now a young adult. Beth is 28 years old and Liz Powell and Eric Nelson's only child.

Education/Career

Beth graduated from Holland Hall High school in 2010 and she graduated from Rhodes College in 2014 with a degree in Psychology.

After graduating from Rhodes, Beth was a teacher for one year in Memphis, TN. She moved to Washington D.C. to work for a research firm as an Account Manager/Sales Manager. Her next career move was to Framebridge, which is a custom framing company. At Framebridge, Beth was a Product Manager and she was involved with customers to ensure they had a superior experience with the company.

Beth is currently attending law school at the University of North Carolina. She is enjoying her first semester and settling in with her on-line courses.

Personal

Beth married Seve Gaskin in 2018. Seve was a Financial Consultant for the hospital industry and he is currently working on his MBA at Duke University. Beth & Seve are living in North Carolina and have a dog named Archie. Archie is a West Highland White Terrier, and Beth describes him as cute but a little bit stubborn.



Favorite Trinity Youth Memory



Beth's favorite Youth Group memories are from our Camp Trinity summers. She specifically enjoyed our yoga classes with the kiddos.

Beth also had the original idea for our Backpacks 4 Bixby program back in 2009. She did all of the research, developed our strategies for feeding children in need and coordinated with the Bixby school's leadership team. Way to go Beth!



Submitted by
John Clawson

Christian Education

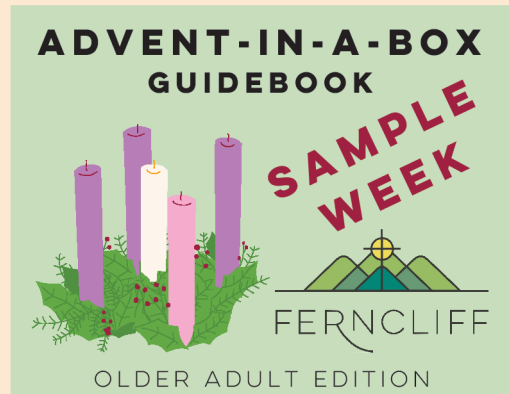
Katie Hanson

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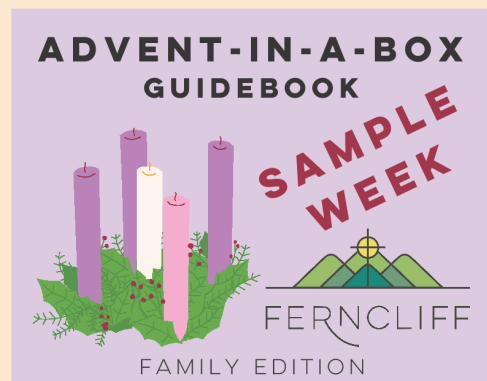
WEEK	THEME	SCRIPTURE
WEEK 1 NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 5	HOPE	ISAIAH 9:2-7
WEEK 2 DECEMBER 6 - DECEMBER 12	FAITH	LUKE 1:26-38 MATTHEW 1:19-24
WEEK 3 DECEMBER 13 -DECEMBER 20	JOY	LUKE 1:39-45
WEEK 4 DECEMBER 21 -DECEMBER 24	PEACE	ISAIAH 11:1-10
BONUS CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25TH	LOVE	LUKE 2:1-20

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AND ORDER ONLINE AT
FERNCLIFF.ORG/ADVENT-IN-A-BOX**

Topic & Bible passages for each week



Older Adult Advent in a box
(for singles, older couples, or families with high school aged young adults and above)



Family Advent in a box
(for families with children or youth)

We've had a wonderful response to our "Advent in a Box" program for this year! Boxes have been ordered and will be delivered to the church in November, and distributed in time for Advent.

Please contact Katie Hanson if you have any further questions regarding this Advent program! Or, you can always call the church office at (918) 369-3690!!

NOVEMBER 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>ALL SAINTS DAY</p> <p>10:30 am Worship In-person/ online</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>Election Day VOTE!!</p> <p>7:30 pm Special Worship Service (On-line only)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:00 am Mid-week book study via zoom</p> <p>6:30 pm Bells</p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>8:30 am Church Clean Up Day</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30 am Church Clean Up Day</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10:30 am Worship In-person/ online</p>	9	10	<p>11</p> <p>9:45 am Presby. Women</p> <p>11:00 am Mid-week book study via zoom</p> <p>6:30 pm Bells</p>	12	13	14
<p>15</p> <p>10:30 am Worship In-person/ online</p> <p>Session Mtg.</p>	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>11:00 am Mid-week book study via zoom</p> <p>6:30 pm Bells</p>	19	20	<p>21</p> <p>EOP mtg. Location TBD</p>
<p>22</p> <p>REIGN OF CHRIST</p> <p>10:30 am Worship In-person/ online</p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>11:00 am Mid-week book study via zoom</p> <p>6:30 pm Bells</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	28
<p>29</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>10:30 am Worship In-person/ online</p>	30					

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