

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025 EDITION

The Circuit Rider

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH OF SCOTTDALE

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Janet's Jottings...

There have been a lot of good things happening this year! This is what I put together for our Church Conference report and it barely scratches the surface.

Mission Projects: This congregation excels in generosity and serving our neighbors, near and far. This year we have continued to support the Scottsdale Food Pantry, both financially and with volunteers. We held a collection of supplies for teachers in September, to provide those items that teachers often have to purchase on their own. After receiving names from the school district and from visiting nurses we were able to provide food at Thanksgiving and gifts at Christmas for two struggling families and two seniors in need. In addition to supporting ongoing local needs we have responded to AWAC appeals for Flood Relief, Bibles for Kenya, and Humanitarian Relief for Nigeria. Whenever there is a need, our hearts respond, reaching people we will never meet. Missions are strong at Trinity.

Worship: We continue to offer high-quality, traditional worship and are blessed with gifted musicians and liturgists. Advent services incorporated the large Nativity Set, focusing on different groupings each week. We ended our Christmas Eve service by going out onto the porch and singing "Silent Night" for our neighbors. In June we held a special Sunday morning service learning about the symbolism of our stained glass windows and honoring our heritage. Over the summer we invited family and friends of the congregation to share special music for our "Road Trips" and were blessed by their gifts. This has led to the reinstatement of passing our offering plates during the offertory, a practice abandoned during Covid. Our services are Spirit-led and Spirit-filled, inviting all into a closer relationship with Jesus.

Administrative: We contracted with Young's Computer Services this year to provide a professional website for our church (ScottsdaleTrinity.org). While still underutilized, it does provide a convenient place to access our worship service archive and stay informed about current happenings at the church. Our Facebook presence is strong internally, and prayer requests are particularly attended to through that page.

Spiritual Growth: One of the highlights of 2025 was receiving six young people as members by profession of faith. They are already adding much to our life together. The Chosen Bible Study/Discussion group continues to grow as we begin Season Four. We are learning much from each other's insights! The adult Sunday School class has just completed working through "The Absolute Basics of the Wesleyan Way" gaining deeper understanding of what it means to be distinctively Methodist. Sweet Hour of Prayer continues to be available on Wednesday evenings as a time of quiet contemplation with God.

Fellowship: With new friends joining us regularly, we've tried to provide opportunities for us to simply spend time together. In January we enjoyed an after-church Souper Bowl lunch along with a collection of canned soups for the food pantry. We had a church picnic in July with around 70 people playing games and, of course, eating! God is knitting us together from various places into a vibrant family of God.

I am humbled to serve God with you in this place and look forward to all that God will accomplish through us in 2026.





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November ~ December 2025
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Rev. Janet F. Lord, Pastor
Lou Ann Beadling-Leighty, Choir Director
Drenda Conn, Administrative Secretary
Janet Keibler, Business Manager

Martha Banks, Organist
Susan Harrold, Assistant Secretary
724-887-6000 Church

Sunday Worship Time
9:45 a.m.

Church Email : tmcs@zoominternet.net

Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m.

Contact the Church

Church office at 724 887 6000.
email: tmcs@zoominternet.net

Facebook: Trinity Methodist Church of Scottsdale

Pastor's Office Hours – Pastor Janet plans to be in the office on Tuesday afternoons, all day Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Because of obligations connected with her role within the Allegheny West Conference, there may be times when those hours will need to be flexible. Please call either the office or Pastor Janet to make sure that she will be in.

Contact information: Cell: 412 759 5204 Email: jflrd425@aol.com

Church Office is Open Tuesday – Thursday

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR: The Global Methodist Churches, People of Trinity, Our Country, Prayers for Peace, Pastor Janet & her family, Susan Harrold (surgery), Wynefret Coleman (11 mo. baby needs liver transplant), Kathy Warman, Pam Dudeck, Melissa Wisniewski, Beverly Sterrett, Dorothy Sterrett, Don Yoder, Joe Barrish (father-in-law of Barclay's daughter), Lavonne Grote, Pastor Bob Nagy, Laura Kloock (Shaffer's granddaughter), Georgia Morris, the extended Brown Family, Mary Jane Tarr, Jason Cozart (friend of Amanda Lebe), Robin Kosoglow, Lisa Barclay, Rene Blasco, Keith Dudeck's mother, Judy Falcon, Lynne Gribble, Joe Hawk, Sydney Hawk, Alice Helman, Joanne Hough, Donna Hunker, Marsha Neurohr, Tyler and Brian Rock, Richard & Twila Snyder.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR SHUT-INS J.W. Buttermore, LaVonne Grote, Zane Hunker, Genivive Mitchell, Becky Sprinkle, Howard Shallenberger, and Stella Tallentire.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY & FAMILIES:

Rev. Jonathan Bell, Kenny Bell, Kristopher Bell, Paul Blycheck, Tim Boots, Kevin Claycomb, Derek Cummings, Cody Dodd, Shane Dodd, Billy Fitzgerald, Rev. Craig Forsythe, Ryan Geisel, Dan Hodge, Ethan John, Justin John, James Marker, Christopher Miller, Tina Minoski, Dan Moore, Derek O'Harrow, Shawn Potter, Fred Rankin, T.J. Reed, Cap. Craig Sebek, Joe Shirer, Matthew Sturtz, Gary Turner, David Weimer, Zachary Williams and Troy Zelenka.

THIS AND THAT

Our sympathy to the families of Bill Hunker, Carol Westerman, Francis Kantorik, (Krystal Kantorik's father), Lance Dudeck (Keith's brother). Our condolences to each family and friends.

We were happy to welcome five new members in October: Jerry & Laraine Dorsey, Susan King, Darl (Buck) Lochinger and Michelle Reich.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Mark your calendars for Open House at the Parsonage on Sunday, December 7, at 709 Arthur Avenue, from 1-4 PM. Pastor Janet says, "I'll have cookies, hot chocolate, and who knows what else! These have been great gatherings in the past and you can make it even better this year by coming and joining in the fun...hope to see you there!"

LADIES CHRISTMAS DINNER – Our ladies will be meeting on Monday, December 15th at Cheryl Eichner's home for a covered dish meal. Meat and beverage will be provided. Time is 6:00 p.m. There will be a signup sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

No Community Lunches November and December.



ADVENT SERIES:

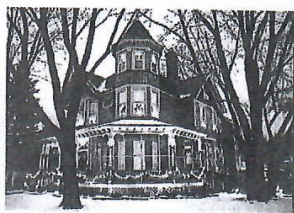
Join us for Advent as we anticipate the birth of Jesus from the perspective of each of the Gospel writers. While only Matthew and Luke give us a nativity story, Mark and John have some valuable insight to share with us as well. Each week we'll visit one of their houses and consider where the story of Jesus begins for each of them.

November 30	Mark's House	"Get Ready"
December 7	Matthew's House	"Family Stories"
December 14	Luke's House	"ALL the Decorations"
December 21	John's House	"Switch on the Lights"
December 24	Christmas Eve	Special music will begin at 6:30; service at 7:00

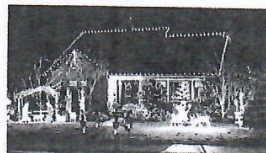
Mark



Matthew



Luke



John



THANK YOU

TMC Family,

Thank you for the altar flowers prior to my shoulder procedure. They are beautiful and really brighten up my day!

Pam Dudeck

Just a note of thanks to the Care Committee for the card and meal. It was such a nice surprise and so appreciated. All the prayers and cards have helped to get me back on my feet.

God Bless,
Mary Jane Tarr

Thank you so much for the centerpiece, cards and well wishes on my retirement. It was so nice of you to think of me.

Love,
Donna Hunker

During a time like this we learn how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Love,
Donna Hunker & Family

We so appreciate your generous donation in honor of my dad to the Action for Animals.

Thank you,
Krystal Kantorik & Family

Thank you TMC Family for all the prayers and blessings bestowed on the Brunner Family.
We are So Blessed and truly thankful.

Our love,
Tom & Judy Brunner

Thank you for the memorial donations in memory of Carol Westerman, an amazing lady and friend of our preschool.

TMC Preschool

Dear Trinity Methodist Church,

Thank you for partnering with the Global Methodist Church and our humanitarian relief efforts through your generous gift. You are sowing seeds into good soil where God is going to produce a great harvest.

The Global Methodist Church

Dear Trinity Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers, concern and kind words. The beautiful flowers are a joy to have in my home. God Bless you as He has blessed me.

With love,
Kathy Warman





THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS WITNESS TO OUR COMMUNITY

As part of our commitment to offer the love of Christ to those most in need in our community, the Church Council decided that this year we will work closely with both the Southmoreland Elementary School and Social Service workers caring for the elderly. We will receive two referrals from each and concentrate our Thanksgiving food offering and Christmas gift offerings on these individuals and/or families.

Food Items will be available with your selected donations for Thanksgiving Meals for the people we are helping on November 9th at the Sunday morning service.

Please sign up on the gift lists on the bulletin board in the office hallway when they are posted in early December.

During Advent and over Christmas one of trees in the narthex will be for the Veterans Association. You can place your unwrapped gift items for the V.A. on or under the tree. Look for more information in your December bulletins.



We will hold our traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday, December 24th.

The beautiful organ prelude of a selection of Christmas music will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Martha Banks.
The Candlelight Service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is held the second Wednesday of each month
at the St. John Baptist Byzantine Church at 525 Porter Ave. Scottdale
The next opportunities are on November 12th and December 10th.

Our WEBSITE is up and running! Visit us at Scottdaletrinity.org

You are all familiar, I hope, with our TMC free community lunch program. It is from 11 am – 1 pm on the 4th Saturday of Sep, Oct, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr. We have been skipping Nov and Dec because of the proximity to Thanksgiving and Christmas, and we have not been doing them during the summer months.

Nov 22

This year we are trying something new. On the 4th Saturday of November we are planning to work with the Sr Apartments on Centennial Way. We will take orders from the tenants and provide (delivered) a bag lunch consisting of homemade soup, sandwich, cookies, and applesauce.

This is a pilot program after which we will review and decide if we will continue, and if we do, what modifications are needed.

Help will be needed for providing cookies, preparing sandwich filling, making sandwiches, packing the bags, and making deliveries to the apartment building.

If interested in helping with this project, please contact me at 724 244 3471 (cell number) either by phone call or text message.

Thanks and blessings. Richard Means



For Seekers Sunday School Class:

Do you recognize the name Rahab? If not, check her out in the Old Testament book of Joshua. If interested, the Seekers Class will begin a 5-6 week Sunday morning study on this interesting woman of the Bible. This class is always available to all adults and we meet at 11 am after worship in the class room just off the sanctuary. Our first session will be November 2nd. Reservations are not needed. Hope to see you there. Dale Scott and Richard Means (Team facilitators)

PS – If you are an adult who would like to attend and you have children or youth with you, we're certain we can provide something for them during the Sunday School time. Also, our class name says it all. We are all seeking after God and no matter our age, we can continue to seek and learn through Sunday School.

“The Gift of Love”

Anticipating all the showering of love that will soon be happening over the holidays, some of us will be enduring a first Thanksgiving and Christmas without loved ones. The holidays are a hard time to bear up under loneliness and loss. Some families are estranged, and whatever the reason or circumstance, it is deep and painful at this time of year. But we must remember that God comforts us in painful seasons.

Material presents under the tree are soon forgotten. The special gifts that are not wrapped are the smiles on the faces of our loved ones still with us. The sound of their laughter will ring out long after the decorations are stored away. The Babe in a Manger is the greatest gift to the world, bringing love freely to all who would accept it. In exchange, we must give the gift of love to others. Love brings us together and keeps us together.

Memory is the gift that keeps on giving. For that reason, imprint this precious holiday season on our mind; and during the melancholic moments, our hearts can find peace knowing the joy our loved ones are experiencing in heaven. Therefore, this year, unwrap the love. Love each other as He said we should.



Written by Rene Snyder
Blasco

MEETINGS

Choir Rehearsal Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees Meetings first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Meetings second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. or when announced.

Church Council Meetings third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



COUNTERS FOR NOVEMBER

Ron & Janet Kaczynski

COUNTERS FOR DECEMBER

Keith & Pam Dudeck

WE ARE IN NEED OF GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER ~DECEMBER

If you are willing to help, please see Bill Scott or sign up on the form at the back of the sanctuary.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 1 ~ OCTOBER 28, 2025

Local (General)	21,995.78
Connectional Funding	875.00
Trustee Account	5,577.00
Endowment Reimbursement	1,375.00
Discretionary Fund	183.00
Food Pantry	320.00
Kitchen Fund	180.00
Bibles for Kenya	24.00
Backpacks	280.00
Bus Trip	5,760.00
Memorial Fund	50.00
T-Shirt Order	1,179.00
Miscellaneous	30.00




SEPT ~ OCTOBER 2025 CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Sept 7	74
Sept 14	75
Sept 21	75
Sept 2	62
Oct 5	72
Oct 12	90
Oct 19	80
Oct 26	79



November

2025




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Bus Trip to Ohio Star Theater. Bus leaves at 7:00 a.m.
2 All Saints Turn your clocks back. Communion	3	4 Trustees 7:00 p.m.	5 Sweet Hour of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study 7:00	6 Choir 7:00 p.m.	7	8
9 Pass out Turkey Feathers	10 Veterans Day No Preschool	11 Finance 6:30 p.m.	12 Food Pantry Sweet Hour of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study 7:00	13 Choir 7:00 p.m.	14	15
16	17	18 Church Council 7:00 p.m.	19 Sweet Hour of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	20 Circle of Hope 1:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	21	22
23 Bring in food for families. Hanging of Greens after service	24	25 Events Committee 6:00 p.m.	26 Sweet Hour of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	27 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	28 No Preschool	29
30 First Sunday of Advent						



Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Sunday
Pastor Hours
Secretary's Hours
Tues p.m., Wed all day, Thurs morn.
Tues, Wed, Thurs
Office closed Monday & Friday

December

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 No Preschool	2 Trustees 7:00 p.m.	3 Sweet Hour of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	4 Choir 7:00 p.m.	5	6 
7 Communion Open House at Parsonage 1-4 p.m.	8	9	10 Food Pantry Sweet Hour of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	11 Choir 7:00 p.m.	12	13 
14	15 Ladies Christmas Dinner 6:00 p.m. Cheryl Eichners	16 Church Council 7:00 p.m.	17 Sweet Hour of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	18 Choir 7:00 p.m.	19	20
21 Return wrapped gifts.	22 Preschool Off till Jan 2.	23	24 Christmas Eve Music 6:30 p.m. Service 7:00 p.m.	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31  <i>Ring in the New!</i>	<i>Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Sunday</i> <i>Pastor Hours Tues p.m., Wed all day, Thur morn.</i> <i>Secretary's Hours Tues, Wed, Thurs</i> <i>Office closed Monday & Friday</i>		

Happy Birthday Blessings to the following:

November Birthdays

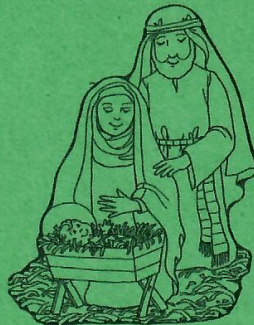
4	Jim Banks
6	Marie Nagy
7	Sandy Moore
7	Aubrey Seder
9	Sharon Maust
9	Pastor Harry Speakman
13	Tom Kimmel
13	Devan & Derek Walter
17	Stella Tallentire
23	Andrew Harrold
23	Sean Warman
24	Kristin Blaney
24	Julie Ferrari
25	Nell Stewart
26	James Crossan
26	Alex Killinger
26	Lisa Ray
28	Colby Nicholson
28	Darcy Pallone
30	Richard Miller
30	Jodi Fite

December Birthdays

1	Marissa Young
3	Zoe Carson
6	Andrew Nicholson
6	Rachel Serafin
7	Amanda Onder
9	Gail Fullem
10	Bev Sterrett
12	Dylan Nagy
12	John Harris
14	Jim Davis
14	Tom Brunner
15	Judy Brunner
16	Brandon Hull
17	John Harris
20	Rob Keith
21	Katie Buttermore
22	Patricia Grippio
23	Jill Seder
23	James Scott Pitzer
26	Sarah Pallone Shipley
26	Bill Buttermore
28	Debbi Walter
28	Sharon Fulmer



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
TO YOU**



God Bless You All!

If you would like your birthday or anniversary added to the list, please call the office.