

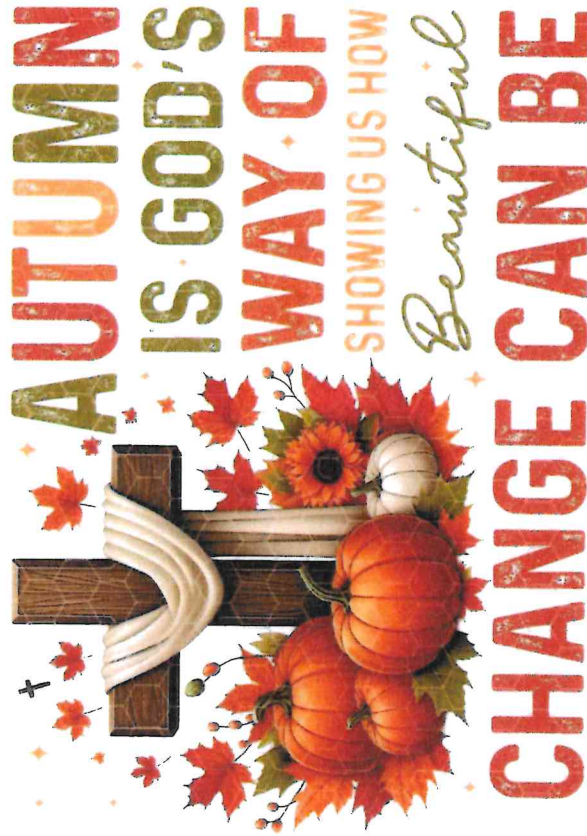
The Circuit Rider

Trinity Methodist Church of Scottdale

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Janet's Jottings



By the time you read this I will be in Johannesburg, South Africa as an elected representative from the Allegheny West Conference to the General Conference of the Global Methodist Church. We will be reviewing and enacting legislation, electing eight permanent bishops who will serve multiple conferences around the world, and most importantly worshipping together, inviting the Holy Spirit to cover us and guide us. I am particularly excited to be accompanying the 80-voice Conference Choir in several anthems throughout the week. You can follow the proceedings at www.beautyofholiness2026.org

Inspired by the theme, and following our summer series on the disciples, I want us to take time this fall to consider what it means to be holy. As followers of Jesus, how are we set aside in this crazy, chaotic world to model God's holiness to those around us? How can we try to be holy without appearing to be "holier than thou"? What guidelines does the Bible offer to us?

We will revisit the story of the Exodus and the lessons that Israel needed to learn in the wilderness before they entered the land that God had promised. It's a somewhat familiar story, but as we look at it with fresh eyes, we may find it every bit as relevant to us today as when it was written. We'd love to have you join us either in person or online (www.ScottdaleTrinity.org; click on the YouTube link at the bottom to view all of our services.

September 13	What Does It Mean to Be Holy? Communion	Exodus 12: 1-14
September 20	Leaving Egypt Behind	Exodus 14: 19-21
September 27	Remembering Whose We Are Reception of New Members	Exodus (selected passages)
October 4	World Communion Sunday Reflections from General Conference	
October 11	God Lays Down the Law	Exodus 20: 1-20
October 18	Seeking God in Lesser Things	Exodus 32: 1-14
October 25	Again: What Does It Mean to Be Holy?	Leviticus 19: 1,2, 15-18



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Lou Ann Beadling-Leighty, Choir Director
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Sunday Worship Time
9:45 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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Facebook: Trinity Methodist Church of Scottdale

Visit our Website at Scottdaletrinity.org

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, Prayers for disaster victims, The 2026 General Conference in Africa, Pastor Janet & her family, the family of Karoline Heintz, Karen Barnhart's son, Joe Hawk, Nick Carbonara, Shirley Hodgkiss, Mark Robinson, Juliana Schwabenbauer, Paloma Cramer, Lindsey Brown, Jeremy Scott, Pat Dunlevy, Dorothy Fite, Steve & Mary Jo Young, Janey Laymen (Darcy Pallone's cousin), Mia (co-worker of Kathy Ansell), Bev Sterrett, Linda Banks, Sherry (Darcy's friend), Richard Scott and Steve Brown's uncle, Lisa Barclay, Rene Blasco, Keith Dudeck's mother, Judy Falcon, Lynne Gribble, Joe Hawk, Sydney Hawk, Alice Helman, Joanne Hough, Lou Ann Leighty, Martha Banks, Richard Moore, Marsha Neurohr, Brian Rock, Richard & Twila Snyder, Susan Speakman.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR SHUT-INS J.W. Buttermore, Zane Hunker, Howard Shallenberger, and Stella Tallentire.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY & FAMILIES:

Brianne Allegra, Rev. Jonathan Bell, Kenny Bell, Kristopher Bell, Paul Blycheck, Tim Boots, Kevin Claycomb, Derek Cummings, Garrett Dillard, 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, Gary Turner, David Weimer, Zachary Williams and Troy Zelenka.

THIS AND THAT

A new church directory with pictures is coming very soon.

Ladies Outing on September 12 at the New Coffee Shop in Scottsdale.

Seekers Sunday School Class Update from Richard Means. We invite anyone who wishes to join with us. We will kick off the 2026-2027 adult Sunday School year on September 13th, skipping September 6th as that is the Labor Day weekend. We will begin with a 5-6 week study of Noah by Max Lucado. This study is 1 of 10 men of the bible in this series by Max.

Fall Festival Weekend September 18-20th.

In October – Trick or Treat at the church October 31st.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is held the second Wednesday of each month
at the St. John Baptist Byzantine Church at 525 Porter Ave. Scottsdale
The next opportunities are on September 9th and October 14th.

MEETINGS

Choir Rehearsal First Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. during the summer.

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 SEPTEMBER

Ron & Janet Kaczynski

COUNTERS FOR OCTOBER

Keith & Pam Dudeck





Scottsdale Fall Festival

September 18-20

We have been approved for a food booth at this year's Fall Festival. We will be selling loaded baked potatoes and chipped ham BBQ sandwiches. **We will need LOTS of**

help! There are sign-up sheets for each day in the back of the sanctuary, or you can follow the link from our Facebook page. We need people to help prepare food in the kitchen at the church, other folks to work the booth each day, runners (walking permitted) to get things back and forth between the church and the booth, and help with set up Thursday evening and tear down Sunday evening. Something for everyone!

We are also looking for financial contributions (there are specially marked envelopes on the table in front of the sign-up sheets), coolers and small wagons for transporting items between the church and the booth.

Donna Guest has years of experience and is helping to coordinate our efforts. She can answer many of your questions!



NEW MEMBERS

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, September 27. If you are interested in becoming an official part of our church family, please let Pastor Janet know as soon as possible.

HALLOWEEN TREAT BAGS

Our mission project for October will be to collect individually wrapped candy to be placed in treat bags to be handed out the night of Scottdale Trick or Treat (October 31). This was a great success last year, but we hope to make it bigger and better this year. Please bring in your bags of candy beginning on October 4.

ALL SAINTS DAY

We will be remembering and honoring those members, friends and family who have passed away over the past year during our All Saints Day Communion service on November 1. If you have a loved one that you would like to have remembered, please give their name, date of death, and your name to the church office **before September 29.**



SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH CONFERENCE OCTOBER 25: 6:30 PM

It's that time again! We will have our annual Church Conference with our new Presiding Elder, Kevin Haley, on Sunday evening, October 25 at 6:30 PM. Attendance is expected for all church officers, but is open to everyone. While we will be conducting some business, such as electing officers and committee members for 2027 and setting the pastoral compensation package, this is really a time to celebrate all that God has been doing in and through our congregation. And there is MUCH to celebrate. If you've been keeping track, Kevin is our third Presiding Elder in as many years. He has a heart for ministry and is anxious to meet all of you.

We have structured our administrative committees around certain areas, and all are open to having new faces and voices. I will be talking more about opportunities to serve in September and October. If you find God nudging you towards a more active role, please let me know!

A NOTE ABOUT YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE

First of all, **THANK YOU** for your generosity throughout the church year. Because of your faithful giving, we are in a strong place financially and are able to spread the love of Christ far beyond our walls. The volunteers who count our offerings each week have asked that you be mindful of the following:

- Please **write your name** on your offering envelope. This assures that your contributions are entered into our system under your name so that you receive an accurate statement at the end of the year.
- Please indicate where you would like your offering to be used. There are 5 lines on your envelope:
 - Local/General Fund is used for current church expenses such as utilities, payroll, supplies, etc. This is our largest expense category.
 - Connectional Funding is designated to meet our commitment to both the Allegheny West Conference and to the Global Methodist Church.
 - Endowment Repayment Fund replaces the money that was borrowed from the Endowment fund as part of our disaffiliation arrangement.
 - Trustees Fund is used for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep needs of the physical building, grounds, and parsonage.
 - Other: Use this line to designate gifts for special offerings or projects. Please indicate the name of that project or offering.
- By action of Church Council, any **undesigned** or loose offering is placed in the **Trustees fund**.

The **Discretionary Fund** receives donations through the offering plates at the front of the sanctuary on Communion Sundays, but you are also welcome at any time to designate that fund under “Other” on your envelope. In the past this was distributed solely by the pastor. At Pastor Janet’s request, we have placed the distribution of those funds back in the hands of the people of the church. There is a group of three people who evaluate any requests over a certain amount and must be in agreement before funds are disbursed. Those we help are asked to bring in documentation of their need and the checks are usually written to a third party (utility company, landlord, etc.) rather than going directly to the individual. This ensures a degree of accountability without becoming overly cumbersome.

Again, we are grateful for your financial support throughout the year!



Autumn Pause

By Rene Blasco

Autumn arrives as a quiet, physical command to slow down. As the crisp air sharpens and the vibrant green of summer fades into deep amber and rust, nature undergoes a profound shift. It is also a sacred invitation to realign our focus toward inner sight. Utilize the changing landscape to evaluate the landscape of our own souls.

Autumn coaxes us back across our own thresholds, trading the noise of everyday life for the clarity of our personal sanctuaries. In this quiet space, like the farmer separating grain from chaff, we must examine what we have gathered over the past months. This requires an honest reflection on what brought us genuine joy and what drained our spirits.

As the trees shed their brilliant canopies, exposing their nakedness, they mirror our vulnerability. But by trusting in the Lord, we can find inner peace. Ultimately, this season teaches us the immense healing power of pause. Allow our minds to settle into stillness, giving our spirits the necessary room to repair. The quiet months ahead are not a dead end, but a deep holding pattern where we can pause. Wrapped in the cool, smoky solace of autumn, this deliberate rest is exactly what our body and soul need.



THANK YOU!!!



Many hands truly do make light work! Thank you to everyone who answered the call to repaint the fellowship hall over a short window of opportunity in July. It was only after getting into the work that we could see how very much it was needed. Other structural issues became apparent, and we had people volunteering with the expertise needed to address those and make some much needed improvements. The Preschool teachers are VERY appreciative of the refresh and have especially noted how much cleaner everything looks.

Our excellent Preschool program is not only a legitimate source of pride for us, but is an essential ministry to our community. In addition to all of the learning and socialization skills, the staff introduces children and entire families to the stories of God and Jesus in intentional and engaging ways. For many, this could be their only exposure to faith-based concepts, and we want to create a safe, welcoming, and attractive environment for them. Your hard work this past summer went a long way towards accomplishing that goal!

Dear Pastor Janet and Trinity Methodist Church

Thank you so much for the warm welcome that you extended to me and my parents when we visited for the time capsule opening. The covered dish picnic was a highlight! Thank you also for the altar flowers that you shared with my mom. She absolutely loved them! I hope we can visit again soon.

Warmest Regards,
Tracey Belmont

Dear Trinity Friends,

Karen, Tracey and I were delighted to join all of you and share the 50th anniversary of the dedication of our newly rebuilt church. The service was very meaningful. The contents of the time capsule brought so many memories of my years as a member of Trinity.

We especially want to thank all of you for inviting us to join you for the delicious luncheon. It was a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships from years gone by.

We wish you all success as you continue to grow and go in Christ.

Sincerely,
Ed Thornblade

Trinity Church,

I had a wonderful time at Discovery Camp at Jumonville. Thank you for contributing to the camp fee. I look forward to next year.

Jodi Fite

Hi there. Here is the menu for our **community lunch** for
September

COME AND ENJOY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Soup, soup, and more soup, especially vegetable.

Homemade salads, applesauce, cookies and hot and cold beverage.



October menu for our community lunch.

COME AND ENJOY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Yummy, yummy, yummy

Homemade salads, applesauce, cookies and hot and cold beverage



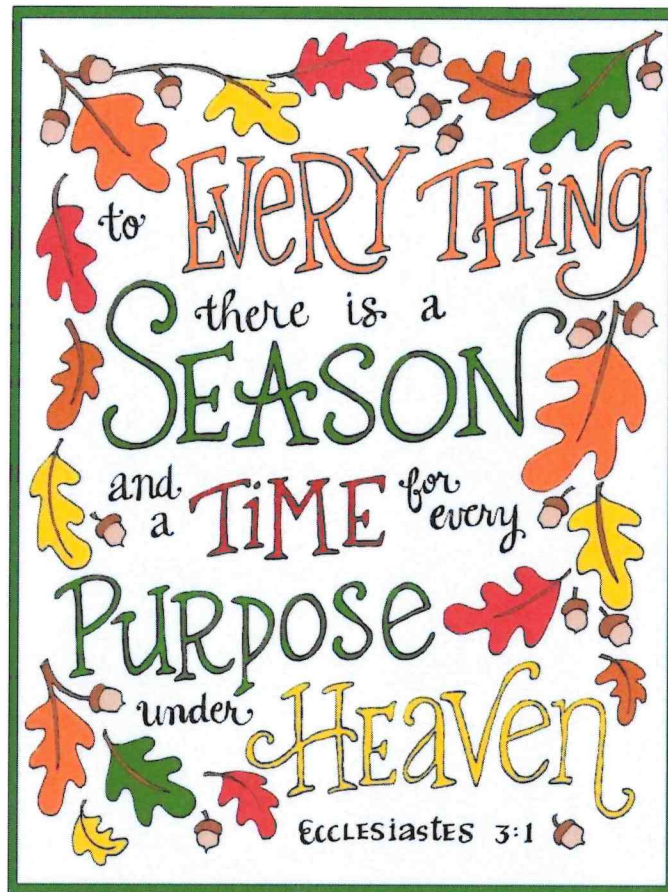
Ham Barbecue on bun.



Homemade mac n cheese

JULY - AUGUST 2026 CHURCH ATTENDANCE

July	5	71	Aug 2	70
July	12	75	Aug 9	70
July	19	62	Aug 16	77
July	26	79	Aug 23	80
			Aug 30	72



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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JULY / AUGUST 2026

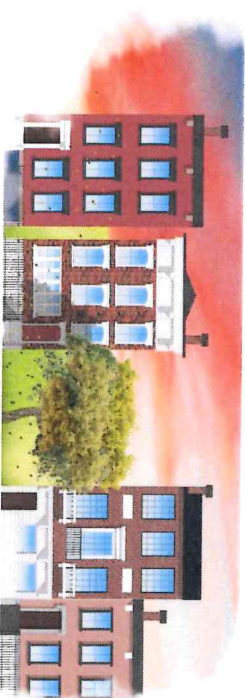
Local (General)	21,587.81
Connectional Funding	800.00
Trustee Account	7,991.00
Endowment Reimbursement	1,062.00
Discretionary Fund	275.00
Food Pantry	400.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
Lenten Offering	25.00
Kitchen	300.00
Fall Festival	205.00
Sport Snacks	125.00



September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Trustees 7:00 p.m.	2 No Sweet Hr. of Prayer	3 Choir 7:00 p.m.	4	5
6 Labor Day	7	8 First Day of Preschool Finance 6:30 p.m.	9 Sweet Hr. of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Food Pantry	10 Choir 7:00 p.m.	11	12 Ladies Outing
13	14	15 Church Council 7:00 p.m.	16 Sweet Hr. of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	17 Circle of Hope 1:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	18 Fall Festival	19 Fall Festival
20 Fall Festival	21	22	23 Sweet Hr. of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	24 Choir 7:00 p.m.	25	26 Community Lunch 11 - 1:00 p.m.
27 Reception of new members	28	29 Events Meeting 6:00 p.m.	30 Sweet Hr. of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	1 Choir 7:00 p.m.	2	3
4	5	Notes				

October 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
			Sweet Hr of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	Choir 7:00 p.m.		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Communion		Trustees 7:00 p.m.	Sweet Hr of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	Choir 7:00 p.m.		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Finance 6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Sweet Hr of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	Choir 7:00 p.m.		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Council 7:00 p.m.	Sweet Hr of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	Choir 7:00 p.m.		Community Lunch 11 - 1:00 p.m.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Baptism Church Conference 6:30 p.m.			Sweet Hr of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	Choir 7:00 p.m.		Trick or Treat
1	2	Notes				
November All Saints Sunday Communion						

Happy Birthday Blessings to the following:

September Birthdays

2	Rebecca Elnikar
2	Michelle Reich
2	Bobbie Thompson
2	Susan Harrold
3	Wenona Miller
4	Sean Helman
5	Madison Philburn
6	Holly Fordyce
8	Molly Kosoglow
8	Dale Scott
10	Marty Hawk
10	Zane Ermine
11	Jean Geary
11	Doug Guest
12	Autumn Ansell
12	Susan King
12	Karen Onder
12	Jordyn Rock
13	Pastor Bob Nagy
13	Dawn Curcio
13	Art Gardner
16	Rene Blasco
20	Martha Banks
20	Kathy Thompson
20	Alexander Ermine
25	Susan Speakman
26	Connie Crossan
28	James Conaway Jr.
29	Richard Means
29	Jean Ann Niswonger

October Birthdays

1	Robert Harrold
2	Madalyn Snyder
2	Josephine Conaway
4	Martha Oliver
5	Carl Ansell
5	Matthew Barrish
6	Kristen Barclay Barrish
7	Shawn Harris
7	Ronna Colland
8	Patrick Nagy
8	Mary Kay Neurohr
11	James McClain III
11	Gloria Lebe
14	Debbie Cameron
18	Marissa Nagy
18	Rev. Audrey Bell
23	Daxton Brown
24	Janice Allison
26	Jean Fite Carey
26	Julie Fite Hutchinson
27	Melvin Miller
27	Paul Hammaker
29	Clarence Porter
31	Christopher Barrish

