



September 30, 2026

### SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our **October** outreach project is paper products – such as paper towels, toilet paper, and facial tissues – for **Miriam's House**, which works to end homelessness by connecting individuals and families with stable, affordable housing and providing the skills and supports that lead to self-sufficiency. Paper products may be brought to the church throughout the month of October and placed in the outreach basket in the narthex.



### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We will have our annual Blessing of the Animals Saturday, October 3, at 5:30 p.m., on the lower lawn, weather permitting. October 4 is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, a thirteenth century renewer of the Church who was very attuned to the care of the poor and needy and all of God's creation. Participants are asked to bring pets caged or restrained appropriately.



## Oktoberfest

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, at 4:00 P.M.



Join us at the home of Barb and Ted Garman, 1177 Spring Mountain Road (Take Boonsboro Road (US 501 North) to Coffee Road. Turn left on Coffee Road and then right on Walnut Hollow Road at Trinity Church. Proceed on Walnut Hollow Road for .7 miles. Turn left on Spring Mountain Road [private drive]. The Garman's house is the second one on the right.)

Enjoy the tastes, sights, and sounds of a festive evening, including live oompah band, a delicious catered meal by Steve Royer and Debra and Tom Schwab, handmade *Apfelstrudel* (Gisela Pest's recipe), and tastes from a number of Holy Trinity's *Braumeisters*.

Bring your lawn chairs. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall or call the church office.

*This fellowship event is sponsored by our Program Development Fund. A donation of \$15 per person is requested.*

**Oktoberfest will be held in the Fellowship Hall in the event of inclement weather.**

**Please watch for email updates, call the church office, or check our website for any weather-related changes.**



### HANDBELL CHOIR TO PLAY

The 10:30 a.m. service will include our Handbell Choir on Sunday, October 4. The prelude will begin at approximately 10:18 a.m. and will include *Jubilant Procession* by G. F. Handel, *Tower Bells* by J. William Greene, *Passacaglia* by Kenneth Kosche, and *Festive Praise* by Susan Geschke.

### A GATHERING FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff will facilitate a gathering of widows and widowers Sunday, October 11, at 3:00 p.m., in the Parlor. The purpose of the gathering will be to share experiences in dealing with the death of a spouse. Please speak to Gail for additional information.

### WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our monthly Wednesday Children's Ministry will be held October 14, from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

A light supper and a variety of learning and creative activities are provided for children from age three through grade five.

### SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Sermon Discussion Group will meet Thursday, October 15, at 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor. We will discuss several previous Sunday sermons, copies of which will be provided in advance. Please make reservations in the narthex or contact the church office to receive the reading material.

### ELEVATOR REPAIRS

Please be aware that our Holy Trinity elevator is out of service as we await repairs. The necessary part has been ordered, but it will take time for the component to arrive and be installed. During this time, food pantry starter bags, hygiene bags, etc., are being pre-staged on the main level so that food pantry workers won't have to carry everything up the stairs for distribution, so you may see food in unusual places. Your patience is appreciated.





# NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 4, 2026

*The Lessons: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-14; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46*  
*The liturgical color for Sundays after Pentecost is green. A coffee hour follows each service.*

**8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL**

**10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION with LIVESTREAM**

**11:45 A.M. - SENIOR YOUTH GROUP** (grades nine - twelve; at the Garman home)

**4:00 P.M. - OKTOBERFEST** (at the Garman home)

## THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4 - 10

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|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>MONDAY,</u>    | 9:00 A.M.  | - STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS                                 |
|                   | 9:30 A.M.  | - CHAIR YOGA CLASS                                                    |
| <u>TUESDAY,</u>   | 7:00 P.M.  | - CONNECTING WITH GOD - <i>Know God - Know Self</i> (via Zoom)        |
|                   | 1:00 P.M.  | - BIBLE STUDY - <i>Together By Grace: Psalms</i>                      |
| <u>WEDNESDAY,</u> | 5:40 P.M.  | - HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL                                            |
|                   | 12:10 P.M. | - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION                                           |
| <u>THURSDAY,</u>  | 7:00 P.M.  | - ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL                                               |
|                   | 9:00 A.M.  | - PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)                           |
| <u>FRIDAY,</u>    | 11:00 A.M. | - DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God</i> |
|                   | 9:00 A.M.  | - STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS                                 |
|                   | 9:30 A.M.  | - CHAIR YOGA CLASS                                                    |
|                   | 11:00 A.M. | - BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Separation of Church and Hate</i>        |

## IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at Lynchburg General are **Joan Brooks**, **Duane Shumaker**, and **Dean Campbell**. Hospitalized and released from Duke University Medical Center is **Putney Wisman**. Recuperating from outpatient surgery is **Carol Barclay**. . . . Congratulations to **Casey** and **Mitchell Doss** on the birth of Ruby Grace. Proud grandparents are **Mary Ann** and **Troy Doss**. . . . Congratulations to **Michelle Dudley** and **Michael Kenny** on their marriage last weekend in Oklahoma. . . . Farewell and Godspeed to **Pat Hawkins** who has moved to the Roanoke Valley. . . . Congratulations to **Sally von Oesen** whose pottery was one of fifty selected works from across the nation chosen for the National Juried Ceramic Exhibition taking place at the Academy Center of the Arts (The Patricia Harrington Gallery) during October.

## DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

We are reminded of new daily devotional materials that are available in the narthex, Fellowship Hall, and/or on our website.

- October Daily Bible Readings and Prayer Ventures are available on the narthex desk and also on our website.
- **Christ in our Home** is a devotional booklet for adults which features a daily Bible reading, reflection, and prayer concern. The October-December issue is now available in both regular and LARGE PRINT editions

## NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

We will welcome new members into Holy Trinity in the coming weeks.  
Please speak with Pastor Roberts if you are interested in joining our church family.

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please email the church office with your current email address if you are not receiving church communications and worship links electronically. In addition, our monthly EDU.NET adult education newsletter is distributed via email. Also, there is the option to receive *The Beacon* each week via email.

## THANK YOU

- Thanks to **ALL** who participated in the special worship service last Wednesday evening.
- Thanks to **Bill Greene** for his superb Happy Hour organ recital last Friday evening; to **Cindy Sanders** and **Bruce Gerlich** for coordinating the food and beverages; and, to **Ann Mitchell** and **Carole Royer** for assistance with clean-up afterwards.
- Thanks to **Patty Webb** for donating a coffee maker for the church kitchen.
- Thanks to **Carol Espinosa** for donating a folding table and chairs for Oktoberfest.
- Thanks to **Don Carter** for work around the church grounds.

## SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR ANIMAL CLINIC

The Lynchburg Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic is in need of old newspapers and old top sheets and towels.  
Items may be placed in the "Animal Clinic" basket in the narthex.



## MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

each Wednesday from 12:10 - 12:30 p.m.

*Join us for a time of spiritual nourishment as we gather for quiet reflection, prayer, the Word, and the Meal.*



## CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4 - 10



Sunday, October 4

9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (age three - grade five;  
meet in classroom across from the Nursery)  
11:45 a.m. - Senior Youth Group (grades nine - twelve; at the Garman home)

### THOMAS MASS

Our next *Thomas Mass* will be held Sunday, October 18, at 5:00 p.m. This service of Holy Communion is in the context of a meditative liturgy which has its roots in the Finnish Lutheran tradition. Included in this worship experience is the opportunity for informal movement between various stations for meditation and prayer. Join us for this special worship experience, especially if work, sports, or travel schedules prevent your participation on Sunday morning.

### THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

October 18, at 6:00 p.m.

#### "Bound by Class": A Look Into the Diverse Social Structure of Women in Colonial America

Guest Speaker: Michelle Seddon  
Community Engagement Coordinator and Historian at Patrick Henry's Red Hill

How did the rigid patriarchal society of colonial America determine the social structure of the period? This presentation aims to give the audience a broader understanding of how women were viewed in colonial America and the significant role they played in the founding of a nation. The differing dynamics of the "social ladder" will be discussed, as well as a sneak peek into a few women who either succumbed to social rule or fought against the normal expectations of the period.

*We begin with a light supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program at 6:30 p.m.  
Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.*

### ONLINE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to **ALL** for their generous, faithful, and ongoing stewardship. Please be reminded that opportunities are available through our online giving portal to make gifts to the general fund and the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. In addition, memorial gifts, challenge gifts, altar flower payments, disaster relief, world hunger relief, gifts to the Personal Hygiene bags fund, and special seasonal offerings may also be designated through the online portal. Options are available for a one-time gift or a recurring donation through either a bank transfer or a credit card. You may access the portal through our website or by downloading the VANCO Mobile app on your smart phone. Please contact Parish Administrator Ellie Quillen with any questions.

### LARGE PRINT WORSHIP RESOURCES

Large print worship resources are available each Sunday in the three-ring binders on the narthex table.

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 - REFORMATION SUNDAY

(one combined worship service only)

9:00 a.m. - Gifts Festival Breakfast

10:30 a.m. - Festival Service of Holy Communion  
with music by the Adult Choir and Brass Ensemble



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

(in-town members and students)

|                       |                         |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 - Tyler Kruckenberg | 10 - Anne Royer         | 19 - Peter Ploch        |
| 3 - Jaxson Maddox     | Sadie Schmidt           | 20 - Tom George         |
| David Mickley         | 12 - Dirk Beasley       | 21 - Joan Brooks        |
| 4 - Ron Nussbaum      | Emmie Carroll           | Cheryl Gerlich          |
| 5 - Karen Campbell    | Dana Poleski            | Meghan Goolsby          |
| Kira Kruckenberg      | 13 - Christine Brennian | 22 - Laura Brooks       |
| Katelyn Kruckenberg   | Jimmie Lou Cothren      | Mary Rowland            |
| Linda Sanders         | Joseph Kluender         | 23 - Heide Cannon       |
| 6 - Dana Koenig       | Andy Montgomery         | 24 - Susan Barney       |
| 7 - Tim Dahl          | 14 - Pam Ballard        | Karen Faist             |
| 8 - Nancy Overstreet  | 15 - Adam Cothren       | Joel Farrar             |
| 9 - Max Pollok        | Margie Lippard          | 25 - Helen Johnson      |
| Judy Schulz           | 16 - Sherri Fleck       | 27 - Corinne Arp        |
| Bob Shafer            | 17 - Sophia Greulich    | Melanie Cosby           |
|                       | Peter Manion            | Lois Catel              |
|                       | Be Silverman            | 29 - Trenton Richardson |
|                       | 18 - Susan Manion       | 30 - Anna-Liisa Rosner  |
|                       | Ada Quarantotto         | 31 - Charlie Barrick    |
|                       | Rob Taylor              | Vivi Lazo               |
|                       | Thom Walker             | Jessica Polzin          |

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

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