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"A Month to Remember"

by Pastor Jon Exman

"Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

Psalm 37:5 (KJV)



As the leaves turn and the days grow shorter, it is literally getting dark by supper time. The month of November invites us into a wonderful time of the year where each Sunday holds special meaning. Sundays that mark the life of the church with remembrance, honor, thanksgiving, and anticipation. Each one calls us to gather together, to remember God's faithfulness, and to look forward with hope.

All Saints Sunday (November 1) opens the month with a tender and powerful remembrance. On this day we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us—those faithful saints whose lives pointed us to Christ. We remember beloved members

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of our own congregation and families who now rest in the presence of the Lord. We celebrate the communion of saints that unites us across time and eternity. It is a Sunday of both tears and triumph, as we proclaim that death does not have the final word.

Veterans Sunday (November 8) follows closely, offering us the opportunity to honor those who have served our nation with courage and sacrifice. We give thanks for the men and women who have defended freedom, often at great personal cost. In worship we pray for their well-being, remember those who have given their lives, and ask God's peace to rest upon all who continue to serve. It is a day to recognize service as a form of love for neighbor and country.

Thanksgiving Sunday (November 22 and also Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. with Union Baptist) draws us into the heart of gratitude. Before we gather around tables with family and friends, we first gather around the Lord's Table and in the presence of His people. Here we acknowledge that every good gift comes from God—our daily bread, our relationships, our very breath. Thanksgiving Sunday reorients our hearts so that gratitude becomes the posture of our lives, not just a holiday tradition.

Finally, November closes with the First Sunday of Advent. The church year begins anew as we light the first candle and enter a season of watchful waiting. Advent reminds us that Christ has come, Christ is present with us, and Christ will come again. In a world that often feels hurried and uncertain, this Sunday invites us to slow down, to prepare room in our hearts, and to place our hope firmly in the One who is Emmanuel—God with us.

These four Sundays form a beautiful story: from remembrance of the saints, to honor for those who serve, to grateful hearts, and finally to hopeful expectation. Each worship celebration is an invitation to encounter the living God together.

I look forward with joy to seeing you in church for one—or better yet, all—of these special Sundays. Come and be reminded that you are part of a story larger than yourself, a story of grace that stretches from the saints of old to the hope of Advent and beyond. You are welcome. You are needed. And you are loved.

May God Bless You and Your Family this month!



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Family Life

Youth and Trustees

PANCAKE Fundraiser



Sunday, Nov 15

After Ignite and Traditional service



Sharing Christmas Joy with our Church Families!

This Christmas Season, we have a special opportunity to share God's love and bring joy to families in our church who could use a little extra Christmas cheer.

This year, we hope to bless 8 children and their families by helping make their Christmas brighter and reminding them they are loved. If you would like to sponsor a child and make a difference in their holiday, please contact **Lesa Exman.**

We will also be collecting monetary donations after each service on:

Sunday, November 29 and **Sunday, December 6.**

Every gift, big or small, helps us share the love of Jesus and bring smiles, hope, and Christmas joy to these families and individuals.

Thank You for helping us be the hands and feet of Jesus this Christmas!

Spreading God's Love This Christmas

Come as Yourself • Grow in Faith • Serve with Love



At Central Trinity, we believe Christmas is about more than lights and presents—it's about sharing the hope and love of Jesus with our neighbors.

We'd love for our *CT members and friends to join us!*

Sign-up sheet to walk at Welcome Desk!

South Zanesville Storybook Christmas Parade

Sunday, November 22
Lineup: 1p.m. | Start: 2 p.m.
Route: 2.5 miles

Let's shine His light!

Downtown Zanesville Storybook Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 5
Lineup: 1p.m. | Start: 2 p.m.
Route: half a mile

A short walk. A big impact.



TONS of Candy Donations Needed!

Individually wrapped candy donations are greatly appreciated! A collection bin will be by the welcome desk.

Every piece helps spread joy!

Year-to-Date Financial Report



"Thank you for generously giving to the ministries of Central Trinity.

Here is a breakdown of what your gifts supported in September 2026."

-Holly Ruetz

September 2026

Personnel: $23,275 *(Salaries & Benefits)*

Administrative: $734 *(Office supplies)*

Christian Education: $464 *(KOW, sensory toys, volunteer stipends)*

Property: $11,414 *(Maintenance, Utilities, Insurance, Pest Control, Boiler Maintenance)*

Worship: $972 *(Choir music, piano tuning, potluck, choir stipends, Ignite stipend, Glow Night, sound repairs)*

Designated: $2,534 *(Neighbors in Need gifts, altar flowers, Henderson Settlement & Helping Hands donations)*

Outreach: $5,304 *(Apportionments, Advertising)*

Non-budgeted designated giving total:

$1,398 *TV iPad Paid from Investments*

$2,754 *SS curriculum, KOW*

September Attendance: 145

YTD Income: $317,917

YTD Expenses: $356,420

YTD Budget Target: $346,892



Bette J. Christman

Nov 21, 1927 - Oct 19, 2026

Bette passed peacefully in her sleep on Monday, October 19, 2026, just one month shy of her 99th birthday. A lifelong educator, devoted church member, and community servant, Bette taught for decades at Maysville High School (where she created the Service Learning program and specialized in special education), was a 75-year member of Central Trinity United Methodist Church, and shared 57 years of marriage with her late husband Edward while raising their three children.

Memorial gifts may be made to Central Trinity UMC, the Maysville Education Fund, or Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland.

All Saints 2026

Kevin McIntyre
06/18/2020
Robert Cohagen
03/18/2023
Marjorie Shipley
12/01/023
Carol Stemm
03/21/2024
Verna Barker
03/22/2024
Dean Dailey
05/30/2025
Mary Cohagen
12/27/2025
Linda Good
03/15/2026
Judy Stanton
05/19/2026
MaryJane McDonald
05/25/2026
Bette Christman
10/19/2026

Ministry News

United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith meets Monday, November 2, 6 p.m., at the church. The program "Thanks for Every Part." The World Thank Offering is a way for us to show gratitude for God's blessings and find creative ways to raise funds to improve the lives of women, children, and youth. The sense of abundance that gratitude gives us is also a well from which generosity and action can spring, giving us the the foundation to give as we have been so generously given to.

Angel Wings Prayer Shawl Ministry

Angel Wings Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Thursdays, 5 p.m., at the church. No meeting November 26. All are welcome for stitching, praying, and fellowship.

Mitten Tree

Mitten Tree will be ready Sunday, November 8, to receive hats, scarves, and mittens or gloves. After Wednesday, December 9, the items are collected and given to The Putnam Place Store and Eastside Community Ministry.

Advent Bible Study

Join others around the conference and beyond for a virtual **Advent Bible Study** Sundays November 29 through December 20 from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. The study is *The Christmas Letters* by Magrey R. DeVega. The study invites us to hear about the miracle of Christ's birth from those who first told the story. The book is available for purchase at your favorite bookseller.

Cookie Walk

Start thinking about baking your favorite cookies for the **Cookie Walk**, Saturday, December 12, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. More information to come next month.

Verla Moore Service Club

The **Verla Moore Service Club** meets every third Tuesday of the month. All are welcome. Thank you to all who donate for the Salvation Army Thanksgiving meals.

It is time for operation Christmas Child organized by Samaritarian Purse. The last day to turn in a shoebox will be Thursday, November 19.

Organ Pipe Fund

At the last Administrative Board Meeting, authorization was given to start a special fund for the pipe organ. Jim gave a report about the future of the digital computer that controls our 1924 pipe organ. The organ is in good condition; however, the computer that controls the organ is showing aging concerns. The history is that 30 years ago, when CT had the organ rebuilt and enhanced, we purchased a used console that was already digital and allowed the controls that we needed to program and run the organ. This used console and computer system had been used for many years as a demonstration console at music conventions around the country but was in good condition. This saved us much money if we had to buy a new console. Recently, when we checked about service and updating the computer, we found the computer company is no longer in business and we would have to purchase a new system. At present pricing, we found that a new system would start at $35,000. So, being good UM planners, it was decided to look to the future while all is working well and start a fund anticipating the need someday to install a new system. If any of you music lovers would like to contribute to this fund, just mark on your check for the CT Organ Fund.



Decorating for Christmas

The Worship Committee will decorate CT in preparation for our Advent and Christmas Services Saturday, 11/28 at 9 a.m. A special invitation goes out to our CT family to join with the Worship Committee that morning preparing the church. "Many Hands Make Light Work"

Thanksgiving Service

Our annual Thanksgiving service with our brothers and sisters from Union Baptist Church is Tuesday 11/24, 7 p.m. here at CT with Pastor Dandridge from Union preaching. There will be special music and our Chancel Choir leading in the service. After the service a time of fellowship will follow downstairs. This is a wonderful tradition of community worship and fellowship we enjoy each year. Plan to attend and invite a friend to join you!

Handbell Festival

The 35th Annual Zanesville Handbell Festival will be held Sunday, November 22, 7 p.m. at Grace UMC. All the local church handbell choirs will perform individually and together as a group. This year the guest director is Lee Afdahl. He is both a music composer and conductor. He comes from Rochester, Minnesota. He has written new music, "A Time for Peace" as a commission for the 35th Zanesville Handbell Festival. He has written music for the festival before. Central Trinity's Carillon Bells is the only choir that has participated all 35 years. Andy Ruetz has the CT bell players working diligently to prepare for this special holiday music opportunity. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken to help cover the expenses for the concert. You are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. There is parking at the convention center and the Muskingum County Health Department.

Gratitude

Dear CT Church Family,

Dennis and I would like to thank you for the prayers and support that you have put forth in our time of need since flooding on August 20. God has blessed us with many friends and Samaritarian Purse organization that have offered to help us. We are deeply blessed.

Love,
Dennis and Jayne

Thank you to everyone at Central Trinity for your contributions and generosity to help with the flood victims, including myself. With your donations you have helped so many people in their journey to recovering. I feel so blessed to be part of this wonderful group of caring and giving people. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Bertie Doolittle

CT Worship

Come as Yourself • Grow in Faith • Serve with Love

Nov 1, 2026

Series:
Faith Over Fear
"Life Over Death"

Scripture:
Romans 6:20-23,
John 10:7-18,
Matthew 28:1-10



All Saints Sunday

Nov 8, 2026

Michael Border
Preaching

Veterans Sunday



Nov 15, 2026

Series:
Faith Over Fear
"Forgiveness Over Judgment"

Matthew 18:21-22,
Matthew 6:14-15,
Matthew 7:1-5,
Matthew 7:12-14



Service Schedule

Ignite (Modern) 9:00 a.m.
Traditional: 10:30 a.m.

Children's worship available each Sunday from: 8:50 to 11:30 a.m.
(Birth - Infants - 6th grade)

Handicapped Parking available at North entrance of parking lot.

Nov 22, 2026

Series:
Faith Over Fear
"Love Over Hate"

Scripture:
John 3:16-17, 1 John 4:11-21,
1 Corinthians 13:4-8 and verse 13

Thanksgiving Sunday

Nov 29, 2026

Advent Series:
The Gift That Keeps on Giving
"Fulfillment"

Scripture:
John 3:16-17,
1 John 4:11-21,
1 Corinthians 13:4-8 and verse 13



SCAN ME!

To watch the service!

Music and Volunteers

Music During the 10:30 a.m. Service



November 1
Chancel Choir

November 8
Chancel Choir

November 15
Wesleyan Choir

November 22
Carillon Bells

November 29
Chancel Choir

Preschool 9:00 a.m.

November 1
Patty Bradley

November 8
Katie Garret & Lexi Sims

November 15
Amy Stanton

November 22
Holly Ruetz

November 29
Lexi Sims



Preschool 10:30 a.m.



November 1
Lexi Sims & Lily Bradshaw

November 8
Amanda Smith & Lexi Sims

November 15
Lily Bradshaw & Lexi Sims

November 22
Amanda Smith & Lily Bradshaw

November 29
Lexi Sims & Lily Bradshaw

Regular at Central Trinity

SUN	**9:00 a.m.**	Ignite Service
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:45 a.m	Children's Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Wesleyan Choir
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Service
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	6:30 p.m.	CT Youth
WED	**11:00 a.m.**	Bible Study
THU	**5:00 p.m.**	Angel Wings PSM
	6:00 p.m.	Carillon Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Everybody is Welcome! Join us for our regular church activities, including worship services, Bible studies, fellowship gatherings, and special events. No matter where you are on your faith journey, there is a place for you here at Central Trinity UMC. We look forward to welcoming you and growing together in faith and community.

JOIN NOW

Kids Own Worship

November 1
Lesa Exman

November 8
Lori Wyatt

November 15
Amanda Smith

November 22
Lesa Exman

November 22
Lesa Exman



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

This month, we joyfully celebrate the birthdays of these cherished Central Trinity family members! May the year ahead be filled with blessings, joy, and new opportunities to grow in faith and love. Be sure to wish them a happy birthday when you see them!

Kristofer Stanton	11/01	**David Beitzel**	11/10	**Donald Hilty**	11/23
Sherry Founds	11/03	**Kendra Lefever**	11/11	**Mary Longshore**	11/25
Doug Shirer	11/04	**Andy Ruetz**	11/12	**Diana Kreuter**	11/25
Eric Hartman	11/04	**Dorothy Skelton**	11/15	**Carol Fitz**	11/26
Jan Shirer	11/05	**Angela Sweeney**	11/15	**Ryan Dulin**	11/27
Anna Ball	11/06	**Maleah Kendrick**	11/15	**Stacy Thomas**	11/27
Sheryl Hartman	11/07	**Zachary Trout**	11/16	**Kimberly Caton**	11/28
Tiara Bishop	11/07	**Kay Stubbins-Hamilton**	11/21	**Brenden Blevins**	11/28
Tiffany Bishop	11/07	**Melody Moore**	11/21	**Lauren Wyatt**	11/28
Grant Stubbins	11/08	**Megan Sindeldecker**	11/21	**Roger Lutz**	11/30
Kara Stubbins	11/08	**Chris Lutz**	11/22	**Holly Ruetz**	11/30
Jared Ball	11/08	**Amanda Goldsmith**	11/22	**Amanda Stubbins**	11/30
Connie Biller	11/09	**Amber Caplinger**	11/22	**Adam Kohler**	11/30

80s and 90s+

Dorothy Skelton
11/15 (99)
378 Pleasantview Dr.
Granville, OH 43023 -9316

Mary Longshore
11/25 (86)
Storypoint
10351 Sawmill Parkway
Apt. 160
Powell, OH 43065

Roger Lutz
11/30 (86)
3625 Maplecraft Dr.
Dresden, OH 43821



We thank God for the gift of each of these lives!

"I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well."

—Psalm 139:14 (NKJV)



A wedding anniversary is a beautiful reminder of love, commitment, and the journey shared together. As a church family, we celebrate these special milestones and give thanks for the lasting bonds that reflect God's love.



Steve & Patty Hockingberry	11/02	**35**
David & Lisa Allen	11/08	**11**
David & Laura Harper	11/11	**60**
Carrie & Jim* Stant	11/11	**20**
David & Marjorie Artman	11/14	**40**
Verna & Michael* Heigley	11/20	**33**
Steve & Judi Welker	11/21	**34**
Daniel & Gloria Kieffer	11/22	**40**
Ron & Leslie Miller	11/30	**58**



November

Note:
80s &90s+ in bold letters

CENTRAL TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Ignite Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Wesleyan Choir 9:45 a.m. Children's Choir 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service 6:30 p.m. CT Youth	2 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. UWFaith 7:00 p.m. Civic Choir	3	4 11:00 a.m. Bible Studies	5 5:00 p.m. Angel Wings Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	6	3
8 **Mitten Tree** 9:00 a.m. Ignite Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45a.m. Wesleyan Choir 9:45a.m. Children's Choir 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service	9 7:00 p.m. Civic Choir	10	11 11:00 a.m. Bible Studies 6:00 p.m. Family Life	12 5:00 p.m. Angel Wings Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m. Carillon Bells 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	13	14 7:30 a.m. Men Breakfast 10:00 a.m. DAR
15 9:00 a.m. Ignite Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Wesleyan Choir 9:45 a.m. Children's Choir **Youth & Trustees Fundraiser** 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service **Youth & Trustees Fundraiser** **Dorothy Skelton (99)**	16 7:00 p.m. Civic Choir	17 6:30 p.m. Verla Moore Service Club	18 11:00 a.m. Bible Studies 6:00 p.m. Finances & Stewardship 7:00 p.m. Ad council	19 **Shoe Box due Date** 5:00 p.m. Angel Wings Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m. Carillon Bells 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	20 6:30 p.m. Winter Game Night	21
22 9:00 a.m. Ignite Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Wesleyan Choir 9:45 a.m. Children's Choir 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service 1:00 p.m. S Zanesville Parade (Line Up) 7:00 p.m. 35thHandbell Festival	23 7:00 p.m. Civic Choir	24 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service with Union Baptist Church at CT	25 6:00 p.m. Trustees **Mary Longshore (86)**	26 **Thanksgiving Day**	27	28 9:00 a.m. Christmas Decoration
29 9:00 a.m. Ignite Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Wesleyan Choir 9:45 a.m. Children's Choir 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service 5:00 p.m. Youth Chandlersville Walk	30 **Roger Lutz (86)** 7:00 p.m. Civic Choir					

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