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Newsletter of Central Trinity UMC

The Affirmations of Faith IV

by Pastor Jon Exman

“The Lord’s Prayer is more than words we say—it is an affirmation of faith that reminds us of God’s sovereignty, our dependence on Him, and the needs we share as His people.”



The Affirmation of Faith we will look at this month is The Lord’s Prayer. Here at CT we pray and share together in The Lord’s Prayer every week. In these last few months, the Affirmations we have talked about have all been Creeds. Although The Lord’s Prayer is not a Creed, it is most definitely an Affirmation of Faith.

We first hear of The Lord’s Prayer in the teaching of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament Gospels. It appears in two slightly different forms: a longer version in Matthew 6:9–13 (as part of the Sermon on the Mount) and a shorter version in

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Luke 11:2–4 (given in response to a disciple's request to be taught to pray "as John taught his disciples").

The prayer is deeply rooted in Jewish prayer traditions: addressing God as "Father," it calls for the hallowing of God's name, the coming of the kingdom, daily provision, forgiveness, and deliverance. Jesus adapted and condensed this material into a distinctive, concise model focused on God's sovereignty and human dependence.

Early believers were instructed to recite the prayer three times daily—mirroring Jewish fixed prayer times. The Prayer, as we know it, began to take shape in 1549 in the Book of Common Prayer.

In our Methodist history, John Wesley held the Prayer Book in high regard, describing it as breathing "more of a solid, scriptural, rational piety" than any other liturgy. In 1784 he prepared an abridged Sunday Service of the Methodists in North America for the newly independent American Methodist;

it retained the traditional form of the Lord's Prayer in morning and evening prayer, as well as, communion services and daily devotions.

This is why we pray The Lord's Prayer. It is an Affirmation unlike any other. Wesley said it is "the most perfect and universal form of prayer" that comprehends all real needs and lawful desires.

As you see the power of The Lord's Prayer, will you commit with me this month in saying it daily? Let us all unlock the power of prayer this month. May God Bless You All!

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Pastor Exman?

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29TH ANNUAL Organ Recital

Performed by

James McLaughlin
& Friends!

October 11, 2026
3:00 p.m.

Central Trinity UMC

62 South Seventh Street
Zanesville, Ohio 43701



www.centraltrinityumc.com



Youth Fall Fun Night

Sunday, October 18
4:30-7, p.m.



Fire Pit



Roasting
hotdogs



Make your own
Caramel apples



S'mores



Games



Gift cards



Pumpkin carving
competition

And So much more!!

Please Help By Donating CANDY

- Candy needs to be individually wrapped
- No hard round candy please (mints, butterscotch, etc.)

Please drop candy off in donation bin located by Welcome Desk!

Thank You

Mark your calendars

October 13

Family Life Meeting
6-7 p.m.



November 15

Trustees and Youth Pancake Fundraiser

We need volunteers to help make Trunk or Treat a success!

Decorate your car/trunk and enjoy handing out candy to the children. If you need help decorating your car, let Lesa know and the youth would love to help you!

- Help run games and hand out prizes
- Help prepare and serve food
- Help with set up or tear down

Please contact Lesa Exman or sign up at the Welcome Desk!



CENTRAL TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TRUNK *or* TREAT

Gift cards
giveaways!!



Candy



Food



Games



&

Prizes



Sunday,
October 25
3 - 4 p.m.

EVERYTHING
FREE

62 S 7th St. Zanesville, OH

Year-to-Date Financial Report

by Holly Ruetz

August 2026

Personnel \$23,703 Salaries & Benefits.

Admin \$1,306 Office Supplies.

Christian Education \$323 Youth group food, Blessing of the Backpack gifts

Property \$7,772 Maintenance, Utilities, Insurance, Real Estate taxes

Worship \$528 Glow Night, piano tuning

Outreach \$5,304 Apportionments, Advertising.

Non-budgeted designated giving total \$311
Neighbors in Need

August Attendance:
154

YTD Income:
\$290,243

YTD Expenses:
\$314,258

YTD Budget Target:
\$308,349



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

Here is what your gifts supported in August 2026."

Holly Ruetz

board game nights

We're bringing it back!

join us for an evening of fun, games, fellowship, and good company! whether you love strategy games, classic favorites, or just want to enjoy a fun night with friends, there's a place for you at the table.

third friday of each month

 **october 16**

 **6:30 p.m.**

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO UPDATE

We are postponing the updated church photo directory for now. If you would like to send in your family photo for the directory, you are welcome to send it to me anytime.

Monica

Connect would not be the same without Leslie Miller, Nancy Miller, Sue Wright, Dee Huntsman, Janet James, Gloria Kieffer, Marjorie Sims, and Janice Deal, who generously share their time and care to help keep our congregation connected.

Thank you for your continued support and for being part of this ministry.

Monica

Ministry News

United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith at Central Trinity meets Monday, October 5, 6 p.m. at the church. The program is “Grace, Not Punishment” based on Jonah 1:1–10. Jonah realizes he needs to take the time to just sit and breathe a little, rather than rushing headlong into his first instinct. This session focuses on resisting our impulses to punishment and introduces the practice of breath prayer.

Angel Wings Prayer Shawl Ministry

Angel Wings Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Thursdays, 5–7 p.m. in the parlor. All are welcome for stitching, praying, and fellowship.

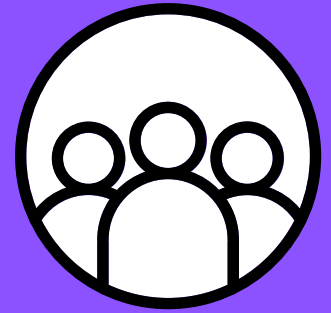
Thank you all who attended the Fellowship Meal and helped tie knots and complete labels for the My Very Own Blanket project. We completed 40 fleece blankets and delivered them to Muskingum County Child Protective Services.

Verla Moore Service Club

The Club welcomes anyone interested in joining or learning more. Meetings are held on the **third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.**, usually at the church. Come be part of a ministry that continues to put faith into action through service to God, the church, and our community!

29th Annual Organ Recital

Jim McLaughlin will perform his **29th Annual Organ Recital at C.T. Sunday, October 11, 2026, 3:00 p.m.** Marge Overdorff is joining Jim in two special music duets. The first one, “Lord of the Dance,” is for organ and piano. This will be the music introduction to the congregational hymn that follows. The closing number is an organ duet with both Jim and Marge playing the organ together. This should be “quite something to watch as well as listen too.” The title is “Patriotic Rhapsody” and is a salute to America 250. Besides organ solos, Jim will play a medley of songs on the piano. So, a lot of variety; “something for everyone” is the theme for the recital. The recital is free and open to the public. As you leave there will be an opportunity to make a financial donation to the special fund supporting aid to local flood victims. Plan to attend and bring a friend. The C.T. Worship Committee is providing refreshments following the recital. Their will also be a tour offered to view the 1218 pipes in the pipe chamber of our 1924 E.M. Skinner Pipe Organ.



Lead Pastor

Jon Exman

Children's Ministries

Lesa Exman

Director of Music

Jim McLaughlin

Chancel and Children's Choir

Ann Sims

Wesleyan and Carillon Bells

Andy Ruetz

Ignite Worship

Katlyn Border

Custodian

Dennis Dunlap

Treasurer

Holly Ruetz

Financial Secretary

Rick Mohler

Secretary

Monica Bevan

HOLY SMOKES!



IT'S A CHILI COOK-OFF!

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 18, 2026



All entries must arrive
in a crockpot by 9:45 a.m.



Think your chili
has what it takes to

WIN?

Give Your
Chili a
Fun Name!

NEED SOME IDEAS?

- 🌶️ Pastor's Pot o' Fire
- 🌶️ Hallelujah Heat
- 🌶️ Holy Cow Chili

SIGN UP TODAY!

The sign-up sheet is in the
WELCOME CENTER.

★ Claim your spot
at the chili pot! 🌶️



Chili will be served after both worship services,
and the winner will be crowned after the meal
following the second service!

Not a cook? We need chili tasters, too!

PRIZES
and plenty of
CHILI GLORY
★ for our
winners! ★

PLUS: CHURCH WEBSITE & APP TRAINING!



We'll also be offering training on our church
website and app! Whether you're using them for
the first time, need a little refresher, or have a
question you've been meaning to ask, this is a
great opportunity to get some hands-on help.

*Bring your questions and your
login information—we'll be happy to help!*



♥ Most of all, this is a chance for our church family to come together,
enjoy *delicious food*, learn something new, *share plenty of laughs*, and make wonderfui memories!

• COME HUNGRY, BRING YOUR BEST POT, AND MAY THE BEST CHILI WIN! •

CT Worship

Come as Yourself • Grow in Faith • Serve with Love

Series: "Faith Over Fear"



October 4, 2026

Light Over The Darkness

Psalm 27:1-5, .
John 1:1-5,
John 12:44-47



Communion

October 11, 2026

Peace Over Chaos

Psalm 46,
Isaiah 9:6-7,
Philippians 4:6-9

October 18, 2026

Trust Over Anxiety

Matthew 6:25-34, 1
Peter 5:6-11,
Psalm 56:1-4

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.

October 25, 2026

Give Over Take

Matthew 6:19-24,
Matthew 6:1-4,
Luke 6:38

Ushers

Jeff Ball
Ron Stanton
Brad Sims



To watch the
service!

Music and Volunteers

Music During the 10:30 a.m. Service



October 4
Chancel Choir

October 11
Wesleyan Choir
Chancel Choir

October 18
Chancel Choir

October 25
Carillon Bells

Preschool 9:00 a.m.

October 4
Patty Bradley

October 11
Katie Garret

October 18
Amy Stanton

October 25
Holly Ruetz



Regular at Central Trinity



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



11:00 a.m. Bible Study



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 ➔



Preschool 10:30 a.m.

October 4
Lexi Sims & Amanda Smith

October 11
Lexi Sims & Lily Bradshaw

October 18
Amanda Smith & Lily Bradshaw

October 25
Lexi Sims & Lily Bradshaw

Kids Own Worship

October 4
Lori Wyatt

October 11
Lesa Exman

October 18
Lesa Exman

October 25
Amanda Smith



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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!

Beverly Huth	10/02	Larry Raney	10/09	Robert Smith*	10/17
Douglas Welker	10/02	Alivia Sims	10/09	Katelyn Waugaman	10/17
Sherie Garrett	10/03	Kathryn Cunningham	10/10	Mike Graham	10/20
Amy Stanton	10/03	Megan Mortimer	10/10	Alicia Jordan	10/20
Janice Deal	10/04	Duane Deal	10/12	Bruce Tom	10/21
Brett McCutcheon	10/04	Chris Shaw	10/13	Connie Skidmore	10/22
Karen Herron	10/07	Chad McCutcheon	10/13	Menly Lutz	10/27
Joshua Fraunfelter	10/07	Chris Bevan*	10/15	Katie Garrett	10/28
Judy Scanlan	10/08	Maiah Bell	10/15	Larry Radcliffe	10/29
Lori Talbot	10/08	Marjorie Artman	10/17	Noah Bernard	10/30

80s and 90s+

RuthAnn Allen 10/02 (91) 4212 Northpointe Dr. Zanesville, OH 43701	Donna Barnes 10/04 (93) 1435 Carrie Circle Chandlersville, OH 43701-9230	Gwen Downing 10/06 (89) 425 Spring Valley Dr. Zanesville, OH 43701
Bea Roberts 10/07 (90) 3737 Leasure Court South Zanesville, OH 43701	Barbara Ball 10/12 (89) 2971 Maple Ave. Room 204 Zanesville, OH 43727-9774	Evelyn Tysenger 10/13 (99) 4200 Harrington Dr. Room 118 Zanesville, OH 43701
Paul Baker 10/15 (90) 1284 Ellen Dr. Zanesville, OH 43701-6072	Barbara Parsons 10/18 (90) 2965 W Ray Dr. Zanesville, OH 43701	Richard Poland 10/18 (84) 6817 Parkwood St. Sebring, FL 33876
Norma Moore 10/26 (95) 1295 Kev Rob Dr. Zanesville, OH 43701-9232	Marvin Wilson 10/27 (88) 1240 Bam Lane Zanesville, OH 43701	



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.

Kevin & Kathryn Cunningham	10/01	49	Opal & Bryon Wheeler	10/11	39
David & Nancy Beitzel	10/02	44	Brandon & Melissa Dilley	10/17	17
Rick & Stacey Mohler	10/05	35	Abby & Kyle Trout	10/20	14
Duane & Janice Deal	10/08	52	Julianne & Wilbert Guthrie	10/28	13
Bruce & Deloris Tom	10/09	50	Connie & Bradley Biller	10/31	6
Brett & Kathy McCutcheon	10/10	28			



October

Note:
80s & 90s+ in bold letters



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 RuthAnn Allen (31)	3
4 Donna Barnes (93) Holy Communion 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. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service 6:30 p.m. CT Youth	5 6:00 p.m. UWFaith	6 Gwen Downing (89) 6:30 p.m. Charge Conference at Coburn UMC	7 Bea Roberts (90) 11:00 a.m. Bible Study	8 5:00 p.m. Angel Wings PSM 6:00 p.m. Carillon Bells 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	9	10 7:30 a.m. Men Breakfast
11 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. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service 3:00 p.m. 29th Annual Organ Recital 6:30 p.m. CT Youth	12 Barbara Ball (89)	13 Evelyn Tysenger (99) 6:00 p.m. Family Life 6:30 p.m. Verla Moore SC	14 11:00 a.m. Bible Study	15 Paul Baker (90) 5:00 p.m. Angel Wings PSM 6:00 p.m. Carillon Bells 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	16 Connect due Date 6:30 p.m. Games Night	17
18 Barbara Parson (90) Richard Poland (84) 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. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service Holy Smokes... Its a Chili Cook off! 4:30 p.m. Youth Fall Fun Night	19	20	21 11:00 a.m. Bible Study	22 5:00 p.m. Angel Wings PSM 6:00 p.m. Carillon Bells 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	23	24
25 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. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service 3:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat	26 Norma Moore (95)	27 Marvin Wilson (84)	28 11:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Trustees	29 5:00 p.m. Angel Wings PSM 6:00 p.m. Carillon Bells 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	30	31

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