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*The grass withers and the flowers fall, but  
the word of our God endures forever.*

*Isaiah 40.8*

# The Path of Discipleship with Rev. James Vlosich



## Spiritual Outlet

*"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*

*Colossians 3:17*

Every week, I have the opportunity of writing a short devotional to accompany the Trinity Prayer Chain. It has become something I genuinely look forward to and I've always enjoyed reading and writing, but bringing together my thoughts, life experiences, and time spent studying Scripture into a single devotional has become a deeply meaningful part of my own walk with Christ.

Even something as ordinary as sitting down to write can become an act of worship when it is offered to the Lord. As I reflect on Scripture and seek to put into words what God has been teaching me, I often find that God is speaking to my own heart.

I think each of us needs those rhythms in our lives where we intentionally make space to listen for God's voice and grow in our relationship with Him. For some, that may be reading a good book., for others, it may be taking a walk, tending a garden, painting, woodworking, cheering on a grandchild at a football game, or simply sitting quietly with a cup of coffee and an open Bible.



## The Path of Discipleship with Rev. James Vlosich –Continued

Those activities are not spiritual simply because we do them, but because God often meets us in the ordinary moments of life as we turn our hearts toward Him. Through His Word, His Spirit, and the experiences of everyday life, He continues the work of shaping us into the likeness of Christ.

My prayer for you is that you would discover, or perhaps rediscover, that place where you consistently spend time with the Lord. We all need those moments of renewal.

May we never underestimate what God can do through a heart that is simply willing to spend time with Him.

Grace upon grace,

Rev. James L. Vlosich

### PRAYER OF GIVING THANKS THROUGH CHRIST

Inspired by Colossians 3:17

Lord Jesus,  
May every word I speak  
and every work I do  
be done in Your name  
and offered with thanksgiving  
to God the Father.  
Fill my heart with gratitude  
and guide my life to honor You.  
Amen.

## Notes From The Bench

### Looking Ahead in Trinity's Music Ministry

Thank you to everyone who helped make my final Sunday and farewell recital so meaningful. I remain deeply grateful for the generosity, encouragement, and friendship Trinity has shown me throughout my time on staff.

This autumn, Trinity is welcoming two new faces to its music staff.

David Harris will begin serving as Organ Scholar on September 20, undertaking regular organ study and gradually becoming more involved in worship throughout the year. Huilin Shen is expected to begin serving as organist in mid-October.

Guest musicians will assist with worship during the intervening weeks.

I know the congregation will welcome David and Huilin warmly as they begin their work at Trinity.

Please continue to support Trinity's music ministry, and, most importantly, continue to sing.

In Christ,  
Badyn R. Woodford



### **Badyn's New Address:**

**Badyn Woodford  
1124 Chambers Rd  
Apt 439  
Columbus, OH 43212**



# Nathan Lively-Greyling Organ Recital

Friday, September 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm  
Trinity United Presbyterian Church

*American Voices: Hymn, Song & Spirit*

*Explores the many sounds and traditions  
that make up American musical life - folk  
hymn, spirituals, jazz, influences,  
contemporary works and beloved  
American melodies.*

*Let's welcome Nathan back to  
Trinity and enjoy his recital of  
American Music*





**The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday night starting September 10 at 7:00 pm.**

**If you are interested in singing in the choir join us on September 10th at 7:00 pm.**

**The Chancel Choir will provide special music starting Sunday, September 13th.**



**The Handbell Ringers will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 17 at 6:00 pm.**

**If you are interested in ringing contact Helen or join us on September 17th at 6:00 pm**

**A future date will be selected for the Handbell Choir to provide special**

## COME SING WITH US!

Have you ever thought about joining the church choir?

Maybe you sing in the shower. Maybe you sing in the car. Maybe you only sing when you're absolutely sure nobody is listening.

**Good news – you're qualified!**

The Trinity Chancel Choir is looking for a few more voices to join us, and we'd love for one of them to be yours.

### What you do not need:

You do not need to be a great singer

You do not need to read music

You do not need to hit every note

You do not need to audition

### What you do need:

A love of music

A willingness to sing praises to the Lord

A sense of humor (very helpful, highly recommended)

### When we meet:

Thursday rehearsal, 7 PM - just one hour

Sunday worship, 10:15 to prepare to share our music at the 11:00 service

### **That's it!**

One relaxed rehearsal a week, where we learn and practice music. Then we lift our voices in worship on Sunday.

### Why join?

Enjoy the camaraderie of fellow singers

Make a joyful noise (meant in the best way)

Be a part of worship in a meaningful way

Help carry on the tradition of beautiful choral music at Trinity

And who knows?

You might discover that choir is exactly where you belong!

We would love to have you join us. Come once, come twice, come as you are-just come sing.

You are needed!

*Bill and Karen Dreucci*



# FALL

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ORANGE  
ORCHARD  
PUMPKIN  
RAKE  
SCARECROW  
SQUASH  
SUNFLOWER  
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Are you looking to grow in your understanding of God's Word in a welcoming, discussion-based setting? We'd love to have you join us for Adult Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

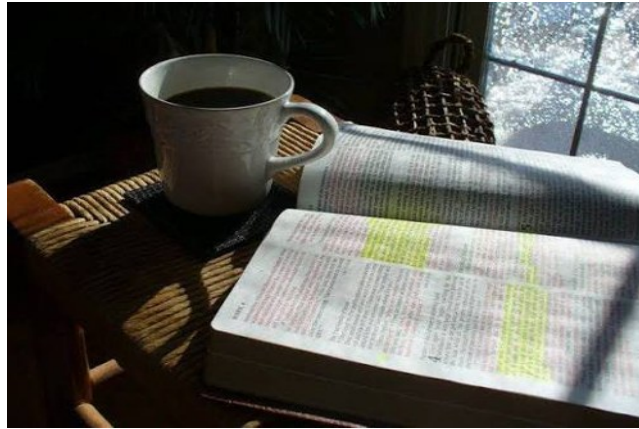
Together, we study Scripture using the Bible-in-Life curriculum, which helps connect God's truth in everyday life. Each lesson encourages thoughtful discussion, asks meaningful questions, and helps us discover how the Bible speaks into the challenges and joys we face today.

You don't need to be a Bible expert to participate. Whether you've been studying Scripture for years or are just beginning your journey, there is a place for you. We learn from God's Word, encourage one another, and grow together in our faith as we seek to follow Christ.

Come join us this Sunday. We would love to welcome you into the conversation!

# Trinity Small Group

## Tuesdays 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

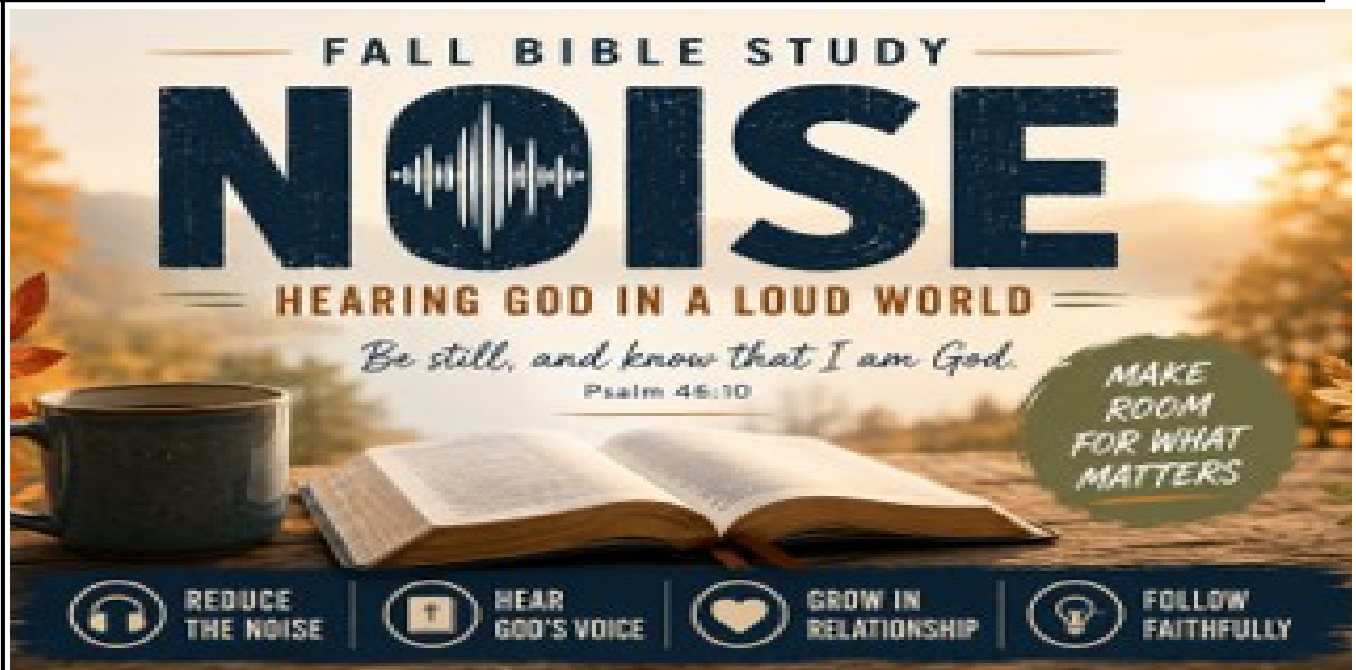


If you're looking for a place to dig deeper into God's Word and enjoy meaningful fellowship, we invite you to join us for our Tuesday Small Group at 5:00 p.m.

Together, we work our way through books of the Bible, taking time to explore the historical background, understand the meaning of the text, and discover how God's Word speaks into our lives today. We are currently wrapping up our study of Genesis and will soon begin our journey through Exodus.

One of the things I enjoy most about our Tuesday evenings is the conversation. Everyone is welcome to ask questions, share insights, and grow together as we learn from Scripture.

Rev. James L. Vlosich



**FALL BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.  
(September 30th - October 28th)**

Life has never been louder.

Our phones are constantly buzzing. The news never stops. Our schedules stay full. Before we know it, the voices of the world can become louder than the voice of God.

This fall, I invite you to join us for a four-week Bible study called "Noise: Hearing God in a Loud World" Together, we'll discover what Scripture teaches about creating space for God, recognizing His voice, and developing the kind of daily relationship with Christ that transforms our lives. Throughout the study, we'll look at the lives of Martha and Mary, the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Elijah, and the teaching of James as we learn what it means to listen well and faithfully follow Christ.

One of the things I love most about our Bible studies is the conversation. It's a place where we ask questions, share insights, encourage one another, and grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ.

I hope you'll make plans to join us this fall. In a world filled with so much noise, let's intentionally make room to hear the voice of the One who knows us, loves us, and faithfully leads us.

Grace upon grace,  
Rev. James L. Vlosich

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## Darts & Devotions

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.



September is just around the corner, and that means the return of Dartball! If you've never heard of Dartball, think of it as baseball played on a dartboard. It has been a wonderful way for our church to enjoy fellowship, friendly competition, and plenty of laughs on Tuesday evenings.

The fun doesn't stop there. Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m., we gather for Darts & Devotions. We spend time in God's Word, share what is happening in our lives, pray for one another, and, of course, throw a few darts. Some of my favorite moments each week come from the conversations we have together.

Whether you're a seasoned Dartball player or you've never picked up a dart before, you are welcome to join us. We'd love to have you come spend the morning with us as we grow in our faith and enjoy fellowship together.



Trinity United  
Presbyterian Church

# Donation List

Help Us Provide "Carry-With-You" Care Items



## Hygiene & Personal Care

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Mouthwash
- Hand Sanitizer
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Chapstick / Lip Balm
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Nail Clippers
- Comb or Small Brush
- Wash Cloths
- Tissues
- Band-Aids



## Eating & Daily Use Items

- Reusable Cups
- Plastic Utensils
- Large Carry-All Bags
- Notebooks
- Pens & Pencils



## Clothing & Warmth

- Socks (Especially Wool)
- Gloves
- Blankets



## Ready-to-Eat Food & Drinks (No Cooking Required)

- Protein Bars / Granola Bars
- Crackers
- Tuna, Chicken, or Cheese Pouches
- Dried Fruit
- Nuts
- Candy
- Juice Drink Packets
- Instant Coffee Packets
- Bottled Water



## Pet Care

- Dog Food
- Cat Food



## Helpful Extras

- Gift Cards to Fast Food or Coffee Shops (Sheetz, etc.)

**Thank you for your generosity and support!**

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## Back-to-School Word Scramble

Race to see how fast you can unscramble  
the following school-related words.

1. Rachete \_\_\_\_\_
2. Scromlaso \_\_\_\_\_
3. Denttuss \_\_\_\_\_
4. Lipcen \_\_\_\_\_
5. Scorsiss \_\_\_\_\_
6. Reapp \_\_\_\_\_
7. Scamtassle \_\_\_\_\_
8. Cloosh Sked \_\_\_\_\_
9. Lurre \_\_\_\_\_
10. Rarsee \_\_\_\_\_
11. Lanippric \_\_\_\_\_
12. Nossels \_\_\_\_\_
13. Exoktbot \_\_\_\_\_
14. Sizzque \_\_\_\_\_
15. Luge \_\_\_\_\_
16. Kacs Chunl \_\_\_\_\_
17. Raploco \_\_\_\_\_
18. Cholos Sub \_\_\_\_\_
19. Afteracier \_\_\_\_\_
20. Cabcapkk \_\_\_\_\_

# AUGUST IS BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY MONTH

- ✓ SLOW DOWN IN SCHOOL ZONES
- ✓ WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS
- ✓ PLAN AHEAD TO AVOID TRAFFIC
- ✓ BUCKLE UP—EVERY TRIP, EVERY TIME!
- ✓ PREVENT DROWSY DRIVING
- ✓ PAY ATTENTION TO THE ROAD

## WHEN TO STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES



You **MUST STOP** at an intersection, whether it is or is not marked with a stop sign. All traffic **MUST** stop.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with painted lines.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with ridged/grooved dividers.



# Back to School SAFETY TIPS

## For Students

- Stay alert and walk attentively, no using electronic devices or earbuds while walking.
- Only walk on sidewalks and crosswalks, look both ways before you cross a road.
- Walk 10 feet ahead of a bus if crossing in front of it.
- If riding a bike to school, use safety gear and ride on the right side of the road and in single file.

## For Drivers

- Stop and yield to pedestrians crossing at a crosswalk or intersection.
- Never go around a school bus with its lights on and stop sign out.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Drive carefully and stay alert at school zones.



# YOUTH GROUP IS RE-STARTING!

September 10 at 5:30 pm.

There are many Sundays available to give flowers in memory or honor of loved ones or friends. The flowers are displayed on the Chancel table and are a nice addition to our beautiful sanctuary during the worship service.

If this is something you would be interested in, please contact:

Cindy Jones  
412-582-4581.  
Thank you!



## Kindred Souls

Kindred Souls meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, for a luncheon, & time of fellowship. This is for single & widowed women but all women are welcome!

For more information call Carol @ 724-438-0709  
Reservations are appreciated by the day before.

## Interfaith Missions

Loaves N Fishes Ministries - Salvation Army - 30 lunches

A Few Feeding Many - Every Tuesday @ 10:00 am.

Trinity's Blue Bird House: For those less fortunate than us.

The Bird House is filled on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays.

Interfaith Office Hours: Mon - Thurs. 9:00 am -2:00 pm.

**Supplies Needed: Small Water Bottles (8-10 oz) and  
Lances Cookie/Crackers**

## Trinity Book Journey

Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 11:30 a.m. at Potter's

The book is "The Story She Left Behind" by Patti Callahan Henry

Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 11:30 a.m. at Di Marco's

The book is "Husbands and Lovers" by Beatriz Williams

**All are welcome! If you would like to check us out, please join us  
at any monthly meeting. You don't need to read the book to join us!**

*Susan Fox at 724-970-9066 or sefox55@gmail.com*

OR

*Cindy Jones at 724-437-7856 or cbjonz1@aol.com.*



# 2026 Interfaith Golf Outing



Friday, Sept. 18, 2026

8:00 am Registration

Includes 18 Holes of Golf & Dinner

9:00 am Shotgun Start

South Union Twp., Municipal Golf Course  
25 Bailey Lane, Uniontown, PA.

Four Person Scramble Format  
\$110 per player  
\$440 per team

## WIN PRIZES!!!!!!

Hole in One: New Car

Prizes for 3 teams

Chinese Auction

Skill Prizes:

Longest Drive

Closest to the Pin

Longest Putt

For more information call Dr. Bob Norman, Jr. @ 724-812-3218 or

The Office @ 724-438-0709, Liz Dunham





# TRINITY CHILI



## ★ COOK - OFF ★



*Date:* Sunday, October 4th



*Time:* Immediately Following Worship



*Location:* Chapel

Join us for Trinity's Chili Cook-Off immediately following worship!  
This will be a fun time of delicious chili and friendly competition. Whether you'd like to enter your favorite homemade chili or simply come to taste and vote,

➤ *everyone is invited to participate.* ➤

If you would like to compete, please sign up today!

### ★ CHILI COOKOFF RULES ★



After worship, everyone will have the opportunity to sample each chili, and each attendee will receive one ballot to vote for their favorite.



Each chili entry will be assigned a number so that judging remains anonymous.



Once all the votes have been collected and counted, the chili receiving the most votes will be crowned the **Trinity Chili Cook-Off Champion!**



➤ *Good chili. Great fellowship. God is good!* ➤





## World Communion Offering October 4, 2026

“What does the Lord require of you ... to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God ...” Micah 6:8

Loving kindness is one of the most beautiful threads woven throughout the Old Testament. Again and again, we are reminded that the people we meet are not strangers or enemies, but beloved children of God. The prophet calls us to recognize the inherent worth of every person, to practice welcome, and to make room at the table for all God’s children. This is expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment.

It means making sure there is a place for everyone at Christ’s communion table, at the tables in our homes, among our friends and families, and here in our life together as a church. Loving kindness is the work of making sure every person is seen, every person knows they are loved by God, and every person has what they need to flourish — because that is what God desires for all of us.

This year marks the first time congregations across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are invited to receive the World Communion Offering. Through this new Offering, we join with other congregations in supporting the wider Church in the work for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.

In a world that often feels divided, this Offering helps us remember that we belong to one another, even to people we may never meet.

As we enter a Season of Preparation leading up to the Offering, we will learn how our gifts make a difference in answering the prophets’ call to love kindness. We will also deepen our understanding of the sacrament of communion as it is celebrated across cultures and traditions. Through learning, fellowship, and worship, we will prepare ourselves for World Communion Sunday, when we will gather at Christ’s table and receive this Offering.

We join siblings in Christ across the globe in God’s mission of welcome, justice and hope. We step beyond the boundaries of our neighborhood and into the life of the worldwide Church, learning to see God’s image more clearly in one another. I invite you to take part fully in this season and in this Offering, as together we celebrate what it means to belong to a global, connected Church shaped by God’s endless

## Local Fall Church Festivals



**30TH ANNUAL UNIONTOWN**

**LEBANESE FOOD & CULTURAL FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026**

**11:00 AM - 9:00 PM**



**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH  
FUNDRAISER**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**ASBURY UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

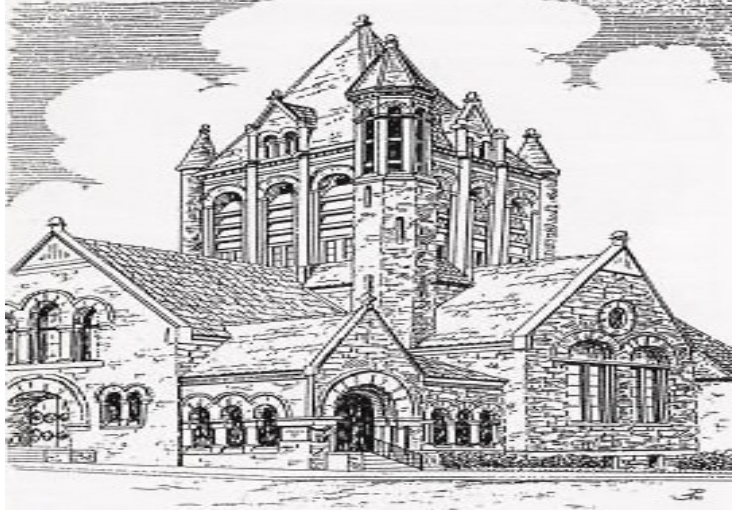
**20 Dunbar St., Uniontown, PA 15401**

**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 10, 2026**

**10 AM-4PM**



**CRAFT VENDORS  
DELICIOUS FOOD  
PUMPKIN PIES  
\$1 ADMISSION**



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## **The Staff**

Rev. James Vlosich, Pastor  
Bill Dreucci, Director of Music  
Barb Slavin, Office Manager  
Pete Vlosich, Custodian

**Check your email for updates.  
Call the church office if you need to  
be put on the church email list.**

**724-437-2709**

**Hard copies of Newsletter are placed  
in the Chapel and on tables with  
Sunday Bulletins.**