Church Events

- Men's Prayer Breakfast
  Sunday, December 6 at 7:00 am
- Men's & Women's Bible Studies
  Sundays at 8:45 am
- Youth Sunday School
  Sundays at 9:00 am
- Worship (Nursery available)
  Sundays at 10:00 am
- Children's Play Practice
  Sundays during worship
- Dartball
  Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
- Young Adult Group
  Thursdays at 6:30 pm
- Confirmation / New Members Class
  Sunday, December 13 at 1:00 pm
- Community Christmas Gifts Due
  Sunday, December 13
- Worship Committee Meeting
  Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm
- Christmas Play
  Sunday, December 20 during worship
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
  Thursday, December 24 at 7:00 pm



Trinity Times

December 2026

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Pastor's Page



"Stranger Danger"

"I'm getting shot tonight." That was the thought I had as I pulled up to the house. It was night. I was wearing a black jacket and a dark winter hat- like most well intentioned, unexpected visitors in the night.

For years, my daughters have pet-sat for people in the area. They've done a phenomenal job with it, until now. There was some kind of miscommunication between two of my girls. When the miscommunication was shared with me, it went something like this, "I was going to pet sit for her, and she was supposed to send me a text to remind me to pet-sit, but she sent the text too late, so I forgot. I'm at practice, so I can't do it. I can't talk. I can only text." Confused? Me too. She asked me to take care of the pets. I wasn't sure who dropped the ball. I found this frustrating, because I wanted to know who to blame for my death. However, she did promise to pay me $15 for my troubles. Probably worth it.

No doubt, you're asking, "If you're pet-sitting because nobody is home, what could go wrong?" Good question. Let's start with this. Here's the description my daughter sent me to find the house and pets, "It's left of Silver Rock."

"Left…" Great. On what road? Coming from which direction? The house was next to the park where authorities just lead a region-wide manhunt. Awesome. I'm sure the locals weren't shaken by that at all. If something says, "Go buy a gun and shoot at the shadows," it's that. I was supposed to start my work by rummaging around in the garage.

Have you ever talked nervously to yourself, out loud, so that if someone is listening they'll understand your intentions? That was me as I got out of my truck, "Heeeey, I'm here! I hope 'here' is the right place! I'm taking care of your pets! Not here for the robbing! Definitely not here for the murdering!"

I found dogs. They were barking. Does that mean they're happy or mad? Yes. I was playing a fuzzy version of Russian-Roulette where the winner gets $15 and the loser ends up with one less arm. I've never met these dogs before. What are they supposed to think? I started reasoning with them, "Hey guys, how are you tonight? Feeling a little unstable, since your owners are gone? I bet you are! Who's hungry for something other than stranger?"

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I think it's safe to say that we live in uncertain times. Maybe it's always been this way. As I move through my days, I find myself in dialogue with God. It's like getting into the yard with barking dogs. As the threat moves in, real or perceived, I speak with Him. It's less about controlling the environment. It's more about being in active pursuit of what God wants from me no matter what environment I find myself in.

The teeth may come, maybe loving puppy "kisses." Either way, I've been entrusted to do God's work. I don't understand all the details, but I do understand that God is always there with me… listening… guiding as I commune with Him, during the day or night. The "constant" of life is God, not our circumstance. This is the relationship, the only relationship, where we can find our stability and hope. He's listening, if we're willing to speak.

-Pastor Travis Montgomery



Community Christmas

Tags are hanging at the back of the sanctuary for requested gifts for Sandusky County Community Christmas. If you would like to, you can pick a tag, sign it out, and shop for that item. Then wrap it and bring it back by December 13 with the same tag lightly attached and be sure to check it off the list so we know we have all the gifts. Help us share God's love with families in our community!
- Missions Committee

Christmas Offering

The 2026 Special Christmas offering will be split between Cassie's Comforts and Heifer International. Cassie's Comforts will provide comfort items (blankets, sweaters, coloring books, puzzles, etc.) to individuals in detox and rehab centers in Ohio, as well as provide financial aid to those seeking recovery for substance use addiction. Heifer International's mission is to end hunger and poverty while caring for the earth. Since 1944, they have provided livestock and sustainable agriculture training to improve the lives of those who struggle daily for reliable sources of food and income.

The Gift of Each Other

A Christmas time of faith, fellowship & friendship

Inspired by Luke 1:35-45

An evening for women to gather for dinner and celebrate the gift of encouraging one another in Christ.



Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
The School House in Lindsey
Dress casual and comfy

Reservations are required as space is limited to 30.
Sign up in the back of the church.
A goodwill offering will be collected to donate to the Liberty Center.

RSVP to Andrea Smith or lindseytrinity@amplex.net

Children's Christmas Play

12/6 & 12/13: Play Practice during Children's Church
12/19: Dress Rehearsal Time TBD
12/20: Christmas Play during worship

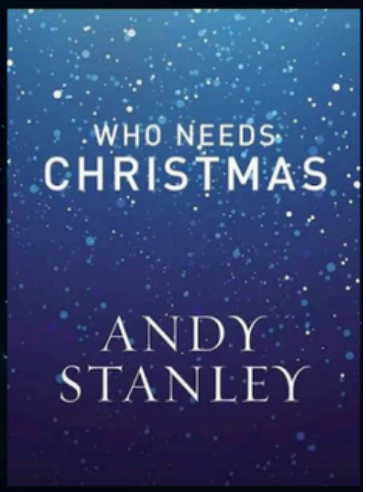


Join us for a combined ...

Women & Men's Advent Study

Sunday mornings
8:30- 9:45 AM
starting
November 29, 2026

Together, we will dig into a **four week study** called "Who Needs Christmas?"



ALL are invited to join us.

Save the date for the Men's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner Thursday, March 11, 2027

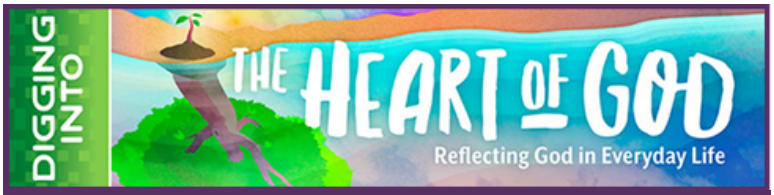
Sundays at 9am

Youth

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Join us each Sunday at 9 am as we share about the best and worst part of the week, enjoy snacks, play games, watch movies, and learn about...
"What's in the Bible?"
Open to youth grades 7 & up
Visitors welcome. No registration required.



Children's Church

The children are preparing for the Christmas play by practicing during Children's Church in December.
The play will be held 12/20 during our 10:00 am worship service.
Regular children's church classes will resume December 27th.
Thanks to all our volunteers who make it all happen!

REMEMBER HONOR TEACH

WREATHS across AMERICA

The 2026 Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held at noon December 19th at the Lindsey Fire Station

Young Adult Bible Studies

Thursdays
6:30 PM

Lindsey Trinity Church
231 S Maple St Lindsey, OH
In the Basement Conference Room





Annual Church Conference

With 50 people in attendance, we had a great turn out for our Annual Church Conference on November 8th. It was a day of celebrating all that's happening at Lindsey Trinity and looking forward to 2027. The potluck was amazing as always. Thanks to all who participated. May God be glorified through all we do. We give Him thanks and praise for all the blessings He has showered over our little church.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

send Good News and Great Joy

109 Boxes! 109 children! 109 opportunities to share God's love around the world! Thank you to everyone at Lindsey Trinity Church who donated and helped Ellie achieve and exceed her goal of 100 boxes!



Faith Forged, *Belief Confirmed*

New Members & Confirmation Class

December 13 at 1:00 pm
in the church sanctuary

We are excited to welcome our newest members, Scott and Marilyn Smith, to Lindsey Trinity Church.



The Lindsey Trinity Dartball team is now seeking new players. No experience required, we will teach you! You don't have to be good at it to play. Come join in a fun game, food, and fellowship.

12/1 Lindsey @ Bradner
12/8 Scott Trinity @ Lindsey
12/15 Make up game if needed
12/22 Playoff week if needed

We gather at 7:00 pm
For more information see Tim Arnold or Allen Jahns or email the church office at lindseytrinity@amplex.net



Stay Connected

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Office hours: most Wednesdays 6-7 pm
& Fridays noon - 4:00 pm
Prayer chain: cate.knipp@gmail.com
Live streaming on our website at
10:00 am on Sundays.

Scan here to volunteer at Lindsey Trinity in 2027!

Let's Celebrate!

December Birthdays

12/2 Michael Craft
12/2 Todd Yeagle
12/5 Jennifer Parkhurst
12/6 Chase Baker
12/6 Jim Knipp
12/7 Allen Jahns
12/13 Ainsley Eaglen
12/14 Brendan Lipstraw
12/16 Liane Jaquillard
12/22 Jake Foster
12/22 Cody Wagner
12/24 McKenzie Montgomery
12/25 Jesus of Nazareth
12/26 Megan Parkhurst
12/26 Allison Schroeder
12/28 Ethan Lantz
12/31 Zane Cox

December Anniversaries

12/3 Tyler & Kathryn Harriman

Email lindseytrinity@amplex.net to be added to the birthday & anniversary list

Please pray for:

Chantell Beard
Jerry Beard
Greg Bigadza
Samantha Billow
Daniel Boyer
Sharon Busson
Sean Connors
Bill Draeger
Judy Drusback
Family of
Carol Eicher
Jack Eppley
Brian Geller
Lisa Haas
Jacob Hasselbach
Debbie Hatfield
Logan Hartman
Don Held
Beth Holcomb
Jeff Holcomb
Judy Knipp
Rick Knipp
Audine Leeper
Bob Metheny
Becky Minick
Grant Montgomery
Ryan Moran
Hazel Morrissey
Ann Mussell
Chris O'Brien
Cheryl & Smokey Overmyer
Grant Reed
Larry & Jane Schaffer
Penny Schroeder
Olivia Schankenberger
Jera Shehorn
Shelly Sherman
Stephanie Siebrel
Sara Siegfried
Kathy Spanfellner
Megan Steffens
Lori Stout
Sharon Sutton
Don & Deb Yeagle
Kay Yeagle

December Worship Assistants

Ushers	Linda Eppley & Cate Knipp				
	December 6	**December 13**	**December 20**	**December 24**	**December 27**
Worship Assistant	Kay Yeagle	Nichole Waugman	Andrea Smith	TBD	Melissa Coe
Acolyte	Lily Montgomery	Tristan H.	Landon Voelker	Ellie H.	Lily Montgomery
Children's Church	Play Practice	Play Practice	Christmas Play!	Not available	TBD
Nursery	Becky Jahns & Taylor Sworden	Tammy Jahns & McKenzie M.	Not available	Not available	Korrin & Leah Durbin
Greeters	Becky Baker & Melissa Coe	Russ & Ruth Zimmerman	Linda Eppley & Nichole Waugaman	Jim & Nancy Lipstraw	Larry Hasselbach & Ben Opelt
Open & Close Church	Ryan Smith	Jim Lipstraw	Barb Opelt	Eric Jahns	Eric Jahns
Media	Eric Jahns & Vaughn Billow	Eric & Allen Jahns	Ryan Smith & Russ Zimmerman	Jahns family	Ryan Smith & Russ Zimmerman