



Trinity Tidings

From the Senior Warden: Hello!

A few Sundays ago, we sang the hymn of praise *Earth and All Stars* (by Brokering and Johnson). The lyrics caused a variety of reactions throughout the congregation and the choir. There were some chuckles at “loud boiling test tubes.” “Trumpet and pipes, loud clashing cymbals” and “athlete and **band**” were sung by some with exuberance. “Daughter and son, loud praying members” tugged at the heartstrings. And now we’re experiencing “loud rustling dry leaves” soon to be followed by “loud blowing snowstorms.” Each of these things was followed by “Sing to the Lord a new song!” I was moved by this hymn because it’s a great reminder of the things God provides that make our lives interesting, simple, beautiful, complex, enjoyable, purposeful, and marvelous.

On that Sunday I was particularly moved by how special Trinity on the Hill is and the way God works through everyone within it. So many people contribute to making Sunday mornings special with Sunday School, nursery care, the beautiful altar, the children’s sermon, lovely music and singing, children’s chapel, the readings, a clean church, enlightening sermons, bulletins, and this list goes on and on. So much more happens after worship with acolyte training, coffee hour, meetings after church, compline, etc. And of course, there are all the activities we participate in throughout the week. I am very thankful for our church and all the people who spend their time, energy, and talent making Trinity on the Hill a marvelous thing.

Not long after that, I was at a Vestry meeting where I was reminded that it also takes a significant amount of money to make our church marvelous. Most of the things I mentioned above are made possible by our monetary contributions, in addition to our time, energy, and talent. Thank you for helping our church financially. We, the Vestry and finance committee, are grateful. As we have moved through the year though, we unfortunately have been operating at a deficit. We’d like to see that deficit become significantly smaller before we begin planning next year’s budget. If you’ve fallen behind in your giving, now is a great time to get caught up. If you find yourself with some extra money, it can go a long way to covering personnel and ministry expenses. Maybe you’ve been considering an increase in your giving. Now is a good time for that! Please prayerfully consider how you can help, financially or otherwise, so that God can continue making marvelous things happen at Trinity on the Hill.

“He has done marvelous things, I, too, will praise him with a new song.”

In Christ,
 Kandice Favorite



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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

8 am: Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Rite II Holy Eucharist (with music)

7:00 pm: Compline

Wednesday

**12:30 pm: Healing Service
 St. Athanasius Chapel**

**~ Come Worship With Us! ~
 All are Welcome**

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From the Rector:

October is the time of year when many Christians remember with fondness St. Francis of Assisi (see Mother Lynn Finnegan's column from two weeks ago). St. Francis' feast day is celebrated in early October. For many of us, that celebration includes a special blessing of the animals. As a priest, I have met many household pets and farm animals over the course of 25 years. This year I got to bless two bearded dragon and several canines (see below, photos by Nancy Wurden).

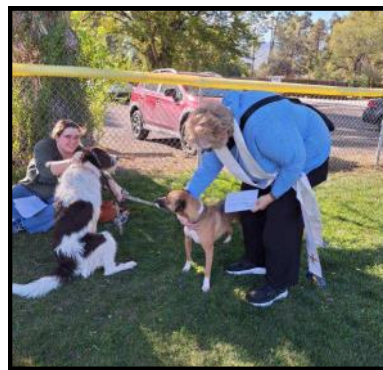
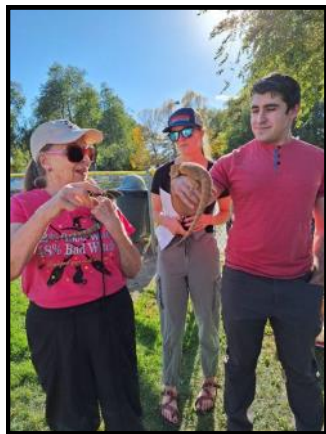
People love St. Francis for many reasons. Born into a wealthy merchant-class family, he renounced his lavish lifestyle and embraced a life of poverty, seeking out the poor and marginalized in society. A very compelling figure, the number of men and women joining his movement grew exponentially in a very short time. He was a proponent of peace, even meeting with a sultan in Egypt during the Fifth Crusade. He sought to bring the stories of Jesus alive for people, and is credited for creating the first living nativity scene. His love of nature is legendary, and he brought his gifts of reconciliation to bear in softening human hearts towards the world around them.



One thing that many people are not aware of, is that Francis is often credited for inspiring the Italian Renaissance. From the Fall of the Roman Empire until the turn of the 12th century, the material world was seen as something from which to escape. Created matter was at best a poor substitute for the perfection found in heaven, and a person's station in life was a direct reflection of where they fell in the order of things. But, for Francis, nature was a beautiful sign of God's love for humankind, and each person he encountered was worthy of love and respect. It was this love of creation and a respect for the dignity of every human person that inspired great artists like Giotto, Cimabue, and Dante. They led the movement towards realism in art and written works in the language of the people. In the *Paradise* portion of *The Divine Comedy*, Dante describes Francis as rising like a sun out of Assisi.

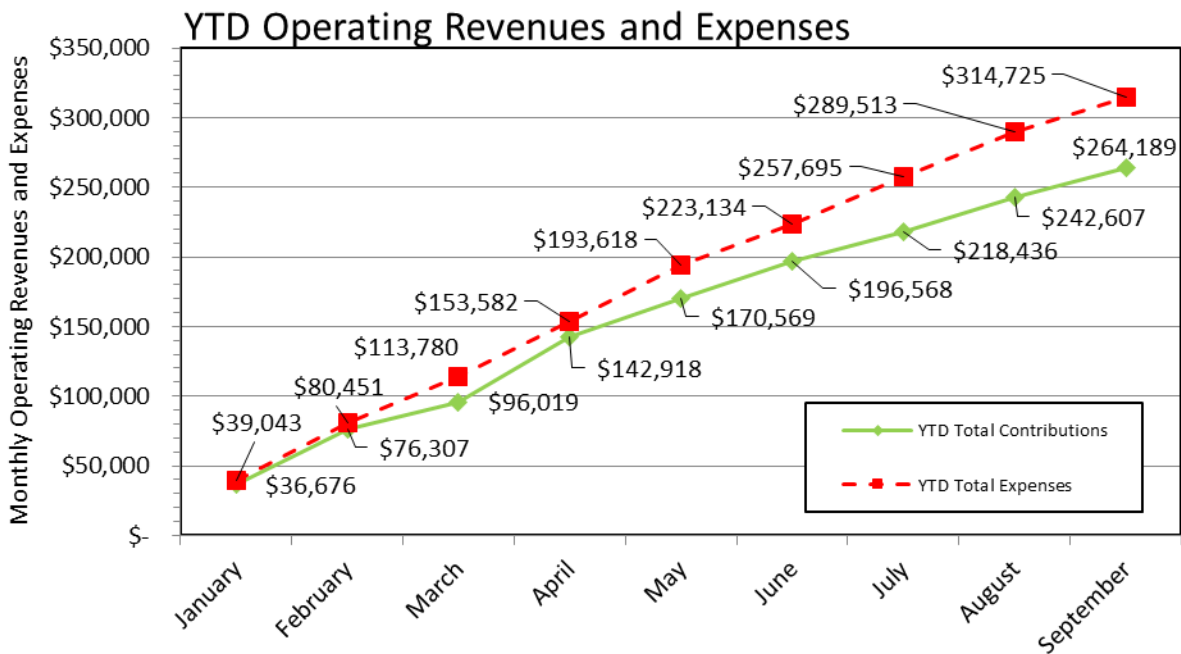
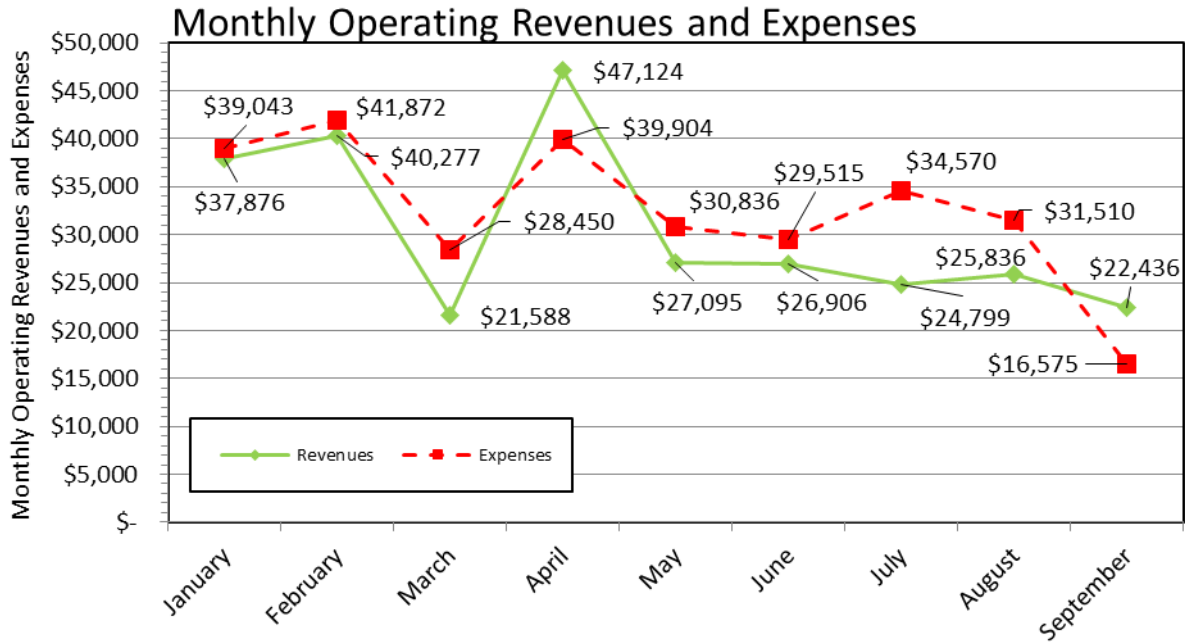
Over the centuries, young people in every generation have found St. Francis relevant. In our time, when young people are feeling less hopeful their own individual futures than any time in recent history, being seen and known matters. Being appreciated for one's individuality and identity matters. How we treat the earth and all of its creatures matters. Simply put, matter matters. In our fraught and polarized world, may we all learn, like Francis, to love and appreciate every single living thing.

Mother Mary Ann



TOTH September 2024 Financial Status

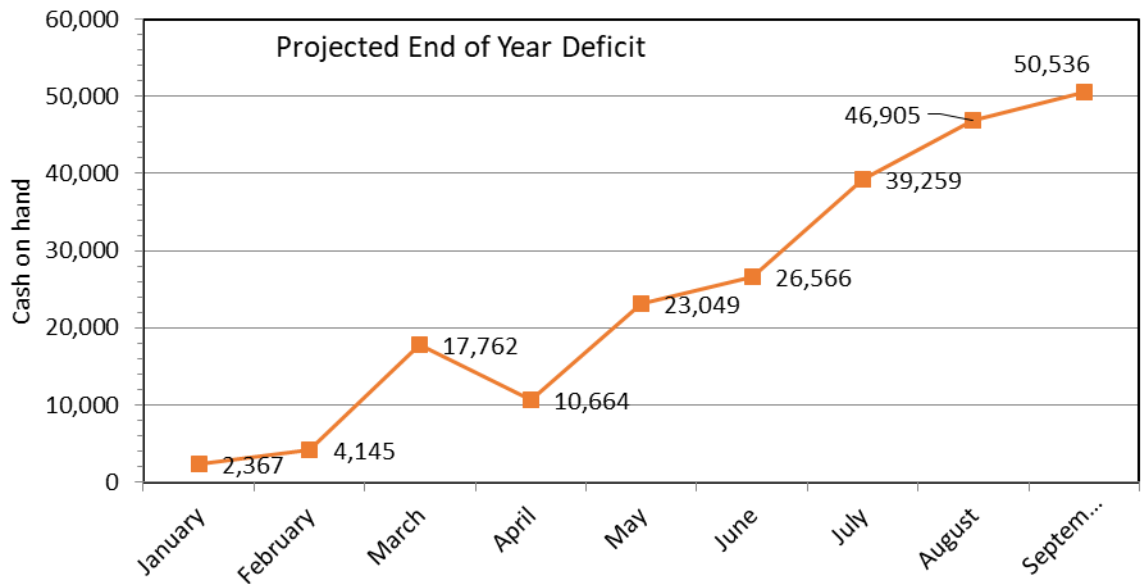
Welcome to TOTH’s financial status as of the end of September. This month we saw our revenues exceed our expenses for the first time since April. It will be quickly obvious, however, that this is due to reduced expenses, as we had the second lowest revenue month of the year. Our year-to-date tracking does not show a change. The differential of less than \$6,000 is not significant against a \$50,000 deficit.



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Despite the reduced expenses, our deficit increased slightly to just over \$50,000. We have now exceeded the projected end of year deficit from our budget. We have also doubled the savings we will accumulate by not paying down the mortgage and instead reserving those monies for operating expenses. We will now have to take approximately \$25,000 from our restricted accounts to cover the deficit.



If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Thank you,
Leni Moore - Treasurer



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, November 3	All Saints' Sunday
Saturday, November 16, 5 pm	Fiesta on the Hill; fundraiser for House of Hope, including dinner, entertainment, and silent and live auctions.
Sunday, November 17, 3 pm	Christmas Pageant rehearsals begin, Sanctuary
Wednesday, December 4, 5:30 pm	Young Family Dinner and Christmas Tree decorating
Saturday, December 7, 9 am—2 pm	Children's Christmas Bazaar
Sunday, December 8, 6 pm	Service of Advent Lessons and Carols
Tuesday, December 24, 5 pm	Family Eucharist and Christmas Pageant



MARGARET-MARY'S LAST SUNDAY AT TOTH BEFORE MATERNITY LEAVE



Photos: Louisa Singleton and Lisa Rothrock

Children’s Christmas Bazaar

The annual TOTH Children’s Christmas Bazaar (December 7, 2024) is a unique thrift store experience designed for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. Here, children can select surprise Christmas gifts for loved ones from a curated collection of gently used items. (Scan the QR code at right for more information.)



We need donations! The Children’s Christmas Bazaar welcomes donations throughout the year to get ready for the event in December. You can donate items like toys, books, clothes, and accessories; see flyer (right) for more details.



Your donation helps make the event special for children. We appreciate any contributions you can give to make the Bazaar a success.

The donation drop-off bin is located outside Kelly Hall facing the Upper Parking Lot.

Next Bazaar Planning meeting is October 6, 2024 at noon in Sherrill Hall.

Children's Ministry

Nursery is available for children 4 years old and younger, every Sunday from 8am - 12. Wendy and her support team of trained assistants and dedicated volunteers are committed to providing quality care and cleanliness, fostering emotional and social growth in a loving setting, while keeping the play space clean, organized, and ready for play each Sunday. Parents can take comfort in knowing that while they immerse themselves in worship, their children are enjoying a positive and enriching experience that promotes lasting friendships and a sense of belonging right from an early age. We invite families to take advantage of this wonderful service.



Young Family Nights typically meets once a month on a Wednesday from 5:30-7pm. Sometimes, the meal is prepared by each family bringing a dish of their choice and, other times, the meal is made by one of the local pizzerias. In addition to the food, this gathering serves as a valuable opportunity for young families to exchange stories, build friendships, and strengthen the bonds that unite us. Don't miss out on this chance to come together and enjoy an evening of good company and great food!

Upcoming Young Family Night dates:

October 16, 2024

November 6, 2024

December 4, 2024 (decorating Christmas tree)

Children's Sunday School, 9:15am - 10:15am

Pre-K - 2nd Grade meets in Classroom 4

3rd Grade and up meets in Kelly Hall

For more information or to volunteer with Children's Sunday School, contact TOTH office: 505-662-5107.



Classroom 4 Sunday School class is continuing to explore the major characters of the Old Testament (right). The kids built their best Lego wall to keep Jerusalem safe after the class discussed the story of King Josiah.



(left) The story of Job led us to create a paper tree. Each student drew and cut out his or her branch and added a paper leaf with a written or drawn prayer. When the prayer is fulfilled, the kids can add a flower to their branch. In December, we will reflect on all our blessings.

Mary Ogle (right) has been an absolute blessing to our class; she adores the kids and is so fun! After one of the classes, Mary surprised the kids with water from her well at her home in Jaconita. Everyone agreed it was very yummy.





Fiesta on the Hill

Please come to a fundraising dinner and celebration of the House of Hope* ministry,
an ongoing ministry at Trinity on the Hill for 19 years!

Saturday, November 16
5-7:30pm
Kelly Hall, Trinity on the Hill

What to expect:

- Taco dinner – no set fee, ALL donations go to the House of Hope building materials
- Silent and sealed bid auction – focused on arts and services
- Live dessert auction
- Music and dance entertainment
- Crafts for the young and young at heart

**Since 2005 members of Trinity on the Hill and numerous other churches have taken part in ongoing home building mission trips to Juarez, MX. These trips have served to bring the light of Christ to families in need in the form of a house and have also served to deepen the faith of those who participate in the builds. Called to serve those in need, we build a well-constructed home, together with the family, that shelters them from the elements and provides their family security.*

What we need to be successful:

Attendees, please RSVP and attend; invite neighbors and friends! (sign-ups begin October 1)

Donations to the Arts & Services Auction

This will include a silent and sealed-bid auction format. For questions about ideal items or services to donate, email Julie Bulthuis at jwbulthuis@msn.com or call or text 505-490-6061.

Remember there will be children who may wish to donate or bid; be creative!

Donations should be dropped off at TOTH from November 10-13. Follow this link to add your donation, a description and starting bid: <https://bit.ly/Auction-Items>

Donations to the live dessert auction

Homemade dessert items will be delivered the day of the event. Arrangements can be made for pick-up by emailing Joanna Gillespie at joken94@gmail.com or call or text 505-309-2518

On October 27 and November 3 there will be free pie dishes and cake platters available to bakers in the narthex, so those donating don't have to worry about getting their dish back.

Follow this link to add your dessert donation with a description: <https://bit.ly/Auction-Desserts>



ATTENTION!

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERSHIP MEETING
men and women ALL welcome!

November 2
Breakfast/meeting 8 am
Eucharist follows mtg.

Interested? Ask one of the contacts then
Come and See!

Current TOTH Altar Guild cochairs:
Ellie Giovanielli
Marilyn Lisowski
Linda Light

Y'ALL COME!

DISASTER RELIEF



People occasionally ask me about where they should make contributions for disaster relief. Personally, I support two main organizations: Episcopal Relief & Development, and World Central Kitchen. I like WCK because feeding people in times of crisis is something WCK does immediately and without any discrimination - if someone is hungry, World Central Kitchen will feed them.

I also like Episcopal Relief & Development for much the same reason. As philanthropic organizations go, ERD has a very low overhead; and it is a very effective organization because it partners with local organizations who have the best understanding of what is needed in a given area and how to reach people through trustworthy means. For example, ERD is partnering with the Diocese of Western North Carolina to reach as many people as possible. Below is a press release about the hurricane response. To donate, go to <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief>



Responding to Hurricanes Milton and Helene

Web Statement, October 10, 2024

Episcopal Relief & Development is in touch with partners in the southeastern US as they meet the needs of people impacted by Hurricane Milton, which made landfall in southwestern Florida on Wednesday, October 9.

Two weeks following the devastating Hurricane Helene, Hurricane Milton has killed at least five people and left over three million people without power. Episcopal Relief & Development is continuing to accompany diocesan leaders as they assess the impact and respond to the needs of their communities over the coming days.

“Our hearts go out to the people who have been affected by Helene and Milton,” said Katie Mears, Senior Technical Specialist, Disaster Risk and Resilience, Episcopal Relief & Development. “We are continuing to work on responses that were already underway due to Helene, and are adapting and creating new plans in collaboration with dioceses to meet new needs.”

Please [pray](#) for the people affected by Milton and Helene. Support to the **Hurricane Relief Fund** (<https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief>) will help people affected by the storms to restart their lives with dignity and agency.

Mary Ann Hill



Loved Like Me

Annual Diocesan Women's Ministry Gathering

October 25-27 (5PM Friday-7PM Saturday, plus Sunday)

St. Francis on the Hill and St. Christopher's, El Paso

Learn about Borderlands Ministry through stories, experiences, and sharing.

Hannah Curtis, the Rev.'s Kristin Kopren, Sondra Jones, and Ana Reza will be our leaders.

**Open to everyone interested
in Borderlands Ministry**



Registration (\$60) and full info is on the Women's Ministry website (VarietiesOfGifts.blogspot.com or QR code)

Contact Cindy Davis_ (cynthiadavisauthor@gmail.com)



Sundays:

- **Holy Eucharist Rite I** at 8 am.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II with music** at 10:30 am; streamed via Facebook live at www.facebook.com/trinityoth
- **Compline**, 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Prayers by candle-light, with plainsong. All welcome!

Tuesdays:

- **Women Alive** at 7:30 am via Zoom (3rd/5th Tuesdays); in Sherrill Hall (2nd and 4th Tuesdays). Contact Rozelle Wright or Claire Singleton for the link. First Tuesday walks around sunrise, followed by breakfast.

Wednesdays:

- **Service of Healing**, 12:30 pm in St. Athanasius Chapel.

Thursdays:

- **Men's Group**, 7:30 am, Sherrill Hall
- **Bible Study**, 12 noon, Library, led by Fr. Kelly

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Trinity on the Hill's Mission



The Mission of Trinity on the Hill is to share the power and joy of God's love, to fully embrace all God's children, and to respond to the needs of our community and the world in the spirit of Jesus Christ

The next regularly scheduled issue will be in November. Submission deadline: Monday, November 4.

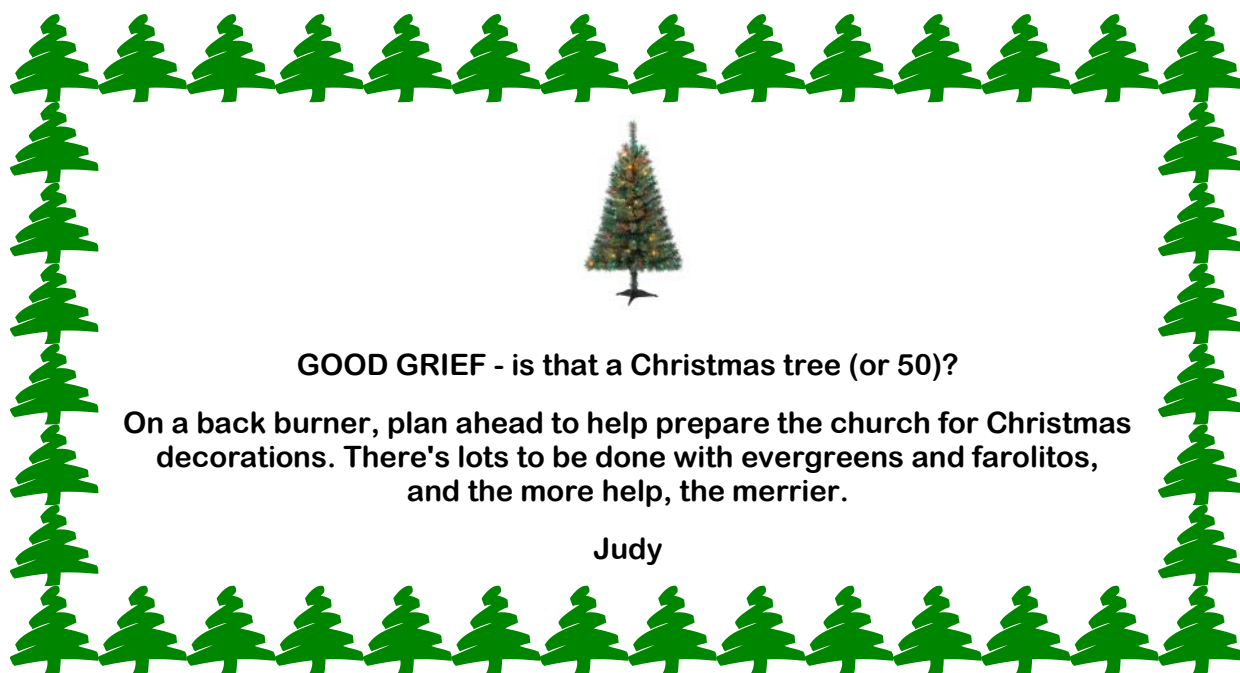
Submit electronically to admin@latoth.org

WOMEN ALIVE! IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT*

meets every Tuesday at 7:30 am. On the first Tuesday of the month, the group meets for a short walk, followed by breakfast at a local café. The pictures below and right are from the walk and breakfast on October 1. Rozelle, Peggy, and Kathy met for a walk around the cemetery and in Rendija Canyon, where they saw the beautiful fall colors shown here. Claire joined them at Film Festival for coffee and breakfast. Thanks to Rozelle for the photos!



* Women Alive! is open to women of any denomination/church, including guests. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Sherrill Hall; 3rd Tuesdays via Zoom.



GOOD GRIEF - is that a Christmas tree (or 50)?

On a back burner, plan ahead to help prepare the church for Christmas decorations. There's lots to be done with evergreens and farolitos, and the more help, the merrier.

Judy

OCTOBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

October 2024

Date	Time	Acolytes	LEM/LR	Prayers of the People, 10:30	Media Team 10:30	Usher 10:30	Altar Guild
Oct 6	8:00	Louisa Singleton	Rob Baran				Marilyn and Paul Lisowski Andy and Linda Light
	10:30	Isabella Stephens, Server River Yamada, Crucifer Josh and Anna Moore, TB	Marilyn Lisowski, LEM/LR, Andy Light, LEM	Joanna Gillespie	Rachel/ Richard	D. Giovanielli Greeter: Kelli	
Oct 13	8:00	Richard Triplett	Rozelle Wright				Rozelle and Brad Wright Kathy and Pete Peterson Mary and Bill Ogle
	10:30	Ben Foley, Server/Crucifer Susan Sprake, Linda Light, TB	Lisa Rothrock, LEM/LR Linda Light, LEM	Laurie Glascock	Rick/Bill	Andy Light Greeter: Rebecca	
Oct 20	8:00	Richard Triplett	Kay Dreamtrader, LR Richard Triplett, LEM				Renee Roybal Valarie Prestwood Karen Humphrey
	10:30	Ben Foley, Server Josh Moore, Crucifer Cece Gulsby, Anna Moore, TB	Lynn Godwin, LEM/LR Renee Roybal, LEM	Linda Light	Mark/Nancy	Maggie Moore Greeter: Patrick	
Oct 27	8:00	Ben Schilling	Rozelle Wright				Ellie Giovanielli Marybeth Stephens Jo Moore Susannah Smith Sarah Rochester
	10:30	River Yamada, Server Peter Maginot, Crucifer Gregory Maginot, Cece Gulsby, TB	Susan Sprake, LEM/LR Andy Light, LEM	Lisa Rothrock	Rachel/Rick	Bill Godwin Greeter: Kandice	

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