

SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- Welcome Our New Pastor
- Ordination & Installation of Nathaniel Asperger

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## Welcome Nathaniel Asperger

### From the Pastor

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

In life there are many seasons that change. In nature it is almost impossible to miss the changes. Right now, we are apt for leaves changing in cascades of autumn warmth. In a few months' times, crisp cold and white driveways will signal the next change. We are here in a new season, of Countryside Trinity Church. Obviously, a big new change is Rev Dr. Jane has left, and I have been welcomed in. We all will prepare for my ordination and installation to this congregation, there will be buzz of the new persons as me and my family settle. You all may notice other changes. Changes as we seek to understand who we are now, together. Changes as we examine what the future of our congregation looks like. In this time of change, there will be excitement, growing pains, dreams for the future and memories of the past. I encourage us all to sit with these changes-even if some feel uncomfortable-and lean into the Spirit. What is the

Spirit saying to all of us? Where is the Spirit poking, pulling, and challenging us in the ministry of this community of faith?

I am new to this community of faith, and the surrounding community. There is much that I do not yet know, so I welcome your grace and help as I acclimate to this wonderful place. I can see there is much faithfulness in the actions of this community of faith. I look forward to getting to know all of those who call Countryside Trinity Church, their home.

I want to give you a little information as I settle into my office and start to learn about our community. I plan to be in the office for the near future, Tuesday-Thursday between 9:30am and 3pm most weeks. There will be many meetings as I get to know other faith leaders and community leaders surrounding the church. If you would like to stop in to say hello, that would be most welcome. If you would like to schedule time to sit down in my office, or meet for coffee, etc. that would also be wonderful. I plan to continue Lunch with the Pastor on Wednesdays, from 12-1:30 or so. Please bring your lunch and join me to get to know each other. I will

have a question or scripture for us to ponder on leading up to Sunday, or just for collective conversation.

I plan to keep the schedule I have outlined for the next couple of months. As time goes on and I learn more, I will let you all know when adjustments are made. For now, I hope that you will hold grace for me, as I learn names to go with faces. I hope that you will seek time to get to know me and my family. Most of all, I am grateful to have been called to this community of faith.

I felt when I was 5 years old that I would be a farmer during the week, and a pastor on Sunday. God has not blessed me with a farm, (yet) but this call and all of you are an answer to what was put on my 5-year-old heart. Thank you!

May God bless you all and keep you, may the Lord make their face to shine on you, and may you be wrapped in peace as we all seek to serve the Lord. Amen!

-Pastor Nathaniel

# Upcoming Lectionary Readings

## October and November

<p><b>October 6, 2024</b>          Job 1:1-2; 2:1-10          Psalm 26          Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12          Mark 10:2-16</p>	<p>Satan begins a contest with the Lord, testing, Job's faithfulness.          Vindicate me, O Lord; I have trusted you and walked in integrity.          Now God speaks to us by a Son, made lower than the angels.          Jesus responds to a question on divorce and blesses little children.</p>
<p><b>October 13, 2024</b>          Amos 5:6-7 &amp; 10-15          Psalm 90:12-17          Hebrews 4:12-16          Mark 10:17-31</p>	<p>Establish justice; seek good and not evil, so that you may live.          Satisfy us with your love, O Lord; prosper the work of our hands.          The living word of God is our Judge; Jesus is our great high priest.          For God all things are possible; the last will be the first in the kingdom.</p>
<p><b>October 20, 2024</b>          Isaiah 53:4-12          Psalm 91:9-16          Hebrews 5:1-10          Mark 10:35-45</p>	<p>The suffering servant of God was wounded for our iniquities.          The Lord says: I will deliver and protect those who love me.          The Son of God suffered willingly; now he is our great high priest.          Jesus came to be a servant and to give his life for others.</p>
<p><b>October 27, 2024</b>          Jeremiah 31:7-9          Psalm 126          Hebrews 7:23-28          Mark 10-46-52</p>	<p>The Lord says: I will gather my people from the ends of the earth.          Those who went out weeping will come home with shouts of joy.          Jesus is a high priest forever; his own sacrifice was once for all.          Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight: Your faith has made you well.</p>
<p><b>November 3, 2024</b>          Deuteronomy 6:1-9          Psalm 119:1-8          Hebrew 9:11-14          Mark 12:28-34</p>	<p>Hear, O Israel: The Lord alone is our God; you shall love the Lord.          Happy are those who seek God and walk in the ways of the Lord.          By the blood of Christ, our high priest, we will be made clean.          Jesus summarizes the commandments: to love God and neighbor.</p>
<p><b>November 10, 2024</b>          1 Kings 17:8-16          Psalm 146          Hebrews 9:24-28          Mark 12:38-44</p>	<p>With meager resources, a widow miraculously feeds Elijah.          Do not put your trust in princes: God gives food to the hungry.          Christ entered the sanctuary of heaven: he will come again to save.          Jesus criticizes the scribes and praises the gift of a poor widow.</p>
<p><b>November 17, 2024</b>          1 Samuel 2:1-10          Psalm 16          Hebrews 10:11-25          Mark 13:1-8</p>	<p>Hannah prays for a son; she conceives and gives birth to Samuel.          O Lord, you are always with me; you show me the path of life.          Let us hold fast to our faith, preparing for the day of the Lord.          Jesus speaks of the temple's fall, and other signs of what is to come.</p>
<p><b>November 24, 2024</b>          2 Samuel 23:1-7          Psalm 132:1-12          Revelation 1:4b-8          John 18:33-37</p>	<p>The last words of David: God has made an everlasting covenant.          Remember your covenant with David, O Lord, and bless us.          Jesus is coming with the clouds; the Lord is Alpha and Omega.          Pilate asks: Are you a King? Jesus answers: I come to show the truth.</p>

# Treasurer's Report—Mari

Countryside Trinity Church

Changes in Equity

January 2024 - August 2024

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## CONSOLIDATED ALL FUNDS

		Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Transfers	Ending Balance
NET ASSETS	3000					
UNRESTRICTED	3100					
Memorial Fund	3105	20,782.13	2,691.00	0.00	0.00	23,473.13
General Fund	3110	29,570.75	61,643.08	(76,617.93)	11,570.00	26,165.90
Bricks Fund	3115	1,335.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,335.85
Mission Fund	3130	37.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.50
Minister Compensation Fun	3140	77,350.10	5,923.52	0.00	(4,280.00)	78,993.62
Endowment - Expendable	3150	83,850.11	13,174.07	0.00	(7,290.00)	89,734.18
Subtotal Unrestricted	3100	212,926.44	83,431.67	(76,617.93)	0.00	219,740.18
DONOR RESTRICTED	3200					
Food Account	3220	839.52	665.00	(1,100.00)	0.00	404.52
Good Samaritan	3230	1,750.64	0.00	(437.80)	0.00	1,312.84
Youth Experience Fund	3241	65.81	390.00	0.00	0.00	455.81
Parking Lot Fund	3242	996.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	996.24
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	3290	6,370.01	998.63	(1,878.94)	0.00	5,489.70
Endowment Nonexpendable F	3310	153,477.00	(584.00)	0.00	0.00	152,893.00
Subtotal Donor Restricted	3200	163,499.22	1,469.63	(3,416.74)	0.00	161,552.11
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		376,425.66	84,901.30	(80,034.67)	0.00	381,292.29



# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CTC?

## GET INVOLVED!



Express yourself and your faith by joining the worship, music, or usher team today.

There are so many meaningful and fun ways to get involved, and there is something for everyone to do and **YOU** are needed for CTC to continue to grow and move forward. If you are interested in becoming a worship helper, singing in the choir or have any questions about how you can help, please speak with Darren Woodke or Dan Groom. If you can occasionally usher, talk with Pat Denno or Ron Platt.



See Dan Groom if you are interested in joining the choir.

You are invited to share in the Ordination and Installation of Nathaniel Asperger which will take place at Countryside Trinity Church on Saturday, November 16, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m.



There will be a reception following in Fellowship Hall. Hope you will be able to attend.



# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CTC?



**POINSETTIA PLANT ORDER FORM**  
We are ordering Poinsettia plants for Christmas from Boehler's Greenhouse.  
7 ½" Pot - 3 pinched plants per foil-\$20.00  
I would like to purchase:

Choose color:  Red  White  Pink or  Marble  
Plant is from: \_\_\_\_\_  
In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ONE:**  
I will take plant with me: \_\_\_\_\_ **MUST TAKE PLANTS HOME ON CHRISTMAS EVE DUE TO LIMITED ACCESS TO THE CHURCH.**  
I do not wish to keep the plant: \_\_\_\_\_

With this order form include a check payable to the Deacons. Mail or drop off your order form to the Church or if you plan to be at worship service before the deadline, you may place your order form and payment in the offering plate on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. The **DEADLINE** to return your order form is Sunday, November 24, 2024.

**THANK YOU!**

# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CTC?

CTC'S MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER IS

OLD TOWN MISSION, PEACE OFFERING & CROP WALK

NOVEMBER'S MISSIONS OF THE MONTH ARE HIDDEN HARVEST AND THANKSGIVING FOOD CARDS. PLEASE MARK YOUR DONATIONS ACCORDING TO THE ONE OR ONES YOU WISH TO SUPPORT.



In September your Christian Outreach committee collected for City Rescue Mission. Thanks to all those who participated and donated.

**Facebook Prayer Group:** Don't forget we have a Facebook Prayer Group on our FB Page. It is a private group where only those who are invited can see the messages posted for those in need of prayer. If you are on Facebook and would like to be invited,



Please consider hosting a coffee hour following worship service. There is a chart on the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall – check for available dates if you can be a coffee hour host. For those who would like to help, but don't think they would be able to handle it – help is always available. Check with Kathy Loviska, and Marcia Lacker. Thank you.

The Christian Outreach Committee is collecting for the Halloween bags to be handed out to the children at Weiss School on October 31st. If you are interested in participating, please bring your donations of bags of treats to church no later than, Sunday, October 27th. Bags will be packed sometime soon after that date. If you prefer to donate \$\$\$ so that the needed items can be purchased, please mark your donations "Weiss School Halloween". Thank you.

# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CTC?

SESSION COUNCIL	DEACONS
<b>Class of 2024</b> Sidney Diggs Debbie Davis Sandy Redfield	<b>Class of 2024</b> Lynne Groom Jackie Williams Ron Platt
<b>Class of 2025</b> Darren Woodke Becky Pequignot Bethany Scovill	<b>Class of 2025</b> Pat Denno Ronda Otway Duncan Redfield
<b>Class of 2026</b> Roger Scovill Kathy Loviska Chuck Davis	<b>Class of 2026</b> Dan Groom Paige Pequignot



<b>John &amp; Leore Bethune</b> @ Home	<b>Dawn Curtis</b> @ Home	<b>Floyd &amp; Lois Krzak</b> Floyd @ St. Francis Home Lois @ Home
<b>Avis Leach</b> @ Roosevelt House/Hemlock	<b>Marilyn Leffler</b> Traditions of Saginaw, West Formerly New Hope Valley	<b>Marie Lemmer</b> Wellspring Assisted Living
<b>Fern Evon Little</b> Swan Haven Manor	<b>Elaine Miner</b> @ Home	<b>Elaine O'Keefe</b> Great Lakes Rehab
	<b>Fran Prueter</b> @ Home	

**Our Homebound members and friends would all love to hear from you. Please drop them a card or give them a call. Their contact information is in the Church Directory.**



# **BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Zachary Plater
- 2 Drew Pequignot
- 2 Dan Groom
- 3 Joseph Ruth
- 5 Mary Longstreth
- 11 Jerry Paquette
- 13 Ethan Parker
- 13 Charlotte Armstrong
- 14 Mike Yusaf
- 14 Tania Yusaf
- 16 Randy Groom
- 17 Elizabeth Jacob
- 19 Christopher Davis
- 22 Jean Anne Miller
- 22 Pat Denno
- 25 Ezra Yusaf
- 25 Aaron Plater
- 26 Ashley Huizar (Hanson)
- 27 Marie Lemmer
- 29 Scott Jacob
- 29 Lori Halase

## **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

None Known

## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Paige Pequignot
- 3 Sam Nolan
- 8 Duncan Redfield
- 9 Stephanie Plater
- 10 Katherine Asperger
- 12 Jacob Plater
- 16 Pervez Yusaf
- 19 Martin Bethune
- 19 Bethany Scovill
- 21 Ronald Miller
- 22 Jacob Groom
- 22 Lucas Gonzales
- 28 Avis Leach

## **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

None Known

## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Rhashell Hunter
- 5 Tony Asperger
- 12 Melissa Paterson (Shalhoup)
- 16 Alexa Mahan
- 17 Nancy Easlick
- 18 Paula Plater
- 22 Ed Halase
- 25 Brecque Woodke
- 26 Craig Gates
- 30 Kermit Diggs

## **DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 15 Joseph & Doris Ruth
- 24 Bruce & Patricia Denno



An illustration of five lit candles in purple, pink, and white, with a central white candle being the tallest. They are surrounded by green pine branches and brown pinecones. Below the candles, the words "Advent Schedule" are written in a black, elegant cursive font.

# Advent Schedule

**Nathaniel and the Spiritual Life Committee are hard at work preparing an exciting Advent Program for all of us to enjoy. We will update you when the program has been finalized.**

## **COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH**

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**All are welcome here!**

**It's Fall Y'All Don't forget to Turn Your Clocks Back**



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND  
WHEN YOU GO TO BED**