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The Weekly Tidings

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Come Together, Grow in Faith, Serve the LORD

Congratulations to our 2019 Confirmands

Congratulations to three of Holy Trinity's youth, who were confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 27 at our 8:30 worship service by making public confession of their faith. We are very happy to celebrate the good things God is doing in them.



Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank all those who turned in their pledge cards last Sunday. More than fifty of you responded with a pledge. Thank you. Of those, seven made their pledge through Elexio. I tried it myself and found out how easy it was. Please remember to turn in your pledge card this Sunday, Nov 10.

Dave Arrington for the Stewardship Committee

*Thank
you* 

Property Team

It seems to me to have been a strange Fall season this year. Typically, I feel we have things reasonably under control as Winter approaches, but this year it seems to me that we are in more of a survival mode as we get closer and closer to snow and cold. The basics are under control ... the snow removal contract has been signed, the snow blower has been test started and is running well, snow shovels and salt buckets have taken out of storage and staged at various doors, air conditioners were removed and stored, hoses have been put away, parking lot maintenance has been done ... but still I worry about tasks yet to be done. There is still routine outside work (grass, leaves, general autumn cleanup) before we can get our equipment winterized and stored, and additional things I wish we could do before winter. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and we will get most of the outside work done before the change in seasons forces us inside.

The new Wiggle Room is completed. The old Wiggle Room is painted and is ready to be furnished for its new role as a conference room. Many thanks are due to all the folks who helped in various ways to complete the work in these two rooms.

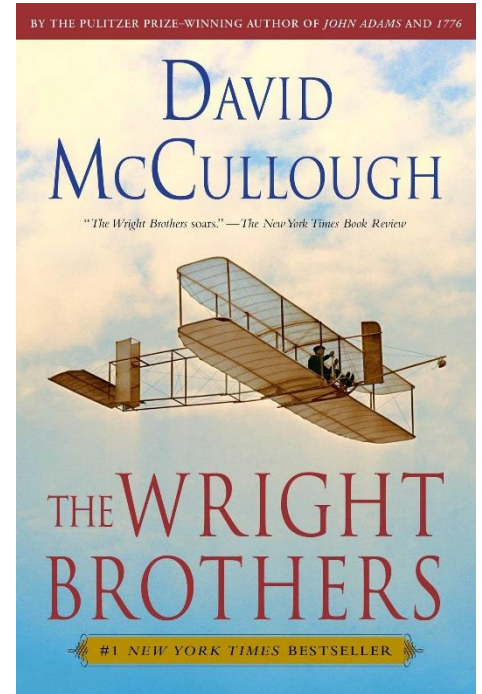


I know I do not adequately characterize or document all the routine cleaning work done inside by a very small number of Property Team volunteers. That said, I know and appreciate what they do week in and week out, and I am going to offer them a chance to take up the pen for a future Tidings report and tell you what they are doing. It is a story that needs telling, and they can tell it best.

This month we will bring in an aerial lift to do the work in the high overhead area of the Sanctuary. We plan to change several burned out bulbs in the ceiling area, repair several issues with monofilament lines used for mobiles and banners, and install new hanging microphones above the choir area. Mike Cresta has generously agreed to provide and operate the lift for this work at no cost. Thank you, Mike!

Library News

If you are a fan of Orville and Wilbur Wright and their pioneering efforts to achieve powered flight, or maybe you thought you had a good grasp on what they accomplished and how they did it, or perhaps you have only a superficial understanding of the Wrights, then David McCullough's newest book, *The Wright Brothers*, is for you. Like all of McCullough's books, it is extensively researched and very well written. It is primarily the real story of the Wrights, their lives and times with the details of how they happened to take on the task of solving the riddle of flying machines and powered flight. It is not a technical treatise on aerodynamics or structural matters, but there is sufficient detail to make the reader appreciate the magnitude of what they were able to do with very limited resources and no formal education in the applicable sciences or engineering. Their story is wonderfully juxtaposed on the history of their time with the run-up to World War I. It is mind-boggling to realize that the Wrights took the world from the first practical gliders that a rider could control, to the first powered flights with pilot and passenger, all in the first ten years of the twentieth century. They funded it all from money they earned primarily from their business making and selling bicycles and accessories in Dayton, Ohio. It is quite a story and wonderfully told by McCullough. I recommend it highly. **Dave Mercer**



College Christmas Care Packages

We will be collecting donations for the Care Packages on Sunday 11/10, 11/17, and 11/24. Look for the donation box in the Gathering Area. There are lists of suggested items with the box. Homemade goodies are definitely welcome! Please pack them individually. We can freeze them until the shipping date. Boxes will be packed after the 8:30 service on 12/1. Please send your student's name, mailing address, and any food allergies to pawoollett@comcast.net or call Pat at 603-942-7556 if you haven't submitted it already. We don't want your student to miss out.



Operation Blessing

Once again this year we are partnering with Operation Blessing to help them fill approximately 300 Thanksgiving baskets. According to the Executive Director of O. B., the need is especially great this year and commitments for food contributions are down somewhat from recent years. A big THANK YOU to Susan Bock for using her contacts at Hannaford/Pic and Pay to get them to donate 70 grocery bags to Holy Trinity. For the most of November, those bags will be available in the narthex, together with a list attached to each bag of items requested by Operation Blessing to complete the Thanksgiving baskets. Turkeys and other perishable food items to complete the baskets will be purchased by O.B. with the help, in part, of a \$1,000.00 gift donation from Holy Trinity. Those funds are a combination of budgeted funds for Thanksgiving of \$300.00, and \$700.00 of funds given by members over a number of past years specifically designated for Thanksgiving. Please share your bounty generously for folks truly in need! We need to deliver all food to Operation Blessing on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22.



Faith Formation Team

The Faith Formation Team wishes to thank you all for the offering you gave during VBS this past summer. We collected \$295.19 for school supplies for students in Isimani, Tanzania. Now, as we approach Advent, we are excited for children & youth to come together for the Christmas pageant, "Starry Night, Noisy Night" on Sunday, December 15th. Rehearsals are Sundays (12:15-1:30), November 17 & 24 and December 1 & 8, with a final dress rehearsal Saturday, December 14 (11:00-1:00). Pizza lunch is provided Nov. 17 & Dec. 14. The Christmas Pageant brings me back in time to when I was six and an angel in the pageant, looking down on the manger scene from on high in the choir section. How filled with joy and promise is the story of Christ's birth. In Luke 2:11, we are assured with the words, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord." These words inspire joy! We celebrate the beginning of the fulfillment of God's plan to save us. During this month of November, may you be overwhelmed with thanksgiving for this precious gift!



-Lara Scammon &

The Faith Formation Team