



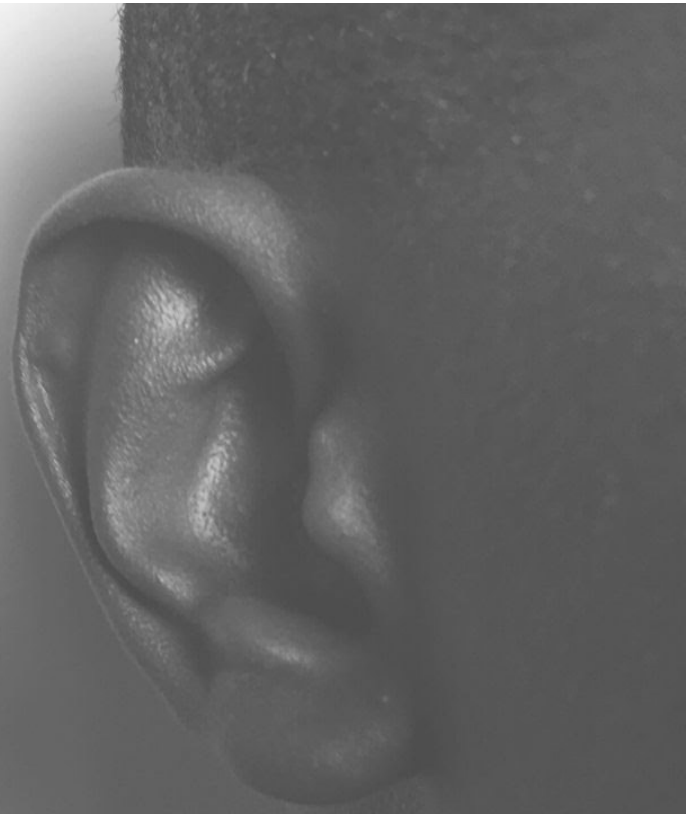
Trinity Times

October
2024

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God,
is that
you?

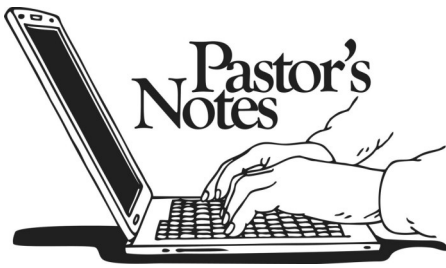


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann



“To a preacher who kept saying, “We must put God in our lives,” the Master said, “He’s already there. Our business is to recognize this.” – Anthony DeMello
One Minute Wisdom

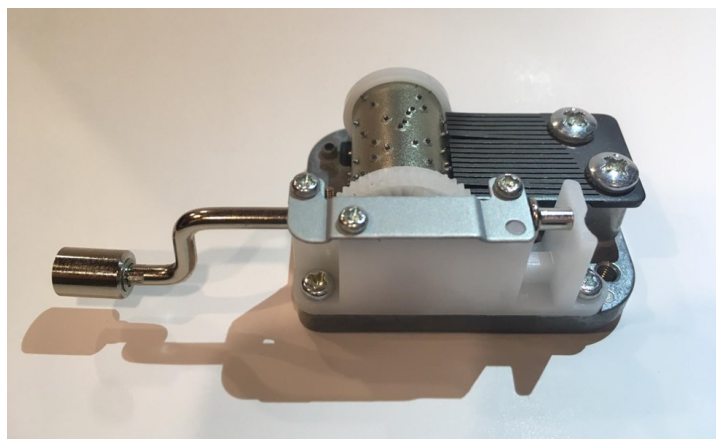
One of my favorite lessons from the spiritual direction work that I did several years ago echoes that story.

The teacher held up the small metal part of a music box and cranked the handle to play the music. You could hear it, but it was very faint. But then, he set the part onto the table and cranked the handle again and this time the volume was much louder. Trying it in multiple places gave different effects. The music was always there when you played it, but to hear it better, it needed something to help the sound resonate. The point was to show us that God was in our lives, but sometimes we need help to hear. Spiritual direction work is one place that can help amplify the sound of God in our lives. Of course, there are so many others as well.

Often people will say, I don’t need to go to church, I can worship God anywhere. This is completely true. But corporate worship together is one of the places where we can hear God’s voice being amplified; often in scripture and sacrament, sometimes in preaching, music, prayer or just being together. There are many different ways that we can seek to hear God’s music that is always present in our lives. Just like that small music box, you don’t need anything to hear it, simply being quiet can do it. But in our world with so many things that compete to get our attention, we often need something to help amplify it to a point where we can listen. What helps you recognize God being in your life?

Scripture, sacraments, worship, nature, music, spiritual direction, friendships, meditation, and silence are all places that can help me hear God moving in my life. There are phases in my life where one thing amplifies the HOLY in my life and then suddenly that thing doesn’t anymore. We have dry spells where what used to work doesn’t anymore. This can happen for so many different reasons. Complacency, disinterest, weariness, grief – so many things can make it so that the ways we are used to experiencing the HOLY don’t seem to help anymore. Many people have religious trauma that make churches a place of harm instead of hope. But, the presence of God, of the HOLY, is always there to be heard if we can recognize it. And it is always love. ALWAYS love. “God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them” 1 John 4:16

P. Jen



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, October 20 at
9:15 am between services**

This year's Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, October 20 at 9:15 am between services. Please plan on attending as your participation is essential to keeping Trinity a functioning congregation to its members and its community. As stated in Trinity's Constitution there needs to be 25 members present to constitute a quorum. So please show your support for your church.

Trinity will also be in need of new Council Chairs for several positions. Please see a member of council if you would be interested in any of these positions. Council meetings run about an hour to an hour and a half long and are currently scheduled for the third Thursday of each month. This is your chance to get new faces and ideas into your church activities and council.

President, currently held by Carrie Wiedenheft (this is a two-year term)

Congregational Life, currently held by Kathy Bango (this is a two-year term)

Faith Builders, currently held by Pat Wiedenheft (this is a two-year term)

If you would like further information on these positions, please see any council member. Again, your participation is what keeps Trinity going so please take some time to think these positions over and listen to God's call for your time and commitment to your church.



It's the time of year when the schedules for Communion assistants, Lectors, Acolytes, and Ushers need to be completed. If you would like to change your status or serve in one of these areas, please call the church office to let us know. Thank you.

Youth and Family

Trunk
or
Treat



TRUNKS FOR TREATS

The annual event of Trunks for Treats will happen this year on Sunday, October 27th at 9:15 am during the Sunday school hour. Everyone is invited to bring in treats to give to our Sunday school kids. Weather permitting, this will happen outside and the children will go around the parking lot from car to car and receive a treat. We

hope you will be involved in this and help our kids fill their bags with lots of goodies!

We are in need of empty candle jars that you no longer need for a project the Sunday school kids will be doing in November. If you have any, please put them in the box on the table in the corner of the upstairs fellowship area. We will be collecting these thru the end of October.



ATTENTION!

Continue your
faith journey
after Confirmation!



Who: High School Youth
What: Sunday School Classes
When: Sundays at 9:15

Stayed tuned for more details...



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH
Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2024

Thursday, September 26, 2024

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
1.100.102	Checking Account	20,940.57
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	62,468.00
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	1,671.33
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	121,452.19
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	4,055.36
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	299,666.27
1.220.122	Edward Jones CD	21,000.00
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	60,796.43
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	762.43
	Total Assets	\$592,832.58
Liabilities		
2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	354.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	207.08
2.100.219	Ohio Department of Taxation	16.40
	Total Liabilities	\$577.48
Fund Balances		
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	24,999.16
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	2,015.81
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	36,464.67
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	125,507.55
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	42,042.78
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	762.43
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	299,666.27
	<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$504,443.70</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	60,796.43
	Total Fund Balances	\$592,255.10
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$592,832.58</u>

October is Pastor Appreciation Month take the time to Thank Pastor Jen for her service to God and to Trinity Church. May we have many more blessed years together.

COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - September 17, 2024 - 7:00 pm (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

Attending: Pat Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, P. Jen, Carrie Wiedenheft, Barb Sessler, Bill Bertsch, Betsy Stierhoff, Nancy Vollmer, and Gayle Thompson Absent: Kathy Bango and Carol Dahs

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft Minutes taken by Pat Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Pat Wiedenheft

Minutes of previous meeting (August 2024) were reviewed. Pat made a motion to accept the August meeting minutes with the correction that the Young at Heart report was given by Jim Bertsch not Nancy Vollmer. 2nd by Barb S. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for August 2024 were reviewed. Nancy a motion to accept the August treasurer's report. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie discussed kids going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis MN in 2027. This would be 6 through 10th grade. Eligible kids would be: Carlie, Emma, Zane, Tyler, Lincoln, Brock, Claire, Mya, and Mason. The cost could be around \$1,300 per person. Need to start fundraising. November 3 is All Saints Day, we will have communion and candles for families to light.

Pastor's Report: P. Jen did visits to Providence Care and to homebound members. AA Women's group will not meet for a while. They usually meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am. We need to schedule Congregational Meeting in October. The realtor called again on someone who is interested in our land behind the church. They are supposed to send in a letter regarding what they are looking to do. Confirmation letters were sent out. Only Tyler W.'s family attended. Checking dates for an Adult Bible Study group. There is a parishioner concerned about who knows if a member is in the hospital or having tests. They feel that some information has gotten out and that it came from the church. Carol, P. Jen., and Patty Swartz are the only ones who would know this.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – On October 27 with our annual Trunks for Treats between services. A Christmas program is being worked on.

Community Mission – Betsy Stierhoff – Discussed a Chili Cookoff with a possible November date. Details to follow.

Property – Bill Bertsch – Bill will contact Diamond Dave as he has not shown up or responded to Bill's request yet. Waiting for Joe Bodi to come to work on the basement window at the parsonage. Gundlach was in and did the yearly servicing of the A/C units. The church mailbox needs to numbers on it, Bill will get new numbers. Storm windows are in and look nice. Dunlap gave quote for 2024-2025 snow plowing. \$175.00 per push and \$170 to salt if needed. Bill made a motion to accept the quote. 2nd by Jim. Motion passed and contract signed. New jobs for Bill to look at: Fix Pastor's stole rack in her office. Paint yellow strip on the back door. Fix front pew, loose and wobbly. Help Pastor put up pictures in the parsonage (Plaster walls).

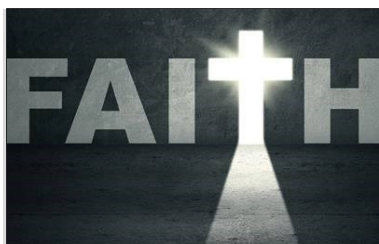
Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – There will be no Thanksgiving Eve service this year. December 1 will be Hanging of the Greens after late service. Everyone is invited to stay and help. The high school kids will supply snacks. December 8 will be an interactive Christmas program/Sunday School event at both services. An alternative date is December 15. Christmas Eve services will be at 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm with communion and candles at both services. December 29 will be a Christmas Hymn service. Looking into possibly changing our donation envelopes. Would it work if the first service acolytes stay and light the second service lights and then P. Jen or the ushers will extinguish at the end of 2nd service. Would like to have Mark & Rob Wiedenheft put up the manger by November 30 and then the congregation will put in the figurines on Sunday of Hanging of the Greens.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – In September twelve people ate at Daly's and then took a tour of Care and Share by Anita Kromer, Director. It was very informative.

Old Business – Barb S & Bonnie L. are working on getting picture frames to hang P. Kathy, P. Ralph, and P. Jen's pictures in the office.

New Business – Council positions that expire at the end of 2024 are President, Congregational Life, and Faith Builders. The nominating committee of Barb S., P. Jen, and Gayle Thompson will work on getting together a list of nominees. The Congregational Meeting is set for October 20 at 9:15 am. Carol's husband is retiring at the end of the year. This leaves her looking for increased wages and health insurance. This would be approximately \$1000 more per month for her to continue working here. Trinity is unable to justify such an increase without additional work to be done. Trinity is willing to be very flexible on her hours if that will help her continue to stay employed here.





FAITH Member Ministry

Friends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir
Homes/Hospitals/Healthcare Centers

“You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life forever.” – Zig Ziglar

FAITH Members (as of 8/1/2024)

At the Commons of Providence, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Ruth Sieb Apt #107 Birthday - Sept. 19

At the Commons of Providence Memory Care Unit, 4901 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Ruby Stierhoff Rm #114 Birthday - July 26

Mary Ann Neidler Rm #111 Birthday - Dec 30

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

At Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Nancy Sessler Birthday - Oct 5

Pat Nielsen Birthday—June 6

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 44870

At The Meadows of Osborn Park, 3916 Perkins Avenue, Huron, Ohio 44839

At Otterbein Senior Life, 9400 North Shore Blvd, Lakeside-Marblehead OH 43440

At the Commons of Providence Assisted Living Building, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky

At the Willows of Bellevue, 101 Auxiliary Drive, Bellevue, Ohio 44811

At Heritage Village, 700 Helen Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410

In their homes:

Judy Welser 5619 Debra Drive, Castalia 419-684-7232 Feb. 11

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Should you like to join our team in making home visits, where we offer conversation, prayers and communion, please contact Patty Swartz at 419-626-4970.



OCTOBER ALTAR CARE

Barb Sessler & Bonnie Lieb

Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal
for October 16, 2024

Chicken over Mashed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Salad
 Bread
 Cake

Jim is still cooking monthly meals for Crossroads. If you would like to support this ministry please send your donation to the church and mark it Homeless Meal.



JAM!

*TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MUSIC
 IN A SPIRIT-FILLED
 ATMOSPHERE!*

COME, WORSHIP, AND SING!

OCTOBER 13, 2024

BETWEEN SERVICES



TRY TRINITY'S NEW QR CODE if you would like to easily make donations to the church. Just place your phone camera over it like you are going to take a picture. The link will show up on your phone and you can just tap on it and go to the website with the donation button.

Trinity Lutheran Church



Online Offering

OCTOBER MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Todd Stierhoff
Hemi Palmison
- 2 Betty Miller
- 4 Rosemarie Canter
Joyce Patterson
- 5 Nancy Sessler
Brock Parker
- 8 Casey Miller
- 9 Trent Hershey
- 10 Chris Nielsen
Sally Hershey
- 11 Ron Werner
Emma Killingsworth
- 13 Kathy Parker
Elisa Kurth
- 14 William Hirt
- 16 Joshua David Canter
Halle Miller



- 17 Denise Casanova
Emily Strauss
- 18 Bret Hirt
- 19 Gayle Thompson
- 21 Michelle Orshoski
- 22 Charlie Bango
A.J. Oeder
Cameron Swartz
- 23 Amy Baum
Glen Bango
- 27 Susan Corbin
- 30 Jean Schrenk

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Robert & Sally Hershey - 16th
- 7 Glen & Patti Bango - 29th
- 10 Ken & Carrie Killingsworth - 14th
Robert & Melissa Wiedenheft - 9th
Allen & Hollynn Hipp - 9th
- 21 Jeffrey & Chris Nielsen - 35th
- 22 Dean & Rhonda Matus - 1st
- 23 Jeff & Shelly Robbins - 42nd
- 26 Robert & Carol Dahs - 36th



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Roy & Joyce Patterson in memory
of Harry Thompson, Sr.



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*



Gail Lococo
4304 Walnut Creek Ln
Sandusky OH 44870-7350



On behalf of the people of Trinity, our Congregation Council thanks:

- To Carl & Karen Schwochow for donating Pulled pork for Crossroads meals.
- To Guy Miller and family for the 2 chickens donated for Crossroads meals.



OCTOBER 2024

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2 AA/NA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm	3	4	5 NA 11:00 am Stewardship & Finance Budget Mtg 12:30 pm
6 Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am	7	8	9 AA/NA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm	10	11	12 NA 11:00 am
13 Twenty-First Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am JAM Session 9:30 am	14	15	16 AA/NA 9 - 10 am Crossroads Meal 1pm NA 7:00 pm	17 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	18	19 NA 11:00 am
20 Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Congregational Mtg 9:15 am	21	22	23 AA/NA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm	24	25	26 NA 11:00 am
27 Reformation Sunday Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Trunk for Treats 9:15 am	28	29	30 AA/NA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm	31		

HELPERS AT WORSHIP - October 2024 and November 2024

Date	8:00 am Service		10:30 am Service					
	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers				
	Memorial Flowers			Lector	Acolyte			
Altar Care for October: Barb Sessler & Bonnie Lieb Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Sally Warner 10:30 - Gayle Thompson								
October 6	David & Cathy Wobser	Linda Gantz	Guy Miller Mark Wiedenheft	Guy Miller	Tyler Wiedenheft	Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb	Peggy Michalic	Mason Russell
October 13	Ken & Carrie Killingsworth	Wendy Wiedenheft	Guy Miller Mark Wiedenheft	Russ Stephens	Carlie Wiedenheft	Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb	Cathy Wobser	Malachi Herrmann
October 20	Denny & Barb Sessler	Greg Norman	Guy Miller Mark Wiedenheft	Sally Warner	Mariska Farlow	Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb	Gayle Thompson	Claire Conner
October 27	Jen Herrmann	Candy Beatty	Guy Miller Mark Wiedenheft	Carrie Wiedenheft	Zane Warner	Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb	Natalie Thompson	Eli Conner
Altar Care for November: Betty Miller & Cathy Wobser Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Guy Miller 10:30 - Cathy Wobser								
November 3	Ken & Marsha Schenk	Rex & Charlene Stierhoff	Roy Patterson Sally Warner	Erica Miller	Emma Killingsworth	Barb Sessler David Wobser	Peggy Michalic	Natalie Thompson
November 10	Craig & Betsy Stierhoff		Roy Patterson Sally Warner	Guy Miller	Mya Smith	Barb Sessler David Wobser	Candy Beatty	Claire Conner
November 17	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft		Roy Patterson Sally Warner	Joyce Patterson	Lincoln Smith	Barb Sessler David Wobser	Cathy Wobser	Malachi Herrmann
November 24	David & Cathy Wobser		Roy Patterson Sally Warner	Sally Warner	Drew Killingsworth	Barb Sessler David Wobser	Gayle Thompson	Natalie Thompson

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of October

October 6 - Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24 - *Created for relationship*

Psalm 8 - You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 - *God has spoken by a Son*

Mark 10:2-16 - *Teaching on marriage*

Prayer of the Day: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

October 13 - Twenty-First Sunday of Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 - *Turn from injustice to the poor, that you may live*

Psalm 90:12-17 - So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

Hebrews 4:12-16 - *Approach the throne of grace with boldness*

Mark 10:17-31 - *Teaching on wealth and reward*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

October 20 - Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12 - *The suffering servant*

Psalm 91:9-16 - You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. (Ps. 91:9)

Hebrews 5:1-10 - *Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation*

Mark 10:35-45 - *Warnings to ambitious disciples*

Prayer of the Day: Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

October 27 - Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:7-9 - *The LORD gathers the remnant of Israel*

Psalm 126 - Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

Hebrews 7:23-28 - *Christ the merciful high priest*

Mark 10:46-52 - *Christ healing the blind man Bartimaeus*

Prayer of the Day: Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Attention Trinity Youth

ELCA Youth Gathering 2027
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Save
the
date



The Time to Begin
Planning is Now

Eligible to Attend:
Current Sophomores to
Current 6th Graders

2027

Please contact the office if interested

**Monday, July 28 through
Friday, July 2, 2027**





FREE
Community
DINNER

Shredded Beef Over Noodles,
Lettuce Salad, Roll & Dessert

October

9

5 - 6 p.m.
or until gone

Grace Lutheran Church
203 S. Washington St.
Castalia, OH 44824

Delivery is available for shut-ins, call
419-357-3672 to schedule a delivery.



May your blessing be as
countless as the autumn leaves

MARGARETTA TOWNSHIP CEMETERY CLEAN UP

****Castalia, Graves, Sand Hill & Venice Cemeteries****



*All floral arrangements will be removed on
October 1st, including those on top of
monuments.*

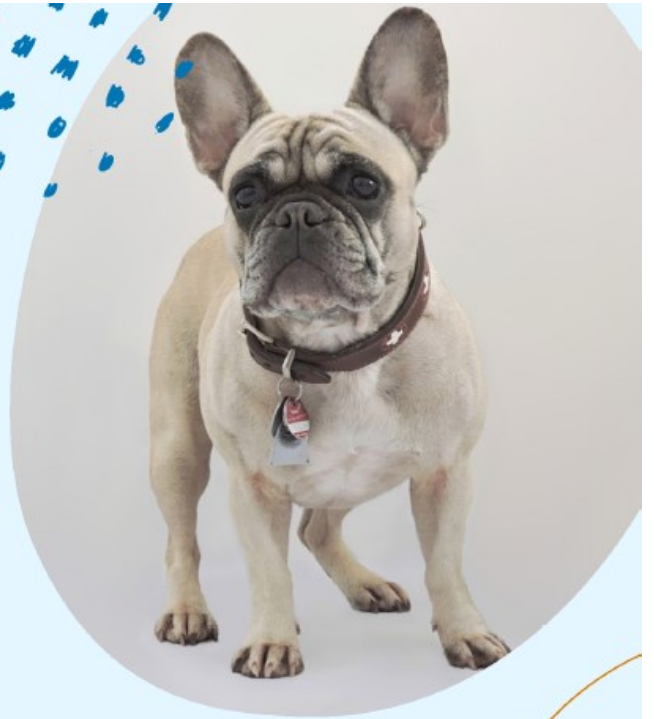
*Winter flowers may be placed after November 1st. However,
only two florals and/or personal items per plot are allowed
unless they are placed on the foundation and they're off the
ground. **More than two items on the ground are at risk to be
removed by the Cemetery Department.***



PET BLESSING OCT. 19 FROM 1-2PM

Parkvue Place by the back
pond*
3800 Boardwalk Blvd.
Sandusky

Service from 1:00 -1:15 PM and drop in blessing
till 2PM.



*"AND GOD SAID, 'LET THE
EARTH BRING FORTH LIVING
CREATURES OF EVERY KIND.'
GENESIS 1:24*

**Free-will Offering
for
Human Society of
Erie County**

*weather permitting. Rain
location is in the chapel

