



Trinity World Newsletter

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Together We Can Help ❤️

Benefit for Deeambra Bad Yellow Hair & The Klepadlo Family

Deeambra, a 24-year-old Rome resident, was diagnosed with Wilson's disease, a rare hereditary liver disorder that required a liver transplant. She now faces serious medical complications and is still at the transplant hospital in Westchester, NY. Her family needs our community's support.

Date: Saturday, November 1st, 2025

Time: 1:00-4:00 PM

Location: Stanwix Men's Club, Rome, NY

(6774 Lamphear Rd. Rome, NY)

Food & Drinks • **Basket Raffles**

Community Support

Tickets: \$25 each prepaid, \$30 at door

Donations or Tickets via CashApp: \$DanyellCoccia

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Help us lift Deeambra and her family's spirits together ❤️

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TRINITY TIDBITS

October was originally the eighth month of the Roman calendar. It comes from the Latin word “octo” meaning eight. Later, it became the 10th month when January and February were added to the Calendar. The Saxons called the month Wintirfylith because it had the first full moon of the winter season.

Listed are a few historic events that took place in October:

October 1, 1948 – Reverend John W. Schauer Jr. was called to be pastor of Trinity Evangelical Church.

October 1, 1950 – Reverend John W. Schauer left Trinity Evangelical Church when he was called to active military service.

October 9, 1960 – A part time secretary for Trinity Church was discussed and left up to the Ladies Aid Society.

October 12 – 1934 – President Franklin Delano Roosevelt designated Columbus Day a national holiday.

The Biden administration issued a proclamation recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day in 2021. The commemoration of Native American history and culture is now federally recognized alongside Columbus Day which has been historically observed on the same Day.

October 13, 1775 – The United States navy was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships.

October 13, 1792 - The cornerstone of the White House was laid by George Washington.

October 13, 2024 is Pastor Appreciation Day. Acknowledge Pastor Karen for the time and dedication she has show to all the congregation at Trinity Church.

October 24 – An annual commemorative day, reflecting the official creation of the United Nations on October 24, 1945.

October 31, - All Hallows Eve – The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts.

October 31, 1517 – Martin Luther posted on a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, his Ninety-Five Theses, a manifesto that turned a protest about an indulgence scandal into the Protestant Reformation.

October 31, 1913 – The 1st US paved coast to coast highway, the Lincoln Highway is dedicated. This is known as Route 30 between Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Granger, Wyoming.

October 31, 1941 – Mount Rushmore Monument is completed in South Dakota, designed by Gutzon Borglum.

October 31, 2011 – According to the United Nations Population Fund, on this day the world’s population reached seven billion people.

Melody Milewski
Activities Director

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

1. The Council met in person on Sunday, September 21 at 11:15. We were happy to announce that Vincent Klepadlo has offered to take on the Zoom Tech position on Sunday mornings. Thank you, Vincent!! Council approved his official hiring via email.

2. A benefit is being organized by Danyell Coccia, with help from others, to assist DeeAmbra and the Klepadlo family with the many expenses related to her extended hospital stay since the middle of May.

The date is November 1st at the Stanwix Mens Club from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 ahead of time, \$30 at the door. They will be sold after church each Sunday, or from Danyell (315-225-7480) anytime, or the church office any morning.

There is a flyer with a QR code, if you would like to post one at your work, or a store.

We will be raffling off theme baskets at the event. If you are willing to put one together, or get one donated by a business, we would appreciate it !! Kathy Wood (315-527-3279) is coordinating the baskets. We're aiming for 12 baskets to raffle off.

Linda Hale has donated one of her paintings to help raise funds. Thank you, Linda !!

We're also seeking donations of buffet food to be served, as well as desserts. A 50/50 raffle will also be held that day. Working together we can make this a wonderful success !!

As always, please contact any Council member with questions or suggestions:

Kathy Wood, Sue Gatley, Sarah Barcomb, Dick Kekis, May Klepadlo, Gerry Nelson, Danyell Coccia

Mission of the Month for
October
Rome Humane Society



Trinity Vegetable Stand



UCC Fall Meeting



Paint and Pastry Event

Brinley Barcomb
with Linda Fenigan-Hale



Protestant Reformation

This month we will be celebrating Reformation Day and showing the movie Martin Luther. The following briefly describes what led up to the Protestant Reformation in 1517.

The efforts of the Apostle Paul and other early missionaries established local congregations in many parts of the Roman Empire. Each of these local churches was a part of the Body of Christ and represented the whole body in the community which it served. With the churches so scattered however, the problem of organization and unity quickly became important. The power and authority of Bishops grew as the need for unity became stronger. The Church grew in numbers and strength throughout the Roman Empire, despite periodic persecutions. In the year 313, the emperor Constantine believed that the Christian God had helped him win an important military victory resulting in Christianity becoming the official religion of the Empire and the emperor himself became a convert. Political power became a temptation and a problem for the church. Because Rome was the most important city and because it was in Rome that both Peter and Paul had reputedly been martyred and because the Church in Rome had been of most importance from the earliest days, the Bishop of Rome gradually looked to settle disputed matters. When the capital of The Roman Empire was moved from Rome to Byzantine, the Bishop of Rome was left as the most powerful person in the city. From this situation grew the Papacy with all its religious and political authority.

Throughout the Middle Ages, the Papacy grew in power. With the accumulation of power came the corruption within the Church of Jesus Christ and a tendency on the part of the Papacy to claim ultimate authority for itself. It was against this authority and partially corrupt institution that the Protestant reformers “protested”. To them, no human institution, not even the Church, could claim divine authority

for itself and such a claim was even more unacceptable in view of the corruption that had settled in the Roman office.

In October 1517, a noisy procession marched through the towns and cities of Germany. A representative of the pope, named Johann Tetzel, was in this procession and carried with him a message from the pope promising to pardon the sins of people both living and dead. This pardon could be secured by buying a letter of indulgence, which was like buying goodness to offset one's wrongdoing. The money paid went toward the construction of St. Peter's Church in Rome, Italy.

Shortly after this display, on October 31st, a German monk and professor of moral theology at the university of Wittenberg, Germany named Martin Luther, protested this message from the pope of the Catholic Church and on the door of the Wittenberg, Germany church he posted a notice containing 95 reasons why Tetzel's sale of indulgences and other church practices was wrong and should be stopped. The movement spread throughout Europe, influenced by key reformers like John Calvin, a French theologian and Ulrich Zwingli, a key leader of the reformation in Switzerland. This movement was aided by the printing press, which helped disseminate these new ideas throughout the land. Luther was seeking a chance to debate the question of indulgences with those who believed in them, but instead, this act started off the Protestant Reformation, leading to the establishment of Protestant denominations, religious wars and the eventual developments of the separation of church and state in places like the United States. The movement emphasized the importance of personal faith over papal authority, promoted the use of vernacular Bibles and challenged the Catholic Church's practices regarding indulgences and salvation, ultimately creating fragmented Protestant denominations that included Lutherans, Calvinists and Anglicans.

Melody Kiepert Milewski

Pastor Karen's Korner for October 2025

Well summer has gone, and Autumn has begun, even though at times it is as warm as summer. The air is cool and there maybe frost on the pumpkin. As the leaves turn to vibrant colors of red, orange and yellow, and are caught by the wind in a whirling dance before they fall to the ground. There are some that fall easily, and yet there are those that take their time, wanting to hold on to that last part of the summer season. Though we know that at this time the leaves die and become the ground that new life will spring forth, there is joy in seeing the beauty around us. As we rake the leaves and sometimes grumble about my aching back, I can't help but think about all the beautiful leaves we could just sit and admire. Some say that we should leave some leaves where they are for the life that uses them as cover from the snow. From both situations, new life will grow. So maybe when your back hurts, leave some for the new growth underneath.

Besides the falling leaves and the wonderful colors, it is a time of harvest. The time when the bounty of the summer is harvested from the fields and farmers may begin to get ready to seed the land if they need to do so in autumn.

I found a poem that speaks about the harvest in a different way.

Not just at harvest time
Do we need to have a reason
We can plant seeds of hope
In and out of every season
We can reap souls to Jesus,
No matter the time of year
It doesn't have to be Autumn

Harvest time is always here.
Seeds of faith can be planted
Into the hearts of everyone
Whether under snowy covers

Or warm blanket of the sun
We can gather in the lost
Bring back a wandering soul
It needn't be just in the Fall
For the harvest of God controls
It's always harvest time,
We don't need to have a reason
We can sow seeds of hope
In and out of every season.



The word Hope in this poem keeps jumping out at me. You will see a picture with this message from a plant that I got in the summer. It dried-up and I thought it was dead with the dried up stems and leaves that are hanging from the pot, but yet one day I saw growing from the middle this flower. A sign of hope. A flower that grew even though the plant appeared dead. This hope symbolized by the flower is the hope we need to have when our lives feel like the dead parts of the plant. God sprinkles seeds of hope in our lives in many ways. Throughout the month, take a moment to appreciate the beauty of nature. Feel the gentle breeze on your skin and observe the changing leaves. Even though it may feel like our lives are ending like the stems of a dying plant at times, remember that there's always hope. Let's spread the seeds of hope and positivity to others, just like the seeds of a plant.

Have a good Autumn

Blessings, Pastor Karen