

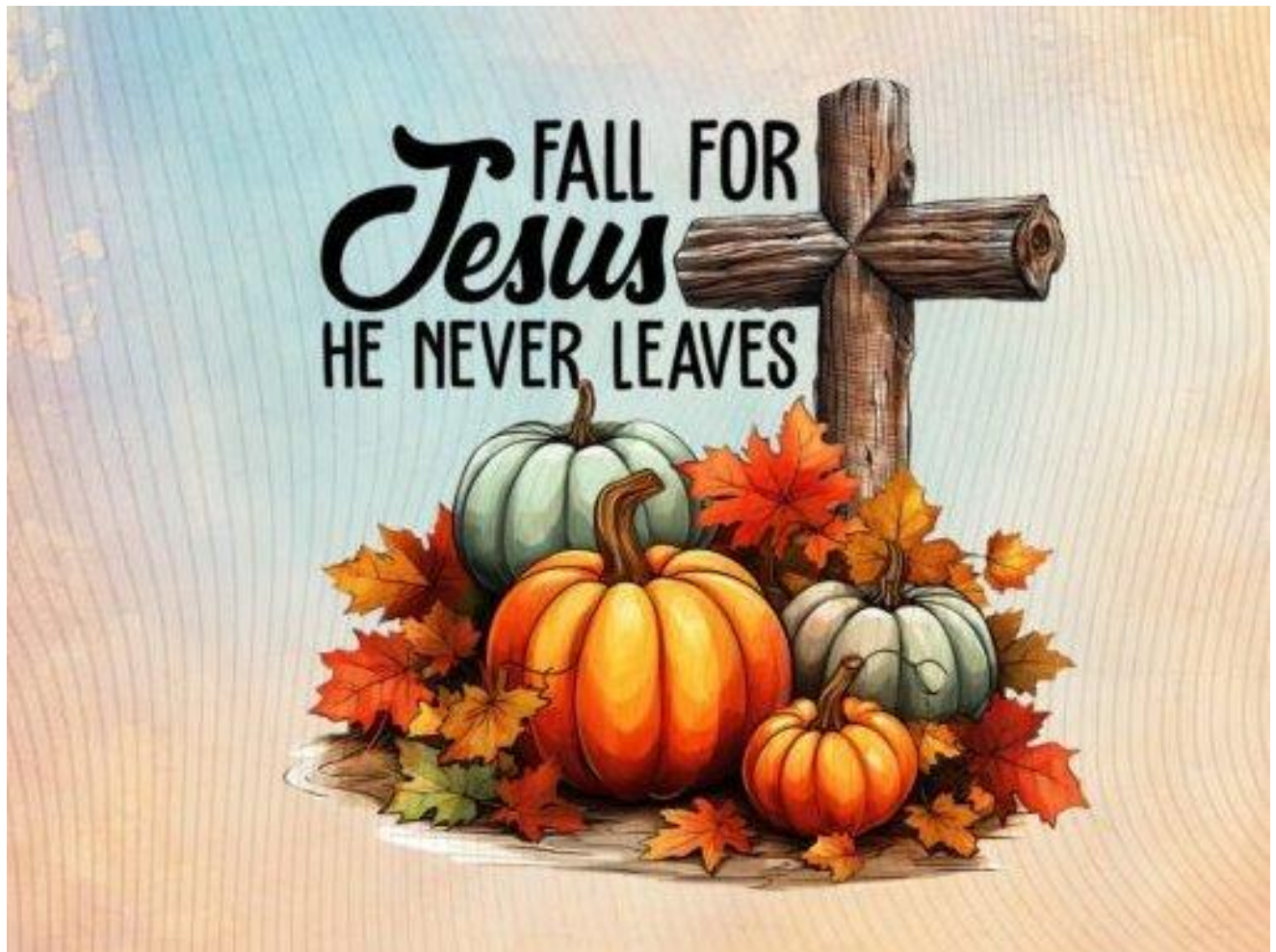
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025 EDITION

The Circuit Rider

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH OF SCOTTDALE

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Janet's Jottings

I hope you all enjoyed our Road Trips during the summer, and were able to get away on some trips of your own. Thanks to everyone who brought back postcards from their travels. It was fun to see where everyone escaped! Your Trinity Passports should be full now, and hopefully you took some notes along the way. But remember: These are not valid for international travel!

As we move into Fall, we're going to focus on Growing in Discipleship. Whether we're new Christians or have been following Jesus all our lives, we can always go deeper.

Back to School also means Back to the Bible! In September we will focus on the Bible. St. Augustine said, "The Bible is shallow enough for a child not to drown, yet deep enough for an elephant to swim," meaning that it's basic truths are readily accessible, but that the more you study the deeper you can go. I'm asking that you do two things:

- Commit to reading your Bible each day. On August 31 we will have a reading plan that will help you consider a short passage each day.
- Bring your Bible with you to church! Any translation is fine. You might also want to bring along a notebook.

In October our focus will shift to Prayer as the engine that drives everything else. We'll provide a daily prayer calendar to guide your prayer time at home. I'll be preaching about different types of prayers and encouraging you to attend Sweet Hour of Prayer at least once during the month.

In November we will talk about what it means to Worship in Spirit and Truth, leading us into a time of Thanksgiving and preparing our hearts for the Advent season.

I am so grateful that we record and post our worship services each week, allowing those who can't join us in person to participate with us. All services are available through the YouTube link on our webpage: **[ScottdaleTrinity.org](https://www.scottdaletrinity.org)**

Pastor Janet will be on vacation from the afternoon of September 7 through Saturday, September 13. Please contact the church office if you are in need of a pastor during that time.



The Chosen

Our discussion group on “The Chosen” resumes with Season 4 on **Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 PM** in the Seekers Classroom. You can watch on Netflix or the Chosen app ahead of time, or come at 6:00 to watch in the classroom. Our discussions are always not only informative but we are encouraged by each other as we consider what it might have been like to be one of the early followers of Jesus, as well as how that impacts how we follow Him today. We would love to have you join us!

September 17	Promises: Death is eclipsed by Life
September 24	Confessions: Grief is eclipsed by Praise
October 1	Moon to Blood: Questions are eclipsed by Resolve
October 8	Calm Before: Confusion is eclipsed by Grace
October 15	Sitting, Serving, Scheming: Temporal things are eclipsed by Eternal Things
October 22	Dedication: Heartbreak is eclipsed by Love

(no study October 29; Charge Conference)

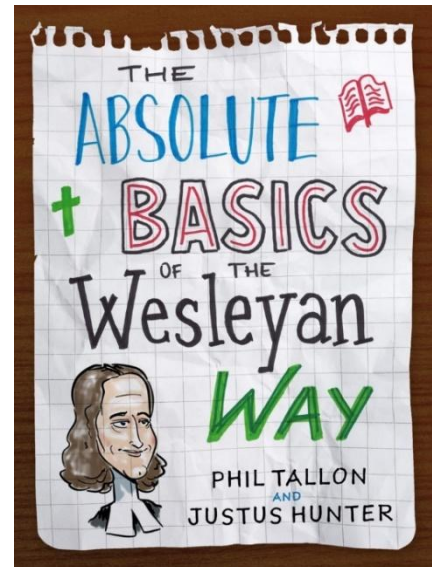
November 5	The Last Sign: Contamination is eclipsed by Dedication
November 12	Humble: Resistance is eclipsed by Receiving



Absolute Basics of the Wesleyan Way

When it comes right down to it, how much do we really know about **why** we are Methodists? What are the distinctive things that John Wesley taught that make us a bit different from other denominations? Who was John Wesley anyway?

During September and October, Pastor Janet will be teaching the Seekers Sunday School class after worship each week. We will work our way through some “basic training” in Methodism, watch some engaging videos, and learn why the Wesleyan Way has sparked movements of the Holy Spirit among believers for over 250 years.



Please plan to join us if you’ve ever wondered just what the “method” actually is and why it matters...because it does!

September 7	Who Was John Wesley?
September 14	What Did John Wesley Do?
September 21	What Did Wesley Teach?
October 5	What’s So Important About Grace?
October 12	What Are the Sacraments and Why are they Important?
October 19	What Happened After Wesley?

Mark your calendars for **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29 at 6:30 PM** for our annual **Charge Conference**. We have a new presiding elder this year, Rev. Dr. Chris Livermore and he is looking forward to hearing about all of the good ministries happening at Trinity. Church officers are requested to be present, but the meeting is open to all.

Sunday Fellowship Times

We're trying something a little bit different this fall by setting aside the last Sunday of each month for an informal time of fellowship following the worship service. Some of these will be informational, some will involve a project, but all of them will provide an opportunity for us to get to know each other a little bit better. There will be no adult Sunday School class on those days and light refreshments will be available. Everyone is invited to stay for a bit and share in the fun!

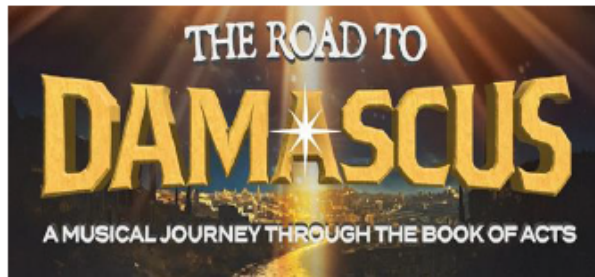
September 28: Sarah Jo from Senior Life in Greensburg will be with us to share information about the various types of free services available through their agency. She can answer many of your questions regarding things such as eligibility, transportation assistance, medical supplies, home health care, and many other services that you might not know are available. Plan to join us and maybe invite a friend who could benefit from this information.

October 26: We will be preparing our treat bags to be handed out the night of the Scottdale Halloween parade.

November 30: Hanging of the Greens as we get ready for the Advent and Christmas season.

December 28: Christmas Sweater Day and more fun!





November 1, 2025
\$160pp

Departures:

7:00am Trinity Methodist Church/Scottsdale

Returns:

9:30pm Trinity Methodist Church/Scottsdale

2025 features "The Road to Damascus" at Ohio Star Theater!

*The Ohio Star Theater's first original production, **The Road To Damascus**, is a spectacular show brought to life with the creative expertise of an outstanding team. From breathtaking set designs to colorful costumes, live animals, and captivating lighting, every detail has been thoughtfully designed to take you back in time. Through powerful performances and moving storytelling, The Road To Damascus tells the transformative story of Saul, later known as Paul, whose journey from a zealous persecutor of Christians to a devoted follower of Christ offers a powerful narrative of redemption, faith, and inner conflict.*

Cost/Inclusions: The cost for this one-day trip is \$160 and includes your transportation for the trip (via spacious 55-seater, restroom & video equipped Motorcoach), a visit to Walnut Creek Flea Market, your show ticket at Ohio Star Theater, buffet dinner at Dutch Valley Restaurant (includes gratuity), quick shopping opportunity at the Dutch Valley Shops, light snacks & bottled water on the bus, games, prizes & driver tip. *NOTE: You are welcome to bring a cooler w/ice for under the bus, if you would like to be able to keep meats/cheeses cold, should you plan on buying any at the Dutch Valley Market (part of the Dutch Valley Shops).*



Contact Carrie's Bus Tours w/ questions at 724-640-8828 or carriebustours@gmail.com

*Cancellation policy – all money is fully refundable until 35 days prior to departure, unless otherwise noted. After that, you will receive a full refund less any non-refundable charges (i.e. theater tickets, service fees, etc.- which depends on exact cancellation date). NO REFUNDS within the 30 days prior to the trip, unless a substitute is found for your reservation. Written notice of cancellation is required before any monies are refunded. You can always transfer your reservation to another person.

In the event that Ohio Star Theater cancels their show, you will receive a full refund. In the event of any other more "minor" itinerary changes, a reasonable & comparable substitute will be made at the tour leaders' discretion.

Carrie's Bus Tours / 215 Glenn Fox Rd, New Stanton, PA 15672

This trip is hosted by Trinity Methodist Church & reservations should be made directly through them.



Order your Trinity apparel for Fall!

NAME: _____

		Size	Quantity	Total
	Short Sleeve Tee Large logo on front - \$10.00			
	Long Sleeve Tee Large logo on front - \$15.00			
	Polo Shirt Small logo - \$22.00			
	Sweatshirt Small logo - \$22.00			
	Fleece jacket Small logo - \$38.00			
		Grand Total:		\$

Add 3.00 per item for 2XL and larger

Checks payable to Trinity Methodist Church.

Payment must accompany order form.

Orders due by September 21 for delivery in early October.



We would like to bless some teacher's classrooms this year with some much needed supplies that they often have to provide at their own expense. We will begin collecting on September 7, but many of these items are on sale now.

Let's give our dedicated teachers a hand!

Tissues

Clorox Wipes

Band-aids

Paper Towels

Napkins

Pencils

Glue Sticks (Elmer's preferred)

Ear Buds

1-inch Binders



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**Outreach Coordinator Sarah Jo
is coming to Trinity Methodist Church
of Scottdale
Sunday September 28th
9:45AM**

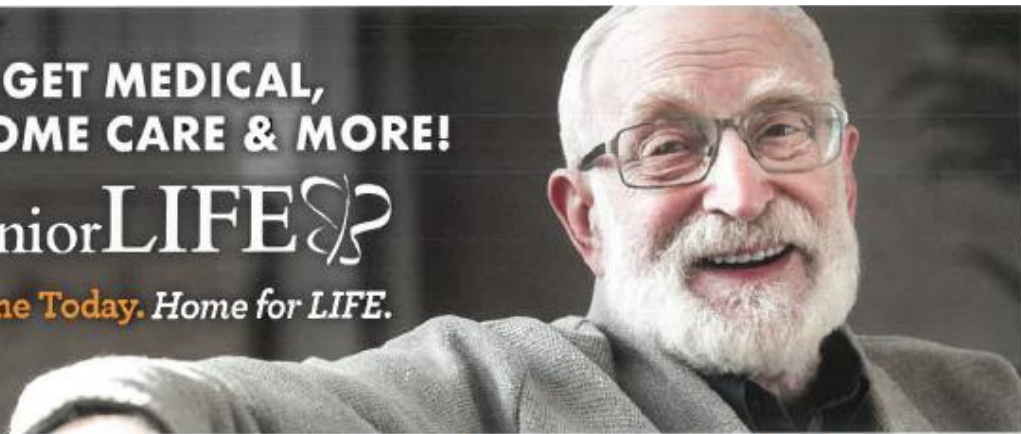
- a state and federally funded Medicare and Medicaid Program
- provides long-term care for seniors (55+)
- remain living at home and staying out of a nursing facility for as long as possible

If you have any questions beforehand, reach out to Sarah Jo at
724-838-8300 EXT 28045

**GET MEDICAL,
IN-HOME CARE & MORE!**

SeniorLIFE

Home Today. Home for LIFE.



Eligible participants have access to all the Medicare and Medicaid services they need:

- Assistive technology and home adaptations
- Behavioral therapy
- Certified registered nurse practitioner services
- Chiropractic services
- Clinic services
- Cognitive rehabilitation therapy
- Counseling
- Crisis services
- Eyeglass frames and lenses
- Dental care services
- Durable medical equipment
- Emergency room and ambulatory services
- Federally qualified health center services and rural health clinic services
- Financial management assistance
- Home delivered meals
- Home health aide and nursing
- Hospice services
- Inpatient hospital services
- Laboratory services
- Medical Assistance renewal services
- Medical supplies
- Medical and Recreational Day Center
- Medication therapy management
- Mental health services
- MRIs and CTs
- Non-emergency transportation to-and-from covered services
- Nursing facility services
- Nutritional counseling and supplements
- Optometrist services
- Outpatient hospital services
- Personal assistance services
- Personal emergency response system (PERS)
- Podiatry
- Prescription drugs
- Primary care practitioner (PCP) and physician services
- Prosthetics and orthotics
- Physical, occupational, speech, and cognitive therapies
- Quitting smoking or tobacco use
- Residential and structured day habilitation
- Respite care
- Seamless coordination of all Medicare and Medicaid benefits
- Specialized medical equipment and supplies
- Telehealth options when available and appropriate
- X-rays

And so much more!

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*Participants may be financially responsible for any services not authorized by Senior LIFE. The LIFE Program will be the participant's sole service provider. The LIFE Program provides access to all services but cannot guarantee access to specific providers. In-network and out-of-network emergency services are covered by Senior LIFE. Senior LIFE is a voluntary program. Participants may disenroll at any time. All services, with the exception of emergency care, must be preapproved by the interdisciplinary team. All other services approved by the interdisciplinary team are provided and/or coordinated by Senior LIFE. Stock photography used in this advertisement.

September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Office closed	2 Preschool First Day Trustees 7:00 p.m.	3 Sweet Hour of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Church Trac Acting Meeting at 7:00 p.m.	4 Choir 7:00 p.m.	5	6
7 Communion Adult Sunday School begins	8 Pastor's Vaca	9 Finance 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Vaca	10 Pastor's Vaca	11 Choir 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Vaca	12 Pastor's Vaca	13 Pastor's Vaca Women's Gathering at Bad Rabbit 9:00 a.m.
14	15	16 Church Council 7:00 p.m.	17 Sweet Hour of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study 7 p.m.	18 Circle of Hope 1:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	19	20
21	22	23 Events Comm 6:00 p.m.	24 Sweet Hour of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study 7 p.m.	25 Choir 7:00 p.m.	26	27 Community Lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
28 After Church Fellowship with Senior Life	29	30				

Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Sunday
 Pastor Hours Tues p.m., Wed all day, Thur morn.
 Secretary's Hours Tues, Wed, Thurs
 Office closed Monday & Friday

October

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Sweet Hour of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study 7 p.m.	2 Choir 7:00 p.m.	3	4
5 Communion	6	7 Trustees 7:00 p.m.	8 Sweet Hour of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study 7 p.m.	9 Choir 7:00 p.m.	10	11
12	13	14 Finance 6:30 p.m.	15 Sweet Hour of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study 7 p.m.	16 Circle of Hope 1:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	17	18
19	20	21 Church Council 7:00 p.m. CR Deadline.	22 Sweet Hour of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study 7 p.m.	23 Choir 7:00 p.m.	24	25 Community Lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
26 After church fellowship	27	28	29 Charge Conference 6:30 p.m. No Sweet Hour of Prayer or Chosen Study	30 Choir 7:00 p.m.	31	NOV 1 Bus Trip to Ohio Star Theater leave 7:00 a.m. Return at 9:30 p.m.

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