



TRINITY TIMES

WORSHIP AT TRINITY:
SUNDAY MORNINGS
9:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship
in the Chapel
Crossroads Contemporary
Worship in the Sanctuary

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Meet the Jones Family

by Reverend Philip Brooks

"The only constant is change," states an ancient maxim. September 1 brings a new ministerial family to Trinity when the Rev. Dr. Brian C. Jones begins his pastorate as

Associate Minister at the church. He was reared near Troy, Ohio and after college and seminary met his wife, Kelly, when both were part of the Lima District Single Young Adults Ministry. Brian and Kelly married on Dec. 30, 1989 and have been blessed with three children: Benjamin (16), Rachel (14), and Rebekah (10). Ben enjoys playing baseball and the martial arts while his favorite book is *Lord of the Rings*. Rachel is a volleyball player, swimmer, pet lover, and writer. Rebekah loves science, reading, and competitive swimming.

Kelly graduated from Ohio Northern University with a B.S. in Computer Science. Besides being a busy mom she is a consultant with the internet based business "Creative Memories".

We feel privileged to welcome to Trinity someone with Dr. Jones' experience, expertise, and commitment to Christ and the Church. He was ordained an Elder in the West Ohio Conference in 1990. In addition to his B.A. (1985) and M.Div. (Master of Divinity.1988) degrees, he received the Doctor of Ministry degree in 1998 from Asbury Theological Seminary. His doctoral dissertation examined "The Evaluation of the Inductive Sermon Structure on the Spiritual Formation of a United Methodist Congregation."

Dr. Jones has published articles in religious magazines and is a past and present officer in various district, conference, and national church committees and organizations as well as community groups. But his passion and

focus has always been the local church. The congregations he has served have grown under his leadership in attendance and spiritual depth. Among his many strengths are preaching, teaching, and administration. For the past four years Dr. Jones has been pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in Fostoria.

A fascinating personal fact stems from his interest since age 14 in the martial arts. He holds a 3rd Degree Black Belt in American Kenpo Karate and teaches the sport to lower belt ranks of all ages and abilities.

Dr. Jones says: "Over the years I have served in pastoral ministry, I find myself concentrating on the issues of discipleship. Helping others grow in their relationship with Christ, helping them to develop a deep intimacy with the savior lies at the heart of this ministry. One of the great treasures of Wesleyan theology is the combination of head and heart knowledge. John Wesley knew it wasn't enough to know a great deal about God if you didn't know God personally. But when we combine head and heart knowledge great things begin to happen in our lives.... We become disciples."

Please do all you can to welcome this wonderful family into the fellowship of Trinity and be supportive with your prayers and friendship as they begin here in September.



Dr. Brian Jones pictured with his family, Benjamin, Kelly, Rachel and Rebekah.



christian education

Dr. Carolyn Leick

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Adult Sunday School

Early Fall Session Sept. 7-Oct. 25, 10 am

In His Word

Leader: Matt Hamilton
Room 201

Join us for an on-going weekly Bible study. Currently we are examining the Book of Romans and related Old and New Testament scriptures. Join us intermittently or regularly; you won't be behind.

What It Means to Be a Methodist

Dr. Sarah Lancaster
Rms. 208& 209

Trinity attendees are blessed to have a Wesleyan scholar lead us in this relevant study. Rev. Dr. Sarah Lancaster, Professor of Theology at the Methodist Theological School in Delaware, will lead an eight week class on John Wesley and Our Methodist Values. Set aside your Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. September 7 through October 26 for this interesting and informative class. Bring your questions and we'll learn about what it means to be a Christian, based on our Methodist heritage. We will be using a little book just off the press from Discipleship Resources containing articles by Professor Lancaster and other United Methodist leaders. Professor Lancaster holds a PhD from Southern Methodist University, a Master of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology at SMU, and her B.A. is from Rice University.

Sunday School for Children & Youth

Room 001: Ages 3, 4, 5 on carpeted area; Grades 1 and 2 at opposite end

Room 206: Grades 3 & 4

Crossing Corner Grade 5

Room 002: Middle School

Room 005: High School

Room 207: Confirmation

Praise be to the Lord and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

2 Corinthians 1:3

No one is unimportant. No one is "not needed." Many of us are tempted to wonder, on occasion, "Who am I? What do I have to offer? I'm a nobody. I'm not important," and such ruminations often wind their tentacles into our beings when we are tempted to compare ourselves with others around us. Someone said to me recently, "If you want to know the value of someone, think how things would be if that person were not here." Well, that statement set my mind to spinning and my heart as well.

I thought of the child in a school where I was principal, a child whose home life filled us with dread each time one of us dared to contemplate how life must be for that child. Only one person in the school, adult or child, had ever been able to connect on an emotional level with this kid, and we ran to that person, our custodian, whenever the child needed help. We the educators knew without doubt, that we needed help as much as the kid did, and we tapped this man's gift of care and compassion daily.

In time, the young boy began to recognize and to understand the custodian's trust of us. He began ever so slowly to place small bits of his own trust in us, and after many, many months, we realized that we needed the custodian's care for that child less and less. But we didn't fail to realize as well, that our priceless custodian's example helped us too to grow more skilled in our own ability to express compassion and care, and it continues to do that.

The spirit of that man is a part of my being whenever I need that model for inspiration, and I'm comforted knowing that I am not alone in my gratitude for and need of the beautiful memory of that precious man. Surely all who were a part of it experience the same. Surely the child of long ago does too.

As I experienced Vacation Bible School at Trinity for the first time this July, I witnessed endless examples of care. As I attend meetings of the Adult Council, I find them there too! For we adults know well that each of us needs that care, we need it often, and we heal when it comes our way.

So why do over a hundred people volunteer to assure the success of VBS? Why do adults with very busy lives agree to meet once per month in the evening after a hectic day, planning for opportunities for friends and fellow members of the Trinity Family? Well, I'm convinced: they do so because they too are blessed. They too leave with the spirit of compassion that has nestled itself within their beings, within their living, within their souls. Trinity is a great place to know that joy over and over and over as we join in the spreading of the word, the spreading of the joy, the spreading of the love of Christ.

Rev. Bob Russell to lead evening class: “George Herbert, Poet and Country Pastor”

George Herbert is one of England's foremost Christian poets, who lived from 1593-1633. After an academic career at Cambridge, he was ordained in the Anglican Church and spent the last three years of his life as pastor of a small impoverished country parish.

Join us for five Wednesday evenings in October (Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29) from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Chapel. We will discuss and enjoy Herbert's ministry, poetry and hymns, and reflect on our Christian faith and journey today. Hand out readings will be given for the meetings, but suggested reading is *George Herbert, the Complete English Poem*, a Penguin classic publication.

Our opening session, Wednesday, October 1, Timothy Russell, Professor of Music at Arizona State University and Music Director of ProMusica Chamber Orchestra, Columbus, will be our guest as we listen to some musical setting of Herbert's poems and hymns.

Trinity Intern Gives Thanks

Being an intern at Trinity United Methodist has been a wonderful opportunity and I have really enjoyed my time here. I was placed here by the Office of Connectional Ministries at the West Ohio Conference Office as part of a program to help young adults discern their call to ministry. During my time here, I was able to serve in many different capacities. From delivering a sermon during Crossroads, to supporting the partnership between Trinity and New Life United Methodist Church through working in the Clothing Room, serving meals, and helping with children/youth programs, serving as a chaperone on Trinity's High School mission trip to Queens, NY, and participating in a variety of daily ministry duties such as meetings and hospital visits. I have truly enjoyed these experiences. This is a fabulous Church with warm, friendly people who are committed to see God's vision on earth happen and want to contribute to it. My time here has really reinforced my desire to pursue ministry as a vocation, and after I finish my undergraduate degree, I will enter seminary next fall. I would like to take this moment and thank all of you for inviting me into your church family this summer.

Grace and Peace,

Dave Allen

Heather Perry
Director of Youth & Young Adult
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Sunday School

Beginning September 7th at 10 a.m., High School will meet in Room 002, Middle School in room 005, and Confirmation will meet in the balcony with parents (class will meet in room 207 through the school year).

Confirmation

8th Grade students, and any students in grades 9-12 who have yet to be confirmed, have an opportunity to take the next step in their faith journey as they become candidates for membership in the Church. This is a year-long commitment. Confirmation Sunday is May 18. Heather Perry and Andrew Widing will lead this class.

Service Opportunity

Join us September 21st from 5-8:30 pm to serve dinner for the families living at YWCA Family Center. Please meet at Trinity. Trinity Youth were active in service this summer ... and had fun, too; as pictured below.





5th Annual Fall Fling
 Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008
 4:30-6:30

\$5 per person

\$20 per family

Come for food, fellowship
 and fun!



Young Professional Fall Kick-Off on September 4th!

The Young Professionals Group meets every Thursday from 7-9pm, and invites you to join them as they begin their fall study on spiritual disciplines. On September 4th from 7-9 at Trinity, we will kick-off our fall study with dinner and fellowship. The group will return to its regular meeting location at 2132 Ridgecliff Road the following week. All are welcome. Hope that you join us! For more information, please contact Nicole VanderDoes at nvd1390@aol.com.

Trinity Times is a monthly newsletter published for members of Trinity United Methodist Church. Subscriptions are available for \$15 per year for non-members. Make checks payable to Trinity UMC and designate Trinity Times on the memo.

The deadline to submit information for the October issue is Tuesday, September 9. Please place your information or photos in the *Trinity Times* box in the church office or email to beckywest22@aol.com.

opportunities

Weekly meetings:	Sunday	Monday
<p>WORSHIP SERVICES</p> <p>Sunday Mornings 9 a.m. Sanctuary Traditional Worship</p> <p>11 a.m. Chapel Traditional Worship</p> <p>11 a.m. Sanctuary Crossroads Contemporary Worship</p> <p>HOLY COMMUNION is offered on the first Sunday of every month during all worship services.</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 a.m. for Adults and Children</p>	<p>Weekly Meetings in September</p>	<p>7 pm Disciple Study; Chapelside Parlor (exception: mtg. on Tues., 9/2 due to Labor Day holiday)</p>
		<p>1 Labor Day Building & Offices Closed</p>
	<p>7 Communion Sunday</p>	<p>8 9:15 am Women's Bible Study; Chapelside Parlor 9:30 am Wee Moms; Room 208</p>
	<p>14</p>	<p>15 6 pm Altar Guild; Chapelside Parlor/Chapel</p>
	<p>21 FALL FLING 4-6:30 pm 5 pm Youth Hosting at YWCA Family Center</p>	<p>22</p>
	<p>28 9:50 - 10:30 am Blood Pressure Screening; Library</p>	<p>29</p>

Did you miss a sermon?

You can now listen to Trinity sermons online, thanks to the efforts of our Communications Committee. Simply visit our website: www.trinityumchurch.com and look for the link on the homepage. The growing archive of sermons dates from January 2008. You can search by date, by subject, e.g., healing, pride, temptation, or by scripture passage.

September 2008

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6:30 am Men's Small Group; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>12:30pm Tuesday Team @ New Life Clothing Room</p> <p>7 pm Troop 261; Room 011</p>	<p>9 am Women of the Living Word Study; Rms. 201, 204, 206 (begins September 17)</p> <p>7 pm Mom's Group; Chapelside Parlor</p>	<p>6 pm Carillon Bell Choir; Rm. 201</p> <p>6:45 pm Chancel Bell Choir; Rm 201</p> <p>7 pm Young Professionals Group @ 2132 Ridgecliff Rd.</p> <p>8 pm Chancel Choir; Rm 204</p>	<p>Women's Bible Study will begin Monday, September 8, meeting in Chapelside Parlor from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. In October, the class will meet on the first and third Monday mornings. A study on "The Minor Prophets" will be led by Barb Childs and Ann Stearns and includes a workbook and group participation. All women of the church are invited to attend.</p>	
2	3	4 7 pm Stephen Ministries; Rooms 206	5	6
9 <i>Trinity Times</i> Deadline 7 pm Meeting Night for Committees & Councils 8:10 pm Administrative Council; Room 204	10	11 9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 001 5 pm Hosting at YWCA Family Center 7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Room 001 7 pm Stephen Ministries	12	13
16 6:15 pm Sub Making for Friends of the Homeless; Fellowship Kitchen 7 pm Trinity Foundation 7 pm Mary-Martha Circle; Chapelside Parlor	17	18	<p style="text-align: center;">Sign up for Clusters Today!</p> <p>Last year, over 180 Trinity members and friends enjoyed being part of our Dinner Cluster program. Dinner Clusters are groups of 8-12 people that meet monthly for dinner and fellowship October-June. Since clustering is so much fun, Small Group Council is ready to launch our third Clusterization! This year, we have some new opportunities for groups, such as clusters just for men and women, as well as groups focused on Dessert and Coffee or Healthy Eating. Whether you have participated before or if this is your first time, this is a wonderful way to for people of all ages to meet new friends. Don't delay, sign-up today! You can register at Trinity August 31-September 14 or e-mail Rev. Amy Aspey for an electronic form. Let's Cluster!</p> <p>If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Rev. Amy Aspey.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	
23	24	25 9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 001 7 pm Stephen Ministries Rm. 206		
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Russia Team Leaves October 3!

On October 3, a 12-person mission team leaves for Syzran, Russia. During the day, the team will be working at the "House of Baby", a local baby orphanage. They will have opportunities to play with the children and also make some improvements to the facility. The team will make a generous monetary donation, so that diapers, formula, and other basic necessities can be purchased to replenish the orphanages stark supplies. In the evenings, the team will lead a learning program for people of all ages. Everyone will participate in Bible study and sharing, as well as, the youth will have crafts, drama and music, and the adults will learn how to make prayer quilts. Our prayer is that this is a wonderful outreach into the Syzran community.

Please keep the team: (Co-leaders) Kelle Eubank and Brad Goodwin, Josh Frazier, Jane Lengel, Nancy Monahan, Holly Neal, Cheryl and Bob Parsons, Laura Richter, Jeff Willett, Liz Winfree, and Rev. Amy Aspey in your prayers October 3-14, as well as Pastor Irina Kholodilova and our Syzran friends.

If you would like to make a donation to the team's mission, please send checks to the attention of Rev. Amy Aspey and made payable to Trinity UMC with "Russia Trip" in the memo line. Team members cover their personal travel, lodging, and food costs, so 100% of all donations go to the mission.

September Mission Opportunities:

- Sept. 16: Sub Making for the Homeless; Fellowship Kitchen
- Sept. 21: Youth Hosting at YWCA Family Center
- Tuesdays @ 12:30: New Life Clothing Room

Contact Rev. Amy Aspey for more information: aaspey@rroho.com or 488-0695.

New Life Clothing Room Update

by Vickie Moseley

Vacation Bible School was held at New Life the week of August 4-8. Decorations from Trinity's "Power Lab" set the stage and Trinity member, **Cathy Brady** and **David Allen**, Trinity's intern, helped bring the lessons alive for 26 neighbor children. Wearing t-shirts contributed by Trinity and Linworth UMC, they learned of the miracles performed by Jesus. On the following Sunday the children and Pastor Laura led a celebration of VBS in the worship service.

The **children of Trinity's VBS** collected 228 pair of socks for their neighbors in need to be distributed by the clothing room. Thank you to the directors, **Pam Pace** and **Martha Field**, and all the children for sharing so generously in the ministry of New Life.

Thank you to the members of the New Life Covenant Committee for selling tickets for the OSU Season Kick-off Tailgate Party and to those who bought tickets. This is a major fundraising project for the breakfast ministry of New Life and is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to **Donna Vorce**, TUMC member, and owner of DVPROMOTIONS for contributing many ball caps and t-shirts to the clothing room.

Four neighbor families are most grateful for the baby cribs donated by members of **WEE MOMS** and for **Alison Poor**, TUMC member, who organizes this thoughtful service.

Anyone who has brought donations to New Life clothing room over the last few months could not miss the huge mountain of donations in the "sorting room" waiting to be sorted. The Trinity Carpenters, under the leadership of **Bob Bowers** moved in with lumber and tools to transform a "secret" space into additional storage for donations. What a wonderful blessing!

Many, many thanks to New Life Trustees Gary Sansbury, Ed Phillips, Ken Brooks, Jeff Jump, Doris Harshman, and Chris Nichols and a huge round of applause for Trinity Members **Bob Bowers, Bill Coombs, Bill Forder and Bob Parsons** for a superb job and a long lasting gift of love.

The clothing room is in dire need of men's jeans, dockers and work pants. Please hold winter clothes until after September.



In July, a group of Trinity members joined Gary Brand for a day trip to the Garst Museum in Greenville, Ohio to see the "Crossroads of Destiny - Indians, Settlement, and Treaty of Green Ville" exhibit. Coming up in December, a trip to Yellow Springs with shopping and dinner at the Golden Fleece is planned.

Small Group Opportunities - there is a place for YOU!



New Small Groups

Mom's Evening Group

This group is for mothers with young children and meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month with the first meeting on Sept. 3rd. This fun group will give moms an opportunity to share, laugh, and pray about the joys and challenges of motherhood. There will be a devotional book to discuss at each gathering. We will meet from 7-8:15 p.m. in Trinity's Chapelside Parlor with childcare provided at no cost. Please contact Carrie Gordon for questions or for more information at GQ6703@yahoo.com or 279-6531.

Monday Night Bible Study

On Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 in Chapelside Parlor, Rev. Amy Aspey will lead an ongoing short-term Disciple Bible study. These studies are a combination of weekly Bible lessons and reflection, video presentations and discussion. This is a wonderful learning opportunity for people of all ages and stages in their Christian walk. Regardless of whether you have ever been in a Bible study before, we hope that you will join us. In August/September, the group participated in an 8-week study of the Old Testament. The next study, an 8-week study of the New Testament, will run October 27th-December 15th. For more information or to sign-up for the new class, please contact Rev. Amy Aspey at aaspey@rroho.com or 488-0695.

Prayer Group

Every week the group will correspond via e-mail to share prayer concerns and also meet in person the first Sunday of every month from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. in Trinity's Chapel-side Parlor. We welcome all prayer requests (whether via e-mail, phone, etc); uplift joys and concerns; and hold in prayer those who have submitted requests. Connecting weekly online, we will add a new dimension to the joy of praying with and for others. Privacy requests will be fully protected.. To become a part of this group or if you would like us to pray for you or someone you know, email or call Nancy Rummel: 614-326-1628 or nancy@quinnexecutivecoaching.com.

Ongoing Small Groups

Caring Card Ministry Group

The Caring Card Ministry group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month to create get well, sympathy, and welcome baby cards, which are sent to Trinity's members and friends. Since starting last October, we have sent over 100 cards! Being creative or "crafty" is not a prerequisite for being part of this group. We usually follow a model and create a type of assembly line, as we create 15 - 25 cards each month. It's a great chance to get to know other members of Trinity while doing something meaningful for others. Each month's meeting is open to any and all who are interested. Even if you can't make it every

month, there's always good fellowship and a job for everyone. Upcoming meeting dates: September 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11. All meetings begin at 7:00 and conclude by 8:30. Meetings are held in Room 001 - the basement of the new part of the church. For more information, contact Janet Goodwin at 529-0839 or janetgoodwin@msn.com.

Dinner Clusters

Dinner Clusters are groups of 8-12 people that meet monthly for dinner and fellowship. (October-June) This is an opportunity for people of all ages to make new friends at Trinity. Since clustering is so much fun, Small Group Council is ready to launch our third round of clusters. So whether you have participated before or this is your first time, sign-up today! Forms will be available, August 31, September 7 and 14 or you can e-mail Amy Aspey. If you are interested in participating, please contact Amy Aspey at 488-0695 or aaspey@rroho.com

Outdoor Group

The Trinity Outdoor Group has been formed to gather together in Christian fellowship and appreciate the beauty of God's glorious creation. Outings will be held quarterly with a variety of destinations and activities, such as hunting and seasonal nature walks.

The September trip will be a squirrel hunt at Turkey Run Farm on Sunday, September 7, 2008. Turkey Run Farm is located just north of Marysville and is about a 45-minute drive from Trinity. We will meet at Paul Sipp's house (2760 Welsford Road) at 1:00 PM. Those who are interested in hunting, but have never hunted are welcome to join us. Please bring appropriate clothing, and gear, but no rifles please. A hunting license is required. If you would like to participate, please contact Paul Sipp by phone (614-296-6221), or email (psipp@turkeyrun.biz), or stop him in church.

Prayers & Squares

Come and join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings of every month at 9:30 a.m. as we create a variety of lap-size prayer quilts. Since starting in September 2005, this caring, prayer ministry has provided over 67 quilts which have been blessed and knotted for Trinity family and friends who faced a serious challenge in their life. Anyone interested in helping is welcome. (No sewing experience is needed for some tasks.) Donations of 100% cotton fabric to make quilts are greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Kathy Koblentz 486-4001 or uacollies@aol.com or Lucille Anderson 225-1937.

Tuesday Morning Men's Group

The group meets every Tuesday morning at Trinity from 6:30-7:30 a.m. The focus of the group is to build relationships, foster accountability, and enhance our walk with Christ through the study of the Bible. Join us

in the Chapel as we study and apply God's wisdom as shown in the book of Proverbs.

For more information, contact Jim Rehl 361-0836 or JimandCassie.Rehl@realliving.com or Geoff Arthur 374-3831 or garthur1@columbus.rr.com

Wee Moms

Wee Moms is a fellowship group for mothers of children age five and under. The group is an open, casual environment focused on providing support and fellowship in a Christian environment. Childcare is provided at no charge, but infants are always welcome to join the group with mom. The fall schedule for the group is 9:30am-10:45am on the following dates: September 8th & 22nd, October 6th and 20th, November 3rd and 17th, and December 1st and 15th. For mission projects the group participates in a mid-year school supply drive for New Life UMC and volunteers at the YWCA Family Center preparing and serving dinner. The group also schedules several "Moms Night Out" events throughout the year. Please contact Alison Poor (488-8618) or Cassie Rehl (486-2686) for information or questions. Hope you can join us!

Women's Bible Study

After a summer break, this group will meet on Monday, September 8 and 22. Beginning in October, the group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. The group gathers for refreshments at 9:15 a.m. and the study concludes at 10:45. During the fall, the group study will be "The Minor Prophets." While regular attendance is encouraged; drop-ins are welcome at any time. Since most participants in the group no longer have children at home, childcare should be requested if needed. For more information contact, Ann Stearns 538-1761 or Barbara Childs 488-1007.

Young Professionals Group

"Dinner & Scripture"- Every Thursday evening from 7:00-9:00 p.m., this group gathers at the home of Nicole VanderDoes for dinner, spiritual discussion and prayer. Some of our recent topics have included prayer, balance, and tending to our physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. In fall 2008 we will be studying spiritual disciplines. We enjoy occasional social events and are exploring service opportunities. The group is made up of people who feel young, work in some profession, are professional students, or otherwise feel like this group could be the place for them. If you feel like this group might fill a need in your life, please join us any time. **For more information, contact Nicole VanderDoes at 397-2412 or nvd1390@aol.com.

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our church family

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Pam Allarding
Lisa Barker
Chuck DeVoss
Arvin Donner

Harold Gray
Charlie Stearns
Bryan Warman

IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended to the Family of Trinity member Mary Ashbaugh ... to Jim and Sally Lathrop and Family in the passing of Jim's mother, Dorthea Lathrop ... to the Family of Trinity member Ruth Sohner... to Mike and Cathy Brady and Family in the passing of Mike's mother, Martha Brady... to Diane Stanley and Family in the passing of her mother and Trinity member, Jeanne Morrison... to Betty Yepsen in the passing of her daughter-in-law, Laura Yepsen... and to the Family of Trinity member Maxine Vaughan.

BIRTHS

The rose on the altar on August 3 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Carly Louise Shelton, daughter of Claudia and Brian, born July 25, 2008. Jim and Liz Shelton are the paternal grandparents ...

the rose on the altar on August 10 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Christopher William Hanna, son of Melissa and James, born July 27, 2008. Diana Hall Bassett is the maternal grandmother and Art Hall is the great grandfather.

ANNIVERSARY

Rev. and Mrs. Jim (Sally) Dickey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 17. Rev. Dickey has his conference membership with Trinity.

Thelma McNabb Hahn Leaves Tithe Gift to Trinity

By John Hagely, Trinity Foundation Board Member

Thelma McNabb Hahn joined Trinity Church in 1950 when it was still located at Ashland Avenue. According to Thelma's daughter, Vickie Wheeler, who now lives in New Jersey, "she always felt the Church was her life. She and my father, Addison McNabb, both loved the Church."

Thelma not only belonged to Trinity, but was an active participant in Circle leadership and served as President of United Methodist Women for many years. She could always be counted on to help with the Church Bazaar, Treasure Trove and many other projects. Those at Trinity who knew her recall her warm friendly smile, her caring attitude and as one who was sincerely concerned about people, especially children. She was always interested in and closely followed the activities of Trinity's Youth Group. Over the years she touched the lives of so many people.

Her life was not without difficult times as Addison passed away in 1982. She later married Robert Hahn and they shared their lives in many meaningful ways. They both continued to be active volunteers. But in 1992, Bob passed away. Some time after that Thelma moved to First Community Village, but she continued to attend Trinity on a regular basis.

As Thelma continued her life she began thinking about what she could leave to her Church. Says Vicki, "when she first began to think about her estate plan, she thought it would be nice to leave a tithe of her estate to Trinity as a lasting legacy that could be used now and in the future." As she continued to discuss this with her family, she was asked whether there was a special need she would like to support. According to Vicki, "she immediately replied 'they'll know what they need' with an implicit faith that it would be used wisely and for a meaningful purpose. But Mom was always interested in education." In 2006, Thelma peacefully passed away at the age of 98.

So it is with much gratitude and thanks to Thelma and her family that they were able to look into the future and could see the lasting benefits of Thelma's legacy to Trinity through a tithe gift. It is also a fitting way to recognize the relationship Thelma had with her Church and the effect God, through his church, had on her life.

If you would like to discuss a legacy gift to Trinity through the Trinity Foundation, you may contact Willie Grove, Trinity Foundation Chair, at william.grove@ubs.com or Reverend Philip Brooks at (614) 488-0695.



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