



TRINITY TIMES

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

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VBS Photos on pgs. 2, 4 & 5



VBS

by Reverend Philip Brooks

It takes some people longer to learn than others. Maybe that's why I attended school

for 20 continuous years from age five to 25: kindergarten and 12 years in public school near Detroit, four years of college, and three years of graduate school at theological seminary.

Yet in all those years, some of the most lasting and precious memories came from a separate learning experience: VBS - or Vacation Bible School. First Methodist Church where my father was pastor (one mile north of Detroit in St. Clair Shores) provided VBS sessions every summer. As children, we eagerly anticipated VBS week with joy, fascination, and expectancy.

While education through later years provided understanding in many fields including, of course, theology, my early experiences in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School lay the groundwork of intimate knowledge of God's love through Christ and that I, like everyone else, mattered. We learned we were important to God and had a purpose in life.

The songs we sang, the lessons we learned, the crafts we created, the skits we saw, the games we played, the friends we made - all were treasures that I have

carried through life which only years later have I come to fully appreciate.

Vacation Bible School this year at Trinity was again a wonderful week. Nearly 300 children attended and were ministered to by about 200 adults and youth who did everything from teach, lead games, make snacks, provide crafts, sing songs, show videos, -- the list could go on and on.

Through the planning of the four co-directors, our Director of Christian Education, and the help of so many people, VBS week instilled lasting memories and positive values in hundreds of minds and hearts.

Sixty or 70 years from now, some older adult will sit down to write an article and think back across the years to lessons learned at Trinity during VBS. When that happens, it will reaffirm the great positive value and lasting effects of all the work that has been poured into VBS.

Trinity is a wonderful congregation with a plethora of programs to meet the needs of people. One of these special efforts happens every summer when VBS arrives. For the hundreds of people touched by this year's effort, from all of us we say a sincere "thank you."

christian education

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Following a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School, I can't help but wonder, "Why can't schools provide programs that entice the children, inspire them from moment to moment and leave every last one of them with understandings that many adults have never mastered?"

We can do so much in churches that schools can never manage. Our wonderful summer intern, Ashley Gerard, who was sent to us from the West Ohio Conference, has been in conversation with many of us about what churches can do that schools cannot, to help children with special needs, parents of those children and adults with special needs.

Ashley raises many questions with which we are struggling right now to answer, but the struggle is wonderfully unique to the church, for here we can impart to children and their parents the love of God that is unconditional, that gives the opportunity to all persons to serve as tools for God's love, God's mercy and God's word. How important this is, how far more important even than the mastery of much that schools work to provide.

Right now in Kids Own Worship, our worship service for children that takes place during the three services Sunday morning, we are studying the story of Joseph. Children are discussing how in the world Joseph could trust in God when he found himself at the bottom of a well? And how could Joseph trust in God when he found himself a slave in the foreign land of Egypt? And how could Joseph have the strength not to give up on God or to reject God when life became so easy once he was made second in command in the country of Egypt? How indeed? Could we do the same?

As we bring these discussions into the lives of kids today, we relate them to the tragedies our children sometimes must witness or experience, wondering with the children how or if people we know or admire today can and do trust in God and work to do His will. And we as adults mull such questions around in our own minds, often feeling afraid to articulate them to others. Yet we continue to reflect on them nevertheless, as we too struggle and suffer and decide eventually just to trust in and listen to God. How wonderful it is when one day we no longer find ourselves bound by misery or anguish, unexpectedly realizing something very wonderful as we recognize the blessings that come from realizing that we are being used. Being used?! Yes, being used! Being used as tools for God's love, tools for God's mercy and tools for the imparting of God's word. Now how could that have happened?

Come. Pitch in. Find out how much you will learn when you attempt to impart to a child that which you too need to learn. Our Sunday school and our Kids Own Worship programs provide rich soil in which kids and grown-ups alike thrive as they grow in Christ.

282 enthusiastic children + 80 dedicated youth volunteers + over 100 adult volunteers + 4 creative co-directors (Karin Cramer, Joanne Taylor, Jeff Thitoff & Julie Wright) = 1 Amazing Crocodile Rock Vacation Bible School at Trinity in July!



Photos by Dawn Lewis



Get Involved in Extended Family Ministry through Generations Council

Generations Council is interested in an Extended Family ministry in which persons of different generations come together in pursuit of mutual goals such as fellowship, pen pals, computer use training, connecting young and old for school project creation, Grandparents Day surrogates, etc. For more information, and to be involved, contact Paul Sipp, Generations Council Chair, at (614-296-6221), or email (psipp@turkeyrun.biz).



Trinity's Fall Kickoff

Sunday, September 13
12:15 - 2:00 p.m.

Join us for **lunch** and a **cookie contest**
in the courtyard after church

- Food
- Balloonist
- Inflatables
- Music



Calling All Bakers!!

Share your best-kept cookie recipe with Julie's Judges

Please register your cookie team with
Julie Andrews at jandrews10@columbus.rr.com

- \$5 per Person
- \$20 per Family
- Rain or Shine
- Cookie teams can be families, friends, or individuals
- 3-4 dozen cookies per team

Friendly Visitors

If you are interested in visiting a Trinity member in their residence, please contact Jean Rudy at 850-0088 or Gary Brand at 488-0695 for more information.

New Member Class

A New Member Class will be offered at the Sunday Educational Hour at 10:00. The class will begin on Sunday, September 13. Dr. Jones will lead the class. Persons interested in making Trinity their church home are requested to make an indication on the Sunday attendance form, call the Church Office, 488-0695, or e-mail trinityoffice@trinityumchurch.com

Daytime Disciple Class begins in September

Disciple: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study emphasizes the disciplined reading of and listening to Scripture. During the 34-week course, *Disciple* moves through the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation and participants read more than 70% of the Bible. Each participant commits to a daily preparation of 30-45 min. per day and to attending all weekly classes. The results are transformational, as *Disciple* calls persons to submit themselves to examination by Scripture, to put themselves under the power of God's word, and to be changed by it. The course will run Thursdays September 10th (orientation)-May 27th from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Trinity's Fellowship Parlor. Sign-ups are August 23-September 6th. If needed, childcare can be provided. Rev. Amy Aspey and Dr. Leick are excited to co-lead this class. Please contact them if you have any questions.

Life of David Evening Study

On Thursday nights September 17th-November 5th from 5:45-7:00 p.m, Rev. Amy Aspey and Kevin Holtsberry will facilitate an eight-week study on the life of David. The class will use both Scripture and Eugene Peterson's book, *Leap Over a Wall: Earthly Spirituality for Everyday Christians*. By exploring the life of David, we hope to not only learn about him, but also learn from him. He has much to teach us about the importance of a strong relationship with God. Sign-ups will run August 30th-September 13th. Childcare can be provided. For more information, please contact Rev. Amy Aspey.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will begin Monday, September 14, meeting in Chapelside Parlor from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. The class will meet through the month of May on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. The beginning group study "Companions in Christ: The Way of Discernment" offers a 10-week journey in exploring the principles and practices of personal spiritual discernment. The study will include a workbook and small group participation. All women of the church are invited to attend. If childcare is needed, please call the church office.



opportunities

Meeting Schedule Request

When scheduling an evening meeting or gathering at Trinity, please select Tuesdays or Thursdays. Limiting the use of the church will help conserve energy and directly reduce utility bills. The Church will be locked at 7 p.m. other evenings. Daytime meetings/gatherings are fine any day. All meetings/gatherings (regardless of size and date) need to be scheduled with Judy in the Church Office to avoid conflicts and to ensure the requested space is made available and comfortable. Contact Judy at 488-0695 or trinityoffice@trinityumchurch.com.

Help Water the Gardens in August

Help is needed in August with watering Trinity's flowers. The pots by the entrance, the pots by the parking lot, those at the corner of the building near the door to the Altar Guild room, the pots in the courtyard, and the garden by the parking lot all need water every few days. The hoses are out and available. There is a pair of pliers that can be used for the outlet near the main door. Thanks - Rusty and Anne Lawyer

Artwork by Ned Moore featured

Artwork by Trinity Member Ned Moore is featured this month in the Corridor Gallery. Ned is a graduate of The Ohio State University, School of Fine Art. Now retired from teaching at the Columbus College of Art and Design, Ned is devoting much of his time to watercolor painting. He can be reached at 457-6664.

Recycle Cell Phones

Please continue to recycle cell phones by placing them in the bin in the coat room. They are given to older adults for access to emergency services.

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 September issue is Tuesday, August 11. Please place your information or photos in the *Trinity Times* box in the church office or email to beckywest22@aol.com.

Weekly meetings:

Sunday

Monday

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Mornings

9 a.m. Sanctuary
Traditional Worship

11 a.m. Sanctuary
Traditional Worship

11 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Crossroads
Contemporary
Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10 a.m. for Adults and
Children

Baptism Sunday

Baptism Sunday will be September 13, 2009 with an educational session on Saturday, September 12, 10:00 a.m. in Chapelside Parlor. The session will be led by Dr. Brian Jones.

Families or individuals interested in baptisms should call Judy in the Church Office, 488-0695, or e-mail

trinityoffice@trinityumchurch.com.



Weekly Meetings in August:



2

8 am Prayer Group;
Chapelside Parlor

Communion Sunday

3

9

10

9:30 am Wee Moms;
Room 208

16

17

23

24

9:30 am Wee Moms;
Room 208

30

31

Blood Pressure
Screening, 9:50-10:30

5 pm Hosting YWCA
Family Center

August 2009

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6:30 am Men's Small Group; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>12:30 pm Tuesday Team @ New Life Clothing Room</p> <p>7 pm Troop 261; Room 011</p>		<p>7 pm Young Professionals Group; 2132 Ridgecliff Rd.</p>	<p>9:30 am Friday Bible Study; Room 201</p>	
<p>4</p> <p>7 pm Trinity Foundation Meeting; Room 117</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministries; Room 117</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9 am Small Group Leader Training; Chapelside Parlor</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7 pm Art Night; Room 001</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Trinity Times Deadline</p> <p>7 pm Meeting Night for Committees & Council</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208</p> <p>7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Room 001</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>18</p> <p>6:15 pm Pizza Making for Homeless; Fellowship Kitchen</p> <p>7 pm Children/ Family Council; Fellowship Parlor</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministries; Room 117</p>			
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5 pm Hosting YWCA Family Center</p>			

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**New Life UMC Benefit
7th Annual Season Kick-Off
Tailgate Party**

**Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe
Thursday, September 3, 2009
5-8 p.m.**

Tickets: \$20 each for Adults; \$10 for kids 5-17; Under 5 free. Tickets are available in the Trinity Atrium or by contacting Rev. Aspey.

This annual event benefits people who are homeless and poor in Columbus through the ministries of New Life United Methodist Church at 25 W. Fifth Ave.

Each year the party includes a variety of Ohio State University football related celebrities including: Brutus Buckeye, the OSU Cheerleaders and Pep Band, and several hundred Buckeye fans. The buffet dinner includes burgers and brats, chips and beans, salad and dessert, sodas and coffee.

There will be a HUGE silent auction with many OSU related items and other valuable new and used things. Including two tickets to the USC game on Sept. 12th.

August Mission Opportunities

Aug. 18 6:15 pm	Pizza Making for Friends of the Homeless; Fellowship Kitchen
Aug. 26 5 p.m.	YWCA Family Center Hosting
Aug. 30 5 p.m.	YWCA Family Center Hosting
Tuesdays 12:30 p.m.	New Life Clothing Room

Congo Missionaries to speak at Trinity August 9



Donna and Dave Jacobsson and their sons, Matthew and Andrew, are serving in the D.R. Congo with Mission Aviation Fellowship. For many years, Trinity has had the joy of supporting their ministry. On Sunday, August 9th at the 9 & 11 traditional worship services, the Jacobssons will share about their amazing experience as missionaries. Please continue to hold them in prayer.

**New Life Clothing Room Update
Increased Demand, Diminished Supply**

by Vickie Moseley, Clothing Room Coordinator

New Life's clothing ministry is a blessing to many as evidenced by the very crowded conditions on any given Tuesday or Wednesday morning.

The average number of neighbors shopping on Tuesday and Wednesday has increased since this time last year, 170 per month in '09 compared to 150 per month in '08. The number of dependents shopped for has remained the same simply because more single men and women with no dependents are shopping during the week. The average total monthly count which includes Sunday and weekday numbers has increased by 130 neighbors: 3,250 in '09 compared to 2,119 in '08. Each month an average of 100 new neighbors come to be served.

It is a blessing to have over 125 Trinity members who have been or are presently serving as volunteers in the clothing room, youth programs, Sunday morning breakfast, Sunday Night Family dinner and the Health and Wellness Ministry. In addition, great appreciation is expressed for the continued support of various groups within the community of Trinity who generously give clothing, lotion, personal items, children's books, snacks for the youth Plugged-in Program, and monetary donations. Donna Vorce is a ready source for t-shirts, caps, umbrellas and carrying bags. Our ministry depends upon the generous commitment of Trinity members to our mission of serving our marginalized neighbors.

Knowing that budgets are tight, we trust that many of you will continue to help us serve our neighbors who have so much less than we.

**New Life
Clothing Room
Needs:**

- men's jeans ● khaki pants ● t-shirts ● golf shirts ● black casual pants ● white crew socks
- mosquito repellent ● lip balm ● foot powder ● deodorant ● sunscreen
- citronella candles

467 Razors collected for United Methodist Free Store

During the month of June, Trinity UMC was asked to collect disposable razors for the Free Store. A bountiful 467 razors were donated. Your generosity was greatly appreciated by the Free Store staff and volunteers. Thanks to Jaclyn Lowery, Trinity Youth, for organizing the collection.

Cluster for Food and Fellowship



Last fall, Trinity's Dinner Cluster program began its third year. Over 180 people of all ages and stages joined together monthly from October through June for food and fellowship. Additionally, Clusters supported the "Cuisine for a Cause" dinner and silent auction, which raised over \$14,000 for four Trinity missions. It was another successful year!

Since clustering is so much fun, Small Group Council is getting ready to start again. The purpose of the Clusters program is to meet new people and make new Trinity friends through the sharing of meals. The new "Clusterization" will be an opportunity for everyone to sign-up for a cluster, whether you have participated before or this is your very first time. Sign-ups will run August 30th -September 13th. Get ready to cluster!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Rev. Amy Aspey.

Lotion for New Life

Please donate bottles of lotion and put them in the basket in the Atrium. The lotion will be delivered to our neighbors in need at New Life United Methodist Church.

Trinity finished its first session of a Grief Support Seminar this past June. Led by Veronica Bender and Mandy Markoff, the group met for 8 weeks and shared and discussed the difficulties of losing a loved one. Participants tackled such topics as the physical aspects of grief, anger, telling their loved one's story, journaling, and goal setting. Most importantly, the group allowed members to share some of their innermost feelings and emotions. "Listening to all the different stories and experiences really touched my heart," shared Linda Casasanta. "The honesty and soul searching conversations were very special. The common denominator is the same, but everyone's grief journey is different depending on their loss."

Another member, Jim Pepper explains, "I really enjoyed talking with and listening to the other individuals in our group as we shared our stories and thoughts about our losses. Just knowing that I was not the only person experiencing these types of feelings was very helpful to me. I have made new friends from the group and hope to continue these friendships as I grow and move on towards healing from the loss of my mother."

Grief work is hard work but we are committed at Trinity to helping those through this difficult journey. The next session of the Grief Support Seminar will be led by Mandy Markoff on Monday nights from 5:30-7 beginning September 7. This group is open to those who have recently lost a loved one or are still struggling with a loss from many years ago. Both members and non-members are encouraged to attend.

If grief is something gripping your life, please join us in September. Numerous members of this past group came in broken-hearted and lost but found new ways to work through their grief and celebrate the life of those lost. Casasanta adds, "I learned to celebrate the life of the one I loved in all of their human qualities. I came to the conclusion that the greatest tribute is not grief but gratitude. There will always be a tinge of sadness, but our ability to rejoice in the life we have shared will continue to bless us. I hope to use the wisdom and power I possessed from the support group to come through this well."

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Mandy Markoff at 614-595-5307 or through email at mandy@warmanproductions.com. Gary Brand is also available for questions at gbrand@trinityumchurch.com or by calling the church at 614-488-0695.

8 our church family

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Pamela Allering	Walter Rhodus
Rachel Baker	Jean Robine
Joan Colliver	Lisa Schaffner
Bob Hurst	Charlotte Smith
Rita Kendall	Elizabeth Smith
John Lengel	Charlie Stearns
Kristie Linard	Grace Tharp
Rebecca May	Thelma VanSickle
Larry Newman	George Wertz
Joanne Patete	

BIRTHS

The rose on the altar Sunday, June 7 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Benjamin Meriwether Winfree, Jr., son of Susan and Ben, born May 30, 2009. Liz and Jim Winfree are the paternal grandparents. The rose on the altar Sunday, June 21 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Daniel Robert Wheaton, son of Jennie Baker and Rob Wheaton, born June 6, 2009. Carol and Dave Barker are the maternal grandparents. The rose on the altar Sunday, June 28 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Blair Catherine Thompson, daughter of Melissa and Denny, born June 28, 2009.

IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended to Duane and Heather Perry and Family in the passing of Duane's grandfather, Firman Ruby... to Rick and Betty Brooks and Family in the passing of Rick's mother, Violet Christensen... to Linda and Gary Jokiniemi and Family and Katie and Andrew Widing in the passing of Linda's father, Arthur Baird... to Valarie and Bob Hess and Family in the passing of Valarie's mother, Diane Byers... and to Cathy and John Zimmerman and Family in the passing of Cathy's mother, Alice Hanesworth.

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was given on June 21, 2009 for Elli Barbara Gordon, daughter of Carrie and Mark... for Olivia Reese Ruanphae, daughter of Sondra and Rhome... for Madison Olivia Shott, daughter of Brandy and Michael... and for Jonathan Thomas Traub, son of Christine and Jonathan.

Memorial Gifts to Trinity Foundation

Members and friends of Trinity often ask that the Church be included in their estate planning or request that memorial donations be made to Trinity in their honor. These persons have left a legacy that will endure and bless others in the years to come. Gifts to Trinity Foundation are also made to honor weddings, retirements and other milestones. If you are interested in including Trinity in your estate plan, please contact Rev. Philip Brooks at 488-0695; Willie Grove, Trinity Foundation Chair, at 460-6580; and your financial advisor. We are grateful for the following memorial gifts made in the Second Quarter of 2009:

In memory of

Martha Dorsey

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Duran
Mr. Thomas Tipton
Mr. & Mrs. Curt Levis
Mr. & Mrs. John Hagely
Carla Fox

In memory of

Tim Spurlock

Sandra Green
Anne Weaver
June Oliver
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Brand
Mr. & Mrs. James Hency
Mr. & Mrs. Randall Marks
Mr. & Mrs. David Bryan
Mr. Thomas Tipton
Mr. & Mrs. John Hagely
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Robert
Mrs. Gunvor Widing
Women's Bible Study Group

In memory of

Ann Clark

Jeanette Sexton
Terre Patrick
Evelyn Haines
Mr. & Mrs. Warren Baltimore
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Sours
Mr. & Mrs. John Robinson
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Shelly Browning
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Peter Probst
Lisa Orlow
Trinity Altar Guild

In memory of

Lorna "Skip" Karlovec

Anne Weaver

In honor of

Willie Grove, John Hagely, Clark Pritchett
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Haddox
Mr. & Mrs. James Winfree
Mr. & Mrs. Larry McVey

In honor of

Ed & Jeanie Spiker

Mr. & Mrs. Glen Dugger

In honor of

Rick & Libby Germain

Mr. & Mrs. Glen Dugger

In honor of 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Hixson

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