



# 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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## Lakeside

by Reverend Philip Brooks

For many people "Lakeside" engenders memories of pleasant summer strolls along Lake Erie past beautiful cottages in an idyllic village setting. But

for United Methodist clergy and lay delegates, Lakeside means the "West Ohio Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church" which meets there four to five days each June. The week after our conference meets, the East Ohio Annual Conference arrives for their sessions.

This year, on Sunday evening June 6, several thousand persons from the eight districts of the West Ohio Conference arrive to begin worship services, meetings, and education sessions continuing through Thursday, June 10. Attending from Trinity will be Nancy Monahan, Betsy Grover, Rev. Philip Brooks, Rev. Amy Aspey, Dr. Brian Jones, and our summer intern Mr. Anthony Coy.

Each day features a worship service at which the bishop or a guest speaker will address the delegates in Hoover Auditorium. The business of the annual conference dominates most of the remainder of each day with reports, presentations, debates about issues, and voting (done by lifting the hand and a visual judgment made by the bishop whether the vote passed or failed. If it's too close to call, ushers will count so that "the will of the body" prevails.) Roberts Rules of Order are followed in order to provide structure and fairness to the proceedings. One of the highlights is the Service of Ordination

when ministerial students are finally ordained into the ministry following long years of study. A fully ordained minister in the United Methodist Church has a minimum of a college degree plus an advanced degree from a theological seminary. Seven years of education is the standard minimum.

The West Ohio Conference is one of the largest in the world with nearly 1,200 congregations and about 230,000 members. The conference is administered by Bishop Bruce Ough and eight district superintendents who each preside over one of the eight districts. (see map on p. 8) Trinity lies within the Capitol Area North District.

I experience a variety of feelings regarding annual conference at Lakeside. It's always good to greet old friends who I've not seen since the previous year. But the week also represents long sessions of meetings, debates, decisions, and wrestling with issues both large and small that affect the life of the churches in our annual conference and (through our mission work) around the world.

Much information about the ministries of our conference are available on the website. You can even follow the sessions live via the Internet at <http://www.westohioac.org/2010>

"Lakeside" means many things to many people. To conference delegates it means a long week of sessions in June but also fellowship with old friends plus inspiring worship services. We are reminded that we are part of something wonderful, global, ecumenical, and eternal as members of Christ's Church.





# christian education

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*Zeal for your house  
has eaten me up.*

Psalm 69

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin wrote that "faith has need of the whole truth." I often think of this quote as I look at the dark side of our church's history so that I can better critique my own actions and work not to carry those mistakes into our present or our future church. Of course, I do not bat 1.000! But keeping this phrase in mind helps me to evaluate continually what I say, what I do or what I think, to catch what is loving and to catch what is not!

Then I think of the Biblical word, "jealous!" God is a "jealous" God?! Well, he certainly is not jealous in the green-eyed sense. But he is jealous in the sense that he doesn't want a sometimes allegiance or a half-hearted commitment from us. Of course, he is jealous for us, not of us! So surely he wants us to question.

"Trinity is actually two congregations!" I hear spoken in our hallowed halls, in our informal gatherings and sometimes in our earnest meetings. So are we? Let's look at this frequently heard remark. Let's not slough it off as silly or absurd. Or is it? Well, this is a question worth asking.

Where I see this idea as not evident is in our youth groups, in our children's Sunday school classes, in Kids Own Worship and in some adult Sunday school classes.

Hey, wait a minute! "Some" adult Sunday school classes?

I pause. I ponder. I fear to answer. "Silly, Carolyn! No need to fear thinking, wondering, asking, feeling perplexed, feeling unsure, feeling a bit dis-armed."

In our unease, in our confusion, in our uncertainty, Christ is always beside us. So looking at ourselves as we really are is never really scary. He is able to bestow upon on us his forgiveness and his renewing strength. So go for it! Ask the tough questions! Then trust Him to lead us to constructive, loving, useful, healing answers. Yep! Go for it!

*Lift your drooping hands and  
strengthen your weak knees.*

Hebrews 12

## Summer Book Talks & Mission Walks

Chapelside Parlor

June 6

### Mid Ohio Workers

What do doctors, lawyers, stockbrokers, government workers, trade union members and businessmen have in common with domestic, temporary, seasonal and service workers? All are part of an economy that relies on ALL of these to function properly. The Mid-Ohio Workers Association (MWA) is a free and voluntary membership association of central Ohio's working poor. For nine years, MWA has applied the mutual benefit approach and built self-help benefit programs - emergency food, clothing, non-emergency dental care, legal information and more, to combine the strength of their membership with that of concerned community residents, religious institutions, service organizations and businesses.

June 13

### Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream

by David Platt

Leader: Kevin Holtsberry

Platt invites you to encounter what Jesus actually said about being his disciple, and then he invites you to obey what you have heard. He challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated a God-centered Gospel.

June 20

### Mission Medley

Tom Poole, New Life Medical Clinic  
Vickie Moseley, New Life Clothing  
John Fisher, Habitat for Humanity  
Beth & Nathan Wymer, Y Family Center  
Participants will be inspired by our own Trinity members who will describe the Trinity mission projects in which they are deeply involved.

June 27

### The Year of Living Like Jesus: My Journey of Discovering What Jesus Would Really Do

by Ed Dobson

Leader: Josh Frazier

Inspired by a pop culture hit ("The Year of Living Biblically") and struggling with his own terminal illness, retired Protestant mega-church pastor, Ed Dobson, commits one year to living like Jesus did. He keeps kosher, rests on the Sabbath, and grows his beard. Often confused and frequently struggling to understand, Dobson soon finds himself immersed in a deeper devotional life than he had ever known. Is it possible that wearing Jewish tassels on his T-shirt can bring this life-long minister still closer to Jesus? Is it possible that turning off his iPod on the Sabbath will ease his soul and bring him peace? Is it possible this man's crazy stunt will speak to you?

July 4

### Hymn Sing

Leader: Jim Linker

Back by popular demand, Jim Linker will lead us in beautiful hymns from our United Methodist hymnal. What better way to celebrate Independence Day? Come, sing praises to God and with gratitude to our nation's many blessings.

July 11

### Thy Barbarian Way

By Erwin McManus

Leader: Anthony Coy, Trinity Intern

This captivating book is a lesson in and of itself. It describes the church as becoming increasingly "civilized." Though 2000 years ago people were not civilized to the degree we experience today, they lived the calling of God. The author describes the contemporary church as promoting the belief that once we become saved, our lives then become easy. But, according to the author, this is not the case. Life is a difficult spiritual battle until the end. We too often go along with whatever the church dictates, conforming to what is already set up for us. But our responsibility is to take God's calling and to live it out no matter what. There will be resistance and even persecution, but we must be radical, passionate and bold in our faith, inside and out.

July 18

### Unlikely Disciple

by Kevin Roose

Leader: Elizabeth Smith

*A Sinner's Semester at America's Holiest University* is the sub-title of this book. Roose documents his experiences as a student for a semester at Liberty University, the largest Christian fundamentalist university in the United States. Coming from progressive Brown University and with liberal Quaker parents, the author admits that the transition to Liberty came with much anxiety. School founder Rev. Jerry Falwell granted Roose an interview for the student newspaper before the famous evangelical's death in May 2007. Roose describes Falwell as "complicated," which also describes his undercover student experience.

July 25

### The Case for Christ

by Lee Strobel

Leader: Carrie Glaeden

Strobel is a former atheist with a background in law and journalism. He brings the mind-set of a modern day skeptic to discussion with a dozen Biblical scholars. The book assembles evidence to support the claims of Christ.

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Another round of applause for  
**The Journey**  
 2010 Youth Musical



Maggie Fitz, Madison Means, Ben Jones, Jordan Blossom, Emily Fitz, Molly Germain, Kelsey Overmyer, Matthew Blossom & Anna Field



Madison Means



Jordan Blossom & Ethan Burton



Anna Field



Matthew Blossom, Megan Knoop, & Madison Means

# trinity youth

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I hope you are ready for an INSANE summer of AWESOMENESS! Check out the June/July schedule for the youth program. Be on the lookout in the church bulletins for information as each event comes up. If you have any questions or would like to chaperone one of these events drop me an email at [bedwards@trinityumchurch.com](mailto:bedwards@trinityumchurch.com)

## Middle School Summer Calendar

- June 10 Bible Study at 1pm
- June 15 Sports Night Out at 6:15
- June 22 Zoombezi Bay
- June 28 Clipper's Game at 7:05
- June 29 Sports Night Out at 6:15
- July 02 Bible Study at 1pm
- July 06 Sports Night Out at 6:15
- July 12-16 Vacation Bible School
- July 13 Sports Night Out at 6:15
- July 19-23 Middle School Mission Week
- July 27 Sports Night Out at 6:15

## High School Summer Calendar

- June 9 Bible Study at 1pm
- June 13-18 High School Mission Trip
- June 30 High School Bible Study at 1pm
- July 9 King's Island (Music Festival)
- July 12-16 Vacation Bible School
- July 14 Bible Study at 1pm



Jordan Blossom, Ben Jones, Maggie Fitz, Emily Fitz & Kelsey Overmyer

Photos by Dawn Lewis



Set sail on a  
**High Seas Expedition**  
 Vacation Bible School  
 July 12 – 16, 2010  
 9am until 12 pm

**Adult and Youth Volunteers needed**  
 Registration Forms available at the church  
 or at [www.trinityumchurch.com](http://www.trinityumchurch.com)  
 Co-Directors Martha Field (294-2967) and  
 Michelle Anderson (203-8486)

**New Small Group**  
**MEET: Moms Exploring**  
**Educational Topics**

Please join us for our first book discussion.  
**June 12 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.**  
 in Chapelside Parlor. Discussion will focus  
 on the book: *The Resilient Child* by George  
 S. Everly. Coffee and light refreshments;  
 Childcare will be provided. Please contact  
 Betsy Gugle ([esgugle@aol.com](mailto:esgugle@aol.com) or 353-  
 4764) if you are interested in joining or  
 have any questions. Please visit the table  
 in the Narthex for more information or to  
 buy a copy of the book (\$12). Mark your  
 calendar for the next MEET date: Oct. 2.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
 Fall Kick-Off  
 Sunday, September 12  
 12-2 p.m. - Courtyard

Burgers, hot dogs, cookie competition,  
 bounce house, balloon lady, jazz  
 ensemble = FUN!

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 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 August issue is Tuesday, July 13.** Please place  
 your information or photos in the *Trinity Times*  
 box in the church office or email to  
[beckywest22@aol.com](mailto:beckywest22@aol.com).

# opportunities

Weekly meetings:

Sunday

Monday

**WEEKLY  
 WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Sunday Mornings**  
 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sanctuary  
 Traditional Worship

11 a.m. Fellowship Hall  
 Crossroads Contemporary  
 Worship

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
 is offered on the first  
 Sunday of every month  
 during all worship services.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 10 a.m. for Adults and Children

**WEEKLY MEETINGS**

Wee Moms  
 Mondays at 9:30 am  
 Fellowship Parlor

Grief Support Group  
 Mondays at 5:30 pm (June)  
 Chapel

Men's Small Group  
 Tuesdays at 6:30 am  
 Chapelside Parlor

Young Professionals  
 Group  
 Thursdays at 7 pm

6 5:15 pm YWCA Family Center Hosting	7
13 7 pm Hymn Sing; Sanctuary	14
<b>HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP</b>	
20	21
27	28 MS Youth Clippers Game
4 Independence Day	5 Building & Offices Closed
11	12 <b>VACATION BIBLE</b>
18	19 <b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>
25	26

# June/July 2010

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6 pm Cluster Cookout; Courtyard	2	3	4	5
8 7 pm Meeting Night for Committees	9 1 pm HS Youth Bible Study; Youth Room	10 9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208 1 pm MS Youth Bible Study; Youth Room 7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Room 001	11	12
15 6:15 pm Pizza Making; Kitchen 6:15 MS Youth Sports Night 8:10 pm Admin Council; Rm 204	16	17	18	19
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22 MS Youth Zoombezi Bay	23	24 9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208	25	26
29 6:15 MS Youth Sports Night	30 1 pm HS Youth Bible Study; Youth Room 5:15 pm YWCA Family Center Hosting	1 1 pm MS Youth Bible Study; Youth Room	2	3
6 6:15 MS Youth Sports Night	7	8 9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208 7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Room 001	9 HS Youth King's Island Music Festival	10
13 Trinity Times Deadline 6:15 MS Youth Sports Night	14 1 pm HS Youth Bible Study; Youth Room	15	16 6 pm VBS Closing Program	17
SCHOOL →				
20 6:15 pm Pizza Making; Kitchen	21	22 9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208	23	24 Garage Sale Gala 8 am - 12 pm 2755 Donna Dr.
MISSION WEEK →				
27 6:15 MS Youth Sports Night	28 5:15 pm YWCA Family Center Hosting	29	30	31
<a href="http://www.trinityumchurch.com">www.trinityumchurch.com</a>				

# mission vision

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Save the Date...

for the third annual  
**Cuisine for a Cause**  
 a spectacular evening of food, fun  
 and fellowship

Friday, October 22, 2010  
 6-8:30pm  
 Trinity United Methodist Church

Silent Auction for all ages  
 Kids party for K-5 and nursery care  
 available by reservation

Proceeds to benefit  
 Bethlehem On Broad (BOB)  
 More information coming  
 this summer

We can't wait to see you there!

## June/July Mission Opportunities

June 6, June 30, July 28	YWCA Family Center Hosting
June 13	New Life Health & Wellness Center Dedication
June 13-18	High School Mission Trip
June 15 & July 28	Pizza Making for Friends of the Homeless
July 19-23	Middle School Mission Week

## SHOPPERS ALERT! Third Annual Garage Sale Gala

On Saturday July 24, 2010 there will be a Garage Sale Gala from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 2755 Donna Dr., Columbus 43220. This sale will have both fashionable and functional pieces.

We NEED your 'almost new' small electrical appliances, costume jewelry, tools, home & garden equipment, art, flower arrangements, soft goods, toys, small pieces of furniture and collectibles. Books published since 2006. No clothing please.

If you would like to donate items please contact Betsey Grover to make drop off/pick up arrangements. Items will be accepted starting on July 13th. Volunteers are needed to help: price items, set-up for the sale, work the sale-day and clean-up. If you could help for a day or an hour, please contact Betsey. Proceeds will benefit Trinity's mission partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

For more information, contact Betsey Grover at 451-6292.

## Haiti Mission Trips Planned

Reynoldsburg UMC is organizing Volunteer in Mission trips to Haiti. One of the gifts of our connectional system is serving together!

Serve Christ and respond to the human need in Haiti by:

- sharing the love of Christ and continuing to build relationships;
- defining and meeting construction needs, including an unfinished clinic in Duplan
- providing medical care and training for local medical personnel
- supporting the Duplan school and helping to provide for their needs
- gathering information, assessing needs for additional trips

Cost is \$1,350 per person. If you are interested, please contact Haiti coordinator Jon Bowsher at [JJBowshe@worthingtonindustries.com](mailto:JJBowshe@worthingtonindustries.com).

The following are planned Haiti mission trip dates:

June 26 - July 2  
 Aug 14-21  
 Sept 11-18  
 Oct 9-16  
 Nov 13-20  
 Jan 8-15, 2011

New Life  
 United Methodist  
 Church  
 Health & Wellness Center

Dedication Service  
 Sunday, June 13  
 4 p.m.  
 Tour & Reception  
 to follow  
 25 W. Fifth Ave.

## Summer Book Talks

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### August 1

*Guerrilla Lovers: Changing the World with Revolutionary Compassion* by Vince Antonucci

Leader: Rev. Amy Aspey

You've never loved like this before. Everyone is trying to change the world. Whether it's bringing justice to Darfur, fighting global warming, building schools or rebuilding cities, people are flocking to causes bigger than themselves. They are not satisfied with the status quo and are sacrificing their time and money to change it. God's people should be at the forefront of this movement. Author and pastor Vince Antonucci challenges you to take part in changing the world by adopting the strategy Jesus used: becoming a guerrilla lover. Just as a small group of people who deliver surprise attacks in close proximity can change the course of a war, you can change the course of this world with love.

### August 8

*Thy Kingdom Come: How the Religious Right Distorts the Faith and Threatens America: An Evangelical's Lament* By Randall Balmer

Leader: Jim Pepper

Balmer, an Evangelical Christian and a long time editor for Christianity Today, writes about the rising impact of extreme Christian conservatism. He is on the front line of the debates involving religion and its impact on the political world.

### August 15

*The Faith Club* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver & Priscilla Warner

Leader: Janet Goodwin

A Muslim, a Jew and a Christian get together after 9/11 to write a book about the three faiths for children, one that would highlight the connections among the three religions. As they met over a period of time, they found that they themselves needed an open and honest environment where they could admit and discuss their concerns, stereotypes and mis-understandings about their religions. This memoir of spiritual reflections has spawned inter-faith discussion groups in churches, temples, mosques and other community settings.

### August 22

*God of Love and God of Judgment* by Stephen K. Moroney

Leader: Dr. Carolyn Leick

How can a God of love also be a God of judgment? Does God change from being wrathful in the Old Testament to being loving in the New Testament? Can we discern God's judgments in current events, such as hurricanes and personal tragedies? Is it ever right for human beings to judge? These are not questions reserved only for theologians. They are questions with which all people must grapple. Stephen K. Moroney, Professor of Theology at Malone University in Canton, Ohio, reminds us that many people today emphasize God's love and downplay his judgment, yet God's judgment is taught in Scripture from Genesis to the end of Revelation. Problems at the other end of the spectrum are examined by Moroney as well, such as the trauma we experience if we live in constant dread of God pictured as a harsh judge whom we can never please. In his writing, Moroney blends God's love and judgment together, much in the way loving parents today do with their children.

### August 29

*The Good and Beautiful God* by James Bryan Smith

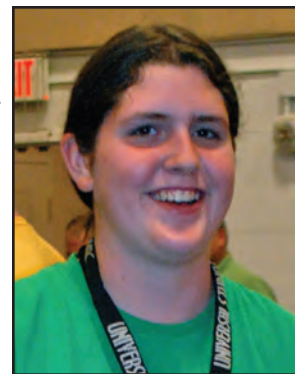
Leader: Carol Brand

"Falling in Love with the The Jesus Knows" is the sub-title of this book. Smith encourages human transformation into the likeness of Christ, lived out in community.

## Celebrating Trinity Stewards

Each month in *Trinity Times*, the Stewardship Committee invites us to celebrate the efforts of the members of our church family who contribute their time and talents to support the ministries of the church. If you would like to nominate someone for his or her stewardship contributions, please contact Seth Metcalf (smetcalf@ssd.com or 365.2778). Kate Lobley wrote the following tribute.

### Anna Field



This month, we are proud to honor the many contributions of Anna Field. At the ripe young age of 15, Anna has served Trinity in numerous ways, always eager to lend a helping hand whenever asked. Anna has a special gift working with children; and when you watch Anna interacting with children during Kids Own Worship, Vacation Bible School, or Children's Moments it's easy to see she's having as much fun as they are! As Vacation Bible School (VBS) approaches, Anna is gearing up for another busy summer at Trinity. Anna has been a youth volunteer with VBS since she was too old to be a participant. And typical of Anna's willingness to pitch in wherever needed, she has been involved with all aspects of VBS, from decorating and cleaning up to helping with the four-year-old preschoolers and elementary-age kids. This year VBS participants will set sail on a High Seas Expedition, and Anna will be there assisting the children with crafts, games, stories, and most importantly learning about the special love of God.

In addition to Anna's involvement in children's ministries, she is also an extremely dedicated member of the youth program. Anna takes part in everything possible, including having one of the starring roles in the youth musical this spring (you may remember her as the witch), helping lead the sunrise service on Easter morning, and participating in the adopt-a-family program. Anna is also taking part in the upcoming high school mission trip. Anna's servant heart is a blessing to all the people she knows, as well as to those she doesn't know but are fortunate to have been touched by her many wonderful talents and great sense of humor.

Anna is a typical teenager in so far as her life is full with school, sports, babysitting, and the list goes on. However, Anna is also quite unique when considering the fact that most of her busy life is spent serving Trinity and its members. Anna receives a great deal of satisfaction working with the children at church. And she does more than just spend time with them, she helps deliver the message of the Bible in a way that they understand and enjoy. Anna hopes to be a teacher one day, and in so many ways she already is.



# our church family

## RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

James Barton                      Martha Plahuta  
Don Lewis                         Don Vorce  
Vickie Morris

## IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended to Dee and Frank Himes and Family in the passing of Dee's brother, Sam Hostetter. . .and to Tom and Janet Goodwin and Family in the passing of Tom's mother, Joan Goodwin.

## BIRTHS

The rose on the altar Sunday, April 25 was presented with Thanksgiving to God for the birth of Katherine Elizabeth Hays, daughter of Carrie and Lee, born April 19, 2010. Betty Hays is the great paternal grandmother. The rose on the altar Sunday, May 2 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Azelin Oakley Morris, daughter of Tarah and Keith, born April 22, 2010. Stan Morris is the paternal grandfather. The roses on the altar Sunday, May 16 were presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Evelyn Jane Brooks, daughter of Katherine and Rick, born April 20, 2010. Sherry and Mike Seimer are the maternal grandparents and Betty and Richard Brooks are the paternal grandparents ... and for the birth of Andrew Charles Curtis, son of Julie and Matt, born May 8, 2010.

## BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was given on Sunday, April 25, 2010 for Blair Catherine Thompson, daughter of Melissa and Denny.

## 2010 Confirmands



Twenty-six youth were confirmed and presented with handmade crosses from Mexico on Sunday, May 16. Pictured left to right are, front row: Cole Barker, Taff Anderson, Cathleen Gleason, Sarah Moore, Rachel Eastwood, Laura Satterthwaite, Callie Zimmerman, Charlie Sipp, Lucas Rooney. Back row: Brian Edwards (Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries), Harrison Heath, Hank Worster, Huston Burcham, Carson Showe, Logan Richter, Drew Scott, Samuel Claypool, Kelly Cantwell (Confirmation Co-Leader). Missing from photo: Andy Little, Connor Knoop, Owen McClellan, Noah Spielman, Ian Briggs, Jack Reed, Brian Moser, Ryan Huston, Daniel Kington, Emily Annen

## Map of West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church

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