



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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Be Smart

by Reverend Philip Brooks

Last year a fascinating book appeared titled **10 Dumb Things Smart Christians Believe: Are urban legends and Sunday school myths ruining your faith?**

Written by Rev. Larry Osborne, the book covers how cultural myths have been accepted as Scriptural truth and how many people follow these down blind alleys. Osborne cautions that spiritual legends are spiritually harmful errors that eventually bring disillusionment and heartache.

Here is a far too brief and admittedly superficial summary but an appetizer for "food for thought":

FAITH CAN FIX ANYTHING - "It's designed to guide us on a path called righteousness. Along the way, faith doesn't promise to fix every flat tire."

FORGIVING MEANS FORGETTING - It is not spiritual amnesia and does not eliminate all consequences. Rather, it offers a second chance based on God's grace through Christ.

A GODLY HOME GUARANTEES GODLY KIDS - A genuine loving Christian homes increases the probability, but there are no guarantees.

GOD HAS A BLUEPRINT FOR MY LIFE - Not a detailed blueprint but more like an overall game plan in which we have choice and latitude within limits. And attend church: "It's hard for an athlete to follow a game plan if he misses all the team meetings. It's just as hard to follow God's game plan if we don't know the Scriptures."

CHRISTIANS SHOULDN'T JUDGE - We must make judgments constantly but under proper biblical guidelines: in the spirit of Christ, not hypocritically, looking at our own faults and sins first, always with grace. "Hate the sin and love the sinner." Hard to do with others but not ourselves!

EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON - Not everything that happens is God's will. Romans 8:28 doesn't mean what most think it does; rather, that in all things God can bring some good to those who follow God, but God does not cause everything to happen. Our free will can cause trouble that

leads to heartache and consequences. We should not blame God for our sins.

LET YOUR CONSCIENCE BE YOUR GUIDE - This is false because conscience can be reset so easily by ungodly standards. Some consciences are clear because they no longer function!

GOD BRINGS GOOD LUCK - Jesus never promised his followers a long run of luck or earthly success. He promised forgiveness and eternal life but not guaranteed good health and wealth

A VALLEY MEANS A WRONG TURN - Just following God doesn't mean no problems. In life's valleys, ask: "why am I here?", "how should I respond?", "what can I learn?".

DEAD PEOPLE GO TO A BETTER PLACE - "To our modern-day sensibilities, the exclusivity of Christ, the reality of hell, and the need for salvation that includes personal piety have all become passé, if not downright offensive." Distorting the biblical message puts us "at odds with scripture; it eventually devalues the cross, redefines salvation, and turns obedience into an extra-credit add-on."

In our faith, let us be sure we base our beliefs on the truths of Christ and Scripture rather than on the myths in the culture. I look forward to seeing you at our "team meetings" at Trinity.

Ahoy!



Over 200 children attended the High Seas Expedition at Trinity July 12-16. More photos by Dawn Lewis are featured inside.



christian education

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Barnabas . . . was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord.

Acts 11: 19 - 30

The writer of Acts does not explicitly state that people were brought to the Lord because of the kind of Christian Barnabas was, but this idea is implicit, and it is very convincing. The winning of people to Christ through example and through witness is ultimately the most effective kind of evangelism, the kind that really works.

When people see others like Barnabas, whose lives are radiant with love, gentleness, care and goodness, they too want to become Christians. Large numbers are won over to the Lord just as they were in Barnabas' time by those who adorn the word of Jesus Christ through their love.

John Greenleaf Whittier wrote of a friend:

*The dear Lord's best interpreters
Are humble human souls;
The Gospel of a life like hers
Is more than books or scrolls.*

This is what Christian Education is all about. Our hope for our church is that it continue to grow in numbers. As it does, it happens because we ourselves, each and every one of us, grows in grace, and as we do, others want to become like us. Through our Christian education programs, we witness and experience this process. Thanks be to God!

Summer Book Talks & Mission Walks Chapelside Parlor

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 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.

Mark your calendars!

Sunday school classes for children, youth and adults begin **September 12** at the 10:00 hour! Pick up brochures giving classes, rooms and teachers in the Narthex, Atrium and Fellowship Parlor.

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Over 400 children and volunteers set sail at Trinity's High Seas Expedition VBS in July, enjoying Bible Voyage, Ship Rec Games, Clipper Ship Crafts, Goodies from the Galley, Sail Away Cinema and an original drama, live on stage! All of this was made possible through hard work and careful planning by dedicated volunteers. Special thanks to co-captains Martha Field and Michelle Anderson for their leadership. Ahoy!



Disciple I & II Bible Studies begin in September

DISCIPLE I

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Room 207; childcare available
Sept. 9-June 1 (sign-up begins Aug. 22)
Leaders: Rev. Amy Aspey & Jan Williams

Becoming Disciples through Bible Study emphasizes the disciplined reading of and listening to Scripture. During the course, participants read more than 70% of the Bible. Each participant commits to about 30 minutes of daily preparation 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.

Kelly Cantwell writes about her experience:
"Last year, I began a journey with five women that took us from Genesis to Revelations during the span of 34 weeks. We came from a diverse background of life experiences & theological understanding. Our common bond was a desire to learn more about the Bible and to grow more deeply in our relationship with Christ. The blessings of this experience continue to be revealed to me, and I am stronger & more fulfilled in spirit than ever before. I hope all those yearning for more will find time to enrich their life with this Disciple study!"

Please contact Rev. Aspey at 614-488-0695 or aaspey@trinityumchurch.com if you have any questions.

DISCIPLE II

Mondays, 7-9 p.m.
Chapelside Parlor; childcare available
Sept. 13 - June 3 (sign-up begins Aug. 22)
Leaders: Dr. Carolyn Leick & Laura Richter

Into the World is the second study in the Disciple program and is prepared for youth and adults who are graduates of Disciple I. This is a 32-week course covering Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. Participants commit to attending all weekly two-hour classes and to approximately 30 minutes of daily preparation six days per week. Those who have taken Disciple I know of the transformational aspects of this Bible Study Series, and we each recognize that we have been changed by the power of God's word.

Carolyn and Laura are excited about their own transformation as they learn from DISCIPLE II as well as lead the group. Please contact Dr. Leick at (614) 488-0695 or cleick@trinityumchurch.com if you have any questions.



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study begins **Monday, September 13**. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 9:15 am in Chapelside Parlor and concludes by 10:45.

We will start with a six-week study, *Where Faith and Culture Meet*. The six sessions will explore how we can connect and engage in our culture. The study will include a video and group discussion. All women of the church are invited to attend. The class does not regularly have child care, so if it is needed please call the church office. For further information, contact Ann Stearns or Barb Childs.



Fall Kick-Off
 Sunday, September 12
 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Join us for lunch and a cookie contest in the courtyard after church
 food • inflatables • balloonist • music • \$7 per person • \$25 per family

Enter the cookie baking contest; please register your cookie team with Julie Andrews at jandrews10@columbus.rr.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 September issue is Tuesday, August 10.** 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

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

11 a.m. Fellowship Hall
 Crossroads Contemporary
 Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10 a.m. for Adults and Children

Youth Group
 7-7:45 MS
 Youth Room
 7:45-8:15 MS&HS
 8:15-9 HS
 Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Wee Moms;
 Fellowship Parlor

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12 pm Mission Lunch
 with the Markays

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The joy of Vacation Bible School spans the generations ... from our youngest participant in the nursery at 2 months, Katie Hays, to our youngest at heart, Bill Forder, who just turned 90 in July!

August 2010

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6:30 am Men's Small Group; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>7 pm Troop 261; Room 011</p>		<p>7 pm Young Professionals Group</p>		
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<p>10</p> <p>Trinity Times Deadline</p> <p>7 pm Meeting Night for Committees</p>	11	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208</p>		
<p>17</p> <p>6:15 pm Pizza Making; Fellowship Kitchen</p>	18	19	20	21
<p>24</p> <p>6 pm Small Group Council; Room 207</p> <p>6:15 pm Youth Sports Night Out</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:15 pm YWCA Family Center Hosting</p>			
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mission vision

Rev. Amy Barlak Aspey

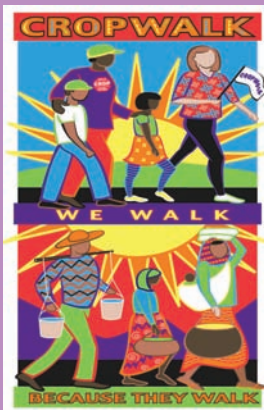
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Italy Missionaries to Visit Trinity

On Monday, August 2nd from noon-1:00 in Trinity's Fellowship Parlor, Revs. David and Kristin Markay (the daughter of Rev. Bob Chiles) will share about their ministry during a luncheon gathering. The Markays serve as pastors of the multi-cultural, English-language ministry of the Cheisa Metodista di Milano (The Methodist Church of Milan) in Italy. This ministry is an outgrowth of the Italian Methodist/Waldensian Church's missional emphasis of "Offering hospitality to the stranger/Being the church together." A portion of Trinity's Christmas Offering goes to supporting their ministry.

Please join us for this time of food, fellowship and learning. A special note of thanks to the Women's Bible Study for providing the food for the luncheon. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Rev. Amy Aspey.

SAVE THE DATE - CROP WALK
10.10.10



August Mission Opportunities

Aug 2	Lunch with Markays
Aug 17	Pizza Making
Aug 25	YWCA Family Center hosting

Cuisine for a Cause needs Silent Auction Items



On **Friday, October 22, 2010** Trinity will host the 3rd annual Cuisine for a Cause - Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction benefiting Bethlehem on Broad. With your help, we hope to make a difference in the lives of those who are touched by this very important mission.

Any silent auction donation is greatly appreciated whether it be: a donation of your time and talent, sports memorabilia or sporting event tickets, artwork, vacation getaways, themed gift baskets, retail gift certificates, purchasing a BOB food box or cash donations, just to name a few.

If you would like to support this wonderful event with your donation, please contact Kristie Linard at Krmiller@columbus.rr.com or (614) 451-3534 or Rev. Amy Barlak Aspey at (614) 488-0695 by Sunday, September 26, 2010.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Dinner Clusters Return



Dinner Clusters are back! Small Group Council is getting ready for the 5th year of "Clustering." The purpose of the Dinner Clusters program is to meet new people and make new Trinity friends through the sharing of monthly meals (October-June). This fellowship opportunity is for people of all ages and stages. Clusters meet both in restaurants and homes. They gather on weeknights and weekends. They are comprised of singles, couples and some groups choose to "family" cluster, where children are included for most of the gatherings. There are groups of similar ages and also intergenerational clusters. There is something for everyone!

The new round of Clusters is an opportunity for everyone to sign-up for a cluster, whether you have participated before or this is your very first time. Each year, cluster participants are placed in new groups, so that more friendships can grow. Sign-ups will run August 22nd -September 12th. Get ready to cluster!

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

Second Quarter Memorial Donations

Gifts to Trinity Foundation

In memory of Ann Clark

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel McKillican

In memory of Mildred Dean

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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). Adam Quick wrote the following tribute.

Jim Rehl



At 6:30 am on Tuesday mornings most people are either still in bed or wish that they were. However, for Jim Rehl, our Trinity Steward of the Month, it is time to help the men of Trinity grow in their faith and walk closer with Christ.

For the past four years Jim has used his spiritual gift of exhortation to devotedly lead the Tuesday morning men's small group. However, Jim is quick to point out he is there primarily as facilitator not as a teacher. He recognizes the strength of the group lies not in himself, but in each individual who attends. Jim seeks to bring out the wisdom and experiences of each of the members so that all can learn from the way God continuously works in their lives. His goal is to provide a place where Christian men can come learn together in order to meet the challenges they face every day. Through this group men become stronger Christians, friends, husbands, fathers, and leaders.

Jim strongly believes that one of the greatest gifts any small group can give is a place for people to share what is on their hearts. So, in addition to studying the Bible and other Christian literature, Jim makes a point of connecting people on a personal level. One way he accomplishes this is by drawing someone's name to be the group's weekly prayer focus person.

When Jim began attending Trinity 14 years ago there was nothing quite like the Tuesday small group available to the men of the church. Jim has always believed that involvement in Bible studies and other small group activities play an integral role in growth as a Christian. This belief in conjunction with the training he received from one of Rev. Aspey's courses on leadership, and his prior involvement with a similar group at Riverside UMC, laid the foundation. Then after meeting with Bill Meerman and Geoff Arthur who had a similar desire, the group was organized.

In the beginning, there was a small core of four to six regular attendees. Even so, many mornings Jim wondered if he would be the only person there. But the group met men's needs, and the Holy Spirit helped it flourish through word of mouth from those who attend, along with Jim's own personal invitations to nearly every new guy he sees at church. Today it is not uncommon to have 15-20 men present. Despite this growth, Jim and everyone else is always happy to see a fresh face. So, if you are looking for a great way to jumpstart your spiritual growth, build friendships, and be supported in prayer, set your alarm a little earlier on Tuesday morning and stop by the men's small group. You will know you're in the right place when you see Jim's infectious smile!



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IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended to Tracy and Julie Peters and Family in the passing of Tracy's mother, Maxine Peters ... to the Family of long-time Trinity member, Laura Titus ... to Ann and Charlie Stearns and Family in the passing of Ann's mother, Margaret Clemens ... to the Family of Trinity member, Mildred Dean ... and to Lounell Wilson and Family in the passing of her daughter, Joyce Rinehart.

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was given on Sunday, May 30, 2010 for Lindsey Marie Cummings, Mitchell Harrison Cummings and Emily Anne Cummings, children of Kimberly and Mark ... for Kyle Lee Eppert and Brooke Danielle Eppert, children of Kristin and Steven ... for Mia Michelle Ezzie and Jenna May Ezzie, children of Mollie and Michael ... for Caroline Aselin James, daughter of Heidi and Clark ... for William Cole Knape, Jonathan Arthur Knape and Lucas Henry Knape, children of Leann and Jeffrey ... for Wyatt Warfield Logsdon, son of Cara and Jeremy ... for Faith Carolyn Markoff, daughter of Amanda and Jason ... for Brooks Preston Marple, son of Lori and Charles ... for Elena Marie Moehring, daughter of Karen and Martin ... for Tristen Michael Rose, son of Sharla and Michael ... for Blake Adam Scott, son of Amber and Adam ... for Andrew Martin Thomas, son of Sharla and Geogory ... for Daniel Robert Wright, son of Jennifer and Joseph ... for Rose Valerie Yahn, daughter of Katie and Nathaniel . . . and for Kristin Laurel Wunsch Eppert.

Dear Member of the Trinity Family:

The three year Faith in the Future capital campaign officially came to an end on May 31. While pledge payments and additional contributions are still being received, we want to take this opportunity to provide you with a status report on where we are at this time.

Thanks to the very generous support of many Trinity members, 424 pledges or contributions were made, totaling \$2,529,189. Of this amount, \$2,327,652 has been received or 92% of pledges made.

The fruits of the Faith in the Future project are readily apparent to those enjoying the renovated Sanctuary, Atrium, Narthex, the office area and the entire North Wing of the building, including classrooms and Fellowship Parlor. Not as apparent on the surface are the vitally necessary upgrades which were made to the campus infrastructure including air conditioning, new boilers, sprinklers, insulation and electrical systems.

During the construction period, Trinity entered into a line of credit with Huntington Bank to fund the construction draws while pledges were being received and redeemed. This credit facility provided for a termination date of November 1, 2010, at which point, Trinity would have the option of converting the outstanding loan balance into a term loan, to be paid over a ten year period. Based on the results of the capital campaign, it is estimated that we will have a shortfall of approximately \$900,000 that will still be outstanding under the Huntington line of credit in November.

At its meeting on September 14, 2010, the Administrative Council will discuss and approve a strategy for retiring the remaining debt going forward. A number of alternatives are being considered. While it is certain that we will have term debt after November 1, our goal is to retire it as quickly as possible in order to minimize the budgetary impact of debt payments on the programs and ministries of the church in future years.

Your support of Faith in the Future has been greatly appreciated. We would welcome your thoughts and ideas about how we might address this final financial challenge.

Sincerely,

Chris Scott, Chair of the Administrative Council and the Faith in the Future Campaign

Craig Rhoades, Chair of the Finance Committee

Roland Brooks, Treasurer