



# TRINITY TIMES

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## In Tune

by Reverend Philip Brooks

My watch has not been set in over three years yet maintains perfect time. Unlike most clocks or watches, the one on my wrist each day

receives radio signals from the National Bureau of Standards in Colorado that synchronizes the time with a government operated "atomic clock" that is accurate to no more than one second deviation in a billion years. That's close enough for me. For this reason such devices are called "atomic clocks" or "atomic watches" although they are actually just regular timepieces that are automatically set every day by a radio signal.

You may be wondering where I obtained such an accurate watch and at what cost. Surely such a device must be rare and expensive. Well, mine was purchased at Target department store three years ago for about twenty dollars. You can buy such watches and clocks many places, almost always designated by the prefix "atomic."

The reason for their accuracy stems from being tuned in to the standard and constantly updated. There is a lesson in those clocks for us about the importance of staying tuned in to the things of God. Anyone who does not keep in close contact with Christ and the Church will soon start to deviate from God's will and way for life and in only a brief time a person will become out of sync with God's standards.

How do we stay in sync? The same way Christians through the centuries have done it: by prayer, Bible study, worship, fellowship with other Christians, acts of

service and mercy, and sharing our faith with those open to hearing how life can be better.

September 11 is Fall Kick-Off Sunday at Trinity Church. While nothing slowed much during the summer, immediately after Labor Day everything seems to resume in high gear simultaneously. In order to stay tuned in to God's will and way for your life, consider what new Christian practice you can begin that will enrich and encourage your daily experience.

In an active congregation such as Trinity, there are scores of ways to become involved, to be blessed, and to be a blessing to others. Herein lies the secret to meaningful life: being in right relationship with God and other people - and doing something to help others.

One of the first and easiest things we each can practice is incredibly simple yet astoundingly effective: invite others to come to church. Half the people in our area have no meaningful relationship to any faith community. Tens of thousands are just one invitation away from coming to a wonderful Church with outstanding opportunities for growth and service and for learning how to be tuned in to Christ for daily purpose and meaning.

It's time to check your spiritual clock to see if you are keeping accurate time. Resolve to be fully tuned in this year at Trinity Church. And don't keep the blessings a secret. Many of your family and friends may be one invitation away from active faith. Your invitation makes the difference.





# christian education

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*For where two or three are  
gathered in my name, I am there  
among them.*

Matthew 18:20

My friends in other churches are dismayed when they hear of all of the many councils and committees the UMC promotes: Missions Council, Staff/Parish Relations Committee, Stewardship Committee, Youth Council, Adult Education Council, Small Groups Council, Hospitality Committee, Generations Council, Board of Trustees, Administrative Council!

Whew! And WHAT have I forgotten?! Surely several more! "And WHY does the United Methodist Church do that?!!!" friends inquire with confused, perplexed countenances.

"Well, one has to experience it to know," I reply, wondering how in the world I could ever relay what I observe, experience and of which I am in awe.

A few days ago, the Adult Education Council met. Laura Roberts, very hard-working chair of that council, and I were feeling some trepidation, for the task of choosing and finding leaders for five to eight classes at each of five sessions can seem monumental and just plain scary! But, that Adult Ed. Council, bless them all, just got down to business, each one volunteering to do an extremely important job, and we are now the recipients of a nearly complete, fabulously comprehensive and enticing program for Trinity's congregation for the year 2011/2012.

It really is exhilarating . . . busy bees, working together, determined to serve their fellow congregants as all of us together grow in the word, in the body of Christ, guided by our God.

Praise the Lord, and bless the congregation.

## Adult Sunday School Classes for Early Fall September 11 - October 23, 2011

**Enough: Discovering Joy through  
Simplicity in Generosity**

Dr. Adam Quick  
Chapel

Churches are struggling to help their congregations respond to the violent ebb and flow of the economy. While their members are simply trying to stay afloat financially, the budgets of their churches are suffering as well. In the midst of all of this, though, there is God and a divine calling for each of us. Designed by Rev. Adam Hamilton, this study will help us to view the role of money in connection with their life's purpose and the positive impact that transformation will have on the world.

**Handbells for Learners**

(ALL ages, children and adults!)

Diane Stanley  
Room 201

Diane Stanley, Director of our wonderful Bell Choir, will be training all adults and children who wish to learn to play the bells. Diane will be teaching the bells through the scriptures and the Sunday school curriculum the children would be having in their classes. This Christian Education/Music Education combination packs a punch that only the two together can accomplish!

**On the Road with God's Word: A Bible  
Study Using the Windshield Approach  
to Scripture**

Rev. Robin Obetz, M.Div.  
Room 207

Rev. Robin Obetz, an ordained Presbyterian minister, Honorably Retired, Presbyterian Church (CUSA), and one of the earlier ordained Presbyterian ministers in our country, will lead this Bible study that will appeal to the novice as well as the seasoned Bible reader. She describes her teaching tools as windshield wipers that help participants to clear the way for reading and hearing the word of God, the true word of God as revealed in the Bible.

Please bring with you a Bible. However, if you forget, we will have plenty available for each participant to use in the class. Rev. Obetz encourages participants to attend the first or second session in order that they may continue to experience, follow and manage with skill throughout the Early Fall session this exceedingly creative, fun and extremely effective way to study the Bible!

**FAMILY LIFE SERIES: Year-long to begin  
with "I'm Counting on You," A Parenting  
Class for Parents of Pre-school and  
Elementary Kids**

Laura Roberts & Dr. Carolyn Leick  
Chapelside Parlor

This study, originally designed for parents and teachers of Christian schools was also planned with churches as their audience. It is guaranteed to bring laughter and fun as well as confidence, success and joy to those parenting and working with children today.

Based on a book and study by Tommy Sanders, PhD, we will be led and enabled to empower children and ourselves, armed with the love of Christ. We will see how loving parents and teachers help children to grow socially, intellectually and most important of all, spiritually through lessons involving

- Who am I and what is my potential?
- Watch how I can grow
- Things are not always easy and fun.
- Please help me. I learn differently.
- I can tell you care about me.
- Raise me right.
- I'm counting on you.

Leaders of the class will be Laura Roberts, pre-school teacher and physical therapist who has raised three wonderful children of her own who are now successful adults and Dr. Carolyn Leick, Director of Christian Education and former college professor, teacher, guidance counselor, principal and assistant superintendent who has raised two wonderful children of her own who also are successful young adults.

**In His Word**

Matt Hamilton  
Room 215

God's very essence is love. His deep desire is for an eternal relationship in which we enjoy Him and He us, forever. Do you want to get to know this God better? He reveals himself through the Bible. Our aim is to experience the joy of knowing Him intimately by lingering over His Word. We meet year-round. Join anytime. You won't be behind.



# trinity youth

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## SAVE THE DATE

for

### Autism 101 Training for Churches

October 15, 2011 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Trainers: Barb Yavorcik and Andie Ryley  
from Autism Society of Ohio

Register with Gary Brand,  
gbrand@trinityumchurch.com or 488-0695

Sponsored by: Trinity UMC  
and the West Ohio Persons  
with Disabilities Ministry Team

## Grief Support Group begins September 12

The 6th session of Trinity's Grief Support Group will begin Monday, September 12. Meetings are held weekly from 5:30-7 in the Chapel. The group is a Christian ministry for coping, reflecting, and recovering from the loss of a loved one. This is a life changing group that has been incredibly successful in helping individuals both young and old, male and female, old and recent loss, Trinity and Non-Trinity members, move forward in their grief journeys. While the idea of attending a grief support group can understandably cause anxiety, those who have completed the sessions would testify to the incredible healing and growth they experienced as a result. If you are dealing with grief, please be prayerful in consideration of attending...this is the time to make it happen! Through fellowship, education, and personal reflection you will free your spirit to honor the memory of your loved one while once again finding joy among the living. If you are interested in attending or know somebody who might benefit, please contact Mandy Markoff at 595-5307 or [mandy@warmanproductions.com](mailto:mandy@warmanproductions.com).

## Reverend Mark Dove returns to lead "Living the Questions"

Rev. Mark Dove, a retired United Methodist Minister, is returning to Trinity September 12 to complete the study, "Living the Questions." The class meets from 7 to 9 p.m. through October 17 in Rooms 208/209. All are welcome.

The two-hour sessions will provide an opportunity for in-depth discussion as we examine together the tough questions all of us have asked. The study is an open-minded alternative to those that attempt to give participants pat or simplistic answers. It creates an environment in which participants interact with one another as they explore the best of today's theological thought. At the same time, those in the discussion will strive together to explore what's next for Christianity. Some of today's leading religious voices will be heard.

This is popular class. In order to assure effective discussion, the class is limited to 25 persons. Sign up sheets will be available in the Atrium in August, or you may call Dr. Carolyn Leick, Director of Christian Education, at 488-0695.



## Mission Trip Highlights

The high school youth went to Hamlin, West Virginia the first week of August. While in Hamlin they led a Kids Club (kind of like VBS) and did many work projects like building wheel chair ramps for those in need, scraping and painting houses, and unloading semi-trucks packed with supplies for the community. It was early mornings and late nights with LOTS of work packed in between. Many thanks to those who participated: **Cole Barker, Houston Burcham, Elijah Diggs, Brian Edwards, Kyle Eppert, Anna Fields, Austin Foucher, Kelly Jones, Rachel Jones, Zach Owens, Ellie Thien, Dottie Worster, Hank Worster, and Linda Worster.**

## Coming Up in September

- September 11** 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. 2011 Kick-Off!  
Parents and youth attend this annual event
- September 18** Regular Youth Group  
MS 6:30-7:45/HS 7:45-9:00
- September 25** Regular Youth Group  
MS 6:30-7:45/HS 7:45-9:00



### Fall Kick-Off



Sunday, September 11  
12 - 2 p.m.

Join us for lunch and a cookie contest in the Courtyard after church.

food • inflatables • balloonist • music  
\$7 per person/ \$25 family of 4+  
To enter the cookie contest contact Karrie Hartley  
karriehartley@yahoo.com

### You're invited!

Mark your calendars now for the  
**2011-2012**

### Fellowship Dinners September 13

Pork Roast with Apple Accent

### November 8

Traditional Turkey Dinner &  
Annual Pie Sale

frozen, ready to be baked for your holidays  
\$10/pie ~ apple & pumpkin

Order by October 28th

### January 10

Hearty Beef or Vegan Stew

### March 13

Beef Tenderloin

with Crisp Roasted Potatoes

### May 8

Sue's Corn Flake Crusted  
Chicken Breasts

(an all time favorite!)

**Profits support mission outreach**

*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, Sept. 13.** 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

### WORSHIP SERVICES

#### Sunday Mornings

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Sanctuary

Traditional Worship

Fellowship Hall

Crossroads Contemporary

Worship

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

10 a.m. for Adults and  
Children

New Early Fall Session for  
Adults begins Sept. 11

see p. 2 for details

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Weekly Meetings  
in  
September



5:30 pm Grief  
Support Group;  
Chapel  
begins Sept. 12

7 pm Mark Dove  
Study; Rm 209  
begins Sept. 12

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LABOR DAY  
Building & Offices  
Closed

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10 am New  
Adult Sunday  
School Classes  
begin

12:15 pm Fall Kick-Off;  
Courtyard

7 pm Youth Kick-Off  
with Parents;  
Fellowship Hall

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Be on the lookout for the upcoming

### 2012 Loyalty Campaign

which will begin with a kick-off on Sunday, October 2 and finishing Loyalty Sunday on November 20. The Loyalty Campaign is an annual event at Trinity Church allowing members and friends to pledge an estimate of giving for the upcoming year. This estimate of giving allows the clergy and staff to plan the budget which allows the Church to operate all the programs. More details about this year's Loyalty Campaign will be included in the October 2011 *Trinity Times*.

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9:15 am Women's  
Bible Study;  
Chapel-side Parlor

# September 2011

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6:30 am Men's Small Group; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>7 pm Troop 261; Rm 011</p>	<p>9 am Women of the Living Word; Fellowship Hall <i>begins Sept. 14</i></p> <p>11:30 pm Disciple III Study; Rm 207 <i>begins Sept. 14</i></p>	<p>9 am Disciple I Study; Rm 207 <i>begins Sept. 14</i></p> <p>6:45 pm Chancel Bell Choir; Rm 201</p> <p>7 pm Young Professionals Group</p> <p>8 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Rm 204</p>		
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<p>6</p> <p>7 pm Trinity Foundation; Rm 117</p>	<p>7</p> <p>NEW! 6:30 pm Couples Study</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers &amp; Squares Quilting Group; Rm 208</p> <p>7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Rm 001</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 am Wee Moms; Fellowship Parlor</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10 am Baptism Information Session; Chapelside Parlor</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Trinity Times Deadline</p> <p>5-7 pm Fellowship Dinner</p> <p>7 pm Meeting Night for Committees</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>20</p> <p>5:30 pm Mission Council; Rm 001</p> <p>6:15 pm Pizza Making; Kitchen</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministries; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>7pm Mission Team; Chapel</p> <p>7 pm Altar Guild; Fellowship Parlor</p>	<p>21</p> <p>NEW! 6:30 pm Couples Study</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers &amp; Squares Quilting Group; Rm 208</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am Wee Moms; Fellowship Parlor</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5pm YWCA Family Center Hosting</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	
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# small groups & mission

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## Freedom School

by Alison Poor

The inaugural summer for the Heart of the City Freedom School at Broad Street UMC was a tremendous success! The Freedom School, a project of the Children's Defense Fund ([www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org)), ran Monday through Friday from June 20th-July 28th serving nearly 50 children from inner-city Columbus, including six children from New Life UMC (thanks to the above-and-beyond efforts of some Trinity and New Life UMC servants!) Each day from 8am-3pm the children focused on a literacy-based curriculum with the purpose of showing the kids that reading isn't just about test scores and grades, but that literacy opens doors to all things one wants to experience and achieve in life. Through a combination of reading, writing, spiritual and enrichment activities these children were part of a life-altering experience.

And how blessed we at Trinity are to have been a large portion of the support and service for the Heart of the City Freedom School. The Trinity Foundation's incredibly generous financial gift enabled the school to get off the ground, securing over half of the funds needed for full operation. **Thank you Trinity Foundation!** And with much time and talent still needed, over 60 Trinity servants answered the call! Each Thursday Trinity servants filled numerous roles from serving meals and reading books, to leading science experiments, playing field games and building wood kits. Multiple generations of Trinity servants participated, showing that there is a place and purpose for all who wish to serve. Additionally, Trinity partnered with community organizations to provide additional resources and exciting, educational enrichment for the children, namely The Columbus Zoo & Aquarium, Erica Carlson Children's Entertainment, Lowe's and Wendy's Gymnastics & Fitness for Children.

Each and every servant, regardless of role, made a positive impact in the lives of these children who so desperately need a hug, a smile, a friendly face, and someone to say, "I believe in you." Heartfelt gratitude goes out to all who answered the call to love and serve our neighbors in the name of Christ through the Heart of the City Freedom School. We at Trinity look forward to strengthening our bond with the Heart of the City Freedom School moving forward to next summer's program. Be on the lookout for ways you can become informed and involved!

## Small Group Opportunities ...

### Caring Card Ministry Group

Facilitator: Janet Goodwin

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The Caring Card Ministry Group meets on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00- 8:30 p.m. in Trinity's Room #001. Each month we create cards that are sent to Trinity members and friends when there is a special need. No artistic talents are required. Just come and join us for a relaxing evening of fellowship as we reach out with care.



### NEW! Couples Study

Facilitator: Jenny Shrodes

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This first time group at Trinity offers couples the chance to study together. The first series will be Momentum for Life where Rev. Michael Slaughter draws from his own experiences of failing health, marriage and faith to write about his idea to create momentum for life that keeps us moving toward what God created us to be.

Starting September 7th the group will meet every other Wednesday from 6:30-7:45 p.m. (September 7, 21, October 5, 19, November 2, 16). If needed, childcare can be provided by request.

Each week will focus on a chapter of the book with a short DVD presentation, group discussion and small group breakout. Chapter titles include: Devotion to God, Readiness for Lifelong Learning, Investing in Key Relationships, Visioning for the Future, Eating and Exercise for Life, Thriving in Life, Influence, and Mission.

### Dinner Clusters

Contact: Lisa Farber

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Dinner Clusters are groups of 8-12 people that meet monthly for dinner and fellowship (October-June). Groups are comprised of singles, couples, families, and mixed ages. This is an opportunity for people of all ages to make new friends at Trinity. Sign-up at Trinity August 21-September 11 or contact Lisa Farber for an electronic form.

### Young Professionals Group: "Dinner & Scripture"

Contact: Lisa Parker [lilpark730@yahoo.com](mailto:lilpark730@yahoo.com) or

[LisaHoltsberry@holtsberry@yahoo.com](mailto:LisaHoltsberry@holtsberry@yahoo.com) or 246.6447

Every Thursday evening from 7:00-9:00 p.m., this group gathers for dinner, spiritual discussion and prayer. We also enjoy group social events and service opportunities. The group is made-up of people who feel young, work in some profession, or are professional students. If you feel like this group might fill a need in your life, please join us any time. Meeting locations rotate quarterly. Please contact Lisa Parker for this month's meeting details.



there is a place for YOU!

**NEW! Moms' Book Club**

Facilitators: Carrie Hays & Sharon Hershey  
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The Moms' Book Club is a new group that will be reading and discussing a book each month. We will meet the third Thursday of each month at Trinity from 6:30-8:30 pm. The first meeting will be held on October 20, 2011. All moms and grandmas are welcome to attend. We will read both devotional and popular books, reflecting on how our life as mothers calls us to learn and grow in Christ. If needed, childcare can be provided by request.



The Book List Includes: (October) *The Help*, Kathryn Stockett, (November) *No More Christian Nice Girl: When Just Being Nice--Instead of Good--Hurts You, Your Family and Your Friends*, Paul T. Coughlin (December) *How to Raise an Emotionally Intelligent Child*, John Gottman (January) *Redeeming Love*, Francine Rivers

**Prayer Group**

Contact: Linda Robinson  
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The Prayer Group meets via email each week to hold in prayer church, community and global concerns. We also hold in confidence all requests that are submitted to the prayer chain. The monthly meetings are currently on a prayerful "pause" but will resume at a later time. Watch for more info. If you have a prayer request please contact Linda.

**Women's Bible Study**

Facilitators: Barbara Childs & Ann Stearns  
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After a summer break, the group resumes on Monday, September 26th and will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 9:15-10:45 a.m. in Trinity's Chapelside Parlor. The Fall study is Rev. Adam Hamilton's, *Confronting the Controversies*, which helps us learn how to think through complex moral issues. It teaches how the Christian faith relates to critical issues in our contemporary society and includes a video and group discussion. All women of the church are invited to attend. If needed, childcare can be provided.

**Tuesday Morning Men's Group**

Facilitators: Jim Rehl & Geoff Arthur  
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Meet head-on the challenges Christian men face daily. Our focus is building relationships, supporting each other in prayer and studying the Bible and relevant spiritual topics. This Fall we will be studying working from our God-given strengths - a place of natural success. We meet every Tuesday in Trinity's Chapelside Parlor from 6:30-7:25 a.m. Join us!



**Wee Moms - Back this Fall!**

Facilitators: Morgan Metcalf & Carrie Stieg  
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 carriestieg@gmail.com or 563-8502

Wee Moms provides an opportunity for mothers with children (birth through Pre-Kindergarten) to grow through fellowship, prayer, and sharing stories with one another in a supportive and casual environment. This group also has topical discussions related to being a Christian mom, participates in service, and enjoys special social gatherings. Wee Moms meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 9:30-11 AM in Fellowship Parlor. Childcare is available in the nursery at no charge. (Infants are welcome to come with mom.) This group meets during the school year: September through the end of May. \*\*note: September dates will be the 9th and 23rd.



**Prayers & Squares**

Facilitators: Kathy Koblentz & Lucille Anderson  
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 Lucille - 225-1937

Prayers & Squares meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 9:30 until noon or 12:30 in rooms 208-209. Come join us for fellowship and making prayer quilts for our congregation. You don't need to know how to quilt or even sew. We can use your helping hands. Meeting dates for the Fall are September 8 and 22, October 13 and 27, November 10 and December 8.





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## IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended to Paul and Rhonda Sipp and Family and Betsey and Steve Eastwood and Family in the passing of Paul's and Betsey's father, James Sipp ... to Terry Daniels and Family in the passing of her mother and Trinity member, Reba Thumm... to Kathi Cennamo and Sherry McArdle and Family in the passing of their mother and Trinity member, Betty Chrissinger ... to Ken and Karen Brantley and Family in the passing of Ken's grandmother ... to Nancy and Richard Weese and Family in the passing of son, John Busey ... to the Family of Trinity member, Pamela Allerding ... and to the Family of Trinity member, Irma Stuckey.

## BIRTH

The rose on the altar Sunday, July 31 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Jackson Riley Goodwin, son of Jennifer and Joshua, born July 27, 2011. Linda and John Iben are the maternal grandparents and Verna and Gene Bulman are the maternal great grandparents.

## Summer Interns Reflect

For the fourth summer, Trinity was privileged to invest in the future of the Church by participating in the West Ohio Conference Next Generations Leadership Summer Ministry Intern Program. Thanks to the **Trinity Foundation** for their generous support of this program and to the whole Trinity family for nurturing the calls of these gifted young leaders. Victoria Richards and Amy Wills offer the following reflections about their experience.

*My experience as an intern at Trinity United Methodist Church this Summer has given me the space to discern my call. I have grown in knowledge, as well as in my spiritual life. The internship has begun to shape me into the person that I believe God wants me to be.*

*In the last few weeks, I have been able to attend many different meetings and to be a part of all the different aspects of church life. I have learned about the inner-workings of a church and about what it really means to be a Minister in the United Methodist Church, both as a Deacon and an Elder. Some of my favorite projects were planning the New Life Family Dinner and preaching a sermon. I spent a significant amount of time working with a few of the missions at New Life with wonderful people from Trinity, as well as many others. I also spent some time at St. Luke's on 5th and the Freedom School at Broad Street UMC. Through these experiences I have learned that I have a heart for missions and service, and I would like to continue pursuing a future in that area. Because of this, I am trying to get a Christian service team started at Otterbein.*

*I am so grateful to everyone on staff and to each and every person that I have come in contact with who has made this summer an unforgettable one. I want to especially thank Tom and Janet Goodwin, who graciously opened their home to me as a host family, as well as, the ladies in my accountability group who have given up their time to help me learn and grow. I am humbled that God has allowed me to spend time at Trinity and to begin what I hope to be lifelong relationships with so many amazing people. I believe that I will always look back at these twelve weeks as a period of time that helped to shape the rest of my life and the ability to live out my calling in the ministry of Jesus Christ.*

*With Thanks, Victoria Richards*

*This summer has been filled with a variety of opportunities that have done wonders for my soul. My time serving in the clothing room at New Life UMC is probably the best example of this. The encounters that I have had with the people there have further opened my eyes to the work there is to be done and the love that needs to be shared with those less fortunate than myself. I see the life changing impact both the servers and the served can have on each other, and it brings me great joy to feel as though I have been called to play a part in that story. For me, this internship program wasn't to decide whether or not seminary was my next step, but instead it was an opportunity to explore what area of ministry I was to study there. Though a specific focus isn't set in stone yet, I am glad to say that I have felt the call to study so that I may serve as an Ordained Deacon which, derived from a Greek word, means "servant."*

*I cannot express enough gratitude to the Trinity family as you have been the ones who have shaped this experience for me. I will be forever blessed to have known you and I am looking forward to seeing where God leads this congregation. Take care of one another, love one another, & remember that we are all united in Christ.*

*Many Blessings, Amy E. Wills*