



TRINITY TIMES

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

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Holy Conferencing *by Reverend Philip Brooks*

"Methodist" derives from a name used to describe John and Charles Wesley at Oxford University in mid-18th century England as they and other members of their small Christian

group practiced self-discipline and efficient organization in living the Christian life. Critics taunted, "They have a method for everything. They're nothing but a bunch of 'methodists.'" We still are. Due to mergers with other denominations, most recently the Evangelical United Brethren Church in 1968, we are now United Methodists.

Once every four years, delegates elected by every United Methodist (U.M.) conference in the world gather for a ten day General Conference for the purpose of "holy conferencing" to discern God's will and direction for the global church in coming years. The 2008 U.M. General Conference met April 23 thru May 2 in Ft. Worth, Texas, composed of 992 delegates evenly divided between lay and clergy with 278 of those delegates coming from other countries. Although membership in the USA is declining, it is rapidly increasing in other lands for a U.M. world total of 11.5 million members.

This year's theme was "A Future with Hope: Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World." The communion table and pulpit were crafted from storm-damaged trees felled by Hurricane Katrina. These served as reminders of the physical and spiritual storms we experience as we strive to faithfully serve the Lord.

J. Richard Peck of U.M. News Service summarized significant happenings: "The assembly approved a \$642 million denominational budget for the next four years and created a hymnal revision committee. It generally retained the church's stances on homosexuality, including the declaration in the church's Social Principles that homosexual practice is 'incompatible with Christian teaching.' Delegates opened the door to significant structural changes as the church works to address its increasing global nature. And it tweaked the denomination's mission statement to read: 'The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.'"

Vast numbers of petitions from individuals and conferences around the globe were studied and adopted, modified, or denied by vote of the assembly. For extensive coverage of what happened, connect via internet to westohioumc.org/ and click on the buttons referring to General Conference.

The world has changed drastically since the age of John and Charles Wesley. But some things stay the same. We are still "methodists" who seek to fulfill God's call on the church and our lives by taking care to follow the teachings and spirit of Christ, not haphazardly, but methodically. Guided by Scripture, tradition, reason, and experience, United Methodist Christians strive to bring Christ's message of salvation, hope, mercy and peace with justice to a wounded and needy world.





christian education

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"Who gets saved?!"

This is a question I hear asked repeatedly in all nooks and crannies at Trinity! I'm always intrigued as I help to plan and execute Sunday school classes for both children and adults and realize that we, at all ages and generations, are examining and talking about the same questions, reading the same scriptures and thriving as we grow in Christ together, reading the same Bible.

So often, as I prepare Kids Own Worship for our children, I think, "Wow! This is advanced stuff! And we're teaching this to our three year olds?!" But what stuns me yet more is how much those little ones "get it!" The privilege of hearing them shouting out answers to my questions in their innocent, earnest, certain little voices brightens my day each Sunday, and I often wish that all could hear and learn from the youngest among us.

So who does get saved?! Well, the lesson I'm preparing for Kids Own Worship is from Ephesians 2:8-10. "For it is by grace, you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast." This scripture is probably the most referenced passage in the Bible when people are talking about salvation by grace through faith.

Many of us, as well as many in other religions, are tempted to manufacture ways we think will get us to heaven or get us to God, and most of the time our ideas involve doing good works. But Paul reminds us that there is nothing we can do to work our way to salvation. In His mercy, God gave us the gift of salvation through faith in Jesus. So all of the good works we do fulfill what God created us to do! And, as we do those things, we honor God whose gift to us is immeasurable.

If all of this seems a challenge to you, think of our wee ones whose understanding and faith are immediate. Thanks be to God who gives us our little children to teach us what we most need to know. And thanks be to God whose gift comes with no strings attached!

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
Ephesians 2:10

Adult Sunday School Summer Schedule

June 8 - August 31

10 - 11 a.m.



Book Talks and Mission Walks*

Atrium

June 8	Vickie Moseley	Touch
June 15	Jonathan Catherwood	Galileo's Daughter
June 22	Kevin Holtsberry	Surprised by Hope
June 29	Anne Marie LaBue	Mitten Strings for God
July 6	Trinity Youth	Reflections on Mission Trip to Queens, N.Y.
July 13	Chris Spielman	Christian Reflection in a Muslim World
July 20	Liz Winfree	Hind's Feet on High Places
July 27	Laura Roberts	The Reason for God
August 3	Charlie and Ann Stearns	The Cook School: Unwavering Focus, Bright Future
August 10	Brad Goodwin	Trinity's Russia Partnership
August 17	Josh Frazier	Come Be My Light
August 24	Ann Smith	Faith Works
August 31	Patrick Moore	Christianity and the Transformation of the Book

*For a more complete description of each presentation, please see display in the Atrium

That You May Believe: The Gospel of John

Rev. Colleen Ogle

Room 208

This course is a Bible study that will cover the Gospel of John from beginning to end. Each session will "stand on its own" in that no prior knowledge of previous weeks will be required to fully participate in each class. Our work will be based on a book by Rev. Dr. Carol J. Miller with supplemental insights from other resources. Bring your Bible. Format will be both lecture and discussion.

In His Word

Matt Hamilton, Chris Spielman, Geoff Eubank, Geoff Arthur, Michael Doran
Room 207

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

Power Lab Vacation Bible School

July 14 - 18, 2008
9:00 to Noon

Laboratory personnel & items needed!

On the date this announcement was written, there were only 60 slots left for Vacation Bible School this summer. More than likely, we are full! We are now focused on "hiring" all the laboratory personnel we need to help our young scientists learn about Jesus. If you are interested in volunteering during the week of VBS or with preparation activities, please contact Alison Poor (488-8618) or Sue Fitz (488-0914). We need lots of personnel to help our scientists "Discover Jesus' Miraculous Power".

We are also looking for laboratory type items to be used as decorations. If you have used lab coats (stains and logos/names are great - they look real!) or old lab equipment (e.g. goggles, beakers), we would love to have them. You can leave them in the VBS donation box in the church office.

If you have questions about VBS, contact co-directors, Pamela Pace (562-5600) or Martha Field (294-2967).

Mosaic Art Class June 28

Lisa Holtsberry will lead a mosaic art-glass class June 28 from 9 to 11 a.m. Old windows from the parsonage will be recycled for the bases of the mosaic designs. The window frames are a great way to have a built-in frame and be able to see through it like a stained glass window.



The class fee is \$35 per person and includes the window, glass supplies, and the tools/adhesive for the assembly. Please bring your own safety goggles. Registration forms are available in the Church Office, and forms and fees are due a week prior to the class. Space is limited.

Lisa will have designs already made up that you can choose from (Frank Lloyd Wright, Arts & Crafts, Art Nouveau, Christian Symbolism, and Modern) or she will help you to create your own design. Most of the glass she will provide is hand blown Tiffany reproduction glass, from deep earth tones to vivid reds to serene blues.

So what is better than learning a new skill and doing an art project on the weekend? Recycling while doing it! Besides using the windows, please feel free to bring along anything to personalize your window, like old dishes (you don't mind breaking), coins, jewelry, etc. Go green with a shabby chic mosaic window.

trinity youth

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Thank you for "The Ride"

Congratulations to the cast and crew of this year's youth musical, *The Ride*, which was performed April 20. Special thanks to our talented directors, Ed Spiker and Rick & Libby Germain.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

June 22-28 High School Mission Trip, Queens, NY

We have attended Youthworks mission trips the last several years and they are wonderful! Open to incoming 9th graders through graduating seniors, but there are only 15 spots so sign up early! Queens is the largest borough in NYC, and over 47 percent of its 2.2 million residents are immigrants. The Queens economy is based on tourism, industry and trade, but not all residents reap the rewards of these businesses. Nearly 22 percent of the population lives below the poverty line.

A typical Youthworks day includes assisting in meal preparations, participating in devotion time, work at the various ministry sites (kid's programs, visiting the elderly, and assisting local ministry organizations), fun and cultural evening activities that include worship, games, skits and a talk.

July 7-11 Middle School Mission Week

July 14-18 Vacation Bible School, Volunteers Needed!

Please contact Mrs Fitz (488-0914) or Mrs. Poor (488-8618) to sign up.

Check out our online calendar:

http://www.keepandshare.com/calendar/show_month.php?i=260941



New!

Trinity Sermons Are Now Online

Visit www.trinityumchurch.com/sermons or look for the sermon link on the home page of the Trinity website.

Did you miss a great sermon? Is there a sermon that would be particularly timely for a friend? Perhaps you would like to better understand a selected scripture. Now you can revisit and share Trinity's Sunday morning sermons online. Listen to our pastors' messages on your computer or download them as a podcast. The growing archive of sermons dates from January 2008. On the sermon page, just click the Sunday of your choice on the provided calendar to access the vocal recording of that day's sermon. You may also search by subject, e.g., healing, pride, and temptation, or by scripture passage.

GREEN TIP #1

from our Stewardship Committee
Recycling Enemy #1 (other than not participating) is water!

Wet newspapers, magazines, cans and bottles result in dramatic increases in fuel costs, labor/injury costs and in cleaning/repair costs and dramatic decreases in both the quality (grade) and quantity (some becomes trash) of material that is recycled.

Quick Fix = COVER YOUR CURBSIDE RECYCLING.

Tell your neighbors and city managers.
Questions, comments, ideas -
Stewardship ad hoc green committee chair
- bsattert@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 August issue is Tuesday, July 8.

Please place your information or photos in the *Trinity Times* box in the church office or email to beckywest22@aol.com.

opportunities

	Sunday	Monday
<p>WORSHIP SERVICES</p> <p>Sunday Mornings 9 a.m. Sanctuary Traditional Worship</p> <p>11 a.m. Chapel Traditional Worship</p> <p>11 a.m. Sanctuary Crossroads Contemporary Worship</p> <p>HOLY COMMUNION is offered on the first Sunday of every month during all worship services.</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 a.m. for Adults and Children</p> <p>WEEKLY MEETINGS Tuesday</p> <p>6:30 am Men's Small Group; Chapelside Parlor 7:30 HS Study Group; Youth Room</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>7 pm Young Professionals Group @VanderDoes</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>9:30 am Ladies Bible Study; Room 207</p>	1	2
	8	9 9:15 am Wee Moms Study; Room 207
	15 Father's Day	16 West Oh
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	13	14
	20 5 pm Hosting at YWCA Family Center	21
27 9:50-10:30 am Blood Pressure Screening	28	

June / July 2008

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5 7 pm Stephen Ministries; Room 221	6	7
10 7 pm Meeting Night for Committees & Councils	11	12 9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 001 5 pm Hosting at YWCA Family Center 7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Room 001	13	14
16 Conference at Lakeside				
17 6:15 pm Pizza Making for Homeless; Fellowship Kitchen 7 pm Trinity Foundation 8 pm Administrative Council; Rm 204	18	19 7 pm Stephen Ministries; Room 221	20	21
24 7 pm VBS Volunteer Training; Sanctuary	25	26 9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 001	27	28 9 am Mosaic Glass Art Class
High School Mission Trip to Queens, N.Y.				
1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Building & Offices Closed	5
8 Trinity Times Deadline 7 pm Meeting Night for Committees & Councils	9 2pm Ecumenical Outreach 5 pm Hosting at YWCA Family Center	10 Crossroads of Destiny Tour 9:30 am Prayers & Squares	11	12
Middle School Mission Week				
15 6:15 pm Pizza Making for Homeless; Fellowship Kitchen 7 pm Trinity Foundation	16	17 7 pm Stephen Ministries 7 pm Caring Card Ministry	18	19
Power Lab Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.				
22	23	24 9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 001	25	26
29	30	31		



mission vision

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Summer Mission Opportunities:

June 12, July 9 & July 20: Hosting at YWCA Family Center

June 17 & July 15: Pizza Making for the Homeless; Fellowship Kitchen

Garage Sale raises over \$1,000 for orphanage

Thanks to all who made the Garage Sale Gala on Saturday, May 10th a huge success. Over \$1,000 was raised for the "House of Mercy" Orphanage in Mexico, where Trinity sponsors a child.

Thanks to all who helped prepare for the sale and donated items, the 15 volunteers who worked the event, and of course, all who shopped! A special thanks to Betsey Grover and Nancy Monahan for organizing this mission project.

Collection Items

The following items can be brought to the Church to help our neighbors:

Used Cell Phones

Small Bottles of Lotion -
Sunscreen & Moisturizing

Thank you!

Cuisine for A Cause raises over \$13,000 for Grace Children's Hospital!

On Thursday, April 24th, over 175 Trinity family and friends gathered for "Cuisine for a Cause." The evening was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed



delicious hors d'oeuvres, a fabulous silent auction, and wonderful fellowship. Thanks to all who supported the event through dining



and bidding. All monies raised went to support the Trinity Bed at Grace Children's Hospital. As a community, we raised over \$13,000! With Haiti's troubled economy and current food crisis, this gift will be extra special. Isn't it amazing what God can do through a community?!

The Dinner Clusters program at Trinity sponsored the event, but there were many helping hands from all areas of the church. Thanks to all of those who helped with the planning, hosting, donation of auction items, and organization of the Children's Party (the kids had a great time). Thank you Trinity!



A letter from our Russia Mission Team



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 Jim Houk (jhouk@ibird-houk.com or 764-1122). Seth Metcalf wrote the following tribute.

John Fisher



This month, we recognize the stewardship contributions of Trinity member John Fisher. On any given Sunday in Trinity's bustling hallways, you'll likely pass by John Fisher, the unassuming face of Habitat for Humanity in our church community. John's selfless

dedication to Habitat is matched only by his humility and passion for creating a quality experience for Habitat volunteers.

John serves as the house leader for a local Habitat affiliate of which Trinity is one of 10 member churches. In this volunteer capacity, he oversees the construction of a Habitat home from the drawing board to the dedication ceremony. John retired as the Assistant Director of the Ohio School Employees Retirement System (OSERS). Although he continues to serve as a project manager for OSERS, he's been involved, usually as house leader, with 13 Habitat homes in multiple states and countries over the past eight years. Each Habitat home is made possible through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials.

It's people like John that make Habitat for Humanity possible. Habitat relies on unskilled, volunteer labor to build a house. Managing such volunteers is a daunting challenge and one that John accepted and mastered. For the Columbus Habitat affiliate, John literally wrote the book, the Habitat Manual, on how to build a home and serves as an instructor for Habitat leadership training. John's goal is not only to build a house, but to create a positive and rewarding volunteer experience. John wants to make sure that each volunteer has something to do and is properly trained on how to do it; whether painting, pounding nails or planting flowers.

Habitat volunteers need only have a desire to better the world. People from all walks and stages of life work on John's projects. On Thursdays, John has a regular group of retirees and on Saturdays he usually sees between 16 to 35 volunteers that consist of high school students, families and adults. Many volunteers come regularly and the rest come when they can. If you want to don a hard hat and help out, contact the church office or get in touch with John.

Dear Trinity Family,

In October, Trinity United Methodist Church is sending a 13-person mission team to Syzran United Methodist Church in Syzran, Russia. While we will physically be making the journey, we invite you to be a part of this adventure. You can be part of this exciting ministry in two primary ways.

1) Prayer.

The team will travel October 3-14th, but we need prayers to go before us as we prepare, travel with us as we serve, and also continue long after we are gone. Please pray that this is a time of deep learning and growing for all.

2) A Financial Gift.

During our time in Syzran, we will focus on serving and learning together. Syzran UMC is developing a meaningful partnership with a local baby orphanage or "House of Baby." To support their outreach, we will spend our mornings helping at the "House of Baby" by playing with the children and making needed repairs. Since the House of Baby's resources are VERY sparse, we must purchase the supplies for the repairs, such as installing a new floor. We also hope to make a generous donation of necessities for the children, such as diapers, formula, clothes etc. These basic items are deeply appreciated.

In the evenings, we will gather together in the Syzran UMC for learning and fellowship. Adults, youth, and children will have opportunities to share faith stories, study Scripture, worship, participate in crafts (sewing prayer blankets for the adults and a variety of things for the youth), games, and also learn new songs and even dance moves!

We will need to purchase craft materials, music resources, game supplies, and snacks. In addition to the program supplies, we also want to leave a generous offering on Sunday morning, in order to support Syzran UMC's ministry.

If you would like to make a financial gift, please make your checks payable to Trinity UMC with "Russia Trip" in the memo line and mail them to:

Attention: Rev. Amy Aspey
Trinity UMC
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Columbus, OH 43212

Thank you for considering how you can join us on this journey.

In Christ's service,

The Trinity UMC Russia Mission Team
Rev. Amy Barlak Aspey, Kelle Eubank, Josh Frazier, Brad Goodwin, Jane Lengel, Nancy Monahan, Holly Neal, Bob & Cheryl Parsons, Laura Richter, Jeff Willett, and Liz & Jim Winfree.

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our church family

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Pam Allerding
Clancy Biegler
Dick Denney

Bob Hurst
Kyle Magee

IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended to Gregg Barrett and Family in the passing of his wife and Trinity member, Darla Hall-Barrett and to Jayme and Chris Rhoades and Family in the passing of Jayme's father, Lyle Dougal.

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was given on April 27, 2008 for Anna Elizabeth Leach, Rachel Nicole Leach, and Kathryn Renee Leach, daughters of John and Christy . . . for Jacob James Linard, son of Jim and Kristie . . . for Evelyn Mae Logsdon, daughter of Jeremy and Cara . . . for Jane Olivia Yahn, daughter of Nate and Katie . . . for Maximilian Jay Holtsberry, son of Kevin and Lisa . . . and for Brady Charles Vann and Reilly Parker Vann, sons of Richard and K.C.

2008 Confirmands



Row 1: Shelby Heller, Kate Eastwood, Tanner McClellan, Nicole Huston, and Morgan Fulwider

Row 2: Melanie Logan, Abby Dugger, Chloe Williams, Maddie Spielman, and Julie Zwyer

Row 3: Ian Rhoades, Mitch Tulley, Ben Armstrong, James Lowrey, Ben Bechtel, Teddy Thompson, and Bobby Hamilton

Memorial Gift listing correction

The following memorial gifts were incorrectly listed in the May issue of *Trinity Times*:

In memory of

Pete Horner

Anne Weaver
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Brennan
Mary Ann Harmon
Bob and Becky Hurst
Diane Bassett

In memory of

Mary Lee Mueller

Donna Buckley
David and Nancy Rummel
Richard and Martha Maxwell
David and Carol Baker
Wallace and Ruth Hook III
Sheryl Price



Crossroads of Destiny
Tour July 10

An Ohio Heritage Trinity
Tour

Join us as we visit the
stunning new exhibit
telling the history of the
Treaty of Greene Ville.

Contact Gary Brand
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