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Forever

by Reverend Philip Brooks

Holy Week and Easter focus the central beliefs of Christianity. Christ suffered the penalty for our sins upon the cross, rose from the dead, conquering the power of sin, death, and fear, and offers to us a glorious future if we accept Him as Savior and Lord.

Which raises an important question: where have you placed your faith and your future? There are many examples of misplaced faith. Put all your faith in your career, and someday the years will catch up to you, others will reach for and take your place, and if that's all you've been living for, life will be over.

Place all your faith in youthful prowess, and someday the spring in your step will fade and the muscles in your body will weaken, and if that's all you've been living for, life will be over.

Place all your faith in academic achievements, and someday, no matter how skilled or knowledgeable you are, knowledge will pass you by or others will no longer heed your voice as they once did, and if that's all you've been living for, life will be over.

Place all your faith in human relationships, and someday the children will be grown and gone, maybe that one who seemed dearer than life itself will be gone, and if that's all you've been living for, life will be over.

Place all your faith in a stock portfolio or real estate or business investments, and the economy or bad decisions may result in substantial loss, and if that's all you've been living for, life will be over. Even if wealth is preserved or grows, one thing remains certain, "You can't take it with you."

All these things are fine in their place and can greatly enrich our lives. But none has the power or the promise to give what Christ alone can bestow: life everlasting with God. It is the will of the living Christ that we not be burdened down by fear or unbelief, trusting in things that are temporary instead of eternal.

Long ago, one of the leaders in the early Christian church, said about Christ and Easter, "Because of Jesus, God has turned all our sunsets into an everlasting sunrise."

This foundational principle of life has inspired poets, painters and musicians to the highest achievements of human endeavor as they worship the One who was born in Bethlehem, laid in a manger, lived a sinless life, showed us what God is like and how we should live, who died for our sins but rose from the dead and who, as King of kings and Lord of lords, shall reign forever and ever.

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

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 9
7 pm Worship
Sanctuary

Good Friday
Friday, April 10
12 pm Worship
Sanctuary

Lunch and Packing for
Easter on Fifth
following service

Easter Prayer Vigil
Saturday, April 11
12 pm to 12 am
Chapel

Easter Sunday,
April 12
7 am Sunrise Service
by Trinity Youth
Fellowship Hall

9 am & 11 am
Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

11 am Crossroads
Contemporary Worship
Fellowship Hall



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For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.

Proverbs 2:10

"Oh my goodness! This is the best children's collection of Christian literature for children that I've ever seen in one place!" I remember saying to Reverend Brooks when he interviewed me for the position of Director of Christian Education and ushered me into the Trinity United Methodist Church library. I couldn't wait to get my hands on it, to share it with children in children's worship and in children's Sunday school. "Oh! And the beautiful, warm, restful room with windows that look out onto the lush courtyard, where one could sit in a comfy chair and lose oneself in something of great worth!" I remember thinking to myself as I took in the beautiful and elegant drapes, the exquisite hand-carved buffet/library table, the handsome chairs and those that said, "Sit in me for I too will bring your comfort."

Our librarian, Nancianne Nardonne, member of Trinity since her earliest childhood, works in the Trinity library every week where she is cataloguing all new books and assuring that those that have been in our collection for years are all accounted for. She has a wonderful display right now of devotional books on the table in front of the windows and another display of daily devotionals on the south wall.

The library is always open. We trust those to whom we loan books. Sign them out in our honor system, and return them when you are ready. Directions are simple to find between the two doors and simple to follow in the time you take just one breath.

Nancianne, as she reads herself and keeps abreast of the latest literature for Christians, is planning for many wonderful new offerings for adults, and for children, and my goodness! Look at the North end of the room and you won't be able to leave without a beautiful picture book to share with your child, your grandchild or, if you are like me, with yourself and your friends. Publishers choose only those works that will appeal to adults as well as children, for those are the books that sell.

Watch for more library news in this column in the future! Nancianne and others have created activities from ideas they share with one another, . . . a new committee, librarians staffing the library to help you during the Sunday 10:00 hour, book trucks in the atrium, activities for KIDS! Stay tuned!

Adult Sunday School

through April 12, 2009

The Bible & Handel's Messiah

Chapel
Janet Goodwin

Get Out of That Pit

Room 209
Sylvia Stevens

Helping People Forgive

Chapelside Parlor
Dr. Carolyn Leick

April 19 - May 31, 2009

Listening to Those Who Are Hurting

Carol Brand & Susie Magnuson
Room 208

The course, led by Stephen Ministry workers, will help participants develop some of the skills needed in helpful listening to others such as reflective listening, effective questions that enable the speaker to more clearly think through a problem, warmth, empathy, respect, self-disclosure, recognizing emotions and awareness of body language. The power of effective listening as it honors and enhances the power of the one being heard will be discussed, and the power of God in the resulting relationship and its outcomes will be examined.

Faith, Medicine and the Grace of Dying

Chris Rhoades, M.D.
Chapelside Parlor

Do you have a living will? Have you discussed your faith with your doctor? Each of us has faced the issue of death of a loved one. Each of us is facing the problem of how to handle our own death. We all have many choices to make in this situation. This class will explore the choices we meet in handling the combination of our faith, of modern medicine and the act of dying. We will discuss how your faith impacts your medical treatment. We will also discuss the grace we each receive as our lives on earth come to an end and we prepare for the next life.

The Gospel of John

Room 208
Rev. Brian Jones & Kevin Holtsberry

In His Word

Matt Hamilton
Room 207

Bell Choir Offering for All

Diane Stanley
Room 201

NOOMA Short Films Study Group

Geoff and Kelle Eubank
Chapel

NOOMA is a collection of short films (10-15 minutes) narrated by Rob Bell, Pastor of Mars Hill Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. These films explore our world from the perspective of Jesus. Using a 21st century format and present day situations, the films draw upon the words and actions from our 1st century Savior. Following the films, we will encourage each other to search, question and wrestle with the implications of what Jesus was saying and doing. Each film and discussion stands alone, so folks who miss one Sunday will not fall behind.

In His Word

Matt Hamilton
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 at any time; you won't be behind.

New Members Class

Dr. Brian Jones
Room 208
Dr. Brian Jones provides potential new members with a broad view of Trinity's vast ministry. The class will meet each Sunday through May 31 when the group will take the vows of membership. Persons are invited to indicate interest on the pew friendship/attendance pad, by calling the church office, 488.0695, or by e-mailing office@trinityumchurch.com



Trinity Foundation provides grant for new church van

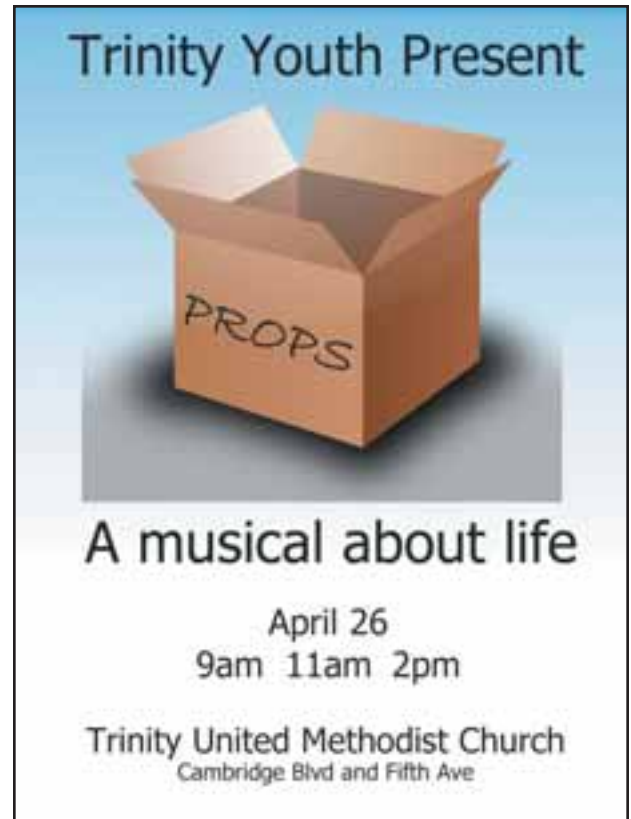
On behalf of Trinity's Youth Ministry and the many other groups that have benefited, I want to express our gratitude to Trinity's Foundation for the grant to purchase a new youth van. Many ministries have benefited from the old youth van and many more will benefit from the new van that was so generously funded by the Foundation.

When I approached the Foundation with a proposal for a new van, there was no hesitation in their support, knowing the value of such a simple tool of ministry. The van will help us take youth to many mission trips, Christian concerts, Dare 2 Share conferences, mission experiences here in Columbus, retreats, and many more opportunities that all help our students grow in their walk with Christ and each other.

The van allows our ministry to reach more students by the simple means of transportation that would otherwise not be available. For some of the concerts and conferences, we can take up to 50 people and need every seat belt we can offer to a student! The Foundation has helped to alleviate some of the stress to get the students there with their grant and we are truly grateful.

With this new van, not only has the youth ministry program benefited, but many other ministries in the church as well. Mission Council has a new resource to transport pizzas to the homeless, people who will receive a hot meal and be fed spiritually at New Life, and many other wonderful ministries that they are actively involved in monthly. The Generations/Older Adult Council can use the van to take a group to one of their many fellowship opportunities around town.

We would like to thank each member of Trinity for your support of the Foundation through your gifts and bequests. You are helping to further the mission of Trinity and the Kingdom at large when such grants help us love others as Christ loves us with the gifts such as the purchase of a new youth van. Thank you!



Trinity Youth Present

A musical about life

April 26
9am 11am 2pm

Trinity United Methodist Church
Cambridge Blvd and Fifth Ave

Pathfinders grows

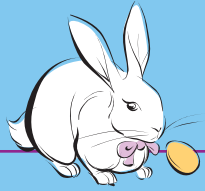
We're up and running with the new Pathfinders and feeling great about it! I hope you can join us Sunday evening, April 5th and 19th for Pathfinders from 7:15-8:00 in Fellowship Hall (where Crossroads is). We know that this is a growing process and that each week we'll discover something new and exciting to add or "tweak" and that we are on a great road!

Join the Pathfinders band led by students for great music, a relevant topic to students' lives and a few twists thrown into the mix to have a great time with your classmates and friends! Come and see what the excitement is about!

Easter Sunrise Service

April 12, 7 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Come and join us for a long-standing tradition here at Trinity where the youth prepare and lead a moving service. From the music to the message, you will hear the hope of the Resurrection from a great group of students. Chase Pitman will deliver the message and worship will be led by the Pathfinders band with many other students participating in different ways.



Egg Hunt

**Palm Sunday, April 5
12:15 p.m.**

for children through Grade 4

The hunt will take place in the Courtyard of the Trinity Campus. Children need to bring a basket and must be accompanied by an adult. Cameras encouraged!

Trinity is on facebook!

If you are a facebook user, you can now join Trinity's community pages on facebook. The "Trinity United Methodist Church - Columbus, Ohio" facebook page is interactive and open to both members and non-members. "The Trinity United Methodist - Youth" facebook page is under the administration of Heather Perry, Director of Trinity Youth. To find our pages, click on the links in the "Trinity Online" section of the home page of the Trinity Web site at www.trinityumchurch.com. These link to facebook, and when you log on, you will be directed to your selected Trinity page. You can also log on to facebook.com and search, for example, "Trinity United Methodist Church - Columbus OH." Trinity joins churches nationwide that are successfully utilizing social networking for building community and extending 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 May issue is Tuesday, April 7. 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
<p>WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES</p> <p>Sunday Mornings 9 a.m. Sanctuary Traditional Worship</p> <p>11 a.m. Sanctuary Traditional Worship</p> <p>11 a.m. Fellowship Hall Crossroads Contemporary Worship</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 a.m. for Adults and Children</p>	<p>Weekly Meetings in April:</p> <p>7:15 pm Youth Pathfinders; Fellowship Hall April 5 & 19</p>	
	<p>5</p> <p>Palm Sunday Baptism Sunday</p> <p>Egg Hunt 12:15 Courtyard</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:15 am Women's Bible Study; Chapelside Parlor</p>
<p>Did you miss a sermon?</p> <p>Visit our website: trinityumchurch.com</p> <p>Sunday sermons are available for you to download.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Easter Sunday Worship at 7 am, 9 am & 11 am</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 am Wee Moms; Room 208</p> <p>7 pm Hospitality Committee; Chapelside Parlor</p>
	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:15 am Women's Bible Study; Chapelside Parlor</p>
	<p>26</p> <p>Youth Musical - "Props" 9 am 11 am 2 pm</p> <p>Blood Pressure Screening, 9:50-10:30</p> <p>5 pm Hosting YWCA Family Center</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 am Wee Moms; Room 208</p>

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6:30 am Men's Small Group; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>12:30 pm Tuesday Team @ New Life Clothing Room</p> <p>6:45 pm Women of the Living Word Study; Room 207</p> <p>7 pm Troop 261; Room 011</p>	<p>9 am Women of the Living Word Study; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7 pm Mom's Group; Chapelside Parlor</p>	<p>6:45 pm Chancel Bell Choir; Rm 201</p> <p>7 pm Young Professionals Group; 2132 Ridgecliff Rd.</p> <p>8 pm Chancel Choir; Rm 204</p>	<p>9:30 am Friday Bible Study; Room 201</p>	
	1	2	3 7 pm Art Night; Room 001	4
<p>7</p> <p>Trinity Times Deadline</p> <p>7 pm Trinity Foundation Meeting; Room 117</p>	8	<p>9</p> <p>Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 p.m.; Sanctuary</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Good Friday Worship at Noon; Sanctuary</p> <p>Easter on Fifth Packing & Lunch; Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Easter Prayer Vigil 12 pm to 12 am Chapel</p>
<p>14</p> <p>7 pm Meeting Night for Committees & Council</p>	15	16	17	18
<p>21</p> <p>6:15 pm Pizza Making for Homeless; Fellowship Kitchen</p>	22	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>Cuisine for a Cause 6-9 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>New Life Clothing Room Work Day 9 am to 12 pm</p>
28	<p>29</p> <p>5 pm Hosting YWCA Family Center</p>	30		
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Easter on Fifth Lenten Mission to provide bedding for New Life neighbors

Join Trinity, St. Luke's and New Life UMC members for our Lenten mission project, Easter on Fifth. In its 6th year, Easter on Fifth raises funds to purchase, package and deliver new bedding (pillows and cases, sheets, blankets and sleeping bags) to the New Life Clothing Room. The bedding is distributed by New Life to its neighbors throughout the spring.

Trinity members have 3 ways to contribute to the Easter on Fifth project:

1. Make a donation (\$50 for 1 queen-sized bedding ensemble or 2 sleeping bags -- \$25 for 1/2 queen-sized bedding ensemble or one sleeping bag).
2. Help with packing (after the Good Friday service on April 10th).
3. Provide food for the Community Meal (Food can be dropped off prior to the Good Friday service).

Look for the Easter on Fifth tables in the Atrium/Narthex and Fellowship Parlor beginning March 8th. At these tables you can make donations, sign-up to help with food for the post-worship luncheon, and/or sign-up to help with packing of the bedding.

Please plan to join Trinity, New Life and St. Luke's members for the April 10th Good Friday worship at noon in the Sanctuary followed by food, fellowship and packing. This is a lovely Lenten mission project that truly eases the lives of our neighbors in need. For more information, please contact Reverend Amy Aspey.

April Mission Opportunities

April 10 noon	Easter on Fifth packing; Fellowship Hall
April 21 6:15 pm	Pizza Making for Friends of the Homeless; Fellowship Kitchen
April 29 5 p.m.	YWCA Family Center Hosting
Tuesdays 12:30 p.m.	New Life Clothing Room

Cuisine for a Cause

April 24, 2009
6-9 p.m.



Have you ever wished you could sit down over some good food and just chat with Rev. Brooks? What about having coffee with Rev. Aspey or learning Martial Arts with Rev. Jones? All members and friends of Trinity will have an opportunity to bid on one of these and a whole lot more at the Silent Auction part of Cuisine for a Cause. Other auction items include a tour of a CAPA theater for 20 people, a dinner party for 12, crossroads guitar and drum lessons, a golf outing, art work, signed sports memorabilia, and gift certificates to a variety of restaurants. Each item will go to the highest bidder.

This year's Cuisine for a Cause will be held on Friday, April 24 beginning at 6 p.m. and continuing until 9 p.m. From 6 - 8 those attending will be treated to a variety of hors d'oeuvres including beef tenderloin sandwiches with horseradish cream sauce, crab cakes with creole mustard sauce, crudites with hummus & herbed sour cream, caprese salad skewers, marinated chicken tenders and a chocolate fountain with coconut macaroons, strawberries, mini cream puffs, marshmallows and rice crispie treats. A complimentary children's party for K-5th grade will be held simultaneous to the event.

Mark your calendar and make your reservation now by emailing Janet Goodwin at janetgoodwin@msn.com or signing up in the narthex on Sunday mornings through Easter. Minimum donation for the event is \$20 per person.



Leanne Drake and Jim Cantwell, members of the 2009 Confirmation Class, collaborate on a Matisse art project to be auctioned at Cuisine for a Cause on April 24.

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.

Jeff Matter and Ed Spiker

This month, the Stewardship Committee is proud to recognize the contributions of two Trinity members, Jeff Matter and Ed Spiker. Jeff and Ed work tirelessly behind the scenes every Sunday to make sure the audio and visual requirements of the traditional and contemporary services are met.



Jeff Matter

Jeff Matter can be found almost every Sunday during the traditional service sitting in the balcony behind the sound board. Jeff's primary responsibilities include recording the service in its entirety, managing the sound board, manually operating the microphones used during worship, and making any necessary adjustments to the audio system. Jeff faithfully handles all aspects of the sound system and does much more. Jeff is always willing to accommodate a special technical need for worship, even if it means learning something new or coming in at a different time to set up. In addition to recording the service, Jeff downloads and produces the master CD. Copies are then posted on the Trinity website and delivered to grateful church members who may not be able to attend worship. Jeff continuously looks for ways to improve the quality of the recordings. And he's always working to enhance the sound of the beautiful music enjoyed by so many during the traditional service. Jeff shares his time and talents in abundance and is a great asset to Trinity.



Ed Spiker

Ed Spiker has been involved with the contemporary service since its inception, when a good crowd was 30 people. Today Crossroads celebrates the glory of God with a congregation of almost 300 people, and Ed is there every Sunday to make sure the service goes off without a hitch. Ed helps set up the weekly slide show presentation; helps run the video, sound and live camera; creates many of the audio and video segments used during worship; and comes in weekly to make any needed modifications in the Crossroads sanctuary. Ed also produces the popular Crossroads Café. Ed's commitment to Trinity continues with the work he, along with Rick and Libby Germain, put into writing and directing the annual youth musicals. This year's show is April 26, 2009. Ed is a well recognized face in Crossroads for all he does in front of the congregation. But few are familiar with the work and dedication Ed puts into every service out of sight. The love of God is revealed in Ed's commitment to Trinity's contemporary Crossroads service.

Jeff and Ed help make Trinity a great place to worship. We offer our thanks for their devotion to the Sunday morning services, their ongoing efforts to enhance everyone's worship experience, and the often unnoticed but always meaningful difference they make in our ministry to Christ.

Saturday April 18, 2009
6:00 – 10:00 P.M.

Third Annual Benefit Bluegrass Music Concert

A concert to benefit New Life United Methodist Church's ministries with people who are homeless and living in poverty.

SCHEDULED TO PERFORM:

**Idletymes
Wildwood
and
The Alum Creek Singers**

Concessions will be available during the evening and there will also be a silent auction.

WHERE:

New Life United Methodist Church
25 West 5th Avenue
In the Short North area of Columbus, Ohio
Music starts at 6:00 Concessions available at 5:30

This event is FREE!!!

Admission will be granted with any donation. Packages of new socks and new underwear will also be accepted.

Help needed for New Life Work Day

It is time to make the change from winter to spring clothing in the clothing room at New Life United Methodist Church. A work day is planned for Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to come.



our church family

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Pam Allering
Diane Byers

Tom Hamilton
Jane Woodward

BIRTHS

The rose on the altar February 22 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Skylar Maria-Pilar Lopez, daughter of Michele and Manny Lopez, born February 7, 2009. The rose on the altar March 8 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Mason Galkus Barker, son of Clint and Laura Barker, born March 3, 2009. The paternal grandparents are Chuck and Marilyn Barker.

Baptism Sunday

Baptism Sunday will be April 5, Palm Sunday. A one-time group educational session is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, at 10:00 a.m. in Chapelside Parlor. Dr. Brian Jones leads the session. Families interested in baptism are requested to call Judy in the Church Office(488-0695) or e-mail office@trinityumchurch.com.



Join the Easter Vigil at Trinity April 11

Come experience the culmination of Holy Week at Trinity's Prayer Vigil on Saturday, April 11, from noon to midnight. Attendees are invited to sign up for 30 minutes of prayer and meditation in the Trinity Chapel or simply come and go as their schedule permits. Join us on Holy Saturday, a day to quiet our lives and wait, in anticipation of the joy of Easter morning.

People interested in signing up should contact Carol Brand at 488-2010 or look for sign-up tables between church services through Palm Sunday.

All who attend will be invited to light a candle and enter a time of meditation and prayer... listening for God's message for our lives. An Easter Vigil booklet of prayers and Easter messages will be provided to enhance worship meditation as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Coordinated by Trinity's Prayer Group, this program will allow quiet, uninterrupted time for Easter prayer. Prayer vigils are many centuries old, originally kept on the night before a religious feast. "Vigil" indicates a time of "vigilance," wakefulness, a watch.

On April 11 we invite you to light a candle and say a traditional Easter vigil prayer: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

For additional information, contact Nancy Rummel, prayer group coordinator, at 326-1628 or Carol Brand.