



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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Thoughts While Shoveling Snow

by Reverend Philip Brooks

Record snowfalls in February accompanied by blizzard conditions beset our area and points east, especially in Washington, D.C.,

Maryland, Delaware, and New York. A comedian quipped ironically that if Al Gore doesn't solve global warming quickly, we're all going to freeze to death.

In all my schooling from kindergarten thru graduate school, I remember only two days "called" due to weather: two consecutive days in metropolitan Detroit when it snowed so much the snowplows couldn't get out of the garages nor could drivers mush their way in to the plows. Landscapes resembled the North Pole.

When bad weather arrived in February, my family members who normally shovel the snow were all away. In order to get my car in or out of the garage, I donned winter gear, confidently grabbed the shovel as in days of yore, and began what became the first of four contests with Mother Nature. It's amazing what thoughts flit through the mind while shoveling snow.

*"How beautiful everything appears covered in a layer of pure white snow."
"This stuff is much heavier than I remember."*

"I must be crazy doing this especially given various health 'adventures' of recent years. But it's shovel or walk, and it's a long way to the church. Even

further to hospital calls, meetings, and other duties."

"Oh, my aching back! I'm glad this won't take more than an hour or so."

I began thinking of people who do difficult manual labor every day, especially those I've seen throughout the Third World. That led to thoughts of the slaves upon whose backs the early prosperity of "the New World" was built. They toiled decades without respite or reward, not for an hour on a cold winter day but for a lifetime under the blazing sun and in stifling heat. Even the White House was built by slaves. Panting then resting then working again, the thought came, "I'm a fortunate wimp."

Regardless of past mistakes, failures, offenses, rebellions, whatever, God's love covers our past when we trust in Christ and seek forgiveness.

Invariably (it's an occupational hazard), theological thoughts crept in. "This scene of new-fallen snow is like Isaiah 1:18, 'though your sins be as scarlet,

they shall be as white as snow.'" And how true! Regardless of past mistakes, failures, offenses, rebellions, whatever, God's love covers our past when we trust in Christ and seek forgiveness. The Lenten Season focuses our attention on this redemptive truth.

When I finished clearing the driveway and slowly shuffled back inside, many thoughts competed for attention but dominating was the last, about God's forgiving love.

"Sermons are where you find them," someone said. Even on a cold, snowy day shoveling the driveway.



christian education

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*For where two or three come
 together in my name, there am
 I with them.* Matthew 18:20

What do United Methodists believe?

Answer: That's not an easy question, since United Methodists don't agree on all aspects of doctrine.

Answer: Tolerance. While United Methodism retains much from its several heritages, different theological positions grow out of the circumstances and experiences of different groups. It acknowledges the virtues of different points of view even within the same community of believers.

The above paragraph is quoted from a little green brochure distributed to each person attending "New Members" classes for membership in the United Methodist Church. It continues with the "Membership Vows" taken by all members of the United Methodist Church:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

As members of Christ's holy Church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?

In the spirit of these vows that we cherish, the Adult Education Council has met and planned the wonderfully varied smorgasbord of classes it will provide for you in 2010/2011. TAKE A TASTE! TRY ONE WHOSE TITLE CHALLENGES YOU! DIP INTO THE UNKNOWN! All of our offerings support our vows and our rich heritage. You'll be blessed.

Adult Sunday School Classes thru March 28, 2010

The Jesus We Perhaps Never Knew

Joan Briggs & Laura Roberts
 Chapel

Welcome to an opportunity that will challenge you and will change you. The journey this class takes will most likely expand and redefine your understanding of the person, teachings and life of Jesus Christ. We will press beyond familiar images to discover Jesus as you've never known him: radical, compelling, compassionate, bold, incisive and ultimately satisfying. We suspect that you will find this Philip Yancey study refreshing, unpredictable and exciting, as the person of Jesus you're about to meet! Philip Yancey serves as Editor-at-large for Christianity Today magazine. He has written eleven Gold Medallion Award-winning books, and this one was awarded the Christian Book of the Year.

Christianity and World Religions

Josh Frazier & Brad Goodwin
 Chapelside Parlor

A video-based small group study will enable the participants a chance to wrestle with the questions that people typically ask about religions other than their own as this class compares Christianity with Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism. Primary among questions is, "Why should we believe the claims of Christianity over those of other faiths?" This question will serve at the center of all discussions. Author of the published study, Rev. Adam Hamilton, will be seen on the video interviewing leaders in each of these four religions, treating each religion with great respect, recognizing the unique contributions of each. Rev. Hamilton urges us as Christians to build bridges with others so that we might grow in our faith, seek peace in our world, love our neighbor, and find positive ways to share the gospel.

Where Faith and Culture Meet

Cathy Brady & Barbara Childs
 Room 209

Andy Crouch, Editorial Director of the Christian Vision Project, leads the DVD series of this study, enabling us to see people's needs in new ways, to understand our own individual callings

and to learn how our own faith can shape culture. We'll examine the questions, "What does it actually look like for us to go into today's diverse world with the gospel of Jesus?" and "How can we live in our culture - not apart from it - in ways that make a real difference?" In short, we will look at how we can be a counterculture for the common good. Andy Crouch has also served as a campus minister with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Harvard University. He writes regularly on faith and culture for Christianity Today. He is also a Senior Fellow at the International Justice Team Institute.

Christian Beliefs PART TWO

Dr. Brian Jones

This addition has been added to our Early Spring Sunday school classes because of popular demand. Topics will include the meaning and role of the Church, heaven and hell, the end times, Revelation and reaching the world for Christ.

In His Word

Matt Hamilton
 Room 207

Join us for this in-depth study of God's word. We are beginning a new series on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12), devoting almost a week to each one and how it applies to our lives.

Bell Choir Offering for All

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. The training will take place during the 10:00 Sunday school hour each Sunday of January and February. This is an opportunity for people, age 8 through 98 or older to learn to play the bells. Families may have fun coming together! 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!



trinity youth

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Stephen Ministry Education Series *Exploring life's issues and finding resources*

All Trinity members and friends are encouraged to attend a monthly lecture series hosted by our Stephen Ministers and featuring notable guest speakers. All programs run from 7-8 p.m. and are held in the Chapel. Please mark your calendars and join us!

- Tues., Mar. 16 *A Hospice Chaplain's Perspective*
Elaine Sturtz
- Tues., Apr. 20 *The Final Dance of Life: Our Journey with Judy*
a book by Elaine Sturtz
- Tues., May 18 *Cornerstone of Hope: a home for grieving, children, teens and adults*
Mark Tripodi

Lenten Study Continues

Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living by Bishop Rueben P. Job serves as our reading and guide for this year's Lenten study. Rev. Brooks, Rev. Jones and Rev. Aspey lead the class which is held on **Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. through March 21** in the Chapel.

Bob Russell returns for Adult Class

Lovely, Dark and Deep: *The Poetry of Robert Frost*

Chapelside Parlor
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
April 8, 15, 22, 29 & May 6

We'll reflect together on the poetry of Robert Frost (1774 - 1863), America's cherished poet. Bob Russell, retired Presbyterian University Pastor, will again be a part of our fellowship. He will lead class sessions on the meanings and beauty of poetry by Robert Frost. Bob served as Chaplain at Yale University and at The Ohio State University. He served parishes and communities in Wilmington, Delaware and Columbus (Northminster Presbyterian Church). Bob's last campus assignment was teaching at Jamestown College, Jamestown, North Dakota (Religion and Philosophy departments). He has been with us for a number of poet readings and reflections including Emily Dickinson, Pilgrim's Progress and George Herbert. *The Poetry of Robert Frost*, edited by Edward Connors Lathem (a Holt paperback), is the book Bob will use in the class, and it is available in local bookstores. A limited number of copies will be available for purchase during the class. We hope you can attend!

Super Bowl Party Fun

Friends, games, food (!)
... oh, yes ... a football game, too!



High School Mission Trip Dates Set:

The 2010 High School Mission Trip will be to Mon Valley, PA. The dates are June 13th-18th. This mission trip is organized through YouthWorks, the same organization we traditionally serve with. The main focus of this mission trip will be to plan and lead a Christian Kids Camp for children in tough situations. Our high school students will share the love and truth of Christ with Children who desperately need to know about the love of God. They will be the hands and feet of Jesus. To sign up for this trip, and space is limited to 30 youth and 5 adults, please contact Brian Edwards at the church or email him at bedwards@trinityumchurch.com.

Sunday Evening Youth Group	
Middle School	7-8:15pm Youth Room
Worship & Snacks	7:45-8:15pm
High School	7:45-9pm Fellowship Hall

March 7	The Series on Sex, Part 1
March 14	The Series on Sex, Part 2
March 21	No Youth Programs
March 28	Meet at the Movies Night (TBA)



COMMUNITY HYMN SING

Sunday, March 7 at 7 p.m.
Sanctuary

As the name implies, the goal of the hour will be to sing as a congregation some of the great hymns of our faith. There will be special music presentations and brief stories behind the writing of some of the hymns will be shared. But the majority of the hour will be devoted to hymn singing. Rev. Philip Brooks will lead the singing with Jan Linker at the pipe organ and Eileen Huston at the grand piano. Please invite your relatives and friends from other churches to come. The more the merrier! A great voice or music knowledge is not required, only a love of hymns.

Bike Rack Rehab

The Stewardship Committee's Green Group would like to rehab the Bike Rack in our parking lot to make it more attractive and to encourage greater use of that refreshing resource. In that regard, would anyone be able to provide sandblasting services for the rack in order to help maximize the longevity and attractiveness of the paint job we plan on doing soon? Or know someone we might ask? In the meantime, please feel completely free to use the rack as is, as often as you like. No reservations required. Any and all suggestions, questions, ideas are welcome 24/7. Bruce Satterthwaite, 404-8786.

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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

HOLY WEEK
 Worship Services
 are listed on p. 8.

5:30 pm Stephen
 Ministries Training

Youth Gatherings
 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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7 pm Mexico Mission
 Group; Fellowship
 Parlor

7

Communion Sunday
 12:30 pm VBS Leaders;
 Chapelside Parlor
 7 pm Lenten Study;
 Chapelside Parlor
 7 pm Hymn Sing;
 Sanctuary

8

9:15 am Women's
 Bible Study;
 Chapelside Parlor

14

7 pm Lenten Study;
 Chapelside Parlor

15

21

7 pm Lenten Study;
 Chapelside Parlor

22

9:15 am Women's
 Bible Study;
 Chapelside Parlor

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Palm Sunday

29

March 2010

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; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7 pm Troop 261; Room 011</p>	<p>9 am Women of the Living Word; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>4:30 pm Children's Choir; Room 204</p>	<p>11 am Disciple Study; Room 207</p> <p>6:45 pm Chancel Bell Choir; Room 201</p> <p>7 pm Young Professionals Group; 1485 W. Third Ave. Apt. 5D</p> <p>8 pm Chancel Choir; Room 204</p>		
2	3	4	5	6
<p>Trinity Times Deadline</p> <p>9</p> <p>5-7pm Fellowship Dinner; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7 pm Meeting Night for Committees</p> <p>8:10 pm Admin Council; Rm 204</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:15 pm Amazing Dates; Chapel</p> <p>7 pm Crossroads Council</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208</p> <p>7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Room 001</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> 
<p>16</p> <p>6 pm Small Group Council</p> <p>6:15 pm Pizza Making</p> <p>6:30 pm Children/ Family Council</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministry Education Series</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Mexico Mission Trip</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5 pm YWCA Family Center Hosting</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:15 pm Amazing Dates; Chapel</p>	<p>www.trinityumchurch.com</p>		

mission vision

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Easter on Fifth
Lenten Mission Project
Good Friday, April 2

Providing new blankets, sheets, pillows and cases for 100 queen size beds for our neighbors in need in the Short North and 50 sleeping bags for the homeless.

You are invited to be involved in this caring project:

1. Donations of \$50 for complete queen set or two sleeping bags
2. Donations of \$25 for half queen set or one sleeping bag
3. Sign up to bring food for the Good Friday Meal
4. Sign up to help with setup and cleanup for the meal
5. Sign up to help pack pillows and cases

Easter on Fifth tables will be in the Atrium/Narthex and Fellowship Hall on Sundays in March for donations and sign-up. Make checks to Trinity United Methodist Church, memo- Easter on Fifth

Please plan to join Trinity, New Life and St. Luke's in worship on Good Friday at noon. Lunch, fellowship and packing will follow in Fellowship Parlor/Hall.

March Mission Opportunities

March 9	Mission Council Mtg. in Chapel
March 16	Pizza Making
March 19 - 24	Mission trip to House of Mercy in Piedras Negras, Mexico
March 24	YWCA Family Center hosting

Quilts blessed & delivered to Mexico orphanage

On Sunday, February 7, 45 quilts were blessed, knotted, tied and prayed over for the children at the House of Mercy (Casa de Misericordia) Orphanage in Piedras Negras, Mexico. The members of the Prayers and Squares small group created the quilts to offer a tangible expression of Trinity's love, care, and encouragement for each precious child.

The quilts were delivered to the children by the Mexico Mission Team that visited the House of Mercy February 11-15. Team members include: Chris and Jayme Rhoades (team leaders), Rev. Amy Aspey, Sarah Delay, Claire and Bobby Hamilton, Dawn and Jaclyn Lowery, Ian Rhoades, Tasha Ruth, Jim and Liz Winfree. A second Mexico Mission Team from Trinity will depart on March 19.



Celebrating Trinity Stewards

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

Dawn Lewis

This month, the Stewardship Committee is proud to recognize the talents and gifts of Trinity member Dawn Lewis. Dawn's love of photography has earned her the unofficial title of official church photographer.



The unique ability Dawn has to capture a special moment or smiling face is clearly evident when looking at the hundreds of pictures she's taken for Vacation Bible School (VBS). Dawn is everywhere during VBS, and her pictures show the joyful expressions of the children who fill the church with laughter and excitement throughout the entire week. Dawn's camera starts clicking even before the children arrive; catching some of the behind the scenes work of the many dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers. Throughout VBS Dawn's pictures decorate the church with the faces of happy children, telling the story of the fun EVERYONE has learning about God and praising His name.

Dawn's artistic talent, as well as her creativity, organizational skills, and initiative to take an idea and turn it into a reality brought the youth cookbook, *Stirrin' It Up for Youth* to life. The finished product included over 300 recipes contributed from Trinity members, and all 200 copies of the cookbook were quickly sold. Dawn spent many long hours working on this project, but she also wanted the youth to have an opportunity to be involved. She came up with the idea of quoting the students throughout the book. Not only did the quotes enhance each section of the cookbook, but it was a wonderful exercise for the students. Thanks to Dawn's hard work the youth raised money for upcoming mission trips, made a donation to the Stefanie Spielman fund, and created an incredible cookbook!

Dawn's gift for photography benefits Trinity in many ways. Dawn made a significant contribution to the recent Loyalty Campaign by providing photographs used in the Loyalty inserts designed for *Trinity Times*. Dawn has also contributed numerous photos displayed on the Trinity web site. And Dawn's special interest for the mission work supported by Cuisine for a Cause has resulted in Kid Art - one-of-a-kind pieces of artwork created by Trinity kids and displayed alongside a picture of the artist.

Dawn has a passion for photography and uses this passion to share God's love with others. Her positive spirit and excitement for life are revealed in the pictures she takes. So smile - God loves you!



EASTER PRAYER VIGIL Saturday, April 3 Noon to midnight

Prepare for the joy of Easter with an hour or half-hour of quiet prayer during Trinity's Prayer Vigil on Saturday, April 3, noon to midnight in the chapel. Coordinated by Trinity's Prayer Group, this program will allow quiet, uninterrupted time for Easter devotion. All who attend will be invited to light a candle, enter a time of meditation and reflection, and say a traditional Easter vigil prayer: ***May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.***

Prayer vigils are many centuries old, originally kept on the night before a religious feast. 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. All are encouraged to take advantage of this blessed, sacred time of watchfulness... a time to quiet our lives and wait, in anticipation of the joy of Easter morning.

To sign up for 30 to 60 minutes of prayer on April 3, email or call Carol Brand at gcjbrand@juno.com or 488-2010. There will be sign-up tables at church the three Sundays before Easter. You may also contact Nancy Rummel, prayer group coordinator, at 326-1628. If you do not sign up in advance, you are welcome to stop in to pray as your schedule permits.

Note: Holy Week Worship Services are listed on p. 8.



our church family

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Joan Briggs Ann Jackson
Ruth Hales Nancianne Nardone
Adnelle Heskett Alma Thompson

IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended to Mark and Carrie Gordon and Family in the passing of Mark's grandfather, Ralph Hannah ... to Jane Ewald and Family in the passing of her husband and Trinity member, Fred Ewald ... to the Family of Trinity member, Jean Robine ... and to the Family of Trinity member, Joanne Patete.

BIRTHS

The roses on the altar Sunday, February 7, 2010 were presented to God for the birth of Kylah Crawford, daughter of Heather and Justin, born January 27, 2010. Nancy and Jim Monahan are the maternal grandparents ... and for the birth of Faith Carolyn Markoff, daughter of Mandy and Jason, born February 2, 2010. Sandy and Gene Warman are the maternal grandparents.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

March 28

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

11 a.m. Fellowship Hall
Crossroads Contemporary Worship

Maundy Thursday

April 1

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary
Worship Service

Good Friday

April 2

12:00 p.m. Sanctuary
Community Service

Easter on 5th Mission Potluck and Packing to Follow

Easter Eve

April 3

Noon - midnight Chapel
Prayer Vigil

Easter Sunday

April 4

7 a.m. Sunrise Service led by Trinity Youth
Fellowship Hall

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship in the
Sanctuary

10 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 a.m. Crossroads Contemporary Worship
in Fellowship Hall

