



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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Smorgasbord

by Reverend Philip Brooks

Smörgåsbord is a Swedish word referring to a type of Scandinavian meal served buffet-style with multiple dishes of various foods on a table. It became internationally known as Smorgasbord at the 1939 New York World's Fair when the Swedish Pavilion offered such fare at its "Three Crowns Restaurant." At a smorgasbord, the diner chooses from a variety of foods according to tastes and preferences.

Trinity Church provides a sumptuous smorgasbord of programs and ministries that can nourish our lives and strengthen us for daily Christian living. With the fall season upon us, consider only a few of the many items on the Trinity menu.

Youth and Young Adult Ministries will be led by Mr. Brian Edwards who has just moved with his wife Lisa and children Emma (8) and Levi (2) from serving 12 years as youth pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Asheville, North Carolina. Brian eagerly anticipates becoming acquainted with everyone and working with the Youth Council and church staff to provide exciting ministry to the younger segment of our congregation and community.

Weekly worship opportunities abound: two traditional worship services, a contemporary service, two children's services, and a youth service - plus weekly playback on the church website of the traditional and contemporary services.

The Fall Kick-off picnic immediately follows Sunday worship on September 13 at 12:15 p.m. in the courtyard. Formerly known as the Fall Fling, this event features food and fellowship and special fun for children with games and

attractions everyone will enjoy. Casual attire is suggested for that day in order to more fully enjoy the after-worship fun. That same morning begins the Fall schedule of Christian Education with many 10:00 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages from young children through adults.

A series of Sunday evening Community Hymn Sings is planned for the coming year at 7:00 p.m. on Sept. 20, Dec. 6, March 7, and June 6. Invite your friends who love singing great hymns so that we have a "full house" for each hymn sing. After the first one last Spring, someone said on exiting the sanctuary, "Can we do this again - tomorrow night?" What fun and inspiration we'll enjoy together.

The sanctuary now contains T-coil technology providing crystal clear audio for anyone wearing a hearing aid with a built-in T-coil, which most modern devices possess. Someone with substantial hearing loss told me recently, "I heard every word everyone said this morning." It's an amazing improvement. Other rooms in the church are being upgraded so stay tuned for future developments.

"Count on Me, Trinity" describes the title of the Fall loyalty pledge campaign which, more than ever before, is vitally in need of our support. Begin planning and praying now regarding what God is leading you to give for Christian work through Trinity Church in 2010.

Small groups, missions, inter-generational ministries, choirs, bells, bands, and many other activities too numerous to name. Best of all, this is one feast where you need not diet. So come, partake, enjoy, and make the most of the coming Fall season by feasting regularly at the Trinity smorgasbord.



Fall Kick-off
Picnic Lunch &
Cookie Contest
Sunday, Sept. 13
12:15 - 2 p.m.
Courtyard



christian education

Dr. Carolyn Leick

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Sometimes wonderful things happen when we least expect them. I often find myself reflecting, when these amazing and unpredictable things happen to me, on how I need to remember this fact when I am feeling down! It truly is so very easy to forget! Today was such a day. I was sitting in my beautiful new office at Trinity (stop in, sit down for a chat, and enjoy it with me!), when someone stopped in unexpectedly and did just that . . . sat down for a chat and brought just the life and light into my day and my work that I needed!

I'd been lamenting silently to myself, wondering how I could fill some unexpected and last minute needs at Trinity when this person burst through the door with his customary enthusiasm, wit and wisdom, offering to do things I'd never thought of needing. Before he left, he agreed to do many of the things I had worried over as well as many others I had never imagined possible!

While he was here, the phone rang, and another member of our congregation called to say, "Let's have lunch!"

"Let's do it!" I responded, and now I'm sitting here buoyed by yet more talent, brains and inspiration that have kicked in to help. One of the persons brought blessings that boosted our children's programs exponentially, and the other's blessings for Trinity boosted our adult programs likewise!

"Whew!" It is just a thrill to be associated with a church so brimming over with gifts and people who love using their gifts.

"Remember, Carolyn! Next time you are feeling down, remember! God's ways are always better than are mine!" Praise be to God!

Adult Sunday School Classes for Early Fall

September 13 - November 1, 2009

How the Bible Came to Be

Dr. Lee Johnson, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Dr. Jeffrey Jaynes, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
208/209

"How did the world's best selling book--the Bible--come into being? How did the Bible's 66 books containing history, stories, letters, poems, collections of laws, wisdom, and religious visions come together as the Christian source of inspiration and belief? And how has its journey through history affected our Christian understanding and belief today? Dr. Lee Johnson, Assoc. Professor of New Testament, and Dr. Jeffrey Jaynes, Professor of Church History, at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio will lead us on this interesting journey."

NOOMA Film Series

Geoff and Kelle Eubank
Todd and Lisa Williams
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Back by popular demand! NOOMA is a collection of short films (10-15 minutes), narrated by Rob Bell (Pastor of Mars Hill in Grand Rapids, Michigan). These films explore our world from the perspective of Jesus through the narration of Rob Bell and the visual images which form the backdrop for the message. Using a 21st century format and present day situations in which people of all ages and walks of life find themselves, 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 he was saying and doing. Each film and discussion stands alone, so folks who miss one Sunday will not fall behind.

Becoming Faithful Stewards of God's Gifts to Us

Dr. Carolyn Leick
Janet Goodwin
Chapelside Parlor

When people join the United Methodist Church, they promise to support the church through their prayers, their presence, their gifts and their service. In this class we will explore how we can be faithful stewards of all that God has given us through praying, being in

attendance on Sunday mornings, giving our monetary gifts and talents, and serving others. Each week we will look at scripture related to the topic for the day and hear thoughts from members of the congregation on how they are trying to live up to their membership vows. Group discussion will follow. As a result of this study, we hope to explore and reflect on ways we can strengthen our own congregation, its programs and missions.

In His Word

Matt Hamilton
Room 207

Join us for an ongoing weekly Bible study. Currently we are examining the Book of Romans and related Old and New Testament scriptures. Join us at anytime; you won't be behind.

New Member Class

Dr. Brian Jones
Chapel

Dr. Brian Jones provides potential new members with a broad view of Trinity's vast ministry. The class will meet each Sunday through November 1 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.

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. Come one, come all! This is an opportunity for people, age 8 through 98 or older to learn to play the bells. Families may have fun coming together! But do not feel you must be part of a family. You are part of the Trinity family. 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!

Member shares Mt. Kilimanjaro Climb

Willie Grove will give a presentation on his climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro on **Tuesday, September 29, 2009** at 7:30 PM in the Chapel. Willie says this was a pinnacle adventure in his life - a profound experience. After seven days of incredible beauty, breathtaking vistas, almost impossible hiking and climbing through five different climactic zones, Willie found himself standing on top of the highest peak in Africa, the largest free-standing mountain in the world. Willie will discuss the story of the dangers, the challenges and the triumphs of a group of ten friends on a nine day adventure to the top of Africa and back down. Willie says he will live the rest of his life with the dream of Kilimanjaro fulfilled.

Get Involved in Extended Family Ministry through Generations Council

Generations Council is interested in an Extended Family ministry in which persons of different generations come together in pursuit of mutual goals such as fellowship, pen pals, computer use training, connecting young and old for school project creation, Grandparents Day surrogates, etc. For more information, and to be involved, contact Paul Sipp, Generations Council Chair, at (614-296-6221), or email (psipp@turkeyrun.biz).

Friendly Visitors

If you are interested in visiting a Trinity member in their residence, please contact Jean Rudy at 850-0088 or Gary Brand at 488-0695 for more information. Friendly Visitors will meet on Tuesday, September 29 at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Parlor.
Join us!

New Stephen Ministers Training

New Stephen Ministers will begin training August 30 and complete the training December 13, 2009. Training is scheduled for Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. For more information about Stephen Ministers, please contact Gary Brand at 488-0695 or email gbrand@trinityumchurch.com

Women of the Living Word

Women of the Living Word will begin their new fall study of Esther: *It's Tough Being a Woman* by Beth Moore on Wednesday, September 16th from 9:15-11:15, or Tuesday evenings starting September 15th from 6:45-8:45. Join us for an in-depth and personal examination of this great story of courage and deliverance. Beth will peel back the layers of history and show how very contemporary and applicable the story of Esther is to our lives. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seem overpowering, this is the study for you. Come join us to learn about God's Word and fellowship with other women, whether you've ever done a study or not. All are welcome and babysitting is available!! Registration forms can be found in the atrium or can be downloaded on the church website: www.trinityumchurch.com

Daytime Disciple Class Offered

Disciple: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study emphasizes the disciplined reading of and listening to Scripture. During the 34-week course, *Disciple* moves through the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation and participants read more than 70% of the Bible. Each participant commits to a daily preparation of 30-45 min. per day and to attending all weekly classes. The results are transformational, as *Disciple* calls persons to submit themselves to examination by Scripture, to put themselves under the power of God's word, and to be changed by it. The course will run Thursdays September 10th (orientation)-May 27th from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Trinity's Fellowship Parlor. Sign-ups are August 23-September 6th. If needed, childcare can be provided. Rev. Amy Aspey and Dr. Leick are excited to co-lead this class. Please contact them if you have any questions.

Life of David Evening Study

On Thursday nights September 17th-November 5th from 5:45-7:00 p.m., Rev. Amy Aspey and Kevin Holtsberry will facilitate an eight-week study on the life of David. The class will use both Scripture and Eugene Peterson's book, *Leap Over a Wall: Earthy Spirituality for Everyday Christians*. By exploring the life of David, we hope to not only learn about him, but also learn from him. He has much to teach us about the importance of a strong relationship with God. Sign-ups will run August 30th-September 13th. Childcare can be provided. For more information, please contact Rev. Amy Aspey.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will begin Monday, September 14, meeting in Chapelside Parlor from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. The class will meet through the month of May on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. The beginning group study "Companions in Christ: The Way of Discernment" offers a 10-week journey in exploring the principles and practices of personal spiritual discernment. The study will include a workbook and small group participation. All women of the church are invited to attend. If childcare is needed, please call the church office.



Flu Shots at Trinity

Immunization from influenza is of particular concern this year. All Trinity members are urged to consider immunization. Flu shots will be offered in three phases this year. The first opportunity will be Sunday, September 27 from 10AM to 12:30PM. The second flu shot will be for H1N1 (Swine Flu) immunization and will be scheduled as soon as available. A third booster flu shot will also be offered. Flu shots are \$25 per person and Medicare will be billed for those eligible.

T-Coil Technology now in Sanctuary

The Trinity Sanctuary now has T-Coil Technology capability. Anyone using a hearing aid that contains a T-Coil can hear the services clearly with no background noise. Audio is broadcast directly to the hearing aid. Contact your audiologist for information about activating the T-Coil in your hearing aid.

Meeting Schedule Request

When scheduling an evening meeting or gathering at Trinity, please select Tuesdays or Thursdays. Call Judy in the Church Office at 488-0695 or email trinityoffice@trinityumchurch.com to schedule.

Recycle Cell Phones

Please recycle cell phones by placing them in the bin in the coat room. They are given to older adults for access to emergency services.

School, school, school

Back to school

Let's all remember the Golden Rule, and the three R's which nowadays are Reduce, Re-use and Recycle

Any further ideas, suggestions or questions for the upcoming months for the Stewardship Committee's Green Group, please call Bruce Satterthwaite 488-7613 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 October issue is Tuesday, September 8.** Please place your information or photos in the *Trinity Times* box in the church office or email to beckywest22@aol.com.

opportunities

Weekly meetings:

Sunday

Monday

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Mornings

9 a.m. Sanctuary
Traditional Worship

11 a.m. Sanctuary
Traditional Worship

11 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Crossroads
Contemporary
Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10 a.m. for Adults and Children

Baptism Sunday

Baptism Sunday will be September 13, 2009 with an educational session on Saturday, September 12, 10:00 a.m. in Chapelside Parlor. The session will be led by Dr. Brian Jones. Families or individuals interested in baptisms should call Judy in the Church Office, 488-0695, or e-mail trinityoffice@trinityumchurch.com.

Weekly Meetings in September:

5:30 pm New Stephen Ministers Training

7:15 pm Pathfinders; Fellowship Hall

5:30 pm Grief Support; Chapel begins Sept. 14

9:30 am Wee Moms; Room 208

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8 am Prayer Group; Chapelside Parlor

Communion Sunday

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LABOR DAY

Building and Offices Closed

13

Baptism Sunday

Fall Kick-Off
12:15 pm
Courtyard

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

5:30 pm Grief Group; Chapel

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Community Hymn Sing
7 pm; Sanctuary

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Mom's Night Out Group

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Flu Shots; 10 am - 12:30 pm; Chapelside Parlor

Loyalty Campaign Kick-Off

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

September 2009

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>7 pm Troop 261; Room 011</p> <p>6:45 pm Women of the Living Word; Fellowship Hall (begins Sept. 15)</p>	<p>9 am Women of the Living Word; Fellowship Hall (begins Sept. 16)</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; 1355 Lincoln Rd.</p> <p>8 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Room 204</p>	<p>9:30 am Friday Bible Study; Room 201</p> 	
1	2 7 pm Stephen Ministries; Room 117	3 5 pm New Life Tailgate Benefit; Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe 9 am Small Group Leader Training; Chapelside Parlor	4 7 pm Art Night; Room 001	5
8 Trinity Times Deadline 7 pm Meeting Night for Committees & Council 8:10 pm Admin Council; Rm. 204	9	10 9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 209 7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Room 001	11	12 10 am Baptism Class; Chapelside Parlor
15 6 pm Children/ Family Council; Fellowship Parlor 6:15 pm Pizza Making for Homeless; Fellowship Kitchen	16 7 pm Stephen Ministries; Room 117	17 5:45 pm Life of David Study; Chapelside Parlor	18	19
22 6 pm Small Group Council; Room 206 7 pm Altar Guild; Fellowship Parlor	23 5 pm Hosting YWCA Family Center	24 9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 209 5:45 pm Life of David Study; Chapelside Parlor	<p>Don't forget to Cluster!</p>  <p>Sign up for Dinner Clusters through Sunday, September 13, by contacting Rev. Amy Aspey at 488-0695 or aaspey@trinityumchurch.com.</p>	
29 7 pm Friendly Visitor Meeting; Fellowship Parlor 7:30 pm Willie Grove, Mt. Kilimanjaro presentation; Chapel	30			

mission & small groups

vision

Rev. Amy Barlak Aspey
 Director of Small Groups & Missions
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New Life UMC Benefit 7th Annual Season Kick-Off Tailgate Party Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe Thursday, September 3, 2009 5-8 p.m.

Tickets: \$20 each for Adults; \$10 for kids 5-17; Under 5 free. Tickets are available in the Trinity Atrium or by contacting Rev. Aspey.



CROP WALK, October 11, 2009

Save the date for this year's CROP Walk for Hunger: Sunday, October 11, 2009. Walkers and Sponsors are very welcome. Money raised from this feed people around the world as well as our own Central Ohio community. Any questions or concerns, feel free to call Liz Hixson at 272-5454. Thank you.

September Mission Opportunities

Sept. 15 6:15 pm	Pizza Making for Friends of the Homeless; Fellowship Kitchen
Sept. 23 5 p.m.	YWCA Family Center Hosting
Tuesdays 12:30 p.m.	New Life Clothing Room

Small Groups at Trinity ...

Art Night

This group is for anyone and everyone who has something they would like to work on in a space they can spread out in. From painting, to mix-media, journaling, sewing, cross-stitching, scrap booking or anything else your heart desires! More information about dates/times will be available later in the fall. Stay tuned!

Contact: Lisa Holtsberry at
lholtberry@yahoo.com

Upcoming Dates: TBA

Caring Card Ministry Group

The Caring Card Ministry Group will begin its fall meeting schedule on Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m. in Trinity's Room #001. The group generally meets on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Each month we create cards that can be sent to Trinity members and friends when they may have a special need. We also plan to create Christmas cards that can be used as part of the Bethlehem on Broad Street project. No special artistic talents are required. Just come and join us for a relaxing evening of fellowship with others while providing a service for others.

Contact: Janet Goodwin at
janetgoodwin@msn.com or 529-0839

Upcoming Dates: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 8

Dinner Clusters

Dinner Clusters are groups of 8-12 people that meet 6-9 times from October-June for dinner and fellowship. This is an opportunity for people of all ages to make new friends at Trinity. If you are interested in joining a group, please sign-up at Trinity September 6 and 13 or contact Rev. Aspey.

Contact: Rev. Amy Aspey at
aaspey@trinityumchurch.com or 488-0695.

Upcoming Dates: Determined by each group

Disciple Bible Study

During the 34-week course, DISCIPLE moves through the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation and participants read more than 70% of the Bible. Each participant commits to a daily preparation of 30-45 min. per day and commits to attending all weekly classes. This DISCIPLE course will run Thursdays September 10th (orientation)-May 27th from 11:00-1:00 p.m. in Trinity's Fellowship Parlor. Sign-up on September 6th or contact Rev. Aspey/Dr. Leick. If

needed, childcare can be provided.

Contacts: Rev. Amy Aspey at
aaspey@trinityumchurch.com or 488-0695 or Dr. Carolyn Leick at
cleick@trinityumchurch.com or 488-0695

Moms' Night Out Group

This group is for Christian moms to relax, laugh, and share about the joys and challenges of motherhood in a fun environment. There will be a spiritual component to every gathering and prayer requests are encouraged so the group can support each other and grow together. The gatherings are on the 3rd Monday of every month at a variety of locations, however, coffee, dinner or ice cream are favorites! Please contact Carrie for location information.

Contact: Carrie Gordon at
gq6703@yahoo.com or 279-6531
Upcoming Dates: Sept. 21, October 19, Nov. 16

Thursday Night Study

On Thursday evenings from September 17th-November 5th from 5:45-7:00 p.m., Rev. Amy Aspey and Kevin Holtsberry will facilitate an eight-week study on the life of David. The class will use both Scripture and Eugene Peterson's book, Leap Over a Wall: Earthy Spirituality for Everyday Christians. By exploring the life of David, we hope to not only learn about him, but also learn from him. Please sign-up at Trinity on September 6 or 13th or contact Rev. Aspey. If needed, childcare can be provided.

Contact Rev. Amy Aspey at
aaspey@trinityumchurch.com or 488-0695

Upcoming Dates: Sept. 17 - Nov. 5

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group corresponds via email each week and meets in person once a month, generally every first Sunday from 8:00-8:50 AM in Trinity's Chapelside Parlor. We hold in prayer those who submit prayer requests by phone, email, cards, or in person. We also hold in prayer church wide and global concerns. At each meeting, we share new and different ways to pray and to listen for God through prayer. At our fall meetings, we will continue to discuss different prayer practices as a way to grow closer to God and embrace God's love. To be a part of this group or if you have a prayer request please contact Nancy.

Contact: Nancy Rummel at
Nancy@Quinnexecutivecoaching.com or 326-1628

Upcoming Dates: Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1

there is a place for YOU!

Prayers & Squares

Good fellowship, good friends and making a prayer quilt - what could be more fun on a Thursday morning? "Prayers and Squares" meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month in room 209 at 9:30. We would love to have you join us as we plan, cut and sew, put together quilt sandwiches and prepare the prayer quilts for blessing and tying. No sewing experience is needed just a smile and a willingness to learn. Donations of 100% cotton fabric are always welcome. We hope you will join us.

Contacts: Kathy Koblentz at UACollies@aol.com or 486-4001 and Lucille Anderson at 225-1937

Upcoming Dates: Sept. 10 and 24, Oct. 8 and 22, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

Outdoor Group

The Trinity Outdoor Group gathers together in Christian fellowship to appreciate the beauty of God's glorious creation. Outings will be held quarterly with a variety of destinations and activities, such as hunting and nature walks.

Contact: Paul Sipp at psipp@turkeyrun.biz or 614-296-6221

Upcoming Dates: TBA

Tuesday Morning Men's Group

Called, "The best kept secret at Trinity" by a member, this group's focus is meeting head-on the challenges Christian men face daily. Through building relationships, supporting each other in prayer and studying the Bible and selected spiritual topics we learn each week how to become more effective Christian men. This group meets every Tuesday in Trinity's Chapelside Parlor from 6:30-7:25 a.m. Join us!

Contacts: Jim Rehl 273-7707 JimandCassie.Rehl@realliving.com

Geoff Arthur 374-3831 GARTHUR1@columbus.rr.com

Upcoming Dates: Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29

Wee Moms

Wee Moms meets every Monday at 9:30-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Parlor. The group is for mothers with young children and provides an open, casual environment focused on helping mothers grow through fellowship, prayer, sharing stories, and service. Childcare is provided at no charge, but infants are always welcome to join the group with mom. The first fall meeting is September 14.

Contacts: Kristie Linard at 451-3534 or krmiller@columbus.rr.com

Cassie Rehl at 486-2686

Upcoming Dates: Sept. 14, 21, 28

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will begin Monday, September 14, meeting in Chapelside Parlor at 9:15 am and concluding at 10:45 am. The class will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month September-May. The fall study, "Companions in Christ: The Way of Discernment, offers a ten week journey in exploring the principles and practices of personal spiritual discernment. The study will include a workbook and small group participation. All women of the church are invited. The class does not regularly have child care, so if it is needed please call the church office.

Contact: Barbara Childs at childshome@wowway.com or 560-6823

Upcoming Dates: Sept. 14 & 28, Oct. 12 & 26

Young Professionals Group

"Dinner & Scripture"- Every Thursday evening from 7-9 p.m., this group gathers for dinner, spiritual discussion and prayer. Some of our recent topics have included prayer, balance, and tending to our physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. In fall 2009, we will be reading *How to Develop a Powerful Prayer Life* by Dr. Gregory Frizzell. We enjoy occasional social events and are exploring service opportunities. The group is made up of people who feel young, work in some profession, are professional students, or otherwise feel like this group could be the place for them. If you feel like this group might fill a need in your life, please join us any time.

Contact: Nicole VanderDoes at nvd1390@aol.com or at 397-2412

Upcoming Dates: Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24

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).

Chris Widing



This month, we recognize the stewardship contributions of Trinity member Chris Widing. Remarkably, this is the 30th year Chris will serve as Trinity's Treasurer. Treasurer is a voluntary position at Trinity which Chris describes as matching revenue with expenses to ensure we have enough cash to pay the bills when they come due. In his capacity as Treasurer, Chris advises Trinity's leadership and serves on Administrative Counsel and the Finance Committee.

Chris and his wife, Suzie, began their search for a church home after they were married in 1970. Chris and Suzie attended Trinity intermittently over the next couple of years and continued visiting other churches until then-Senior Pastor Lloyd Zoeller knocked on their door one evening and came into their home for a chat. Rev. Zoeller talked with them about Trinity and Methodism and, when Rev. Zoeller left, Chris and Suzie knew Trinity was the place for them.

Chris accepted the invitation to serve Trinity as an assistant treasurer and on various committees. Soon, Chris was appointed Treasurer at the recommendation of the then-Finance Chair, Dr. Jim Robeson, who, coincidentally, had been Chris's marketing professor at Ohio State and was leaving for Oxford, Ohio to take a post at Miami University as Dean of the School of Business Administration.

During his long tenure as Treasurer, Chris has witnessed many changes to Trinity, including the move from a manual accounting system to being fully computerized, the Vision 2000 project that significantly expanded the footprint of Trinity's building and the recent Faith in the Future campaign to modernize Trinity's aging infrastructure. Throughout good and poor economic times, Chris said that there has been modest and consistent growth in the congregation's financial support of Trinity.

Chris's charge to each of us is to participate in this year's loyalty campaign, no matter how modest or generous a pledge, by responding in some fashion to the loyalty request and graciously returning a pledge card. Trinity has been able to count on Chris for his stewardship of both his and Trinity's finances for the last 30+ years. Chris's service and dedication to Trinity is a model to which we can aspire. Thank you, Chris, for allowing Trinity to count on your faithful support!

Chris and Suzie have four grown children, all of whom grew up at Trinity. Their two sons, Kip and Andrew, attend Trinity with their wives, Sara and Katie, respectively. Their eldest daughter, Kristie, lives with her husband, Ryan, and newborn, Landon (another Trinity baptism), in Cincinnati. Their youngest daughter, Sarah, lives in Atlanta, Georgia. When Chris is not tending to Trinity's finances, he, along with his two sons, are financial advisors with Wells Fargo Advisors on Ackerman Road.



our church family

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Joan Colliver
Caroline Donner
Kelly Jones
Grace Rhodus
Charlotte Smith
Grace Tharp
Tom Tipton
Walter Wertz

BIRTHS

The rose on the altar Sunday, July 19 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Mayson Montgomery Lew, son of Amy and Aaron, born April 29, 2009. Don and Sharon Cook are the maternal grandparents. The rose on the altar Sunday, July 26 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of John Robert Houser, son of Jenny and Bob, born July 17, 2009. Debbie and Doug Houser are the paternal grandparents. The rose on the altar Sunday, August 2 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Elijah John Purnhagen, son of Mara and Joe, born June 30, 2009. Jeanne Schaal is the great grandmother.

IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended to Mary and Sarah McIlroy and Family in the passing of husband and father, Dr. Scott McIlroy... to Grace Rhodus and Family in the passing of her husband and Trinity member, Walter Rhodus... and to Paul and Rhonda Sipp and Family in the passing of Paul's grandmother, Ruth Young.

Trinity Welcomes Brian Edwards Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries



Trinity welcomes Brian Edwards as Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries. Brian has moved his family from Asheboro, North Carolina, where he served as Director of Student Ministries at First Presbyterian Church since 1997. Brian is joined by his wife, Lisa, and two children, Emma (8) and Levi (2).

Brian graduated from Norfolk State University with a degree in Physical Education. He is working toward a Master's Degree in Youth Ministry Leadership.

"I am really looking forward to getting to know and build friendships with the youth, families and congregation at Trinity. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us as we work together to develop our faithfulness."

Brian is excited about "collaborating with Youth Council, students and parents, to develop a comprehensive programs that meets the spiritual, social and emotional needs of the students."

"Our entire family is thrilled about God's calling to Trinity as we seek to become a part of this faith family and are looking forward to loving and being loved at Trinity United Methodist Church."

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