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SUNDAY MORNINGS
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Crossroads Contemporary
Worship in Fellowship Hall

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What to Do With Yesterday

by Rev. Philip Brooks

Years ago our family made several camping trips. My son and I enjoyed several more to the air show at Oshkosh,

Wisconsin. One of the challenges with camping is what to do with trash. It can accumulate quickly and is a huge problem unless regularly taken to the dump. Left unattended and allowed to accumulate, the "aroma" becomes sickening and casts a pall over everything around.

There is more than one kind of garbage of course. That at a campground is relatively easy to discard. With a little planning and effort, it's gone. But there is another kind not so easily eliminated, the garbage of the past. Many people look backward more than forward and instead of a future ripe with excitement, hope, and joy, they become bogged down by things that should have been dumped long ago. People hurt over how they were treated, or what they missed, or what they did that they wished they hadn't. On and on it goes. And yesterday becomes such a drag on today that tomorrow loses its luster and potential.

Rev. James McCormick tells of a man who came to him deeply discouraged with the mistakes and sadness of his life. He poured out

his heart and repeatedly agonized, "If only I had done things differently." Finally, after they had time to establish a relationship of trust, Rev. McCormick said to him, "Instead of saying, 'If only I had done things differently', start saying, 'Now, next time...'"

That change of perspective makes a world a difference. Rather than viewing life through the rearview mirror, a person can peer confidently through the windshield looking forward to what is coming.

God has promised to "never leave us nor forsake." The assurance of Christ's presence through the Holy Spirit brings comfort, confidence, and joy for tomorrow.

2012 is here. What shall we do with yesterday? Leave it behind. What shall we do with tomorrow? Embrace it fully for the glory of God. May 2012 mean not only a happy new year but also a happy new you!

*Winter Session
Adult Sunday School
new classes begin
January 8
at 10 a.m.
class descriptions on p. 2*



christian education

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And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

1 Kings 19:9-18

The year we awoke to 21 inches of snow in Columbus (2009?), I remembered so clearly just how silent the world was in a snow. I'd forgotten that beautiful feeling I lived through five or more times per year in Maine when everyone knew they would be house bound for the day. "There's no school, Mom!," my kids would call to me, and my own delight as a school principal was as joyous as theirs. For in Maine, I was also reminded of the snows of my childhood growing up in Old Arlington, the smooth white lawns we'd traverse and mostly the quiet . . . no cars, no brakes screeching, no fire trucks, no horns honking. Any sounds there were, were muffled. Even delicate snow falling could be heard if one just stood still and listened. Bird calls cut through the silence, and the sounds of nature stood out, falling twigs, cracking limbs, dogs barking in the distance.

As a child, it was so easy to listen, to enjoy the silence, to stop, to witness, to take in the sun's glistening on the changing surfaces of the snow's deepening beauty. Hearing, feeling God came naturally in the gentle Winter air before we trounced through it, making fresh tracks and pathways like the joy of brushing fresh paint on clean, white paper. God was not in the earthquake or the fire, but in the sheer silence. How beautiful to return to the land of my childhood to remember those moments when God was so real. Next time the snow falls deep and still, listen, and listen again. Remember your childhood innocence and awe. It's still there. God is too.

Winter Adult Sunday School Classes January 8 - February 19

Gospel in Life

Fritz Harding & Karen Brantley
Chapel

Timothy Keller, author of "The Reason for God" and "The Prodigal God," was Fritz and Karina Harding's pastor when they attended the church Keller founded, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, in New York City.

Session 1 opens the course with the theme of the city: your home now, the world that is. Session 8 closes the course with the theme of the eternal city: your heavenly home, the world that is to come. In between, you will look at how the gospel changes your heart (sessions 2 and 3), changes your community (sessions 4 and 5) and changes how you live in the world (sessions 6 and 7).

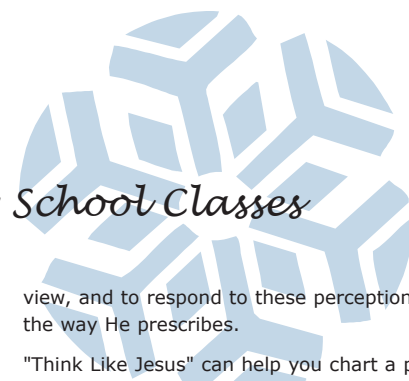
Redeemer Presbyterian Church is a church of extensive mission and social action. Karen Brantley, Director of Hispanic Ministries of the West Ohio Conference, has been working with the Hispanic population in Columbus since well before she accepted that position. Those who know Fritz and Karina know the work they do to help their neighbors in the Victorian Village/Short North sections of Columbus. Fritz Harding and Karen Brantley will make a team that is a gift of gold to Trinity's missions and to all who are open to a continuing opening of their hearts and their minds to opportunities to serve those in our community who are the greatest in need.

Think Like Jesus

Kevin Holtsberry
Room 209

According to the author of the book "Think Like Jesus" researcher George Barna, most Christians live indistinctly from non-believers because they do not think any differently - which is the result of not understanding the basic truths of the Christian faith. In this book, Barna identifies seven core questions that Christians must be able to answer biblically in order to live a transformed life.

Barna's research reveals that, as we wrestle with what is right and wrong, some of us cut ethical corners and don't even know it, and we often base our actions on what feels right or keeps people happy, rather than on what is best or true. What is a biblical perspective on life? To put it simply, Barna says, it is "a way of dealing with the world so that we act like Jesus twenty-four hours a day because we think like Jesus." It's like wearing a pair of eyeglasses that enable us to see things differently, to see things from God's point of



view, and to respond to these perceptions in the way He prescribes.

"Think Like Jesus" can help you chart a path that will allow you to make a difference for eternity in your home, your job, your church and your community.

Handbells for Learners (ALL ages, children and adults!)

Diane Stanley
Room 201

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

Discovery of God's Will

Brad Goodwin
Chapelside Parlor

Andy Stanley, a popular Christian Education study author, has designed this new study to help us understand that God has a wonderful and fulfilling vision for your life. Yet determining God's will can be a difficult process, especially when you need to make a decision quickly! Designed for small groups or personal study, the companion study guide to the Discovering God's Will DVD will take you through the important steps of decision making: pursuing God's will, seeking counsel from others, learning to use discernment and understanding the mind of God through scripture.

Andy Stanley is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary and the founding pastor of North Point Community Church in Atlanta, Georgia, with a youthful congregation of more than 12,000. Andy is the bestselling author of "Visioneering," "The Next Generation Leader" and "How Good Is Good Enough?"

In His Word

Matt Hamilton
Room 208

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



Caravaggio Exhibit & Dinner January 8



Want to enjoy fellowship and camaraderie with your Trinity friends and enjoy great art and a delicious dinner? Join us for a trip to the Columbus Museum of Art to view the Caravaggio Exhibit, followed by dinner at Buca di Beppo in the Arena District.

Sunday, January 8, 2012
 2:30 p.m. Leave Trinity by van or car caravan to Columbus Museum of Art (CMA)
 3 p.m. CMA docent presentation on the Exhibit
 4-4:40 p.m. Browse CMA exhibits and gift shop
 4:40 p.m. Depart for Buca di Beppo
 5 p.m. Fellowship meal at Buca di Beppo
 Return to Trinity after dinner.

Cost: \$30 (payable to Trinity, CMA on memo line) includes museum entrance and docent presentation, sumptuous family-style meal, transportation and parking. Museum members pay \$25.

Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio is remembered as much for his unconventional lifestyle as his immeasurable talent. His revolutionary art along with a life of personal excess, punctuated by late night brawls, attempts on his life, and multiple arrests, culminated with a Papal death warrant that forced him to live as an exile.

The Columbus Museum of Art offers the rare opportunity to view the work of this Italian Baroque master. Ecce Homo (Behold the Man), painted by Caravaggio around 1605, and lent by the Musei di Strada Nuova -- Palazzo Bianco, Genoa. This powerful painting will be the centerpiece of an exclusive exhibition organized by CMA currently on view. It is the only U.S. venue.

Underscoring his remarkable influence upon his contemporaries will be ten other paintings -- images of saints and sinners alike, lent from the collections of major Ohio museums and one private collection.

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE IN THE ATRIUM AND IN FELLOWSHIP PARLOR or call Carolyn Leick or Gary Brand to register at 488-0695.

trinity youth

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January Youth Group meetings will be focused on relationships and how to strengthen them! We will have fun, search for God's truth, and gain practical tools to strengthen our relationships. Here's the schedule:

- January 8: better relationship with the CHURCH
- January 15: better relationships with our FRIENDS
- January 22: better relationships with the FAMILY
- January 29: better relationships with GOD

If you have any questions about the youth program, please feel free to contact me at any time. My email address is bedwards@trinityumchurch.com





opportunities

Stephen Ministry

New Stephen Ministry Training begins Sunday, Jan. 8 at 4 p.m. and continues on Sundays at 7 p.m. through January.

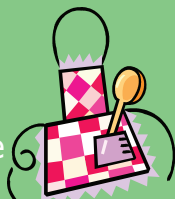
Stephen Ministry continuing education is scheduled for January 17, taught by Rev. Dr. Brian Jones on the subject "Distinctively Christian Caring."

Altar Flower Memorials

If you would like to memorialize loved ones by donating flowers for the Sunday Altars, please contact Shirley Biegler, 614-459-6585, scheduling coordinator for the Trinity Altar Guild. Arrangements may be given for the Sanctuary or Meditation Room. There are openings throughout 2012.

Fellowship Dinner January 10

Beef Stew Dinner
5-7 pm
Carry-out available
Proceeds benefit the
YWCA Women's
Emergency Overflow



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 February issue is Tuesday, Jan. 10.** Please place your information or photos in the *Trinity Times* box in the church office or email to beckywest22@aol.com.

Weekly meetings:

Sunday

Monday

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Mornings

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Sanctuary
Traditional Worship

Fellowship Hall
Crossroads Contemporary
Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10 a.m. for Adults and
Children

Weekly
Meetings
in
January



11:30 am Disciple
III Study;
Chapelside Parlor

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New Year's Day
One Worship Service
11 a.m.

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10 am Winter Adult
Sunday School Session
begins
4 pm New
Stephen Ministry
Training begins

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15

7 pm New
Stephen Ministry
Training

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Offices Closed
Martin Luther King,
Jr. Day

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7 pm New
Stephen Ministry
Training

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7 pm New
Stephen Ministry
Training

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Did you know ...
that for the last four
years the
Trinity Foundation
has supported
summer interns in
conjunction with the
West Ohio
Conference?

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January 2012

| Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| <p>6:30 am Men's Small Group; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>6:45 pm Women of the Living Word; Rm 207</p> <p>7 pm Troop 261; Rm 011</p> | <p>9 am Women of the Living Word; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>4:30 pm Children's Choir; Rm 204</p> | <p>9 am Disciple I Study; Rm 207</p> <p>6:45 pm Chancel Bell Choir; Rm 201</p> <p>7 pm Young Professionals Group</p> <p>8 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Rm 204</p> |  <p>SAVE THE DATE</p> <p>Chili Challenge Sun., Feb. 26</p> <p>Teams Needed! Contact Cheryl Parsons @ cp2563@aol.com</p> | |
| <p>3</p> <p>7 pm Trinity Foundation; Rm 117</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision; Chapelside Parlor</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6</p> <p>9:30 am Wee Moms; Fellowship Parlor</p> | <p>7</p> |
| <p>10</p> <p>Trinity Times Deadline</p> <p>5-7 pm Fellowship Dinner</p> <p>7 pm Meeting Night</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers & Squares Quilting Group; Rm 208</p> <p>7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Rm 001</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> <p>8:30-11:30 am Mission Council Retreat</p> |
| <p>17</p> <p>6:15 pm Pizza Making; Kitchen</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Education</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> <p>6:30 pm Moms' Book Group; Fellowship Parlor</p> | <p>20</p> <p>9:30 am Wee Moms; Fellowship Parlor</p> | <p>21</p> |
| <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> <p>5pm YWCA Family Center Hosting</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> |
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small groups & mission

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January School Supply Drive

Please help support the New Life School Supply Drive for children in our community. In August, New Life gave school supplies to over 100 children. Throughout the year, they run out of supplies. By January of 2012 we would like our neighbors to continue to have access to school supplies. Just to give you an idea of how much these children and their families need others support, the free clothing room at New Life serves an average of 2,500 individuals a month. If you would like to donate, please drop off any of the following items in the Atrium by January 15th:

Crayons
 Notebook Filler Paper
 Folders
 Elmer's glue
 Number 2 pencils
 Pens

Wee Moms is sponsoring this drive. Wee Moms provides an opportunity for mothers with children (birth through Pre-Kindergarten) to grow through fellowship in a supportive and casual environment. Wee Moms meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 9:30-11 AM in Fellowship Parlor. Come and join us!

If you have any questions regarding the drive or Wee Moms please contact:

Morgan Metcalf
 metcalf.145@gmail.com
 614-507-0921, or
 Carrie Stieg
 carriestieg@gmail.com
 614-563-8502

Bethlehem on Broad achieves mission

by Michael Doran, Bethlehem on Broad (BoB) Shepherd

Thanks to the Bethlehem on Broad project, we collectively know that 1,200 families had a Merrier Christmas than they might have had otherwise!

Everyone's participation made a difference.



I want to personally thank each of you who donated time, talent and treasure for the BoB mission. In our 12th year of participation, Trinity purchased and assembled 500 food boxes and also helped with distribution. We had over 100 servants and I enjoyed serving with all of you!

As the "Shepherd" for BoB, I realized how many people BoB touches both at Trinity and in the community. As we served, I was grateful for the opportunity to make new friends and look forward to seeing how these relationship will grow. There are a number of teammates I'd like to thank. **Reverend Amy Aspey** was awesome - always encouraging and faith-filled throughout the mission. **Bill Meerman** for asking me to lead the BoB mission in 2011. Bill was always helpful, humorous and thoughtful. **Eric Hagely, Tom Poole, Nathan Wymer and Todd Williams** were always there to help and very supportive whether it be advice, a truck or speaking in worship. The leadership team was great too! Thanks to **Mark Hawthorne** (Sunday Display Tables), **Roger Powell** (Kroger Truck Unloading), **Bruce Savage** (Packing Day), and **Ann Poole** (Hospitality).

There are other impactful events that help make the BoB mission possible. The November Fellowship Dinner and fantastic **Cuisine for a Cause** event made significant contributions toward the financial goal. Thanks to Cuisine Shepherd, **Pam Hagely**, for the fantastic start! There are so many quiet service team members who I may not have mentioned and for that I apologize. Please know that the work you did, the smile you shared, the donation you provided all made BoB such a powerful experience and made a difference!



Thanks as well to **Will Hines** and his team at Kroger-Grandview and Broad Street United Methodist Church, which is the host site for BOB. Finally, I want to welcome **Tony Jones** as the 2012 BoB Shepherd. I'm sure we will be hearing from Tony starting this fall. I look forward to joining the ranks of so many of you who serve every year in this mission of helping feed our neighbors in need. Thanks again and God bless you for your generous giving.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.

Matthew 25:35



PEACE

Join the Women of Trinity for the Annual Women's Retreat February 3 & 4 at Deer Creek

Together we will explore *The Peace God Promises:*

Closing the Gap Between What You Experience and What You Long For

by Ann Spangler

Please register by January 15th

Contact Rev. Aspey at aaspey@trinityumchurch.com

Psalm 34:14 ...Seek peace and pursue it.

women of the living word

INVITE YOU TO EXPERIENCE

James ~ Mercy Triumphs

a study by Beth Moore



Wednesday Mornings in Fellowship Hall January 4 to February 22 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

or

Tuesday Evenings in Room 207 January 3 to February 21 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Cost: \$20 book & babysitting included

Contact: Sue Fitz, wfitz1@columbus.rr.com

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. Jim Pepper wrote the following tribute.

Michael Doran

This month the Stewardship Committee is proud to recognize the dedicated servanthood of Michael Doran. Michael has been part of the Trinity family since 2005 when a friend invited him to attend Trinity. Ever since, Trinity has made a big difference in his life as well as in the lives of his children, Michael and Julia.



Michael grew up attending church, but had not been an active member. Attending Trinity, Michael has realized the more you give and participate in activities within the Church, the more you get out of these activities. He feels that Trinity is a high impact church filled with many wonderful people, and a church leadership who consistently encourages us to be joyful, to serve others, and love one another as Christ would love us.

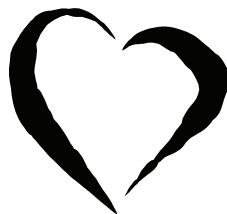
Since becoming a part of Trinity, Michael has been involved in facilitating the single parent classes with Trinity member Joan Briggs. These classes offer guidance to single parents dealing with raising kids in a one-parent home. He attends as many of the Sunday school classes as he can to learn more about Christ, his teachings, and what we are called to do. He also is actively involved in the Tuesday morning men's Bible study group. This is a special group of men for which individuals can share love, fellowship, and humor on a weekly basis.

Michael started a ministry of kickball, soccer and waffle ball in the Church parking lot for the youth. This experience helped him realize that our Church is filled with great young people. As a result of starting this ministry, Michael became involved in the youth group and became a member of the Youth Council. Bill Meerman invited Michael to become involved in the Bethlehem on Broad ministry in 2010, which led him to become the 2011 Shepherd and Leader for this year's successful Bethlehem on Broad effort.

Michael enjoys training for triathlons and was able to realize this dream this past summer by completing the Ironman triathlon. He feels this race reminds him of his walk with Christ. Early on in this past race, Michael experienced a major panic during one of the competitions which filled him with fear and anxiety. After reminding himself why he was there and praying for courage to proceed, he was able to proceed with and finish the race. This experience reminded Michael that we must consistently move forward and trust in God's loving hand to help us when we are afraid and need guidance. Michael's involvement at Trinity keeps him focused on his continuing growth and walk with Christ.

Amazing Dates Returns in February

During this third year of Amazing Dates, committed or married couples will explore the topic "Connecting as a Couple." Rev. Amy Aspey and Mandy Markoff will co-lead sessions based on Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott's book *Your Time-Starved Marriage: How to Stay Connected at the Speed of Life*. Couples will participate in teaching time, large and small group discussion, and then are encouraged to enjoy their own "date night" for further reflection.



Sign-ups for Amazing Dates will take place February 5-19. The five meeting dates for Amazing Dates are February 29, March 14, March 28, April 11, and April 25 from 6:15-7:00 in the Trinity Chapel (free childcare is provided for the group time). The date will follow at the location of your choosing. Please join us if you are interested in learning more about "Connecting as a Couple!" If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Rev. Amy Aspey.



our church family

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Gerry Boyce | Cherry Crawford |
| Larry Burt | Jim McCall |
| Barbara Coombs | Hailey Miller |

IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended to Karen and Bill Catalano and Family in the passing of Karen's father, Leroy Olson ... and to the Family of Trinity member, Caroline Lowery.

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was given for Lucas Gabriel Bradaschia, son of Leila and Giancarlo ... for Jake Thomas Brammell, son of Jennifer and Thomas... for Emma Claire Hendershot, daughter of Abigail and Michael ... for Abigail Ann Lewis, daughter of Amy and Michael ... and for Peyton Elizabeth Garvey, daughter of Gina and Matthew.

Blessings to the Markays as they begin a New Chapter

Note: The Markays are no longer missionaries in Italy, as they have begun a new chapter in their ministry in England.

Dear Friends at Trinity UMC,

In August of 2011, we took on new responsibilities in the Sheffield-Brunswick and Hoyland circuits of the Methodist Church in Britain. As we concluded our fifteen years of service as missionaries with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, our hearts were very grateful for all you have done for us.

Your congregation was responsive to the needs in the communities we served. We will always be thankful for the Bibles and hymnals Trinity UMC sent to us, and for the thoughtful ways your prayer group stayed in touch with us so faithfully. Kristin and Aidan remember with fondness their visit with you last summer, when they were accompanied by Carla and Bob Chiles.

Your mission giving, especially during difficult economic times, is a testimony to your commitment to spread Good News within and outside your community. Please know that the many ways you have supported us in ministry -- your financial support, prayers, letters, birthday cards, and your hospitality to our family during itineration visits, have all sustained us in ways you cannot imagine. We trust that together, we have planted seeds for the Gospel.

Peace in Christ,

*The Markay Family
Kristin, David, Hannah and Aidan*

Corridor Gallery features Christian Bell

Christian C. Bell is Trinity's featured corridor Gallery artist for January. Chris is a retired Fine Arts Teacher from Groveport-Madison School District. He discovered Marvin Triguba's art classes in Lancaster, Ohio. Marvin was a well known portrait artist and Chris took lessons with him for many years. Chris attributes his instructor for his skills.



The "Faces of the Past" are from the re-enactors at the Frontier Spirit Days in Lancaster, Ohio. The Frontier Spirit Days are held the last weekend in September on old route 33 just south of Lancaster (www.frontierplayers.org/). The setting is from the time period around 1799. Participants are attired in period dress of early settlers and Native Americans. A historical village is built and live demonstrations are held depicting the day.