



TRINITY TIMES

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in the Sanctuary

Crossroads Contemporary
Worship in Fellowship Hall

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The Difference

by Rev. Philip Brooks

I was born and reared in what Columbus often terms "enemy territory," more famously designated by

Rand McNally as Michigan. My father was pastor of First Methodist Church (before the "United" was added to the name) for 15 years. Rare for a P.K. (preacher's kid), all my pre-college schooling was in one system and, in fact, only two buildings - elementary, then junior and high school at South Lake in the city of St. Clair Shores just north of Detroit.

During 13 years of "under-under graduate" education (K through 12), we missed a grand total of two consecutive days of school due to snow. Reason: it snowed so much workers could not get out of their homes to travel to the city garages where the plows were buried by a huge snowstorm. Two days missed in 13 years!

You will understand my astonishment after moving two States south to attend college when all schools closed and civilization came to a standstill one morning due to what in Michigan would be considered a heavy frost. It was treated like a natural disaster.

It took time to understand the difference. Finally I saw that

people were unaccustomed to slick roads, frozen precipitation, had not learned to drive in such hazardous conditions, and did not have equipment to handle such occurrences. The difference was in preparation, motivation, and implementation.

After a lifetime in the Christian ministry, I've seen similar differences in churches. One congregation will wither on the vine and fade away while another in similar circumstances will thrive and grow. What makes the difference? Preparation, motivation, and implementation.

A congregation that is adequately prepared, biblically motivated, with plans lovingly implemented will experience spiritual depth, numerical growth, and increased effectiveness in discipleship and mission.

In the Great Commission, Jesus said to go, make disciples, baptize, teach, and experience His continual presence. (Matthew 28:16-20). That is our mandate, our passion, and our mission. In the coming years, let us always be prepared, motivated, and willing to implement what is needed to fulfill our calling as followers of Christ. Trinity has been and continues to be a great and faithful congregation. It is a joy to journey with you as we serve God through serving people.





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Winter Adult Sunday School Classes through 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.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

Ephesians 3:15

So much of what we do at Trinity is not just for children or just for adults. Our current "Family Life Series" of Adult Sunday School Classes is inspired by the need of all of us to nurture our children, our husbands and wives, our extended families, the families of the church, the families of the world. Be sure to check out that series in the Adult Sunday school brochures found in the entrance to the Atrium, the entrance to the Narthex, the Fifth Avenue entrance, and found in this newsletter, on the website, on the entrance posters and in the bulletins.

And are you aware that the Older Adult Council is no longer that? It is the Generations Council, and its mission is to make Disciples of Christ together: people of all ages working, playing and learning together. Our Children's Choir has experienced the joy of those in retirement villages whose love of them and the gift of their singing is not forgotten by the children when they have been blessed with this experience. Our Youth have been known to work in yards and on household repairs that members of our congregation cannot manage, and they have been seen teaching others the many technical understandings they have so that all in the Trinity family may have access to and skill in surfing the internet, Facebook, Twitter, blogs, I-phones, I-pods, I-pads, Blackberrys . . . what next?

Our Children and Family Council is working hard now on its Family Movie Nights, our Easter Egg Hunt, activities for the Chili Challenge and the Mother's Day Brunch!

And how often do we hear talk of the poor? Of those whose numbers and percentages continue to increase in our nation? How often do politicians of all persuasions speak of the needs of the outcast and forgotten whose numbers continue to grow in our country? Well you hear talk of that within the Trinity family! Our current adult Sunday school class entitled "Gospel in Life" with Karen Brantley and Fritz Harding is awakening many minds to needs we can and are working to fill. Just witness and experience the many Trinity missions that bless each of us as much as they bless those whose needs we meet.

Trinity is a modern church! Our family is not contained within the walls of our beautiful edifice. When will people begin to learn that when a group is oppressed or harmed, all are harmed? . . . when families are enriched, nurtured and blessed, all are blessed? We in the Trinity family know that our family is far greater than just us. Jesus' life is the model. We work to hear the word, speak the word and follow the word. Our family has no borders. Thanks be to God!



trinity youth

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I love this picture of our wonderful congregation committing to **pray for the youth** in our church. How awesome is that? If you weren't in attendance the day this took place, I asked for a show of hands of those who would pray every day for our youth. I would ask that everyone who reads this article would also make that commitment. Our youth need your support. **This is one MAJOR way you can support the youth program.** Thank you very much!

Upcoming Events

- February 5 Super Bowl Party from kick-off to end of the game!
- February 12 Christian Guide to Dating
6:30-7:45 Second Sunday Parents Connect Group
- February 19 Christian Guide to Sex Part 1
- February 26 Christian Guide to Sex Part 2

In the week before we begin the two-week series "Christian Guide to Sex", I will email a detailed lesson plan so that parents will know exactly what we will be covering. If you are not on my parents email list and would like to be ... send me an email at bedwards@trinityumchurch.com and I will certainly add you to the list! Each Sunday night (except for the Super Bowl Party) the schedule is:

Middle School is from 6:30-7:45
High School is from 7:45-9:00

Adult Sunday School Classes for Early Spring

February 26 - April 1, 2012



New Members Class

Dr. Brian Jones
Chapel

Muslims in America

(February 26 - March 11 only)
Prof. Paul Numrich
Room 209

Christianity, Judaism and Islam's Similarities

(March 18 - April 1)
Prof. Rod Hutton
Room 209

Bell Choir

Diane Stanley
Room 201

Family Life Series: Made to Crave

Jenny Shrodes
Room 208

In His Word

Matt Hamilton
Room 207



Noah Dombrowski, Austin Beal and Cooper Rehl enjoy building together at TUMPS.

TUMPS Registration

Trinity United Methodist Preschool (TUMPS) is a high-quality early childhood learning center for children ages 2-5. It provides a loving and nurturing environment to meet children's social, emotional and intellectual needs. **Registration for the 2012-2013 school year begins on Wednesday, Feb. 1 for active Trinity members.** For more information, contact Sue Simpson or Sandy Federer at 488-3659 or go to www.tumpsonline.org.



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.

7th Annual Chili Challenge Sunday, February 26

Trinity's own amazing chefs will challenge their cooking skills for bragging rights of "Best Chili" at the CHILI CHALLENGE on Sunday, Feb. 26, from 5-7 p.m.



New year, new competition! Food/activities for the children will be available. Cost is \$5 for adults; \$3 for children; \$15 for families.

Last year's top prize went to "Two Men and A Pot" (Tom Goodwin and Roger Nourse). Who will take home the top prize and the new Chili Challenge trophy? Come, join us for a great night of chili tasting and fellowship.

Of course, we need chili "teams" to compete. Interested? We'd love to have you. Please contact Julie Andrews at jandrews10@columbus.rr.com or 352-8589 to sign up.

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 March issue is Tuesday, February 14.** Please place your information or photos in the *Trinity Times* box in the church office or email to bekywest22@aol.com.

opportunities

Weekly meetings:	Sunday	Monday
WORSHIP SERVICES <i>Sunday Mornings</i> 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 February 	11:30 am Disciple III Study; Chapelside Parlor
	5 6:30 p.m. Youth Super Bowl Party; Youth Rm.	6
	12 12:10 pm Adult Council Retreat; Rms 208/209	13 7 pm Communications Committee; Rm 206 9:30 am Women's Bible Study; Chapelside Parlor
	19	20
	26 <i>First Sunday in Lent</i> New Adult Sunday School Classes begin 5-7 pm Chili Challenge; Fellowship Hall	27 9:30 am Women's Bible Study; Chapelside Parlor

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February 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>?</p> <p>Did you know ... that there is no minimum amount for a gift that an individual or family can give to the Trinity Foundation? All gifts are appreciated and there is no gift too small!</p>	
	<p>1</p> <p>TUMPS Registration opens for Trinity members</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 am Wee Moms; Fellowship Parlor</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8 am Pack 17 Pinewood Derby; Undercroft</p>
			<p>Annual Women's Retreat</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>7 pm Trinity Foundation; Rm 117</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>7 pm Troop 261 Court of Honor; Chapel</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers & Squares Quilting Group; Rm 208</p> <p>7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Rm 001</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 pm Family Movie Night; Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Happy Valentine's Day</p> <p>Trinity Times Deadline</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 pm Moms' Book Group; Fellowship Parlor</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 am Wee Moms; Fellowship Parlor</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>21</p> <p>6:15 pm Pizza Making; Kitchen</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Education</p>	<p>22</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY Noon Service in Chapel 7 pm Service in Sanctuary</p> <p>5pm YWCA Family Center Hosting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers & Squares Quilting Group; Rm 208</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:30 - 11:30 am Small Group Council; Fellowship Parlor/Chapel</p>
<p>28</p> <p>7 pm Mission Team</p>	<p>29</p> <p></p> <p>6:15 pm Amazing Dates; Chapel</p>			
<p>www.trinityumchurch.com</p>				

small groups

Rev. Amy Barlak Aspey

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Amazing Dates begins this month



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*. This book explores how to connect your time styles; helping you to reclaim the time you've been missing, and maximize the moments you have together. Buying the book is not a requirement for the class; however, copies will be available for purchase for those interested.

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 p.m. 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.

Trinity Foundation Highlights of 2011

by Libby Germain & Sue Simpson

The Trinity Foundation actively supported ministries of the church in 2011. The purpose of our Foundation is to encourage and promote gifts to the church to support and enhance Trinity's mission, responsibly manage these gifts, and fund grant requests which support programs of the church and community.

Due to the generous gifts from Trinity members, the Foundation was able to grant many wonderful requests in 2011. Community missions, as well as a variety of Trinity programs were supported by Foundation funding.

The Crossroads congregation is enjoying the **new lighting in Fellowship Hall**. They are now actually able to see everyone on stage and are looking forward to more upgrades that will enhance the worship experience.

The music program is delighted to use their new much-needed pieces of equipment, including a **piano bench, a Yamaha clavichord and a dry-erase board in the choir room**. We are so thankful for our beautiful Trinity music!

The youth are such an integral part of our congregation. In November, an adult team attended a **conference in Atlanta**, led by youth ministry experts. The participants were given life-long skills to use within the youth ministry of our church and in our community.

The Foundation also **supported an Upper Arlington High School senior on her Capstone Project** which involved visits to New Life Church to work as an art coordinator for the weekly Friday youth program.

We continued to invest in our youth by supporting **two summer internships to college undergraduates** who are interested in pursuing ordained ministry as a calling/vocation. This was the fourth year that interns were funded by the Foundation.

It was exciting to be able to offer **support to a new mission opportunity called the Freedom School**. Trinity Foundation participated in a summer educational program for children which allowed 42 students to receive summer reading instruction. This helped students to stay in tune with their reading skills throughout the year, as well as provided them with healthy and fun enrichment activities throughout the day.

All of these great improvements and programs have been supported by the Trinity Foundation. The members of the Trinity Foundation give thanks for your generous gifts in the past and in the future. If you are interested in learning more about the Trinity Foundation and ways that you may make a donation please visit the Trinity website [www:trinityumchurch.com](http://www.trinityumchurch.com) or see a staff member.

50 in 5

Making New Disciples for Jesus Christ at Trinity

As the cornerstone of Trinity's strategic planning process, the Administrative Council, at its meeting on January 10, approved the adoption of a church-wide Strategic Objective for the church through Easter 2017. The purpose of this Strategic Objective is to establish a direction which will lead to the realization of the Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church, as follows.

"The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is to welcome, teach, serve and transform lives and society by following the way of Jesus Christ."

In order to unite the church in the realization of our Mission, the Strategic Objective calls for all committees, councils, program areas and individual members of Trinity to join together in achieving the Strategic Objective of bringing new disciples to Jesus Christ at Trinity, as follows.

"In accordance with our mission as followers of Jesus Christ to transform the lives of people and make a positive difference in their souls, lives and society, we resolve to increase membership and attendance at Trinity Church by 50% during the next 5 years, by Easter 2017."

The focus on all the work undertaken by every aspect of Trinity's programs and ministry over the next five years will be how it contributes to the realization of the above Objective.

In adopting this Strategic Objective, the primary goal is not the simple attainment of numerical benchmarks. The focus is rather on what the achievement of the Objective means in terms of the spiritual growth of the Trinity congregation. In achieving the Objective, we are recognizing that the increase in membership and attendance is the "outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual growth" taking place at Trinity.

The Administrative Council and the Strategic Planning Executive Committee will be working with all areas of the church family to begin implementing the Strategic Objective by this Easter 2012.

Chris Scott, Chair
Strategic Planning Executive Committee



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Larry Burt Bob Ruhl
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Jane Greiner

IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended to Susan Laux and Family in the passing of her mother and Trinity member, Nancy Laux ... to Sharon and Don Cook and Family in the passing of Sharon's mother, Grace Swigart ... to Laura Diggs and Elijah Diggs in the passing of Trinity member, James Stull ... and to Rev. Dr. Brian and Kelly Jones and family in the passing of Brian's father, Henry Jones.

BIRTHS

The roses on the altar were presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Mary Stella Federer, daughter of Jessica and Kevin, born December 3, 2011. Sandy and Steve Federer are the paternal grandparents ... for the birth of Jonathan David Sigg, son of Heather and Justin, born December 14, 2011 ... for the birth of Keiton Boyd Crawford, son of Heather and Justin, born December 15, 2011. Nancy and Jim Monahan are the maternal grandparents ... for the birth of Clara Joy Markoff, daughter of Mandy and Jason, born December 17, 2011. Sandy and Gene Warman are the maternal grandparents ... and for the birth of Owen Gregory Fraker, son of Robin and Greg, born January 4, 2012.

Gifts to Trinity Foundation

Members and friends of Trinity often ask that the Church be included in their estate planning or request that memorial donations be made to Trinity in their honor. These persons have left a legacy that will endure and bless others in the years to come. Gifts to Trinity Foundation are also made to honor weddings, retirements and other milestones. If you are interested in including Trinity in your estate plan, please contact Rev. Philip Brooks at 488-0695 or your financial advisor. We are grateful for the following memorial gifts made in the **Fourth Quarter of 2011**:

In Honor of

Robert and Joanne Duran

Dedicated to Missions
Their Grandchildren

In Memory of

Bill Forder

Dedicated to Youth
Bill and Barbara Coombs
William and Susan Grote
John and Wilma Hagely
Betty Lou Karnap
John Mount
Gary and Barbara Orr
Jim and Jan Pepper
Jean Rudy
Trinity's United Methodist Men

In Memory of

Nancy Laux

Jim and Jan Pepper
James and Marie Stout

In Memory of

Katy Levis

Gary and Carol Brand

In Memory of

Caroline Lowery

George and Judy Coles
Sara E. Cox
James Roland Craner & Family
Willie and Katie Grové
Mary C. Lewis
Howard and Ellen Lowery
Dan and Susie Magnuson
David and Velma Williams

In Memory of

Martha Plahuta

Bill and Barbara Coombs
Floyd and Virginia Griffith
Jim and Jan Pepper

In Memory of

Clark Pritchett

John and Wilma Hagely
John Mount
Bob and Cathy Warmbrod
Guvvor Widing

Please Welcome Our New Trinity Members

Ashley Clark, 2000 Riverhill Rd., Columbus, 43221
Todd and Natalina Fickell, 1488 Essex Rd., Columbus, 43221
Thomas Holman, 2130 Ripple Rd., Hilliard, 43026
Rachel Huston, 1540 Berkshire Rd., Columbus, 43221
Joseph and Tina Jacob, 1 Miranova Pl. #1620, Columbus, 43215
Angela Miller, 248 Frankford Sq., Columbus, 43206
Jeff and Courtney Oakley, 2641 York Rd., Columbus, 43221
Jean Rea, 4243 Woodbridge Rd., Columbus, 43220
Jeff and Sarah Rood, 1936 Malvern Rd., Columbus, 43221
Jeremy and Karen Schmersal, 2607 Camden Rd., Columbus, 43221
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