



# TRINITY TIMES

WORSHIP AT TRINITY:  
SUNDAY MORNINGS  
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship  
in the Sanctuary

Crossroads Contemporary  
Worship in Fellowship Hall

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## The Tates

*by Reverend Philip Brooks*

Across a lifetime of pastoral ministry, I've met thousands of people in congregations where I served. Sometimes they

have been part of large families with relatives and extended family members comprising part of the congregation. I remember one large family where everyone's name started with the letter "J". Another in which four brothers were bestowed by their bridge-playing parents the given names of North, South, East, and West.

Just recently I read about a church that had among its membership the large Tate family. Like most families, there are outstanding members and others less appealing.

The patriarch is Dic-Tate who wants to run everything, while Uncle Ro-Tate tries to change everything. There's sister Agi-Tate who stirs up plenty of trouble, with help from her husband, Irri-Tate. Whenever new projects are suggested, Hesi-Tate and his wife, Vege-Tate, want to wait until next year. Then there is Aunt Imi-Tate, who wants the church to be like all the others. Devas-Tate provides the voice of doom, while Poten-Tate wants to be a big shot.

But not all members of the Tate family are bad. Brother Facili-Tate is quite helpful in church matters.

And a delightful, happy member of the family is Miss Felici-Tate. Cousins Cogi-Tate and Medi-Tate always think things over and lend helpful, steady hands. And of course there is the black sheep of the family, Ampu-Tate, who has completely cut himself off from the church and won't even attend on Christmas or Easter.

Happily, Trinity Church is composed of hundreds of families working together to serve Christ by serving people. As we read about the Tates, let's resolve to emulate the good Tates and not the bad because people are watching us and how we live our lives. Above all else, I hope when folks see us they'll recognize traits that indicate we are part of the Family of God.



These girls were all smiles following the Youth Musical performance of *Glory* on April 10. More musical photos on page 3.



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*This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain - first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.*

Mark 4:26-28

Every week we welcome new families and children who come to Kids Own Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 for the first time, and what a joy it is for all of us. As we read articles and watch documentaries and newscasts that send what sound like messages of doom for mainline churches, we at Trinity are experiencing something very different.

Our Children and Family Council is blessed with members who are among Trinity's newest attendees, and our VBS leaders this year include many new faces. All of these VBS leadership positions have been filled earlier than ever before, and our meetings with VBS' leaders are full of inspired, creative thinkers whose gratitude for the opportunities Trinity offers for the giving of our gifts is enormous. Applications for volunteering at VBS are coming in rapidly, as are applications from youth who lead our young children in Vacation Bible School.

Our Children and Family Council has designed and is offering two new and exciting programs this year, the Mother/Daughter Banquet and the Family Movie Nights, in addition to all of the many things they support and sponsor every year. They were approached about another innovation that will have to wait another year, but stay tuned! It's an exciting one.

The camaraderie, fellowship and friendships that develop through all of these many meaningful events mean greater attendance in Bible studies, small groups and committees, and the more our new members offer their talents, the greater the blessings for all, the more widely Trinity enlarges its borders and the more Disciples of Christ we inspire.

Thanks be to God!

## Adult Sunday School

### God's "Green" Earth Steve Campbell & Linda Robinson Chapel

Steve Campbell and Linda Robinson will bring to the class expert guest speakers who will share up to date information and give us help in being more responsible inhabitants of God's Green Earth. We'll focus on our homes, our yards and our gardens, learning ways that allow us to better measure the success of our efforts. We'll examine ways to ground our work and our habits in Scripture and the United Methodist Social Creed, sharing a vision of life for all humanity that includes the natural world and our place as protectors of its natural resources.

### Christian Symbolism in Art and Liturgy Lisa and Kevin Holtsberry Chapelside Parlor

Symbolism has been an important part of Christian thought and culture for centuries, one might even say from the beginning! Symbols are found in our art, our literature, our music and our liturgy. We will explore symbolism by focusing on what we mean by symbols, their early history, symbolism at Trinity, symbolism and "I am," the symbolism of the cross and how symbols help to define the church. Lisa Holtsberry, a devoted Trinity member, is a professional sculptor and stained glass artist. Her husband, Kevin, whose passion is theology and the history of the church is one of Trinity's popular adult Sunday school teachers.

### Shalom Seth Metcalf Room 215

Come explore the Biblical concepts of peace in the Old and New Testaments, and join in our discussion of how we can apply these various concepts to our lives today.

### The Me I Want to Be Geoff Arthur & Geoff Eubank Room 208

"God's vision for your life is not just that you are saved by grace, but that you also learn to live by grace, flourishing with the spirit through you. The Me I Want to Be is an instant classic, a powerful guide to true spiritual growth, and an operator's manual for building a Spirit-filled life in a world where perfection can only be found in God's loving vision for you." This quote is from John Ortberg, author of this study who is a pastor at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church in Menlo Park, California. He is the best-selling author of You've Got to Get Out of the Boat, given in Adult Sunday School several years ago and many others.

### Staying in Love Alison & George Rooney Room 209

Based on a study by Andy Stanley, pastor, communicator, author and founder of North Point Ministries in Georgia, we will learn ways to stay in love once we fall in love. As Andy Stanley says, "We all know what's required to fall in love . . . a pulse. Falling in love is easy, but staying there, that's something else entirely." Staying in love requires a plan. We'll begin with the bottom line: the biblical way toward an enduring love relationship -- as modeled by Jesus himself - is to make love a verb. We'll talk about how the Bible carefully details for us the kind of Christlike humility and servanthood that allows us to achieve a love that endures. We'll examine how we have to fully understand what's going on in our hearts - and face it squarely when it comes to the surface through the "bumps" in our relationships. Bumps are opportunities, springboards for learning, growing and building stronger and stronger relationships.



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May 1 - 29, 2011

### In His Word Matt Hamilton Room 207

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.

### The Meaning Behind the Music Dr. Brian Jones & Bob Field Room 001

Whether you are a traditionalist in worship or a fan of contemporary worship, this class will have something to offer everyone. After all, all Christian Music was contemporary at one time! As we look at the beginning of what we began to label as "praise music" through the present and the praise music being composed today, we will discover that it reveals how we see our world, our concerns, and the hope we have in God. As we look at and experience Praise/Contemporary Christian Music, we'll also experience how it can influence our spiritual journey with Christ.

### Bob Russell Returns for Evening Adult Class

### *Singing to the Lord*

Chapelside Parlor  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
through May 25

We'll reflect together on the poetry of the Psalms. Rev. Bob Russell, retired Presbyterian University Pastor, will again lead our discussion and join in our fellowship. He will present sessions on the meaning and the beauty of the poetry of the Psalms. Bob served as Chaplain at Yale University and at The Ohio State University, and he served parishes and communities in Wilmington, Delaware and Columbus (Northminster Presbyterian Church). His 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, George Herbert and Robert Frost. Bob has quite a following at Trinity because of his love of people, his love of Christ and his love of poetry. You will experience many blessings in the midst of this cherished man.

### Thank you Germaines & Spikers!



The Youth Council would like to thank Ed & Jeanie Spiker and Rick & Libby Germain for 11 years of service as directors of the youth musical. What a fantastic run and what an incredible impact. From the bottom of all our hearts ... thank you!

### Congratulations Cast & Crew!



Many thanks to all the performers and supporters of "Glory" - great show, great message!

### May Meetings

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| May 1  | Regular Youth Group Meetings  |
| May 8  | No Meeting; Mother's Day  |
| May 15 | Confirmation Sunday<br>Youth Group - <i>False Justice</i><br>with authors Jim & Nancy Petro |
| May 22 | Progressive Dinner  |
| May 29 | Regular Youth Group   |

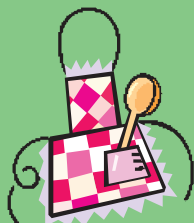


### Memorial Geraniums

Donations for Memorial Day Altar geraniums may be made on Sundays, May 1, 15, and 22. The geraniums may be planted in Trinity's gardens on Memorial Day Monday if Trinity members wish to organize a gardening team. Rusty Lawyer has retired as Trinity's volunteer gardener, but is willing to continue as an advisor.

### Stephen Ministry Education Series: Break the Silence

Join us on May 17 at 7 p.m. for "Break The Silence" with Frieda Gilyard from the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence. Everyone Welcome!



### Fellowship Dinner

Tuesday, May 10  
5-7 p.m.

"Company Chicken"

Proceeds benefit Miracle Offering collected at Conference

**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 June/July issue is Tuesday, May 10.** 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
<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b> <b>Sunday Mornings</b> 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sanctuary Traditional Worship Fellowship Hall Crossroads Contemporary Worship <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> May 15 at 11 a.m. Combined Traditional & Crossroads Worship in Sanctuary <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 10 a.m. for Adults and Children	<b>Youth Group:</b> 6:30 - 7:45 pm Middle School 7:45 - 9 pm High School	5:30 pm Grief Support Group; Chapel 7 pm Disciple II Study; Fellowship Parlor
	<b>1</b> 10 am New Adult Sunday School Session begins 12 pm Prayer Group; Chapelside Parlor	<b>2</b> 9:15 am Women's Bible Study; Chapelside Parlor 5:30 pm Grief Alumni; Rm 207
	<b>8</b> <i>Mother's Day</i>	<b>9</b> 9:15 am Women's Bible Study; Chapelside Parlor 5:30 pm Grief Alumni; Rm 207
	<b>15</b> <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> 11 am Combined Traditional & Crossroads Confirmation Worship: Sanctuary	<b>16</b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:30 pm Grief Alumni; Rm 207
	<b>29</b> 12:15 pm Baptism Worship Service; Chapel	<b>30</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> Building & Offices closed

# May 2011

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; Room 207</p> <p>7 pm Troop 261; Room 011</p>	<p>9:30 am Women of the Living Word; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>4:30 pm Children's Choir; Room 204</p> <p>7 pm Singing to the Lord Study; Chapelside Parlor</p>	<p>9 am Disciple I Study; Room 207</p> <p>6:45 pm Chancel Bell Choir; Room 201</p> <p>7 pm Young Professionals Group</p> <p>8 pm Chancel Choir; Room 204</p>		
<p>3 6:30 pm Altar Guild Dinner Meeting; Fellowship Parlor</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministries; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>7 pm Trinity Foundation; Rm 117</p>	4	5	6	<p>7 11 am Mother's Day Brunch; Fellowship Hall</p> 
<p>10 Trinity Times Deadline</p> <p>Fellowship Dinner 5-7 pm</p> <p>7 pm Meeting Night for Committees</p>	<p>11 2 pm Ecumenical Outreach Group; Chapelside Parlor</p>	<p>12 9:30 am Prayers &amp; Squares; Room 208</p> <p>7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Rm 101</p>	13	14
<p>17 6 pm Small Group Council; Room 206</p> <p>6:15 pm Pizza Making; Fellowship Kitchen</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Education Series; Chapelside Parlor</p>	18	<p>19 1 pm Leah Circle lunch out</p>	20	21
24	<p>25 5pm YWCA Family Center Hosting</p>	<p>26 9:30 am Prayers &amp; Squares; Room 208</p>	27	28
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# small groups & mission

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## Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner  
is coming to Trinity!

On **Friday, July 22 at 7 p.m.**,  
you will have the opportunity to  
participate in a surprise, one-  
time, adult-only dinner group.

Groups will be put together  
randomly and you will be notified  
the week before of your host's  
location and what you will need  
to bring for dinner.

This is a great opportunity to  
meet new Trinity friends.

Sign-ups will take place on  
June 19, June 26, July 3,  
and July 10.

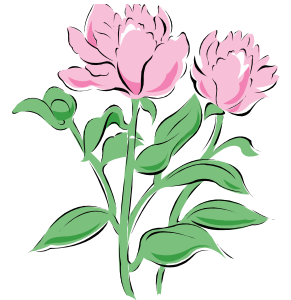
Please note at registration if you  
would be willing to host; this is  
crucial for the success of this  
great program.

See you at dinner!

## Celebrate Mom!

Join us at Trinity to celebrate Mother's Day in  
two unique ways:

**1.** On **Saturday, May 7 at 11 a.m.**, Trinity's  
Children and Family Council along with the  
Generations Council invite you to a "**Picture  
Perfect**" **Mother-Daughter Brunch**. Tickets are  
\$5 per person. Reservations are required and  
can be made by contacting Sharon Hershey at  
hershey527@columbus.rr.com. Proceeds from this event will help support  
the Mother's Day Brunch for homeless mothers in our community.



**2.** Trinity's Mission Council is joining forces with the Columbus Coalition  
for the Homeless to make Mother's Day more special for homeless  
mothers in our community. We are hosting a brunch on Sunday, May 8 at  
Capital University for 200 homeless mother and their families. Please  
consider sponsoring a homeless mother to attend the brunch for \$25,  
checks payable to Trinity UMC with CCH in the memo line. Volunteer to  
help make corsages on **Friday, May 6 at 1 p.m.**; to set-up for the  
brunch on **Saturday, May 7 at 5 p.m.**; or to work at the event on  
**Sunday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m.** To volunteer, please contact Ann Poole at  
apoole@columbus.rr.com.

Support the homeless outreach programs  
of New Life United Methodist Church  
by attending the

**5th Annual Benefit Bluegrass Concert**  
featuring  
The Kentucky String Quartet

Saturday, May 14

Doors open 5 p.m./Music starts 6 p.m.

Dinner served 5-7 p.m.

\$10 for adults; \$5 for kids

Fried chicken, slaw, corn bread,  
ranch beans & Texas sheet cake

Silent Auction

New Life UMC

25 W. 5th Ave.

[www.newlifeunitedmethodist.org](http://www.newlifeunitedmethodist.org)

# Faith in the Future

## Completing the Campaign

Your response is requested by May 31

The size of gifts and pledges toward completing the Faith in the Future Campaign may vary, but every commitment has contributed greatly and is deeply appreciated.

### Faith in the Future, Completing the Campaign-update, as of press time:

Debt on Nov. 1, 2010: \$922,914  
 Funds still needed to cover the note: \$407,142  
 Percent of debt pledged for retirement: 56%  
 Number of gifts and pledges received: 78  
 Approx. % of members responding: 16%

Simply stated, about 16 percent of the membership has participated in reducing our debt to less than half. **Broader participation is clearly key to finishing our task.**

Consider this:

While about 70% percent of Methodist churches in our West Ohio Conference have fewer than 100 attendees per week, Trinity is bucking the trend of an increasingly secular world with 850+ attendees per week. While many churches have been neglected and are in serious need of repair, Trinity is addressing its most critical repairs and replacements. While many churches are struggling with shrinking membership, Trinity is bucking the trend, and growing.

America's landscape is dotted with Christian churches built only through the great commitment and sacrifice of earlier believers who longed for a faith home for their families. Today, many of these churches struggle to get survival financial support. Without members investing time, talent, and treasure, churches cannot thrive or be examples of committed faith, and they are in danger of becoming relics of the past.

In contrast, Trinity is alive with activity every day! Our campus is the center of vital ministry, missions, fellowship, education, and worship. We are privileged to meet in community at Trinity, to grow together in faith. From Trinity we reach out, "love our neighbors," and "make disciples of all nations."



To pass along to our children and grandchildren a robust, supportive community of faith requires that we all support Trinity's annual operating fund (pledge during Loyalty Campaigns) and occasional capital funds such as Faith in the Future. If we envision a future in which the Christian faith brings God's loving kingdom to a hurting world, Christians must make this a high priority in our lives. When we stop to think and pray about this, we realize that our gifts to Trinity are important investments.

Trinity is a beacon of truth and hope in a world that sorely needs the good news of Jesus Christ. Our faithful commitment will assure that it continues to be so, now and in the future.

**Please return the enclosed remittance envelope, or pledge or donate online at [www.trinityumchurch.com](http://www.trinityumchurch.com) by May 31, 2011.**

- Rick Germain and Nancy Petro,  
Co-Chairs



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## our church family

### RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Betty Creagan	Betty Minutilli
Harold Cummings	Jean Rudy
Jennifer Goodwin	Dave Rummel
Eleanor Hyatt	Jeanette Sexton
Katherine Levis	Tom Utterdyke
Susie Magnuson	

### IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended to the Family of Trinity member Jim Barton ... to Lucile Osborn in the passing of her brother, John Osborn ... to Ann and Tom Hamilton and Family in the passing of Ann's brother, Dick Bennett ... to Pam and Ted Thompson and Family in the passing of Pam's father, Dorsey Wilt ... to Phyllis Tipton and Family in the passing of her husband and Trinity member, Tom Tipton ... and to Nell Christianson, Lori and Al Friedstrom and Family in the passing of Trinity member, Hal Christianson.

### BIRTH

The rose on the altar Sunday, March 20 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Adam Wesley Beam, son of Jackie and Michael, born March 8, 2011.

### BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was given on Sunday, March 13, 2011 for Kendall Reese Blake, son of Kimberly and Andrew ... for Samuel John Chappell, son of Julia and Ian ... for Zane Matthias Cook, son of Monique and Matthew ... for Peter Guy Jacob, son of Tina and Joseph ... for Mackenna Shannon Lopez, daughter of Michele and Manuel ... for Grant James Metcalf, son of Morgan and James ... for Lila Grace Miller, daughter of Lisa and Eric ... for Adam Robert Neill, son of Teresa and Brian ... for Evan Andrew Quick, son of Allison and Adam ... for Sydney Ann Marie Willey, daughter of Lisa and Robert ... and for Elizabeth Grace Willis, daughter of Amie and Randall. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was given on Sunday, April 3, 2011 for Abigail Rose Pasquarella, daughter of Christine and Thomas.

## Trinity Foundation Supports Next Generation of Leaders

According to a 2010 study by the Lewis Center for Church Leadership of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., there are 1,461 United Methodist clergy (elders, deacons and local pastors) under the age of 35. While this number may be shocking, it's actually an increase over recent years!

Rev. Lovett H. Weems Jr., the project director of the study, stated: "Our assumption is that God continues to call people of all ages, so if there is a particular group not responding to that call, then it's probably not (because of) God." It is critical therefore, that the Church embraces the task of helping young people to hear, discern, and respond to God's call on their lives. At Trinity, we are blessed to be part of a community that takes this response-ability seriously.

For the fourth summer, Trinity will invest in the future of the Church, by participating in the West Ohio Conference's, **Next Generations Leadership Summer Ministry Intern Program**. The purpose of the twelve-week program is to offer college students a clergy mentor and ministry setting so that they can explore ordained ministry as a vocation.

This summer, Trinity has the privilege of hosting two interns! **Amy Wills** is a student at Columbus State Community College and is interested in both children's and Deacon's ministry. Amy's home church is Summit UMC in Columbus. **Victoria Richards** is a student at Otterbein College and is interested in urban ministry and working with a wide-range of ages. Victoria's home church is Coburn UMC near Zanesville.

During their summer, Amy and Victoria will participate in the breadth of Trinity's ministries and also experience the gift of our partnerships, as they will also engage in ministry with New Life and St. Luke UMCs. Trinity will provide two mentors, Rev. Aspey and Dr. Leick, who will work with each intern to create a meaningful summer full of a wide-range of opportunities for: leadership development, hands-on learning, understanding the importance of education for all ages, worship, service, reflection and spiritual care.

Each year the Trinity Foundation has enthusiastically supported this program by giving \$3,000 per intern. This generous giving off-sets the cost to the Conference and many times has enabled more students to participate. Thanks to the Trinity Foundation for investing in the Church's next generation of leaders.