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in the Sanctuary

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Worship in Fellowship Hall

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The Trinity Conundrum: How to Lift High the Cross

by Seth Metcalf, Loyalty Campaign Co-Chair

The conundrum, or difficult question, with respect to Trinity United Methodist Church, is why we have not fully funded our projected operating budget, let alone our capital campaign, in the past five years.

Trinity has everything going for it. Our clergy consistently preach thoughtful, stirring sermons. Our worship services are second to none and offer both a rich, traditional experience and contemporary, rockin' experience. The physical church is a gorgeous and stately edifice on the prestigious corner of Cambridge Boulevard and Fifth Avenue in tony Marble Cliff. The pews are full – we've had record attendance at worship services in 2010, as anyone knows who has tried to park for 11 a.m. services. Finally, we are a congregation of people with ample time, talent and treasure. So what's the deal? Why do we not fully fund Trinity? Let's be honest, it is certainly not because we collectively lack the financial resources.

Please don't misunderstand me, I know there was (is) a recession. Most of us have been hit by the recession, some of us incredibly hard. With that said, each of us can give in a sacrificial manner.

If any group could fully fund Trinity's budget, aren't we the people to do it? This raises uncomfortable questions, both collectively and personally: Why are we not giving enough? Why am I not giving enough? Are my reasons for not giving enough really justified? What are our priorities? What are my priorities?

Enough is enough. We need to begin fully funding Trinity's budget now. We've been cutting the budget at the very time when we need Trinity most. Not only is there an overwhelming existing need for Trinity's ministries, but failing to fully fund Trinity is a missed future opportunity. Jesus Christ is doing amazing things in your life and in our community through Trinity. Imagine what Trinity could achieve if our programs and missions were fully funded.

The goal of the Loyalty Campaign is to receive \$1.4 million in pledges to fund Trinity's operating expenses for calendar year 2011. The theme of the Loyalty Campaign is Lift High the Cross, where the cross represents both Christ and Trinity church. Trinity needs lifted up, and it's going to take all of us to do it.

The answer to the conundrum of how to lift high the cross is for all of us to make a sacrifice gift. I believe in Trinity and I think you do, too. Please help Trinity, because only together can we lift high the cross that is Trinity and its message of Jesus Christ's redeeming love. **Please make your sacrificial pledge by November 21.**

I want to thank Rev. Brooks for allowing the Loyalty Campaign to use this premier space in Trinity Times. His regular column is scheduled to return next month. Together we can Lift High the Cross. A pledge envelope is enclosed.



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*But I ask: Did they not hear?
Of course they did: "Their
voice has gone out into all the
earth, their words to the ends
of the world"*

Romans 10:8

"No more innovations, Carolyn!," I have said to myself of late, because adding new things means managing them or finding others to do so! But it's hard for me to follow my own advice sometimes because I get so excited about the infinite number of opportunities out there in this amazing world for us all to grow as Christians that I want to bring them all here to Trinity!

Look for the announcement in this issue on the R. Crumb exhibit, and plan to join us in the preparation for this exhibit tour as well as the tour itself and dinner and discussion together following the tour in German Village.

It's a thrill for me to be on the receiving end of emails and phone calls about new Trinity members who want to lead Adult Sunday school classes and workshops, and when they come up with ideas for topics on which they feel the need for information, my job and that of the Adult Education Council is lighter and "fun-ner!," (as I hear teens expressing themselves in their latest jargon). Some of our youngest families are coming forth with such requests. KEEP THEM ROLLING IN!

The Children and Family Council supports all of the programs for children, and it is planning some new family events as well this year! Each Friday I send out my own Friday Email Blast to families of children. IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING MY WEEKLY EMAIL BLAST AND WISH TO RECEIVE IT, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL ME OR BECKY HEADINGS AT TRINITY! This weekly communication will keep you in touch with Trinity's programs for young families. Since these programs continue to grow in number, that email broadcast is a great way to know what's out there for you! Right now I am highlighting, in the email blast, the marvelous Sunday school teachers we have for our Trinity children. Check those out! I know you'll be impressed.

In the latest email I've received, a member of the Adult Education Council sent more news of new members wishing to lead groups along with ideas for the groups. THIS, folks, IS Evangelism. Trinity is a place where passions and talents find fruition, and Christ grows ever brighter in the minds and hearts of us all who then "go out into all the world."

Adult Sunday School Classes

Nov. 7 - Dec. 19, 2010

Making Love Last a Lifetime

Rms. 208/209

Sue & Bill Fitz; Sandy & Gene Warman
Rev. Adam Hamilton, the dynamic young pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing United Methodist Churches in the country, has written this rich and powerful study that offers keys to developing a healthy, satisfying and successful marriage. This is an appropriate class for single persons considering marriage in their futures as well as married persons. Of course, it is appropriate for anyone! What women wish men knew about women and what men wish women knew about them, God's plan for sexual intimacy, the meaning of faithfulness and many other important topics are covered sensitively yet comprehensively.

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Chapel, Nov. 7-28

Linda Ross, MA, MS, BSN & Adele White
Examining the Old Testament roots and context of the Beatitudes and exploring the contemporary implications of these powerful words, participants discover fresh understanding and insights to enrich their faith. Topics include: Introduction, The Poor in Spirit, The Mourners and the Meek, The Merciful, The Pure in Heart, The Peacemakers, and The Prophets of Righteousness.

The Carols of Advent

Chapel, Dec. 5-19

Dr. Robin Knowles-Wallace

Dr. Knowles-Wallace, Professor of Sacred Music at the Methodist Theological School of Ohio will share with us treasured carols, those that reveal the anticipation of the Messiah as promised in scripture, those that tell how ordinary human beings take part in an extraordinary story, and those that reveal Emmanuel, God with Us. Dr. Knowles-Wallace is an accomplished organist and choirmaster who loves her work and whose passion inspires congregations and seminary students alike. Now it is our opportunity to experience her inspiration!

Prayer: A Phillip Yancey Study

Chapelside Parlor

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Phillip Yancey sees himself as a fellow pilgrim when it comes to the mysterious intersection where God and humanity meet and relate. He pushes beyond conventional treatments with the fresh, unique perspective that has become his trademark. In Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference? he explores such questions as: Is God Listening? Why should God care about me? Why do so many prayers go unanswered? Why does God let the world go on as it does and not intervene? Does prayer really help with physical healing?

Bell Choir

Room 201

Diane Stanley

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 through Dec. 19. 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! 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!

In His Word

Room 207

Matt Hamilton

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.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Adult Education Council is sponsoring a trip to
THE COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART
 to see the exhibit of drawings from
The Book of GENESIS
Illustrated by R. Crumb
 led for us by museum docents
Sunday, November 21
2:00 p.m.
 followed by
DINNER and DISCUSSION in German Village

A Preview/Preparation Session
 will be held at Trinity

Wednesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

A DVD of interviews of R. Crumb will be followed
 by a discussion and a perusal of R. Crumb's
 best-selling book that includes all 50 chapters of the
 Book of GENESIS.

WATCH FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND
 DETAILS IN THE BULLETIN AND ON DISPLAYS IN THE
 ATRIUM AND FIFTH AVENUE HALLWAY
 with sign-up sheets!

Annual Church Conference Nov. 15

The Annual Church Conference will be held Monday, November 15. As has been done in the last several years, the Conference will be a "Cluster Church Conference" and will be held here at Trinity. There will be seven other churches participating in the Conference. The evening will open with a hospitality and refreshment time at 6:30 p.m. All will gather for worship at 7 p.m. Following worship, each church will be provided a "break-out" space in which to conduct their individual church conference. Presiding for the Cluster Church Conference will be District Superintendent Rev. Marcus Atha and Assistant to the Superintendent Rev. Roger Grace. Every member of Trinity Church is invited to attend and is eligible to vote.



National Youth Workers Convention

Several members of the youth ministry team will attend the National Youth Workers Convention in Nashville November 19-22. The convention will provide invaluable training to better meet the spiritual needs of the students at TUMC. Please keep them in your prayers and be on the lookout for improvements to the program!

First Sundays: Monthly Parent Gathering

The first Sunday of every month there will be a roundtable discussion group for parents of middle school and high school parents. Middle School parents gather during middle school youth and then attend Pathfinders. High School parents attend Pathfinders and then stay for a meeting. We really hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to connect with other parents and discuss issues that could make a difference in your home!

Confirmation Class

The 2010-2011 Confirmation Class will have its first meeting on November 14th at 10:00 in room 001. We are looking forward to another wonderful year!

Youth Group Weekly Meetings

7 pm Middle School Youth; Youth Room
 7:45 pm Pathfinders (all Youth); Fellowship Hall
 8:15 pm High School Youth; Youth Room

Upcoming Topics:

Nov. 7	The Gospel According to Pink
Nov. 14	The Gospel According to Robin Hood
Nov. 21	TGI ??
Nov. 28	No Meeting



Save-the-Date One Life to Live Women's Retreat

Ladies, mark your calendars NOW for the annual Women's Retreat February 4&5, 2011 at Deer Creek. The theme, "One Life to Live," will help us make the most of each moment in 2011. Don't miss this opportunity to gather for fellowship and soul care. For more information contact Rev. Amy Aspey

New Small Group Men's Business & Career Prayer Group

If you have ever wondered if you are doing the work the Lord wants you to do, facing business or career challenge, seeking business success, or if you want to put God first in your business or career, join us for the Men's Business & Career Prayer Group. We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month in the Chapleside Parlor at 6:30 a.m. for 50 minutes. Gather with other wisdom seekers and pray for your business or career based on Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." (NIV) This is a time are to recognize God as the source of all business success, prosperity, and wisdom, and to support each other in prayer. It is also a time to ask for wisdom to learn from past business miscalculations and petition God for wisdom to discern guidance for the future. This may even be a time to devote your career or business to glorifying God. Be prepared to share your specific requests and praises and come with an expectation of God's blessing. For more on the group email Jim Rehl at jamesrehl@yahoo.com

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opportunities

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	7 pm Middle School Youth; Youth Room 7:45 pm Pathfinders (all Youth); Fellowship Hall 8:15 pm High School Youth; Youth Room	9:30 am Wee Moms; Fellowship Parlor 5:30 pm Grief Support Group; Chapel 7 pm Disciple II Study; Fellowship Parlor (begins 9/13) 7 pm Rev. Mark Dove Study; Chapleside Parlor
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	7 12 pm Prayer Group; Chapleside Parlor	8 9:15 am Women's Bible Study; Chapleside Parlor 7 pm Choral Concert; Sanctuary
	14 10 am Confirmation Youth & Parents; Room 001	15 6 pm Annual Cluster Church Conference
	21 Loyalty Sunday Lift High the Cross	22 9:15 am Women's Bible Study; Chapleside Parlor
	28 12:15 pm Baptism Worship Service; Chapel 5:30 pm YWCA Family Center Hosting 5:30 pm Hanging of the Greens	29



Trinity to Host an Evening of Choral Music

Trinity United Methodist Church will host a choral concert on Monday, November 8th at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. The concert will feature the Kent State University Women's Chorus under the direction of Mr. Kerry Glann and the Ohio State University Women's Glee Club under the direction of Dr. Richard Schnipke. The concert will also include a performance by Grandview Heights High School's Grandview Singers, directed by Mr. Andrew Grega. All three conductors hold undergraduate degrees from Bowling Green State University and are excited for this joint concert. The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken to help defer travel costs of the Kent State group. Come & enjoy this evening of wonderful choral music!

November 2010

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; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7 pm Troop 261; Room 011</p>	<p>9 am Women of the Living Word; Fellowship Hall</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>		
2	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 am Men's Business/Career Prayer Group; Chapelside Parlor</p>	4		
<p>9</p> <p>Trinity Times Deadline</p> <p>5-7 pm Fellowship Dinner; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7 pm Meeting Night for Committees</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208</p> <p>7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Rm 101</p>	12	13
<p>16</p> <p>11:30 am Altar Guild; Fellowship Parlor</p> <p>6:15 pm Pizza Making; Fellowship Kitchen</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministries; Chapelside Parlor</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 am Men's Business/Career Prayer Group; Chapelside Parlor</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1 pm Leah Circle; Chapelside Parlor</p>	19	20
23	<p>24</p> <p>5:15 pm YWCA Family Center Hosting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Offices Closed</p>	27
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mission vision

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

Matthew 25:35

Packing Day

Friday, December 10

One of the most popular and rewarding volunteer opportunities is the BoB Box packing event at Trinity. There are two parts to the day: the unloading of the food and supplies from the Kroger truck in the morning, and then packing of the BoB Boxes in the early afternoon. Please join us as we fill boxes with food while we make BoB Boxes and enjoy fellowship together. This is a wonderful family opportunity and children of all ages are encouraged to participate. Make this a memorable life lesson for your children by teaching them the gift of giving and participating first-hand in God's work.

Delivery Day

Saturday, December 11

Join us Saturday, December 11 at 8:00 a.m. at Trinity to load our 500 BoB Boxes onto the truck to be delivered to Broad Street UMC. This is a great opportunity for middle and high school youth to show off their muscle while engaging in service.

Distribution Day

Saturday, December 18

Twenty-five or more Trinity volunteers are needed to distribute the BoB Boxes at the Broad Street UMC. Area families of need will come to the church and volunteers will help direct them and carry the BoB Boxes to their vehicles. Dress casually - and festive ('tis the season!)

Trinity members key to 11th year of Bethlehem on Broad Ministry

By Bill Meerman, Bethlehem on Broad (BoB) Chairman

Trinity has been a leader in the support of the Bethlehem on Broad ministry at Broad Street United Methodist Church since a special member of Trinity motivated us all to get involved in 2000. Mike Johnson was a member of Trinity and the Life Builder group for young adults when he started Trinity's support for the ministry while battling terminal cancer. Mike passed away in August of 2001, but his legacy lives on through this very special ministry for Trinity, Broad Street UMC and, most importantly, for the people who have been served through this outreach. If you have participated in past years, you know how special this ministry is. If you have yet to participate, we invite you to join in this tremendous project to help feed families in Columbus.

The Bethlehem on Broad Street Ministry has been serving Columbus area families in need for more than 16 years during the Christmas holiday season. Trinity, in fellowship with numerous other area churches, again is joining together with **a goal of gathering and packing 1,200 food boxes** to be distributed at Broad Street UMC on Saturday, December 18. As part of this mission, we will also continue to support Bethlehem's transitional housing project, The Inn at Broad Street.

Trinity's goal is to provide 500 food boxes (more than 40% of the total). The food boxes (affectionately referred to as BoB boxes), are sponsored and packaged by the financial and service support of our members. We are grateful to be the sole recipient of 100% of the financial proceeds from last month's third annual Cuisine for a Cause benefit event!

There are many ways to get involved. **Buy a whole, partial or just a little bit of a BoB Box** (\$60 for a whole BoB Box, \$30 for half a box, or any portion you would like). A full BoB Box donation will provide food for a family for four days. It will also help provide for part of one night's stay at the Inn on Broad Street. Now through Sunday, December 12th, donations can be made at the Bethlehem Project tables in the Narthex and outside the Crossroads worship service, placed in the offering plate or mailed into the church office. Checks should be made to Trinity UMC with "BoB Box" designated on the memo line. With your donation, you can receive a BoB Box card that is great to designate your gift on behalf of others - a perfect gift during the holiday season.

Save the dates for packing, delivering and distributing our BoB Boxes. The dates are listed in the column at the left. We encourage you to join this mission. We acknowledge the financial challenge that comes with these continued tough economic times. Yet, with the gifts and prayers of many people, we can make this a successful project. We look forward to your support and efforts to make this a great project that impacts the lives of many! Please contact **Bill Meerman, 330-7812 (cell) or at bmeerman@aol.com** to help with the project, man tables on Sundays or for information about the Bethlehem on Broad ministry.

Trinity & New Life walk together to stamp out hunger



Trinity & New Life UMC joined forces in October for CROP
- walking for a world where hunger is no more.

NNEMAP & New Life Christmas Tree Fundraiser



This year Trinity is proud to offer the opportunity to support the NNEMAP food Pantry AND New Life UMC by selling beautiful Fraser Fir Christmas Trees.

Fresh-cut-to-order Fraser Fir - cut Dec. 1 arrives Dec. 4.

Sizes range from 4 ft. to 12 ft. tall
Trees are below-market prices

50% of the cost of the tree is tax deductible for 2010
50% of the cost of the tree is donated to NNEMAP and New Life to continue ministering to our neighbors in need.

Orders will be taken Nov. 1 & 14. Stop by the Tree Table in the Narthex or across from Fellowship Hall after the services and place your order. Available for pick-up at Meadow Park Church of God or delivery* on Dec. 4.

Questions? Contact Sarah Borders,
sarahborders@yahoo.com.

* additional fee of \$12 for delivery. Must live within 15 mile radius of Meadowpark Church

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). Adam Quick wrote the following tribute.

Don Ross



This month we would like to like to recognize the outstanding stewardship contributions of Don Ross. Many of you may not have had the opportunity to meet Don personally yet because he is still quite new to Trinity. Don recently joined the church as part of the spring membership class which finished in May. Although he has not been a member for long, Don's loose affiliation with Trinity goes back several years through his attendance in the Tuesday Morning men's group and close friendship with several longtime members.

Despite his status as a newcomer, Don has already made his mark as one of the leaders and organizers for this year's Loyalty Campaign. Normally taking on such an important and vital role would be a daunting assignment for someone just joining the church. However, for Don, being involved in the campaign was an easy decision. One of the most compelling reasons he had for coming to Trinity in the first place was his sincere belief in the message and mission of the church. Don strongly feels that Trinity is doing an outstanding job at spreading the Truth of Jesus and the Word of God to both those who attend on Sundays and to the community at large. He knew that helping with the Loyalty Campaign was a tangible way to provide his support and he was well suited for the job. Anyone who has met Don during his short time with Trinity can attest to this. His enthusiasm for the church is clearly perceived within the first few minutes of talking with him.

As one of the campaign's co-chairs, Don's work has focused on finding volunteers to provide testimonials during worship services and to staff the Loyalty Campaign tables on Sunday mornings. He is working to promote online giving as simple and easy means of making financial offerings. He also worked with Jim Pepper on the production of the Loyalty Campaign Devotional. One of Don's biggest goals is simply to educate people- especially new members- on how they can contribute to the important and meaningful work of the church. He notes that people often want to give and simply may not be sure how to go about doing it. Overall, his main goal is to promote the important work of Trinity in the community and in the lives of those Trinity touches.



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Arvin Donner	Wallie Kildow
Oma Ervin	Maggie Miller
Jeanette Gemeinhardt	Gene Warman

IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathy is extended to Sarah Geller and Family in the passing of Solomon, Samson and Troy.

BIRTHS

The roses on the altar Sunday, September 19 were presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Addison Christine and Bynlee Danielle Peterkoski, daughters of Christy and Dan, born September 12, 2010. Marilyn and Bruce Frank are the maternal grandparents.

The rose on the altar Sunday, October 10 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Zane Matthias Cook, son of Monique and Matt, born October 2, 2010. George and Judy Cole are the maternal grandparents.

Corridor Gallery features Artist Robert Bruce

Robert Bruce, Architect, developed an interest in art as a very young child, but didn't begin painting for enjoyment until the 1970s. He is an associate member of the Ohio Watercolor Society.

His favorite subjects include barns in the Midwest, Lake Erie views, boats, buildings with character, travel scenes and interesting people. A resident of Upper Arlington since 1967, Robert and his wife Norma recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Third Quarter Gifts to Trinity

Gifts to Trinity Foundation

In memory of Mildred Dean

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bowen
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Waller
Bryan, Caroline, Joe & Evan Waller
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bowen
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Robles
Cynthia J. Chester
Ruby Hanson

In memory of Joyce Rinehart

Sara Cox

In honor of the wedding of Sandy & Don Gebhart

Mr. & Mrs. John Montgomery

Gifts to Trinity Church

In memory of Ann Jackson

Betty Gorman

In memory of Joette Bryant

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Gerhard
Mr. & Mrs. Duane Bennett
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony O'Brochta & Family
Dr. & Mrs. William Fitz & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Sharpe
Mr. & Mrs. James Bechtel
Mr. & Mrs. Everett Rigney
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bair
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Potts
Mr. & Mrs. James Gogolski
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Clark
Mr. & Mrs. James Pepper
Patricia Serafy
Mrs. Willie Duke
Mary Haven Research Institute
Upper Arlington Softball Team
Oral Implants & Reconstructive Dentistry

Trinity Foundation Grants Program

by John Easton

The Trinity Foundation is a church asset created from thoughtful gifts of current and previous members. It is an asset that literally "keeps on giving" in 2010 and beyond. The funds accumulated permit the Foundation to make grants to various groups, projects and missions that are doing the actual day by day work of our growing church. The Foundation encourages groups to submit requests for grants that can help fund projects or programs that support the individual groups mission and which are not funded out of the normal church annual operating budget.

Individuals are often looking for important and meaningful ways to give back to Trinity Church which has meant so much in the life of their family. A gift of cash, stocks or other assets to the Foundation is an investment in Trinity's ministries for the future and today.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, is famous for his teachings on stewardship and believed the theology of stewardship is based on the concept that all we have comes from God. Stewardship is about giving back to God in response to his grace in our lives.

Several Programs this year have expanded their outreach by utilizing meaningful support from the Foundation. For example, for the third summer Trinity has partnered with the West Ohio Conference's Next Generation Leadership Program to support a college student considering the call to ministry. Anthony Coy explored his call by participating in a wide-range of ministry working in the New Life Clothing Room, helping with Trinity's children ministry, preaching a sermon, and making hospital visits.

The Prayers and Squares Quilting Group used a grant to buy a sewing machine and replenish fabric and batting for 40 quilts they made and sent with the mission team from Trinity that went to a children's home in Mexico. The Group will continue its ministry with quilts that are blessed and tied by members of the Trinity congregation.

Software called "Sunday Software" and computers were purchased for the Grade Four Sunday School classrooms. In addition, many of our other ministries will benefit from being able to use the new technology during the week.

The Foundation supported the music program through the purchase of risers so that parents and the entire congregation can see the children when they perform in the sanctuary. The flexibility of the risers will also permit them to be used by Crossroads and the adult choir.

Today is a critical time of stewardship in our church. Christian stewardship is about meeting the annual financial requirements of the churches commitment to its current mission as well as looking down the road and providing a legacy that ensures the church will be here for future generations. Trinity has been blessed by having members who have been generous with their time and money to meet both the long run and short run needs of our dynamic church.