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SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

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in the Sanctuary

Crossroads Contemporary
Worship in Fellowship Hall

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Stewardship: The Journey of Joyful Generosity

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This year's Loyalty Campaign theme is 'The Journey of Joyful Generosity.' Joyful generosity represents our response to the grace of Jesus Christ in our lives. The more each of us is involved in this journey, the further we can spread the love of Christ. This campaign is about each of us thinking about Stewardship within the church. Stewardship is providing our time, talents, and treasures to help show Christ's love in the world.

The Loyalty Campaign is also about each of us providing an estimate of giving in support of the church's operating costs for the next fiscal year. This estimate of giving helps the church staff plan to fund the important mission and ministry activities, and pay utility bills and salaries of the church. You should provide an estimate of giving because this church, Trinity United Methodist Church, is doing amazing things and is changing lives by bringing us and others closer to Jesus Christ.

While many United Methodist churches are on a steady decline, Trinity is bucking this trend! Bishop Bruce Ough of the West Ohio Conference recently named Trinity as an Acts 2 Congregation. An Acts 2 Congregation is one that has experienced growth in worship, has had people join the church through a profession of faith, has celebrated baptisms, is engaged in small group ministries, is active in both local and global missions, has paid 100% of their apportionment obligations, and

has had a growth in membership. Only 58 churches out of over 1,200 churches in our West Ohio Conference have reached these criteria.

Also as part of this year's Loyalty Campaign, we are expanding on the Stewardship of the church and asking everyone to complete an Areas of Service / Interest Form which will help identify service and mission areas you may be interested in becoming more involved in here at Trinity, as well as provide the church with some skills, talents, and special gifts you may have to offer. This information will be entered into the church's membership database and provide a means to search and retrieve individual names when opportunities arise for mission work. This Areas of Service / Interest Form is available on the Trinity website.

The recession is no secret and the economy is still struggling. It has hit our congregation - some of us harder than others, and the church is certainly very grateful for any and all giving provided by the congregation. Giving is not about how much you give, it's about giving at a level that requires sacrifice. The recession has hit Trinity too, and Trinity needs your support.

So please prayerfully consider your estimate of giving for next year and complete your estimate of giving card as well as an Area of Service / Interest Form by Loyalty Sunday, November 20.





christian education

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Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.
Philippians 9:10

What if we, when we witness injustice, would speak out? What if we, when we see a fellow worker steal from his employee, shared our dismay with our colleague and shared it also with the proper authorities? What if, when we discover that we have made a mistake on our taxes, we'd file an amendment form? That is proclaiming the gospel!

Plan to attend Adult Sunday School for the Late Fall Session, October 30 through December 18, listed on this page.

We are all Disciples of Christ. Are you a whisperer of the Gospel? Or are you a shouter? Or are you one who, like Jesus, taught both through his words and through his actions? Do you put your understandings of the Bible to practical use in your daily life?

Most of us probably can answer "Yes" to all of the questions above, for as we live within the comforting, familiar nests of our families, the enticing world of our community, the challenging world of our nation and the provocative world that is our planet, how can we help but leave our mark, attempt to help, act in ways that heal? As we study and learn of the life of Christ and of what it is to be a Christian, we carry these learnings into the world around us.

Try an adult Sunday school class this session. The choices are designed to meet the individual needs of our congregation. Come learn with and enjoy your church community and grow as Disciples of Christ.

When a man feels he has discovered the buried treasure of the gospel, he naturally wants to spread the good news to others and bring them closer to God. - Hubert Van Zeller

Adult Sunday School Classes Oct. 30 - Dec. 18, 2011

Sin, Evil and the Devil
October 30 - November 20 only
Prof. Rod Hutton
Rooms 208 - 209

To quote Dr. Hutton, Scripture is not to be divided neatly into piles of 'law' and 'gospel'. Scripture in all its parts, in every word contained therein, is capable of bearing to us both the threat of condemnation and the promise of God's grace. A Senior Research Professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary on the campus of Capital University, Dr. Hutton's areas of expertise include Islam, Christian/Muslim Relationships, the Qur'an and Old Testament Theology. Sin, evil and the devil are topics that are discussed infrequently in the church, so Dr. Hutton's sessions will enable us to think about them in ways we know well as well as in new ways.

Christmas Is Not Your Birthday
November 27 - December 18 only
Rev. Amy Aspey
Rooms 208-209

During Advent, the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, Rev. Amy Aspey will teach a class based on the book, "Christmas Is Not Your Birthday" by Rev. Mike Slaughter. Together we will be challenged to "cut through the hype that leaves you exhausted and broke at the end of the year. Instead, experience the peace of knowing that God is truly with us, the joy of giving sacrificially, and the love of a Savior who gave everything he had for us." Instead of focusing on buying gifts, we will prepare our hearts to receive the greatest Gift of all.

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!

New Members Class
Dr. Brian Jones
Chapel

Dr. Brian Jones provides potential new

members with a broad view of Trinity's vast ministry. The class will meet each Sunday through November 1 when the group will take the vows of membership. Persons are invited to indicate interest on the pew friendship/attendance pad, by calling the church office, 488.0695, or by e-mailing trinityoffice@trinityumchurch.com.

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.

Justice for the Poor
Jamie Crane & Tim Miller
Chapelside Parlor

This study, designed and led via video by Jim Wallis and the Sojourners, enlightens us with ideas of how to respond to poverty in our area and around the world. When the wealthy are dying from the diseases of overabundance and the poor are dying from inadequate health care, poor diets and stress-related illnesses, there is spiritual disease in society. Justice for the Poor recaptures the biblical vision that links poverty with justice.

FAMILY LIFE SERIES
Nine Critical Mistakes Most Couples Make: Identify the Pitfalls and Discover God's Help
Amy Armstrong
Room 215

It can be confusing, discouraging or even devastating to have unmet expectations in a Christian marriage. Join with others in our Family Life Series program as we discover, explore and discuss interactional patterns that allow couples to create and maintain a satisfying, Godly relationship, even in the midst of a busy family. Using the book, "9 Critical Mistakes Most Couples Make: Identify the Pitfalls and Discover God's Help," leader Amy Armstrong, LSW, will focus on how partners can maintain strong, healthy egos in an atmosphere of love and respect.



trinity youth

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TUMPS recently donated nine new benches to the Trinity Courtyard. They replaced the original benches which were donated by church members when the courtyard was dedicated in May, 1980. Enjoying the benches in the patio area are TUMPS teacher Susan Hency and students Drew Dunlap, Lauren Dombrowski and Max Holtsberry.

Moms' Book Club- Join us this Month!

The Moms' Book Club is a new group that reads and discusses a book each month. We meet the third Thursday of each month at Trinity from 6:30-8:30 pm.

All moms and grandmas are welcome to attend. We will read both devotional and popular books, reflecting on how our life as mothers calls us to learn and grow in Christ. If needed, childcare can be provided by request.

November 17
No More Christian Nice Girl: When Just Being Nice--Instead of Good--Hurts You, Your Family and Your Friends by Paul T. Coughlin

December 15
How to Raise an Emotionally Intelligent Child by John Gottman

January 19
Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers

Facilitators: Carrie Hays cellen78@aol.com or 582-3679 and Sharon Hershey sharonhershey@gmail.com or 439-6227

NOVEMBER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

November 6th: the Youth Groups will lead a children's party during Cuisine with a Cause. While the adults are enjoying yummy food and bidding on prizes, the kids will have a blast playing games, having snacks, and creating art.

November 13th: Parents Connect Group will meet from 6:30-7:45. This is our wildly popular parents gathering led by Amy Armstrong who is resourcing our parents this year. Middle school and high school parents meet at the same time. Don't miss this fantastic ministry for parents!

November 27th: the Youth Groups will serve their annual spaghetti dinner as part of the Hanging the Greens service. Enjoy a delicious meal with great friends as you prepare the church for Christmas.

Regular Youth Group Sunday meeting times:
Middle School 6:30-7:45 p.m.
High School 7:45-9 p.m.

For updated info: trinityumchurch.com/youth.htm





Stephen Ministry to host Clinic on Wills

On Tuesday, November 15 from 7-8 p.m., Marcia Palof from Columbus Legal Aid and Teresa Scharf from the Paralegal Association of Central Ohio (PACO) will speak to interested Trinity members about the Wills Clinic that they put on together in retirement homes. Everyone is welcome to come! If you would like any additional information, contact Gary Brand at gbrand@trinityumc.com or 488-0695.

Training for New Stephen Ministers begins in January

Stephen Ministry has scheduled a Stephen Ministry training class which begins January 8, 2012. Applications for becoming a Stephen Minister and a calendar of Stephen and other Stephen programs is available from Reverend Brian Jones or from Gary Brand.



Altar Guild's Annual Memorial Poinsettia Sale - \$10 each December 4 & 11

Poinsettias will adorn the church altars for Christmas.

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 December issue is Tuesday, Nov. 8.** Please place your information or photos in the *Trinity Times* box in the church office or email to beckywest22@aol.com.

opportunities

Weekly meetings:	Sunday	Monday
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 November 	11:30 am Disciple III Study; Chapelside Parlor 5:30 pm Grief Support Group; Chapel 7 pm Mark Dove Study; Chapelside Parlor
	6 Daylight Savings Time Ends 12:15 pm Children/Family Council 5 pm Cuisine for a Cause	7
	13	14 9:15 am Women's Bible Study
	20 <i>Loyalty Sunday</i>	21 9:15 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Annual Church Conference; Riverside UMC
	27 12:15 pm Baptism Worship Service <i>Hanging of the Greens</i>	28

HARVEST DINNER
turkey with all its trimmings!
Tuesday, Nov. 8th
5-7 p.m.
Come enjoy good conversation and dinner. Your dinner donations will again support the Bethlehem on Broad mission.

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November 2011

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6:30 am Men's Small Group; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>6:45 pm WOLW Evening Group; 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>11:30 pm Disciple III Study; Rm 207 <i>begins Sept. 14</i></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>12 pm Altar Guild; Fellowship Parlor</p> <p>7 pm Trinity Foundation; Rm 117</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministries; Chapelside Parlor</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 pm Couples Study; Fellowship Parlor</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 am Wee Moms; Fellowship Parlor</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>8</p> <p><i>Trinity Times</i> Deadline</p> <p>5pm Harvest Dinner; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7 pm Meeting Night for Committees</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers & Squares Quilting Group; Rm 208</p> <p>7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Rm 001</p> <p>7:30 pm OSU Women's Glee/BG Men's Choir Concert; Sanctuary</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 am High School Fifth Quarter; Youth Room</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>15</p> <p>6 pm Small Group Training; Fellowship Parlor</p> <p>6:15 pm Pizza Making; Kitchen</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministries; Chapelside Parlor</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 pm Couples Study; Fellowship Parlor</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 pm Moms' Book Group; Fellowship Parlor</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 am Wee Moms; Fellowship Parlor</p> <p>7:30 pm Harmony for Hunger Concert/NNEMAP; Sanctuary</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>22</p> <p>6 pm Small Group Council; Rm 206</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5pm YWCA Family Center Hosting</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Happy Thanksgiving</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>Building & Offices Closed</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>			
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small groups & mission

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Amistad Mission

The Amistad Mission seeks Social Justice, Care and Friendship for the members of the Hispanic community, particularly in the Hilliard-Dublin area. We engage community families in several planned events each year that focus on engagement and care for our Hispanic friends through the love and Ministry of Christ. Our Ministry combines the efforts of individuals from Trinity, as well as Scioto Ridge and Northwest UM Churches. Please Contact Laura Diggs at 937-537-6794 or by email at lauradiggs@yahoo.com if interested. This is a family friendly Ministry.

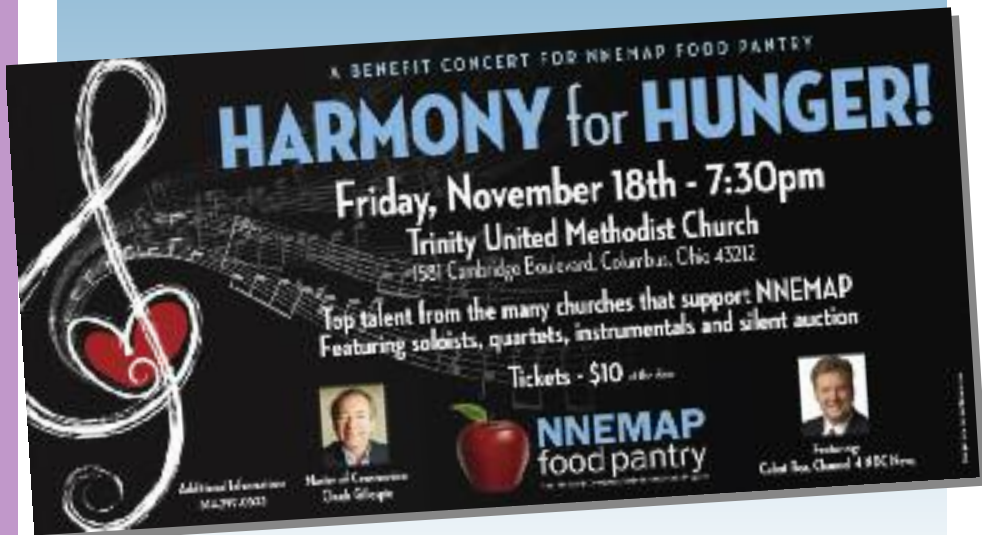
Drivers Needed

The Trinity / New Life Van Ministry is in need of new drivers (male, 21 and over) ... NOW! Our mission focuses on providing transportation for New Life members, neighbors and children to and from Sunday morning breakfast and worship service.

Giving 2 to 3 hours per month of your time will help meet spiritual and nutritional needs in our community.

Please contact Dan Ewing @ 614-562-6070 or uaewing@aol.com for more information.

JOIN US!



Join your Trinity friends for a spectacular evening of food, fun, and fellowship at the fourth annual

Cuisine for a Cause

Sunday, November 6, 2011

5:00 to 7:30pm

\$20 per person minimum donation

Heavy hors d'oeuvres

Silent Auction

Complimentary children's party (K-5) and nursery care available by reservation

*Proceeds from the event to benefit
Bethlehem on Broad (BOB)*

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. Andrea Zelinski wrote the following tribute.

Tara & Kyle Daniels

This month, the Stewardship committee is pleased to honor Tara and Kyle Daniels for their stewardship efforts. The couple met at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY., where Tara got a B.S. in Accounting and Kyle got a B.S. and M.S., both in Agriculture. Tara works in Management at a U.S. Bank in Hilliard and Kyle is a Research Associate and PhD student in Horticulture and Crop Science at Ohio State University, and expects to graduate in June 2012. Shortly after moving to Columbus in 2007, they found Trinity and became members in 2010.



In the short time Tara and Kyle have attended Trinity, they've made great strides in their stewardship contributions. When an announcement was made for a new groundskeeper at Trinity, and no one accepted the role after several weeks of searching, Kyle decided that while still in Columbus, that he would help in an interim capacity. Kyle worked in landscaping/lawn care during high school and while pursuing his Bachelor's degree, so this seemed like a perfect way for him to give back. The grounds keeper position involves spring clean-up, planting, mulching, watering, pruning, weed control, fall clean-up, and planting. The couple said it is an effortless task due to the amazing things that Rusty Lawyer has done for the last 30 years, "the main thing has been not to screw up his work!"

Giving back doesn't stop with groundskeeping for Tara and Kyle though, as they have also been dinner cluster leaders two of the past three years and helped out several times with Kids Own Worship. This year Kyle has helped with the Habitat for Humanity house, and they have been invited to sit on the Crossroads Council, which will begin later this month.

For Tara and Kyle, being a part of something bigger is always a great benefit with volunteering. When they see a need, they try to use their talents (or learn the talents) to help serve God's purposes. They said, "It is amazing when one realizes just how much goes on at Trinity and the amount of people it takes to have such great programs. Everyone's calling is different, and that is important, because of the many roles to fill within the Church community, from raking leaves to being a doctor on a medical mission. Doing God's work requires more than just showing up on Sundays." Thank you to Tara and Kyle for your positive message and continued devotion to serving God through Trinity's mission.



NNEMAP & New Life Tree and Greens Sale

Christmas trees, wreaths and garland! NNEMAP (Near Northside Emergency Material Assistance Program food pantry) is holding their annual Christmas Tree Sale October 30 - November 13

Fresh cut-to-order Fraser Firs, wreaths and garland made to order just days before shipping.

Tree sizes - from 4 -12 feet
Below-market prices

A 50% tax deduction for 2011 - half of the cost of each product goes to NNEMAP & New Life

Stop by the NNEMAP Christmas Tree in the Narthex before or after worship services to place your order.

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Did you know ...
that if you do not have a will or trust, state laws will determine who will inherit your property. So, plan for a will or trust and consider including **Trinity Foundation** in your estate plan.



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our church family

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Kathy Nutter

IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended to Dave and Linda Bryan and Family in the passing of Dave's brother, Howard Bryan ... to Curt Levis and Family in the passing of his wife, Katy Levis ... and to Marilyn Pritchett and Family in the passing of her husband and Trinity member, Clark Pritchett.

BIRTH

The rose on the altar Sunday, October 9th was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Galvin Charles Cooney, son of Jessica and Dan, born September 29, 2011. Katie and Willie Grové are the maternal grandparents.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was given on Sunday, October 2, 2011 for Audrey Elizabeth Roeth, daughter of Laura and Derek.

Memorial 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 Third Quarter of 2011:

In Memory of

Dr. Robert Duran

Dedicated to Missions
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. George
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Himes
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Poulton

In Memory of

Bill Forder

Dedicated to Youth
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowers
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Brand
Mr. and Mrs. John Brand
Mr. and Mrs. George Coles
Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Cook

Judge Carrie Glaeden
Lois M. Goodell
Suzanne I. Gray
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hagely
Mr. and Mrs. James Hency
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Himes
Fern Hunt
Mrs. and Mrs. James Monahan
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Moseley
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shramo
Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Spurlock
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stearns
Mr. and Mrs. James Stout
Mary Lou Tyndall

Foundation Loan Eliminates Faith in the Future Bank Loan

In response to a grant request from the Faith in the Future Campaign and in accordance with the By-Laws, the Foundation Board has lent up to \$530,000, in the form of a non-interest bearing loan, to the Church. This loan, combined with current Faith in the Future funds, has allowed Trinity to immediately repay the existing bank loan and thus eliminate an approximate \$9,000 monthly payment.

Trinity's Administrative Council has agreed to assign all the outstanding uncollected pledges, so graciously subscribed in Trinity's recent "Completing The Campaign" solicitation, as security for the loan. Any remaining difference between collected pledges and the new loan from the Foundation will be repaid from Trinity's future annual operating funds over a ten-year period.

Our praise and thanks to both the Administrative Council and the Foundation Board for working together to solve this financial issue for the Church.