



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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Five Sentences

by Reverend Philip Brooks

Near the conclusion of Administrative Council meetings, I share thoughts on the state of the church. At the February meeting, I invited my program staff

colleagues to each report five sentences on areas of encouragement and growth they see in their various fields of service.

The council meets above the Atrium in the large music room, is open to everyone who wishes to observe, and the room was packed for the February meeting. Afterward, I felt a genuine sense of joy and vibrancy in what is happening in our congregation through the multiple ministries ongoing.

Before the meeting I had jotted down in longhand my five sentences. Each one began with the phrase "Trinity is a great church because..."

... of dedicated, talented, and hardworking disciples of Jesus Christ who are members of this congregation.

... we are blessed with an outstanding staff whose objective is to serve Christ by serving people - both within and outside our congregation membership.

... of people who seek to know and to do God's will and who prepare to do this in a multitude of ways through the many worship services, classes, programs, groups, and mission opportunities offered here.

... of adherence to the historic tenets of the Christian faith and proclamation of the redeeming love of God in Jesus Christ.

... people want to come here as

shown by a record 2,056 on Christmas Eve and an average combined Sunday worship attendance from services of 858 for each of the past five weeks by persons seeking to pray, learn from the scriptures, grow in their faith, worship the Lord, and fellowship together.

That was my list. There are many other reasons why we are part of a great church. You can compile your own list and fill in many of the details that my mere five sentences did not allow.

The Christian reality is that Jesus Christ is Lord of the church (here and everywhere it genuinely exists). He calls us to serve Him by serving others and offers us the unique privilege of being part of something far bigger, more important, and longer-lasting than we are as individuals. To be a member of Christ's church means connection to a body that is wonderful, ecumenical, global, and eternal.

I consider it a privilege to serve with you at Trinity Church because, while we are never perfect, this really is a great congregation.

Lenten Season begins March 9

Ash Wednesday Services

with the

Imposition of Ashes

and the

Sacrament of Holy Communion

12 noon in the Chapel

7 p.m. in the Sanctuary



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Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19: 13-15

The Geller Collection

On Sunday, January 30, the children's Sunday school teachers enjoyed a delicious lunch in Fellowship Parlor as they basked in the sharing of 70 exquisite pieces of literature for children presented to them by our co-librarian, Bonnie Darrow. Sarah Adkins, formerly Sarah Geller, made a donation to Trinity for Children's Ministry, and we have chosen to use it to enhance and replenish the children's collection in the Trinity library in memory of Samson and Solomon Geller.

Bonnie purchased the books that include Bible stories, scriptural passages, parables of Jesus, information books about the Bible and stories of children today that encourage Christian principles and values. Each is beautifully illustrated. In each book is found a placket stating, "In memory of Samson and Solomon Geller." This collection is placed on a separate shelf in the Trinity library labeled, "The Geller Collection."

After the book sharing, we each carried the books to the library where we placed our hands on them while Rev. Brooks blessed them.

The greatest blessing of the occasion was the presence of Sarah Adkins, mother of Samson and Solomon Geller whose strength inspires our awe and whose faith inspires our own faith that has grown through Sarah's witness. Because of Sarah's strength, each of us has expressed a profound experience of increase of strength of our own that we didn't know we had through Christ who gives us everlasting life.

Children in our Sunday school classes bring their prayers for Samson and Solomon to Sunday school each week. We all are anxious to know that the Geller Collection will be replenished throughout time so that we may know that our children and our children's children may remember Samson and Solomon and be blessed by literature that will always remind them of these precious boys. Additional donations may be made to the Geller Collection in order that it will be replenished throughout time.

PLEASE NOTE: This is an example of giving that the Trinity Foundation provides for each of us. You may leave, through the Trinity Foundation, an offering to specific ministries at Trinity, just as we hope individuals will use the Trinity Foundation to leave donations to the Geller Collection.

Adult Sunday School

February 27 - April 17

Learning to Pray: Children with Parents

Dr. Carolyn Leick - Undercroft

Parents and children are invited to attend this class together as they find new ways to pray and to experience God. We will learn what happens when we talk to God. We will pray in color with paints and various media, make Thank You Books and Prayer Boxes, sing, move to music in prayer and discover prayers in the Bible. **Children may attend this class with their parents, returning to regular Sunday School in April.**

Leadership Lessons of Jesus

Scott Graham & Janet Goodwin - Chapel

Based on the best-selling author Ken Blanchard's book, *Lead Like Jesus*, we will focus on how we are all leaders in some way - whether at home, at church, at work, or elsewhere. Think about leadership not as a position or a title in a company or organization, but about the process of building relationships with others. Leadership is a process of influence. Anytime you seek to influence the thinking, behavior, or development of people in their personal or professional lives, you are taking on the role of a leader. Jesus was a master at all of that. We will explore, over eight weeks, how he did this so expertly and the lessons we can take from Him as we build relationships and as we seek to influence others in our own lives.

New Member Class

Dr. Brian Jones - Room 215

The New Members class is designed to help visitors make a more informed decision about becoming a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. We will go over the beliefs and structure of the United Methodist Church and will focus on what makes Trinity a unique place in and of itself. In this class, you will have a chance to talk with staff members and lay leaders of the church about their various roles and ministries. Lay leaders will share how they became involved and why in the ministry of Trinity, a vital part of their spiritual growth. We will also spend time looking at the various opportunities for fellowship. By the end of the class, participants will have a greater understanding of where their passions, gifts and talents may develop as they help the church to make disciples of Christ.

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

sponsored by Generations Council

Linda Ross, Ohio Health - Chapelside Parlor

Since we are fearfully and wonderfully made, we will learn how God is at the center of all life and how we are responsible for the stewardship of our own bodies. We will understand why and how to become our own personal health and wellness advocates based on our faith in God to care for us in all situations and our own stewardship of our bodies. "You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made: and marvelous are thy works: and that my soul knoweth full well." Psalm 139

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.

Bell Choir

Diane Stanley -Room 201 - begins March 6

Diane Stanley will train adults and children who wish to learn to play the bells. 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 teach 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!



trinity youth

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Reverend Tom Wilson leads Trinity's Lenten Study

Reverend Tom Wilson, a retired pastor of the United Methodist Church, will lead Trinity's Lenten study for the year 2011. Adam Hamilton's book, *24 Hours That Changed the World*, will serve as a springboard for consideration of the passion of Christ, his arrest, trial, and suffering, with a consideration of those who were a part of those events. Finally, there will be an exploration of the significance of those events for our lives today.

The Lenten Study will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Chapelside Parlor, beginning March 23 and ending April 19.

Reverend Dr. Wilson is a retired pastor of the United Methodist Church, having served for the past 53 years in churches in the West Ohio Conference and in North Carolina where he attended Duke University Divinity School. He is also a graduate of Ohio University and the Boston University School of Divinity. He is married to Joan Maitland Wilson, and together they have five children and six grandchildren.

Bob Russell Returns for Evening Adult Class

Singing to the Lord

**Chapelside Parlor
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, April 27 - 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.

Super time at the Super Bowl Party



Youth Council is **THRILLED** to announce a new Sunday Night Schedule and use of Life Groups. New Schedule:

**6:30 - 7:15 Middle School Youth Group
7:15 - 7:45 Middle School Life Groups**

**7:45 - 8:30 High School Youth Group
8:30 - 9:00 High School Life Groups**

The goal of Sunday night is to provide the youth an opportunity to wrestle with topics that are relevant to their lives. Then give them a consistent group of their peers and caring adults who will share their journey. It is about growing in your faith in a social context. We will do our best to make this fun and engaging but spiritually fulfilling at the same time. To God be the glory!!

Coming up:

- March 6 There is Room at the Table
- March 13 Extending the Invitation
- March 20 No Mtgs. (Spring Break)
- March 27 Broomball



Bell Choir Tribute Concert to honor Janet Linker & Jane McFadden

On Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. the combined bell choirs of King Avenue UMC, Trinity UMC and Christ Lutheran Church will present "A Tribute" ... a concert to honor Janet Linker and Jane McFadden for their contributions to the world of handbell music. This concert will be held at King Ave. United Methodist Church, 299 King Ave., and is free and open to the public.

Janet Linker has been organist at Trinity since November 2003. Prior to coming to Trinity, she served as the organist at King Ave. for 30 years. Jan also has taught at the Capital University Conservatory of Music for over 30 years.

Jane McFadden is well known as a clinician and director for many local and national handbell events for the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. Janet and Jane write and arrange music for handbells, and have over 70 titles in print with 10 different music publishers.

The concert on March 13 will feature some of their outstanding pieces. Each bell choir will perform 2 solo pieces, and the 3 choirs will combine with piano, organ and brass instrumentalists on several numbers. A reception will follow the concert.

Trinity Tours

Cruise The Hawaiian Islands
June 25, 2011. Hurry!

'Jubilee', a Cole Porter musical comedy, at The Ohio Light Opera on Saturday, July 9 @ 2 p.m.

Contact Gary Brand for tickets/info. -
488-0695 or
gbrand@trinityumchurch.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

New Youth Group
Times:

6:30 - 7:45 pm
Middle School

7:45 - 9 pm
High School

9:30 am Wee
Moms;
Fellowship Parlor

7 pm Disciple II
Study; Fellowship
Parlor

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5 pm YWCA Family
Center Hosting

7

13

12 pm Baptism
Worship Service;
Chapel

4 pm Bell Choir Concert
@ King Ave. UMC

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9:15 am Women's
Bible Study;
Chapelside Parlor

5:30 pm Grief
Support Alumni;
Chapel

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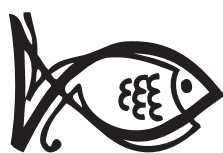
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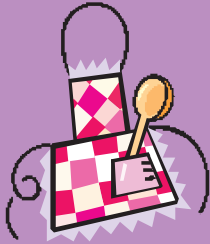
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6:30 am Men's Small Group; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>6:45 pm Women of the Living Word; Room 207</p> <p>7 pm Troop 261; Room 011</p>	<p>6:30 am Men's Business/Career Prayer Group; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>9:30 am Women of the Living Word; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>4:30 pm Children's Choir; Room 204</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>One Life to Live Women's Retreat</p> <p>In February, 50 Trinity women gathered at Deer Creek for a wonderful time of fellowship, learning, reflection and worship.</p>	
<p>1 7 pm Stephen Ministries; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>7 pm Trinity Foundation; Rm 117</p> <p>7 pm SPEC Mtg.; Rm 209</p>	<p>2 6:15 pm Amazing Dates; Chapel</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>8 <i>Trinity Times</i> Deadline</p> <p>5-7 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</p> <p>7 pm Meeting Night for Committees</p>	<p>9 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>12 pm Service in Chapel</p> <p>7 pm Service in Sanctuary</p>	<p>10 9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208</p> <p>7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Rm 101</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12 10 am Baptism Information Session; Chapelside Parlor</p>	
<p>15 6:15 pm Pizza Making; Fellowship Kitchen</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministry Education Series; Chapel</p>	<p>16 5 pm Fellowship Dinner; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:15 pm Amazing Dates; Chapel</p> <p>7 pm False Justice Forum; Sanctuary</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>19</p>	
<p>22</p>	<p>23 5pm YWCA Family Center Hosting</p> <p>7 pm Lenten Study Begins - Chapelside Parlor</p>	<p>24 9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30 6:15 pm Amazing Dates; Chapel</p> <p>7 pm Lenten Study Chapelside Parlor</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>www.trinityumchurch.com</p>	

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mission vision:

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*Join your Trinity friends
& neighbors for a
Fellowship Dinner
Tuesday, March 16
5 - 7 p.m.
Fellowship Hall*

Menu: Melt-in-your-mouth
roast beef & vegetables
(vegan meal also available)

*Proceeds to benefit
Easter on 5th*

Call 488-0695 to make
reservations by Mar. 10
Can't attend the dinner?
Carry-out is available

*Trinity - where EVERYONE is a
servant for Christ*

Easter On Fifth Is Just Around The Corner

by Vickie Mosely

One of the most exciting acts of partnering with New Life UMC was given by the Trinity Confirmation Class, Middle School and High School Youth Groups this past Christmas. Handmade, double fleece blankets were made for each of the 23 New Life youth who participate in the New Life youth program. Each one of the New Life children was so excited to receive their own blanket. In addition each family was given an "Easter on Fifth" blanket donated by the Trinity community last Easter.

Most of us would find it unusual to get excited about a new blanket, yet this is always the reaction of a New Life neighbor who receives a new one when asking for a blanket to ward off the cold. And, it is heartwarming to be able to give a new sleeping bag to one living (and shivering) on the land. It is a joy to know that Trinity's annual "Easter on Fifth" mission project makes all of this possible. New Life and St. Luke's also share in this effort.

Easter is April 24. Beginning March 27, the Trinity family will have the opportunity to donate funds to buy blankets, sheets, pillows, pillow cases and sleeping bags for the New Life Clothing Room. A \$50 donation will purchase a complete queen set or 2 sleeping bags. Donations of \$25 will purchase a half queen set or 1 sleeping bag.

This mission project will culminate with New Life, St. Luke's and Trinity members worshipping together on Good Friday, April 22, in Trinity's sanctuary. At this time the bedding will be dedicated. Following the service all will enjoy fellowship partaking of a meal together.

This event has proven to be a meaningful time of worship, service and fellowship honoring our partnership with New Life Church. Do mark your calendar and plan to give what you can to provide bedding for our neighbors in need.

*Spotlight on ...***Tuesday Morning Men's Group**

6:30-7:25 a.m. in Chapelside Parlor
by Jim Rehl

Someone once asked me why anyone would join a group that meets at 6:30 in the morning.

I'll let the members of the group answer that question: "the opportunity to share, every week, the big and little things that are going on in my life with my job, wife, kids, spiritual life and knowing that I will have listening ears and praying hearts, building meaningful and lasting relationships, spiritual grounding and accountability, meeting with others with Christ as the foundation, the assurance of confidentiality in sharing life's battles, the opportunity to support and be supported, to see how God has worked and is working in other men's lives."

A Christian leader once said that if you don't have someone you can call at 2:00 in the morning to talk you out of doing something stupid you are in trouble. That's the relationship I have built with these guys and they with me. I could call any one of them any time of the day or night and they would immediately be at my side. Each man knows that I would do the same for him.

I hope you have a wonderful group of Christian men such as this surrounding you – if not, what else do you have going on at 6:30 A.M. that could be more important? Try us out! Contacts:

Jim Rehl (jamesrehl@yahoo.com or 361-0836) and Geoff Arthur (garthur1@columbus.rr.com or 374-3831).

False Justice Open Forum March 16

Trinity Adult Education Council
presents

*Myths and Misconceptions that Lead to
Wrongful Conviction in the United States Uncovered*

Jim and Nancy Petro

will speak about their newly released book-

FALSE JUSTICE: Eight Myths that Convict the Innocent

March 16 @ 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Come early for the FELLOWSHIP DINNER!
5-7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Faith in the Future: The Last Task

Thanks to many generous members and friends, our church has completed a beautiful restoration, a successful effort we called Faith in the Future. How soon we forget the sheets of peeling paint that threatened to fall from the ceiling onto Sunday worshippers! Thankfully, these are history. Numerous much needed behind-the-walls repairs and other renovations were also completed. Today Trinity is experiencing terrific energy, growth, and new levels of active worship, study, fellowship, discipleship, and outreach to a hurting world.

It was no surprise when, late in 2010, the church entered into a bank loan to bridge the gap -\$922,914 - between Faith in the Future donations received and complete payment of the church's renovations. Yet, many felt strongly that debt service of about \$9,000 per month--more than our monthly budget for all programming--was unacceptable, especially now, as our congregation is bucking the trend of many churches in such positive ways.

In the coming weeks, you will be receiving information about exciting progress that has been made in the past few months toward retiring the Faith in the Future debt.

We can all be thankful for the legacy of Trinity members who have been responsible stewards of our "building," which, of course, is much more than that. It is our church home, God's house, the center of Trinity's dynamic community of faith, where an amazing 40 percent of new members today are also new to the redeeming good news of Jesus Christ. We trust that with your prayerful consideration and participation, Trinity will continue its important calling: We will finish this task, and get on with God's work.

-Rick Germain and Nancy Petro, Co-Chairs

Faith in the Future
Completing the Campaign



our church family

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Pam Allarding
Frances Campbell
Verna Bulman
Bob Hurst
Jean Rudy

IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended to Arvin Donner and Family in the passing of his wife the Trinity member, Caroline Donner.

BIRTHS

The rose on the altar Sunday, February 6 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Lila Grace Miller, daughter of Lisa and Eric, born February 1, 2011.

Estate Planning

by John Easton, Trinity Foundation

A year ago Trinity Foundation received its largest single bequest from the estate of Mrs. Charlotte Damron Smith. At the end of 2010, the final payment was received bringing the total dollars from Mrs. Smith's bequest to \$1,418,000. This was larger than the original \$1.2 million bequest because during the last year her investments grew. At this time, when our church budgets are tight, we are fortunate to have this special legacy from Mrs. Smith.

Trinity Foundation support for the church is limited to items not in the current expense budget. Utilities, regular programs, and all normal expenses must be covered by pledges and offerings but cannot receive Foundation money in accordance with Foundation bylaws.

Charlotte Smith's thoughtful estate planning will make it possible for the Trinity Foundation to be in a position to support many of the ongoing programs of Trinity and to allow us to invest in new programs which drive the vitality of our church. The Foundation encourages all groups in the church to consider submitting grant requests for financial support for special projects.

We hope that when our members are doing their estate planning that the Trinity Foundation will be included along with other organizations. Donations at the time of settling one's estate are very important to Trinity in future years.

TRINITY FOUNDATION Financial Statement for the year ended 12/31/2010	
Fund Balance 1/1/2010	\$1,067,671
Receipts:	
Bequest	\$1,470,103
Memorials	\$ 3,320
Interest & Dividends	\$ 29,240
Others	<u>\$ 4,897</u>
	\$1,507,560
Disbursements:	
Scholarships	(\$ 1,500)
Internships	(\$ 3,000)
Van	(\$ 11,419)
Crossroads Grant	(\$ 15,118)
Other Grants	<u>(\$ 22,429)</u>
	(\$53,466)
Net Market Increase in Invested Assets	<u>\$125,566</u>
Fund Balance 12/31/2010	\$2,647,331

Another option to consider would be an estate type gift during one's lifetime. Making an estate type gift during your lifetime can provide a sense of reward for the donor as well as helping the recipient have the benefit of your enthusiasm and passion. For example, there are current projects and programs at Trinity where a donation to a specific project or activity could make a significant difference. Financially supporting an activity where currently talented and committed people are involved will let the donor experience the excitement of seeing an immediate result that also can have a long-term impact.