



TRINITY TIMES

WORSHIP AT TRINITY:
SUNDAY MORNINGS
9:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary
Crossroads Contemporary
Worship in Fellowship Hall

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String Fences

by Reverend Philip Brooks
Ubiquitous Canada
Geese nearly
disappeared a century
ago due to unrestricted
harvesting of eggs,
commercial hunting,
and draining of
wetlands habitat. But

as any driver (or landscaper, or golfer) knows, the geese have exhibited a spectacular comeback from the edge of extinction. Urban areas adjacent to open grassy areas and water now teem with these birds that constantly eat grass and produce organic fertilizer in astonishing quantities. It is a mixed blessing: the beauty of flying or walking geese contrasted with their "calling cards" left on lawns, golf courses, sidewalks, and roadways.

Great time and effort has been poured into studies on how to control geese populations or at least how to manage where they flock and feed. One of the most remarkable methods is use of string fences. If these birds are causing problems in certain areas, wildlife managers have discovered that fences made only of one or two strands of visible string from 12 to 20 inches high will prevent geese from entering an area.

The irony is astounding. These beautiful creatures who can fly above the landscape, soar high overhead in V-formations, and sometimes sadly have forced jet planes from the sky (remember "Miracle on the Hudson"?) can be stopped by small pieces of string strung across their walking pathways.

We may shake our heads in amusement at such an odd circumstance, yet we exhibit similar behaviors. We sometimes allow the string fences of fear, or inferiority, or insecurity, or relational conflicts, or past disappointments, or some other hindrance to prevent us from being who we know we could and should be and who God calls us to be.

When we view our impediments in proper perspective and realize none of these factors - these string fences - should prevent us from living meaningful lives, only then do we overcome the challenges that befall everyone and start to face the future with confidence and joy.

This is as true for a congregation as for an individual. Trinity Church should and can continue growing, loving, serving, ministering to our community and world in the name and spirit of Christ. Obstacles such as economic challenges, or "we've not done that before," or "how could such things be possible?" will not hinder nor defeat people of faith who trust God and live like it. When we give generously to the Lord of our time, talent, and treasure, then "the sky's the limit."

Isaiah 40:31 encourages: "those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

No string fences for us! Fasten your seat belt and let's enjoy a great flight.

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christian education

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**Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."
Mark 9:35**

Whenever I'm mulling over potential plans for our many programs for children and families, I see visions. Yes, I see photographic memories in my mind of people like, like, . . . oooooooh how I wish I could name in this piece those amazing Trinity folks whose gentle spirits, determined offerings of service, creativity and mostly deep love for our children inspire those clear pictures in my mind, full of color and happy faces.

The problem is there are just too many of such people to list, and listing one or one hundred would forever mean forgetting yet others. They are often people who remain in the background, who seek no recognition or reward and who rarely need to be asked to help, for their offerings to our children are often the result of their own envisioning of and fulfilling of needs before I've even had a chance to know that some needs were even there.

In preparation for the first day of Sunday School, much time was spent in finding teachers and helpers whose clear calling was for the honor and privilege of serving in the ministry of teaching young children in Sunday school and in Kids Own Worship. The more deeply I peered into the rather vast, diverse Trinity family, the more such people came to mind. And the more I asked my peers for further suggestions, the more I realized that they too, in so many cases, knew on whom I could count to serve.

We live in a world today that far too infrequently places much value on devotion to others. Yet how crystal clear are the many ministries of those Trinity folk who pop visually into my mind, whose devotion to others is more evident than their concern for themselves. So obviously inspired by the example of Jesus, they seem never to view the treasures they offer our children as burdens but instead seem personally buoyed by the joy they receive through their sacrifices. They are a constant reminder to us all that great freedom comes from love and from service.

I still wish I could name them! But then, many of you know who those are among us, and they wouldn't wish to be named. Keep watching. Thanks be to God!

Adult Sunday School Classes for Early Fall

through November 1, 2009

How the Bible Came to Be

Dr. Lee Johnson, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Dr. Jeffrey Jaynes, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Room 208/209

NOOMA Film Series

Geoff and Kelle Eubank
Todd and Lisa Williams
Room 215

In His Word

Matt Hamilton
Room 207

Becoming Faithful Stewards of God's Gifts to Us

Dr. Carolyn Leick
Janet Goodwin
Chapelside Parlor

New Member Class

Dr. Brian Jones
Chapel

Bell Choir Offering for All

Diane Stanley
Room 201

Coming up in Adult Sunday School

November 8 - December 27, 2009

Foundations of Christianity

Dr. Brian Jones
Chapel

Spiritual Gifts

Nancy Rummel
Chapelside Parlor

Christian Beliefs and Psychological Phenomena: Are They Related?

Janice Peterson, PhD
Chapel

Hallelujah! Lessons from The Messiah

Rev. Amy Aspey, Janet Goodwin
Room 208

Parenting the Young Child

Cassie Rehl, Lisa Holtsberry, Alison Poor
Room 209

In His Word

Matt Hamilton
Room 207

Bell Choir Offering for All

Diane Stanley
Room 201

Strategic Planning Committee seeks your input

The Strategic Planning Executive Committee is charged with identifying a set of priorities for the improvement, expansion, and further development of Trinity's mission and ministry. The Committee now seeks review and comment by members of the congregation regarding the draft of the proposed priorities for four major areas of Trinity's ministry:

- Discipleship/Mission/Education
- Hospitality/Fellowship
- Financial Growth and Stability
- Planning and Evaluation.

Given the Mission and Goals of Trinity adopted in 2006, please share with the Strategic Planning Executive Committee your comments regarding the proposed priorities. The Committee suggests you consider the following questions as you

review the proposed priorities and frame your comments:

- 1.) What should Trinity's objectives be in the next 3 to 5 years to improve, expand, and further develop its mission and ministry?
- 2.) What opportunities exist for improvement and expansion?
- 3.) What challenges do we face in meeting these objectives?

A complete copy of the draft of proposed priorities is available at www.trinityumchurch.com. Hard copies are also available in the Church office. Please send your comments by **October 30** to: Strategic Planning Executive Committee Trinity United Methodist Church 1581 Cambridge Boulevard Columbus, Ohio 43212 e-mail: trinityoffice@trinityumchurch.com

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Fall Foliage Tour *Washboards and More* Thursday, October 15

Join us for a tour of Ohio's fall foliage:

- sip apple cider
- view Quilt Barns
- visit a covered bridge
- dine in an old-fashioned English tea room
- shop in a castle
- tour the only remaining washboard factory in the U.S.

Cost: \$29 per person (includes lunch and transportation)

Schedule:

9:30 a.m. Depart Trinity

10:30 a.m. Laurelville comfort and cider stop

11:30 a.m. driving tour and visit to Ash Cave

1 p.m. Lunch at Ravenwood Castle

2:30 p.m. Tour of Washboard Factory

5 p.m. Return to Trinity

Reservations:

Contact Gary Brand at 488-0695 or
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New Sunday Night Program!

All Middle School and High School students are invited to the NEW Sunday Night Program. There will always be great music (led by our worship band), awesome snacks, and fun as we make new friends and grow closer to old ones! Sometimes we will wrestle with a topic, sometimes we will share each other's burdens, but we'll always have a blast! One thing for sure is that **YOU** are invited and **YOU** are Wanted and **YOU** are needed to make our youth group the best in Columbus! So join us ...

7:00 – 7:45 Middle School Time in the Youth Room

7:45 – 8:15 Worship & Snacks in the Fellowship Hall (Middle School and High School combined)

8:15 – 9:00 High School Time in the Youth Room

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class Information: Mark your calendars, confirmation class will begin on November 15th during the Sunday School hour. The first two meetings (the 15th and the 22nd) parents are asked to attend and participate. The confirmation class is for 8th graders and older. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Edwards at the church.

Trip to see Rob Bell!

Have you seen the Nooma Videos? Have you ever wanted to see Rob Bell in person? Now is your chance. We are organizing a young adult trip to see Rob Bell at the Palace Theatre right here in Columbus. The cost is only \$18 a person. The program begins at 8:00 pm. We will meet at the church at 6:30 for a brief time of fellowship before heading over to the Palace. To sign up for this awesome night of teaching you simply have to get your \$18 to Brian Edwards by October 18th. Tickets will be purchased in bulk on October 19th. We want to be sure the Palace doesn't sell out! If you have any questions about the event just send Brian an email at bedwards@trinityumchurch.com and he'll get right back to you.



Carillon Bell help needed

Help is needed with playing the Carillon Bells for Sunday services. Individuals need to read music (treble clef only), and be able to play a hymn melody on a keyboard. Will play about once a month. Please contact Fern Hunt if you are interested - 614-262-9955.

Photos of Military Members requested

Susan Hency has created a new bulletin board outside the office to honor members and loved ones serving in the military. Please send pictures to 1609 College Hill Dr., Columbus, 43221 or drop off at church. Questions? Please call Susan at 486-9896.

Recycle Cell Phones

Please recycle cell phones by placing them in the bin in the coat room. They are given to older adults for access to emergency services.

Save-the Date for Amazing Dates!

Small Group Council is sponsoring a new marriage program called "Amazing Dates." The program is six sessions and runs from 6:15-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights. Mark your calendar for: February 10, 24, March 10, 31, April 14, 28. Stay tuned for more information!

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 November issue is Tuesday, October 13.** 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
<p>WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES</p> <p>Sunday Mornings 9 a.m. Sanctuary Traditional Worship</p> <p>11 a.m. Sanctuary Traditional Worship</p> <p>11 a.m. Fellowship Hall Crossroads Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>Weekly Meetings in October:</p> <p>5:30 pm Stephen Ministries Training</p> <p>Youth Gatherings: 7-7:45 MS 7:45-8:15 MS&HS 8:15-9 HS Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>5:30 pm Grief Support; Chapel</p> <p>9:30 am Wee Moms; Fellowship Parlor</p>
<p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 a.m. for Adults and Children</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8 am Prayer Group; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>World Communion Sunday</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>CHOIR REHEARSALS</p> <p>Children's Choir rehearses Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in Room 204</p> <p>Chancel Bell Choir rehearses Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. in Room 201</p> <p>Chancel Choir rehearses Thursdays, 8-9:15 p.m. in Room 204</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12:30 pm Crop Walk</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>9:15 am Women's Bible Study; Chapelside Parlor</p>
	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Mom's Night Out Group</p>
	<p>25</p> <p>5 pm Hosting YWCA Family Center</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:15 am Women's Bible Study; Chapelside Parlor</p>

October 2009

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6:30 am Men's Small Group; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>12:30 pm Tuesday Team @ New Life Clothing Room</p> <p>7 pm Troop 261; Room 011</p> <p>6:45 pm Women of the Living Word; Fellowship Hall (weekly except 2nd Tuesdays)</p>	<p>9 am Women of the Living Word; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>4:30 pm Children's Choir; Room 204</p>	<p>11 am Disciple Study; Room 207</p> <p>5:45 pm Study of David; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>6:45 pm Chancel Bell Choir; Room 201</p> <p>7 pm Young Professionals Group; 1355 Lincoln Rd.</p> <p>8 pm Chancel Choir; Room 204</p>	<p>9:30 am Friday Bible Study; Room 201</p> 	
		1	2 7 pm Art Night; Room 001	3
6 7 pm Women's Retreat Planning; Rm 221 7 pm Stephen Ministries; Room 117	7	8 9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208 7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Room 001	9	10
13 Trinity Times Deadline Loyalty Kick-Off Dinner 7 pm Meeting Night for Committees & Council	14 7 pm Stephen Ministries; Room 117	15 10 am Fall Foliage Trip departure	16	17
20 6:15 pm Pizza Making for Homeless; Fellowship Kitchen 6:30 pm Children/Family Council; Fellowship Parlor	21	22 9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208	23	24
27	28 5 pm Hosting YWCA Family Center	29	30	31

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5th Annual Margaret Rogers CROP WALK Sunday, October 11

Hunger is a real problem, both globally and in our own community. However, it is not a hopeless one. You can make a difference by just putting on your walking shoes (or sponsoring a walking team).

Since her death in 2005, Trinity dedicates its walk to Margaret Rogers, Trinity member and co-founder of CROP (internationally). Margaret will walk with us in spirit as we walk to support a cause very close to her heart.

On Sunday, October 11, Team Trinity will participate in the 31st Annual Franklin County CROP Walk. We will meet at Trinity at 12:15 in the Atrium for a light lunch and then car pool to the Walk in front of Riverfront Amphitheater in Genoa Park.

If you would like to walk or sponsor Team Trinity with a financial contribution (checks make payable to Church World Service), please contact Liz Hixson at 272-5454 or look for the CROP table which will be set up Sept. 27th, Oct. 4th and 11th. Let's get walking.

Sixth Annual New Life Winter Coat Extravaganza

Wednesday, November 4
9:00-11:30 a.m.

Trinity Coat Collection: November 1
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

School days are here and wintry days will soon be upon us. Many people will be cold and will need winter coats to keep warm. The New Life UMC Clothing Room will be having their Winter Coat Extravaganza on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, during regular clothing room hours, 9:00-11:30am.

In preparation for this event, Trinity will be collecting winter coats for men, women and children on **Sunday, November 1 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Please watch the worship bulletin for location of drop-off of coats. This will be our only collection time.

Clean, gently used, winter coats with zippers that work, buttons intact and hoods attached are preferred. There is a special need for sizes extra large, 2x, 3x and 4x for men and women. Our neighbors who are homeless layer their clothes to keep themselves warm. New coats are always appreciated.



We ask that you hold on to your coats until **November 1**. Thank you for helping the New Life Clothing Room keep our neighbors warm this winter.

small groups

Prayers and Squares



Members of Prayers and Squares are pictured l. to r. Millie McVey, Betty Creagan, June Oliver, Carol Hainen, Nancy Monahan, Lucille Anderson, Kathy Koblentz, and Anne Lawyer.

One of the small groups at Trinity is Prayers and Squares. This group meets two mornings a month to create prayer quilts for those in the Trinity Family who are facing life challenges of many varieties and have asked for prayers.

Lap-sized quilts are pieced and "sandwiched" by 10-20 members of the group. Threads are placed in the finished quilt for the congregation to tie with prayers for the recipient. Each quilt is unique and has a presentation label for the recipient; as well as a booklet which includes the signatures of all who are praying for the individual.

Our chapter of International Prayers and Squares is in its fifth year. We have presented over 75 quilts and countless prayers for healing, comfort, and strength. Our first quilt was presented to Dr. Gene and Mary Jane Frazer in September 2005. Preemies and centenarians have been blessed by the knotting of these quilts.

We would love to have you join our group on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 9:30 in room 208. Sewing experience is optional -- we have tasks for all skills. For more information you may call group leaders: Kathy Koblentz 486-4001 or Lucille Anderson 225-1937.

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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).



Tracy Peters
& Bill Coombs



This month we recognize the stewardship contributions of Tracy Peters and Bill Coombs. Tracy and Bill are two dedicated and enthusiastic members of the Building Committee who were instrumental in making sure the recent renovations to our beautiful church building went smoothly and, as much as possible, according to plan. Anyone who has undertaken even the most modest "do-it-yourself" home improvement can attest to the fact that things seldom go entirely according to plan. So imagine the scale of issues that occur while trying to renovate a 50+ year old church, coordinate traditional and crossroads services and the myriad of other activities hosted by Trinity! Fortunately, Tracy and Bill were on the job.

Tracy's involvement as chair of the building committee evolved from a simple, yet important, comment made during an Administrative Council meeting regarding a key aspect of financing the project. Once selected as committee chair, his involvement began in 2006 and continues to this day as the final touches on the project are completed. Tracy and the committee as a whole spent a great deal of time interviewing architects and contractors to develop a number of different conceptual plans as to how the project could come to fruition. Moreover, this needed to be coordinated with the "Faith in the Future" campaign to ensure that funding was adequate, a significant task in itself. This project often required a commitment of several hours on a weekly basis in addition to Tracy's full-time career schedule and family life. Tracy commented that, despite the long hours, it was an extremely rewarding experience and he is grateful for having the opportunity to be involved.

In addition to Tracy, we are blessed to have someone like Bill Coombs in our midst. Bill has an extensive background in both mechanical and civil engineering. He had a 25-year career in plant engineering with General Motors and has also worked in a number of other high-level construction and engineering consulting jobs. During Trinity's renovation, Bill was a volunteer owner's representative as a liaison between the building committee and the construction, architectural and engineering firms involved in the project. He spent time at the church almost daily, helping to both anticipate potential problems and fix others when they occurred. In addition to his work with the building committee, Bill has served and continues to serve faithfully in a range of other capacities. As an usher, Bill may be frequently seen handing out bulletins, helping with communion and welcoming people to worship on Sunday mornings. He is also the current chair of the Trustee Committee.

As chair of the Building Committee, Tracy asked that we recognize the other building committee members: **Lisa Baker, Don Gebhart, Jack Hagely, Linda Pointer and Richard Weese.** Tracy commented that it was a great privilege to serve with these people and the committee was fortunate to have such outstanding members. We are blessed by the contributions of time, talent and treasure from Tracy, Bill and the entire Building Committee and thank them for a wonderful job ensuring that our church building will faithfully serve Trinity's congregation for another 50 years.

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our church family

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Joan Colliver
Bob Henne
Bob Hurst
Kelly Jones
Rita Kendall
Sandy Lewis
Grace Tharp
Ken Thien

BIRTHS

The roses on the altar Sunday, August 23 were presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth Lucas Henry Knape, son of Leann and Jeff, born August 10, 2009 ... and for the birth of Leah Jean Hunt, daughter of Karen and Doug, born August 10, 2009. Liz and Jim Shelton are the maternal grandparents.

IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended to the Family of Trinity member, Dee Hendry ... to June Oliver, Susan Hency and Family in the passing of David Walters ... to the Family of Trinity member, Charlotte Smith ... to Kitty Wertz and Family in the passing of her husband, George P. "Bucky" Wertz ... to Dean Jeffers and Family in the passing of Dean's sister, Edith Mae Griffith ... and to Jean and Joe Ohlinger and Family in the passing of Jean's sister, Carol Kuhn.

Trinity Foundation receives report from summer interns

by John Easton

The three summer interns that were funded by the Trinity Foundation gave their final report at the August meeting of the Foundation. Jim Winfree, chairman of the Foundation, said that this was one of the great examples of how the Foundation's money can help in the development of young people, and at the same time support the programs of our church.

Ashley Gerard, Lauren Fitz and Rachel Armstrong gave a first-hand account of their summer experience at Trinity to the Foundation committee. All three interns expressed their gratitude to the Foundation for giving them the chance to grow in their faith during the summer through having the opportunity to experience first-hand the interaction between themselves, the youth of Trinity, Rev. Amy Aspey, Heather Perry, Gary Brand and Dr. Carolyn Leick.

Ashley, Lauren and Rachel went to Chicago as adult leaders on the High School Mission Trip. They found this a growth experience because they were involved with the leadership of youth where they had to execute the plans that had been made before the trip. Also, getting to know the youth was important because they were able to show each student " how special they are in the eyes of God."

The interns were involved in variety of different activities including High School Women's Bible Study, Sunday School, Pathfinders, Christmas in July, and Middle School Mission Week. They all indicated the summer gave them the opportunity for self discovery and learning God's plan for their lives.

Each intern stated how important the Foundation's commitment was in funding their internship, allowing them to be active in the events of a great church like Trinity. Jim Winfree thanked Rachel, Ashley and Lauren for contributing to the success of the summer programs of Trinity that made it special for our children to clearly love to attend the exciting summer activities.

The Foundation committee wants to express appreciation for the financial gifts of past and current members. Having these extra resources has made it possible for us to assist young leaders like Ashley Gerard, Rachel Armstrong and Lauren Fitz.