



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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Highest

by Reverend Philip Brooks

Words ending in "est" fascinate us. We want to know the fastest or slowest, tallest or shortest, longest or briefest, highest or lowest.

The highest point in Ohio is Campbell Hill at 1550 feet (above sea level) located two miles east of Bellefontaine in Logan County. The highest mountain in North America is Mt. McKinley (Denali), Alaska, at 20,320 feet. Nearly everyone knows the highest point on earth is Mt. Everest, Nepal, now officially measured by GPS technology at 29,035 feet.

The word "highest" figures prominently in the account of the first Christmas. In one of the best known biblical passages (usually quoted from the old King James Version) Luke 2:14 records the song of the angels, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," (meaning toward everyone).

The well-known Latin phrase is "Gloria in excelsis Deo" - "Glory to God in the highest", or sometimes translated "Glory be to God on high". This means that our praise, our devotion, our focus, our acknowledgement of highest good, highest power, highest wisdom is centered on God.

This applies not only at Sunday worship but each day of the week. In the morning when you arise, or while you are traveling to your responsibilities, when you face a

difficult challenge, when you feel overwhelmed by an avalanche of tasks and wonder how you can possibly accomplish it all, remember the Source of your ultimate help is God.

Throughout the day, and when the task finally is completed, when the report is in the mail or the children are in bed - and at last you realize that you did indeed live through what once seemed so insurmountable, utter that prayer heard on the first Christmas, "Glory to God in the highest."

*With heart and mind
and voice let us
praise and serve the
Christ who shall
reign forever and ever
as King of kings and
Lord of lords!*

In our culture today, there are so many things to temporarily dazzle and momentarily fascinate. But when the newness is gone and boredom soon returns, people of genuine insight come to understand that there is but one place to find true meaning, peace and fulfillment - and that is in

a right relationship with God and with other people.

It is for this end that we strive; it is for this purpose that we labor; it is for this cause that we live and serve. God has so loved us that He has sent Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world, entering the human condition as a baby at Bethlehem. With heart and mind and voice let us praise and serve the Christ who shall reign forever and ever as King of kings and Lord of lords!

Like the angelic choir on that first Christmas, let us not only with our voices but also by our daily lives proclaim "Glory to God in the highest."



christian education

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Adult Sunday School

through Dec. 28, 2008

Jan. 4 - Feb. 22, 2009

Dear God,

Thank you for letting it rain for the flowers. Please forgive me for everything I've done. Please help the people that are sick. Please help the people that need food.

Paige, age 8

We, as adults, are often trying to make sense of and take control of our own prayer life, and often it doesn't even dawn on us to talk with children about prayer. But actually, the two go hand in hand. We grow as we plan new ways to pray, as we pray publicly, silently, alone or with others, and we grow in greater depth and breadth when we help children as they learn right alongside us to do the same.

The days of "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep, if I should die before I wake . . ." can seem long ago and far away, as can "Thank you God for this food and our lives for your service." But, how else are we to teach our children to pray? Well, we can begin with prayers of thankfulness, asking the children how they might turn some delight (a friend to play with, a teacher who is loved, a favorite pet, a fun afternoon in the grass and sun) into a thankful prayer. It need not be long. One sentence will suffice.

When children ask the difficult questions that we can't answer, it's perfectly wise and very easy to tell our child that some answers seem beyond us, that some answers only God can give. We can then turn the child's question into a prayer.

"Dear God, why can't I see my grandfather who died and is heaven? What's he doing there? Is he playing golf there too? Amen." As we share our own faith with our children, praying out loud with them, they grow in their willingness and in their comfort in sharing their burgeoning faith with us. As we allow ourselves to voice our prayers to God, revealing our own personal relationship with Him, children naturally and happily follow, putting into words their own thoughts, feelings, questions, desires and requests.

Children love knowing that God answers our prayers. The answers God gives may be different from those we expect, imagine or pray, and this can seem difficult for children to understand, but when they learn that God answers our prayers in many different ways just as their parents answer their requests in different ways and in different times and places, they are learning the very things that we their elders continue to learn and re-learn.

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New Member Class

Reverend Brian Jones
Chapelside Parlor

Dr. Brian Jones provides potential new members with a broad view of Trinity's vast ministry.

Rejoicing in Hope: An Advent Study

Reverend Amy Aspey
Fellowship Parlor

Rev. Amy Aspey will facilitate the Advent study, "Rejoicing in Hope" by James Harnish. Together we will experience the Christmas story through five characters (Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary, Joseph and Simeon) from the Gospel of Luke.

Halftime

Glen & Carmen Himes, Bob & Barbara Bowers, Jim & Karen Houk
Room 208

The first half of our lives is spent furthering our education and careers and strengthening our families. At half time we make needed adjustments in order to have a strong second half and win the game of life.

Five Love Languages of God

Sue and Bill Fitz, Alison and Joe Poor
Room 207

We feel most loved when others speak our primary love language. Gary Chapman, the best-selling author of *The Five Love Languages*, examines how his concept relates to God's agape love.

Boundaries with Kids

Rhonda & Paul Sipp, Joan Briggs, Laura & Phil Richter
Room 209

This class teaches parents how to prepare our children to assume responsibility for their own lives. Based on the best-selling book of the same title by Dr. John Townsend and Dr. Henry Cloud, this DVD series explains how to set limits and still be loving parents.

In His Word

Matt Hamilton
Room 201

Join us for an ongoing weekly Bible study. Currently we are examining the Book of Romans and related Old and New Testament scriptures. Join us at any time; you won't be behind.

Basic Christian Beliefs

Chapel
Dr. Brian Jones

Associate Pastor, Dr. Brian Jones, will lead this class based on the book, *This Is Christianity*, by Maxie Dunham, a United Methodist minister, former seminary president and past world editor of *The Upper Room*. Books will be available for those who wish to purchase them. All new and current members will benefit from the discussions of the basic concepts and essential truths of the Christian faith and how these impact our lives. Using the Apostles' Creed as a general outline, topics will include a study of God, Christ, salvation, the Holy Spirit, the church, what it means to be a Christian, resurrection, eternal life and the Kingdom of God.

The Reason for God

Chapelside Parlor
Laura Roberts and Jim Pepper

The Reason for God, written by Timothy Keller, founder of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, was inspired by discussions with people who expressed their doubts about many of the traditional beliefs of mainline Christianity. In this book, Rev. Keller addresses many of these doubts and also offers his convictions about the authority of the Bible, the deity of Christ and the necessity of new spiritual birth. Readers of this book will be led to a deeper understanding of their own beliefs and to be witnesses to their faith in the community.

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World

Fellowship Parlor
Alison Poor and Dr. Carolyn Leick

The life of a woman today isn't all that different from Mary and Martha in the New Testament. Women struggle with meeting the demands of daily life while also wanting to focus on and serve Christ. Where's the balance? Come explore Jesus' invitation to choose "the better part" of this struggle - the joyful life of "living-room" intimacy with Him that flows naturally into "kitchen service" for Him. Using the book of the same title by Joanna Weaver as our guide, we'll gain an understanding of how to draw closer to God by deepening our devotion, strengthening our service and doing both with less stress and more joy.

In His Word

Matt Hamilton/Room 201
Described in column at left

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Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 7

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner served by our Youth
in Fellowship HallOrnament and Christmas card making for
"Bethlehem on Broad" recipients
in Fellowship Parlor

6:30 p.m.

Service in the Sanctuary

Tree decorating - Carol singing -
Scriptural readings - The Christmas Story
A Chorus of our children

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 7th- Hanging of the Greens dinner We are serving a spaghetti dinner for HOG as a fundraiser for Adopt-A-Family. We are asking for help from students as well as parents. There will be two shifts for students - 4:00-5:30/5:30-7:00 p.m. and two shifts for parents - 4:00-5:45/5:45-7:30 p.m. If you are able to help us that evening, please contact Heather Perry ASAP at hperry@rrcol.com.

Dec 12th and 13th- Bethlehem on Broad packing day at church, 3:30-7:00 p.m. on the 12th (come when you are able). **Delivery Day** is the 13th from 8 a.m.-noon. Packing day is when we make the boxes and delivery day is when we take the boxes to Broad St. UMC downtown. (Delivery day is when we really need more students to help out who are willing to do some heavier lifting.) We are hoping to have more students involved this year in this project! There is also **Distribution Day** on Dec. 20th if you would like to see the families that are being served and helped by the boxes. Please contact Heather to sign up.

December 14th- Adopt-A-Family Christmas Caroling- 6:30-8 p.m. Meet at the church (dress appropriately) and we will head out to carol to raise money for our adopted family. We will return to the church for warm cookies and hot chocolate afterwards.

Dec. 16th- Pizza Making for the Homeless- 6:15 - 9 p.m. (if you go to deliver with us; 7:45 p.m. if you don't deliver). Come and join us as we make pizzas from scratch for Friends of the Homeless shelter. We will also take them to the shelter and serve the men staying there. **WE CAN ONLY TAKE 10 STUDENTS WITH US TO SERVE, SO YOU NEED TO SIGN UP ASAP TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.** Otherwise, we would love to have you join us to make the pizzas! Please, also, bring 3 dozen cookies to take to the shelter as well.

Dec. 19th- Middle School Christmas Dinner and Adopt-A-Family Shopping, 6:30-10:00 p.m.

Dec 20th- High School Christmas Dinner and Adopt-A-Family Shopping- 6:30-10:30 p.m.

The Adopt-A-Family ministry is one that started several years ago and is a favorite! This year, our family is in desperate need of our help. The father, the sole provider for the family, was recently in a work related accident and lost both legs. He is unable to work and is struggling to get out of the hospital at this point to be with his family. The family has 3 children. They will have a Christmas celebration only with our help. This ministry is one of my favorites because it serves as a reminder how truly blessed we are in so many ways. We are asking students to raise money for the family so we can provide them with a wonderful Christmas to remember amidst the tragedy. We will go out to dinner on the 19th and 20th and then go shopping at Target for the family. If there is time, we will return to the church to wrap some of the gifts. If you would like to donate wrapping paper, you can bring it to Heather's office.

Christmas Eve- Luminary Set Up and Tear Down- 3:00-4:30 PM and Midnight. We will meet in Fellowship Kitchen at 3:00, make and set up the luminaries and be finished by 4:30 PM. As the families at the family service are leaving the church, the luminaries will be there to remind them that the Light of the World came to us on the 1st Christmas. If you are able to help, meet us in the kitchen at 3:00 PM on Christmas Eve.

Thanks so much and may we all remember the meaning of Christmas and work to spread the love and joy that is at the heart of this holy holiday! Merry Christmas!

Dear God by Dr. Carolyn Leick

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John Wesley said that we should save a portion of everyday for private devotions and that something we do everyday will eventually become something we look forward to.

We work on this process in "Kids Own Worship." As we move into the newly renovated undercroft soon for our worship time with children, we will thrive in the serene, spiritual atmosphere of the pale pastels reflected on the walls and the floor by sunlight streaming through the exquisite stained glass windows, placed there long ago, waiting for the time when our children will experience a quiet, restful, peaceful time of worship there. We anticipate that those pastels will be repeated in the carpet squares and chairs on which the children will sit, that the exciting music and movement and activities will be interspersed with quiet prayer and the sharing of prayers with one another.

How blessed our Trinity children are with their new worship space that will inspire them and will inspire their teachers and worship leaders as we, together, grow in our relationship with Christ. Please join us anytime. You may witness dance. You may witness good story telling. You may hear joyful music. You may watch a craft slowly taking form as it illustrates a parable, and you may hear our prayers and share some of your own. You may even find peace in the beautiful, quiet space of the undercroft.



Annual Church Conference Dec. 2

The Annual Church Conference will be held Tuesday, December 2. As was done in the last couple of years, the Conference will be a "Cluster Church Conference" and will be held at Trinity. There will be five 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. Cyndy Garn and Assistant to the Superintendent Rev. Roger Grace. Every member of Trinity Church is invited to attend and is eligible to vote.

Christmas Altar Memorial Poinsettias for sale

Trinity Altar Guild will adorn the Christmas altar with a dramatic display of memorial/honor poinsettias. The price per plant is \$10. Sign-up envelopes will be available at the special table in the Narthex on Sunday, December 7 or you may call the church office at 488-0695 to order. Julie Guy and Sue Eickelberg are co-Chairs of Altar Guild.

Holiday Collection of Layette Items


New and gently used layette items will be collected this holiday season for Church Women United. They are organized into modestly complete newborn layettes to be given to needy new mothers in our city. Monetary donations are also welcome. These will be sent to CWU. Make your check payable to Church Women United and write Layette in the memo line. A collection box will be in the narthex area Sundays, December 7, 14 and 21. Call Nancy Monahan (761-0022) with questions.

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 January issue is Tuesday, December 9.

Please place your information or photos in the *Trinity Times* box in the church office or email to bekywest22@aol.com.

opportunities

| Weekly meetings: | Sunday | Monday |
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| <p><i>Christmas Eve Worship Services Wednesday, December 24</i></p> <p>3:30 p.m. Family Service in the Sanctuary</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Crossroads Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Crossroads Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary</p> <p>10:15-10:45 p.m. Communion offered at the High Altar in the Sanctuary</p> <p>11:00 p.m. – Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary</p> | <p>Weekly Meetings in December:</p> <p>7:15 pm Youth Pathfinders; Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>7 pm New Testament Study; Chapel - through 12/15</p> |
| | | <p>1</p> <p>9:15 am Women's Bible Study; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>9:30 am Wee Moms; Room 208</p> |
| | <p>7 Communion Sunday</p> <p> <i>Hanging of the Greens</i> 5-7 pm</p> | <p>8</p> |
| | <p>14</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Youth Adopt-A-Family Christmas Caroling</p> | <p>15</p> |
| | <p>21</p> <p><i>Christmas Sunday</i></p> | <p>22</p> |
| <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> | |
| <p>WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES</p> <p>Sunday Mornings</p> <p>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>HOLY COMMUNION is offered on the first Sunday of every month during all worship services.</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>10 a.m. for Adults and Children</p> | | |

December 2008

| Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>6:30 am Men's Small Group; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>12:30pm Tuesday Team @ New Life Clothing Room</p> <p>6:45 pm Women of the Living Word Study; Room 201</p> <p>7 pm Troop 261; Room 011</p> <p>7:30 pm High School Bible Study</p> | <p>9 am Women of the Living Word Study; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7 pm Mom's Group; Chapelside Parlor</p> | <p>6:45 pm Chancel Bell Choir; Rm 201</p> <p>8 pm Chancel Choir; Rm 204</p> | <p>9:30 am Friday Bible Study; Room 201</p>  | |
| <p>2 6:30 p.m. Annual Group Church Conference; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Trinity's Conference; Rm 204</p> | <p>3 7 pm Stephen Ministries Rm. 221</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6</p> |
| <p>9 Trinity Times Deadline</p> <p>6 pm Annual Christmas Dinner; OSU Golf Course</p>  <p>7 pm Meeting Night for Committees & Council</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 001</p> <p>5 pm Hosting at YWCA Family Center</p> <p>7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Rm 001</p> | <p>12 </p> <p>Bethlehem on Broad Box Packing Day 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>13 </p> <p>Bethlehem on Broad Box Delivery Day 8 a.m. Fellowship Hall</p> |
| <p>16</p> <p>6:15 pm Youth Pizza Making for Homeless; Fellowship Kitchen</p> <p>7 pm Trinity Foundation</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministries Gifts of the Spirit; Chapel</p> | <p>19</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Middle School Christmas Dinner and Adopt-A-Family Shopping</p> | <p>20 </p> <p>6:30 p.m. High School Christmas Dinner and Adopt-A-Family Shopping</p> <p>Bethlehem on Broad Box Distribution Day</p> |
| <p>23</p> | <p>24 </p> <p>Christmas Eve Services listed at left</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Merry Christmas!</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> |
| <p>30</p> | <p>31</p> | | <p>Trinity website is growing community</p> <p>More than 600 unique users per month visited Trinity's website in both September and October. A record 1,825 visits and 7,067 page views occurred in October. The site now offers more features, such as audio recordings of the sermons and online pledging, as well as current information. Trinity's staff and numerous members update the site with news, photos, slide shows, and sermons to provide greater awareness of the many opportunities to grow in faith at Trinity. The sermon page is the most utilized page. While most visitors are from the United States, and presumably Central Ohio, the site has also had recent visitors from Germany, Great Britain, Canada, Japan, Sweden, France, and Australia.</p> <p>Visit www.trinityumchurch.com</p> | |

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

Matthew 25:35



Bethlehem on Broad still needs your help and support! Have you bought a "BoB Box" yet? One box feeds a family of 4 for 3 days and provides support at the Inn on Broad.

Packing Day & Potluck Dinner Friday, December 12th

One of the most popular and rewarding volunteer opportunities is the BoB Box packing event/potluck dinner. There are two parts to the day: the unloading of the food from the Kroger Truck in the morning and then packing of the BoB Boxes early afternoon and concluding by 7:00 PM. The potluck dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Please join us as we fill boxes with food while we make the BoB Boxes and enjoy dinner together. This is a great family opportunity and children of all ages are encouraged to participate...a wonderful way for them to see and participate in God's work. (We will be sure to have plenty of boxes to make for you and your family, starting after school.)

Delivery Day Saturday, December 13th

Join us Saturday, December 13 at 8:00 AM to load our 500 boxes onto the truck to be delivered to Broad Street United Methodist Church. This is a great opportunity for middle and high schoolers to show their muscle while engaging in service.

Distribution Day Saturday, December 20th

Twenty-five or so Trinity UMC volunteers are needed to distribute to the area families in need the BoB Boxes at Broad Street UMC. Wear casual (and festive!) attire and comfortable shoes. A brief orientation will start at the beginning of our food room shift.

From Russia with Love

by Rev. Amy Aspey

Trinity's 2008 Russia Mission team returned from Syzran, Russia on October 14. Although we are home, the people we met will forever leave impressions on our lives. As I search for words to describe our experience, the one I find most fitting is "Awesome." This word is descriptive, and yet, leaves room for the indescribable....

During our week with Trinity's partner church, Syzran United Methodist, we hosted an intergenerational Bible program. We gathered with the youth after school (4:00-7:00) and the adults after work, (6-8). The theme for the week was "Water."

Everyone studied the same lessons: Noah and the ark, the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus' Baptism, and Jesus washing the disciples' feet. These lessons provided both a time of rich learning and meaningful sharing. In addition to Bible study, we also taught the youth music and dance, a drama (which they beautifully shared during Sunday worship), crafts and American football—this was a big hit!



Kelle Eubank strolls with her House of Baby friend

After the adult Bible lesson, there was an opportunity to learn how to make prayer quilts. The Syzran ladies LOVED this! Although we spoke different languages, our love of Christ united us in awesome ways.

Before arriving at the church each day, we had the amazing opportunity to serve at a local

"House of Baby." (This is an orphanage for children newborn – three.) Pastor Irena, the pastor of Syzran UMC, is slowly developing a relationship with this special place so we offered to help



Nancy Monahan and one of her students with a prayer quilt

strengthen this support. It was a wonderful experience! We spent time landscaping the over-grown grounds, taking our little friends for a morning walk, and holding the ones needing extra care. These children captured our hearts and we deeply experienced Christ in their smiles and hugs, as well as in the beautiful women who cared for them. On the weekend, we had a clean-up day, which included our team and the Syzran UMC, it was wonderful to serve in Christ's name together.

Please know that YOU, our Trinity family and friends, served with us. Through your generous support we were able to purchase MANY diapers and four double-strollers (their greatest need) for the House of Baby, as well as leave a very generous donation for Syzran UMC, which they will use to make some much needed repairs on the building, as well as support their ministry. Spasibo, thank you, for filling us with your love, surrounding us with your prayers, and supporting us with your generous gifts. Together, with Christ and in His name, we made a difference.



Syzran Youth are introduced to football



Fifth Winter Coat Extravaganza is Extraordinary

by Vickie Mosely

On November 5th, the New Life dining room was transformed into a beautiful showroom of attractively used and new winter coats.

Thanks to the gracious giving of so many, the New Life clothing room was able to provide warm, good quality winter coats to our neighbors. 909 coats were donated, 207 neighbors shopped and received 322 coats. The following Sunday, 92 additional coats were distributed and by Wednesday morning the supply of 382 men's coats was depleted.

Representing 10 churches, including New Life, 69 volunteers skillfully implemented this exciting event. Countless others collected, delivered, sorted, tagged and carried the coats for display and distribution.

Without the generous help of all of our partner churches, AEP, Columbus Ophthalmology and Charity Newsies we could not offer our neighbors such a needed gift of warmth for the coming winter days and nights. A thank you is also extended to Battelle for storing coats during the summer months and delivering them to us the week of the event.

And so, humbly, we offer out thanks to each of you who contributed in any way to make this an Extraordinary Extravaganza.

Please note, experience tells us that we will have requests for coats all winter long. Many women's and children's coats are on hand, but we have none for men. Sizes 2x, 3x 4x and XL will be needed.

In this Christmas season, may your hearts be gladdened to know that you have indeed been blessed by God for these deeds.

*909 Coats +
10 Churches +
69 Volunteers =
Extraordinary*

"You Matter"

Trinity Women's Retreat: February 6-7, 2009

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made

Psalm 139:14

Attention women of all ages!
Could you use a night away from the fast track?
Could you use some spiritual renewal?
Could you use some quality "girl time"?

If you're like most women, you answered, "yes" to all three! Fortunately, Trinity is sponsoring its third annual Women's Retreat on February 6-7, 2009 at Deer Creek State Park. Located about 45 minutes from Columbus, Deer Creek provides the ideal setting to unwind and revitalize. This year we will focus on the theme, "You Matter", as we look at our value to God, family, friends, strangers, and ourselves. Our retreat time will be encouraging and uplifting. We hope you can be there!

Registration begins in January, so mark your calendars and stay-tuned! For further information contact Rev. Amy Aspey at aaspey@rrohio.com or 488-0695.

Trinity Tours and the West Ohio Conference present ...

Oberammergau and the Alpine Wonders June 22, 2010

Plan now to join Gary Brand and Trinity friends for a June 2010 trip to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany. The Passion Play is presented only every 10 years and sells out very quickly. If you are interested, you will need to submit a \$300 deposit very soon (\$220 is refundable).

The Passion Play has been performed in Oberammergau, Austria for over 370 years. It was first performed when this thankful village promised God -- after the Black Plague had left their small village -- they would show their gratitude by putting on a Passion Play. And to ensure future generations would always remember, they vowed to do the play every decade. The play is a one-of-a-kind spectacular - a 6-hour musical and dramatic performance that every Christian should experience.

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our church family

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

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|------------------|--------------------|
| Pamela Allering | Scott McIlroy |
| Julie Andrews | Dorothy Post |
| Verna Bulman | Walter Rhodus |
| Frances Campbell | Ernest Svensson |
| Barbara Davis | Ruth Ann Utterdyke |
| Charles DeVoss | Norma Wilhelm |
| Frank Himes | |

IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended to Barna Graves and family in the passing of her husband and Trinity member, Malcolm Graves.

BIRTHS

The rose on the altar October 26 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Maxwell David Wright, son of Julie and David, born September 22, 2008. The rose on the altar November 2 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Landon Austin Cross, son of Kristie and Ryan, born October 28, 2008. Suzie and Chris Widing are the maternal grandparents. Gunvor Widing is the great grandmother.



You're invited to
Trinity's Annual Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, December 9

OSU Golf Course
6 p.m. Hospitality with
music of the season

7 p.m. Dinner

A Christmas concert by Grandview Heights High School as directed by Andrew Grega will accompany dessert. Groups may contact Gary Brand for reserved tables and seating.

Price: \$25

2008 Loyalty Campaign

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