



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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HARVEST DINNER

Nov. 10, 7 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
order pies to go
in advance
apple \$8; pumpkin \$10
gobble gobble



Legacy

by Reverend Philip Brooks

A man born in Sweden named Alfred, in 1866 discovered that m i x i n g nitroglycerine with silica would turn the liquid into a paste which could be shaped into rods of a size and shape suitable to insert into drilling holes and then exploded. He called this new compound "dynamite" and became extremely wealthy manufacturing and selling it. But instead of being used only in mining and excavation, it quickly became a major ingredient in bombs and weapons of war.

In 1888 a French newspaper mistakenly wrote that the inventor had died. Alfred read his own obituary in the newspaper which stated in part: *"The merchant of death is dead. The man who became rich by finding ways to kill more people faster than ever before, died yesterday."*

Reading his own obituary stunned him. Over time it led to an amazing bequeathal. In 1895, three years before his death, he signed his will leaving most of his fortune to begin and to fund an award that would be for the opposite purpose by which he had amassed his fortune. He gave the equivalent of \$250 million in today's value for this purpose. That man's name was Alfred Nobel and the award he funded is known as the Nobel Peace Prize.

His unsettling experience of reading his own premature obituary began within him a journey of soul-searching that eventuated in the Nobel Prizes. He took seriously what his legacy would be.

Such a realization could redirect many lives. While few have the financial power of Alfred Nobel, all of us possess the ability to make choices that will benefit and bless our families, friends, church, community, and world. What we do with our time and talents, how we invest our money and influence, where we give emphasis in our lives affects the future, both immediate and distant. Incarnating the tenets Christ's teachings in daily action proves the living character of our faith.

Let us consider seriously what is - and will be - our legacy. Viewed in the sight of eternity, some of what we now do may seem incredibly inconsequential. But as Christians we have opportunity to engage the world with the good news of God's love in Christ and to demonstrate Christian love through a great variety of ministries.

Trinity Church affords us avenues to live out our faith in practical, joyous, challenging, and growing ways. Join with me in support of God's work though Trinity Church and in so doing provide a legacy worth living for and that will survive long after we have gone.

Alfred Nobel actively sought to leave a legacy to bless the world. So can we.



christian education

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"No Christian has a monopoly on understanding either God's Word or the words of the Scripture. This includes biblical scholars and the most unlearned Christian. All of us must listen to one another as we seek to understand the richness of God's gifts."

Disciple Bible Study

Do you find yourself asking questions about Scriptural passages that don't seem to jibe with Scriptural passages in other different parts of the Bible? Do you wonder why Jesus would say to us, "If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. . . and if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away,"? Or do you read the world's most prominent theologians and wonder why, if they are all Christians, do they not agree on concepts such as salvation?

If you do, think about joining the growing numbers of Trinity's curious and thoughtful who attend our many adult Sunday school classes each week. The late fall session (Nov. 8 through Dec. 27) includes something for everyone.

A fun class for parents will be led by three of our own gifted but questioning parents, based on a book by Dr. Kevin Leman entitled, *Have a New Kid by Friday!*

Nancy Rummel's class on Spiritual Gifts will be a blessing for each who participates, and all will come out of it with a far greater understanding of their own unique spiritual gifts.

In December, you'll enjoy hearing from your own fellow Trinity friends, Janet Goodwin, Elizabeth Smith and our own Rev. Amy Aspey, as you explore in greater depth the scriptures that inspired George Friedrich Handel's "The Messiah."

Matt Hamilton's class discussion will feed the hunger in each of us as he shares with you each week one of the Beatitudes, and Diane Stanley's offering to those who want to learn to play the bells will nurture both children and adults together.

Faces on Faith is a class that presents three of our world's most prominent theologians. But BEWARE: these three do not see eye to eye on all things!

And finally, our own Associate Minister, Dr. Brian Jones, will be grateful for all of your honest and heart-felt questions in his class on "The Fundamentals of Christianity." No one need fear judgment or dismay. Adult Sunday school classes are planned with the needs of all in mind. Plan yourselves to join the growing numbers of those who love to wonder, to question, to share and to go away in gratitude for new insights and deeper faith.

Coming up in Adult Sunday School

November 8 - December 27, 2009

Fundamentals of Christianity

Dr. Brian Jones

Chapel

"I believe." We use this phrase often in the church, sometimes in a creed, sometimes just to emphasize a point. But what do we really believe as Christians? What are the fundamental beliefs that tie us together as the Body of Christ all over the world? Join us for The Fundamentals of Christianity as we explore together the foundations of our faith."

Spiritual Gifts

Nancy Rummel

Chapelside Parlor

Our spiritual gifts are the Grace of God at work within us. Before we can find meaningful ways to use our gifts effectively in the world, we must first discern what they are. Based on resources from the United Methodist Church, we will discuss the twenty distinct gifts mentioned in the New Testament, take a Spiritual Gifts Assessment, and discuss ways to join our gifts in ministry and service. The best way to develop and strengthen our gifts is in community and conversation. *God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well.* Romans 12:6

Faces on Faith

Janet Goodwin, Rev. Amy Aspey &

Elizabeth Smith

Room 208

This DVD series will feature leading religious thinkers (Joan Chittister, Marcus Borg and James Lawson) responding to age-old questions of belief and meaning. Each week a different one of the personalities will share her or his faith and ideas about such questions as what happens after death, the problem of evil, what prayer means to them, and what gives their lives meaning. Discussion will follow each segment.

Hallelujah! Lessons from The Messiah

Rev. Amy Aspey, Janet Goodwin

Room 208

We will explore the Scriptural texts of

Handel's Messiah. Each week one of the major Advent songs will be shared as we explore the Biblical context for it. The four sessions will be centered around the following musical selections: "Comfort, Comfort My People," "Who Shall Abide the Day of His Coming," "For Unto Us a Child Is Born," and "Glory to God in the Highest."

Parenting the Young Child

Cassie Rehl, Lisa Holtsberry, Alison

Poor

Room 209

Learn how to change the attitude, behavior and character of your strong-willed child in as little as five days. Dr. Kevin Leman's new book, *Have a New Kid by Friday!*, and a DVD to share each Sunday will enlighten our discussion of fresh ways to raise a healthy, happy kid in a Christian home.

In His Word

Matt Hamilton

Room 207

Join us for this in-depth study of God's word. We are beginning a new series on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12), devoting almost a week to each one and how it applies to our lives.

Bell Choir Offering for All

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. The training will take place during the 10:00 Sunday school hour each Sunday. Come one, come all! This is an opportunity for people, age 8 through 98 or older to learn to play the bells. Families may have fun coming together! But do not feel you must be part of a family. You are part of the Trinity family. 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!

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Surviving the Holidays to help those mourning

The holidays are such an exciting time! Houses decorated with holiday lights, fresh baked holiday cookies, and endless celebrations with friends and family.



Unfortunately, there are many mourning the loss of a loved one who struggle to find that "holiday cheer." Traditions change, emotions are filled with

sadness, and that empty chair at the holiday dinner table mirrors the emptiness felt in your heart.

While the holidays will still be a difficult time, we are dedicated to helping those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one through a "Surviving the Holidays" seminar. Whether this is the first holiday season you will be facing without your loved one or you still find difficulty facing the holidays after a loss many years ago, please join us. The two-hour session will consist of open discussion, tips for surviving the holiday season, fellowship with others who are facing the same battle, and daily devotionals to help you through this very difficult time of year.

"Surviving the Holidays" will be held **Monday, December 7 from 5:30-7:30 in the Chapel**. The seminar is free and we encourage both church members and non-members of all ages to participate. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mandy Markoff at 595-5307 or through email mandy@warmanproductions.com.



Join us Sunday Nights!

Middle School 7-8:15 in the Youth Room

High School 7:45-9 in Fellowship Hall

Nov. 1
What does a Christian Look Like?

Nov. 8
To Forgive or NOT to Forgive ... that is the question!

Nov. 15
Thanksgiving Service Project

Nov. 22
True Thanksgiving

Nov. 29
Hanging of the Greens, preparing church dinner

OSU vs. Penn State Tailgate Party

Saturday, Nov. 7
High School Only
Bring your friends!

Confirmation Class begins Nov. 15

Confirmation is open to students in the 8th grade or higher. We are very excited about the confirmation class this year! The student books have arrived, the lesson plans have been laid out, and a meaningful experience will be had by ALL who participate! The confirmation class will be held in Room 221 during the education hour on Sunday mornings. We are asking that parents attend the first two meetings this year. The first will be informational and the second will be the first step in the confirmation process. Questions? Contact Brian Edwards at bedwards@trinityumchurch.com or 488.0695.



SAVE THE DATE

"Women of Strength" Women's Retreat Feb. 5-6, 2010

Ladies, mark your calendars NOW for the annual Women's Retreat February 5-6, 2010 at Salt Fork Resort and Conference Center. The theme, "Women of Strength: Strength Training for Life," will help us begin 2010 strong in our faith, health, relationships, and joy. Don't miss this opportunity to gather for fellowship and soul care. Registration will begin on December 27th. For more information contact Rev. Amy Aspey.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever Park Street Theatre Directed by Trinity's Carol Brand Sunday, Dec. 13, 3 p.m.

Trinity's Generations Council is planning this trip to see this hilarious play set in the 1950s. Recommended for everyone age 4 and older. A couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids, probably the most inventively awful kids in history! You won't believe the mayhem - and the fun - when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas story head on! Join us! Contact Gary Brand, 488-0695 or gbrand@trinityumchurch.com for tickets.

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, November 10.** 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

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Mornings
9 a.m. Sanctuary
Traditional Worship

11 a.m. Sanctuary
Traditional Worship

11 a.m. Fellowship Hall
Crossroads
Contemporary
Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10 a.m. for Adults and
Children

Weekly
Meetings in
November:

5:30 pm Stephen
Ministries Training

Youth Gatherings:
7-7:45 MS

Youth Room

7:45-8:15 MS&HS

8:15-9 HS

Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Wee
Moms;
Fellowship Parlor

5:30 pm Grief
Support; Chapel

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Communion Sunday

Coat
Collection
Day at
Trinity



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

7:30 pm Organ Guild
Concert; Sanctuary

15

10 am Confirmation
Meeting for Parents &
Students

16

11:30 am Altar Guild
Luncheon Meeting;
Fellowship Parlor

7 pm Mom's Night
Out Group

22

Loyalty Sunday

23

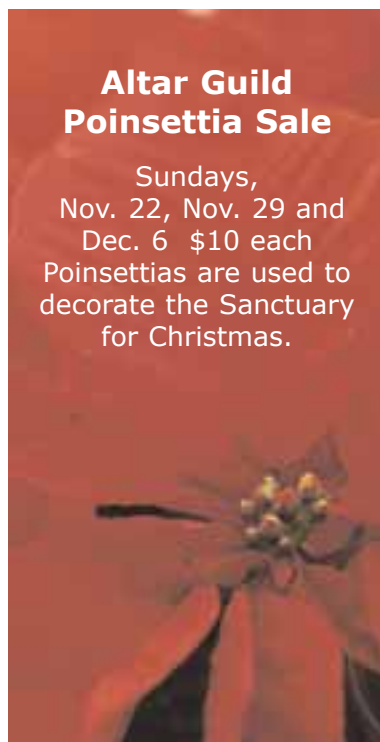
9:15 am Women's
Bible Study;
Chapelside Parlor

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Baptism Service
12:15 p.m. Chapel

*Hanging of
the Greens*

30



Altar Guild Poinsettia Sale

Sundays,
Nov. 22, Nov. 29 and
Dec. 6 \$10 each
Poinsettias are used to
decorate the Sanctuary
for Christmas.

November 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; 1485 W. Third Ave. Apt. 5D</p> <p>8 pm Chancel Choir; Room 204</p>	<p>9:30 am Friday Bible Study; Room 201</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Holiday Collection of Layette Items</p> <p>New and gently used layette items will be collected this holiday season. These items go to Church Women United and are given to needy new mothers in our city. Monetary donations are also welcome. Make checks payable to Church Women United. A collection box will be in the narthex area Sundays in December. Call Nancy Monahan (761-0022) with questions.</p> </div>	
<p>3</p> <p>7 pm Women's Retreat Planning; Rm 221</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministries; Room 117</p>	<p>4</p> <p>New Life Winter Coat Extravaganza 9-11:30am</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7 pm Art Night; Room 001</p>		<p>7</p> <p>High School Tailgate Party OSU vs. Penn State</p>
<p>10 <i>Trinity Times</i> Deadline</p> <p>5-7 pm Harvest Turkey Dinner; Fellowship Parlor</p> <p>7 pm Meeting Night for Committees & Council</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208</p> <p>7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Room 001</p>	<p>13</p>		<p>14</p>
<p>17</p> <p>6:15 pm Pizza Making for Homeless; Fellowship Kitchen</p> <p>6:30 pm Children/Family Council; Fellowship Parlor</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6 pm Annual Church Conference at Worthington UMC</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5 pm Hosting YWCA Family Center</p>	<p>26</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><i>Happy Thanksgiving</i></p> </div>	<p>27</p> <p>Building and Offices Closed</p>	<p>28</p>	

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mission vision

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

Matthew 25:35

Bethlehem on Broad Packing Day

Friday, December 12

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

Delivery Day

Saturday, December 12

Join us Saturday, December 12 at 8:00 a.m. at Trinity to load our 500 BoB Boxes onto the truck to be delivered to Broad Street UMC. This is a great opportunity for middle and high school youth to show off their muscle while engaging in service.

Distribution Day

Saturday, December 19

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

New Life Donations

Donations for the New Life UMC Clothing Room may be taken to New Life, 25 West Fifth Ave., during regular clothing room hours, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9-11:30am. At Trinity, donations may be placed in the bin provided in the cupboard marked New Life Donations in the hall (with the Trinity quilt display) that connects to the main corridor of the Education Wing. Please do not leave donations in the coat room area. Thank you!

Trinity members key to 9th year of Bethlehem on Broad Ministry

By Eric Hagely, Bethlehem on Broad (BoB) Chairman

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

The Bethlehem on Broad Street Ministry has been serving Columbus area families in need for more than 15 years during the Christmas holiday season. Trinity, in fellowship with numerous other area churches, again is joining together with a goal of gathering and packing 1,200 food boxes to be distributed at Broad Street UMC on Saturday, December 19. As part of this mission, we will also continue to support Bethlehem's transitional housing project, The Inn at Broad Street.

Trinity's goal is to provide **500 food boxes** (more than 40% of the total number of boxes). The food boxes (affectionately referred to as BoB boxes), are sponsored and packaged by the financial and service support of our members.

There are many ways to get involved. Buy a whole, partial or just a little bit of a BoB Box (**\$60 for a whole BoB Box, \$30 for half a box, or any portion you would like.**) A full BoB Box donation will provide food for a family for four days. It will also help provide for part of one night's stay at the Inn on Broad Street. **Now through Sunday, December 6**, donations can be made at the Bethlehem Project tables in the Narthex and outside the Crossroads worship service, placed in the offering plate or mailed into the church office. Checks should be made to Trinity UMC with "BoB Box" designated on the memo line. With your donation, you can receive a BoB Box card that is great to designate your gift on behalf of others – a perfect gift during the holiday season.

Save the dates for packing, delivering and distributing our BoB Boxes. The dates are listed in the column at the left. We encourage you to join this mission. We acknowledge the financial challenge that has been placed before us this year. Yet, with the gifts and prayers of many people, we can make this a successful project. We look forward to your support and efforts to make this a great project that impacts the lives of many!

Please contact **Eric Hagely**, 231-8556 (home phone) or at ehagely@yahoo.com to help with the project, man tables on Sundays or for information about the Bethlehem on Broad ministry.

Trinity Crop Walk raises \$1,862...
thanks for your support!



Coming Soon

Amazing Dates

There is an adage that says, "No matter how long you've been married, you should never stop dating your spouse." This rings true if you've been married for 50 days or 50 years.

This February, Trinity will begin a new program, Amazing Dates, which will seek to strengthen, deepen and enhance your marriage.

The Amazing Dates program is an exciting six-part series which will feature a discussion on different aspects of marriage and relationships, led by a member of the Trinity staff, followed by a date night with your spouse. The conversation portion of the evening will be held at Trinity from 6:15-7:00 p.m. and afterward participants will be urged to have a date with their spouse to reflect on that night's topic, their marriage and simply to enjoy one another's company.

Please stay tuned for more information regarding this "amazing" program. In the meantime, put These Date Nights On Your Calendar: **February 10 & 24; March 10 & 31; and April 14 & 28.**

Fall Foliage Tour ~

a Generations Council event

photos by Allan Gessner



Apples and cider at the Laurelville Fruit Co.



Playing the washboards at the Columbus Washboard Factory in Logan. The tour group donated a Washboard Troop Kit (washboard, washtub, clothesline, clothespins and soap) to a soldier overseas.



our church family

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Molly Briggs
Ann Hamilton
Bob Hurst
Jane Yahn
Rita Kendall

BIRTHS

The rose on the altar Sunday, September 13 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Brayden Thomas Moore, son of Christy and Brian, born September 3, 2009. Rosalee and Ned Moore are the paternal grandparents...Jim Shelton are the maternal grandparents. The rose on the altar Sunday, September 27 was presented with thanksgiving to God for the birth of Grace Elizabeth Willis, daughter of Amie and Randy, born September 22, 2009.

IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended to Marion and Michele Colliver in the passing of wife, mother and Trinity member, Joan Colliver ... to Priscilla Knapp in the passing of her brother, Chester L. Knapp ... to David and Sandra Fais and Family in the passing of David's mother and Trinity member, Ruth Fais... to Cheryl and Allen Adair and Family in the passing of Cheryl's father, Eugene Barnett ... to Rose Denyes and Family in the passing of Rose's husband and Trinity member, Jack Denyes ... and to the Family of Trinity member Mary Ann Lawless.

Memorial Gifts & Honorariums 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 and your financial advisor. We are grateful for the following memorial gifts made in the Third Quarter of 2009:

In memory of

Malcolm Graves

Trinity United Methodist Chancel Choir

In memory of

Martha Dorsey

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Hagely
Mr. & Mrs. Don Cook

In memory of

Mary Ellenwood

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Himes

In memory of

Tim Spurlock

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Hagely
Mr. & Mrs. D. Cook

In memory of

Arthur Baird

Mrs. Gunvor Widing

In memory of

Mary Williams

The Randy Greisinger Family
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Byrne
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ayers
Margaret Maher

In memory of

Skip Karlovec

Mr. & Mrs. Don Cook

In memory of

Lois Guthrie

The Elizabeth Reitter Family
Mr. & Mrs. Don Cook

In memory of

Rev. E. Eugene Frazer

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Hagely

In memory of

Walter Rhodus

Jim & Nancy Petro
Trinity United Methodist Men

In memory of

Paul & Elva Gilbert

Mrs. Judy Coles

In memory of

Ann Clark

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Ambrose

In memory of

Marjorie Asbury

Mr. & Mrs. Don Cook

In memory of

George Wertz

Ms. Paula E. Cochran

In memory of

Bob and Dot Price

Mrs. Carol Brand

In honor of

Heather Perry

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Hagely