

Trinity Triumph

Trinity United Presbyterian Church

August 2012

As the opening for our July session meeting, the elders took part in a little exercise. I asked them to share the blessings that they encountered as a result of the storms, heat and power outages at the beginning of the month. Yes, there was a lot of destruction and loss, and that is not to be minimized. But that is only a part of the picture. It is easy to get caught up in a spirit of despair and overlook the blessings.

The elders came up with a variety of blessings, many related to discovering or re-discovering the people around us. Our interactions with our neighbors increased. Where we used to nod and say 'hello' became a chance for a long conversation. We couldn't disappear into our own homes to watch TV. Neighbors and friends shared what they could to help each other.

In my own home, without the distraction of TV and computers, we rediscovered board games and worked and played together. We were reminded that we were blessed to have come through the storms with only a loss of electricity. That was an inconvenience compared to what many have lost.

We were blessed that so many workers came from so far to help restore the electricity as quickly as possible. Certainly their work schedules and living conditions made this an unpleasant task, yet they came.

In the same vein, as a church we can count our blessings. It can be easy to fall into the trap of taking a negative view of our situation. Yes, we still have challenges to face. We are still searching for a pastor and our interim has retired. Yet we are still blessed as a congregation. Much is going on at Trinity! We had a successful Vacation Bible School in June, our church picnic in July, the women's retreat, and much more. We are in the middle of an interesting adult Sunday School lesson – come and join in on the discussions!

As you look for blessings within the church, consider too how you are or can be one of those blessings to someone else. Just as we appreciated help from our neighbors after the storm, think of how you can be a blessing to others. Be an active part of your church family!

Tim Patterson

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830 Military Road
Zanesville, OH 43701
Unicameral Session Minutes
For June 24th, 2012

On Sunday, June 24, 2012, at 11:50AM we met in the Chapel for devotions led by Elder Tim Patterson. At the conclusion of the devotions and prayer, we moved to the High School classroom for the business portion of the meeting. Our Moderator Rev. Robert Millspaugh called us to order and service. A quorum was not reached with only 7 Elders present.

Clerk's Report: We were unable to meet in May as no moderator had been assigned. Due to the lack of a quorum this month, the elders elected to meet to review the business items, but no action will be taken. All action items will be acted upon at the next session meeting.

The agenda for June 24, 2012 was reviewed along with the minutes from the April 15, 2012 meeting.

Regarding the Pollock Scholarship, for the time being we are suspending our involvement. Funds have not been paid out to the last two recipients. We will revisit our participation when the current issues have been resolved.

Communications:

- A. A thank you note and a donation of \$400 from the Zanesville Kids Stuff Sale.
- B. A 2012 Giving Statement from the Muskingum Valley Presbytery.
- C. Notification from the Muskingum County Community Foundation of the \$427 June distribution from the Gale-Trinity fund.
- D. A note was received regarding the care of the library. The returned books have not been attended to and require attention.
- E. Request to become a member from William Conroy. Floyd Sours will contact him.

Facility use requests:

- A. Jim Ardrey requests use of the Fellowship Hall for the first Sunday of August.
- B. Marilyn Royer requests use of the Fellowship Hall on July 22, 2012 from 12:30 to 3PM for the Sciance family reunion, approximately 35 expected.
- C. The Alzheimer's Association requests use of a classroom for approximately 10 persons on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM.
- D. On behalf of the Thursday Music Club, Melinda Patterson requests use of the Sanctuary on March 5, 2013 from 7 – 9PM for a meeting of 35 people. The piano will be used for the program.

The facility use requests will be acted upon at the next session meeting.

Moderators Report: We welcome Rev. Millspaugh to his first meeting as our moderator.
No report.

Deacon Report: Minutes received.

Presbytery: No report. Next meeting will be in late September.

Old Business: None

Worship and Music Report: The committee recommends that:

- 1. The Communion scheduled for July 1 be moved to July 8, 2012, when Dr. Schumaker will be there to conduct the service.

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2. Lay persons trained to serve Holy Communion be permitted to meet and organize teams to serve the home bound and others unable to come to church Communion.
These motions will be considered at the next session meeting.

The committee reports that the choirs are off for the summer. We are still without a recording system in the sanctuary and the new system is not a stock item. CA House has notified us that the system has been built and will schedule the installation in one to two weeks.

Clem Burton, our organist, has requested that we prepare an 'employment arrangement'. This has been referred to the Personnel committee.

Outreach: The committee received a request for \$100 for water bottles, and for committee members to attend the Fourth of July celebration to pass out water. However, there is no budget for this and the members are not able to attend.

Melinda Patterson's recital went well, with a good turnout. The committee is trying to schedule Mike and Mary Beth Ward in the fall.

Christian Education: No report.

Personnel: No Report

Nominating & Membership: No report

Finance: The monthly finance report was distributed. The balance figure for May was negative.

Building and Grounds: No report

Missions: The Africa Dresses event was a success and the committee is planning another on July 21st. There will be a Christmas in July event on July 11, 2012. Our church will participate in ServeFest at Kidzville on August 25, 2012.

Youth Committee: The youth have eight different activities to choose from to earn points for tickets to Cedar Point. Each day volunteered equals 25% of the cost. The Cedar Point trip will take place July 29, 2012. The youth will meet at Trinity at 6AM for devotions and then depart for the park. The church picnic is next Sunday, the youth will be working at the picnic.

New Business: Elder Richard Patterson suggested discarding the old worship tapes, some of which are quite old. The original purpose of the tapes was to provide copies to members who were not able to attend the service. These are tapes that were never re-used and have been taking up storage space.


There was also a suggestion to move the portraits of our former pastors from the main hallway into the library. The section where they hang now is of limited space.

Time of Sharing Joys and Concerns: Thanks to God for all the blessings at Trinity. Our worship service is a joy!

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 1:30 pm by Rev. Robert Millsbaugh, Moderator.

Next scheduled Session meeting is July 15, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Patterson, Clerk of Session

August

2012



From the CE desk

A note from Amanda

Ministries Available!

Have you been looking for a way to share your gifts with the church but don't know how to sign up? Do you want to sponsor an activity, help with decorating, or participate in a new group?

Each year we like to renew our rosters and helper lists to help reflect the changing schedules of the congregation. So even if you have offered to help before, please let us know of your interest again! It is a new season of growth and opportunity for us all here at TUPC, and we

look forward to sharing the challenges and rewards of church fellowship, stewardship, and worship.

Red Cross Helpers
Shifts are 2 hours long every other Monday from 1-3, 3-5, and 5-7. Contact Donna or the church office.

Prayer Shawls
Meets the 1st Thursday at 9:00 and the 3rd Sunday at 1:00 in the parlor. Join them to knit or crochet. Help is also needed to refill prayer square baskets around town and financial help is appreciated to buy tags and supplies for the group.

Kick Off Dinner
Helpers are needed on Saturday Sept. 8th from 2-4 to decorate the Fellowship Hall for our annual potluck. Helps is also needed from 1:30-2 on the 9th to help clean the room.

Be an on-call helper
Last minute party prep and planning
Sunday school sub
Event helpers
Help for Souper Bowl
Help for ServeFest
Help for Kick-off
Help with acolyte training (Sept. 30th)

Don't see what your looking for? Tell us your passion is and we'll find the group for you!

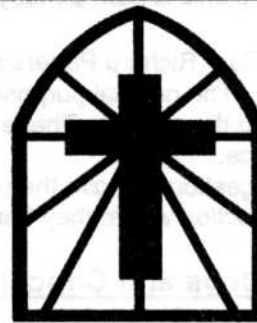
Acolyte Schedule

August 5th

Janie McLoughlin
Jack Tysinger

August 12th

Cameron Hill
Mark Patterson



August 19th

Katherine Allison
Carolyn Geis

August 26th

Miranda Geis

ServeFest August 25th

Once again, Trinity United Presbyterian Church will be joining in with the community wide ServeFest day of service. ServeFest is a day for "the church to leave the building" and take our faith and good will out into the community. This year we will be helping to clean up after the terrible damage done by recent storms. Stay tuned to your weekly church bulletin for all the details!

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NOTES FROM NANCY

THANK YOU to the people who have volunteered to "adopt" a garden." Larry & Becky Welch, Jan & Cathie Jenkins, Bill & Joan Miska and Pat Payne. There is still a few areas that need attention. If you have a love of gardening, PLEASE call Joan Miska at 452-9800.

Thank you to Frank Walburg for his help capturing the groundhogs. The church is really over run with the furry creatures. They sure enjoy the flowers!

Thank you to our recent volunteers that have signed up to help staff the Red Cross blood drives.

MOVED: Elaine Williams has moved to Florida. Her new address is: 2381 Branchville Terrace, The Villages, FL 32162. This is just a temporary address. She is building a new home and will let us know her permanent one.



CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED



All the choirs will be returning for the fall. If you are interested, the adult choir practices on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. There is no try outs, just show up and if coming to the practices are inconvenient for you, you may come when you can. The adult choir

sings every Sunday but the last Sunday of the month. For more information, please contact Betty Ward.

We also have Youth choir for kids in 7th thru 12th. They practice on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Children's Choir is for kids K- to 6th grade. They practice on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Mindy Patterson is the director of these choirs. Practices will begin on Sept. 9th.

Handbell Choir if you are interested please contact Kris Beebe.

THIS AND THAT

CONGRATULATIONS to Bob & Jan Jenkins on the recent marriage of their son Mark to Marina. Their wedding was held in Texas in July.

SYMPATHY our sympathies to Amanda Allison and family on the recent passing of her grandmother.

YOUNG AT HEART

We will be going to Nicole's on Putnam Ave. on Aug. 14th we will meet at 11:30. They have the best deserts around!

Please RSVP to the church office.

Thank you, Amanda & C.J. Allison and the family would like to "Thank" everyone for the many cards and prayers that they received following the passing of Amanda's grandmother.

