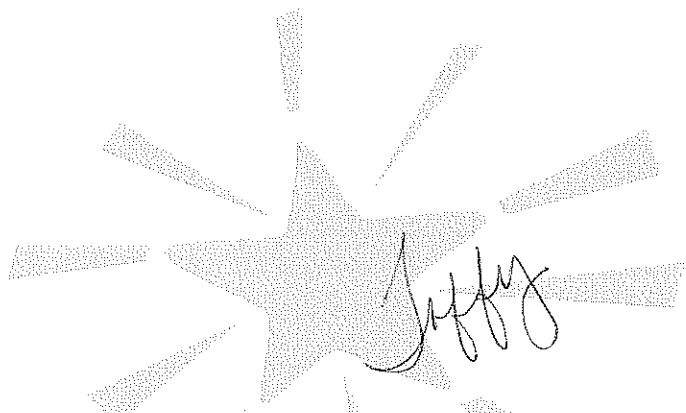


MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM REV. STARR AND THE STAFF AT TRINITY

Nancy



Jeffy

good Bless
you
Mike

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Beth Hard

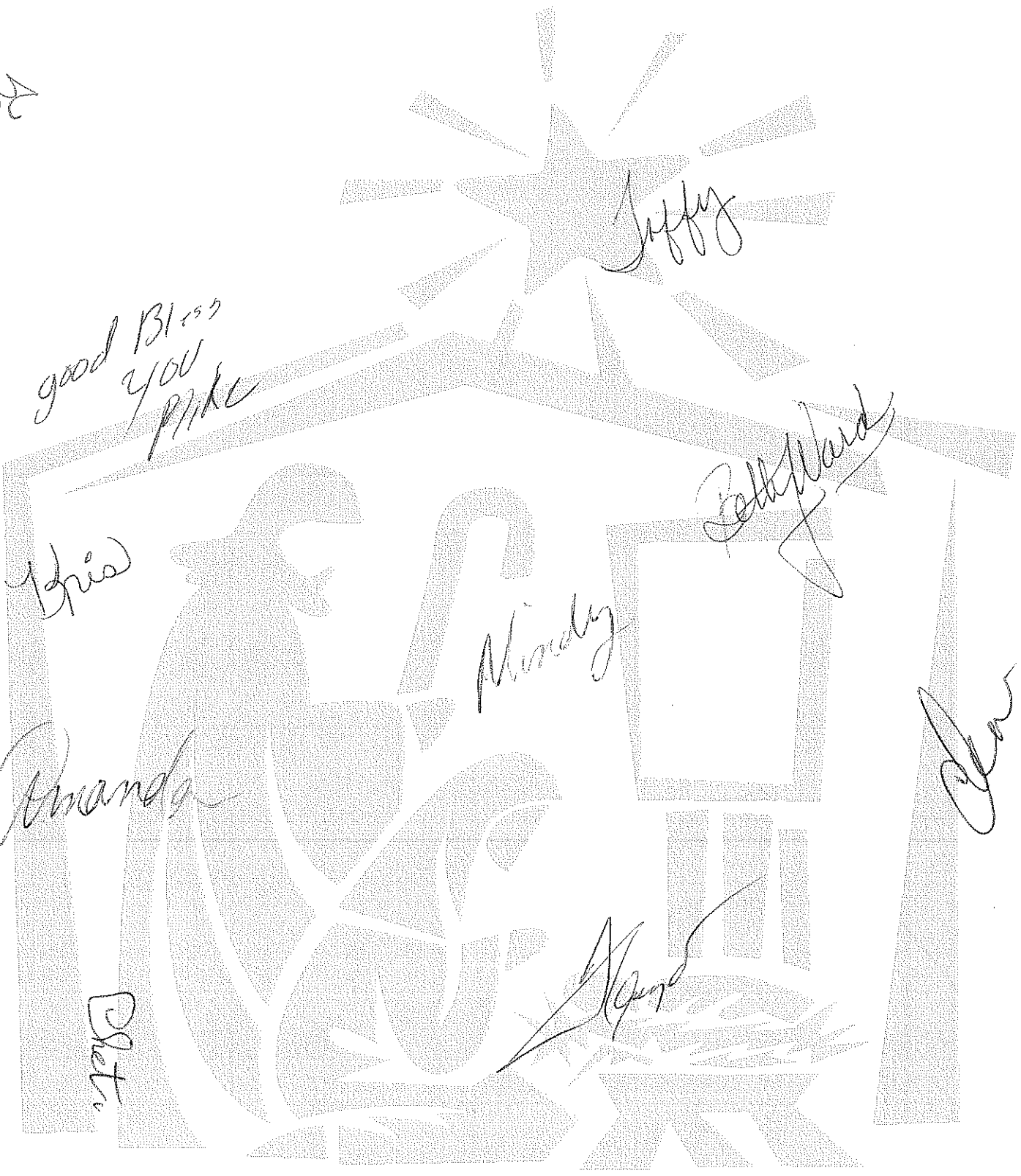
Mindy

Amanda

Alan

Phoebe

Steve



It's New Year time in the Liturgical Calendar. Most of us don't think about celebrating the new year until the 1st of January. But, the Church begins its new year with the Season of Advent – the first of the great Seasons of Preparation in the Liturgical Year. This is the time when we prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of the Savior, and it is a time of very great importance for Christian people.

Christmas is almost a dangerous time for us. It's a time when we get all wound up in the business of decorating, having parties, school vacations, family gatherings, holiday feasts, and shopping like crazy for gifts to exchange. That's all very dangerous business. The danger lies in the hyperactivity which tends to make us forget why we're doing it all in the first place.

One might expect that some of the frenzy would slow down this year because of anxiety over the economic crisis. But, already the news has carried the story that this year's Black Friday was the best sales day since records for the day have been kept. Cyber Monday was also a huge success for merchants. One has to wonder where the money comes from. It is the nature of people that we always seem to find the money for the things we really want. But, there's something wrong with the picture – especially during Advent.

If we study the Scriptural account of the birth of Christ, it's very difficult to find a way to justify all our holiday madness. God's Greatest Gift to humanity did not take place in the middle of a large celebration with all the lights and greenery and various holiday productions. It was actually quite the opposite of all that.

If there's any similarity at all between our Christmas celebrations and the events surrounding the birth of Christ, it would have to be that a lot of busyness prevented most of the world from figuring out what had happened. There were the crowds in Bethlehem, but they hadn't come to participate in anything like the celebration of the birth of the Messiah. They were grudgingly there to sign up for the hated Roman taxation. If there were any thought about God at all, it was likely an angry sort of impatience with the Creator of All for allowing his people to live under this pagan oppression. The vast majority of the folks gathered there had no idea that God was right then giving them the gift of salvation – not only from Rome – but from the oppression the world had brought upon itself because of its own sinful behavior.

The Church has always sought to be careful to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ. If we're really to understand what it means for us, we have to be ready to receive it. There will, as always, be a flurry of activity in our lives during the coming weeks. But, our celebration could be so much more meaningful to us, if we could be intentional about taking time to turn our thoughts and our prayers to God, eagerly anticipating – not just the festivities of the holiday season – but the birth of that Special Child who came into our world to live among us so that we might come to know joy and happiness beyond anything we could possibly imagine or celebrate without him.

Grace, peace, and joy to all of you during the Season of Advent, 2011.

--FHS

Trinity United Presbyterian Church
830 Military Road
Zanesville, OH 43701
Unicameral Session Minutes
For October 16th, 2011

On Sunday, October 16, 2011, at 11:40AM we met in the Chapel for devotions led by Elder Nancy Thompson. 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. Floyd Starr called us to order and service. A quorum was declared with 10 Elders present.

Clerk's Report: The agenda for October 16, 2011 was approved along with the minutes from the September 18, 2011 meeting.

Communications received:

Letter of acknowledgement of Service Contract from Peebles-Herzog and a request for a key to our property, a Blanket Exemption Certificate (Sales Tax) and customer information form. A key will be provided.

Facility use requests:

Request by Joe Johnson to use the Youth Room and a class room for the Scouts 'God and Me' class for Webelos on November 11 from 9am – 3pm. Approved.

Membership transfer requests:

Greg Williamson to transfer to Covenant Presbyterian Church in Steubenville, Ohio.
Dr. Gregory and Sandra Keagy to transfer to Grace United Methodist Church in Zanesville, Ohio.
Requests approved.

Marriages:

Jennifer Welch and Allen Loy were wed at Trinity on September 24, 2011.

Moderators Report: Rev. Starr reported that we have obtained copies of the new Book of Order. We will discuss some of the changes in the 2012 Elder training. The changes have been in effect since July.

Rev. Starr is teaching a Sunday school class, and the Men's and Women's Bible studies are underway and active.

The Rich Simcox event was a success and went very well.

Deacon Report: Minutes received. Thanks to the Deacons for hosting the Golden Luncheon last week, it was very nice.

Presbytery: No report

Old Business: None

Worship and Music Report: The following motions come from committee:

The Bells of Praise will have the worship service on Sunday, October 30, 2011 that conforms to our present order of worship.

The Sunday School Children's Christmas Program be inclusive with the Sunday worship service on December 11, 2011. Both were approved.

Elders are requested to sign up as communion servers on November 6th, a sign up sheet was

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passed for this purpose.

Following the December 11 Worship service there will be a pot-luck dinner. Following the dinner will be caroling to our homebound members.

The committee reported that it has approved renewing the permit that allows the church to duplicate copy-righted music.

The committee has approved its proposed budget for Worship and Music for the year 2012. Ninety-six were served Holy Communion on Sunday, October 2, 2011. The communion serving set has been moved to its new storage location in the kitchenette, adjacent to the parlor.

After hearing concerns about attendance levels at Sunday services, a comparison was done for previous attendance levels. Average attendance:

2009: 141

2010: 124

2010: 131 (Jan – Easter, including only the weeks of Dr. Boyer.)

2011 q1: 100

2011 q2: 113

2011 q3: 100

2011 q4: 101 (first 3 weeks)

Though attendance is down during this transition period, it has remained steady.

Outreach: No report.

Christian Education: Motion from committee to establish a youth committee (see below):

Membership: 1 Elder; 1 Deacon; 3 youth; 3 parents; Director of Christian Education; Director of Youth Ministries; Pastor; others

Budget: use existing budget lines

Nancy Thompson and Larry Good have agreed to head the committee.

This committee will provide direction and organization for the youth and an avenue to communicate with the Session.

When a Director of Youth Ministries is hired, they would implement their job description and have the structure and support of this committee to assist them.

Motion approved.

Personnel: No report.

Nominating & Membership: No report.

Finance: The monthly finance report was presented. The balance figure for September was negative.

Committee chairs are reminded to submit 2012 budget requests if you have not already done so. The stewardship letter will go out by the end of October.

Report was accepted.

Building and Grounds: Reported that various lights will be replaced on the grounds. All are on timers.

Missions: No report.

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New Business: Elder Hightower expressed concern that some committees are not conducting business in a timely fashion and reminded committee chairs the importance of respecting their commitments to their elected positions.

Time of Sharing Joys and Challenges: Thanks to God for all the blessings at Trinity.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 12:45pm by Rev. Floyd Starr, Moderator.

Next scheduled Session meeting is November 20, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Patterson".

Tim Patterson, Clerk of Session

Deacon Beacon



December 2011

Christmas Cookie Coffee will be held on Dec. 18th. Please join us as we celebrate the wonderful holiday season.

Each first Sunday of the month is Hunger Sunday. You can bring in your non-perishable items anytime, but it is a good way to remember each month.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR 80+ AND 50 YEARS OR MORE OF MARRIAGE.

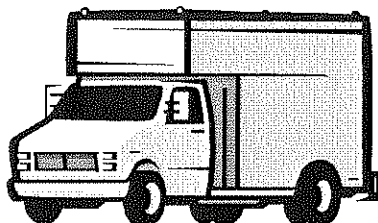
Dec 1	ANNIVERSARIES
Elsie Hood	Bob & Ann Nicholas
908 Sunflower Court	1854 Norwood Blvd.
Pemberville, Oh 43450	Rm# 351, 43701
Dec. 20	Dec. 27, 1952
John Dixon	
Dec. 24	
Mary Pollock	

DEACONS as the end of the year, we are face with the fact that several of our Deacons will be leaving, as the end of their term is over. We would like to "thank" them for their dedication and help during their term.

New Deacons will be installed in January.

MOVED Bob & Ann Nicholas have moved to the Helen Purcell home. Their new address is 1854 Norwood Bld. Rm # 351.

We have received word that Mary Sprague has moved to the Clay House, 3784 Frazeyburg Rd.

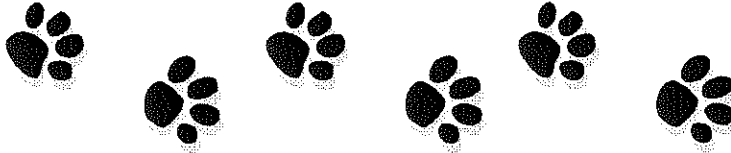




Upcoming Events

December 2011

COOKIE WALK this year the Annual Animal Shelter's cookie walk will be at Trinity. They will be at the church on Thursday, Dec. 8-9th decorating cookies. The sale will begin on Saturday, Dec. 10th from 8-12:00. The proceeds will go to the Animal Shelter. Why spend all day baking, when you can get home made cookies here. They also have treats for your pets!



YOUNG AT HEART we will be having our December Christmas potluck luncheon here beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 13th. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share and an "white elephant" for an exchange. We need to know how many by Dec. 6th. Please RSVP to the church office. Helen Dixon and Marsha Mortimer are hosting this party.

We will be taking the winter months off.



MESSIAH PERFORMANCE the annual performance will be December 11th at 6:00 p.m. at Central Trinity Methodist. What a wonderful holiday tradition.

ZANESVILLE BIBLE METHODIST presents a Christmas Concert on Dec. 7th at Secrest Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Admission is a food donation for Christ's Table. A Freewill offering will be taken for concert expenses. For more information please call 740-452-5540.

PLEDGE CARDS as we are trying to tie up the Stewardship program, we would like to remind you to turn your pledge cards in if you have not already done so.

You can mail them into the church or drop them off at the office or offering plate.

PER CAPITA for 2012 is \$26.74. the breakdown is Presbytery \$16.86, Synod \$3.25, General Assembly is \$6.63. Each member of the congregation is asked to pay their per capita.

THE PIANO IS HERE!

We made a down payment on it with the monies raised at the middle of November. Our goal is to pay this off by the end of the year. As of November 20th, we are half way there! As I have said before, every little bit helps. We can do it!

This means that the piano is staying here. Notice that it has the tags still on it. Those will stay in place as a reminder that we still have to meet our goal. If you have been considering your donation, now is the time. End-of-year contributions earmarked for the piano would make a lovely gift to the church.

We need your help!

Enjoy listening to the heavenly sounds as Clem plays it for us with the various anthems as well as the various Christmas Eve solos slated to be played. You are in for a real treat!

Please mark on your check "piano".

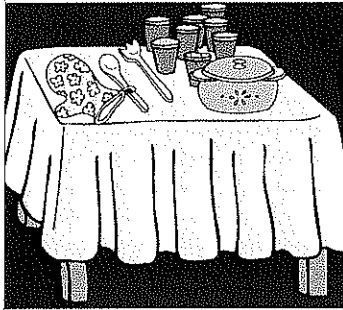
CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Please join Kris Beebe for our annual Christmas Caroling. Christmas Caroling will be after the Dec. 11 potluck. We will try to leave at 12:45 p.m. and we will meet in the chapel. We should be back no later than 3 p.m. I will need some adult drivers. There will be a sign-up chart in the narthex on Dec. 4th or they can call the office and let us know. Kris would like to have a list of our at home people that do not get out much. She will need address and phone numbers. Kris will plan to call ahead and make sure they will be home before we go driving out to see them.



December

2011



From the CE desk

A note from Amanda

MITTEN TREE

It's not too late bring hats and mittens for the Mitten Tree! The gloves, hats, and mittens are all donated to needy children and adults right here in Zanesville. Give the gift of warmth this winter! Thank you in advance!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on Christmas day. Enjoy this special time with your family and we'll look forward to seeing you at the 10:30 worship service. Merry Christmas to everyone.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!" PARTY

Kids of all ages are welcome to come to help us celebrate the birth of Jesus. We will collect our "baby shower" gifts, make cards for the recipients, and enjoy this special day!

Acolyte and Children's Church schedule

December 4th

Carolyn Geis
Mark Patterson

December 25th

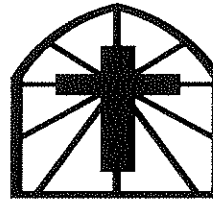
Connor Allison
Katherine Allison

December 11th

No children's church today.

December 11th

Blake Swift
Matthew Patterson



December 18th

Amanda Allison
Kris Hawk

December 18th

Miranda Geis
David Johnson

December 4th

Amanda Allison
Kris Geis

December 25th

Amanda Allison

Salvation Army Kettle Ringing

You are invited to ring the Salvation Army kettle bell for your church on December 17th at K-mart north. You can sign up for a time slot in the Narthex. Participants from last year found it to be a very meaningful experience. Thank you!

Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:00 in the sanctuary on December 24th.

NOTE'S FROM NANCY

Note from
Nancy



THANK YOU I wanted to thank my church family for prayers as I went some testing and the waiting period and for the numerous cards I received in the mail and for the Prayer Shawl made by our Prayer Shawl group!

On behalf of Rev. Starr and the staff at Trinity, we wish the congregation a very blessed Christmas. Also, thank you for the treats that were bought in during the holidays for the staff.

I appreciated the love and concern from our church family. I have received good news. Praise the Lord, Tracie Hill.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Red Cross Blood volunteers and people who donate food . You do a great job and make it a very pleasant experience for our donors. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Donna Steinman.

GIVING ENVELOPES the new 2012 envelopes will be in the narthex on Christmas Eve, ready for the people who signed up for theirs to pick up. They will be available to be picked up in the office for the following couple of weeks.

FLOWER CHART the new 2012 chart is up and ready for your special dates. The flowers are one vase is \$13.00 and two is \$26.00.

FCC could use gallon storage bags throughout the year. They can be put in the FCC box in the narthex at any time.

We also collect newspapers for the Animal Shelter and clothes for Eastside.

NUTRITION CLASS for Wednesday, Dec. 14th the topic is Beat the Sniffles-Naturally! Join us to learn how this season might not be as much about cold weather and germs as it is about food! How can we strengthen our immune system and avoid getting sick? Join us 7:00 p.m., this is free and open to all. For more information, call 454-9557.

MITTEN TREE you can start to collect mittens and gloves, hats and scarves for all members of families.

Our little tree is up and ready for mittens. All the items that you donate will go to Salvation Army for the winter clothes give away.



TUPC Youth

December 2011

Su Mo Tu We Th Fri Sat

				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

PART 1

Practice for the Christmas program will be the first 15 minutes of Sunday school. The younger kids will join us in the sanctuary to rehearse their parts. All written parts must be finished and turned in by the end of church today!

PART 2

We need 2 youth to volunteer to collect Christmas child donations in the Narthex before church today and on the 11th.

PART 3

Youth meeting after church **New Committee Meeting!!**

All youth are invited to attend the second Youth Committee Meeting. We will be discussing the 30 Hour Famine and finishing up old business. The meeting will be short so that we can shop for the first of our adopted Christmas children.

Youth Christmas Program

Come bright eyed and bushy tailed to Sunday school for a final run through of the program. The program will begin at 10:30 and will finish with a potluck luncheon downstairs after the service. We have lots of people excited to attend this yearly event. We will tie up any loose ends during the first 20 minutes of Sunday school on the 4th and 11th.

Youth Christmas Child event

We will join together to purchase gifts for our final 2 Christmas children. We will shop for an hour and then meet back at the church to wrap the gifts and prepare them to be sent. We will have lunch and snacks and fellowship as well.

The 115 day Bible Reading Challenge

Week 11

Nov 28: Luke 7
Nov 29: Luke 8
Nov 30: Luke 9
Dec 1: Luke 10
Dec 2: Luke 11

Week 12

Dec 5: Luke 12
Dec 6: Luke 13
Dec 7: Luke 14
Dec 8: Luke 15
Dec 9: Luke 16

Week 13

Dec 12: Luke 17
Dec 13: Luke 18
Dec 14: Luke 19
Dec 15: Luke 20
Dec 16: Luke 21

Week 14

Dec 19: Luke 22
Dec 20: Luke 23
Dec 21: Luke 24
Dec 22: Acts 1
Dec 23: Acts 2

Week 15

Dec 26: Acts 3
Dec 27: Acts 4
Dec 28: Acts 5
Dec 29: Acts 6
Dec 30: Acts 7

Week 16

Jan 2: Acts 8
Jan 3: Acts 9
Jan 4: Acts 10
Jan 5: Acts 11
Jan 6: Acts 12

Week 17

Jan 9: Acts 13
Jan 10: Acts 14
Jan 11: Acts 15
Jan 12: Acts 16
Jan 13: Acts 17

Week 18

Jan 16: Acts 18
Jan 17: Acts 19
Jan 18: Acts 20
Jan 19: Acts 21
Jan 20: Acts 22

Week 19

Jan 23: Acts 23
Jan 24: Acts 24
Jan 25: Acts 25
Jan 26: Acts 26
Jan 27: Acts 27



**Trinity United Presbyterian Church
Financial Recap**

Oct-11

INCOME

LOCAL MISSIONS:

General Fund (5 Sundays)	\$15,088
Memorial Fund	\$0
Youth Fund	\$0
 Total Local Mission Income	 \$15,088

WORLD MISSIONS:

Total World Mission Income	\$640
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TOTAL INCOME	\$15,728
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EXPENSES

LOCAL MISSIONS:

Personel	\$13,835
Office Costs	\$293
Music	\$78
Education	\$610
** Property	\$6,976
Congregation	\$355
Youth Fund	\$0
 Total Local Missions	 \$22,147

WORLD MISSIONS	\$0
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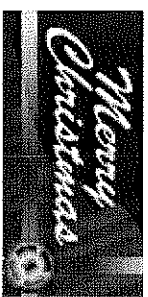
World Mission commitment remaining	\$16,165
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,147
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NET GAIN/LOSS	-\$6,419
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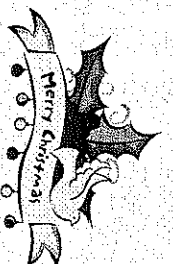
**4396.00 spent for the new Youth room

December 2011 Birthdays and Anniversaries



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
			1 Elsie Hood	2		3	4 Kelly Foster
5	6	7	8 Gigi Monath	9 Teresa Baldwin Tracie Hill Steve & Jane Reed	10 Jeff & Lisa Bates	11 Michelle & Wesley Collins	
12	13 Arlene Crooks	14	15 Amanda Allison Doug & Julie Vandenburg	16	17	18 Donna Steinman	
19 Krista Starkey	20 John Dixon Susan Thompson Sierra Moore	21 Emily Monath	22 Jane Reed	23	24 Mary Pollock Emily Sheets	25 Marshall Hightower Katie Sidwell Jim & Pat Frederick	
26 Mary Flanagan	27 Devin Ardrey Bob & Ann Nicholas (1952)	28	29	30 Margaret Waive	31 Clem Burton		

December 2011 Events & Mtg



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00 Bells				1 Men's BS 8:00	2	3
8:30 Children Choir				Prayer Shawl 9		
9:00 SS				Women's BS 11:00		
10:00 Youth Choir				Stitching Bee 6		
10:30 Worship				Party		
4 2nd Sunday of Advent	5	6 Staff 9:30 a.m.	7 Choir 7	8 Women's BS 11:00	9 Outreach? 12:15 WW 5:30	10 Animal Shelter Cookie Walk 8-12
				Prep for Cookie		
				Walk Men's 7:00		
11 Christmas Program during the service	12 Red Cross 1-7	13 Deacons 6:00	14 W&M 6:15	15 Women BS 11	16	17 Salvation Army fingers at K-mart
Christmas Caroling	Grief Share 6:00	Christian Ed 7:00	B & G 6:30	WW 5:30, Girls 6:00 p.m. Men's 7:00		9:00-9:00
		Young at Heart-Christmas 11:30 a.m.	Choir 7	Nutrition 7-8		
18 Session	19	20	21 Roots & Shoots	22 Women BS WW 5:30	23 Open till noon	24 Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Shawl				Men's 7:00 p.m.		
Cookie Coffee						
25 Christmas	26 Red Cross 1-7	27	28	29	30 Closed	31
Worship at 10:30	Office closed					
	Grief Share 6					

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ANNUAL REPORTS

Something to think about after the holidays. In January each Committee will need to make a report to the Congregation in the form of the Annual Report.

We will be letting you know when the report needs to be completed by.

